

## PROFILE OF AN ENGINEER

Clyde W. Reid

Back in the mid 30's, out of Boone roamed a hard-playing group of softball players, combined under the sponsorship of a Boone Dairy.



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The team carried the name Patty Anns, and their feats now are legend with those appreciative of the speed and skill and precision the game requires.

They still talk around the midwest about the pitcher of that team, Al Linde, who since then has been duly entered in the Softball Hall of Fame. He now works for Dow Chemical.

And another well-remembered Patty Ann was Clyde W.

(Toughie) Reid, the sure-handed, quick-throwing, keen-eyed shortstop.

He now is Estimating Engineer for the Commission. On November 13, 1953, there was a letting which included 127 projects and turned out to be the biggest letting up to now, totaling \$21,202,132, and THAT required some estimating; but back in the 30's most of his estimating concerned itself with the speed of ground balls, enemy batters and base runners and pitchers.

So well did Toughie and his mates perform their various softball tasks that the Patty Anns rollicked their way to three state championships (1934, 1935 and 1937) and a second place finish (1936), represented Iowa in three national softball tournaments (one at Lincoln Park, in Chicago, and two at Soldiers Field, Chicago) and finished as consolation runner-up in 1934.