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A Strong Program for Jobs—

DEVELOP STATE'S NEEDS, RESOURCES, GOVERNOR IS TOLD

Rouse California into action on projects vitally needed in its new, post-war status, and at the same time produce jobs badly needed to keep its inflated population gainfully employed, Governor Warren was advised by a strong conference of business, labor and civic leaders in the state's capital on December 7, 8.

Public works, construction, civic needs, private building needs, and other projects that are or may be lagging for one reason or another should get immediate stimulus from our state government to get them moving, improve the state's outlook, and put men to work, the conference declared.

Although Governor Warren didn't put the matter of unemployment on his list for action at the special session called for Dec. 13, he indicated his deep concern for the problems outlined at this conference, and it was felt likely that beneficial results will be forthcoming from the statewide gathering.

Labor participated actively in the various panel discussions at the conference, many of its recommendations becoming part of the final program adopted. They pointed to the likelihood that more than 600,000 will be unemployed in the state by spring, and asked for the following program:

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15,000 Arrive in Calif. Each Month

By E. P. PARK

On December 5th and 6th the Governor's Conference on Employment was held here in Sacramento. We participated in the section dealing with construction, public and private, and would like to pass along some of the information obtained.

Each month 15,000 more people come into the State of California than leave it. There is a natural growth, births over deaths, of better than 10,000. This is a total increase of more than 25,000 people each month. To meet this continual growth in population within the state, 125,000 new jobs must be provided each year. Construction must not only provide some of these jobs but must also keep employed those people already working within the industry. Of the estimated

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Green to Green



Washington. — AFL President William Green (left) pins flower on Leonard Green (no relation), assistant general secretary National Union of Operative Heating, Domestic, Ventilating Engineers and General Metal Workers of Great Britain during latter's recent visit to Washington.

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The Road Roller Can Kill, Too

Don't get the notion that the roller is not a dangerous machine! Here is a newspaper story with names, place and date purposely omitted. Read it.

"... was crushed to death beneath a 10-ton road roller yesterday; ... The road rollers work in pairs, going forward a stretch of about 50 feet, then backing up for the same distance. The accident happened while the two road rollers were backing up. ... saw one roller and started across immediately after it had passed. However, he stepped in the path of the other backing roller. ..."

There it is. Sure, he should have looked to see where he was walking. There is no question about that. Little if any blame seems to fall upon the engineer. It was the other fellow.

But it is a good though cruel lesson. It should be taken to heart by every engineer.

THE ROLLER CAN KILL, TOO.

Fraternally yours,
WM. E. MALONEY,
General President.

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Gets 11,000 Volts

This month's reminder to the worthy brothers about observing all safety precautions on the job comes with the report of Bro. William Ryan's misfortune. (Not that he failed to observe safety rules.) Dredge operator on the Papoose on Napa river, he became acquainted with 11,000 volts on the cable barge. He is recovering in Highland hospital, Oakland.



Robert Fieth
November 9, 1949
Francis J. Bozarth
November 10, 1949
J. G. Crawford
November 28, 1949
Wm. R. Franks
November 30, 1949
George Wm. Anderson
November, 1949
L. I. Cushman
November, 1949

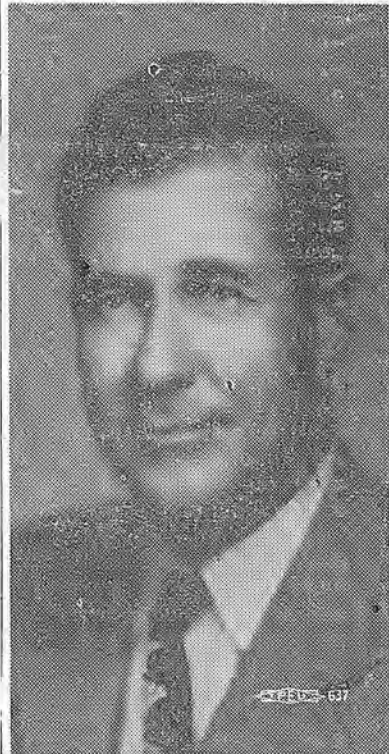
Trades Ask T-H Exemption

AFL Building Trades Department and the Associated General Contractors of America have filed a request with NLRB asking blanket exemption from Taft-Hartley labor law election requirements on the grounds that elections in this industry are impractical, costly, 90 per cent AFL supporting thus far, and wholly unnecessary.

Vandewark Named Assistant Manager

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION NO. 3:

During the last ten years our treasurer, P. E. Vandewark, has served as business representative



P. E. VANDEWARK

in the Bay area, in addition to conducting the duties required as treasurer of Local Union No. 3.

The continued growth of our Local Union has also tended to increase the work of your Union Manager, until now it has reached the stage where some assistance is needed.

Therefore, I have appointed Brother Vandewark, assistant manager of Local Union No. 3. In the future he will be stationed at our union headquarters in San Francisco at 474 Valencia Street; where he will assist in giving service to the membership as well as to every district office within the jurisdiction of Local No. 3.

I now hope to find time to visit our district offices oftener than I have been able to in the past. Brother Vandewark will now be available to answer questions, and give advice and information when desired, during my absence from headquarters.

I sincerely hope that the above mentioned appointment will prove beneficial to Local No. 3 and that it will meet with the approval and satisfaction of the entire membership.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
VICTOR S. SWANSON,
Local Union Manager.

Thus there was climaxed two years of costly red tape caused by the ill-begotten Taft-Hartley law and a growing protest against its application to the building industry — protest alike from labor and management.

Management's appeal for exemption represents the wishes of a group of contractors' organizations which represent employers who do about 80 percent of the construction work in the U.S. Labor's appeal comes from the highest authority of organized building trades craftsmen.

VOTE UNNECESSARY

Decision to ask for the exemption was made following a meeting of contractors and union leaders with the NLRB several months ago, but announced only recently, according to President Frank Lawrence of the California State Building Trades Council.

Brother Lawrence pointed out that the appealing groups, in support of their position, declare that the NLRB itself has given up the idea of holding elections in this industry. A pilot election held in the Pittsburgh area cost the government considerable money and trouble and resulted in a 90 percent vote for the union. Attempts to hold other elections in Detroit and Philadelphia were abandoned as a result of this.

WRECK BARGAINING

President Lawrence stressed the point that it is not only impossible to comply with Taft-Hartley requirements in this industry, but

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Another Big Freeze?

The worthy brothers in Utah and Nevada are fearful of another deep freeze like that which hit 'em last winter. Some Nevada boys have already high-tailed it southward with the ducks. In Utah, however, they have had an unusual lot of sunny weather, which keeps jobs going, and they pray for its continuance.

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A Tall Deer Story

Bro. Owen Haney from up Trinity county goes out hunting every year for deer and took a pickup truck. Got his deer, a small one, was able to back the truck right up to it. Next day with a friend he hiked miles up into the sky and knocked over a seven-point buck so big that they had to cut it in half and lug it all the way back.

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Mele Kalikimaka

Mele Kalikimaka a'me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou. That's the greeting this month from Bro. J. W. Waiwai, Hawaiian representative for Local 3. It means "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Compliments of the Season



As we go to press with this issue of the Engineers News another year of accomplishment comes to a close. The officers and representatives of Local 3 have worked very hard this year to obtain the gains for the membership which have been achieved.

At this time the officers and representatives of the Operating Engineers Local 3 wish to extend the Season's Best Wishes to each and every member and their families, and we hope that 1950 will bring better things for everyone.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 3-E MEETING . . . A special meeting of Technical Engineers Local No. 3-E will be held in the Union Offices at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 1950. (The meeting ordinarily scheduled for the fourth Friday of December, 1949, will be postponed).

SUGGESTION FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION . . . If every member would make a New Year's resolution to donate at least one pint of blood during the coming year, we would have an account large enough to benefit our members and their families in case of emergency. Let's do it . . . it's not asking much!!!



It's Either Organization or Sweat Shop

By JOHN W. RUSSELL

"Living 1949" was a sordid but true story of the migrant farm worker, broadcast over one of the larger networks recently. It dramatized the pitiful existence of this wretched class of people. Existing in the year of our Lord, one thousand and nine hundred and forty-nine, in America, in a land of plenty, their plight may be best described as demoralized, debased, degraded, hungry humanity, without future and without hope in the world. Modern machinery has replaced the average farm worker for plowing, for planting, for cultivating, and for practically every phase of farming except HARVESTING. When harvest time arrives, the cry goes out for human hands. Thousands upon thousands of acres of certain crops cannot be harvested except by human hands. Migrant harvesters (human harvesters) go from one state to another and from one crop to another, to eke out a bare existence for themselves and families.

Harvesting is seasonable and limited in duration, traveling is expensive, pay is mediocre, and living conditions, in many cases, are simply miserable. Transportation from state to state, and harvest to harvest, is mostly "wildcatting." No license and no insurance! Humanity is packed into trucks. Men, women and children like so many sardines travel hundreds of miles without stopping for rest. Children become tired, mothers become weary and sick, but the truckloads of "slaves" keep rolling on and on to their final destination—the harvest field. Laws of the land require that cattle and all livestock in transit be stopped every thirty-six hours of travel, unloaded and given rest and food. But not so with human stock. They may be in transit for days and days with no legal protection as to their welfare. Once on the job lodging facilities are usually of the very poorest, conditions highly unsanitary, and long hours and low pay are the usual procedure.

The sweating system has been practiced many, many times in this land of ours in days gone by; but in recent years it has been reduced to a minimum through social reforms and by the rise and vigilance of LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. Yet in this year, 1949, the current conditions of the migrant farm worker represent the extreme in the sweat shop system. Labor organizations are exposing this sordid mess; church missions are sending out help. Help can come from legislation, from charities and from many other sources, but the only final solution to this gigantic problem, we see it, is through organization.

It may be argued that this work requires no training, no experience, and that these people are down and out, and that there is an abundant supply on hand for these jobs, and therefore they cannot be organized. To some extent this line of reasoning may be true. However, there was a time when the garment workers toiled under the most degrading sweat shop conditions this country has ever known. It was one of the most competitive of all industries. Workers were recruited from the ranks of the untrained and unskilled, and especially from the many immigrants whose opportunities for employment were limited. They worked in unsanitary tenements, sewing garments, with tuberculosis and other infectious diseases rampant, for extremely long hours, and a mere pittance for wages. Today the garment workers and clothing industry is being well organized and its workers have risen from stark poverty to a place in the world of dignity, self-reliance and independence.

The coal industry was once nearly as bad. Miners went to work before dawn and returned after dark, never seeing the sun for days on end. They lived in hovels which most of us would not permit our pooches to live in. They bought their necessities of life from the employer, who saw that practically all their meager earnings went back into company treasuries. They worked under the most hazardous of conditions, and their standard of living could be favorably compared with the garbage rat. Today that is all different. Miners own or rent comfortable homes to live in and bring up their children in a decent manner. They have modern home conveniences, automobiles, and all the good things of life the regular American has. Working conditions are different, hours are shorter, payrolls are larger. The answer: ORGANIZATION.

Today the migrant farm workers are exactly where the garment and coal workers were 30 (odd) years ago. For a solution it may require different angles and different twists, because some of the circumstances are different. However, we believe, with proper support from society in general, with the public in full knowledge of the circumstances, and with firm and wise leadership, the migrant farm workers can be organized just as all other industries have been organized. By so doing a people who are without means, without hope, and without a future, will be lifted up to a place of dignity in this old world. In addition, Organized Labor will have added another strong link in its chain.

Natl. Farm Union May Sue Denham For Conspiracy

A suit against NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham for conspiracy to deny constitutional rights to agricultural workers is being considered by the National Farm Labor Union (AFL), it was announced Nov. 21.

The possible step by the union against the chief enforcement officer of the Taft-Hartley Act was made public at a hearing of the NLRB. The board was considering a trial examiner's recommendation that Denham's injunction, obtained against the Farm Labor Union and locals of two other AFL internationals, should be dissolved.

The injunction grew out of the strike at the gigantic Di Giorgio Fruit Corp. property near Bakersfield, which began some 25 months ago. Denham got his injunction to stop what he claimed was secondary boycott activity in support of the strike. But eight months later NLRB Examiner Bruce Hunt decided the injunction was improper because agricultural workers are not covered by the federal labor law.

Now, 16 months after the Taft-Hartley injunction was granted on Denham's request, the NLRB was considering whether it was legal. Its effect, meanwhile, was bearing down on the Di Giorgio strikers, hampering their strike activity.

Attorney Alexander H. Schullman, representing the Farm Labor Union and the other locals hit by the injunction, said the injunction should be set aside. The possible suit against Denham might be taken under the civil rights statutes of 1871, Schullman declared in his oral argument before the NLRB.

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Octane ratings of gasolines sold American motorists during the past winter were a little higher than those of the preceding summer, tests by the U. S. Bureau of Mines show.

Social Security Bulletin

ATTENTION, MEMBERS OVER 65

To get monthly retirement benefits:

1. You don't have to retire for good. After you are 65 if you should stop working for a while because of sickness, a lay-off, or just because you need a rest, get in touch with your local social security office. A benefit may be payable for the months before you go back to work.

2. You don't have to be in need. This is an insurance program. Your right to benefits is not affected by your savings, property, or other insurance.

3. You don't have to apply in person. If because of sickness or other reason you cannot go to the social security office, write or call, or have a member of your family inquire. Do not delay.

You will not "use up" your benefits by drawing them as soon as you are qualified. Benefits are payable for life.

REMEMBER: You must file a claim. Old-age and survivors insurance benefits are payable only if claimed.

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Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Guard Edgecombe absent.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5 was read and by motion approved as read. A synopsis of the Executive Board of November 30 was read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Card of thanks were received from Marion Bozarth, The Wulfert family, Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford, Mrs. Arthur Erickson and family, Mrs. Betty Flood and family. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Philip M. Avila, Lee Brown, Art L. Boyden, Earl Brambrink, Joe Casali, George Carter, Wm. W. Cargile, Wm. C. Folden, Leo R. Fulton, F. J. Gilmore, Jacob H. Huyck, Chris Holst, Harry W. Johnson, Frank A. Kuhre, Richard Lasser, James Lewis, Chas. E. Lowrie, Chas. A. Lanovette, Geo. W. Littlefield, Wm. McKinnon, Jack Mayberry, R. E. Murray, Samuel Piercy, John A. Patchett, John R. Power, Chas. M. Phenix, C. N. Richards, Fritz Redman, Joe Scholl, Geo. Spanne, Jack Salisbury, Geo. F. Sullivan, Marshall A. Smith, Gustave A. Schmidt, Orvel N. Sizelove, Jess Clyde Stauff, Arthur Sandoval, Z. F. Thomas, Barney O. Turner, Harold Van Scoy, Wm. Waters, Walter Lugrias, Wm. B. Ryan, Al Depew, James Johnson.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: George Wm. Anderson, Francis J. Bozarth, J. G. Crawford, Robert Fieth, Wm. R. Franks, C. N. Richards, Robt. R. Richards and Fred Wulfert.

The Business Agents gave their usual reports which were accepted as given.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. MATHEWS
Recording Secretary.

Leeches? Look Who's Talking

By KEITH HUTCHISON
In "The Nation," New York

We are often told that the present emphasis on security indicates a general weakening of the moral fibre of the nation. While the old breed of Americans built their own security by thrift and enterprise, disdaining to "lean on the state," the present generation, it is said, looks to the government for protection from such hazards as unemployment and old age. "Something for nothing," the economic moralists complain, has become the slogan of a large part of the population.

Needless to say, I do not agree with this view. It seems to me that the average man (or woman) who works hard for forty years or so contributes a good deal more to society than he takes from it. The fruits of his labor provide not only for his consumption but for the rearing and education of the young and for the constant additions to the capital resources of the country. Whether or not he makes a direct monetary contribution to the cost of a pension, he has in fact earned the right to decent maintenance when he retires.

Surely the real "something-for-nothing" boys are those who without working seek to appropriate the surplus wealth created by the labor of others—for instance, the heroes of the Wall Street sagas who contrive by stock-trading to convert a shoestring into millions.

We do not hear so much about the exploits of these rugged individuals now, but this is a good moment to recall their heyday, which came to a sudden end just twenty years ago.

"BLACK THURSDAY"

It was on October 24, 1929, that the greatest securities boom in history collapsed with a crash whose echoes have not yet entirely faded. That was "Black Thursday," when the turnover of the New York Stock Exchange reached the hitherto unheard of total of almost 13,000,000 shares, when the tape machines ran four hours behind the market, when billions were lost in paper values and thousands of spectators unable to meet margin calls were sold out. Five days later over 16,000,000 shares changed hands in another selling bout.

Some authorities were advising liquidation; others remained extremely optimistic. Stock prices, said Irving Fisher, the celebrated economist, on October 15, stood on "what looks like a permanently high plateau," and he expected to see the market go higher in the near future. "I see no reason for the end-of-the-year slump which some people are predicting," declared Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York, four days later.

Up to this time both the big professional traders and the hundreds

of thousands of amateurs who had been drawn into the market had been far more eager to listen to the prophets of perpetual prosperity than to counselors who urged caution. As stock prices climbed dizzily through 1928 and 1929, otherwise sober business men had begun to nurse the most fantastic illusions. Watching a stock like Radio Corporation common rising from 94½ to 505 (allowing for a five-for-one split-up) in eighteen months, although it paid no dividends, they saw the prospects of speculative profits as unlimited. Wall Street had become the broad highway to Eldorado.

With each leap in the market more suckers were encouraged to plunge. Much of the tremendous market activity was the result of sheer gambling. It was possible to buy \$1000 worth of stocks for as little as \$100 cash and, if its price rose 10 per cent or more, to use the paper profit as margin for a further purchase.

In the get-rich-quick rush many people became part-owners of concerns about which they knew little or nothing. They would not bother to look at balance sheets; they were buying on future prospects, not past earnings. Someone who knew somebody who lunched occasionally with a Morgan partner had said that XYZ, Inc. was good for a hundred-point rise. That was enough to inspire an order to buy at the market followed by dreams of early retirement on a comfortable fortune.

LOST CONFIDENCE

We shall never know how many such dreams of something for nothing were shattered when "Black Thursday" was followed by black Tuesday: nobody took a census of lost shirts. What is certain is that the market collapse provided a psychological shock to millions who were not directly affected. There was a loss of confidence in private enterprise that has never been fully recovered, a loss of respect for captains of industry and kings of finance, many of whom were exposed by subsequent investigations as mean manipulators.

