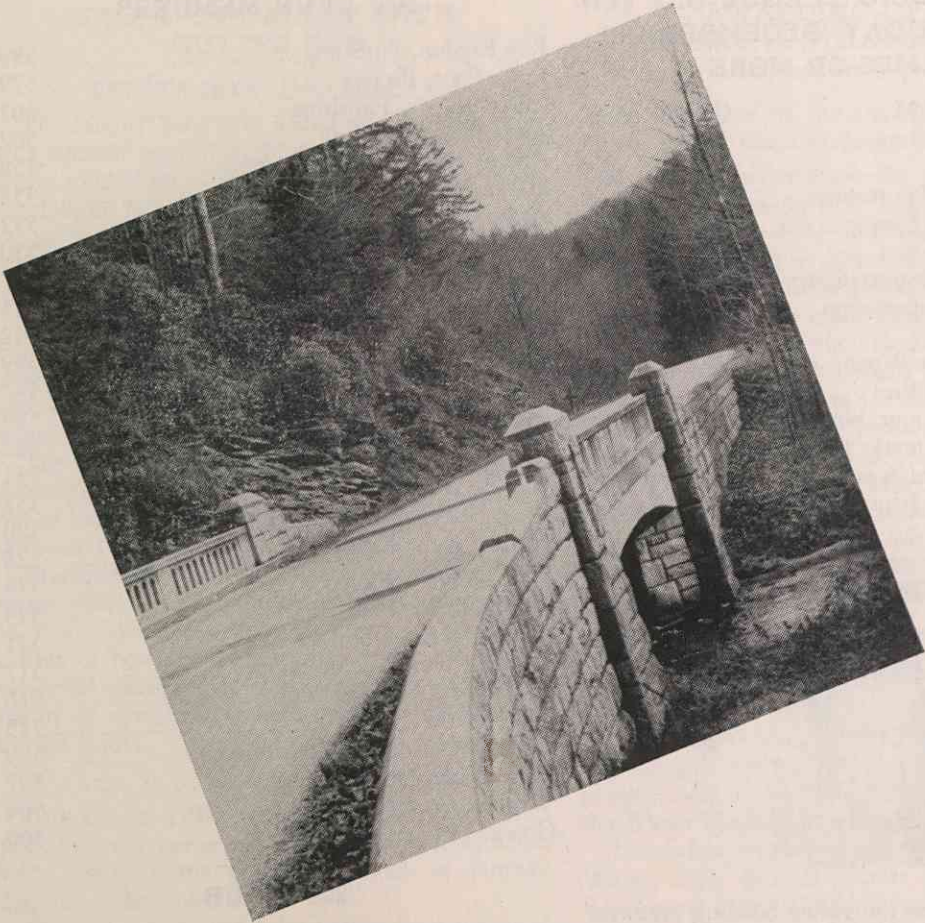


B R I D G E S



Some of us can remember when we had to ford all the rivers and streams to reach our destination, but many grew up when there were either footlogs or a bridge across most places we wanted to cross. There are very few, if any, Ecustans who can come to work without crossing a bridge of one kind or another. Think of how long it would take employees to reach the plant, from all directions, fording Cathey's Creek, Davidson River, French Broad River, Turkey Creek, Lamb's Creek and many, many others. It would, at least, take twice as long. Bridges play an important role in our lives today, as they have in the lives of mankind down through the ages.

The first artificial bridges were probably tree trunks or strong vines used by primitive man to

Top: The concrete and masonry bridge across Looking Glass Creek in Pisgah National Forest.

The old covered bridge has almost gone out of existence. This bridge across the Keawee River, near famous Whitewater Falls, is the only one that we know of in this area.