

## FORD METER BOX HELPS WITH THE "BIG ONE"

The Ford Meter Box Company is committed to providing products which help solve the problems of our customers. Recently the City of Allentown, Pennsylvania, completed a large water main project for isolating three thousand feet of transmission main. This project provides an alternate way to supply the east side of the city. Lou Stalsitz, Distribution Manager, and Donald Lichty, Chief Utility Engineer tackled this unique project late this past summer.



A 24" resilient seat gate valve attached to Ford fabricated concentric reducers is lowered into the trench.

The project involved cutting the existing thirty-six inch steel main and installing a twenty-four inch resilient seat gate valve. Joao and Bradley Construction Company, and the city of Allentown worked through our local Ford Distributor, Utility Piping Systems, to complete the project. Ford Meter Box Pipe Products

Division, Pell City, Alabama, designed and fabricated two 36" x 24" diameter concentric reducers, two FC4-36-couplings, and two joint harnesses for restraining the assembly. The material specification called for operating pressures of 150 psi and special coated hardware.



The Joao & Bradley Construction crew stands on the gate valve assembly. Fernando Joao (in the white shirt) President and Owner, and the crew Victor Lameira, Antonio Dias, and Silverio Pequeno.

Ford Meter Box was founded by Edwin H. Ford's attention to detail and his willingness to design products to meet customers' needs. Today, Ford continues to solve customers' problems. The innovations, which Mr. Ford brought to the water utility business, were the forerunners of the soundly engineered products produced today by The Ford Meter Box Company, a company meeting the changing needs of a changing industry.

