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AFL GROWTH SOARS AS MINERS BACK; 6 OTHER UNIONS NEGOTIATING FOR ENTRY

Ocean docks for Pittsburg Steel

In its \$25 million expansion program at Pittsburg, California, the Columbia Steel Company will build docks to accommodate ocean-going vessels for direct transfer of incoming raw materials and outgoing finished products, it was announced last week.

The plant's size will require its extension to tidewater, with a network of railroad crossings, and supplementary traffic facilities. The firm has asked Contra Costa supervisors to abandon 2500 feet of Industrial Road running through its property.

Plans for the firm's new sheet metal and tin-plate plant, which will turn out 325,000 tons of goods a year valued at \$50 million, are coming near to the construction stage.

Engineers Tangle With LA County

Operating Engineers Local 63 in Los Angeles is negotiating with the board of supervisors, county administration office, and Civil Service commission for an agreement covering AFL members employed by these agencies, according to J. C. Fitzgerald, international representative of the union.

"Although some progress has been made, it is 'one of the most confusing and buck-passing procedures on the part of the county in the history of this organization, or, for that matter, any Labor Union in the nation,'" according to Brother Fitzgerald.

"We do not intend to emulate the ostrich by merely sticking our heads in the sand, and we can assure county officials that our membership, as well as other labor organizations, will be vitally interested in all county elective officers from now on."

LINCOLN On Labor



"Labor is prior to and independent of capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor, and could never have existed if labor had not first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much higher consideration."

"All that harms labor is treason to America. If any one man says he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar . . . there is no America without labor . . ."

AFL Gets 15c At Geneva Steel

Wage increases of 15 cents an hour have been given to AFL employees of the government-owned Geneva steel plant at Geneva, Utah, bringing raises to more than 700 AFL members employed there. Working force has been reduced from 4000 employed before V-J day in making steel for West Coast shipyards. Increase applies also to affiliated Keigley quarry at Payson, Utah. The picturesque mill in the mountains south of Salt Lake City is one of the country's largest. It is up for sale by April 1, both U. S. Steel and Henry Kaiser indicating they may bid.

W. Coast steel industry grows

Five major expansions in Pacific Coast steel industry have been announced in recent weeks: 1. Oakland building expansion on a large scale by Earle M. Jorgensen Co., one of the coast's largest steel distributors. 2. A new Columbia Steel plant at Pittsburg. 3. Formation of the Bethlehem Pacific Company at Los Angeles. 4. Planned enlargement of Henry J. Kaiser plant at Fontana. 5. Appointment of Calif. Wire Cloth Corp., Oakland, as coast representative of Colorado Fuel & Iron Corp.

President Truman For Union Label

After being invited by I. M. Ornburn to address the 1946 AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition in St. Louis Oct. 29, President Harry S. Truman wrote back:

"I trust that the 1946 Union Label and Industrial Exhibition will be an outstanding success in full keeping with its laudable aims. The purpose of such an exhibition, and of the other work of your department, is important. Through other types of labeling the consumer has a guide to the content and quality of the goods he purchases. Through the union label he has knowledge that the men and women who make the product work at fair wages and under decent conditions. By educating consumers in general to the full meaning of the union label, you will enable them to give added impetus to the establishment and maintenance of fair labor standards."

I. M. Ornburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Union Label Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, and Director of the AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition, stated that plans and preparations are now under way for the greatest union label exhibition ever held.

Executive council urges united campaign to solve critical housing problem

MIAMI — Invigorated and encouraged by the dramatic return to the fold of the United Mine Workers Union, the American Federation of Labor is on its way to big new developments in the coming months.

The Executive Council mapped plans for major organizing drives and paved the way for negotiations looking toward the affiliation of other major unions before winding up its news-packed mid-winter meeting here.

For strategic reasons, specific details on the important moves under way were withheld for the time being but it was understood

home construction was pledged to the government.

4—The council called upon the United States Government to break

On same team again!



JOHN L. LEWIS



WILLIAM GREEN

that at least 6 substantial organizations, including one independent union, are knocking on the AFL's door for admission.

Unity is Stressed

With labor's enemies making desperate efforts to crush the trade union movement, the dynamic resurgence of the American Federation of Labor is expected to underline the need for unity in labor's ranks and start many of its wayward units on the way home.

Outstanding news announced by the Executive Council during its final sessions included:

1—John L. Lewis, taking his new seat on the Executive Council as the representative of 600,000 coal miners, declared that the dominant position of the AFL in organized labor will be "increasingly recognized" by American workers and the public in the months ahead.

2—Generous reaffiliation terms were offered to the Brewery Workers Union, which will hold a conference late next month to consider immediate return to the AFL.

3—Full cooperation to overcome the nation's housing crisis and to meet long-range need for new

off relations with the Franco regime and recognize the exiled republican government of Spain.

5—It warned the United Nations against according consultative recognition to the World Federation of Trade Unions, which is dominated by Soviet Russia and which the AFL again refused to join.

6—Plans for more effective and orderly organization of workers into trade unions in the American-occupied zone of Germany were proposed.

7—To further the good-neighbor policy, the AFL arranged to extend invitations to Latin American labor leaders to visit the United States and study labor conditions here.

8—Unyielding opposition to the new anti-labor Case bill, which has been given the right of way in the House of Representatives, was unanimously voted by the council which directed AFL President William Green to send a telegram to all members of the House urging its defeat.

The telegram charged that the House Rules Committee had given labor a raw deal by railroading

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URGE UNIONS TO STEP UP REGISTRATION

The California State Federation of Labor this week reminds all affiliates and AFL unions in the state that they have a registration job to do within the next few weeks!

Election Calendar for 1946, issued by Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan, shows that Thursday, April 25, is the last day to register for the primary elections which will be held June 4.

Unions are strongly urged to make a strenuous effort to see that their memberships are fully registered to vote!

1946 FUND CAMPAIGN

GIVE

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p. m., President Clancy presiding. There were approximately 146 members present.

Synopsis of the minutes of the regular meeting of January 5 and of the special meeting of January 12, held in Eureka, were read and by motion approved as read.

Synopsis of the minutes of the executive board meeting of January 19 and of February 2 read and the acts and recommendations of the board were approved as read.

Communication from the office of the general president received, stating that if possible the next general executive board meeting would be held in California, and if not possible, the general president and the general secretary-treasurer would visit California in the very near future.

Communication from the treasury department, Washington, D. C., expressing appreciation for the work done by organized labor in the Victory Loan drives.

Communication from the treasury department, Washington, D. C., regarding continuation of pay-roll savings plan and containing a copy of a letter from President Green of the American Federation of Labor pertaining to the same subject.

Report of the trustees was read and received as submitted.

The following brothers were reported ill: Wade H. Atkeson, J. L. Bagley, R. C. Harrell, James C. Pope, Wm. Meisenheimer, Sam Mount, Geo. C. Hill, Alfred Quadros, W. E. Conklin, Jack Burgess, L. W. Bressler, S. G. Laughton, Chas. J. Miller, Ross Peoples, Ford L. McPhate, Carl W. Mitchell, Arthur L. Dethlefs, Chris. Barnson, Clyde H. King, Thos. D. Curtis, Fred J. Christensen, Wm. H. Powers, Petrus Peterson, Patrick Donohoe, Wm. O. Hill, Richard Spradlin, P. E. Rothe, R. E. Stillman, M. W. Naitson, Don W. Larison, James Chism, L. S. Cunningham, Frank Kiewat.

The following brothers were reported injured: Emmett Kelly and Bob Peterson.

The following brothers were reported deceased: James N. Briggs and Joe Markeley.

The business agents rendered their reports which were accepted as submitted.

Report of the treasurer was read by Brother Vandewark.

There was a general discussion on several matters upon which no action was taken.

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

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary.

Dredger News

By T. D. BRYSON
Business Representative

San Francisco — There is very little to report this month from dredging activities as there are very few dredges operating with the exception of clamshell dredges. They seem to keep busy on small jobs and move around so often that I have considerable difficulty keeping up with them.

The Monarch is at the Bethlehem Shipyard at present, dredging out the docks.

The Golden Gate is still under repairs at Rio Vista. They expect to be out working by the end of February.

Dutra has his two small dredges busy up the river.

Clamshells Operating

The Associated Dredging Company has four small clamshells working, the No. 1 is working on the Mokelumne River near Mokelumne City. The Curlew is on the Napa River near Duttons Landing. No. 4 is still in the vicinity of Eureka and the Liberty is working at South San Francisco. Their suction dredge will be going out soon. They have a job for it at South San Francisco where they are now doing some preparatory work. The Case Construction Co.'s dredge Alamitos has finished their job at Rio Vista and have laid off most of the crew.

The Olympia is still working at the Alameda Naval Air Base and the San Pedro is still at Mare Island where they expect to have work for some time.

There will be an important meeting of dredgemen on Sunday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m. All dredgemen are urged to attend this meeting, as the future wage policy concerning dredgemen will be discussed. The meeting will be held in the Labor Temple, 2111 Webster Street, Oakland, California.

'THE MARCH ON SACRAMENTO'



California Legislators, assembled in session at Sacramento, got an eyebrow-lifting demonstration of militant labor on the march Thursday, January 17, when unionists affiliated with the S. F. Bay Cities Metal Trades Council (including participants from Engineers 3) made a powerful appeal for the payment of unemployment benefits to workers severed from their jobs because of strikes of other organizations. Above photo (courtesy of Sacramento Bee) shows a portion of the two-block long, four-abreast procession which "called" on the State Legislature and Governor Earl Warren. Inset is Joe Roberts of Shipfitters 9, chairman of the Metal Trades Council committee on unemployment insurance and spokesman for the group, shown as he spoke before the State Senate.

Purely Ornamental



Interesting thing about Barbara Hale's bathing suit is that it's decorated with coins from all over the world. Not to be worn for swimming. (Federated Pictures)

AFL growth soars as Miners back; 6 others negotiating

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through this bill, although no public hearings were held on it and no opportunity was given to representatives of labor, industry or the government to express their views.

Menace of Case Bill

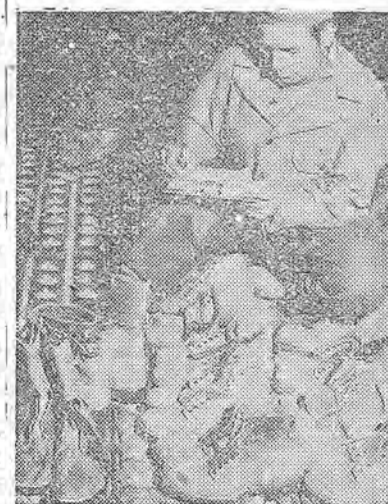
Mr. Green warned that the Case bill would revive the hated doctrine of conspiracy against workers, subject labor once again to government by court injunction, and expose unions to destructive damage suits.

