New procedure established for return checks

Recording- Corresponding Secretary William M. Markos has announced that, due to the increasing costs of handling bad checks, the following policy will become effective as of July 1, 1987 for those who issue bad checks in the payment of membership dues, application and/or registration fees.

Individuals who submit a bad check for the payment of dues or fees will immediately be backdated to their status prior to the receipt of the check. They will be notified by mail that their check did not clear the bank and that full payment plus a $10 handling charge is required.

If the bad check was for registration on the out-of-work list, the registration will be deleted by the dispatcher. If dispatch occurred, the individual cannot reapply or re-register on the out-of-work list until the returned check is made good.

Remittance of and/or failure to log in construction jobs is expected to speed up highway projects.

Local 3 helps pass key bill to speed up highway jobs

By John McMahon

The California State Senate took a major step towards speeding up the backlog of state highway projects earlier this month with passage of a bill that allows for the contracting out of certain design and engineering work.

By a vote of 30-1, the Senate sent to the Assembly SB 516, by Republican Senator Marian Bergeson. The bill will require the Department of Transportation to contract for the services of engineers, architects, designers, surveyors and planners to provide professional and technical project development to Caltrans.

The Senate approved the bill after heavy lobbying on the part of Local 3, the Manufacturers Association, the League of California Cities, several county boards of supervisors and the Associated General Contractors.

The Department of Transportation has traditionally performed all project development work, including design, specifications and contract administration with its own staff resources. However, with the federal interstate highway program set to end within the next few years, state engineers have been giving priority to federally funded projects.

There have been many recent instances where a project on the state highway system is being fully or partially funded by local or private sector funds. These projects, while not competing for state funding, end up competing for state project development resources. Consequently, there are a number of delays in project completion schedules.

Caltrans typically delivers 80 percent of projects programmed for a particular year. The remaining 20 percent, for a variety of reasons, slips a year or more. This scheduling problem is further jeopardized by recent events which have substantially added to their workload, including...(Continued on page 1)

Delegates pack Capitol steps over Cal-OSHA

The AFL-CIO Joint Legislative Conference moved to the steps of the State Capitol last month, and the largest number of delegates ever to attend the annual event rallied the windows of the venerable building for an hour with shouted choruses of "Save Cal/OSHA!"

Worker concern over the plan to turn all of Cal/OSHA's private industry functions over to a short-staffed and economically besieged federal OSHA was a main factor in the record turnout of trade unionists at the convention, leaders of the sponsoring organizations agreed.

There was agreement also, as delegates assembled at Sacramento's Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn that the attack upon California's acclaimed worker safety and health watchdog agency helped generate the labor support that swept Cecil Green to victory May 12 in a special election in the 3rd Senate District in Los Angeles and Orange counties.

And speakers told the delegates that Green's election heralded a new, more progressive era for California.

Mayor Ann Rudin of Sacramento turned to the Cal/OSHA debate as quickly as President Al Gruhn of the California Labor Federation introduced her for welcoming remarks on Monday morning.

"We're concerned about safety for our employees," the mayor declared to thunderous applause. "We don't want to see Cal/OSHA cut back."

John F. Henning, executive secretary-treasurer of the state federation, told the delegates that Green's election spelled a break in "the tide of conservatism that is running against us in every aspect of American life."

Jerry Cremins, president of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, a sponsor of the conference along with the state federation and the State Council of Carpenters, said the governor had made a big mistake in attempting to kill Cal/OSHA in order to cut $8 million from the budget.

"What the governor has done... is awaken a sleeping giant," Cremins warned. "We in the labor movement... (Continued on back page)
Looking at Labor

By T.J. (Tom) Stapleton
Business Manager

This past month the officers once again participated in our annual joint Apprenticeship completion ceremonies for those apprentices that have successfully completed the training program. We are proud of our training program and the 105 graduating apprentices can be proud of their new status as journeymen.

Apprenticeship training has come a long way in our industry. When I was a young man first getting my foot wet, it was my father and my uncle — both operating engineers — who helped me get started. There was only one thing bad about working for my relatives. They were very tough. I can still remember that feeling when I broke a cable on my rig and the old man said, “You broke it. You fix it.” The greasers used to think the best place to put grease was that tube. If you’ve never pulled a cable out of a tube packed with the dirtiest grease you’ve ever seen, you’ve missed out on a great experience.

Today we have better training and a lot better equipment. This equipment is expensive. You could buy a business for what most of the rigs cost that our journeymen are running today. The employer has a tremendous investment in the equipment and he has a tremendous investment in each of his operators.