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Salt Lake City—

GOOD WEATHER IN UTAH KEEPS JOBS GOING; GOOD YEAR AHEAD

By RENNY BURROUGHS, C. R. VAN WINKLE and LOUIS SOLARI

Business Representatives, Local 3

Utah, the heart of the Intermountain Empire, is the new "Sunshine Capital of the West." After taking a terrific lacing last winter Utah's Engineers are getting a real break on weather this fall. Olaf Nelson, Anderson Construction Company, W. W. Clyde and L. T. Johnson all have found the weatherman their friend on the road jobs now running.

Utah Construction Company has Lark Tunnel, Cedar City, and Garfield in high gear at this writing. Grafe Callaghan is well established at the Duchene Tunnel job but is being held up by lack of motors and the powerline being built to the jobsite.

United Concrete is fighting for good weather to last until their pipeline reaches Highway 40 and they are out of Parley's Canyon. Their Provo Canyon job is driving hard but a good storm would shut it down for the year.

Vinnell Company at Murdock Dam will also close with the first snow.

Gibbons & Reed have almost completed a tough job putting in a sewer line near their bridge job in Salt Lake. Some equipment on this job was moved off of the road that Gibbons & Reed built from Bountiful to Antelope Island.

O. R. Smith is still backfilling and laying pipe north of Corrinne for Standard Oil but will shortly be Local 370's headache.

Big Jobs Ahead

New work coming up includes Ace Thorn's job between Francis and Pole Camp and the Mirror Lake road job that Murray Trucking Company and Vernal Sand and Gravel were low bidder on for 20c a yard. December 16th will mark the first day bids will be accepted on the Salt Lake Veterans \$8,500,000 hospital, although bids will not open until February 16, 1950. Bechtel will start their \$10,000,000 refinery job in March if weather is right. Utah Light and Power Jordan Steam plant will go to completion next year with better than \$7,000,000 worth of work yet to be done. American Smelter & Refinery Company at Garfield, have not yet let further work but it is expected that there will be about \$8,000,000 more work at their smelter. Our Utah State Road program should also develop a substantial amount of work for our Engineers. United's Provo Canyon job and the Utah Construction Garfield Refinery job should both be completed at the middle of 1950. Both Lark and Duchesne Tunnels will last for approximately two years on their over-all projects.

Out-of-work lists are beginning to stack up, although we are issuing about 15 clearances a week at present. Most of our jobs are short—from one day to three weeks, at present about 30 men are out of work in the state.

The prospects for 1950 look like we will be able to keep about the same number of Engineers busy in 1950 that worked in the state in 1949. This year at our peak we still had a few local members out of work. We hope all of these brother engineers will work in 1950 and have a long, good season.

At this time, the business representatives and office staff in Utah with all you engineers in Local 3, everywhere, a mighty big Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Dad and his small daughter were standing in front of a lion's cage at the park zoo. He was explaining how strong and fierce lions are. His young hopeful took it all in, and then said: "Daddy, if it got out of its cage and ate you up, what bus should I take to get home?"

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At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service a man remained to talk to the pastor.

"I am a bus driver," he said, "and I wish you would tell me how you get so many of your people to move to the rear."

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Shoe prices are 72 per cent higher than before the war and 30 per cent higher than OPA ceilings.

Honolulu—

Mele Kalikimaka a'me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou

By J. W. WAIWAIOLÉ
Bus. Rep., Hawaiian Branch

The "Puka in the Pali" keeps coming back like a song. Federal highway engineers from the mainland after a study of the Kalihi and Nuuanu sites have recommended that the Nuuanu route be pressed to a speedy completion. They propose a four-lane highway on the windward side with four tunnels; the longest to be 1,000 feet. Territorial government is in favor of this move. However, opposing this is the city headed by its mayor, who favor a Kalihi route instead. (What politics will do—.)

Byrne Organization is now re-hiring for Kwajalein and Majuro on a small scale and will probably reach its peak by the latter part of February.

On the local front, many housing projects and sub-divisions are opening up with the greater part of all building materials being furnished by Lewers & Cooke who are very anti-union. This monopoly has worked against organized labor here by requiring that owners of homes hire building contractors as recommended by them who are also anti-union. On one project with 65 homes being built, there are no less than 30 small combines as building contractors.

Our organizing program in the Building Trades is gradually being recognized as we visit these jobs 3 days a week. We will initiate a program to actually get members in soon.

The Metal Trades Organizing program is still bogged down for lack of conscientious men to serve on its executive board before full recognition can be accorded the council in its labor relation dealings with top side Navy brass.

The holidays approaching seem to crowd the old year out, so with sincere good wishes for 1950, this branch expresses a Mele Kalikimaka a'me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year).

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Yule "Wise Men," Courteous Drivers

Dear Driver:

The Biblical story of the first Christmas tells about the Wise Men who guided their camels by a bright star in the East, to bring rare gifts of frankincense and myrrh.

This Christmas, the "wise men" of 1949 will be those drivers who pilot their vehicles according to the rules of defensive driving, and give courtesy—one of today's rarest gifts.

From now until December 25, the streets will be crowded with pre-occupied, package-laden pedestrians, as well as impatient motorists. Very few of them will be concentrating on pedestrian lanes, traffic lights, or general traffic conditions. With few exceptions, they take it for granted that you will look out for them—that, regardless of circumstances, you will give them the right-of-way.

To qualify as a modern "wise man" you will need to use extra caution everywhere—especially at intersections. When making turning movements through streams of pedestrians, don't forget that they always have the right-of-way—even if there is no traffic light. Failure to observe this suggestion can lead to an unhappy Christmas in two homes—theirs and yours.

The Season's Greetings to you and yours and—be a Wise Man—give courtesy for Christmas!

Sincerely yours,

Paul H. Coburn, Dir.
Motor Trans. Bureau.

Stockton—

GAS PIPELINE, LAND-LEVELLING, CANALS KEEP STOCKTON BUSY

By ED DORAN and FRANK LAWRENCE
Business Representatives

This is good news that we report from the Stockton Office. The Morrison-Knudsen Company have a gas pipeline job on McDonald Island west of Stockton and north of Holt. There are 20 draglines of all makes and descriptions operating around the clock. With the help of Ed Parks of Sacramento, Al Clem of Oakland and Joe Riley and Mickey Murphy of San Jose, we were able to place 120 dragline operators and oilers on this job, plus mechanics, cat skimmers, boom cat operators, mechanics helpers, pipe benders and various other classifications.

The Western Contractors have the trimmer and slip form going full blast on the canal west of Patterson. They also have a Marion walker coming in, to be erected on the job site. Over a hundred members of Local No. 3 are working on this job.

Landleveling is going full blast at this time of the year. Every old broken down cat that will run is doing some phase of this work. Some of them are working so cheap that I doubt that they will come out on top.

Andrew Bros. just moved in from Woodland on about 100 acres, five miles west of Stockton. They have five rigs on the job.

Pizzentini has two jobs going east on the Waterloo Road; about

10 miles. The other job is on the eight mile road about 12 miles west of Stockton.

Fallman and Sutley have finished their job on the Upper Jones Tract and are getting their rigs ready to go to Parker, Arizona.

Luk Chong from Walnut Grove has about 200 acres to level about 10 miles out of Stockton on the Thornton Rd. Also he has a large job three miles south of Farmington.

We have been so busy around here that we will cut this report short. At this time everyone is working and from the looks of things everybody should have a turkey for Christmas. A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Some Legal Aspects of Workmen's Compensation

In all states, there are three basic questions which must be answered in the affirmative before a compensation claim will be held compensable:

1. Does the accident bear a definite relationship to the employment?
2. Was the employer notified within the statutory period?
3. Was the accident a cause producing the disabling condition?

Though there is an infinite variety of other legal problems which may arise from a given set of facts, all cases must meet the above three criteria.

"AN ACCIDENT"

In all states, the basis of a compensation claim is an accidental injury. This seems like a simple enough term. Yet thousands of cases have been taken to the courts—even to the Supreme Court—in an effort to determine what constitutes an "accidental" injury.

It is clear that an employee who, while walking from the fourth to the fifth floor of his employer's premises, trips and falls and injures his back, has met with an accident; and the injury which results is obviously an accidental injury. But what about the painter who, while lifting a can of paint, suddenly feels a sharp pain in his back and it is finally determined that he has sustained a disabling back strain? Is his injury accidental? And what about a blacksmith who, while pounding a horseshoe into shape, suddenly is stricken with a heart attack from which he subsequently dies? Is this an accidental death? The various

states differ with respect to the answers to these questions.

CONNECTION WITH JOB

Even where an injury has finally been determined to have been accidental, there must be shown to exist a definite relationship between the accident and the employment. In some states it must be shown that the accident not only occurred in the course of employment, but actually arose out of it. Thousands of cases are taken annually to the courts to determine whether an accident arose out of and in the course of employment.

It is then necessary to prove that the injury or disease resulted from the accident.

NEED EXPERT ADVICE

In addition to the above three basic questions, many other legal issues may arise from a particular fact situation. Some employments are by statute excluded from compensation coverage in most states; farming and domestic service, for example. Within the past two years, at least one state has made an exception to this rule by including domestic servants who work a full 40-hour week for a single employer, in a city or town having a population in excess of 40,000.

A handful of might is better than a bagful of right.

—Max Stirner.

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The only way to love one's country is to make it loveable. The only way to save democracy is to make it work.—Edmund Burke.

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San Rafael—

RIG 'FLOATS' ON MARE ISLAND
LEVEE; WINTER JOBS SHAPE UP

By H. O. FOSS, Business Representative

On the Tyson & Watters \$60,000 plus contract on the reclamation work at Mare Island, Vallejo, Brother Jack Edwards is foreman with Brothers Lucas on the "6" and Van Gorder on the "8" and Brothers Vauhn Kent and Bill Evans on the Lima shovel. Brothers interested in equipment innovations should visit this job and look over Brother Rei Brown and Brother Ray Adams' electric rig, who are building the outer levee where it is usually so soft a "snipe" can't walk . . . but the Brown & Adams rig does it . . . and it is well worth your time to stop and "look it over."

The Underground Construction Company has started their \$70,000 plus sewer job at Tiburon with 14,000 feet of six-inch and 8-inch pipe. Superintendent Pastore is in charge and Bros. L. W. Baker and Allgor on the trenching machine and Bob Maderios on the blade.

The "busy as a bee" contractor, J. J. Ongaro of San Rafael has his crew busy at all times . . . just goes on and on . . . as do the McGouran Brothers of San Rafael with a new loader on order and no indications of missing a meal.

The McCaffery Brothers of Mill Valley are divorced . . . Jimmie is in Lake County for "Pug" Hastings, the popular Lake County contractor, and from the grapevine route we hear that Jimmie has slowed down a bit . . . let's hope he doesn't run into Clear Lake . . . Charlie McCaffery has worked the San Rafael hills for almost 300 years and acquired a step and a half . . . one leg a foot shorter . . . and Brother Tommy McCaffery just keeps tagging along.

2 Kids, 2 Arms Broken

Our best wishes to Charlie's daughters for a quick recovery . . . the tots, seven and five years old, both fell out of a tree and each landed with a broken arm . . . and because of improper setting they both went through the ordeal of having it broken again . . . we hear "Punkin" is very fond of her doctor.

Brother Jimmy Hewitson with the Marin Equipment Company out Greenbrae way has a large assortment of equipment . . . anything, they have it . . . Brother Bill Jennings, mechanic at Golden Gate Equipment, can also fill whatever your needs.

Jensen & Pitts of San Rafael on their Vallejo project are snapping right along now that Brother "Dick" Padgett, recently injured, has returned to work.

Johnson & Neison are making a living and taking "bites" wherever they can . . . with Brother Sandy Mills now in the shop keeping equipment in "tip-top" shape.

Robert Rapp Construction Company of Santa Rosa are nibbling away on small jobs in the area, keeping several of the brothers busy.

Arthur Siri, contractor of Santa Rosa, has their winter schedule made up with about 60 engineers on the payroll and hoping it continues through the rains.

Paul Straub of Petaluma is keeping "Ripper" Lindley, "Buck" Buchanan and "Red" McAdams busy on landlevelling . . . dams, etc.

Parish Brothers of Benicia should be about finished at their Black Point project where the grading and paving of the bridge approach was recently completed . . . their large warehouse at the quarry in Cordelia for storage of equipment was recently finished and a high-powered mechanic is keeping busy . . . they have also bought a new powered pencil sharpener for future contracts.

The Novato Dam plans have been approved and it is believed the call for bids will be published shortly . . . and the same holds for the Marin Municipal Water District.

Robert McCarthy Company of San Francisco has started the sub-grading on the Alberts Recreation Center in San Rafael.

Baldwin & Straub, popular San Rafael contractors, are keeping busy on local work . . . Haas & Rothschild have just about completed their sub-grade on the Mc-

Guire & Hester sewer line project on San Quentin road.

Brother Charlie England with the Slinsen Construction Company out of Napa on the dragline doing chores and trying to build a home in odd moments . . . Charlie says "more it rains, sooner I'll get the house built" . . . the Slinsen spread scattered all over Napa County and everybody looking happy with the "boss-man" Slinsen telling anybody who will listen "the No. 3 boys helping him make the \$\$\$ to pay off" . . . nice going.

Our best wishes to Bro. "Slim" Collins for the speedy recovery of his wife in her serious illness . . . "Slim" was flown home by Bechtel from Arabia because of her condition.

The Western Paving Company with Brother "Johnny" Privatera superintendent in charge, has started their levee project out near San Quentin prison.

Jobs Keep Going

Mario Bottini, the perennial contractor of San Rafael, is continuing right along with the same crew on sewers, paving, etc . . . with Ghilotti and Sons of San Rafael doing the same thing.

Brother Ralph Glover has things his own way at Basalt's pumice pit, Monticello . . . now talking to himself, trying to get along with himself as the boss.

The "farmers," better known as Huntington Brothers of Napa . . . Fred, Dick and Luce . . . have purchased a few acres half mile east of Hedgeside Winery, on Monticello road and building themselves a construction headquarters . . . the building doesn't look as if it were built for "stout" . . . but Supt. Jim Humphrey in his new transportation has barrels, pump, etc., aboard . . . these brothers keep a good-size crew working and will take on anything.

Brother Art Nevers of Santa Rosa was visited by one of the Four Horsemen . . . FIRE . . . in his home, but fortunately it was covered by insurance.

Your Business Representative learns you have to have a No. 3 card to sell Christmas trees in San Rafael . . . Brother Ralph (M. H.) Johnson is located at the Miracle Mile and Fourth Street . . . he has a good selection and all engineers will receive special attention.

Piombino Construction of San Francisco are in high gear on their Black Point road job working large crew and two shovels.

Brother Dick Gudgel of the Gudgel Construction keeps several members busy on all types of construction in the North Bay Area.

Brother C. L. Yoder who recently broke his "wooden" leg in a shovel accident working for Rosenberg of San Francisco is now at home . . . 300 H Street, San Rafael . . . and will be glad to see any and all visitors . . .

A. G. Raisch Company of Black Point, have several paving jobs in the Napa Area and also on the 101 Highway keeping a rather extensive crew busy . . . right on their toes and jumping . . .

Basalt at Napa and McNears Point Quarry going right along . . . with the Kaiser pipe project in the Basalt Shipyard at Napa making rapid strides to completion . . .

Your Business Representative wishes you and yours an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy, Healthy Prosperous New Year. . . .

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Doctor: "Your husband must have it perfectly quiet. Here is a sleeping powder."

Wife: "When do I give it to him?"

Doctor: "You don't give it to him. You take it yourself."

Reno—

Boys Follow Ducks
South for Winter;
Some Nevada Work

By H. L. SPENCE

Business Representative

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, is finishing up the grading on the Fernley to Hazen highway job. He is stock piling the gravel which he probably will put on, come spring. Drumm has moved his tractor and scrapers and crew of Engineers on a dam job 30 miles north of Austin, Nevada.

Dodge Construction, Inc., has most of the grading finished on the Gerlach job. Some of the dear brothers from Dodge are going south for the winter.

Isbell Construction Company stripping job at Kimberly, Nevada, is going good with two North West three-shifts, two churn drill two-shifts and one churn drill on the third shift and a blade and tractor three shifts. Brother Geo. Laughton is foreman on the Heavy Duty Repair Work. Brother B. L. (Bud) Clem is the shovel repairman; Brother M. G. McCollum and Brother Frank L. Bernd are both boss men on the job. They keep everything going along in fine shape.

Earl Games' crew is going along in fine shape with Brother Frank E. Gillispie doing the heavy duty repair work in the shop. The rest of Earl's regular bunch of good engineers are on the sewer line or the sewer disposal plant.

Ben Lincoln is on the hoist at the new bus station in Reno.

Iryen (Shorty) Hudson is on the hoist on the extension of the River Side Hotel in Reno.

Martin Iron Works is erecting a steel bridge across the Truckee River between Sparks and Mustang Station with Brother Charles Rice on the truck and Brother Phillip Smith, oiler. Brother Alfred L. Mabrier, from Martin Iron Works, is on the sick list but will be back soon.

Some of George Miller Co's engineers have gone South for the winter, such Brothers as Frank (Bud) Miller, Joe Yurraspe and Tom Dean. The rest of the Miller Company is working in and around Reno, Nevada.

We have had a letter just a few days ago from Brother Herbert Nefstead on Guam. He does not work with non-union engineers, he makes applications for them and sees that they become union members.

Dear Brother G. M. Tucker paid a visit to the Reno Office and of course we are always glad to see him.

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As the door man ran down to open the limousine door, he tripped and fell. "For heaven's sake, be careful," cried the club manager, "they'll think you're a member."

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"Friends," said the preacher, "the subject of my sermon today is liars. How many in this congregation have ever read the sixty-ninth chapter of Matthew?"

Most of the hands went up.

"You are the people I want to preach to," the preacher said, "there is no such chapter."

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A fisherman was telling his friends about the one that got away.

"It was at least that long," he said, gesticulating with his hands. "I never saw such a fish."

And one of his listeners remarked: "That I believe."

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Bald man—"Is your hair grower any good?"

Clerk—"I'll tell you a secret. We sell it at cost because it brings us so much comb and brush business."

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"You shouldn't keep telling her you are unworthy of her."

"No? Why not?"

"Let it come to her as a surprise."