"This bill will not bring peace and harmony in industrial relations," Mr. Green declared in the telegram, "but on the contrary will cause confusion, chaos, injustice and disrupted industrial relations."

Mr. Green said the AFL will fight this legislation to the limit and will call on all its state and

local subordinate bodies to join in the drive to prevent its adoption.

Summing up the accomplishments of the council meeting, Mr. Green said it had pointed the way to a united labor movement in America, drafted policies for the economic betterment of the nation and charted a clear course for improved international relations with the objective of world peace and prosperity.



Signal Corps Photo
Heroes Shoes. One item for Victory Bond investments. Pvt. W. J. Hubbard, New Orleans, La., checks footwear for men redeployed homeward at Assembly Area Command, near Reims, France.
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Work in Redwood Empire lags; rains, strike in saw mills retards jobs

By OTTO E. NEVER
Business Representative

Eureka—Very little activity is in the making in the Redwood Empire. Due to the rainy weather, lumber company strikes and lockouts, there is practically no work in this area whatever at the present time. Del Norte County has no work at this time whatsoever, although there is to be some road work and some harbor development when the weather clears. Because of the increase of the cost of materials, all bids on the harbor to date have been rejected. Two larger lumber companies have taken title to a good deal of virgin timber in Del Norte County and two smaller companies have already acquired mill sites. It will be approximately two months before there is any activity in this industry, however.

In Humboldt County, Mercer Fraser have been doing some graveling for the road of the California Barrel above Orick. The work for the Hammond Lumber Company which was supposed to have started by the 15th of January, was stopped because of the lumber and saw mill workers strike. This has also stopped pile driving work and dirt fill jobs contracted to start before February 1st.

Back Union Brothers

Regardless of our feeling about the advisability of a strike at this time in the lumber mills, we must support our Sister Locals. We realize that the brothers employed in the lumber industry have always been underpaid, and we must at all times respect their picket lines and assist them in every way possible.

The writer attempted to have the lumber and saw mill workers district council allow construction work to continue. They refused, however, on the ground that any work done at this time, particularly in the rainy weather, would be of no value to them when they started logging. Therefore, some twenty-five of our brothers have been forced to lay off and wait for other work.

Award Sewer Contract

Tom Hall received a sewer contract from the City of Eureka, and has three or four brothers steadily employed. Tom is also a member of Local 3. The writer was successful in negotiating a contract between Local 3 and the Farralone Division of the Borden Company. This will keep three members busy throughout the year as Stationary Engineers. Ralph Brown was the successful bidder and was awarded the bridge across the Mad River at Essex.

We understand that the U. S. Bureau of Roads will commence construction of a new road between Sawyers Bar and Happy Camp. We have been unable to learn who the successful contractor is, or if bids have already been accepted.

Regardless of the strike conditions, there will be sufficient work to take care of most of the brothers in this area on highway construction as soon as the weather clears.

Gold Dredger Report

Your Representative has been given the assignment of organizing the Bucket Line Gold Dredgers. By the time this paper goes to press, we will have organized approximately eighty per cent of the employes in this industry. We have been offered a closed shop contract by one of the large companies, together with an increase which was rejected, and your negotiating committee has asked for additional increase for all classifications.

There is intense feeling amongst employes in this industry for unionization, and they have given the Representatives of Local 3 unanimous support. They have also

started organizing the Doodle Bug Gold Dredgers, and so far we have been successful in applying the Sand and Gravel scale. This organization, known as the Gold Producers Association, has been handicapped for lack of four to six yard dry lines, but should in six to twelve months take over a large part of our surplus membership, especially some of the old shovel and dragline operators. We have had some opposition from some of the larger companies, but have now been able to negotiate with them as an industry, rather than an individual. We believe that by combined effort and perseverance, this will prove to be a lucrative field for members of Local 3.

Underhanded Widder

The Black Widow has now a book all to herself, America's Most Poisonous Insect. She isn't quite so deadly as most folk think. Only 1291 bites are recorded in two centuries, and only 55 of these were fatal. But she is decidedly indelicate and malicious. It appears that she likes to spin her web under the seat of toilets and most of the bites were got when folk were engaged in innocent personal affairs!

Case of Hard Labor

They tell about the man who called at the home of his family doctor:

"Is the doctor in?" he asked.
"No, sir," replied the maid, "he ain't."

"Do you know when he'll be back?" persisted the caller.

"I don't know, but I 'spect it'll be a long time," said the servant. "When he left he tol' me he was goin' out on a eternity case."

G.I. JOE: "Sure is dry out here in the desert, isn't it?"

G.I. JIM: "Sure is. I haven't passed water for four days."

Tells 'Em Off



One city official who won't be pressured by management is Mayor Charles E. Moore of Stamford, Conn., above. When a company attorney mourned that unions were intimidating Moore by their 1-day general sympathy strike with Yale & Towne workers, the mayor snapped back, "The only intimidation I've seen is from Yale & Towne and I've stood up and told them, 'To hell with you.'" (Federated Pictures)

Mining rapidly developing for Redding region

By E. A. HESTER
Business Representative

Redding—The gold miners are rapidly getting under way. Several mines have started in the last thirty days. Agreements have been signed between the Gold Dollar Mining Company and the Operating Engineers Local No. 3. We also have the Enterprise Dredging Company of French Gulch under agreement. The wage scale on these agreements show:

Dragline & shovel operator	\$1.75
Oiler	1.125
Boat man	1.35
Tractor Operator	1.60
Heavy duty repairman and welder	1.35

The Enterprise Dredging Company at French Gulch will be in operation in a few days and will have another boat in operation as soon as they can get delivery on a new dragline which they think will be in about three months. I was successful in signing up all men working for the Yuba Consolidated Gold Field Company operating at Calahan, California. Several rigs working up on the Klamath and Salmon rivers that we have not gotten around to as yet but will in a very short time. Prior to the shut down in 1942, there were 114 doodle-bug dredges operating in Northern California and I do not know how many bucket dredges but there were many. If the present activity and preparedness keep up, I think all of them will be back in operation by the end of 1946.

Bridge Bid Rejected

Bids on the Salmon River Bridge in Siskiyou County have been rejected. New bids will be called for at a later date. J. D. Proctor of Point Richmond have been awarded a \$378,765 bridge job. The work will be situated between Red Bluff and Los Molinas on Highway 99-E. The Phoenix Construction Company and Oil Field Trucking Company of Bakersfield have been awarded a highway job near Red Bluff at \$508,837. Mr. Britt Pugh of the Phoenix Construction Company said that they expected to get started about the first of March if weather permits.

Dam Work Held Up

No work has started yet on Keswick or Shasta Dams, but we know there will be soon from the amount of bids that are being called for and let by the Bureau of Reclamation. Don't look for too much, Brothers, for a while. You know we are still having a tough time with the weather.

Brothers L. T. Thornton, M. C. Haag, Dale Bryant, B. A. Brossard and Leo Naitamy have brought in their Service Withdrawals and are ready to go to work as soon as conditions permit.

UH, HUH, SO WHAT?

GI: Have you any four-volt two-watt bulbs?

SUPPLY CLERK: For what?

GI: No, two.

CLERK: Two what?

GI: Yeah.

Pretty cheap

An illustrious statesman once said: "I do not prize the word 'cheap.' It is not a word of hope; it is not a word of comfort; it is not a word of cheer; it is not a word of inspiration. It is a badge of poverty; it is a signal of distress. Cheap merchandise and cheap labor means cheap men, and cheap men mean a cheap country."

Clip this—you may need it! Social security

(For more detailed information as to your benefit status under the Act, consult your Social Security office. For exact location of this office, inquire at your local post office.)

Social security benefits for surviving widow and children

You all know John Blackstone. That is not his real name, but it will do. When John Blackstone died last year, he left his wife and two children in the same situation thousands of other young families find themselves. John was barely 30. He was a power-brake operator at the Crown Aircraft Plant No. 3 and was making about \$45 a week. With prices what they are, John couldn't save much on that salary, and all there was for his wife and children when he died was a life insurance policy for a thousand dollars and a hundred dollars or so in War Bonds.

It looked as if John's widow would have to get out and earn a living for herself and the children; but that would be hard, for baby Mary was only three months old, and Johnny three years. Who would take care of these youngsters while their mother was away at work?

That is where Blackstone's social security account came in for his family. John's local and a social security committee that was always on its toes looking out for the union members, and it immediately notified the Social Security Board of his death, and told Mary, John's widow, how important it was to file her claim for survivor's insurance. John's own benefit at that time would have been worth \$36.75 a month, so Mary, as his widow, gets three-fourths of that, or \$27.56 a month. Each child gets half its father's benefit, or \$18.37 a month. This makes a total of \$64.30 a month which is now going regularly to this mother and her two children.

Mary Blackstone will get her \$27.56 a month until the youngest child is 18 years old. Each child will continue to get his \$18.75 a month until he is 16 years old, and until 18 if he is still in school. So the proceeds of John's social security account will at least take care of the children's education through the grades and high school.

When the children are old enough for their mother to leave them, Mary plans to try for her old job. Before she and John were married, she had also worked at the Crown Plant and was making almost a dollar an hour as a class A welder. As she can earn more than the amount of her social security benefits from John's account, she can afford to give up her monthly check for \$27.56, especially as the children's checks will keep on coming until they are out of school. When Mary is 65 years old, if she has not married again, and is no longer at work, she can claim her monthly benefit checks again. Or if she has earned a larger benefit on her own social security account than what she would get as John's widow, she will get that larger amount for the rest of her life.

Now it is doubtful whether John Blackstone could ever have saved enough money to leave his family anything like so well protected as he was able to do through his social security account. What they got for his six years of social security taxes was almost \$14,000 worth of insurance.

Sometimes families lose needed social security benefit payments because they do not know that they are entitled to them and do not file claims until many months after the breadwinner has died, if they file at all. Back payments can be made only for three months before the month the claim is filed.

Tell your family about your social security account and where you keep your social security account card. Also, be sure that your

family understands that social security benefits **MUST BE CLAIMED**; they do not just come. To file a claim, get in touch with the nearest Social Security Board field office.