That’s why we work so hard to see that we have the highest skilled operators in the world. According to a recent report, the average employer in the United States spends only $300 a year per employee for job training. It costs $9,000 to put each apprentice through his or her first 10 weeks of training at Rancho Murietta. Another $5,000 will be spent at the training center by the time they progress through their four periods. That doesn’t include the investment in time and money made by the employer when the apprentice comes on his job.

We don’t want that investment wasted. The only thing that keeps us more competitive than the non-union contractor is our superior skill. If we lose it or we fail to improve on it, we’re finished.

That’s why we’re also coming forth with programs to have a clean workplace. When I say clean, I mean drug and alcohol free. It’s an absolute necessity. We impede our ability to work safely and productively with alcohol or any kind of mind altering drug. And we take away our competitive edge and we endanger the lives of those with whom we work.

We must work with our union employers to see that they stay competitive and stay union. We cannot afford to continue the old adversary relationship between the union and the employer. We have a vested interest in the health and safety of California workers, and would result in measures which now prevail with respect to California’s Occupational Safety and Health Act and shift it to the federal government.

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But funding is still in jeopardy

Court rules against Duke on Cal-OSHA

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Caltrans bill passes Senate

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- Over $1.1 billion in developer-financed state highway projects have been added to the state transportation improvement plan in recent years.
- Three counties have enacted sales tax increases for highway projects. While the local agencies will contract out the work, the department must still prepare project concepts, review plans and approve the design work. This locally financed work amounts to more than $2 billion over the next 15 years.
- The interstate highway program is scheduled to expire in 1991. The department must accelerate the remaining design work to capture all federal funding needed.

Cal-OSHA

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With passage of the legislation by the State Senate, the bill now moves over to the State Assembly. Its first test will be before the Assembly Transportation Committee sometime next month.

Trade unions join in Golden Gate celebration.

Recollection of 50 years ago

In the days before there was a Local 3 Operating Engineers Verdon and Gordon Garner pictured at left played a key role in building the Golden Gate. The two were part of a crew which put in the underwater support structure for the world famous suspension bridge.

Working for Pacific Bridge Co., they poured a 15-foot thick concrete coffer dam for the south pier. Once the wall was built, the sea water was dredged out and the pier was built.

Bridge work was not without its hazards in those days, even for those who worked at sea level. Verdon Garner has vivid recollections of a time when, due to heavy fog, a ship almost rammed their anchored rig.

"We were ringin' those fog bells like the devil," he says. The ship finally pulled out of the way "just in the nick of time."

After their work on the Golden Gate Bridge was through, the crew moved on to help with the Bay Bridge for a year.

Market Area Committeemen Elected

Below is the list of the geographical Market Area Committeemen elected to serve for the ensuing year. They were elected at the regular district membership meetings held in N. California and Nevada in the first quarter of 1987.

San Francisco
- Ray Mangini
- Charles Shafran
- Tom Matthews

Ignacio
- Trent Erven
- John McDavitt
- J. D. Sumner

Fairfield
- Roger Wilson
- Ken Peterson
- Ed Burns

Reno
- Tom Gallagher
- Steven Hawkins
- Willis McCullah

Oakland
- Lake Austin
- Marshall Bone
- Myron Pederson

Stockton
- Joe Casey
- R. David Jones
- David R. Griffin

Eureka
- Joseph Biasca
- Donald Allen
- Dennis Reynolds

Fresno
- Carl Meadows
- Charles Ogden Jr.
- Don Hays

Marysville
- Rodger Eliason
- Bill Hodges
- Raymond Horton

Redding
- Bryan Jones
- Robert Litchfield
- Robert Fauvor

Auburn
- Jim Leach
- Wilmouth Shields
- Ronald Worthington

Sacramento
- Albert Rittenhouse
- Linda Rosenberg
- Daryl Shankles

San Jose
- Peter Burum
- Haughey Chambers
- William Haddox

Watsonville
- James Spinneti
- Manuel Pinheiro
- Waldo Simons
Contractor donates building

Child care center gets ‘lift’

When the Parent and Child Center of Hawaii was soliciting donations last year to help with something that could be dropped off at its Kuhio Park Terrace headquarters, the Center had outgrown the small concrete structure given to it almost 20 years earlier. It had a $45,400 federal grant for renovations, but regulations forbade using any of the money to buy additional space. R.H.S. Lee was contacted by the State to dispose of an old portable building from Honolulu International Airport, so Lee donated the building. Lee frequently does building-relocation work, so soon the center had an extra thousand square feet of free space. The McDevitt Foundation augmented the government renovation money with a $10,000 grant for materials. Work crews from the Oahu Community Correctional Center did the actual renovation work.