DiGiorgio Strike
May Bring Farms
Under Labor Laws

Washington.—The National Farm Labor Union of the AFL said that the two-year-old strike against the DiGiorgio Fruit Corp. in California may bring legislation in the next session of Congress to bring workers on such large farms under the federal labor relations and minimum wage laws.

Representative C. M. Bailey of West Virginia, chairman of a House subcommittee which conducted public hearings on the strike at Bakerfield, Calif., said that the DiGiorgio management had refused his offer to arbitrate the dispute with the AFL union "and the only remedy was legislation to bring workers on large farms under the labor relations and minimum wage laws."

Mr. Bailey indicated at the conclusion of his hearings that the House Labor Committee would sponsor such legislation at the next session of Congress.

The members of Congress heard both sides of the strike, which the AFL union called in October, 1947, to raise wages and eliminate unsatisfactory working conditions. Testifying for the union were Farm Labor Union President H. L. Mitchell; Hank Hasiwar, western representative of the union; Ernest Galarza, union research director; James Price, union member who was the object of an attempted assassination, and other union members.

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"Statism" Note

Note on "statism":

Before the end of the month, 3 million farmers will have electric lights because of the Rural Electrification Administration program begun in 1935.

All of these farmers still enjoy the right of free speech, free assembly, freedom of religion and all the other freedoms of American democracy.—(LLPE)

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Danish Women Strike

Copenhagen — Housewives throughout Denmark have gone on a buyers' strike to protest high meat prices, which have risen 150 per cent since rationing was abolished in the country. The first week of the strike brought prices down somewhat, but housewives declared they would buy no more meat till bigger cuts took place.

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GETS OUT VOTE!—Students of feminine architecture tell us Edith Mae Zilli is pluperfect. The 19-year-old Bronx lass has been chosen New York State finalist in the 8th annual Miss Stardust contest.

Redding—

Blue Skies Keep
Jobs Rolling Along
For a Bit Longer

By E. A. HESTER

Business Representative, Local 3

Skies stay clear, temperature high and what few jobs we have continue to roll along.

The Fredrickson & Watson big highway job at Anderson, California, is nearing completion. General Superintendent Harash seems to be very happy. Some phases of this project have been very difficult. The next brother we have in second command here is Bob Kurtz. Bro. Joe Mancebo is the master mechanic; he can be seen here and there with a 36-inch monkey wrench, sometimes repairing a needle valve on a carburetor. It seems that Bro. K. W. Fox takes care of the clean-up gang. Bro. C. C. Smalley takes care of the crushing and hot plant, and how! Never hear any complaints about our good friend Geo. Passmore. He takes care of the books and passes out the pay checks. George is another one of those regular fellows, more power to him.

It seems they finally had to call in Bro. Les E. Christman to finish this job, and believe me it didn't take him long to get that last 100,000 yards of muck moved. But he had a lot of Privates First Class in this army, and they are: H. E. Bogley, M. A. Bailey, C. C. Barnett, C. E. Carter, J. C. Crossland, P. O. Crossland, I. F. Dale, Jim Dale, Glen Darling, L. T. Engel, P. E. Fields, M. G. Hall, O. J. Hayes, O. D. Hill, J. R. DiLulo, Bill Hoover on the back hole. Now Corporal E. L. Johnson is back on the rig. D. M. Kurkendal, W. B. Lake, Cliff Martin, L. L. Meloy, W. E. Miller, D. E. McDonald, C. L. Parker, J. R. Ricks, B. E. Royer, G. T. Schnordt, Ben Shanahan, H. L. Steward, L. Talley, H. C. Turman and last but not least that famous brother of his, L. A. Christman.

Jobs Winding Up

Harms Bros. highway job at Weed, Calif., has been finished. Most of the men have been laid off.

Malitano & Sons' road job at Susanville has closed down for the winter.

Johnny Delarange and his gang are still doing some ditch work in Alturas.

R. B. Guerin Co. continues to roll along at Cedarvale, Calif.

R. B. Henitz still is employing about 35 of our engineers on the relocation job at Keswick, Calif. They expect to start their highway job near Fresno very soon.

Brennan and Brown will finish the French Gulch job by Christmas.

Ross Layton has started his clearing job for the Bureau of Reclamation at Squaw Creek. Bro. Jack Tucker is in command of this project, and as to conditions, he is one of the loyal brothers who do the job well.

O'Conner Bros. of Red Bluff aren't doing much at the present time but I have noticed five or six of our brothers are still hanging on.

The Bureau of Reclamation will call for bids for architectural finish work at the Shasta Dam Power Plant on Dec. 20.

Christmas is nearly here once again and our best wishes go out to each and every member for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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BEAR SENSE

Question: "Is it true a bear in search of insects and grubs will, unlike a man, turn a stone over with an outward toss instead of pulling it toward him?"

Answer: "This is a trait that has been rather well established by observers. A man turning over a stone usually draws it over directly towards himself, to the imminent danger of his toes; but a bear knows better than that."

"Nouvelletes," Quebec.

San Jose—

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES A BIT
AS RAINS COME, JOBS FINISHEDM. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and JOE RILEY
Business Representatives

Things have slowed up to some extent in this locality during the past few days, brothers, due mostly to the seasonal slump, the completion of a couple of our larger jobs, and the most recent rains. (We have around 75 on the list.) No doubt most of the brothers realize that Bechtel's P.G.&E. pipeline is just about complete and from all indications, by the time this report goes to press, the last piece of equipment will be loaded and on its way to Needles. Many of the

brothers have trailed right along with the company but a few of the boys preferred to stay closer to home . . . N. M. Ball has finally put the finishing touches on the Santa Cruz job this week, and we have a few of their old timers on our Out of Work List. (Most of the boys are enjoying their late vacation—bagging a few quail and looking forward to the next half of duck season) . . . Some of our street work and sub divisions have shut down due to the recent rains but this will probably only be a temporary condition. There is still plenty of building going on in and around San Jose, which keeps our local contractors busy. A few of the contractors who are busy on from one to five jobs in the immediate vicinity of San Jose, are: A. J. Raisch, J. C. Bateman, Earl W. Heple, Leo Piazza, Carl N. Swensen, A. J. Peters, Bill Vierra, Clarence Tressler, H. S. Nankivel, C. P. Albenese, Ed Tobin, Lew Jones, Frank Sinnott, Pisano Bros., Associated Electric Engineers, L. Jensen, Burch & Bebek, San Jose Steel, Songroth Bros., Western Asbestos, John Kocher, Coast Grading, J. McFadden, O. C. Jones and many more too numerous to mention at this time . . . Ed Keeble is well-occupied on his Saratoga-Los Gatos Highway job, also his excavations for Dan Caputo's bridge job in Watsonville, (where Bigge and McGowan's Piledriving crews are working) as well as on a couple of smaller jobs here in town . . . Fredricksen & Watson were the low bidders on the Gilroy Highway Job . . . John B. Merhen of Campbell was the low bidder on the Carmel Valley Highway job for \$161,000 . . . Eaton & Smith are going right along with their Pacheco Pass job. Our latest information is that Clements Company of Hayward have the contract to produce all the crusher run material for this job—also the laying of the "Hot Stuff". At this writing, Clements Company are moving in a portable Cedar Rapids Crusher and necessary equipment and crews. It is the company's intention to start the Crusher Plant immediately and stock pile as much material as possible between now and the date of demand—sometime next Spring. This job now has a few old timers on it but is not under full speed as yet and probably won't be until early Spring. The total number of men now employed is around eighteen.

In Southern District

Ted Baun has a good-sized street, curb and sidewalk contract at King City and has sub let the dirt moving to Vincenz Bros. Approximately 35,000 yards must be excavated and hauled by rubber-tired rigs. Tout & Martin have the curb and sidewalk contract and Ray Robles may furnish the concrete. Valley Trenching Company have a contract for the PG&E Company in connection with the Ted Baun job . . . Granite Construction Company is keeping the majority of their regular employees busy along the coast. Their work is scattered from Santa Cruz to Santa Barbara. . . Construction work in connection with housing units are too numerous to list. However, this work is making good jobs for many of our members . . . There's work going on at the Soledad Prison, Salinas, Monterey, Carmel, Watsonville, Santa Cruz and last, but not least, Moss Landing—the PG&E Steam Power Plant. The following companies have contracts on this project: Stone & Webster, Consolidated Steel, Western Asbestos Company, C. C. Moore & Co.,

George Augusta, Raymond Concrete Pile Co., Talcott Reading Mix, G. F. Thomas Rigging Co., Sheedy, Bigge, Western Crane, Earl Heple, Midwest Pipe Co., and Mallot & Petersen and E. J. Donahue. (Yes, we have a few contractors in this territory) . . . Brother Mickey Morgan and the M. G. M. Company have a good-sized pipe contract with the Coast Counties in the city of Watsonville. There are around six engineers employed here . . . J. McFadden is turning on the steam trying to finish his theater job in Watsonville before rains put a period on his activities. We could mention many more small jobs in and around the above-mentioned cities but space does not allow.

News of the Brothers

Brother Jack McGuire was in the office to bid us goodbye. He expects to be on his way to the Islands, soon . . . Our thanks goes to Brother O. H. Browell for his courtesy in informing us that he went to work elsewhere . . . Received a nice long letter from Brother Bill Crosson from Needles, (on the pipeline). Bill says the digging is awful tough and so is the climate . . . Brother Jim Johnson, operator for Northwestern on the Pacheco Pass job, (From now on, let's call him "Lucky") had a very narrow escape the other day. Jim's "Cat" rolled over several times and when the rolling was all over, Jim found himself underneath the rig staring up at the "Belly Plate" or the abdominal region of his machine. Jim escaped with minor scratches—lucky boy . . . Brother Fran Bell has been detailed as Foreman for Granite on the Soledad Prison and everybody seems to be happy . . . Brother "Skip" Paulsen is also on the "Lucky List". Reason: auto accident. Result: Skip's new auto reduced to scrap iron—no scratches on Skip—wasn't even scared. Oh no? Final result: one drunken Philippino 30 days in jail . . . Brother Jack Boyd, another old time shovel operator, was in the office to say "Hello" and to let us know that he has one of his own inventions (a sand-blasting machine) working for the City of Santa Cruz . . . Brother George Littlefield received a broken foot in the last few days of the Bechtel's job and will be held up for sometime . . . Brother W. Folden is still confined to his home and under the doctor's care . . . Brother Chris Holst lost one of his digits (fingers) recently, on the Keeble job. He will be out of circulation for awhile . . . Received a card from Brother T. N. "Blondie" Blondefield from New London, Connecticut, where he is spending some time visiting with his youngest boy who is an officer on a Sub. On their way to New London, they stopped off at Niagara Falls (a second honeymoon?) and before returning, will visit Florida, Texas, Carlsbad Caverns, Tucson and Phoenix — then home by way of San Diego and Los Angeles. Nice trip . . . Now, in closing brothers, we extend to you and yours our **MOST SINCERE WISHES for A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

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Down at the local union meeting, Bill was asking Bob for more information. "What do they mean by the expression 'untold wealth'?" "Oh, that," said Bob, who'd been around some, "that's the part that isn't included on the income tax report."

Ukiah—

Optimism Reigns
In Ukiah District;
New Projects Told

By A. R. McCaffrey

Business Representative, Local 3
O'Connor Bros. of Red Bluff were awarded the state contract to put in the race track and other items at the fair grounds just north of Ukiah, which they intend to start work on immediately.

There are numerous small jobs in and around Ukiah, which keep several of the brothers busy. Arthur Siri, at the Masonite project, is keeping several of the brothers busy around the plant and on the logging road. Bros. George Tusso, Jim Tusso, Harley Joliff and Whitey Snyder are busy grading around the plant, while Jack Crum and Jack Holman are out on the road. Brother Floyd Graham is on the crane, cold-decking, while Blackie Neise is oiling and taking care of the tongs.

The most advanced and up to date features of the movies will be a reality in Ukiah when spring arrives. Plans were completed Thursday by George M. Mann, movie magnate, for an Open Air Drive-In Theatre in Ukiah, to be ready for the public in the spring. Mr. Mann plans an investment of about \$100,000, which indicates expert faith in the continued growth and progress of this section for some years ahead. Experts estimate that there will be 35,000 people in this area in the next ten years.

Moore and Roberts out at Talmadge State Hospital are pushing their job every way possible to beat the rains. Brother Rocchi Venti is on the Ross Carrier, and Gene Learnard is running the Repair Department.

Pug Hastings over at Lakeport has four outfits busy leveling land. Looks like he has all the land-leveling work in that area tied up. He has been working 10 hours, 6 days a week. Brother George Leigh is pulling the levers on Clarence Bullard's drag-line, digging sump holes for irrigation purposes.

Cecil Moore has a rental job for the State at Lock-Loman, with Brother Bill Johnson doing the operating.

Siri and King's job on Cobb Mt. is practically shut down for the winter.

King and Bierman, at Cloverdale, finished up their dam job. They are now working two rigs down by Russian River in Cloverdale. They haven't received the go-ahead sign yet on their logging road job by Boonville.

Valley Trenching Co. is putting the finishing touches on their job at Healdsburg, beating the rains.

A. R. McEwen job on Highway 28, south of Boonville, is shut down until spring. They still have the paving to do in the spring.

Judson Pacific and Murphy bridge job at Salinan Creek already to start setting the steel just as soon as it arrives from San Francisco.

R. B. Cunningham of Fort Bragg is working on a subdivision job just north of Fort Bragg when the weather permits. He also is going into the aggregate business, stockpiling material at his yard. He should do all right as there is no other company in that line in Fort Bragg.

It looks like the rains have set in up here, just like they have in other areas, which means practically all work will slow down. It happens that way every year, but the dear brothers figure construction work should keep right on operating, which it doesn't. Maybe somebody will figure out some way to do it and then we won't have to worry about our last summer's wages.

I want to wish all the brothers a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

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A man who doesn't know his own mind hasn't missed much.

Fresno—

61 MILES OF BIG VALLEY CANAL
SET TO GO; HIGHWAY JOBS SLOWBy H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE
Business Representatives, Local 3

The advance Construction Bulletin of the Bureau of Reclamation shows more work slated for this district both on the Friant Kern Canal and the Delta Mendota Canal. Invitations will be issued about December 20 for a 3-mile portion of the distribution system at Lindsay and within the next two months a total of 80 miles of concrete pipelines will be let within the Lindmore Irrigation District. These will be the first contracts let for distribution within Local Union No. 3's territory.

70 Job Deaths
During November

A total of 70 deaths (preliminary report) was reported to the Division of Labor Statistics and Research in September. This is the largest number of fatalities for a single month since November 1947, when the loss of 79 lives was recorded. For the first nine months of this year fatalities totaled 495, the same number as in the corresponding period a year ago.

Vehicular accidents were responsible for 35 of the 70 work fatalities this month. Nine agricultural workers were killed in a single accident when the truck in which they were being transported collided with another truck and tipped over. The driver of the truck in which the men were riding had no license, and the brakes of his vehicle were defective.

Trench and ditch cave-ins claimed the lives of three workers. Two men died when the side of an unshored 5-ft. 6-in. ditch collapsed. In the second accident a cribber was killed when a section of the wall caved in as he was installing shoring braces in a trench 12 feet deep.

Two men died in accidents involving elevators. A maintenance man was killed when he put his head in the hoistway at the same time an assistant released the safety device. Due to slack in the hoisting cable, the elevator slid down and crushed him. In the second case, a building watchman forced open a closed hoistway door, believing the car to be at that floor, and fell into the open shaft.

An oil-well driller was killed when one anchor of a gin pole derrick failed to hold. A crew of three men was pulling up tubing when one of the guy line anchors buried 5 feet underground pulled out. The derrick mast toppled over, striking one of the crew.

A rigger in the woods fell 50 feet to his death when the pass line by which he was being lowered to the ground became disengaged from the hoist. The pass line was connected to the drum line with an open hook from which it became disengaged.

A powderman and a driller on a construction job were killed by a rock slide. The men were working about 75 feet above ground when the slide started. Safety of the rock formation above had been questioned by the foreman, but work proceeded, nevertheless.

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Tall Pheasant Story

Many hunting stories from our brother engineers this time of the year. Bro. Walt Medinas of Pacheco comes up with one about pheasants in his district being so wary of a gun that he saunters along a road with a club and whacks 'em over the head. Well?

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Swinerton & Walberg were low bid on the new state capitol annex at Sacramento, \$5,866,300.

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A man rushed up to the bookmaker and placed a \$5 bill on a 20-to-1 shot. The horse won, and the bookie gave the bettor \$105 in \$5 bills. The man examined every bill very carefully, which made the bookmaker angry.

"What's the matter, mister? Afraid of counterfeits?"

"No, not at all. I just wanted to make sure the one I gave you wasn't here."

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Marriage is something a woman tries when the wolf whistles grow farther and farther apart.

Bids will be opened on Dec. 13th on the next 17-mile section of the Friant Kern Canal; this is the split job we have been talking about; 4 miles within the jurisdiction of Local No. 3 and the balance in Kern County.

Invitations to bid will be issued on the last section of 18 miles of the Delta-Mendota Canal on or about Dec. 23rd. This will mean that in the early spring we will have under contract and partially under construction approximately 61 miles of this canal. Should be jobs for some of the Brothers here this coming SPRING.

Highways Slow

Highway construction in the district at the present time is at a standstill with the exception of two small jobs in the Los Banos area. There is, as yet, no sign of activity by the Heintz Company on Highway 180.

Information coming to us concerning the Pine Flat Dam is that small preliminary work will be started sometime in January but that it will be 90 days or more thereafter before any amount of people will be employed on the project.

On the San Joaquin river the Bechtel Co.-Morrison Knudsen Co. job, we have had considerable trouble this past month over jurisdictional problems. Somewhat to our surprise was the attitude of a few of our members, who seem to be anxious to give away work rightfully belonging to the International Union of Operating Engineers and this in view of the largest out-of-work list that we have had in this district in years.

The trenching machine companies in the district seem to be keeping fairly busy and it's been called to our attention that some laxness, so far as working rules are concerned, are being practiced by some of the brothers. It may be well for all of you to get a copy of the working rules in printed form from this office.

Members employed is the various gravel plants report a slowing down but no lay-offs anticipated.

Before the next issue of the news is sent out we will have moved our offices to 631 Kearney Blvd., right off West Fresno Street and A Street. It is our opinion that the brothers will be well satisfied with the new location as there will be no parking problem and easy accessibility without an abundance of traffic.