No, No—Not THAT!

A story of the world being destroyed by atomic bombs is being told. As the story goes, a few days after what seemed to be total destruction of every living creature in the world, a couple of badly crippled, but still alive, monkeys emerged from a deep cavern in Central Africa. As they looked about and saw nothing but destruction, and concluding they were the only creatures alive, the male monkey proposed to his companion.

She shook her head sadly and answered, "And you would start this damned thing all over again."

There's Many a Slip

A labor leader up in the Northwest included this bit of warning in the letter he sent out to the membership recently:

"You Lumber and Sawmill Workers may have your strike on the way to settlement, but anything can still happen, and you'd better be careful. Remember the girl who took a course in 'charm culture' but flunked the course because on the way up the aisle to get her diploma—she belched."

EINSTEIN PRAISES UNIONS

Albert Einstein, the great mathematician, is a union man.

Here's what he had to say to the third national conference of scientific, professional, art, and white collar organizations which met recently in New York:

"As long as intellectual workers remain unorganized in trade unions, the individual remains so completely dependent on his employer that he will not be able to defend successfully any normal responsibilities or basic principles which his profession recognizes, he must always count on immediate dismissal once he refuses to carry out a commission.

"... salaried employes find their natural allies in industrial workers.

"Within the framework of the present political and economic system, they can be safe from immediate exploitation and politically influential, only through organization in trade unions."

Big things in store for Stockton in near future; canal contracts June 30

By ED DORAN
Business Representative

Stockton—The prospects for Stockton and vicinity look very good with some large projects to be let in February. Most of these will be State Highway jobs.

The six-lane freeway on the east side of the City of Stockton is showing signs of activities as they are moving several dozen houses off the right-of-way.

On Charter Way, Fisher Bros. have been moving houses for the past month. This right-of-way is for the new Borden Highway that is to connect with the Industrial highway at Brentwood.

M. J. B. Construction Company of Stockton were awarded the highway contract between Mossdale Bridge and Grant line road. This is four miles of concrete road, four lanes wide. This job is to be started immediately and should go all summer.

Bridge Jobs Awarded

The Stockton Construction Company, headed by Ivar Swanson, were low bidders on two bridges between Tracy and the Manteca Y. These two bridges should keep several of our members employed for some time.

Rice Bros., with headquarters in Stockton, have had delivery of two Koering Truck Cranes and have Brothers Jack Stampen and Norlyn Amick operating them at the Rock Plant in Riverbank. Brother Bill Crisman is operating a small P&H Shovel feeding the sand plant.

Frederickson Bros. are finished at the Heinz Cannery and from reports are getting ready to dismantle the crusher and hot plant to move to another job around Vacaville.

Erecting Sawmill

The Larsen Company of San Francisco is building a new saw mill at Standard City east of Sonoma for the Pickering Lumber Company. Brother G. B. Slack, formerly of Marinship, is operating the truck crane, and Charles Kelsheimer is oiling for him.

Kiewit, Everest & Johnson on Rough and Ready Island are just about buttoned up as far as Local 3 is concerned. We have about 20 members employed on Rough and Ready.

Around Turlock we have a few members of Local 3 leveling land. Brothers Earl Heist and Lance Bouski have a couple of cats working. Brother Roy Clark also has two cats of his own leveling land. Brother Glenn Gilliam is running a cat for a fellow named Hammon, who pays the union scale of wages. Earl Parker has three cats at the present time working out of Modesto leveling land. Brother Bert King, Bob Salisbury and Art Thomas are operating the equipment. Charles Rowe is superintendent.

Leo Patterson has a spread of ten cats and scrapers leveling his ranch between Stockton and Byron. Patterson stated the best way to keep a string of cats working is to buy a ranch, and this he has done. On 100 acres there were 120,000 yards of much to move on another 100 acres yet to be leveled. There is more than 120,000 yards. Patterson may haul the fill for M. J. B. Co. job at Mossdale.

R. A. Farish has three cats and scrapers working on Victoria Island leveling land. Brother Herring has been working for Farish leveling land for two years.

Big Contracts Loom

Contracts will be let by June 30 for initial work on the 110 mile Delta-Mendota Canal to bring Sacramento river to replace San Joaquin river water stored behind Friant Dam, according to the Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Region 2 office.

Contracts will cover excavation of a 13-mile and a 10-mile section north of Newman and a four-mile waterway from the canal to the San Joaquin river near Westley. Contracts also will cover manufacture of equipment for a huge pumping plant near Tracy for lifting water 200 feet into the Delta Mendota Canal.

The big Canal, with a capacity of 4600 feet per second, will carry Sacramento river water from the Delta Cross channel to the Mendota Pool through existing Canal Systems. These water supplies will irrigate the crop lands of the lower San Joaquin Valley.

San Joaquin Water stored behind Friant Dam is for diversion to the Madera and Friant & Kern Canals.

I regret to report the death of Brother Frank Sportsman, whom a lot of you fellows will remember. Brother Sportsman was killed while pushing over trees. He was working for M. J. Ruddy Company of Modesto. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family.

Brother L. S. Cunningham was very seriously injured while working for Swinerton & Walberg. It was reported that his back and one leg were fractured.

Brother Eddie Violet has opened a Sporting Goods Concession with the Turned Hardware Company in Lodi. Any of you Brothers needing hunting or fishing equipment, contact Eddie and I am sure he has it in stock.

Brother Irvin Porter has a heavy equipment repair shop on Hiway 120, 2 miles east of Manteca. Brother Porter is equipt to take on any job large or small, so if any members of Local No. 3 have equipment that needs working on take it to Porter. He can do the job in fine shape.

Reminder to Brothers!

Just a reminder, Section 9 of your working rules says:

"All members, before reporting for work, must have a Clearance card from the Business Representative covering the area in which the work is to be performed."

If you will just drop a penny post card to 805 E. Weber, Stockton, telling where and for whom you are working, you will receive a clearance by return mail. Then we will know where you are working.

If you want a copy of the working rules, you may have same by writing or calling the Stockton Office. The Phone is 2-6847. Home phone is 2-7797.

Bullock Back Home

Brother Frank Bullock has just returned from the Army after 39 months. He was in on the Normandy invasion and went all the way to Victory. Brother Bullock tells a story about fighting like hell all night and when daylight came he took shelter in an old house in Mainz, Germany. There he picked up a copy of our Engineers News and as tired as he was he didn't rest until he read every page.

Brother Ivan Carden was in the Stockton office, after being a prisoner of the Japs from Dec. 23, 1941 until Aug., 1945. He has some unbelievable tales to tell. He was taken off Wake Island in a cattle pen.

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Work in Fresno area quiet, but prospect better

By H. T. PETERSON
Business Representative

Fresno—Work in this area, like most of the rest of our jurisdiction, has been slow, although we have working at the present time 5 leveling outfits with some 30 cat skimmers employed.

Hanrahan Company are getting started on their highway job near Fresno, which job will probably accommodate 15 engineers.

The Keebo & Caputa Company have a highway contract to widen bridges on Hiway 180. This firm has moved in and at the present time doing detour work.

Railing Company are low bidders on a stretch of highway near Stratford in Kings County. It is expected they will start in the near future.

Pipeline Progressing

Bechtel Bros. & McCone pipe line job with headquarters at Coalinga is progressing satisfactorily. This company expects to start another spread with headquarters at Los Banos, however, pipe for the job is not available at the present because of the steel strike.

Peter Kiewit Company's canal job at Friant is progressing satisfactorily with approximately 26 engineers at work.

Bids were to be opened for 3 additional sections of the Friant Kern Canal on February 5th. It is to be expected about 6 weeks thereafter these jobs will be starting.

Roma Winery and the Wahtoke Winery Co. jobs of Contractor Louis Franchesci are coming along nicely. Although we don't have too many brothers working on these jobs, those that are are making good money.

Finish Merced Paving

N. M. Ball & Sons are just finishing their paving job at the Merced Air base and are ready to move to San Jose on their highway job.

NOTE: Brothers working for this Company please check in with San Jose office before going to work.

Since the last edition of the news Brother Spence has been transferred to Reno and is now in charge of that district. Yours truly is back at the old stand and anxious to see the old timers once more.

Hope to submit a more progressive report in the next succeeding issues.

Don't forget the regular meeting will be Thursday, February 28. This office is open every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for the convenience of the brothers.

The Queen Is SIU

A proud sea queen
is the Cape Martin,
As she plows through
the water blue.
And many a tide
she'll surely ride.
For she answers her
rudder true.

The Skipper smokes,
laughs and jokes,
As he pilots his proud
craft through.
For he's sure as hell
she's handled well,
By a crew pledged
SIU.

—AFL Seafarers Log.

NOT WELL POSTED

The irate prosecutor whirled on the defendant: "Madam," he shouted, trying to prove a vital point, "While you were taking your dog for a walk, did you stop any place?"

The spectators waited tensely for her answer.

"Sir," she said quietly, "did you ever take a dog for a walk?"

Location of new industry in Santa Clara Co. helps give work for engineers

By M. G. MURPHY
Business Representative

San Jose—N. M. Ball has finally started the excavation on the new Bayshore Highway. At present he has about eleven pieces of equipment in operation on a single shift basis. He expects to double shift sometime this week. However, brothers, please don't get the impression that there's room for everybody on this particular job. At most, I don't believe we will have much over fifteen "Cats" and possibly two or three shovels, but it is still too early to say definitely.

To date Earl W. Heple has not started on his bridges and overpasses on Coyote Creek but work is expected to start soon. This is also part of the new Bayshore Highway.

New Store Excavation

Contractor Heple has completed the excavation of the new, modern J. C. Penney store at First and Santa Clara and Raymond Concrete Pile (with Vernon Bellah at the controls) have moved their "Driver" in and have started driving their piling for the foundation which will be in the neighborhood of three hundred and fifty pile. The \$250,000 Monarch Match Co. plant (which is also being constructed by Bud Heple) is well under way and our part of the work is practically completed. Bud has purchased some new equipment and has really been going to town lately. He just recently got delivery of a spanking new Lorraine Truck Crane and I understand he is also negotiating for a new 701 Lima.