With developments and renovation of residential and commercial buildings, Hawaii’s construction industry is on a roll, reports Financial Secretary Wallace H. Ts. Lean. After four years of steady decline, the industry began recovering in 1985 and hasn’t looked back. Construction employment of some 21,000 people in December was higher than at any time since 1981 and is expected to remain strong this year.

Particularly encouraging is how much money is being spent renovating and improving existing resort and office facilities. That’s a trend that deserves further encouragement on all islands.

G.W. Murphy was the General Contractor for Tactical Equipment Maintenance Shops, a Pacific Ocean Division, Honolulu District in Schofield for the U.S. Army. Other companies that worked on the project were Bateeman, R&R, Delta and Hawaiian Bitumuls.

E.E. Black has finished a job in Nanakuli, which is a Pollution Control Project for Environment Protection. It is a $1.7 million wastewater pump station. Also, on the Leeward side, Delta Const. is finishing a water line job. Eight and four inch water mains will go along Maili and Kauai at Polinaa.

Haiusaka Bros. is doing the landfill project along the highway, going into the Waimaeau Coast across from the West Beach project. It is in the Waimama Gulch. From a planning standpoint, the proposed dump is in a good location. Geologically, the gulch apparently won’t be susceptible to as much chemical leaching.

What’s more, Leeward Oahu can expect faster population growth over the next 20 years than most other parts of the island, particularly with the development of the Ko Olina resort, West Beach and of new residential communities.

The landfill also will be close to the planned H-Power garbage-to-energy plant at Campbell Industrial Park. After 2004, it is expected the landfill will be used mainly to store ash from that facility.

Judge clears way for H-3

Federal Judge Samuel P. King cleared the way for construction next month of the long-delayed H-3 Freeway and its tunnel through the Koolau Range. In his 33-page written opinion, King dismissed a suit filed against the project in 1972 and dissolved it, effective June 15, 1987.

The Judge rejected claims by the Stop H-3 Association, challenging the constitutionality of Congress’ decision last year exempting the freeway from certain provisions of the Federal Environmental laws. He also denied the Association’s request to extend the court’s injunction until the completion of a study of the highway’s impact on archaeological sites in windward Oahu. State transportation officials hailed the ruling and promised to start work as soon as the ban is lifted.

State Transportation Director Edward Hirata will immediately reinstate seven separate contracts to complete design of the project. These projects have been awarded previously. Once completed, all of the design work for the highway from Halawa to Kaneohe will be finished.

Actual construction that had been suspended — on the Hale Koa interchange, would also resume immediately barring further court-imposed delays. Eight segments of the Trans-Koolau artery totaling $120 million will be ready for construction within six months.

Colin De Silva, whose company is building the 39-story Royal Capital Plaza in Kakaako, is adding another condominium project to his Company’s construction schedule. Site work is set to begin in June for 25 units in three buildings at 823 Prospect St. in Makiki, with occupancy planned for the end of the year. Business Investment, Ltd. said a “park setting” was planned for the $2.5 million project, to follow closely, the Punchbowl Design District guidelines. Existing banyan and monkey pod trees would be retained, and views of the mountains would be protected from future buildings.

De Silva’s company is also constructing a 20-unit condominium building nearby at 1520 Liboili St. Completion is scheduled for the end of July.

Kaiser Permanente Medical Care Program will be anchor tenant for the $42 million Pacific Park Plaza complex now under construction at Cooke St. and Kapiolani Blvd.; under a 10-year, $6 million lease. Kaiser will occupy the entire 40,000 sq. feet of the building.

Sandy Beach project was approved, despite opposition from various groups. The Honolulu City Council voted to grant Kaiser Development Co., a shoreline management permit for its controversial housing project across Kalakainaole Hwy. from Sandy Beach. Kaiser Development Co. is expected to build 192 homes.

Honolulu Federal Savings & Loan Association plans to have a $46 million Business Conference Center built on 23.5 acres in Makaha. Current plans call for the 36th-annual “Pacific Basin Conference Resort” to be run by International Conference Resorts.

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New bill would 'fine tune' Davis-Bacon

Building trades unions are supporting a carefully crafted effort to amend the Davis-Bacon Act by trimming back its coverage but strengthening its enforcement.

Legislation introduced by Reps. Austen J. Murphy (D-Pa.) and Augustus F. Hawkins (D-Calif.) is on the right track, President Robert A. Georgine of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Dept. testified at House hearings, although it reduces coverage more than unions consider appropriate.

Davis-Bacon, dating back more than 50 years, requires contractors on federally funded construction to pay prevailing wages and benefits to their workers.

Under the Reagan Administration, the Labor Dept. has weakened the law's protections through changes in regulations. And in recent years, repeated attempts have been made in the House and Senate to reduce Davis-Bacon coverage through amendments to bills funding various government programs.