May we in the Fresno Office—PETE, LYNN and JO—wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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Two sailors went into a boxing arena where \$50 was being offered to anyone standing up to the professional pug for three rounds.

One of the sailors volunteered to enter, with his companion as his second. At the end of two rounds the sailor was badly bruised and bleeding and very disinclined to continue the bout.

"Don't be silly," said his pal. "He hasn't laid a finger on you yet."

"Well, watch that referee then," the bruised battler said gloomily. "I'm sure getting it from someone."

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Women are not deceitful. They let men deceive themselves.

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John Brown told me about the fellow who staggered up and inquired, "Shay, c'n ya tell me where to find Alcoholics Anonymous?"

"Do you want to join?" Brown asked.

"Nope, I wanna resign."

Report from Oakland Office

By JUD MINZER

Business Representative, Local 39

However enlightened and skillful a Business Representative may be, he cannot embrace all the details of the life of an organization. Such endeavors exceed the powers of a mere Business Agent, when he attempts unaided to create and set in motion certain machineries. He must submit to an imperfect result or exhaust himself in fruitless effort for whatever comes to pass.

Had it not been for the Brothers of the Alameda County Stationary Engineers who kept faith, believing in Local 39, paying their dues when every Trades Craft called them suckers and as a result of this staunch support, we were able to represent the engineers in negotiations with the Alameda County Board of Supervisors for a wage increase, effective as of December 22, 1949. Now we are wondering if the unrepresented engineers are going to continue riding the gravy train and continue their stupid scoffing. You fellows would feel absurd if the men of Local 39 joined your ranks of "get it for free". If in years to come, there were no Union representation in battling for wage increase—what then? Supposing, and it is possible, that next year the County Powers thought it wise to lop a couple of dimes off your present scale—What say you then? How about an all out 100 per cent support of the outfit that is instrumental in establishing and maintaining a wage scale for you.

Following is the scale established in the County:

Deputy Chief Engineer \$421.00.
Deputy Engineer \$341.00.
Bldg. Sr. Engineer \$379.00.
Bldg. Engineer \$341.00.
Bldg. Asst. Engineer \$308.00.

Institutions and all the hospitals, a wage increase similar to the Deputies and Building engineers. These increases are flat.

A Direct Question

You fellows on the Bridges and the Power Tube, whose feeble committee Representation attempted to undermine our determined request for the increase that we now enjoy—What weapons have you to combat your apparent wage capitulation when the State takes over? The Broadway Low Level Tunnel engineers are receiving \$277.00 per. This office will be happy to learn the method of proving to the California State Civil Service survey that pushing a button on a bridge or a tube requires more skill than a button in a tunnel. Face facts, you Civil Service career men and awaken to the naked truth that the elective boys recognize and do outwardly respect organized labor for its power and its votes, and that Local 39 is definitely a "main stay" in labor. Frankly stating—there is no security in Civil Service without representation.

ATTENTION! OAKLAND CITY ENGINEERS! The wheels are now in motion for an added increase and the results look favorable.

OAKLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY ENGINEERS! You can expect a working agreement as well as a wage increase, in the very near future.

Contracts completed and ratified by the members of each industry, with a substantial increase and better working conditions;

Commercial office Buildings, National Biscuit, Alameda County Engineers, Standard Brands, Owens Illinois Glass, Bank of America (both in Oakland and Berkeley), Linde Air, Pacific Oxygen, E. K. Wood, Golden West Brewery and Bakeries.

Pending contracts awaiting negotiations completion:

Kraft Foods, Fluid Milk, Laundries, Holly Meat Packing Company, Oakland City Engineers, Oakland Housing Authority, Hospital Association, Permanente Foundation (including Oakland, Richmond and Vallejo), J. H. Baxter Company, Oakland Retail Stores and the Union Ice (including Papa, Vallejo, Martinez and Pittsburg) and at this writing this is only awaiting final approval of the men and the signatories. In negotiation of your various contracts, it is and will continue to be my policy that you are fully aware of the contents

and that they are properly sanctioned by all men concerned.

The Washington Street Market has joined our family of contracts. Mr. Buddy Simons, owner of the Market, is doubly proud; for a great establishment as well as the brand new son that arrived about the same time a brand new contract was signed. Let us all adopt the resolution—support the Industries that support us.

A gentle reminder: Check your shop, how many non-union men are you working with. How much apparent chiseling is there in motion; how many breeches of contracts are there, such as, taking time off for overtime. Let's start the New Year right and clean up all doubts. Miss Dougherty will be only too happy to relay beefs to me, so that I can properly serve you. I'll be most happy to exercise the power we have and will not hesitate to take it before the Executive Board for an honest airing, requesting only a conclusive proof.

EXAMPLE ON THE ABOVE: A Chief engineer in one of the companies was cited before the Executive Board for discharging two brothers. On examinations, it was found that he was not only incompetent as an engineer but he attempted to hand his sins on the discharged brothers. Imagine charging ignorance and incompetence to a man who has installed reefer plants, from the Blue Print stage into operation; to another, who holds a couple re-issues of a Chief Engineers Marine license, as a incompetent steam man. The Board invested Brother Derby with the power to place these men back on the job. At this writing, I am not aware of that Chief's improvement as an engineer, but can safely state he is a better book member.

Your Business Agent does enjoy working for 99 and 9/10th of the members, but that 1/10th is rough. They are the minority that remain impossible to serve. However, being in the minority, they create the bad taste that makes it easy for an employer to lose confidence in an organization. Since this group follows the general pattern of refusing to take orders, final result—services are no longer required. Then they come screaming that they have been wronged. Being the usual second and third rounders with a reputation that precedes their applications they raise super shouting that a Business Representative cannot place them on a job. Thank God there are only a 1 per cent group, when a request is made for a qualified engineer. Think it over you one per centers, because the other 99 and 9/10th per cent do not admire your manner of working or the beefing.

Brothers, this could go on and on but space limits. If I continue, some member might take what was well meant advice and I might end up like ma shouted, "I've got it caught in a wringer." Not that it would be a Virgin Operation since it is in a wringer most of the time.

If any of you Brothers have any messages to be printed about other Brothers such as: Sickness, deaths, births, matrimonial difficulties or "My Baby said"—send it in and we will be only too happy to print it.

Before closing, I want to caution each of you—DO NOT SIGN THE RECALL PETITION AGAINST THE THREE COUNCILMEN, SMITH, PEASE, and WEAKLEY. These Councilmen stuck their necks out in support of Labor and the low Income Family. Labor requested them to support Permanent Housing, so that some \$40,000,000 could be spent in the City of Oakland to take care of the serious increase of unemployment and to give the American Family

Report From San Francisco

By LEO DERBY

The following companies have been notified that we wish to open the existing contracts for negotiations: Fresno Laundries, San Mateo Bridge, Sacramento Meat Companies, Schwabacher Frey Company, S. & W. Company and the National Biscuit Company of San Francisco.

At the present time we are in negotiations with the following San Francisco Companies: Euclid Candy Company, Tea Garden Products, Safeway Stores, San Francisco Laundries, McKesson & Robbins and Liquid Carbonic.

Contracts have been signed with Eng Skell, Consolidated Chemical, Hiram Walker, Schenleys, Ferry-Morse Seed Company, Retail Stores and The Johns Manville Company.

The Johns Manville contract is a joint contract with the Asbestos Workers. This gave us added strength for bargaining purposes. However, the negotiations were conducted on a very amicable and friendly basis.

There has been some trouble in Grace Brothers Brewery in Santa Rosa and Homestead Bakery in San Francisco over laying off union members for reasons that appeared to be extremely dubious. The men were put back to work in each instance. It is our opinion that the sooner some of our Chief Engineers remember that they belong to the same union as the watch engineer and the junior engineers, the better it will be for everyone.

The unemployment list is larger than it should be and we don't want new members. Our real concern, at this time, is to put our members, all of them to work.

Negotiations on the laundries and fluid milk industry are not progressing very much.

May we urge all the chief engineers, when purchasing supplies, to patronize the firms who advertise on the Engineers' Directory. The proceeds derived from this Directory are used for the very worthy cause of keeping up the standing of our members who are sick or have been injured during the time they are incapacitated. We feel the advertisers on our Directory are entitled to the full support of our members.

Attending meetings in Sacramento, Stockton, Modesto, Oakland, and San Jose constitutes my report for this period.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere wishes to our members for a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous and healthy New Year.

a proper dwelling in which to raise their families.

The carriers of these petitions are completely ignorant when they state, and I quote, "That the operation is Socialistic, the Councilmen being Commies, which in itself is a slanderous statement, and that people will be forced to vacate their homes at a sacrificial price." All of those statements are false and without foundation. Briefly explaining: The City Council's resolution was, that permanent housing was to be erected where temporary Housing units now are and which now belong to the Oakland Housing Authority, and upon vacant and government owned land. The local Oakland Housing Authority mean to adhere to that resolution. I defy any man to question that statement and I repeat, there will be no forcing of any person from their dwellings.

I repeat—SUPPORT Councilmen Smith, Pease and Weakley. **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.**

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Northern section of the "super-inch" gas pipeline running from Milpitas, Calif., to oil fields in Texas and New Mexico is nearing completion under Bechtel Corp. The first 80-mile stretch runs from Milpitas to Llanada, 30 miles south of Hollister.

STATIONARY ENGINE

Minutes of the executive board

STATIONARY ENGINEERS 39

November 25, 1949

OPENING: Meeting was called to order by President F. O. Brantley at 2 p.m.

Prior to the roll call, Councilman Joseph Smith of Oakland addressed the Board on the losses in industrial accident cases, due to lack of knowledge of the law, and offered to represent the Union for \$1.00 per year per member.

ROLL CALL: Roll was called and absentees noted.

READING OF THE MINUTES: Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Board were read and accepted.

Minutes of the various councils were read, noted and ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS: Resolution sponsored by the Santa Clara County Labor Council regarding Public Housing, read and concurred in by the Board.

Several communications from the San Francisco Labor Council were read and ordered filed.

Communication from Veteran's Hospital Christmas Committee noted and ordered filed.

Communication from Inland Boatman's Union, requesting donation, Motion carried to donate \$25.00.

Communication from Union Label Christmas Party Committee, requesting donation. Motion carried to donate \$10.00.

Communication from Municipal Improvement League thanking the organization for the support in passing Charter Amendment "F" read, and ordered filed.

Letter from Tuberculosis Association of San Francisco and San Mateo requesting donation. Motion carried to return the seals.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: List of transfers, Initiations, Withdrawals and Suspensions read by the Secretary and concurred in by the Board.

The following contracts, which were signed since the last meeting of the Board, were concurred in: Syndicate Building, Oakland; Union Ice Company, Mt. View; Grace Bros. Brewery, Santa Rosa; Pacific Manufacturers, San Jose; Langendorf Bakerys, San Jose; Sunlite Bakery, San Jose; Salinas Dressed Beef Company, Salinas; San Francisco Hotels, San Francisco; Linde Air Products, Oakland; El Dorado Brewery, Stockton; J. B. Hill Grain Company, Fresno; California Oxygen, Sacramento; Dried Fruit Industry, San Jose (six plants); Ferry-Morse Seed Company, San Francisco; Y. M. C. A., Sacramento; and San Francisco Retail Stores.

Brother Wolseth, Chief Engineer of Grace Brothers Brewery of Santa Rosa, was called before the Board for the purpose of investigating the turn-over of watch engineers in this plant. Brothers Ed King, E. J. Collins, William Maddox, and Charles Dombitsky appeared before the Board and gave pertinent information.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Board that Brother Wolseth was in error and that Brothers Fitch and Derby stand instructed to insist that Brother Wolseth put Brother Collins back to work, failing to accomplish this purpose, Brother Wolseth is to be cited before the Union Meeting to stand trial for conduct unbecoming a chief engineer.

Brother Collins is being reinstated in the plant as of Wednesday, December 7, 1949, so this trial will be held in abeyance pending future conduct of Brother Wolseth.

GOOD OF THE UNION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6 p.m., next meeting to be held on December 17, 1949.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. DERBY,
Secretary.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER

By C. C. FITCH

This is the fourth Xmas since the organization of Local 39 and it is my sincere wish that we may be able to make as much progress in the next four years as we have made in the past. I feel that we have taken eight local unions and welded them into one strong union, which will continue due to the bond of confidence existing between our members. Your officers and representatives could not do their jobs successfully without the support and cooperation of the membership.

However, if any member feels that he has a personal grievance, or some trouble that has not been taken care of to his satisfaction, same may be taken up with me direct at the San Francisco Office, Underhill 1-1135 or at my home, Juniper 7-8832, and every consideration will be given with the assurance that no harm will result to anyone.

At this time I wish to extend greetings for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our members and their families.

In closing, I take the liberty of quoting the message of our General President, Wm. E. Maloney, appearing in the November issue of the "Engineer":

Reports reaching the General Office frequently mention accounts of the meetings of Local Unions and the number of members attending these meetings. I am disturbed by the indications that are contained in these reports that the attendance at the majority of Local Union meetings is comparatively poor. I am suggesting to you, therefore, that you read the rest of this message very carefully.

The most important element of trade unionism is the active participation by each and every member in the affairs of the Local Union. Too many of our members are content not to attend the meetings of the Local Union, and then when the officers do something which displeases them, they come

complaining to the International about what has or has not been done. In most instances there is nothing I can do to help them. Officers of Local Unions make mistakes like anyone else and the place to make sure those mistakes don't happen is on the floor of the Local Union. The members who do not attend meetings and give the officers the benefit of their ideas are largely to blame for the mistakes of the officers.

Don't feel, however, that your point of view must always prevail. There is room for honest disagreement on most subjects, and if you are voted down after a full and open discussion, you must bow to will of the majority. That is the essence of trade unionism—the acceptance of the democratic processes and full participation in them.

I also want to caution you not to be a "sea lawyer" in your entering into the affairs of the Local Union. Our Constitution is designed to serve you and protect your rights. It is not meant to be used to stir up controversy or to be a weapon to embarrass the Local Union officers over technicalities.

Go to your Local Union meetings, air your ideas and abide by the will of the majority.

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Tommy had been away from school for some days and returned with his throat in red flannel. He presented a note:

"Please do not let Tommy learn any more French. His throat is so sore that he can hardly speak English."

ENGINEERS UNION LOCAL 39

Report for Stockton Area

By R. E. McCARTHY

Business Representative, Stationary Engineers, Local 39

The last plant on my route is Armour Company at Turlock, while there last week posting notices of the coming meeting in Gustine, I ran into Brother Lee Collins, the Chief, right away he pulls out a big red handkerchief and starts to bawl about the troubles of a Chief Engineer, when the machinery breaks down at night he has to get out of bed and go fix it. Serves him right for learning so much about it in his younger days. The only consolation I could give him was that he could be worse off by being a Business Representative then he could of taken off and aviated in first class shape. Finally got him quieted down and turned around to see two grinning Hyenas watching us, Bro. Frank Mueser and Lee Hollis, told Lee he had better wring his handkerchief out and put it back into his pocket as it looked like he was attracting attention.

From here I went to Modesto and had lunch, then decided that I had better go out to the Stanislaus Hospital and see if the boilers were still in place, naturally the trip was to collect dues, and believe me when a person is around this bunch of short change artists one must watch himself pretty close. Bro. Wallace was busy ditching his wallet and told me he was broke, Bro. Peterson being paid in advance, didn't pay any attention to me. I sat down at the desk and started looking at the gangs' dues books and I ran across a printed book dealing with the County pay scales. As these books are in fine print and heavy with figures, and in all probability too heavy for these peanut shells to absorb, on the back sheets of the book revealed these interesting figures.

Reeser, stolen base; Jorgensen, 2 bagger; Duke Snyder, base hit; Robinson, flied out; Rizzuto, bunted out; Henrichs, bunted out, Berra, these figures did not show, but it could be because the boiler might have popped about that time and who ever was keeping score had to go to work. Anyway, Pete blamed Brother Wallace for messing up this important document. Personally, I have my own suspicions.

School Boilers

Have been doing some work in the operation of School Boilers throughout the San Joaquin County Safety Council, and have certainly been learning some things about boiler operation that I never knew existed. If the parents of these school children could only be made to realize the potential danger of boilers, I bet they would insist on the school board putting people to work who had some idea of what they were doing on these jobs. Realizing that it would never pay to put full time Engineers on these jobs and that there would be other duties to perform, I see no reason why these school custodians don't join our Union Local No. 39, and be taken under the guidance of the membership of the Local and attend the classes for steam engineers and have the Business Agents of the Local set up a decent wage scale for them. The thing that gets me hot about the whole situation is the fact that one school superintendent claims that the men were given rigid training under State Licensed engineers. My first question is where and who are these so called State Licensed Engineers? And, second, after seeing the condition of some of the appurtenances to the boilers just where do they get their training? It is just the same old gag of not wanting the men to belong to a nasty old labor union, because those old Business Agents want them to pay a decent wage scale. I realize that a Labor Union is supposed to be made up of a bunch of sore heads, etc., who do not have brains enough to come in out of the rain, always demanding more wages and better conditions for the working man. I had hopes of organizing these custodians temporarily employed at Borden's

easy way but if they want it the other way around that can be done, too.

About Licenses

Funny thing when Brother (Tarheel) Campbell was attending a License Law hearing in Fresno, recently they ran into a couple of guys who claimed that they were licensed engineers and were licensed by the State of California and they did not need a license law in Fresno. Maybe they are the guys that are going around training the school custodians. Mark, before you let these guys out of your territory please do me a favor, tell them what a water gauge glass is for and how it should be taken care of, because on most of the school boilers up here I found them frozen, in other words you could not blow them down to find the proper water level. Better still keep them down there it will be a lot less work for me.

Brother Art Hammill, engineer at the Tesla Portal chlorinating plant on the Hetch Hetchy water line seems to have run into a little bad luck, while showing some visitors around the plant he fell and broke his arm. Brother Tom Phillips and myself drove down the other day and found him grouchy as ever.

Brother Monroe Gassoway, employed at the McCormick Baxter Company fell off a pile of logs and broke both heels, will be laid up at least six months.

Brother L. K. Baumgardner, employed at the Tracy Ice and Development at Tracy, broke his foot. He will also be laid up for a spell.

Brother Elzie Moore, employed at the McCormick Baxter Co. hurt his back, he is out of the hospital, but still confined at home.