New Firms Locate

Many new industries are locating in San Jose and construction is either already started on them or expects to be started very shortly. Carl N. Swenson has broken ground and is progressing nicely on the Million Dollar Beech-Nut Packing Company job at Senter and Phelan, also on the California Fruit Exchange job located at Campbell Avenue and Newhall Street. . . . Another plant to be built shortly is for the International Minerals & Chemical Company. This company manufactures a food flavoring known as monosodium glutamate. The plant will be located on Monterey Road and I understand the contractor for the construction will be Stone & Webster of Los Angeles. . . . The Pacific Can Company of San Francisco has purchased three acres on the Alviso-Santa Clara Road in the Pasetta Tract for construction of machine shops to cost more than \$100,000.

J. C. Bateman seems to be keeping busy on his many projects in and about San Jose which are too numerous to mention.

Peters & Schwartz, plumbing contractors, who employ steadily a number of our men, have a considerable amount of work in and around San Jose.

Moffett Field Work

Fredrickson & Watson are still employing about thirty of our men on their project and at present are laying the base rock for the new runways and then will come the concrete which will be a major job. Most of the excavation, however, is completed. Carl N. Swenson is still in the field but has almost finished his work on the hangars. Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel are much afraid of being retarded in the construction of the Wind Tunnel due to the steel strike in the East. Union Paving Company have completed their portion of work, namely streets, curbs, gutters and lighting facilities and at present are in the Santa Clara Housing Tract.

There seems to be considerable housing construction in and around Sunnyvale, Mountain View, and Palo Alto. Much of the construction work for the basements is being done by O. V. Freeman,

Sondgroth & Sons, and Douglas & Woodhouse.

Permanente News

The Natividad Plant is running along about as usual and the Moss Landing Plant has no unusual activity to report other than the new Brick Plant, which has been under construction for so long. It is now about ready for operation. The Los Altos (or San Jose) Plant has not too much doing other than quarry operations and cement. This is due to the large contract which the company has for the supply of base rock for Moffett Field. (After this Thursday, February 7th, I believe we will have some definite good news for our boys employed at the above-mentioned plants.)

Report on Salinas

A. Teichert Co. have not yet started excavation on their newly acquired highway job. There is much clearing and relocating of telephone and telegraph lines to be made before the construction work can begin. There are also the culverts and several small bridges to be constructed first. Superintendent Bowers informed me it will be thirty days or more before the actual excavation gets under way. They anticipate using about two shovels and Mississippi Wagons on the overhaul. . . . Munson Bros. are progressing nicely on the Telephone Building in this city. . . . Granite Construction and Central Supply are quite busy in this locality, also. . . . Granite Construction is going into the Ready-Mix business, as I have said before, and their plant is now completed. . . . Cahill Bros. are going along nicely on their new theater job in the Alisal District.

This, brothers, about concludes my report on activities in this district.

News of the Brothers

Brother Charley Duncan has returned from the European theater after approximately three years. . . . Brother D. J. La Croix has returned to civilian life after many months service in the armed forces. . . . Brother Eugene Brown (son of Ralph Brown, contractor) is now also a civilian after twenty-nine months in the European and Pacific theaters. . . . Brother Leonard Valdivia has returned after three years and nine months spent in the service in the South Pacific and is now ready to resume his former occupation as an engineer. . . .

Brother J. A. Price (nephew of Brother Herman Hooks) has returned from service after three years or more. . . . Brother L. P. Meyers has deposited his Service Withdrawal Card after three years' absence. . . . Brother Earl Buchholz has also returned from Okinawa. . . . Brother Donald R. Cass has deposited his Service Withdrawal Card after two years with "Uncle Sam's" Navy. . . . Brother H. V. Myers is also back after spending twenty-three months in the Solomons and South Pacific. . . .

Brother Lawrence Keeley has put in his Service Withdrawal and is now back at his old job with Permanente. . . . Brother Harly C. Beatty has discarded his uniform for civvies and is ready to resume his former occupation as an engineer. . . . Brother Greg E. Ross (Continued on Page 7)

What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, Joe Riley and Joe Walther, Business Representatives

Oakland — In assembling the material for the news report we find this has been one of the slowest months in the East Bay for a considerable length of time. The 'out of work' list continues to grow. This is to be expected, due to the fact that many of the jobs are shut down because of the weather conditions and the difficulty in the shipyards. Along with this many of our members who have been in the service are now home and signing up for work.

We realize that it seems to some of the brothers that they have been out of work for a considerable period of time, but at the present there is nothing much we can do to alleviate the situation. With the co-operation of those brothers who are working we are able to place a few members on various small jobs where the contractor is attempting to cut corners.

It looks now, weather permitting, that in about a month or six weeks the majority of those out of work

will be employed again. At least we sincerely hope there will be work for all by that time.

Bethlehem Problem

We extend our thanks to the members who, through the past month, have lent their support during the difficulties at Bethlehem in Alameda. We feel that this has been a job well done as the plant is now completely closed. Following is a partial list of those men who have been helping. We realize that there are probably some whose names we have not obtained but to all who have participated we are sincerely grateful.

A. J. Aikens, F. G. Burns, Clarence Byers, F. E. Biven, Joe Blackwell, August Bader, Woodrow Bird, Jack Boyd, H. C. Bonds, Joe Baker, Sam Cozad, C. B. Crossland, A. J. Clayhold, W. H. Cardwell, V. G. Cox, S. E. Cramer, K. S. Corning, Guy Conyers, F. Coughlon, Arthur Dethlefs, Roy Davis, August Fernandez, P. Ferrari, F. L. Golden, Carl Haley, Roy Helm, Ed Hackman, Vern Hammer, A. N. Johnson, C. P. Joy, Johnny Johnson, H. M. Jackson, R. B. Kretz, F. L. Kirby, W. J. Kerr, E. J. Kiras Jr., Larry Kinkead, Frank Kratz,

Dan-Kiser, Jack Lloyd, Pete Lambert, Harry Lawley, T. D. Macon, R. H. McAlister, G. W. McAtee, W. A. Miller, F. Nichols, A. Plahn, Ed Parks, Leo Post, Tom Rager, Earl Robinson, M. L. Rose, C. W. Stewart, Frank Silva, Fred Schlue-ter, A. Tavis, W. P. Schmidt, J. Sotello, Grover Shearer, Leon Tad-die, C. A. Theriault, Ray Wilkes, C. Xavier, Perry Wing, Paul Young, O. A. Wiegelt.

NOTICE!

TO MEMBERS IN THE FAIRFIELD AREA

Due to the fact that there is so little activity in the territory it has become necessary to close the Fairfield office. However, starting Friday, February 22, 1946, the office will be open on the Second and Fourth Friday of the month, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

\$19,000,000,000 in Heavy Engineering Building

Heavy engineering construction in the 11 Western States is mounting to a total of \$19,000,000,000, with California accounting for more

than half of the total, according to a survey by H. W. Pyeritz, editor of Daily Construction Service.

California contracts for major projects, costing \$50,000 or more, totaled close to \$68,000,000 in January as the Far West set a new high record with \$119,841,000. Comparative totals for last January were \$37,500,000 for California and \$100,646,000 for the entire area.

Pyeritz said manpower problems are diminishing but machinery is still scarce, a shortage of power shovels particularly retarding preliminary construction work. He commented that Navy construction work now planned will closely approximate the wartime record rate, exceeding anything ever previously experienced in peace time.

Plant Opens Office

Western headquarters for the La Plante-Choate Manufacturing Company, Inc., national road building equipment concern have been established at 344 Davis Street, San Leandro, where the company has leased 20,000 feet of industrial property from the Par Soap Company.

Announcement that the small branch office, formerly located at

1379 East 14th Street, is being expanded to a distribution center for the eleven Western States was made by Elmer H. Hammond, manager of the Industrial Department of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce, following negotiations with company officials and Robert O. Philips of Norman Ogilvie and Company.

S. I. Harris, Pacific Coast manager for the company, said that the office and parts department will be housed in an existing building with 5000 square feet floor space. Remainder of the site is being macadamized for storage of graders, bulldozers and other types of road building machinery.

The Steel Strike

No doubt you have all been hearing considerable discussion about the steel strike. We are pleased to report that the only steel mill in this area with which we have an agreement, the Pacific States Steel Corporation of Niles, has agreed to a 25 cent an hour raise, pending the settlement of the strike in the larger mills, with the understanding that the wage agreed upon in these larger mills will apply in their case.

Getting around the jobs

Things are very quiet at the Fairfield-Suisun Airport job at this time. Stolte is finishing its portion of the job and has laid off several operators. The only bright spot to report is the hiring of additional repairmen, who are overhauling equipment. The M. K. section is also very quiet and there is not much activity expected until about the 20th of March.

Pittsburg Activity

There is considerable activity at the Dow Chemical Company in Pittsburg, where a reconstruction program is in progress. The Austin Company, who has the contract for remodeling the buildings, has six members on the job with Brother Manuel Cabral acting as steward. Martin Brothers are handling the grading and excavation and are employing five members. Brother Lawrence Wixson is steward.

Due to the steel strike, five of our members, who are employed by the American Bridge Company at the Columbia Steel Plant in Pittsburg, are out of work.

McDonald and Kahn have been awarded a contract for the excavation work on the New Dennison Food Products Plant. There is a new Northwest shovel and a D 8 dozer on this job at the present time.

Stanley Davis has granted a contract for excavation on a new housing project, to the U. B. Lee Company. This project joins that of Groom and Groom at 140th Avenue and E. 12th Street. Brother Spence Roberts has the dozer and carryall and Brother Ray Meyers is operating the blade.

The Fluror Corporation of 3rd and Virginia Street, Berkeley, is employing three of our members on a plant reconstruction job in Berkeley.

Moore Dry Dock is erecting iron on several small jobs around town with Brothers Chet Mayhew and Vern Rigby on the cranes.

N. M. Ball's shop in Berkeley is one of the busiest places around here. They are overhauling equipment to be sent out on the various jobs.

Things are about the same at the Peterson Tractor Company in Hayward and there is considerable work in the shop at the present time.

Paris Brothers of Berkeley have a \$54,000 job which is being held up at the present time due to the lack of steel pipes. There are four members out there now and it is expected that when the job gets under way there will be jobs for four more.

A. J. McCosker, who is doing a number of small jobs in this district, has 24 members on his payroll at this time.

Intrusion Prepakt, Inc., have just finished their tunnel job in Richmond.

The Buren Equipment has just received several pieces of new equipment. There is a lot of activity around the place and the shop seems to be pretty busy.

Chicago Bridge has two repair jobs at Standard Oil in Richmond and has three engineers working out there.

There are three members working for the Freethy Construction Company of Albany.

Brothers Box and Lambert are keeping busy on small jobs around this territory.