Reasonable changes

It is against this backdrop that Murphy, chairman of the Education & Labor Committee, and Murphy, who heads its Labor Standards subcommittee, are seeking to update the Davis-Bacon Act.

The bill they introduced would raise the dollar threshold for construction contracts covered by the law from $2,000 level set in 1935 to $50,000 for new construction and $15,000 for construction of repairs and maintenance.

Georgine said the building trades could support a rise in the threshold figure to $25,000 for new construction and perhaps $10,000 for repairs and alterations. Exemptions beyond that level, he suggested, would encourage some agencies to split up contracts to stay under the threshold limit.

But Georgine welcomed other provisions of the Murphy-Hawkins bill that he said would "significantly improve" the administration of the law.

The plus side, he testified, includes a clear affirmation of the right to sue firms that violate the law and the closing of various loopholes.

GOP loses political skirmish

In related news, the Senate Armed Services Committee has voted down a Republican attempt to gut the Davis-Bacon and Service Contract prevailing wage laws, but a new attack on worker protections is expected in the House.

Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Tex.) proposed to exclude defense contracts of less than $1 million from the two prevailing wage and benefit laws. He was beaten on an 11-9 vote, with all committee Democrats opposed.

The outcome reflected the political change in the new Congress. Last year, under Republican control, the committee voted to raise the threshold for prevailing wage coverage on defense contracts. Despite the committee rejection this year, the issue could come up again when the Senate takes up the Defense Dept. bill.

Rep. William L. Dickinson (R-Ala.) and Charles W. Stenholm (D-Tex.) are expected to offer an amendment when the defense bill comes to the House floor that would raise the threshold on Davis-Bacon coverage from $2,000 to $1 million.

That would exclude 95 percent of military construction contracts.

AFL-CIO food program assists needy families

Houston—Every month, 3,500 needy families turn to the Harris County AFL-CIO for food, feeding their children and stretching their dollars.

The central body is one of just four organizations in the county that distribute surplus goods, butter, cheese, cornmeal, flour, dried milk and rice—non-union workers. Many of the crafts have pitched in. The response has been overwhelming," said Bill Meenan, business manager of the Sacramento-Sierra Building and Construction Trades Council.

The crafts which have performed out there so far have done a tremendous job, "he said.

The dream of a first class stadium is becoming a reality for Coach Jerry Weinsteina, who said, "Every craft is unbelievable. Without the participation of the Building Trades Council, there would be no project.

Plans for fundraisers have been put aside so far since labor and materials have been '100 percent' donated," Weinsteina said.

It is estimated each craft will perform at least 1,000 hours of labor, with some crafts donating much more. Many of the crafts union members are regular players at SCC and some have children who have played or are current ball-players, Meohan said.

The new stadium will replace a blander set-up of 300-400 seats which has accommodated SCC's baseball team, the Camino Norte Conference League champions from 1981 to 1987.

Phases One and Two of the stadium project are being conducted simultaneously. The stadium will boast 1,500 aluminum seats with backs, located between first and third base. There will be an enclosed press-box and camera deck, dugouts below the level of the grandstands, locker rooms and offices under the grandstands and connected to the dugouts. Phases Three is the construction of the lighting systems and scoreboard.

Besides the Operating Engineers, labor is being donated by members of the Asbestos Workers, Bricklayers, District Council of Carpenters, Carpet Layers, Cement Masons, Electrical Workers, Glaziers, Iron Workers, Laborers, Lathers, Painters, Plasterers, Plumbers and Pipe Fitters, Roofers, Sheet Metal Workers, Sprinkler Fitters, Teamsters, Tile Helpers and Tile Layers.
After completion ceremonies, graduating apprentices gather around one of the scrapers they trained on for a photo with officers.

**JAC graduates apprentices**

*By James Earp, Managing Editor*

Over 500 friends and family members came to the Rancho Murieta Training Center on June 6 to pay tribute to the 105 graduating apprentices who received their completion certificates.

Local 3 Vice President Bob Skidgel kept the program moving along as the emcee, while the JAC staff did its usual outstanding job of making sure everyone got plenty to eat.

JAC administrator Paul Headings gave a brief outline of the progress that has been made in the training program during the past four years.

"Today we're teaching from challenging course outlines backed by performance based efficiency testing," he explained. "Students now receive a minimum of 37 hours a week of hands-on training."

New heavy equipment and innovations in the training system have made it possible to "dramatically accelerate the transfer of knowledge from instructor to student," Headings emphasized.

But none of these improvements would accomplish the necessary task without the dedication and skill of the JAC instructors and staff.

"You can be proud of your son or daughter," Local 3 Business Manager Tom Stapleton told the crowd. "This is not the easiest school in the world, but it's the best."