2 Kids, 2 Broke Arms

It's tough to have a child break an arm, but it was still tougher for Bro. Charlie McCaffery of San Rafael, whose two little girls fell out of a tree and each landed with a broken arm. Worse yet, both breaks were improperly set, and had to be broken again. But they are coming along fine now.

Be sure your car is in good mechanical condition.

Report from Sacramento

By R. A. OUGHTON

Business Representative, Local 39

Contracts being negotiated: Sacramento Laundries, Sacramento Dairies, Senator Hotel, H. C. Muddox Company, Milk Manufacturing Plants (Upper Valley), Sacramento Valley Meat Packers and the A. D. Atterbury Company, Yuba City.

News Items: Brother Larry and Mrs. Cox are expecting the stork. They are hoping for a girl. Well, we're hoping right along with them. Nothing like getting what you want.

Brother Charles Murray, formerly of Oakland, is doing a swell job at the Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nevada.

Brother Harvey Humason is now working at his first steady job since he left the Merchant Marine. He has taken over engineer's duties at the Palace Laundry. Brother Claude Baldrige has been promoted to Chief at the laundry replacing Brother Al Stephens who quit to put in some time at a Mining Claim which he has.

Brother Howard Guest has taken a steady job at the Old Home Bakery. He is on the Sanitary Engineers crew.

Brother Bert Jacoway, formerly temporarily employed at Borden's

News Items from The Fresno Area

By M. G. CAMPBELL
Representative, Local 39

It was recommended to the City Commission they adopt a City Safety Ordinance, which was sponsored by Commissioner Carey and seconded by Mayor Gordon Dunn. The final vote was 2 for and 2 against said ordinance. The fifth commissioner being absent, the requirement for passage had to be a majority, therefore, it was lost.

By a strange coincidence the safety engineers who would have been the most qualified to testify on the proposed safety ordinance were out of the city.

The large number of persons in attendance at the hearing to oppose the ordinance indicates that this opposition was no spontaneous expression of interested citizens. It indicates a planned campaign based on anti-union propaganda not based on facts.

I am wondering if either one of those commissioners who voted against the proposed safety ordinance were to lose one of their family or possibly be crippled for life due to an unsafe boiler condition, if their vote would be the same?

My guess is they would oppose any similar safety ordinance if they thought they might lose a vote at election time.

I note Mayor Dunn did not overlook organized labor when he appointed Jerry Viele as a police commissioner. Brother Jerry Viele is a projectionist and has been very active in organizing the Fresno Union Post No. 687, of the American Legion. He is on his third year as commander and is doing a wonderful job. There is no doubt he will make an excellent police commissioner.

On my last trip to the Fresno Ice Arena I hardly recognized the place. Brother Kennedy claims the power bill is too high, so he built an extension on the building and is installing a diesel generator which he figures will cut their power bill five or six hundred dollars per month. He also informs me he intends to put in an entire new floor before next season.

Brothers don't forget your next regular meeting on December 27, 1949. Indication are something special is coming up.

Our new offices will be located at 631 Kearny Blvd., sometime the latter part of this month, for sure by the first of the year. Our telephone number will be the same.

Report from San Jose Office

By RICHARD A. CHRISTIANSEN
Business Representative, Local 39

Another month has past and no doubt we all enjoyed Thanksgiving. At least we hope so. We survey the work undertaken, noting our failures and successes, if any. We do not stop working if we have not succeeded in our efforts but strive to conquer our shortcomings and take on new courage and fight on.

During the month of November, have to state that it seemed to have quite a number of ups and downs; and while some seem to have temporarily stymied us, we will continue carrying on the fight until we win. We had difficulty with the Union Ice plants, one in San Jose and the other at Watsonville Junction. At the latter, it was a case of interpreting a clause in the contract. A legal interpretation passed on through our San Francisco office would lead one to believe that the clause of "five days constitute a work week" included holidays therein, although not specifically provided to be paid for were they not worked. The matter will now be a definite issue in our next contract. We gain knowledge as we go and I believe

each contract will be better and I hope the language will be clearer too. I can assure the members that every effort was made by both Bro. C. C. Fitch and myself to have pay for holidays granted. The company was willing to give employees, when needed, work on the sixth day at straight time rate in order to enable the employee to have a 40-hour week.

REINSTATE MEMBER

At San Jose, an employee discharged for insufficient cause was reinstated. That can be done when both the men and the chief engineer work harmoniously and efficiently.

At one other concern, a change in personnel was made. However, another union man took the place.

On the sick list we have Bros. Dunn, Williams, Davis and Orr.

Unemployed engineers, six. Meetings were held by Local 39 in San Jose and Salinas. While but few attended, meetings were of interest to all. At Salinas it was decided that inasmuch as the December meeting would fall on the 21st, no meeting would be held until in January of 1950.

Have attended all meetings of the Central Labor Council at San Jose, consisting of two regular meetings and two specially called meetings. Also two meetings with the negotiating committee for the Fluid Milk Industry, and our regular monthly Executive Board meeting in San Jose, and a specially called meeting in San Francisco.

Negotiations are still being carried on for the Crown By-Products Co. and the hotels. Not very encouraging to date. We hope soon to conclude the negotiations.

May I respectfully extend an invitation especially to the members of Local 39 at Salinas to visit our San Jose meeting on December 20. We will serve refreshments, so your ride home won't be too long. I believe you will enjoy the evening.

Also, in conclusion, Christmas is nearly here and I am taking the opportunity to extend to you and yours my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and my appreciation for having the opportunity to serve you. I shall continue to serve you to the best of my ability. I would most respectfully ask, however, that you attend your meetings.

MEETING NOTICES FOR JANUARY 1950

1st Tues., San Francisco, January 3
2nd Tues., Sacramento, January 10
2nd Wed., Stockton, January 11
2nd Thursday, Modesto, January 12
3rd Monday, Oakland, January 16
3rd Tuesday, San Jose, January 17
3rd Wednesday, Salinas, January 18
4th Tuesday, Fresno, January 24
4th Sat., Exec. Board, January 28.

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"Does the foreman know that the trench has fallen in?" asked the contractor.

"Well, sir," replied the workman, "we're digging him out to tell him."

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"Jack," asked one of the visiting sportsmen of an Arkansas hunter, "do you think that mail-order outfit of yours helps you to get more bears?"

"You're dern tootin' it does!" rejoined the veteran hunter.

"How so?" he was asked.

"Well," said Jack, "when they bears see me dressed up like a dude from Memphis they decide right away that I couldn't hit the side of a barn at 10 paces, and that, anyhow, I'm pretty sure to be too drunk to do any shootin' a' tall. So they just don't pay no attention to me. I'm able to shoot 'em at point-"

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ANSWER THIS ONE

Willie: "Mama says we're here to help others."

Baby Sitter: "Of course we are."

Willie: "Well, what are the others here for?"

crawling around like a snail these days, please don't attribute it to old age—just the fog.

At the Business Agents' meeting in San Francisco on November 21, 1949, we had a visit from our General President, William Maloney. He gave all the boys a pep talk. He doesn't get out on the Coast very often so we were all very happy to meet with him and exchange views on working conditions throughout the country. I'll see you all at the next regular Union meeting. How about it?

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Benicia, Calif.

Dairy, is now steadily employed at the Crystal Creamery.

Brother Woodrow Flynn is now working at the Home Milk Company.

Brother Norman Fisher is employed steady at the Pureta Sausage Company, replacing Brother Kenny Thomas who took a withdrawal to go farming.

Brother Anthony Trn is employed at the Senator Hotel, replacing Brother Cooper Patterson who went into business for himself in Santa Cruz and is out on a withdrawal card.

Sick List: Stuart MacDonald, Harold Hickox, Paul Law, James Kennedy, Cal Garey, Dan Hollenbeck. I hear that Brother Arch Orr has not been too well of late, either.

Engineers out of work: Eight. One new member. Just because yours truly is

San Francisco

FRISCO JOBS SLOW BUT LARGE PROGRAM IS SET FOR NEW YEAR

By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ
Business Representatives, Local 3

Work conditions in this area are very slow, with a large unemployed list to face every day. There has been sufficient contracts awarded here to take care of the unemployed but most of the work will not start until after the first of the year. In fact, the outlook for the new year in all of Local No. 3's jurisdiction is very promising, there has been more contracts awarded and the total exceeds any prior year in our history, with the exception of the war years.

Dinwiddie Construction job at Parkmerced is in full progress with all of the material hoists in operation; six truck crane crews and compressor generators. This job will run for several months yet before the concrete work is done. The plastering work will have to be completed after that.

M. & K. Corp. have about completed the Lake Merced tunnel job; they were the successful bidders on the addition to the present tunnel on which they will start work very shortly.

Ben C. Gerwick piledriving job at Lake Merced is practically finished, very few piles left to drive.

MacDonald Young & Nelson and M. & K. North Point sewer treating plant job is in full swing with several of the brothers busy on the project.

M. & K. Corp. North Beach sewer treating plant job is still in the heavy construction stage; several rigs are busy on the project handling materials, concrete, etc.

Judson Pacific Company is busy hanging steel on the Islais Creek bridge. Duncanson & Harrelson are the prime contractors on this job and have about completed the foundation work.

Swinerton & Walbergs two building jobs on the Standard Oil Annex Building and Mt. Zion Hospital are still in progress, with all of the brothers staying by their jobs.

Freeway Progress

Chas. Harney Company is busy on the new Freeway, most of the dirt moving having been completed, except for the fills that will have to be finished after the concrete work on the overpasses is done. All of the pile driving for overpass foundation work has been completed. The brothers in the shop are busy on all types of heavy repair work. The Lake Street sewer job is about completed.

Eyman-Michaels and Ken Royce Company yards are both busy repairing and conditioning surplus machinery; a large force of our brother Engineers are busy in these two places.

Granite Construction Company has started on the Alemany overpass job at El Camino Real. Some of the excavation work has already been done.

Personal Touch

The activity is nil and void on the foreign fronts—that is as far as the construction work is concerned. The report of last month showed that a number of our brothers have been signing applications with Bechtel but up to that date we had not heard of any of those who had signed going out. At the writing of this article, with the exception of those who may have gone and have not informed us, just one member is on his way and he is going to Arabia as a shovel runner. Wayne E. McBride is the member that we are referring to and Wayne has signed a contract for 18 months and expects to stay and complete it. Good luck, Wayne—Don't forget to bring back plenty of the "green stuff".

It's kind of discouraging for those of you who want to go overseas at the present time for there is hardly a thing doing unless you have the "ins" with some contractor who has work out of the country and you contact that contractor on your own accord.

A short time ago we received a letter from Roy Carpenter who has recently returned, after being surplused out, from Afghanistan where he had been working with M&M. We didn't see Roy down this way for on returning to the mainland he headed for Seattle to visit some of his friends. He asked

us to say hello to all of his friends and to let them know that he is now on his way to Monrovia, Liberia, and is working with Raymond Concrete Pile Co. Our guess is that if you know the right person, and can do the work, there is always a chance to go somewhere. How about it Roy? The next time you set foot on the mainland, drop in and say hello, and in the meantime take it easy and take care of yourself. Thanks for the letter and don't forget to write again.

Raymond Adams was in the office a while back and plunked down 80 fish and said to apply that on his dues. He is now paid up until the middle of 1951. Ray has decided to go out to sea for a while so he thought that he had better get ahead on his dues a little before going out. (If more of the brothers did likewise instead of trying to take a withdrawal card every time they went off for a few months, it would be a lot easier for all concerned.) When you have had your fill of the sea, Roy, don't feel a bit backwards about putting your name on the out-of-work list.

At the present time we have 11 pints of blood credited to our account at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank. This is the best that it has been for some time, but it still isn't enough to insure this union in complying with all of the requests that may come in. We have been very fortunate lately in not having any requests for blood but many things could happen and we would like to be able to say at all times that there is plenty of blood for anyone who may need it. This month only one member has gone to the Blood Bank and donated his blood—BILL RANEY is this man and we want to thank you Bill for taking the time and giving your blood. If anyone else would like to donate some blood, please feel free to call the S.F. office and we will be glad to make all of the arrangements for you.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION — I WILL GO TO THE IRWIN MEMORIAL BLOOD BANK AND DONATE AT LEAST ONE PINT OF BLOOD DURING THIS COMING YEAR.

Being as this is the last issue of the Engineers News for the year 1949, the San Francisco Office at this time would like to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and the most PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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Sam Carelli in Coronet told of taking his little daughter to visit a friend's farm where for the first time she saw cows, chickens and pigs. Carelli said he was in the house talking with his friend when his daughter burst in.

"Daddy," she cried, "some of the little pigs have knocked down a big pig and are chewing the buttons off his vest."

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Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

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At a college examination a professor asked: "Does the question bother you?"

Replied the student: "Not a bit, sir; but I'm having a lot of trouble with the answer."

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"Pop, what does it mean when it says a man attends a convention as a delegate-at-large?"

"That means his wife wasn't along."

Said the actress to the actress: That's my new leading man. And frankly, I don't know for sure that I care for where he's trying to lead me.

Peninsula

To Open Bids on One-Yr. \$3,500,000 Job at S. F. Airport

By CHET ELLIOTT
Business Representative, Local 3

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is advertising for bids on the \$3,500,000 construction job on the San Francisco Airport, which will be opened the first week of January, 1950. Along with the extensive grading operations connected with this work, the job calls for pipelines to be constructed, 400,000 tons of crushed rock to be laid, and 100,000 tons of asphalt paving. These operations will run throughout the coming year and provide a long term of employment for 150 to 200 members of Local No. 3.

The Sperry & McCue Company, contractors, with headquarters at Milbrae, are rapidly expanding and at the present time are operating street grading and paving jobs in Milbrae; paving jobs in San Mateo for the Parrot Estate Company, resurfacing work at Greenhill Country Club, grading for Barrett & Hilp in San Mateo, and paving work in Half Moon Bay. Brother McCue along with Brother Keyes are supervising these projects and Brothers Gill, O'Brien, Benedetti, Haddock are operating the cats, blades, rollers, etc.

Barbentini Company has moved into Colma with a string of cats on a street grading and paving job with Brother Jack McGuire in charge. This firm also has a job in South San Francisco—Brothers Durst, Evans, Murphy, Hall and Barbentini are doing the operating of equipment on these jobs.

San Mateo is the scene of great activity in apartment house building construction. At the present time J. Bettencourt, Dinwiddie Company, Barrett & Hilp, Wm. C. Smith and Williams & Burrows are busily engaged in erecting over 20 million-dollar building projects along El Camino Real and other parts of the city. These various projects provide work for many operating engineers.

On the Shoreview Real Estate Development and Land Reclaiming fill job in San Mateo, contractors Frank Smith, Bragato Bros., Chas. Berger and L. C. Smith with six shovels and a large fleet of trucks and cats are operating at full capacity trying to move as much dirt as possible before the heavy rains set in.

J. O. Archibald with a string of 18 cats and jeeps, who has been grading for the large salt beds for Leslie Salt Company at Belmont and Redwood City has been forced to temporarily suspend operations on his work due to the nature of dirt involved... this is all dredged-in land and is very difficult to work except during the dry season; however, Olie has managed to put practically all of his equipment to work on other jobs throughout the county.

The Macco crushing plant at Brisbane, is getting active after a short period of idleness and have been able to put some of our worthy brothers back to work.

The Skyline quarry, operated by contractors Keeble & Brown, have suspended operations and have a crew of engineers busy dismantling the crushing plant. "Brownie" Brown is busy searching for a new location to set the plant up again in order to resume operations... The Whipple Road quarry, Rockaway quarry, Ken Royce, Peter Sorenson and A. & B. quarries are still enjoying a brisk and healthy business.

Although there are two huge construction projects practically ready to begin operations in this district, your representative does not look forward to very much activity on either of them until the heavy rains are over.

In closing this report I take this

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Engineers
Architects
Draftsmen

By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

It looks like the Carpenters are attempting to make an issue of the Technical Engineers jurisdiction. It has long been the policy of that group to keep the Technical Engineering field in a state of disorganization. Past attempts to organize this field have always met with total resistance of the same group... for years we were barred from the Building Trades Councils, and in every show-down with the employers, a Carpenters' representative would be at hand to testify against our organization.

Housing Tories Hot in Oakland

(State Fed. Release)

Real estate hysteria reached a new peak in Oakland last week when the so-called Committee for Home Protection launched a recall drive against three city councilmen because they sought to bring low-cost housing to the community.

The Oakland City Council, like some 30 other local governing bodies in California, recently voted to effect a federal loan to cover proposed construction of 3000 low-rent public housing units.

Such loans are allowed under the new Federal Housing Act passed by the 81st Congress as a vital part of the Truman Fair Deal program.

The Oakland real estate powers are directing their attack on Councilmen Scott Weakley, Raymond E. Pease, and Joseph Edward Smith, three of the five councilmen who voted for the loan application.

Councilmen Douglas Sweeney and Frank Youell, who also voted for the measure, are not eligible for recall because they have not served six months in their present term of office. Oakland has nine councilmen.

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Bakersfield Unions Stop Libel Suit

Retail Clerks Union No. 137 and Butchers Local No. 193 of Bakersfield, both A. F. of L., have signed a dispute settlement agreement with the Joe & Lewis Market, under which principal picketing objectives are granted and a pending \$35,000 libel suit will be dismissed.

The Bakersfield Superior Court had previously denied an anti-picketing injunction, and twice sustained the unions' demurrers to the complaint that signs used in picketing activities were "defamatory." Labor attorneys Robert W. Gilbert and Charles P. Scully represented the Retail Clerks and the Butchers' locals, respectively, in the recent court action and settlement negotiations.

By the terms of the written agreement the Joe and Lewis Market has promised Butchers' Local No. 193 that it will not sell fresh meats outside of union store hours, and pledged to negotiate a union contract with Retail Clerks' Local 137 covering any employees which it may hire in the future. At present, the store has no employees and is operated entirely by the owners.

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Over-Road Temos Strike in Ohio

Cleveland.—Some 8,000 members of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) struck against 139 truckers represented by the Ohio Over-the-Road Employers Assn. on Nov. 20 after week-long negotiations collapsed.

The union has been seeking a pay boost of 25c hourly, a company-financed health and welfare fund and other benefits. Rejecting health and welfare demands, the employers offered a 10c hourly pay raise plus an increase of one-fourth cent a mile.