R. C. King of El Cerrito has one dozer and a cat loader working at this time.

E. P. Lindquist has a loader and a D-6 Cat working on the crusher plant at Orinda.

Brother Ault is running the cat loader for the McDonald Construction Company in Richmond.

John Pestano is employing five members on a water job in Hayward where he is installing a 16-inch main for the Municipal Water District.

The Macco Construction Company is building roads to new locations for gas wells around Rio Vista.

The Fulton Boat Company has

moved one of their rigs into the Rio Vista area and is doing drainage work for the irrigation district. There are two shifts running with Brother L. L. Keithley operating on days and Brother Louis Arata on the night shift.

There are several small jobs in the Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Orinda locality where work is progressing on the preparation of various new building sites. Van Houten Brothers and Kaufmann have moved their cats to San Leandro, however, and are working on the new race track.

The C. Dudley De Velbiss housing project job near Concord is not going full swing as yet due to the weather conditions.

The Underground Construction

During the past month quite a variety of new business ventures have been announced by members, and we take this opportunity to wish them all success and good luck.

Brother Paul Bennett, who has been working in this area since 1941, has taken out a withdrawal card and is returning to his former home in Richmond, Missouri, where he plans to go into the dairy business.

A trailer rental service has been started by Brother George Gisel at 5548 Vallejo Street, Oakland. He is specializing in camp trailers. These compact little rigs sleep two, have kitchen facilities for six, and are ideal for fishing or hunting trips.

Brother A. M. Alden, who operated crane in the Richmond yards for nearly four years, has purchased a commercial boat and will spend his time fishing in the vicinity of Morro Bay.

Another member who has decided to work for himself is Brother William Dorresteyn of 6105 Orchard Avenue, Richmond. He not only will handle excavation work but will have equipment to rent as well.

Company has a ditch job on College Avenue in Oakland. There are five members operating a ditcher, blade, two loaders and a compressor.

Rock, Sand Agreement

During the past month an agreement was signed between the Operating Engineers and the Rock, Sand and Gravel Producers Association of Northern California. Due to the fact that there were several classifications added to the agreement we have been quite busy in the various plants adjusting wages to the different classifications.

We feel that this agreement is a definite improvement over the one we had previously, due to the fact that the classification of plant apprentice has been eliminated in its entirety, and under this new wage structure setup there is a definite classification to cover each job performed.

News about the brothers:

In Cement Business

Brother Lee Patters and his son, Al, who is also a member of the Engineers, have gone into the cement business. They will be located at 568 42nd Street, Oakland, and are equipped to handle all types of cement work, including garage and basement floors, sidewalks, patios and retaining walls.

An army weapons truck has been converted into a portable steam cleaning unit by Brother Stan Sipes. The machine, which he designed himself, is fully automatic, has 200 feet of steam hose, sufficient lighting to permit operating at night and is designed for clean-

A REAL TOUGH ONE

She was a regular visitor at the zoo and her favorite spot was the monkey village. One day she noticed with some concern that the monkey village seemed to be deserted and asked an attendant what had happened to her pets.

"They're all in the houses, Ma'am," replied the attendant. "This is the mating season for monkeys and they seldom come outside at such a time."

"What a pity!" she exclaimed. "I miss them so. Do you suppose they would come out if I offered them a peanut?"

"Gosh, I dunno, Ma'am. Would you?"

We have also been successful in signing an agreement with the J. H. Baxter Company covering their yard in Alameda. Under this agreement the members will receive a substantial increase in wages as well as an improvement in working conditions.

New Oakland Stadium

Work is getting under way for the "Oakland Stadium," which will be constructed on the site of the old Oakland speedway, by William Lynn and Charles Currier. With a seating capacity of 65,000 there is to be a quarter-mile midget auto track and a half-mile stock car track as well as a football field. According to Brother Jack Browers, who is in charge of earth moving, the job is to be completed by June first.

ing heavy duty as well as light equipment. Stan is now working from his home and can be reached by calling BE 0309-W.

Brother Lee Clement has taken out a transfer card and is returning to his home in Bakersfield.

Brother Albert Wollner, who was injured while working for the erection department of the Moore Dry Dock Company, is in Providence Hospital, Oakland. He is getting along nicely, however, and expects to be home before long.

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It's a Gift!

MOE: "Say, these chorus girls are not as dumb as you might think."

ZOE: "Yeah. How's that?"

MOE: "Well, who else could skin a wolf and get a mink?"

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TALK UNITED STATES!

PROFESSOR: "Who was Talleyrand?"

STUDENT: "A fan dancer—and cut the baby talk."

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YEAH, SLACK SUIT

JOAN—I want a suit to match my eyes. How do you like this?

JANE—It's a little baggy, don't you think?

Plenty of work looming in North Bay region as ground dries from rains

By H. O. FOSS

Business Representative

San Rafael—We find Fredrickson Brothers on their joint contract, two jobs from Vacaville to Dixon, bringing in some of their equipment that they have recently finished on contracts in the area. I am advised by Glen Fredrickson, who will be the superintendent on the job, that they will probably be found at this point for the next year. They have established an office at Midway on the project. At the present time doing what work the weather will permit on the realignment and widening from Vacaville East.

Glen advises that he will not expect to really open up until the ground gets hardened up to hold up the Yukes and Pulls that he expects to place on the east end of the project. We find Brothers Butler, Keller and McNutt, pushers on this job. Brothers Dysart, Hammersmith, McMullen, busting nuts. C. M. Syar is keeping a very small crew doing local cleaning up in the Vallejo vicinity and has been successful on pinching off a \$50,000 paving contract on the waterfront in Vallejo. E. E. Lowell has finished his project around the Con Valley Dam looking for other work and puttering around in the Vallejo district. We find Parish Brothers at Benicia at a pretty low ebb, having laid off their pusher, Paul Mattos, and nut-buster, Lacey. Balance of the crew mostly busy keeping out of sight.

We find Proctor getting strung out on the pile-pulling project at California Point. At Mercer and Frazer's Yard at Sausalito, there does not appear to be any activity. The Healey and Harrelson job at Vallejo, piledriving and making a berthing space for the returning subs, is a big project and they seem to be getting strung out with the Navy and accomplishing some good work at the present writing.

Rector Dam Progress

On the Rector Dam, joint venture with Ball and Parker, superintendent Donald Ross, asst. superintendent, Brother E. E. Frost assisted by Brother Ramsey, are working a few pieces of equipment getting down on the foundation, expecting to bring another shovel and dragline in the near future and it is their intention to be ready in about thirty days to three shift this job with a bunch of pulls and jeeps. We find Brother Ramsey pusher on the afternoon shift at the present time. Brothers Snowden and Storey are master mechanics on the respective shifts. This project will employ quite a few members of Local 3 and will take up quite a little of the slack in this district.

Kelly and Lundgren have the diversion tunnel, a small tunnel about 800 feet in length, and are making good progress on the west portal. We find Raisch and Harms not intending a great deal on their project from Ignacio to Petaluma until such time as the weather and conditions will permit to get under way. I am advised that Harms in all probability will do nearly all of the grading on this project.

Raisch's equipment being busy on smaller contracts in this vicinity. The Walsh equipment with his bunch of Pulls and couple of cats have pulled in on the Palm Hill at Larkspur and have an all summer's job filling for the 600 home housing project. They will get under way as soon as the ground will hold up this equipment. We find the Basalt boys and equipment busy at all points filling orders on their present contract. I understand that Ben C. Gerwick is taking over and is going to make a permanent yard at Petaluma as a pile and precasting yard. The various contractors in this vicinity seem to be as busy as the weather will permit.

In Santa Rosa we find Art Siri trying to get hold of some more equipment and keeping its usual crew busy. John Spalletta still constructing on his rock and gravel plant east of Santa Rosa and should be ready to go in the near future. We find Brother Sam Stewart has purchased a small shovel and is loading out a little fill for various projects around here. There seems to be quite a tendency for some of the boys to purchase various pieces of construction equipment and going in for themselves. Personally, I suggest to the members and brothers that they be very cautious on these ventures. On the overall picture on construction in this entire district, it appears that there will be a lot of work as soon as the ground will hold up the equipment.

Or a Chicken Roost

A pretty nurse, just returned from service in the South Pacific, was describing an air raid over the base where she'd been stationed. "When the Jap bombers came over," she said, "I jumped right into the nearest wolfhole."

"Don't you mean a foxhole?" interrupted a listener. "Maybe a fox dug it," replied the nurse sweetly, "but there was a wolf in it when I got there."

Maybe It Was Santa

Once upon a time there was a big spinster, a middle-sized spinster and a little spinster. They came home one night and the big spinster looked in her room and said: "Somebody's been sleeping in my bed!"

The middle-sized spinster looked and said: "Somebody's been sleeping in my bed!"

The little spinster looked in her bed and yelled, "Oh, boy!"

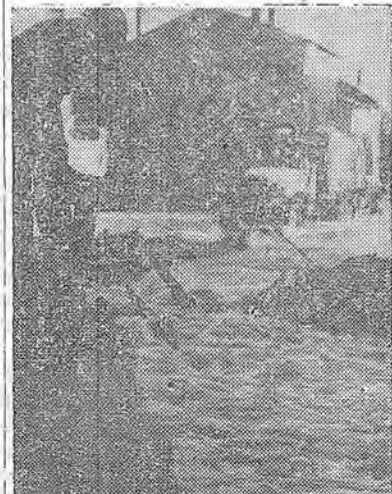
NOT COMMUNICABLE
LITTLE GIRL: "Come in, Aunty, and see our new baby."

VISITING AUNT: "Thank you, dear, but I'll wait until your mother is well."

LITTLE GIRL: "Oh, don't be afraid, Aunty. It's not catching."

ALL CROSSED UP
DRUGGIST: "Well, what's the matter with the medicine you bought?"

MORON: "Well, 'tain't no good. It says here on the label, 'For adults only' an' I never had 'em."



Signal Corps Photo

Hard Work. Army Engineers have to operate heavy drills on remains of buildings in the clean-up process in wrecked cities. They are doing a grand job and need your help through Victory Bond investments. U. S. Treasury Department

New jobs ahead for Sacramento region, report

By F. A. LAWRENCE and Bill WAACK

Business Representatives

Sacramento—We are happy to report that we have been able to remove a few of our boys from the "out of work" list since our last writing, although there are still about 100 members registered on our list here. There is much work slated for this area and if weather conditions continue in our favor, we hope a more favorable report in our next issue.