Stapleton observed that the training program was one of several key programs the union has developed in its arsenal to fight the growth of non-union employers. "It takes a whole network of programs in this day and age to fight the war with the non-union element," he declared.

"We started talking about the need to become competitive quite a few years ago," Bob Lowry of Gradeway Construction recalled. "I believe it's working. We should all be proud of being members of Local 3. We should also be proud of being union contractors. They go hand in hand."

Lowry said the non-union element is everywhere you look. "The competition is out there," he noted. "We can't change it unless we can compete with it."

The only way we can survive is to be better than the contractor that's working non-union."

The contractor "can afford to pay top dollar" if he has a productive operation. Lowry added. "That means the finest equipment, the finest management and the finest operators and employees."

Business Manager Tom Stapleton summed it up for the graduating apprentices. "The greatest thing you have going for you is your skill. You've acquired good basic skills here and believe me, you will learn the rest of your life. If you don't, you're going to fall by the wayside."

"This is not the easiest school in the world, but it's the best," Local 3 Business Manager Tom Stapleton (above) tells the crowd. Rulond Cottrell of the Labor Dept. presents awards for meritorious service to Vice President Bob Skidgel and employer representative Bob Mounce. Presenting the Contractor of the Year award (bottom left) to Max Teuton of Sierra Constructors are Nick Rado of Ghilotti Bros., Bob Skidgel and Tom Stapleton. Apprentice of the Year awards went to Craig Barbender and and William Hays, bottom right.
A lot of people poked out ...

Retirees know how to picnic!

Over 3,000 retirees and their wives attended the annual Retiree Picnic May 30 at Rancho Murieta. Thanks go to JAC administrator Paul Headings and his staff for a job well done. A very special thanks also goes to Ken Alen and the organizing department, Don and Joanne Doser, Ray and Judy (Beth) Morgan and their two daughters, Rinda and Kristen, Charlie Warren, John Sweeney, Ron Wilson, Jerry Bennett, Harold (Smitty) Smith, Bud Ketchum, Ken Bowersmith and his agents and Don Luba were also a big help. Also a big thanks to all the retirees who worked so hard to help set up tables and chairs.

A lot of meat was cooked ...

A lot of prizes were given out ...

Lots of people worked hard ...

Many bought Local 3 jackets ...

Gallons of beer were swilled and a very good time was had by all.
Despite slow start
Marysville area looking up

In spite of the slow, late start of work in the Marysville District, the work picture looks good, reports District Grievance Committee Chairman. The contractors were able to work a lot this past winter with the small amount of rain. They should be doing now was completed during the dry winter.

Kiewit-Pacific was low bidder on the widening and bridge replacement on Hwy 99, 3.5 miles North of Gridley. This project went for $5 million plus. This project will take over 300 working days. There was a project bidding May 20th which should be over $11 million. This job is the freeway from the Hwy 99 and 149 junction and will be four lanes to Chico, a much needed highway.

The problem that had to drive up Highway 70 or Highway 99 to work everyday (of his work)," Morgan said.

The work picture on the West Side is starting to pick up some, reports Business Representative Dan Mostats. Jagger Construction is busy on a subdivision project in Yuba City. They have signed a contract with Local 3 and in the future the Company will keep many brothers working.

Baldwin Contracting is starting to gear up for a fair year, with the Pentz and Stone Creek Rock Plants moving into high gear. Baldwin Contracting has won a project on a subdivision job in Yuba City, and they have also started work in Chico on the overlay work in various locations.

Stimpel-Wiebelhaus has moved back in on the Road 7 Project west of Marysville. This project should be done before summer. The equipment dealer shops, Tenco Tractor and Peterson Tractor, are working on some six-day weeks now which is a good indication of a good work season.

A.R.B. Construction has moved into the tank farm in Chico and should be busy for some time. West Valley Construction from Chico is starting to get some work going.

Answell Construction has started work on a $677,700 bridge job on Hughes Road with Foundation Drilling setting the timber work for the bridge. M&M Electric is doing a fair amount of work in the Yuba City area.

This upcoming year is beginning to look like it will be a good year for everyone in the Marysville area.

Things are also beginning to move on the East Side reports Business Representative Vern Hughes. Claude C. Woods is back to work at Parks Bar. They are hauling rock to their job on the Sacramento River.

Baldwin Contracting has picked up several jobs and has put a lot of Local 3 brothers back to work. Robinson Construction has started two jobs in Oroville, with Frank Green also working two jobs in Oroville.

Contris Construction has started work on their part of Hayprest Hydroelectric Project in Sierra City. C. F. B. Construction is installing a new pump on Fruitvale Road. Kaweah Construction is working on the water treatment plant at Forbestown.