The strike, which brought long-distance trucking in the state to a halt, was originally scheduled for Nov. 17. At that time the Teamsters postponed the deadline in an effort to iron out differences.

opportunity to extend to all members of Local No. 3 a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In the past these efforts have been successful in disorganizing the Technical Engineers. It has also played a major role in blocking all attempts to strengthen labor's hand in the building trades field. We are all aware that the Engineer is the key man in any construction organization and that his attitude toward labor is many times the weighing factor in whether the job is run under good conditions or bad.

The latest drive on the part of the carpenters has met with little success for the very simple reason that the carpenter is not qualified to do the Engineer's work. The costly mistakes made by incompetent craftsmen bars them from the Engineer's work. It does, however, temporarily put a roadblock in the way of organizing and getting better conditions for the Technical Engineers, as when your business agent has to spend much of his time squabbling over minor jurisdiction it leaves little time for organizational efforts.

Conditions Good

Conditions in the construction field are good considering the time of year, with many of the big jobs at their peaks. A bright future lies ahead as the city has a big building program starting in the spring. The Housing Authorities are beginning to show signs of life—with San Francisco leading the way. The overseas work should get underway by next summer. All in all, the next two years should be busy ones for the Technical Engineers.

We are still meeting with a great deal of opposition in establishing our wage scale as the prevailing wage. It is the opinion of your business agent it will take a real issue and show-down fight to put it into effect. The petty officials and city engineers have taken it upon themselves to block all our efforts to force them to live up to the state law. This group has long been the dictators of the conditions and wages of the city and county Technical personnel and are largely responsible for the less than laborers' scale paid these classifications.

The contract with the Pacific Manufacturing Company has been reopened but the firm seems to think that they are being imposed upon when we ask for better wages and conditions. Strike sanction has been asked of the Santa Clara Building Trades Council. Sanction is being held up pending action on the part of the Pacific Manufacturing Company.

There will not be any regular Technical personnel and are large—the fourth Friday of this month. Instead a special meeting will be held on the first Friday of January.

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Editor and Publisher, which keeps a weather eye on the newspaper profession, relates each week some of the allegedly typographical errors which creep into the newspapers. The Muncie (Ind.) Star in relating the inauguration of Chaim Weizman as president of Israel, reported:

"Thousands of spectators lining Jerusalem's streets cheered and wet for joy as they viewed the procession."

But the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times went even further. In a classified ad, under "Antiques and Restorations," it said:

"Figures & Busts Reduced. Sensation reduction of other things. Imported old bags at your own prices."

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Asked to name the four seasons, a little Virginia girl in grammar school wrote: "Squerl, rabbit, groundhog and poid cat seasons."

Sacramento—

CAPITOL BLDG. BID IS \$5,866,300; SNOW SLOWS MOUNTAIN JOBS

By E. P. PARK and H. S. CLARK, Business Reps., Local 3
Conditions in the Sacramento area remain practically the same as reported last month. There has been very little turn-over and most of the brothers signing on the "out of work" list have been those whom the weather has forced off of jobs to the north and east of here.

(See report on Job Conference on page 1.)

Ritcher and Darrough resumed operations on their Bear Valley job after a short shut-down due to snow conditions. It is problematical as to how long they can continue to operate before another storm hits but while they are still rolling, Brother "Pappy" Schmidt and Bill Ritcher are keeping approximately 20 of the brothers busy. Brother D. Gallenbusch, as master mechanic, has several of the boys on repair work.

The Stolte job at Grass Valley keeps rolling and Brother Chuck Lee, superintendent, and Blackie Hunt, foreman, seem to have a happy bunch. Bros. Harry Browning, Vernon Lewis, Forest Laws, C. C. Cole, L. W. Winney and George Benson make up the crew. Bro. Joe Valente, master mechanic, was up from Oakland for a day or two and seemed to enjoy that country.

In the Auburn area the Westbrook & Pope job is nearing completion and it is expected that the crews will continue to be cut down during the winter. It is just the opposite on the Brown & Brennan job. It is expanding and Brother H. Jordan and Jack MacDonald, master mechanic, are among those who have recently joined the force.

The Atkinson job at Roseville still moves along with the paving almost completed, leaving just the finishing-up to be done.

Here in town the local outfits keep a lot of the brothers busy. McGillivray's job on Broadway seems to fluctuate and the other day the crew was down to Brother Al Human, foreman, and Brother Walt Langer on a roller. We found the rest of the boys out on the Jacinto tract. Foreman Brothers Merle Gardner and Al Reece with Bros. Floyd Briggs, R. C. Lawson, Frank Ordway, Bob McKelvie, Ike Gardner and Babe Hogg making up the crew.

Hitting a couple of A. Teichert's jobs, we found Brother Jack Perkins as foreman with Bros. C. L. Johnson and R. T. Smith on the blade working on the Davis campus. Out on the H street road job, Bros. M. E. Pratt on the blade, O. P. Jacobs on the cat and Harry Nitche on the roller were busy making sub-grade. In the "cat" shop, Bros. Leo McDaniel, A. Andregg, T. Davis, A. R. Bradbury, Glen Roberts, H. J. Zehnle and H. Teal were hard at it overhauling some of the cast-iron wonders.

Supt. Bro. Slim Alt has the H. Earl Parker job out on Cache Creek on a two-shift basis again with Bros. Charlie Rowe and Ralph Furlong as shifters. Bro. Slim Storey took a couple of weeks off to do a little vacationing.

New Capitol Building

Swinerton & Walberg were the low bidders on the construction of the state capitol annex at \$5,866,300. At this writing they are just starting to move in and should be in high gear by next report time. With a little luck and good weather, Baker Bros. expect to complete that portion of this job that rain will interfere with. Then let it pour, they'll be working in sand for a couple of months.

Cannell & Losch have moved in on their water line job in Rio Linda. They have 45,000 feet to lay. Brother John Burnip is the superintendent with a crew made up of Bros. Willard Gibson, Bill Gibson, Walter Hayen, L. R. Quillan, Howard Pirtle, Royal John, M. Dougan, J. H. Briggs, S. E. Robertson and Douglas Upshaw.

Work continues on the Van Valkenberg pipeline job from Davis to Sacramento. This company has also been awarded the contract for sewer construction in Bellview Village. Their bid was in the amount of \$74,788.65 and work is expected to get underway within the next week or two. Bids were opened November 23

for improvement of the state highway near Georgetown. T. M. Montgomery of Auburn was low bidder at \$40,652.75 but due to the locale, work will not be started until next March. This company has moved south on a job near Keeler in Inyo County. Brothers Peter Christian, Johnny Zercovich, Ernie Flint, Lee Coast, Joe Thomson, H. L. Williams, Charles Lloyd and William Conner have gone with the company.

Humstant & Rosendahl have pipeline jobs going at Rio Vista, Dunnigan and Antelope. Brothers Oscar Weigelt and Leon Ackerman have moved up to Antelope on the truck crane, along with Brothers Curt Collett and S. P. Carrigan on the trenching machines.

Another small job on the Folsom dam is coming up on January 3, 1950. We will have more about this in our next report. There is nothing new to report on the Deep Water Channel at the present time. We can say, however, that money is available for work on both of these projects and additional contracts are expected to be let in the near future.

Brother L. B. "Pat" Billingsley is now able to work again following a recent appendectomy.

Brother Dean Ketcherside was down for a while with the flu.

Brother Kenneth Waldron suffered a broken ankle while on the job at Haggin Gravel last month. We hope that he will soon be able to get back on the job again.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Sacramento office.

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We can't vouch for the authenticity of this tale which comes from Britain.

Two men, photographing big game in Africa, came upon a huge elephant sitting on a jungle trail. One of them whispered: "Let's circle him and photograph him when he gets up."

As they maneuvered about the animal they ran smack into a second elephant sitting with his back to the first. The bolder of the two men walked up to the creature and demanded: "How come you two are sitting back-to-back?"

The elephant, surveying the man for a moment, rumbled: "Don't shout so—I really musn't speak; Josephine and I are playing book ends."

Employer—"Sorry, I have no job for you. I couldn't find enough work to keep you busy."

Applicant—"But you have no idea how little work keeps me busy."

Mess Sergeant: "You're not eating your fish. What's wrong with it?"

Soldier: "Long time no sea?"

Capital punishments is when a gal marries a man for his money and then finds out he's broke.

Bill Smock says that most people can drink beer just as well sitting down as they can standing up, but few people can stand up as well after they have been drinking sitting down as they can sit down after drinking beer standing up.

The head of the house approached the young man.

"Look here," he said, "you've been calling here to see my daughter for a long time now. May I ask what are your intentions?"

"Well," said the suitor, "I had hoped to become an addition to your family."

"Let me tell you," was the reply, "there's nothing doing in addition. You'll have to subtract."

Phil Scott is sporting a new style hair-do. He now wears it "departed" in the middle.

Eureka—

Boys Hunt Beans For Winter Feed Along North Coast

OTTO E. NEVER and
M. W. EDWARDS
Business Reps., Local 3

Reporting from the Redwood Empire, we can only repeat last month's statement—things are very quiet. It is often said that in the Spring a young man's fancy turns to love, but nobody ever mentions that in the fall a married stiff goes nuts scaring up beans for the winter.

Things in Del Norte County are quiet except for the dock being built there by popular subscription; that is progressing slowly and probably won't be finished before January 15th. After that time, we expect some activity.

Macco, Syar and Piombo are all shut down. Piombo has a little culvert work to do for the State, but that is all hand labor. Brother Tom Hull keeps his crew going at all times on bridge jobs or sub-tracts. Mercer Fraser Co. keeps a fair-sized crew going at all times on city, county, or small jobs for the different companies.

Fred J. Maurer & Son are still on the high school job as well as a small job for the Coast Guard at the Coast Guard Station. We understand that Louie Conner is bidding on jobs around San Jose and may get a job near Monterey. We can only say that we would sure hate to see Brother Louie leave this territory. He is one fair and square contractor, as well as a swell guy, to boot.

John Burman & Sons are doing some shop work but very little dirt-moving.

We recently signed a contract with the A & E Readmix at Arcata, and a second contract with Kelly & McWhorter at Fortuna, also a ready-mix concrete plant.

We have been unable to get a list of new jobs from the State as yet, but will publish them as soon as they are available.

We regret to state that Brother William Franks passed away from a stroke and was buried December 1st.

Brother Alfred Swann suffered a severe heart attack on December 7th and is confined to the General Hospital.

Work in the woods is not too bad. We have placed, or have been instrumental in placing quite a few men on jobs in the last few weeks. Some logging companies have stored their cats and moved on to yarder shows where they can work all winter. The small cat logger has to wait for the mud to dry up enough to work again, and that is tough on men trying to make a living.

The Barker Corp., which is logging in the Orick district and employs quite a few Local 3 men, is going to log and build road through the winter. McVay Logging Co. is on a yarder show and will keep busy this winter. The Jepsen outfit is also trying to move from their present operations to one where they can work a little, weather permitting.

"Buck" Crile is with a new logger and has taken some of our men with him. When they get rigged up, this child will be there to see what goes; all Local 3, I hope.

Christmas is about here, and so is the spirit, so in closing, we in the Eureka office send our greetings for a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Real Prevention

Safety posters, safety talks and literature, all are valuable but the best accident prevention training an employee can get is on his job, right at his machine.

Periodic check-up of your carburetor air cleaner by a competent mechanic is advised. Accumulated dust and dirt may cause hard starting and low gasoline mileage.

Marysville—

RAINS ARRIVE, SLOWING UP ALL WORK; FEATHER JOBS ENDING

By WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT,
Business Representatives

It looks like the rains are here at this writing and all the jobs will be hindered except the A. Till Company tunnel job, for they must have rain ere they can shut the water off in the Colgate tunnel to fill up Lake Francis near Dobbins. This job will employ ten or eleven Engineers for about 90 days or more.

The levee job of the Kelly Company above Meridian is about to get underway if the rain holds off. Haven't been able to contact this outfit as yet except by phone. There will be five cat operators and two dragline crews to start in a few days.

Butte Creek Rock Company of Chico keeps a pretty good crew of Local 3 men on a regular payroll, however, at this writing they have slowed up some, due to the regular seasonal slumps.

Central Sand & Gravel Company of Oroville are moving out to the northeast side of Oroville. They say they have better material in the new spot.

Kaiser Gravel Plant near Oro-

Four Oil Drillers Win Return Passage

(State Division Release)

Four oil drillers, who had been returned to the United States from overseas employment before completion of their contracts, made complaint that they had been discharged without valid cause and that deductions made from their wages to pay return transportation in the event that they quit were being wrongfully withheld. The employer contended that the men had quit and therefore were obligated under their contract to pay their own transportation. Although the question of violation of California wage payment laws was not involved, since the work was performed outside the state, the hiring had taken place in California and the Division therefore accepted the complaints for investigation under its authority to bring suit on claims which the Labor Commissioner deems valid and enforceable.

The facts in the case were extremely difficult to determine. Local representatives of the employer had no first-hand knowledge of the events in question and were as dependent as was the Division on such evidence as could be obtained by affidavits and other investigation by correspondence. The drillers stated that one of them had been discharged for refusing to take a truck out at night, under hazardous conditions, with defective lights, and that when the others objected they were discharged also. The employer's overseas representatives submitted affidavits to the effect that all four had quit because they were unwilling to work under conditions caused by heavy rains which had resulted in muddy and sometimes impassable roads. The men denied that there had been excessive rains or that the roads had been unduly muddy and said that they had made no objections to any conditions except dangerous ones which could have been remedied or avoided by the employer, and for which objections they were discharged.

In an effort to obtain some kind of positive evidence on one side or the other, the Division communicated with the Weather Bureau at the location in question and obtained weather reports not only for the period in question but for the preceding two weeks. The official weather reports cast considerable doubt on the statements made relative to heavy rains, for they indicated that during the entire period there had been only a slight trace of rain several days prior to the date on which the men were alleged to have quit.

When presented with this data, the local representative of the company raised no further objections to reimbursing the men for their return passage, and payment was made to them of \$3,168.

Bad laws are the worst sort of tyranny.—Burke.

ville have a fine bunch of Engineers on their job. Brother Ed Neff is on the shovel and he really makes it hum. Rice Bros.' plant around Marysville is slow at present.

H. Earl Parker Company has quite a few of our brothers still on the job, but this is the first time the writer has been in this area that this company hasn't had a back-log of work to fall back on in the winter season.

Richter Bros. of Oroville are doing quite a bit of land leveling now and we are in a little beef with this company. We hope to get it settled soon, to the satisfaction of all concerned.

A. Teichert & Son's resurfacing job on the Garden highway, south of Yuba City is nearly over. This job has been going along smoothly and no beefs whatsoever.

Pacific Pipe Line has quite a few of our men on the Underground Gas holder in Yuba City and will have finished about December 15.

Feather River Wind-up

The work in Feather River Canyon is nearly finished. M-K Co. Inc. have only one dragline working two shifts, the crusher plant crew and several mechanics working around the clock and should be finished in January.

The Dixon & Arundel Corp. really are pouring the concrete and will be through with the greater part of it around January 15. This Company still has over one hundred of our Brothers on the job.

T. E. Connolly Company purchased some land just south of Oroville and are stacking the equipment there and will keep a small shop crew busy doing some repair work this winter.

Walsh & Puccetti Company are keeping a crew of four busy on land leveling around the area with Brother Bill Puccetti as the head man.

A. Biasotti & Son were the successful bidder on a \$259,000 road job in Yuba County, but the snow gets deep there and don't think they will get to work until spring.

The small jobs around Quincy and Greenville will be slowed up for the winter months.

Brother Harley Lucke, returned from a completed 18 months contract for Bechtel Company in Arabia and was in the other day to say "hello" and to give us the low-down of the job and country. We are happy to have Harley back with us.

We received word from Charlottesville, Virginia of the death of Brother C. N. Richards, formerly Master Mechanic for the Dixon Arundel Corp. at Jackass Creek adit. All the men on that job and officers and members of Local 3 feel his loss and our deepest sympathy goes to his loved ones.

Brother Don Coykendall and the Mrs. have a brand new son. He is a future member of the Union.

Brother Fritz Redmond of Yuba City is still off work with a broken neck.

Robert L. Feith, 21 years of age, of Meridian, California and member of Local 3 and a fine young man and first class operator, lost his life in an automobile accident in Sierra County. This lad was cut down in the flower of his young manhood and we of the Marysville office miss him and his cheerful smile. We of Local 3 express our sympathy to his parents and Brother for their great loss.

The season now approaches where "Peace on earth and good-will to all men should prevail" and we of the Marysville office, Mabel Boyd, Bill Waack and Les Collett, say MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. May God's richest blessing attend you.

What's doing in the Oakland office

AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, Business Representatives

Progress on Richmond's Civic Center is continuing at a rapid rate, with the City Hall, Hall of Justice and Library completed and numerous other additions scheduled for the near future. Dedicated to the city's war dead, the development is being financed through a bond issue of nearly four million dollars, and at the present time, work is about 10 per cent complete on the new Auditorium and Art Center. The prime contract on this job has been awarded to the Clinton Construction Company with Ace Excavators subbing the earth moving. The streets in this area are undergoing considerable face lifting as well, and at present O. C. Jones and Lee J. Immel have paving and surface jobs in operation in the vicinity of the center.

Out in Walnut Creek, P. and J. Artukovich have 16 members employed on the construction of new sewer lines for the Sanitary District. Most of the pipe has been laid on this project and work is slowing up to a certain extent.

Over in Concord, E. E. Lowell has 5 engineers working building roads and leveling up in general on the Phil Herrity and Goforth and McGah housing tracts. M. G. M. Construction Company has a job in progress at Gregory Gardens Number Three, where they are laying water lines for the Phil Herrity Company. This company employs approximately 10 engineers steadily and keeps busy in the Contra Costa territory. Aside from the job at Gregory Gardens, they have several other operations in progress for the Coast Counties Gas Company and at present are winding up jobs of relocating lines at Avon, and placing water, gas and sewer lines at Camp Stoneman.

Brother Cecil L. Moore, who is on withdrawal from Local Three as a result of illness, is successfully operating his own construction company in East Oakland. He started building this business several years ago and at present has 9 cats and a shovel busy on various operations within the bay area. One of his largest jobs is a grading contract at the Sunnybuilt Homes Tract in San Lorenzo. He also has a subdivision job in Hayward and two in Vallejo. Brother Moore has just returned from a vacation to New Mexico and Texas where he did a little turkey and quail hunting. He says he had lots of luck—all of it good, and he feels his hunting expedition was a definite success.

