

**Cement Plant Production For
Seven Months Gains.**

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Cement production in Howard county, where the only operating cement plant in the state is located, totaled 164,040 tons during the first seven months of 1937, an increase of 38,340 tons over production for the same period in 1936, the state Geology Department reported yesterday.

Chalk Cliff

Interests

Manufacturer

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The white cliffs of Dover, shattered by German shells fired across the English channel, soon may give way to a high bluff in Little River county as a major source of the nation's crayon.

Interest in the possibilities of the Arkansas chalk deposit was exhibited by an official of the American Crayon Company of Sandusky, O., who viewed a sample among the exhibits of state minerals on display in the Hotel Marion lobby.

The official, the state Publicity Commission reported, was one of about 4,600 persons who have visited the exhibit of war minerals since Tuesday. Many of them were out-of-state tourists.

Visitors showed particular interest in the exhibit of "sour gas" from the south Arkansas fields. This gas is undergoing a desulphurization process near the fields and soon will be used as fuel for the generation of electric power. The sulphur content of "sour gas" and materials for manufacturing plastics, which are by-products of the processing, also have been inspected by representatives of industrial firms at the exhibit.

After remaining at the Hotel Marion this week, the display will be sent to out-of-state conventions, the first of which will be the national Junior Chamber of Commerce sessions at Dallas in June.