At the time of this writing, Stimpel-Wiebelhaus is still working on Hwy 70. With all the work coming up for bid, we should be doing very well this year, Hughes reported.

Once again, the annual Marysville District Picnic held on May 16 was a huge success. "I would like to thank each and everyone who attended and helped make our 3rd Annual Picnic a great success," says Marysville District Representative George Morgan. At a total of 473 people were served, more than in prior years, which indicates our picnic will be increasingly better each year.

A special thanks to the following people who helped us out: Lil Fromm, San Francisco Contracts Department, and her husband George. Lil sold raffle tickets and helped serve and George cooked; Brother Jack McCutcheon who donated a mounted pheasant and duck for auction as a fundraiser.

The food, which everyone said was delicious, was the responsibility of the following cooks: Eugene “Bing” Pennington, Marysville District Dispatcher; Don Doser, Redding District Representative; Bill Hodges, Marysville District Grievance Committee; Gene Garewal, Marysville District Grievance Committee; Bob Christy, Marysville District Executive Board Member; Glen Moore, Marysville District Grievance Committeeman; and Brother Jack McCutcheon, Carol Hughes cooked the beans (thanks, Carol, they certainly were tasty).

Monica Boucher, Christy and Cindy Hunt, members of the Sutters Chapter 4-H Club, served. Sue Morgan and Diana Mousat sold picnic tickets; Frances McCutcheon, Pat Pennington and Phyllis Garewal also sold raffle tickets.

Thanks also to Paul Self, who served beer; Tiffany Mousat and Nick Morgan who served soft drinks.

Thanks to Talahi Hughes and her friend Chris who helped serve and clean up, and Redding District Representative Don Doser who donated a lovely bird clock for our raffle.

Santa Rosa getting off to a slow start

Work in the area has been slow getting started to meet everyone’s needs. However, all indications show that it should be a busy season. Business Agent Stew Orchard, reports that Pete Barretta has had a problem getting started on the Rockpile Road job. It seems that there was a problem with the “right of way.” This should be going very well by the time this issue goes to press.

On the north coast, Baxman Gravel Company is working in the City of Fort Bragg. This job went for around $500,000 and should keep our brothers busy for awhile. Argonaut Construction has a crew working at Sea Ranch again this year and should finish up by the end of summer. Pete Barretta has just finished up a slide removal job about 2.5 miles south of Fort Ross on Highway 1 in an area where mountain goats can get around. Pismo Construction picked up a job to reconstruct Highway 116 between Duncan Mills and Jenner. That job went for around $800,000. Packard Paving was awarded an overlay job near Warm Springs Dam that went for around $900,000.

Joe Ramos Company, from Hayward, was low bidder on the Conde Assessment District job in Windsor at $2.9 million. Another job on the east side of Highway 101, the Brooks Road Assessment District will also be put to bid. This area is going to start growing in the next few years. Schram Construction picked up a completion contract at C. C. P. A. F. 1, at the Geysers for about $3.5 million. This will include bringing in a large portable generator for start up of their equipment. They are also expecting to bring it on line by the end of the year or early 1982.

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The food, which everyone said was delicious, was the responsibility of the following cooks: Eugene “Bing” Pennington, Marysville District Dispatcher; Don Doser, Redding District Representative; Bill Hodges, Marysville District Grievance Committee; Gene Garewal, Marysville District Grievance Committee; Bob Christy, Marysville District Executive Board Member; Glen Moore, Marysville District Grievance Committeeman; and Brother Jack McCutcheon, Carol Hughes cooked the beans (thanks, Carol, they certainly were tasty).

Monica Boucher, Christy and Cindy Hunt, members of the Sutters Chapter 4-H Club, served. Sue Morgan and Diana Mousat sold picnic tickets; Frances McCutcheon, Pat Pennington and Phyllis Garewal also sold raffle tickets.

Thanks also to Paul Self, who served beer; Tiffany Mousat and Nick Morgan who served soft drinks.

Thanks to Talahi Hughes and her friend Chris who helped serve and clean up, and Redding District Representative Don Doser who donated a lovely bird clock for our raffle.