Approximately 11 Engineers are employed by various contractors at the West Vaco Chemical Plant at Newark. The United Engineering and Constructors have a contract for remodeling of this plant, and have sub-contracted a considerable part of the work.

During the past month we have had an enlightening experience with a local gyppo contractor, located in Alameda County. This small-time labor exploiter has come up with a new wrinkle, claiming that the Cherrypicker and certain types of cranes are "tools of the trade." Of course, in keeping with this bright thought, he is also very reluctant to pay the prevailing wage scale. We presume if this sort of thing went on and became an established practice, before long some of the contractors would expect Engineers to furnish their own cats and shovels when they come on the jobs, and soon starvation wages would be the order of the day. Needless to say, we are bending every effort to discourage this sort of business, and with that thought in mind, have taken action which led to a settlement of this particular dispute. We are hopeful that this settlement will bring these boys to the conclusion that the heavy equipment industry can't be reorganized all at once.

Johnson Drake and Piper have approximately 20 Engineers employed on their job in East Oakland where they are constructing

arteries into the Freeway. This operation is effected by the rainy weather, but the boys expect that between rains they will be able to move a little dirt.

Work on Oakland's Sewage Disposal System seems to be progressing on schedule at this time. Healey Tibbitts, who have the underwater section of the outfall sewer, are using one derrick in their operation. Ben C. Gerwick and George Pollock, contractors for the construction of 11,000 feet of the line above ground have a number of Engineers employed. On Stanley Kohler's portion of the work, which consists of the construction of the pumping station, work is coming right along, while Stolte United continues, unhampered by weather conditions, on their underground project, in connection with the North Interceptor. Incidentally, the E. B. M. U. D. has called for bids for the South Interceptor. This is the second time that bids have been called on this job, and it has been announced that this group will be opened on December 22.

Dredger News

At this writing ground work is practically at a standstill on account of the rain, and as a result our out-of-work list is getting pretty heavy. The few dredges we have working are continuing right along, however, as the wet weather doesn't affect their operations. The Hydraulic Dredging Company will have two or three more weeks for the Papoose on the Napa river job. The Pronto will be taken in to finish that part of the work up near the city of Napa, where the channel is too narrow for the larger dredge.

The San Francisco Bridge Company has moved the steam dredge Walatka to Vallejo, where they have a contract for the Mare Island Navy Yard. This is a clean-up job and no one seems to know how long it will last. With the completion of the job, however, they will move up the Napa River. The Walatka will be working on that portion of Hydraulic Dredging's contract where power is not available for their electric dredge. From the looks of things now the crew on this dredge should be working for the next three or four months.

The Olympian Dredging Company has finished with their dredge Palmer, and at this time they haven't anything operating. Mr. Palmer states that they have several things that should go in the near future.

Dutra's two clamshells seem to keep busy. The Edwards is working off Alviso, and the Mallard is in the vicinity of Belmont. Both dredges are working for the Leslie Salt Company.

The Associated Dredging Company has two of their clamshell dredges working. The Delta No. 1, at San Rafael and the Curlew on the Napa River near Dutton's Landing.

Brother Garland Parnell, who has been working for the Pacific Dredging Company, loading pipe for the Pudget Sound job, was quite seriously injured recently. He fell into the hold of the barge and suffered several fractures and multiple bruises. He was confined to Alta Bates Hospital for some time, but has now been released.

Brother William Ryan, was badly burned when he contacted the 11,000 volts of electric current on the cable barge, in connection with his duties as dredge operator on the Hydraulic Dredging Company's Papoose, on the Napa River. He is now confined to the East Oakland Hospital, but from all reports is well on the road to recovery.

Brother Al Stratton won a pitcher and six glasses! Ordinarily this wouldn't be too much of an item, but the way in which he won the prize and the distance he traveled to get it is a bit on the novel side. It's this way: Al's pilots his own plane, an Aeronca Chief, and recently he made a trip to Rock

Island, Illinois. In case you are wondering how this ties in with a water pitcher, here is the story: Al learned that there was to be a group flight from Iowa to Illinois, with a prize at the end for the private plane having come the greatest distance. He was a little late in getting started, but arrived just as they were making speeches and getting ready to distribute the prizes. He introduced himself and told them he had come quite a piece, from Concord, California, in fact. No one else could compete with this record and so he walked off with the trophy, the aforementioned pitcher.

Flying is an old story to Brother Stratton. He commuted from Concord to Fresno for some time, and thinks nothing of hopping up to Redding to look a job over, or of dropping down to San Diego to see what's going on, but to date, this is the longest trip he has undertaken. This trip, made in three days, was planned primarily as a visit to relatives, but he ran into a dearth of dragline operators, however, and the first thing he knew he had the plane tied down and was pulling levers on a brand new N. W. 80 at Rock Island. This could have continued for some time, but he was anxious to return to California and so he left the dragline in the lurch, finished his visit and headed home. He returned by the southern route, with stopovers at Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso, Tuscon, Phoenix and Bakersfield. It was an eventful trip, and certainly inexpensive as far as repairs were concerned. The only money he had to spend in this respect was 15 cents for a gasket, which he replaced in El Paso. Al said that by the time he got home he had enough flying to do him for a while, and so tired of the plane that he didn't go near the airport for three weeks. The trophy? Oh, yes. He had that expressed home, and when he arrived it was waiting, shined and polished, one of the most prized water sets in the State of California!

We regret to report that Brother "Whitey" Collett is again confined to the hospital. He recently suffered a broken hip in a fall at his home and will be laid up for some time. The doctor says he can have visitors, however, and any of you brothers driving by Merritt Hospital might drop in at room 102 for a few minutes' chat with him.

Brother R. T. Young has reopened his watch repair shop at 3219 Foothill Blvd. He is fully equipped to handle all types of work, and says—should the job be too big, he can break out his set of heavy-duty sockets to do it—So be it wrist watch or town clock, bring it in and Brother Young can give it a thorough overhaul.

Brother Bob Pollard is getting about with the aid of crutches. In September he was returning from a hunting trip when his car was forced off the road and overturned. He was pinned beneath it and came out with a badly fractured ankle, and it will be some time before he is able to get back to the job.

At this time of year, when most Engineers are foresaking mountain country in favor of the bay area, Brother L. E. Gritman is reversing the order. We recently received a card from him at Selma, Oregon, and he tells us that in the past two weeks they have had enough rain to bring the salmon nearly up to his back yard. He says that even watching them appeals to him a lot more than trying to work in the winter time, and so, unless a cougar or a bear decides to make a meal of him we can expect to see him back in Oakland, come spring and dry weather.

And while we're on the subject of Oregon, Brother Lee Kendrick recently sold his home and moved up to Salem, where he has been employed all summer. He is working with Warren Northwest Paving, and says that any of the boys who happen to be up that way

might drop by and say hello.

We have heard deer stories and deer stories but still think Brother Owen Haney has one of the best. It seems that every year Ownie hunts up around Trinity County. This year he went out equipped with a pickup truck and all the fixins—and got his deer. It was a small one, to be sure, and he was able to back the truck right up handy, load it and haul it in with practically no trouble. The next day, however, he made another trip, and never dreaming that he would be so lucky as to bag another he and his companion just walked. They covered some pretty rugged ground, and about the time they got two miles straight up from civilization, they got themselves another, only this time it was the granddaddy of deers, rough, tough and heavy. With no means of transportation other than their backs they had no alternative but to cut the animal in half and lug it back to camp. Brother Haney swears that next year his hunting will be done in sight of the road, because carrying half of a seven-point deer down a mountain doesn't come under the heading of fun.

While deer stories have been plentiful, our feathered friends, the pheasants have drawn the usual number of tall stories, too. There are the brothers who are excellent shots—it must be so, 'cause they tell us. Some even go to the extent of explaining how they can knock off a bird with a rifle. But it remained for Brother Walt Medinas to come up with a new approach. Now Walt is a busy man, what with making a living and his duties as councilman of the town of Pacheco, he doesn't have too much time to waste. Due to all his activities he has little time to roam far afield looking for birds, but has to do his hunting around home. There are pheasants out that way, but these local birds have been shot at so many times that they are very wary, and every time they see a gun they back quietly into the brush and sit waiting till the hunter goes by. Walt made several attempts to sneak up on them but to no avail—that is, until he came upon this idea. Now he just saunters along, paying no attention to 'em, till suddenly he reaches in his back pocket, pulls out a club and knocks them over the head. One would think that the wiley birds would become club shy as well as gun shy. We asked Walt about this, but he assured us modestly that isn't liable to happen as he moves so fast with that stick that no living pheasant has ever been able to see it!

Brother Jimmy Shore dropped into the hall the other day. Out of the hospital 12 days, Jimmy seems to be feeling fine, and is looking forward to a complete recovery from his old injury. Many of you will remember that he was critically injured two years ago when he was run over by a truck. Since that time he has been in the hospital four times, had five operations, five bone grafts and has been in seven casts. He feels that it is all going to finally pay off, as he is regaining the use of the hip the doctors once thought was beyond repair.

NOTICE

Until further notice the Oakland office will be open 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Saturdays.

In the coming days many of the members of Local Three, their families and friends will be requested to sign a petition for a special election to recall certain members of the council of the city of Oakland. Why are these councilmen to be recalled? Because they committed the heinous crime of voting to request the Federal Government to make available funds to construct additional housing units within the city of Oakland! We all know the desperate need for more housing within the

city, and most certainly we want to keep in office those people civic minded enough to fight for it. Therefore, we urge you not to sign this petition. Do not stop there, however, but make it a point to explain to as many people as you contact, why they, too, should not sign it. By acting in this manner you will be doing yourself and your community a service.

Politically, the coming year will be one of importance to members of our union and to all working people, as it is a year of State as well as national elections. California Representatives will be elected to the Congress of the United States. We feel that in this last month of 1949 it is none too early to start urging each of you to register and to study coming issues carefully so that you will be able to express your wishes at the polls next November.

With the coming of the New Year, we want to again thank you members working out of this office for the excellent cooperation extended to the business agents during the past 12 months. By being alert and on the job, reporting infractions upon your working rules and agreements you have helped to maintain for the membership conditions which have been acquired during the past years. Let us keep in mind the old timers who made many sacrifices to gain these objectives and let us all resolve to continue working together that we may maintain these gains and, perhaps, achieve a few of our own. In closing this portion of the report, in behalf of the business representatives and the office force, we want to wish each and all a Healthy and Merry Christmas, and may you all have a Happy and Prosperous year in 1950!

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THE CURE

A five-year-old boy had been having trouble at the hands of a small school-fellow. One day, on his return from school, he remarked to his mother: "Johnny isn't nasty to me any more; every time I see him, I hit him to keep him kind."

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NOVEMBER 10, 1949

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to L. Biasotti & Son, P. O. Box 587, Stockton, \$256,600 for 2.1 mi. grade & apply bit. surf. tr. & sealcoat, betw. ¼ mi. W. of Yuba-Sierra Co. Line, YUBA & SIERRA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to Rice Bros., Inc., P. O. Box 1489, Marysville, \$91,771 for 5.4 mi. grade, pl. import. base matl. & surf. with roadmix surf. betw. S. P. RR crossing west of Keeler & Soda Plant, INYO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to Huettig & Schromm & A. T. Bennett Const. Co., P. O. Box 798, Palo Alto, \$35,270 for const. one reinf. conc. bridge, widen another, & grade & place imp. base matl. & plantmix surf. on approaches, at Hamilton Slough & Biggs Extension Canal. loc. 3.8 & 5.0 mi. north of Gridley, BUTTE COUNTY.

MILL VALLEY—Contract was awarded to Brown-Ely & E. A. Forde, 640 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo, \$8518 for const. asph. pave. with cr. run base, conc. curb. & gutter, driveway entrances, conc. catch basins & culvs. on Alta Avenue, betw. E. Blithedale Avenue and Mesa Avenue.

NOVEMBER 14, 1949

EUREKA—Contract awarded to Baldwin Straub Corp., 26 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, & E. P. Basler, 2090 Broadway, San Francisco, \$167,348 for const. water lines in D.F. L.W. Dollison, Harris & Dolbeer Streets.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to M. J. Lynch, 2251 Revere Avenue, San Francisco, \$41,805 for const. sewers in Phelan Avenue betw. Judson & Harold Avenues.

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 150 N. 28th St. San Jose, \$8,952 for const. women's locker & shower bldg., Fair Grounds, SANTA CLARA CO.

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 150 N. 28th St. San Jose, \$12,364 for const. reinf. conc. bridge across Alamitos Creek at Graystone Lane, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

NOVEMBER 15, 1949

TRACY—Contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co. Inc., and M. H. Hasler, P. O. Box 1071, Los Banos, \$2,173,888 for const. earthwork, conc. lining & structures, sta. 4108/50 to 4535/00 Delta Mendota Canal, Central Valley Project.

STOCKTON—Contract awarded to S. M. McGaw, Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$15,148 for asph. conc. surf. on portions of Michigan & Grange Avenues, under R. I. No. 911.

MERCED—Contract awarded to Gordon L. Capps, Box 583, Stockton, \$7,596 for const. Nealan Bridge over Bear Creek on Dixon Ferry Road, 4 mi. S. of Snelling, MERCED COUNTY.

STOCKTON—Contract awarded to Karl C. Harmeling, 1710 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Stockton, \$16,975 for plantmix surfacing, etc., on California Street, betw. 9th Street and McKinley Avenue, Stockton, a Cash Job.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to O. R. Dahms, Rt. 7, Box 1143, Sacramento, \$17,428 for const. water system at Sacramento Municipal Airport.

CONCORD—Contract awarded to E. V. Lane Co., P. O. Box 417, Palo Alto, \$272,710 for const. sewage treatment plant, (Const. Unit No. 2), incl. reinf. concrete pumping station & control building, bar screen, shredder, detritor, parshall flume, pumps, preservation and sedimentation tanks, digester, mechanical & electrical equipment, piping, grading, paving, water system, appurtenances, etc., a Cash Job.

NOVEMBER 16, 1949

REDWOOD CITY—Contract was awarded to Healy-Tibbitts Const. Co., 411 Brannan Street, San Francisco, \$1,682 for drive 29 each 35-ft. or over treated piles, Coyote Point Yacht Harbor, San Mateo, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SAN JOSE—Contract rescinded to A. J. Raisch (as stated 11-7) for improving San Jose-Almaden Road, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

NOVEMBER 17, 1949

MILLBRAE—Contract awarded to Sperry & McCue, 304 El Camino Real, Millbrae, \$8,666 for grade, drain & surf. Hacienda & Barcelona Drives, A Cash Job.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to Swinerton & Walberg, 225 Bush St. San Francisco, \$4,155,729 for (GENERAL) const. addition to State Capitol.

CHICO—Contract awarded to B. & R. Const. Co. 110-Market St. San Francisco, \$397,405 (GENERAL) for const. a 38,000 sq. ft. 2-story reinf. conc., pile foundation Music, Speech & Science Building at Chico State College.

UKIAH—Contract awarded to O'Connor Bros., 750 Madison St., Red Bluff, \$43,415 for grade, stake & pave at 12th District Agricultural Association, Ukiah, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

AGNEW—Contract awarded to Pisano Bros., Rt. 1 Box 397, Moorpark Avenue, San Jose, \$31,945 for const. sanit. sewers improvements, etc. under 1913 Act. A Cash Job.

HOLLISTER—Contract awarded to Geo. C. Renz, 555-5th St., Gilroy, \$127,498 for const. County Jail for SAN BENITO COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to J. N. Pitcher, 7108 Mission St., Daly City, \$4.90 per ft., for bore test holes at Silver Avenue Home.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Shumate & Schilling, 2448 Clement St., San Francisco, \$8,888 for const. screening incinerator, Richmond-Sunset Sewage treatment Plant enlargement, under Contrat No. 2.

NOVEMBER 18, 1949

AGNEW—Contract awarded to J. C. Bateman, 650 Stockton Avenue, San Jose, \$11,973 for const. industrial road, Agnew State Hospital, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th Street, Sacramento, \$48,959 for asph. conc. surf. etc. on 59th St., betw. Folsom Blvd. & Broadway.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract was awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th Street, Sacramento, \$9,509 for profuce & stockpile pltmx. surf. at two locations near Half Moon Bay, in SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to Louis Bormolini & Son, Novato, \$42,391 for extend. drain. facils. betw. 2.5 mi. south of Live Oak & Gridley (portions), SUTTER & BUTTE COUNTIES.

MODESTO—Contract awarded to Capital Nursery Co., 4700 Freeport Blvd., Sacramento, \$2,265 for landscape, Poultry Impr. Comm. Headquarters.

PIEDRA—Contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., 10 W. Orange Ave. So. San Francisco; Bressi Bevanda Constrs., Box 439, North Hollywood; Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco; J. A. Jones Const. Co., Charlott, N. C.; & A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th Street, Sacramento (Joint Venture), \$24,399,776 for const. mass reinf. conc. Pine Flat Dam, loc. 3.5 mi. upstream from Piedra, FRESNO CO., on the Kings River.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to Luppen & Hawley, Inc., 3126 "J" St., Sacramento, \$1,505 for const. steel mains in Rockwell Road, betw. Plane Haven & Oakdale, under 1911 Act.

MODESTO—Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, P. O. Box 95, Belmont, \$21,612 for const. water mains in Modesto.

NOVEMBER 22, 1949

REDWOOD CITY—Contract was awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$120,500 for grade, darin & surf. Lenolf St., et al, under R. I. No. 784, & 1911 Act.

SAN MATEO—Contract awarded to F. W. Smith, Box 129, R. F. D., San Mateo, \$2,576 for excavate, pave & drainage in South Boulevard Alley, San Mateo, under Resolution of Intention No. 49-17, & 1911 Act.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract was awarded to Huettig & Schromm, P. O. Box 798, Palo Alto, \$28,023 for improvement to grounds of Glen Park Playground, Chenery & Elk Streets, under Contract No. 36.

REDDING—Contract awarded to

Ross Layton, Rt. 1, Box 395, Redding, \$26,732 for clear 164 acres timber & brush for Shasta Resvr., Squaw Creek Area, Spec. R2-81.

ELVERTA—Contracts awarded to Murlark Corps., 2277 Jerrold, San Francisco, (Sch. I), \$434,163, & Barrett & Hilp, 918 Harrison St., San Francisco, (Sch. II), \$113,956, & (Sch. III), \$131,600, for const. 230 KV transm. lines, Perkins to Tracy, & Oroville to Elverta.

