



Winter 2005

Established in 1910



Grand Opening at Alliance Bank

Alliance Bank's new corporate headquarters at 217 North Kingshighway in Cape Girardeau is open for business. Penzel Construction was the design/build contractor for the 12,000-square-foot, two-story structure. Renovating the existing site required over 2,500 tons of rock to elevate the site above flood plain. Offering a highly functional floor plan with state-of-the-art infrastructure and appealing interior finishes, the new facility presents a user-friendly workplace that offers a welcoming atmosphere. With elegant brick, architectural precast quoins and massive columns across the front, the building provides a captivating enhancement to one of Cape Girardeau's busiest corridors. Howard Hemman served as Penzel's

project manager, with Dick Wood the site superintendent.

Alliance Bank was chartered by the State of Missouri and opened for business at its present location on October 23, 1997; the new building sits on that same site. Founded by a group of individuals that shared a commitment to a local based financial service organization,

Alliance remains the only bank headquartered in Cape Girardeau. In just seven years, Alliance Bank has expanded to four banking locations with assets exceeding \$100 million.

Penzel Construction shares Alliance Bank's commitment to clients. Their credo is, "A company is known by the customers it keeps!"

Our New Year's Message

Is it just us or did someone steal a couple of months out of last year? As we enter 2005, we can't help feeling that each year flies by faster than the last.

We continue to count our blessings, including our families, friends, clients and business associates, all of which provide us faith in the future.

All of us at Penzel Construction hope you had a happy and safe holiday season and wish you a year in 2005 that fulfills all your dreams.

Project Updates

- **The Route 25 Project** in Jackson, Mo., which started in August (Project No. JOVO863), was completed on time and within budget. Project scope involved widening Route 25 to accommodate turn lanes at Jackson Trail Drive, including related dirt work, asphalt, etc.
- **The Route 34 Project** in Jackson, Mo., also started in August (Project No. JOVO598), involves widening existing Route 34 from the Route 25 intersection to Main Street. Included are staged bridge construction, asphalt work, segmental retaining walls and various related items of work. Work is expected to be completed this winter.
- Site work has started for the **First General Baptist Church** in Jackson, Mo., in preparation for construction of a new administration building, a gymnasium addition, renovations to the existing facilities and major parking expansion and improvements. Penzel is serving as construction manager/general contractor, and the architect is St. Louis Design Alliance.
- The **New McKendree United Methodist Church** in Jackson, Mo., started site work in preparation for its new 12,925-square-foot facility, which will include a Celebration Center, classrooms, and a commercial kitchen. Penzel is the design/build contractor.
- **First Baptist Church of Cape Girardeau**, which broke ground August 1, is making final design decisions in preparation for construction of its new facility. Penzel is the design/build contractor.
- Drilling was completed October 21 for the new well at the **Public Water Supply District No. 1**, which services parts of Cape Girardeau and Perry Counties, and is located off Highway FF, west of Fruitland, Missouri. Construction will proceed on the pump house immediately following testing and approval by the Department of Natural Resources. The project engineer is Simmons Engineering and Tim Johnson is serving as Penzel's superintendent.
- **The City of Jackson's** new sanitation maintenance building was completed in December. Penzel performed the engineering services, developed the required permit documents and constructed a Varco-Pruden metal building for the project.

Dick Wood Retires

Penzel site superintendent Richard "Dick" Wood retired following the completion of the Alliance Bank project.



Richard "Dick" Wood

Countless Penzel building projects in Southeast Missouri substantiate Dick's expertise.

Dick started with Penzel as a carpenter, progressing to

carpenter foreman and then on to superintendent. Well seasoned in virtually all phases of construction, he taught basic carpentry for the Manpower Training program and directed the carpenters' apprenticeship class for the Carpenters' Union, where he has been a member for 40 years.

Dick's mandatory monthly jobsite meetings are legendary, and his no nonsense approach to getting the job done right and on time set the standard. He will truly be missed by all who have had the privilege to work with him, and we all wish him the best in his retirement.

Words of Wisdom...

"A successful person is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him or her."

—David Brinkley

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