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My lifelong booze battle

My name is John and I am an alcoholic. I don't know exactly how long I've been an alcoholic, but I was born that way. At any rate, I drink for a long, long time. All told, I drank for nearly forty years. Although it took me until this time to realize it, I admit that I had a problem, in retrospect I drink alcoholically almost from the day I learned to walk. What I mean alcoholically is that wherever and whenever for whatever reason I drank, even though circumstances only allowed for one or two shots, I was never inside. I always wanted more, and when I was in control or I was dictating the circumstances, I was always great. I started drinking when I was eighteen. I had a bit of a carefree attitude and my friends and I used to like to get a "bunken" start and we'd go to the dances. We usually just had a couple of beers, nothing outrageous. Soon after, I landed a job and was working on oil rigs. Things were going OK until one day, an accident happened that crushed my leg. I couldn't walk, but I took some strong and my leg finally healed. However, I was "laid up" for a good long while and I had a lot of time to feel sorry for myself. It helped ease the pain that the situation I began to drink regularly.

World War II was going strong. My circumstances were all changing. I was going overseas. I wanted to go, but my leg kept me out. I did the next best thing and joined the Merchant Marines. I saw my share of war, and was on a shot, and in short went through my rite of passage into manhood. We sailed into ports all over the world. For the most part, the Merchant Mariners, like the Operating Engineers is not exactly comprised of testotoliers. I got drunk in pubs and bars all over the world. When we weren't working hard the motto for life was "wine, women and song for tomorrow," we said.

After the war I returned to shore and tried to live the way we said society. I met a lovely girl, got married and had three children. I was out of control. I was out all early and I tried my damnest to be the husband and father they deserved. I had some good friends, I was not a people-skills type of guy, but I was a good guy. Unfortunately, somehow, along the way, I contracted a disease and it was me. For whatever reason I started asking people if they were alcoholics, always blame the other guy, never accept responsibility, matter that more so than anything else that I was not.

I just kept getting bad hands. I kept getting my blood flow to the skin (one of the cooling mechanisms), combined with inactivity, could cause blood to pool in the lower body. This reduces blood flow to the brain, and may result in fainting.

Heat syncope, or fainting, usually affects people who aren't used to hot environments. It can also affect those who stand or sit for a long time. The increased blood flow to the skin (one of the cooling mechanisms), combined with inactivity, could cause blood to pool in the lower body. This reduces blood flow to the brain, and may result in fainting.

Heat exhaustion are excessive sweating; pale, clammy skin; extreme fatigue or weakness; nausea; headache or dizziness.

More serious cases of heat exhaustion could include: confusion or disorientation; fainting; and loss of consciousness.

To treat heat exhaustion, move the victim to a cooler place and if the victim is conscious, provide him with fluids. Be sure the victim rests with his feet slightly elevated. If the victim is not breathing or there is no pulse, an open airway must be maintained, and CPR should be administered until emergency assistance arrives.

Call for emergency medical assistance if recovery is not speedy or the victim loses consciousness.

Heat stroke is a serious medical emergency. It is caused by a complete failure of the body's temperature-regulating mechanism. Heat stroke is a life-threatening condition and must be treated immediately. The symptoms of heat stroke include: lack of perspiration; red, flushed skin; rapid heartbeat, rapid breathing, rapid pulse; high body temperature (103°F or higher); mental confusion, anger, or delirium; chills, nausea, dizziness, unconsciousness, convulsions and eventually coma.

If the victim is not cooled immediately, heat stroke can prove fatal. To treat someone with heat stroke:

Send someone to call for emergency medical assistance immediately.
• Take measures to cool the victim by wetting him/her with cool water (use cooler on children under four years old), immersing the victim in cold water (use cool water for children less than four years old), or covering the body with cold compresses (use cool com-
Survey gear uses satellites

Talking to Techs
By Frank Morales

We often read about the exotic survey equipment but seldom have the opportunity to see or use it. The picture above shows the wild WM-101 Satellite Coordinate Instrument, being demonstrated to Cal Team. It uses the same satellites used to guide the same shuttle, and is capable of tracking up to four satellites at one time, and takes approximately 45 minutes to complete a series of readings. Bought in bulk quantities by Caltrans, these units are selling for approximately $8,000 per unit.

The Master Agreement for Tech Engineers will be open on July 15, 1987 for representatives from all Local Unions. We have set up two meetings as of this writing by Bay Counties the 16th and the 25th of June, and we hope to have the negotiations over before July 15th so that we can set up meetings for the ratification of the new contract. Cards will be sent out notifying you when and where the meetings will be held. If you don’t receive a notice by July 10th, please contact the Tech Department in Oakland at (415) 638-9355.

It is very important that you attend the Ratification meeting—the purpose is to vote to accept or reject the proposed agreement. The Tech Department would like to congratulate Raymond Morin of San Jose for his 25 years plus membership in Caltrans, and should be working on this project all winter, to express our appreciation.

Helms signs union contract

Welcome back. Helms Construction! Goodbye, Lost Dutchman! Business Agent Virgil A. Blair reports that Helms Construction moved back to the Lakeside Railroad Project and Lost Dutchman returned to Nevada where they belong. It took 12 months of hard work and organizing by Blair, George Stavers, and Utah’s other agents along with Local 13’s officers, to convince the owners of Helms to go back to work as they want to complete this road Arizona state line to south St. George in winter.