Belyea Trucking Co. at Camr-Kohler has increased its number of crews since our last report, and we have about 15 or 20 members employed there at present. We expect work there to continue on the up-grade in the very near future.

The North Sacramento Freeway job has not started as yet. However, we expect this project to be under way by the time our next issue is out. Guy F. Atkinson is the contractor.

The Bondamen & McCain job at Washington has been shut down. The company has moved its equipment back to Los Angeles.

Rock & Gravel Pact

Remember the new Rock, Sand and Gravel Agreement for Northern California has been signed, being retroactive from September 1st, 1945. Any of our members failing to receive back pay due them, should notify the Union Office, so that such matters may be properly taken care of.

After being shut down, M. A. Jenkins jobs have been completely adjusted, with our members being paid their retroactive pay.

Hooper Construction Co. have a warehouse job going at Walnut Grove, and we anticipate a little trouble on this particular project. However, we expect to have Local 3 members on the job within the next few days.

Taylor Mine Starts

The Taylor Chrome Mine located just out of Auburn in El Dorado County has started operations, and we expect to have this job straightened out and an agreement signed by the time our next issue is out.

New Work Listed

H. W. Robertson, Sacramento, was low bidder on a \$15,887 job at 21st and J Street, Sacramento. The job consists of constructing a one story building for Ravensau Tool Co.

A. Teichert & Co. submitted low bid to the City of Sacramento for the improvement of 58th Street from M to Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento. (\$11,734.00).

Contract has been awarded to construct a two-story building for Associated Oil Co. at foot of Broadway, Sacramento. Job amounts to \$120,000, with the Markwart Co. scheduled to do the work.

Berlinger Construction Co. of Orland is to start work in the very near future on a \$200,000 warehouse in Willows, Glenn County. This warehouse will serve as a bulk storage plant for grain and rice in Williams.

Contract has been let by R. A. Renaud and C. G. Mehring, operators of the Willows Rice Drier.

Reminder: Our Sacramento Office is no longer open on Tuesday evenings. All Union business must be transacted between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

THE ETERNAL PUZZLE

FRIEND: "When your husband craves a kiss, do you always give it to him?"

JEALOUS WIFE: "I wish I knew!"

Spence, transferred from Fresno to Reno, reports sagebrush state's doings

By H. L. SPENCE

Business Representative

Reno—Since I have been transferred to the Reno office, I have quite a job ahead of me to take the place of former Business Agent Brother DeLagrange, who has resigned to go into the contracting business for himself. However, with the assistance which Brother LeLagrange has given me in the past two weeks I hope to do as good a job as I possibly can for the brothers in this area. I have spent a great deal of time getting acquainted with all of the brothers I knew when I was here before. They all seemed very cooperative and glad to see me back, and even the contractors were pleased to know that I was going to be back in this area again, which is half the battle.

I made a trip over to Ely, Nevada, and met all my very good friends I knew when I was up in Ely, from the different crafts which I represented while I was in that district, as well as the dear brothers on the Isbell Construction Company's job at Kimberly, Nevada, who also seemed pleased to see me back, including the truck drivers, who have always been very cooperative. While I was in that district we elected Brother M. H. Crump as "Steward" on the Isbell job, and judging from his report, I am sure he will make a very good steward and I trust that all the brothers will give him their whole hearted support, which I am sure, they will.

Hospital Job Union

I visited the Robert McKee job on the Veterans' Hospital, which is now under construction here in Reno, and find this job 100% union. Quite a number of George Miller's rigs are working on this job, and they all have been very cooperative. He also has some of his rigs working on the Close & Lewis housing project.

The Isbell Construction Company is also very cooperative in their shops, yard and at the gravel plant. They are now working on the airfield at Sparks, Nevada, and there are quite a number of the brothers employed there.

I visited Smith-Peterson's gravel plant and pit and find everything to be O. K. with them.

Earl Games is doing some small jobs around Reno and going along 100% with the Union.

Storm Drain Work

John Powers Company with whom John DeLagrange is associated, is working on the city of

Reno's storm drain and they also have quite a number of other jobs around Reno. Naturally they are living right up to the book of rules.

I made a trip over through Virginia City to Gold Mill where the Con-Collar Mining Company moved in a Northwest shovel, one cat and four trucks. However, they have quite a lot of repair work to do on their equipment, and no doubt they will start operating in the near future, weather permitting.

Bill Donovan's Mining Company at Silver City, Nevada, is now operating on a small scale.

I made a trip over to Pyramid Lake, where the Lodi fertilizing company is loading lime to be shipped to Lodi, Calif. Also the Nevada Lime Company has a pit at Pyramid Lake which ships fertilizer to California.

Start Fallon Highway

The Silver State Construction Company is getting started on their portion of highway west of Fallon, and have called in for a few operators.

I made a trip over to the Utah Construction Company's job at Doyle, Calif., and met the superintendent, Mr. Harry Walker, as well as his assistant, Mr. Tommy Lane, who was on the job on the Geneva Steel Plant at Provo, Utah. Naturally these two men in charge of this job will go along with the Associated General Contractors agreement.

I left Fresno on very short notice and I am sorry I did not get around to say good-bye to all the brothers who gave me such wonderful co-operation while I was there. I am sure if you will all continue to give Brother Peterson the same cooperation as you gave me everything will go along O. K. in the Fresno area.

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REGAINING NORMALCY
JOE: "How's your patient in room thirteen today, doctor?"
MOE: "Fine! He took a turn for the nurse last night."

What's doing in Oakland Our boys in service

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T. Sgt. Ray Sidbeck, who has been in the Army Airforce for the past three years, has just re-enlisted and expects to be assigned to overseas duty in the near future.

Studebaker Re-ensists

Brother Jack Studebaker, Pfc., who was in the office the other day, tells us that he too has re-enlisted. He said that a 60-day furlough, mustering out pay, coupled with the educational advantages offered by the Army seemed a little too good a deal to pass up—and so, he is in the Army for three more years.

Several more of our members have recently returned from overseas, among them Brothers C. J. Daigh, Kenneth Sowers and Bill Murphy. Daigh, who was discharged on December 30th after 19 months in the Navy, was formerly employed by Pacific Bridge in Alameda. Sowers who spent 18 months overseas with the Seabees was discharged January 18th. Bill,

a former steward in Richmond Yard No. 2, is back on the job following his discharge from the army.

Brothers Tom Pugmire and Robert Stowe are also civilians again. Brother Stowe, who spent 18 months in the Navy, was discharged on January 21st, and Tom, who was overseas for a good long stretch, has just been discharged also and is bound for Los Angeles for a vacation.

"Seeing the World"

Brother William Cusack didn't join the Navy to see the world but succeeded in covering a good portion of it during his enlistment. A former crane operator in Yard 1 in Richmond he has been through Southern France, part of Africa, Sicily, Italy, the Canal Zone, Pearl Harbor, several islands in the Central Pacific, Korea and Shanghai. He was discharged in January and says he has had plenty of traveling to do him for some time to come.

Round-up of the news from Utah

By C. L. Casebolt, Salt Lake; T. L. Clark, Salt Lake; C. R. Van Winkle, Provo—Bus. Representatives

From Salt Lake:

The first major strike in Utah in a long time is now at Bingham Canyon, Magna Mills and the American and U. S. Smelter. The CIO finally got around to it and have succeeded in tying these plants up tight. About 600 AFL members were directly affected along with 200 members of the engineers. The three AFL groups, the Machinists, Electricians, Operating Engineers, were successful in obtaining the out-of-work benefits for our members at Bingham Canyon. The favorable decision was handed down last Tuesday and our members should be getting out-of-work checks this week, while CIO strikers cannot obtain any benefits.

Another outstanding occurrence was the securing of a flat 15 cents per hour pay raise for all the hourly rate employees at the Geneva Steel plant. Our original demands were for a flat 30 cents an hour increase and we were told that we were crazy for asking for such an exorbitant amount at that time. However, we were successful in getting half of it and are still in negotiations for the balance. Another outstanding fact is that this raise was obtained without any increase in the price of steel.

Rock and Sand Pacts

We are continuing negotiations with the Rock, Sand and Gravel Companies, also with the Associated General Contractors and expect to meet with the latter group sometime this week. However, the outcome of the meeting is still somewhat in doubt and we are unable to state as to whether we can agree or not.

The State of Utah has advertised about \$2,000,000 of road work and the bids will be opened on February 15th. As soon as the weather breaks work will commence.

The State of Wyoming is continuing to let road jobs and they also have let two reclamation jobs in that state and it looks like there will be a great deal of work next summer in that state.

Four Hundred Jobless

At the present time we have over 400 engineers unemployed and the prospect in Utah is very, very poor as we do not see any relief for the next 60 days. There are a number of smaller jobs employing an engineer here and there but altogether there is very little to write about.

We are printing a paragraph of a letter we received from the Meat Cutters Local Union, Salt Lake City:

"The Meat Cutters Local Union No. 537 of Salt Lake County, Utah, request you to prevail upon the members of your Union who live and purchase their meat and food within the said vicinity of Midvale, Utah, to make said purchases from O. P. Skaggs and Safeway Stores of this said city, in as much as both places are under contract with our Local Union and both have 100 percent Union conditions."

While this paragraph deals with the local problem such conditions as these exists everywhere. In order to protect yourselves as well as others, insist on seeing a Union Shop Card and always patronize others who employ union labor and in making purchases demand the union label. Remember by buying union made goods you not only protect the union man but your money goes to help finance the fair employer who pays and treats his employee right as he would like to be treated.

During the past month a great many of our brothers have returned from the armed forces. We wish to extend a hearty welcome

to these brothers and assure them that they are welcome in Utah where the sun is always shining.

—C. L. CASEBOLT.

—T. L. CLARK.

From Provo:

The weather still remains one of our greatest difficulties in this area (as this is written, it is snowing and has been for two days) and this, with the material shortage, has added up to a very slow month. The prospects for the future still remain bright and 1946 bids fair to see the greatest boom in private building (depending on the material situation) this area has ever seen. All architects without exception, are more than busy and are adding to their forces and working space.

While this does not ordinarily mean a great deal of work for our members, it is going to help a lot in relieving the unemployment problem. By sifting conflicting statements issued to press by the State Road Commission and adding it to our own knowledge it appears that some of the State's road program may get to the bidding stage some time during the month of February. The membership is warned, however, to keep their fingers crossed about this program and to not expect too much as there is considerable doubt if the State has enough money to meet its part of the Federal Aid Program. Furthermore, most of the program, so far mentioned, is outside the Provo area.