REDDING—Contract awarded to Haas & Rothchild, 274 Brannan Street, San Francisco, \$73,196 for complete lower vista house, pwr. house adit. & elevator lobbies at Shasta Dam, Central Valley Project, under Spec. No. 2769.

NOVEMBER 23, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO—Contracts awarded to United Conc. Pipe Corp., Box 425, Baldwin Park, \$2,147,582 (Sec. A), & \$2,098,882 (Sec. C); & to Artukovich Bros., 16200 S. Atlantic Avenue, Paramount, & Steve P. Rados, Inc., 2975 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, \$4,096,996 (Sec. B); for const. Bay Division Pipe Line No. 3, from Irvington Portal of Coast Range Tunnell to Pulgas Tunnel, Crystal Springs Lake, under W. D. No. 524.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract was awarded to M. & K. Corporation, Frederickson & Watson Const. Co., & Piombo Const. Co., 405 Montgomery St., San Francisco (Joint Venture), \$1,381,530 for const. Lake Merced Sewer Tunnel, Section B.

NOVEMBER 25, -1949

CARMEL—Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Avenue Oakland, \$26,254 for const. of ocean outfall sewer line & apprts. from plant site to Carmel Bay, MONTEREY COUNTY.

NOVEMBER 28, 1949

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, \$185,399 for const. levee setback & bank protection at Moon's Bend, Sacramento River, under Spec. No. 1415.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to C. C. Gildersleeve, Nevada City, California, \$15,686 for const. 108-ft. long timber trestle bridge across Dry Creek on Snelling-La Grange Road, 7 mi. S. of La Grange, MERCED COUNTY.

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 150 N. 28th Street, San Jose, \$17,841 for const. track fence, etc. at the Fair Grounds, SANTA CLARA CO.

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 South Montgomery, San Jose, \$53,926 for improve San Jose-Almaden Road, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

NOVEMBER 29, 1949

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to N. P. Van Valkenburgh Co., P. O. Box 1192, Sacramento, \$74,788 for inst. sewer, Bellview Village Assessment Dist., 1911 Act.

DECEMBER 30, 1949

OAKLAND—Contract awarded to United Conc. Pipe Corp., Box 415, Baldwin Park, \$286,746 for stall steel water mains in tunnel, etc. ALAMEDA COUNTY.

OAKLAND—Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, 344 High St., Oakland, \$53,247 for grade & pave on 40th Avenue, between 14th St. & San Leandro & on San Leandro betw. Fruitvale & High St.

DECEMBER 1, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract was awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874-25th Avenue, San Francisco, \$2,915 for laying 6" transite in 47th Avenue between Uiloa & Vicente Streets, S.F.W.D. No. 530.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract was awarded to R. Flatland, 1000 Portola Drive, San Francisco, \$91,000 for construct traffic signals on Market Street, between Castro & 10th Streets.

MERCED—Contract awarded to Roy Kruger, Gustine, California, \$7,494 for const. timber bridge on Turner Island Road across Salt Slough, MERCED COUNTY.

DECEMBER 2, 1949

FRESNO—Contract awarded to R. M. Madsen, 4775 Madison Avenue, Fresno, \$1,654 for improve East side of Moroa Avenue, between Garland & Dakota Avenues.

FRESNO—Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles, Box 495, Avenal, \$7,550 for sewer, Belmont Park Tract,

& Blocks Nos. 2, 7 & 8, Fishers Villa Addn., under R. I. No. 236-D.

REDDING—Contract awarded to John C. Gist, 1020-46th Street, Sacramento, \$31,337 for assemble pontoon barges at Shasta Dam, Central Valley Proj., under Spec. No. R2-78.

DECEMBER 5, 1949

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to Geo. E. France, Inc., P. O. Box 831, Visalia, \$166,323 for 1.75 mi. grade & surf. with plantmix surf. over untreat. rock base on blanket of import. borrow, betw. Montezuma Road & 1 mi. S. of Jamestown, TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO—Contract was awarded to T. M. Montgomery, P. O. Box 311, Auburn, \$40,652 for 1.0 mi. grade & apply price & seal coats, betw. 2.4 mi. & 3.4 W. of Georgetown, EL DORADO CO.

AGNEW—Contract awarded to Edward Keeble, Route 4, Box 361, Tully Road, San Jose, \$17,150 for clear, grade, pave, drain, inst. Redwood headers, catch basins sewer connections culverts & fence, Farm Annex Road, Agnew State Hospital, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

EMPIRE—Contracts awarded to Jos. I. Gallagher, 791 San Jose, San Francisco, \$31,391 (Unit I); and Barrett & Hilp, 918 Harrison Street, San Francisco, \$35,538 (Unit II); for const. trunk line & sewer laterals.

DECEMBER 6, 1949

SANTA CLARA—Contract was awarded to Leo F. Piazza, 175 S. Montgomery St. San Jose, \$8,043 for resurf. Park Avenue between Bellomy St. & E. City Limits.

SAN MATEO—Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad San Mateo, \$14,712 for grade, pave, drain, etc. on East 39th Avenue.

NAPA—Contract was awarded to Stanley H. Killer, 1694 Pomona St. Crockett, \$14,152 for const. cast iron water mains in East Napa Heights subdivision, under Cash Contract.

MARE ISLAND—Contract was awarded to Tyson & Watters, P. O. Box 1914, Sacramento, \$51,400 (Sch. 1 & 2), for raising levees around dredg. spoil area at Mare Island Shipyard, under Spec. No. 22966.

VALLEJO—Contract awarded to San Francisco Bridge Co., 503 Market Street, San Francisco, \$147,000 for maint. dredging at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, under Spec. No. 22967.

DECEMBER 7, 1949

TURLOCK—Contracts awarded as follow:

(1) **I.D. No. 663**—To D. V. Blatz, 120 Sycamore, Turlock, \$5,667 for 4,115 ft. 30" conc. pipe, Damos ditch.

(2) **I.D. No. 666**—To Arnold G. Norseen, 221 Geer Road, Turlock, \$3,107 for 1,910 ft. 36" conc. pipe, Brazil branch Baxter ditch.

(3) **I.D. No. 667**—To Arnold G. Norseen, 221 Geer Road, Turlock, \$1,595 for 1,200 ft. 30" conc. pipe, Soderstrom branch of the Erickson ditch.

MONTEREY—Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$7,801 for const. 6" sanit. sewer, Via Del Rey, betw. Via Del Pinar & Via Arco.

DECEMBER 8, 1949

EUREKA—Contract awarded to Baldwin Straub Corp., 26 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$77,162 for const. pumping plant & automatic control, for the City of Eureka

WOODLAND—Contract awarded to A. L. Miller, 1715-7th St., Sacramento, \$121,100 for const. sewage treatment plant, pumping plant & outfall lines.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, \$14,270 for asph. conc. pave, etc., on Colby & University, betw. Woolsey & Dwight.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract was awarded to R. Flatland, 1000 Portola Drive, San Francisco, \$27,300 for remove tracks, reconst. pave & const. traffic signals on Mission & Geneva; Naples & Geneva; & Stanyan & Fulton.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract was awarded to S. J. Amoroso Const. Co., 2100 Oakdale Avenue, San Francisco, \$35,080 for improving Cayuga Playground, located at Naglee Avenue, Alemany Blvd., Whip-

Kaiser-Frazier Pact Provides \$100 Pensions

Detroit (FP)—After five months of negotiations, the United Auto Workers (CIO) and the Kaiser-Frazier Corp. reached agreement on a pension program and improvements in the present health and welfare fund. Some 12,000 workers are involved.

Under the settlement, management will pay 6c per hour per worker into a pension plan designed to provide at least \$100-a-month at age 65, including federal social security payments. The company will raise its payments into the health and welfare fund from 5c an hour to 7½c.

Details of the pension plan, which extends until Nov. 11, 1954, will be ironed out by a union-management committee. The health and welfare fund, which was extended to May 11, 1952, provides free hospitalization and surgical benefits of \$30 weekly for 26 weeks and \$2,000 life insurance.

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Eastern Jobless Get Some Relief

(State Fed. Release)

Labor market conditions improved in most of the Nation's areas of heavy unemployment between early September and October, resulting in a net reduction of two in the number of labor market areas classified as "E," that is, areas of very substantial labor surpluses, the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security announced this week in Washington.

The "E" areas receive preferential treatment in the awarding of Government procurement contracts and in other Federal programs.

Bureau Director Robert C. Goodwin reported that as a result of an October survey of labor market conditions, 5 areas included in the September list of 35 "E" areas were removed from that category. Three additional areas where the survey showed unemployment was a serious problem were added to the list.

Removed from the "E" classifications were Jackson, Michigan; Burlington, Vermont, and Manchester, New Hampshire.

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Industrial engineers estimate that an increase in speedup of 5%, applied on a national basis, would cost the jobs of three million workers.

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Leeches? Look Who's Talking

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tors of the market or even as authors of wholesale fraud.

Above all there was an undermining of belief in the national myth that economic salvation was open to any individual who saved a little money and ventured it boldly. More and more, men sought a solution of the problem of security in collective action, through trade-union organization or by extension of the welfare powers of the state.

That, I believe, is one reason to expect greater economic stability in the next decade than we experienced in the interwar period. With strong trade unions we are not likely to see the major share of the fruits of increased productivity absorbed by profits as it was in the twenties. Consequently there is less danger of over-stimulated investment leading to a lack of balance between the means of production and the possibilities of consumption. In addition, better provision for the unemployed and the aged has served to build a floor under the economy that should save us from the chain-reaction of depression which set in in 1929. I cannot believe that such changes afford proof of national degeneracy.

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Blast Slave Prison Labor

Labor and the building industry have joined to fight a trend in which county officials are seeking to do public building work with prison labor and under-cut established building trades wage rates. Suits filed by the state and local building trades councils in three cases are being watched with interest by building tradesmen throughout the state.

"Slave prison labor is one part of the Communist system that is most revolting to the American people, and its use by local county administrators in this country is a blot that must be wiped out," declared P. H. McCarthy, Jr., chief counsel for the State Building and Construction Trades Council, sent in by Council Pres. Frank Lawrence to assist in these cases.

M. C. Wagner, business agent of Tulare and Kings County Building Trades Council, has filed suit as a taxpayer and an individual against the county, questioning its right to construction of a \$40,000 courthouse, firehouse and jail without letting-it out to bids by contractors.

COVER-UP SHOWN

He points to government code provisions requiring that work in excess of \$2,000 must be let out for bid. He also charges the Board of Supervisors with fraud in that in their preliminary and final budgets they set up the work involved under the title "Payment to Contractors." State law requires full publicity before a budget is adopted, so that interested parties may appear, but no one contested the innocent subject of "payment to contractors."

The county is attempting to put up the building with prison labor, and a second suit has been filed challenging the right to do this work with prison labor.

"This suit is the first step in ridding this taint of Stalinism from the economy of this state," McCarthy declared. "No state dedicated to the principles of free enterprise can countenance the use of prison labor on work that should be performed by its free citizens."

WAGE-BUSTING MOVE

In a third suit, in which the plaintiff is Trueman Jennings, a journeyman electrician, the Board of Directors of the Strathmore Public Utilities District (28 miles out of Visalia) is charged with pre-determining a wage rate substantially below that of the AGC and prevailing rates of the area. Common labor is paid \$1 per hour.

The action was brought to set aside the wage rate as a violation of the labor code and to declare void the contract of a non-union contractor on a job in that district. Two contractors involved also are named as defendants, to stop the job, a sewage disposal plant.

All three actions have the vigorous backing of the Tulare and Kings County Building Trades Council, the State Council, and the Tulare County Builders Exchange.

STATEWIDE INTEREST

Interest is focused on the suits because of the statewide concern over the use of prison labor on building work, emphasized at recent conventions of the State Federation of Labor and the State Building Trades Council. Suit has been filed despite the fact that Attorney General Howser recently issued an opinion justifying use of prison labor by Tulare County.

Similar situations have arisen in several other counties up and down the state, and these cases will establish precedents of interest and value to all sections of the state.

The prison labor move is a wage-cutting try, and that of ignoring established wage rates in an area is also wage-cutting, it is pointed out.

Judge Frank Lamberson, judge of the Superior Court, issued orders to show cause, in each case, returnable Dec. 20, ordering the defendants to show cause why temporary injunctions should not be issued against them. With pub-

Strong Program For Jobs Needed

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Expanded social security at both state and national levels.

Continued and expanded public works program, with aid to localities by both state and federal agencies.

Full use by localities of existing legislation, particularly in the field of housing.

Encouragement of free collective bargaining in order to maintain industrial peace and bring about higher wages and greater productivity.

Support for the Maritime Commission's plan to repair 134 ships in the reserve fleets.

Other proposals made by the general conference were:

Develop new industries in the state.

Reduce freight rates so it won't cost so much to ship California products east.

Reduce and eventually eliminate importation of Mexican nationals for farm work.

Reduce taxes on new businesses to provide more incentive for expansion.

Aid urgently-needed building projects for public health and welfare and also those needed to expand business and industry.

State and federal aid to communities to build new water supply systems.

Increase the coverage, duration, and amount of unemployment insurance to improve the ability of workers to adjust to changing job opportunities.

STATE COMMITTEE

The conference recommended that the Governor appoint a statewide standing committee of representative leaders of management and labor to study the history of successful industrial relations in the state for the purpose of applying the benefits thereof to labor relations by making its findings available to community or regional groups.

It urged that representative leaders of management and labor be urged to collaborate on a community or regional basis in the management-labor conferences, such conferences to convene at regular intervals to consider timely problems affecting the opportunities for employment in the area and in the state.

Workers Over 40—In order to encourage the maximum employment of older persons, the following steps should be taken: 1. Classify all available jobs within a company and identify those which can be filled adequately or better filled by older workers; 2. Arrange and plan for an orderly shift of older workers to such job as each individual reaches the age or condition requiring such shifts; 3. Make government service available to achieve these objectives.

Public Works—There is an opportunity and obligation for government, federal, state, and local, to stimulate and sustain the private economy by the construction of public works essential to the conduct of business and industry. Such projects as are urgently needed should be constructed as rapidly as possible.

Construction—Further study of the state's employment problem by a special committee is needed; use of prison labor on public construction projects should be eliminated insofar as possible.

lic accounts involved, the court actions have served to stop the work.

Trades Ask T-H Exemption

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that the strict application of the law would wreck long-standing collective bargaining practices and hamper building activity. The State Building and Construction Trades Council, he said, is doing everything possible to support and encourage this request for exemption.

Meanwhile, the State Council played a big part in fighting an employer attempt in Reno to drag unions into court over T-H injunctions, which resulted in a decision by the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court that private individuals may not go to the courts for injunctions.

RENO TRY BLOCKED

Appeal now is only with the U.S. Supreme Court, and it is not considered likely that Reno employers will go this high in an attempt, not shared by all employers of the area, to break unions through costly court actions. Apparently Reno was chosen for this fight because most building tradesmen and their employers work back and forth across the State line from Reno to Lake Tahoe area, which would make the case come under interstate commerce and therefore under the federal Taft-Hartley law. But Judge Foley interrupted this scheme by throwing the employer try for an injunction out of court.

President Lawrence reports that work is being rushed to complete proceedings of the highly-successful 34th convention of the State Building Trades Council held recently in Santa Barbara. These proceedings will be distributed to all affiliated unions and officers in the near future.

The convention infused the State Council with a new spurt of life and created a very bright future outlook for California building trades unions.

Engineers took an active part in the conference. President Lawrence is a member and former business representative of Local 3. He was re-elected, along with Secretary Lee Lalor of the Laborers, for a three-year term. Two vice-presidents are engineers, Al Clem from Contra Costa county and Ed Parks from Nevada and El Dorado.

Small Tractor Cleans Big Pipeline Trench

(State Division Release)
The installation of a section of the mammoth pipe line, destined to bring natural gas from Texas and New Mexico to the Bay Area, has of course brought its problems. Plans included excavation with a large trenching machine capable of cutting a trench approximately 3 feet wide and 6 feet deep in one pass.

Men are not required in the trench itself for pipe-laying work, since the steel pipe sections are assembled and welded together above ground. However, trenching machines usually leave some loose chunks of earth which must be removed or broken up before the pipe can be lowered. If men were to go into the trench to carry on this clean-up work, shoring and bracing for their protection would be a requirement under California regulations. Pipe-line engineers proposed, instead, to crush the earth chunks with a cylindrical roller pulled along the trench floor by a tractor small enough to operate inside the trench. Division engineers readily accepted the plan, since it practically eliminated the necessity for workers to enter the trench. As an additional precaution, the Division required metal shields on each side of the tractor, to protect the operator from earth that might roll in from the side.

This method will, it is expected, eliminate many hours of hazardous exposure that would otherwise have been necessary.

Small Boy: "Dad, is 'Rotterdam' a bad word?"

Dad: "Why, no, son. It's the name of a city."

Small Boy: "Well, Sister ate all my candy and I hope it'll Rotterdam teeth out!"

"Mary is keeping her engagement a secret."

"How do you know?"
"She told me."

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15,000 Arrive in Calif. Each Month

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4.2 million employed workers within the state, 5.6 per cent are in construction, or, as of September, 1949, 191,000. This is slightly under the 208,000 employed as of August, 1948. It is expected, however, that employment will be maintained during the next several years with some decline seasonally between the months of November and March.

OUTLOOK GOOD

The national outlook for 1950 is good. A total value of construction is to be put in place equal to the 1949 record of 19 billion.

On the state level the dollar value of construction in California by the U. S. Engineers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, was \$23,965,500, for the year ending June 30, 1950, (estimated) \$38,786,900 and for the year ending June 30, 1951, (estimated) \$63,000,000.

The Bureau of Reclamation volume in California for the fiscal year ending the same date as above was \$49,600,000 and estimated for the years of 1950 and 1951, \$56,700,000 and \$81,100,000. Construction to be done by the State of California for the year ending June 30, 1950, is estimated at \$348,703,000. Other construction by miscellaneous large activities is estimated at better than \$23,000,000 for 1950.

It is interesting to note that during the past ten years construction in California has shown an 84 per cent gain and during the first half of this year accounted for nearly 12½ per cent of all construction activity within the United States.

With this and other data at hand the report of the section dealing with construction was optimistic.

Another 61 miles of big central valley canals are contracted for or ready for bid and will get started soon. Both Friant Kern and Delta Mendota canals have new stretches ready to start.