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presses on children less than four years old.
• Do not give the victim anything to drink.
• A fan to cool the skin through evaporation.
• Be prepared to give mouth to mouth resuscitation if CPR, if you've been trained.
• Check the victims body temperature periodically.
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### Drug Use

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### Preventing heat-related illness

Follow these simple precautions:
1. Drink plenty of fluids (cool water is best) before, during, and after vigorous activity. Be sure to include caffeine and alcoholic drinks. Alcohol can cause dehydration.
2. Get plenty of sleep, and eat light, nutritionally balanced meals.
3. Schedule your more strenuous activities during the cooler parts of the day, and avoid exertion in the heat.
4. Dress in light, loosely woven cotton clothing. Cotton lets air circulate to cool your body.
5. Wear a wide-brimmed hat that wouldn't be a bad idea, either.
6. Use sun-blocking air conditioners, or take cool baths or showers more frequently.
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Cal-OSHA dominates legislative conference

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have gone to work. Our people are coming out.”
And Robert Hanna, executive secretary-treasurer of the Carpenters state council, cited the huge attendance as "an answer to those who have been trying to say that labor is down and out. "It is going to be your job in the next three days to make labor’s presence felt, particularly by those politicians who wish we’d go away, who just want to take us for granted," Hanna said.

The two principal leaders of the legislature expanded upon the theme of political change in opening morning speeches to the delegates. "People will tell you the pendulum is still stuck with the Republicans, but don’t believe it," said David A. Roberti, D-L.A., president pro tem of the Senate. "It is swinging our way."

Of Green’s election, Roberti said, "The victory is labor’s every bit as much as it is Cecil’s and the Democratic Party’s. "That chicken— little veto of Cal-OSHA brought all of you out," Roberti continued. "You ran the Cal/OSHA blue pencil down (the governor’s) throat."

The labor victory points the way toward modification of the Gann spending limits and restoration of the legislature’s authority to respond to the needs of Californians,” the speaker said. "Tell you, if we simply steady our course and stick with our issues the results will be fantastic for all of California,” Brown said.

"The rally for Cal/OSHA on Tuesday come as delegates were engaged in the principal business of the conference: lobbying legislators."

They moved to the Capitol from the conference headquarters hotel in large groups and small after hearing opening speeches from the labor leaders. "But this governor not only wants to overcome the Governor’s blue pencil if Cremins told the crowd, “I know we don’t believe it,” said David A. Roberti. "But this governor not only wants to take $8 million away, he wants to give back $14 million to the federal government.”

Sen. Art Torres, D-L.A. noted that the Senate had voted to restore the $8 million for Cal/OSHA that Deukmejian had blue-penciled down (the governor’s) throat.

Hennings pointed out that retention of Cal/OSHA has been urged-in petitions to the federal government hearing more than 100,000 names. "But this governor not only wants to take $8 million away, he wants to give back $14 million to the federal government,“ Torres said.

Hennings sent the crowd back into the Capitol at the conclusion of the rally with a reminder that Republican as well as Democratic votes will be needed to overcome the Governor’s blue pencil if Deukmejian persists.

Attend Your District Meetings

District Meetings convene at 8 p.m. with the exception of District 17 (Hawaii) meetings, which convene at 7 p.m.

July

7th District 4: Eureka Engineers Bldg. 2806 Broadway
7th District 17: Kauai Wilcox Elem. School 4319 Hardy Street
8th District 7: Redding Engineers Bldg. 100 Lake Blvd.
9th District 6: Marysville City Hall 1010 "I" Street
14th District 17: Kona Kanawena School Kealakekua
15th District 1: Fairfield Holiday Inn 1350 Holiday Lane
21st District 17: Hilo Kapiolani School 205 Kilauea Ave.
22nd District 17: Maui Kahului Elem. School 410 S. Hina Ave. Kahului, Maui
23rd District 17: Honolulu Kalili Waena School 1240 Gulick Ave.

August

4th District 3: Stockton Engineers Bldg. 1916 North Broadway
6th District 2: Sunol Sund Valley Cty. Club Hwy. 680 & Andrade Rd.
12th District 5: Fresno Laborer’s Hall 5431 East Hedges
26th District B: Sacramento Laborer’s Hall 6545 Stockton Blvd.

Semi-annual Meeting

The annual semi-annual meeting of the membership will be held on Saturday, July 11 at 1 p.m. at the Seafarers’ International Union Auditorium, 350 Fremont St., San Francisco, CA.