Water Works Beef

Considerable concern has been caused us, especially by the new mayor's announcement that part or all of the new million dollar Provo City water works program would be done force account with City employees. This matter has been, of course, discussed very thoroughly with the Commissioners and we have been assured that the State laws will be observed (the State laws require competitive bidding for public jobs and the payment of the prevailing wage scale) however it is understood the ex-City Attorney had given the City Commission some advice on how to get around certain sections of the State laws.

There has also been some sentiment noted among some public officials towards the old WPA idea, that is, by doing the work by hand more men could be put to work. I suggested, when this matter was drawn to my attention, that instead of having the men work with shovels, that they have them work with tea spoons, by doing so they could put more men to work. In passing it might be well to point out that the politicians are eagerly eyeing the \$30,000,000 in the State's unemployment fund with the idea in mind of building themselves up political power by starting another WPA with this money. Keep your eye on this issue, it may become hot one of these days.

Picket Utah Plants

Picket lines appeared on two plants in Utah County when the steel workers struck. This has, of course, not affected Geneva as that plant is under an AFL agreement and is only on a stand-by status and is not manufacturing steel. Actually there are less men working at Geneva, in proportion to the capacity of that plant, than there is at Ironton, as the Ironton plant is being operated to provide domestic gas to the surrounding territory.

Geneva Negotiations

At the time this is being written negotiations are in progress with

the officials of the Geneva Steel Co. in regard the granting of a substantial raise for the employees of that plant. Despite the difficulties of the situation (the plant not being in operation, etc.) and the statements of the CIO to the contrary, every effort is being put forward for the welfare of the employees. More actually has been secured in the way of benefits for the AFL members at Geneva in eighteen months than the CIO has been able to secure in other plants in years. If you don't believe so, read some of the letters of men who have left this area and gone to plants in the East. In fact, the AFL has never receded from its demand for a 30c an hour raise straight across the board and we will get it in the end.

Government Operation?

Talk is still rampant about the possibilities of Geneva being re-opened either by the government or by a private operator. Colorado Fuel and Iron officials inspected the plant last month, which led to a flock of new rumors. Henry Kaiser is still being mentioned as a possible operator and the newspapers report that U. S. Steel is again interested, however, there is the \$25,000,000 that U. S. Steel is to spend at Pittsburg, Calif., to consider. In the meantime all any of us can do is guess, pending the opening of the bids April 1st, but there must be something in the wind because of the number of different inquiries being made in this area about different conditions that affect labor, etc.

Progress in Oil

In answer to a number of inquiries about work in the Vernal area where the current oil boom is in progress, the work lies principally in Colorado, which is in the jurisdiction of Local 9. The work, however, is slowly moving towards the Utah line and reports have it the oil pool runs considerable distance into Utah. At present, work in that area is very slow on account of 3 feet of frost and below zero weather. As soon as the weather clears up I intend to make a trip into that area and look into the possibilities. In the meantime, I would advise staying away from the area unless you have the time and money to spend on a definite proposition.

Diesel School Plans

Plans for the diesel school are proceeding slowly, too slowly in fact, and I'm afraid that due to the delay there is little chance of getting a school started this Spring. Our plans for an apprenticeship plan for our veteran members are also proceeding at a snail pace. Despite their assurances to the contrary it would appear that the AEC is not too willing to enter into negotiations on this matter. Local conferences have been arranged on these matters to see if something cannot be done for the Utah County area.

A number of members who have been in the armed service of our Country have been dropping in lately, and depositing their service withdrawal cards. I would like to take this time to welcome these members back to the fold, express our appreciation of their services in our behalf and express our regret that we don't have a job to put all of them on at this time. Space doesn't permit me to mention any by name or to speak of their experiences but all of them have had some interesting experiences and all of them express themselves as being glad to be home.

Job Situation So-So

Jobs in the area remain on about the same basis with little or no changes. The Warren Co. has put a few of the men they laid off back on the payroll and it is anticipated that there will be openings for others if they get the laying of the high head steel pipe. However, the contract has not been signed at this writing although the company expects it to be signed immediately following Feb. 1st. The Bureau has signed the fabricating contract with the Utah Construction Co. and is expected to get started within a few days. The work will be done at the Salt Lake City plant of the company and the Southwest Walding Co. of Los Angeles will do most of the work under a sub-contract.

Negotiations have been undertaken with the idea in mind of having the Bureau of Reclamation employ hourly rated employees on

Santa Clara Co.

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has returned after three years in the Marine Corps. . . Brother Joe Mathais has also returned from the South Pacific. (We still have one more Meyers) Brother Bruce Meyers arrived home February 1, after twenty-six months in the Seabees.

Last but not least, Edwin L. Burke has just received his discharge and is now back on his old job at Permanent. . . On the sick list are the Pankoski brothers, Joe and H. J., also Brother G. E. Bothwell who is now ready for work after having been laid up with a head injury which easily could have proved fatal.

force account work direct through the unions. Whether this can be done remains to be seen but it's worth a try. Most of the men working for the Bureau are members and all are getting the advantage of the Local's efforts which has raised the wage scale to the level of that paid by the contractors.

Meetings of the Local in this area will be held every second Friday of each month. Attendance at the January meeting was very good. Let's keep up the good work. The office hours are still the same and we remain open on Friday nights between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. for your convenience. Bring your problems in anytime, we'll be glad to do everything we can to help you.

—O. R. VANWINKLE.

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Stockton

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Boat to Woosung prison, then was transferred to a prison between Yokohama and Tokio. Ivan has gained back 45 pounds of the 65 he had lost. He is now working for Geo. Patterson. Brother Carden says that he will be able to do without barley and rice from now on.

Brother Walter Ritey has taken the office work over in the Stockton office. Brother Riley also has had some unusual experiences in this war. He has 4½ years service in the Army, serving 18 months at Kiska Island, and from there to the European theatre of war, staying there until VE Day.

The Stockton office will be open until 8 p.m. every Friday until further notice.

Here is the 1946 schedule on weekly withholdings

The 1946 schedule for weekly withholdings from pay envelopes and salary checks, effective last January 1, follows:

(The column headed by the figure 1 represents the withholding against a single person; 2—married couple without children; 3—married couple with one child; 4—couple with two children; 5—couple with three children; 6—four children, and 7—five children.)

Weekly Earnings:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
\$ 25 to \$ 26.....	\$ 2.50	\$.70	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
\$ 26 to \$ 27.....	2.70	.90	0	0	0	0	0
\$ 27 to \$ 28.....	2.90	1.00	0	0	0	0	0
\$ 28 to \$ 29.....	3.00	1.25	0	0	0	0	0
\$ 29 to \$ 30.....	3.20	1.40	0	0	0	0	0
\$ 30 to \$ 31.....	3.40	1.60	0	0	0	0	0
\$ 31 to \$ 32.....	3.60	1.70	0	0	0	0	0
\$ 32 to \$ 33.....	3.70	1.90	.10	0	0	0	0
\$ 32 to \$ 34.....	3.90	2.10	.20	0	0	0	0
\$ 34 to \$ 35.....	4.10	2.20	.40	0	0	0	0
\$ 35 to \$ 36.....	4.20	2.40	.60	0	0	0	0
\$ 36 to \$ 37.....	4.40	2.60	.80	0	0	0	0
\$ 37 to \$ 38.....	4.60	2.80	.90	0	0	0	0
\$ 38 to \$ 39.....	4.80	2.90	1.10	0	0	0	0
\$ 39 to \$ 40.....	4.90	3.10	1.30	0	0	0	0
\$ 40 to \$ 41.....	5.10	3.30	1.40	0	0	0	0
\$ 41 to \$ 42.....	5.30	3.40	1.60	0	0	0	0
\$ 42 to \$ 43.....	5.40	3.60	1.80	0	0	0	0
\$ 43 to \$ 44.....	5.60	3.80	2.00	.10	0	0	0
\$ 44 to \$ 45.....	5.80	4.00	2.10	.30	0	0	0
\$ 45 to \$ 46.....	6.00	4.10	2.30	.50	0	0	0
\$ 46 to \$ 47.....	6.10	4.30	2.50	.60	0	0	0
\$ 47 to \$ 48.....	6.30	4.50	2.60	.80	0	0	0
\$ 48 to \$ 49.....	6.50	4.60	2.80	1.00	0	0	0
\$ 49 to \$ 50.....	6.60	4.80	3.00	1.20	0	0	0
\$ 50 to \$ 51.....	6.80	5.00	3.20	1.30	0	0	0
\$ 51 to \$ 52.....	7.00	5.20	3.30	1.50	0	0	0
\$ 52 to \$ 53.....	7.20	5.30	3.50	1.70	0	0	0
\$ 53 to \$ 54.....	7.30	5.50	3.70	1.80	0	0	0
\$ 54 to \$ 55.....	7.50	5.70	3.80	2.00	.20	0	0
\$ 55 to \$ 56.....	7.70	5.80	4.00	2.20	.40	0	0
\$ 56 to \$ 57.....	7.90	6.00	4.20	2.40	.50	0	0
\$ 57 to \$ 58.....	8.10	6.20	4.40	2.50	.70	0	0
\$ 58 to \$ 59.....	8.30	6.30	4.50	2.70	.90	0	0
\$ 59 to \$ 60.....	8.40	6.50	4.70	2.90	1.00	0	0
\$ 60 to \$ 62.....	8.70	6.80	5.00	3.10	1.30	0	0
\$ 62 to \$ 64.....	9.10	7.10	5.30	3.50	1.60	0	0
\$ 64 to \$ 66.....	9.50	7.50	5.60	3.80	2.00	.20	0
\$ 66 to \$ 68.....	9.90	7.80	6.00	4.10	2.30	.50	0
\$ 68 to \$ 70.....	10.20	8.20	6.30	4.50	2.70	.80	0
\$ 70 to \$ 72.....	10.60	8.60	6.70	4.80	3.00	1.20	0
\$ 72 to \$ 74.....	11.00	9.00	7.00	5.20	3.30	1.50	0
\$ 74 to \$ 76.....	11.40	9.40	7.30	5.50	3.70	1.80	0
\$ 76 to \$ 78.....	11.70	9.70	7.70	5.90	4.00	2.20	.40
\$ 78 to \$ 80.....	12.10	10.10	8.10	6.20	4.40	2.50	.70
\$ 80 to \$ 82.....	12.50	10.50	8.50	6.50	4.70	2.90	1.10
\$ 82 to \$ 84.....	12.90	10.90	8.80	6.90	5.10	3.20	1.40
\$ 84 to \$ 86.....	13.20	11.20	9.20	7.20	5.40	3.60	1.70
\$ 86 to \$ 88.....	13.60	11.60	9.60	7.60	5.70	3.90	2.10
\$ 88 to \$ 90.....	14.00	12.00	10.00	8.00	6.10	4.30	2.40
\$ 90 to \$ 92.....	14.40	12.40	10.40	8.30	6.40	4.60	2.80
\$ 92 to \$ 94.....	14.70	12.70	10.70	8.70	6.80	4.90	3.10
\$ 94 to \$ 96.....	15.10	13.10	11.10	9.10	7.10	5.30	3.50
\$ 96 to \$ 98.....	15.50	13.50	11.50	9.50	7.50	5.60	3.80
\$ 98 to \$100.....	15.90	13.90	11.90	9.90	7.80	6.00	4.10

News from the San Francisco office

By P. E. Vandewark, Pat Clancy and Chet Elliott, Business Representatives

San Francisco—A large amount of construction contracts have been let which would provide considerable work for our members in the near future. Some of the contracts let are as follows: Sears Roebuck Company, \$4,500,000 for new building off Masonic in Old Calvary Cemetery; Barrett & Hilp \$2,000,000 for new Medico Dental Bldg., Post Street; Cahill Bros., \$1,000,000 Wells Fargo Bank Building, Washington Street, and there are several large building remodeling jobs which are to be started in the near future.

Construction work has been somewhat slow due to inclement weather, although several large jobs are in progress such as: Chas. Harney, excavation for Sears Roebuck Bldg. and leveling sand in the Sunset Area for new housing. Eaton & Smith have a contract for a new sewer outfall job at Lake Merced. There is a small tunnel to be driven on this job. Healy-Tibbetts have two jobs in operation at the present time at Lincoln Way and Evans Avenue. Both are sewer jobs.

Hunters Point Job

Barrett & Hilp have two large jobs in progress at present, one at Hunters Point and one on the New Wells Fargo Bank Building. Swinerton & Walberg have two large building jobs starting, the Matson Building on Main Street, and an extension to the Stock Exchange Building. Cahill Bros. are waiting to start their new building on California Street. Symon Bros. are at

present wrecking the old building. Two brothers are employed at present.

Gerwick Morrison & Twaits are still busy on their job at Hunters Point and still are employing a large number of our brothers. Piombo Bros. have started work on the new Laguna Honda Reservoir, three rigs are working at present clearing trees off the site. They also have a shovel working off Alemany Blvd. getting out red rock for Hunters Point. Standard Building Company has two rigs working near Sloat Blvd. clearing trees for additional housing space.

New Contracts Opened

Negotiations have been completed on the new contracts with Haviside and Smith Rice Company. A scale of \$2.00 per hour for their derrick barges was agreed upon, starting as of January 21, 1945. Negotiations are in progress at the present time with the Consolidated Chemical Company for a new contract. The plant is closed at the present time because of the Machinists strike.

Shipbuilding Confab

A meeting has been arranged for February 18, 1946, to be held in San Francisco, for the Pacific Coast Shipbuilding Conference. Negotiations broke down in Washington, D. C., after the refusal of the Eastern Shipbuilders to accept the Government's proposal of 18c per hour across the board for all employees in the shipyards. It is hoped that some satisfactory adjustment can be reached at the hearing to be held here in San Francisco. The ship repair agreement will be one

of the most important items up for discussion.

One hearing has been held so far on the unemployment insurance cases for our members locked out of the shipyards because of the Machinists strike. No decision has been rendered on the hearing held, but from every indication it looks like it will be favorable. More hearings are slated to be held next week on the other yards involved and it is hoped that they will be completed speedily so that our members can draw their unemployment insurance, which they are rightfully entitled to.

Bldg. Material Pact

We now have the agreements signed covering the San Francisco Building Material Dealers Association and the Garbage Dump. This was signed satisfactorily to all concerned. Air Compressor work is not very plentiful in the locality, but we have been busy with the Material Dealers Association of San Mateo County and an agreement is about to be signed. This calls for a substantial wage increase and vacations for all members employed in this kind of work.

Work in the area has been rather slack due to the weather, however, there is a lot of work contemplated at the present time. We are hoping it will be let in the very near future, weather permitting. Beasley, an Oklahoma Steel Contractor that we have considerable difficulties with in the Stockton Area, due to a jurisdictional dispute between the Teamsters and Engineers, moved into San Francisco to do a small steel job. We visited the gentleman

before he started to work and would not permit him to start his job until an agreement was signed by Local 3. This took care of this gentleman. The agreement is now signed and everything is satisfactory with this contractor from Oklahoma. This is about all I have to report at this time. Have been busy chasing down small contractors and jobs in various parts of San Francisco. Hoping the next news letter will find work much better in this area and more of our brother members employed.

Doings in San Mateo

Construction work in San Mateo district is improving as the weather clears. The Keeble job at Baden is still operating on a one shift basis, this firm also has quite a dirt job at South San Francisco.

Peter Sorenson has moved into the San Mateo airport to install a drainage system, only one dragline working at present but prospects for more equipment later.

The California Jockey Club plans on doing quite a lot of construction work at the race track. This company is now advertising for a red rock quarry.

The L. C. Smith Co. of San Mateo are working on nine different subdivision projects at this time, employing several of our members.

The quarries along the coast are picking up, the Rockaway running with a full crew, also the Kenroyce quarry. The California Paving Co. are setting up an asphalt plant at the site of their present quarry, ten members of our union being employed.

Two old time members of this organization, Frank Archibald and Clarence Barnes are now engaged

in the rock business, having taken over the Tex Donovan quarry at Woodside.

The officials of Local 3 were successful in negotiating a new contract with the San Mateo County Building Material Dealers Association plant engineers for these firms.

Commendable action was taken by a group of Local 3 men employed by the Guy F. Atkinson Co. at South San Francisco yard. On the death of the teamster employed in this yard our members took up a collection amounting to two hundred dollars which was matched by George Atkinson for the widow of the deceased teamster.

—CHET ELLIOTT.

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The Redeeming Feature

Then there's the story about the colored mammy in the deep South who was making a deposit at the bank. When she included a number of gold coins the banker looked at her reproachfully and exclaimed:

"Why, Auntie, you've been hoarding!"

"No, suh, Boss, not altogether," replied Mammy. "At least twenty dollahs of dat am washin' money!"

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Hooray for Freedom!

Newspapers that never heard of the manufacturers' sitdown strike, which halted production until taxes went down Jan. 1, are suddenly full of front-page stories about how strikers are keeping goods off the market.

Isn't freedom of the press a wonderful thing?

Daily report of awards for construction jobs

January 8, 1946

SAN MATEO, Calif., contract awarded to Union Paving Company, \$4604, for grading, paving on 29th Ave., between Flores Street and Edison Street, San Mateo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Macco Const. Co., \$7100, for construction of rock facing and earth embankment on seawall at the San Francisco Airport.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., \$189,734, for 6.589 miles grading, surfacing, bridges, etc., portion of State Hiway System, for jct. with U. S. No. 50, 5 miles west of Fallon to a point approximately 8 miles S.E. on portions of FAS rtes. Nevada.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to H. W. Ruby, \$88,550, for construction of steel beam span overhead crossing over S.P. R.R. tracks in City of Auburn, Placer County.

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif., contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson, \$86,988, for construction of concrete taxiway at Moffett Field, Calif.

SAN LEANDRO, Calif., contract awarded to Swinerton & Walberg Company, for construction of a cannery on a site in San Leandro, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Wm. Martin & Son, \$23,107, for construction of a two-story frame office building on the south side of Turk Street between Webster and Fillmore Sts., S. F.

January 9, 1946

SONOMA, Calif., contract awarded to Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., \$11,085, for furnishing and erect-

ing a 412,500 gallon welded steel water storage tank in Sonoma, Cal.

AUBURN, Calif., contract awarded to G. S. Herrington, \$23,195, for construction of an isolation ward at the Placer County Hospital, Auburn, Calif.

January 10, 1946

OAKLAND, Cal., contract awarded to Fred J. Early Jr. Co., \$136,577, for construction of extension to San Pablo Filter Plant.

January 11, 1946

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Charles L. Harney, \$4824, for asphalt concrete surfacing on 36th Ave., between Noriega and Ortega Sts., S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., contract awarded to Charles L. Harney, \$7817, for grading and surfacing on Rivera Street, between 42nd and 43rd Avenues, S. F., Calif.

January 13, 1946

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., contract awarded to Charles L. Harney, for paving inside of warehouse at 3rd and Mariposa Sts., S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., \$4636, for construction of Hubbell Street Sewer between 16th and 17th Streets, S. F.

January 21, 1946

SAN JOSE, Cal., contract awarded to Binder & Curtis, \$552,935, for general construction of a reinforced cannery for the Beechnut Packing Co., San Jose.

STOCKTON, Calif., contract awarded to S. C. Giles, for construction of a community building, Stockton, Calif.

January 22, 1946

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract

awarded to Oilfields Trucking Co., \$408,837, for 7.1 mi. grade and plantmix surfacing on cement treated base between 6 mi. No. of Red Bluff and Shasta County line, Tehama County, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to W. C. Railing, \$70,408, for 1.5 mi. grade and road-mix surfacing in King County, Calif.

January 22, 1946

OAKLAND, Cal., contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., \$26,448, for construction of 6" water pipeline crossing. Camp John T. Knight, Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., contract awarded to L. C. Parkinson, \$1612 for drilling water well on Old Tuttle Ranch, Colusa.

SAN JOSE, Cal., contract awarded to Earl W. Heple, for construction of a 100 x 360 ft. frozen food plant north of Newhall St. and South of Campbell Ave., San Jose.

January 23, 1946

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to J. D. Proctor, Inc., \$378,765, for construction of five reinforced concrete slab bridges and widen two bridges between Los Molinos and Red Bluff in Tehama County at various locations.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Macco Const. Co., \$281,956, for construction of steel overcrossing Bayshore Freeway at Peninsular Ave., City of San Mateo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., James H. Turner, Manager, Public Utilities Comm., City Hall, S. F., announces plans and specifications for the first job under the \$20,000,000 S. F. Airport bond issue will be out in about 10 days and bids will be opened approximately 21 days later. The work will consist of ap-

proximately 6,000,000 cy. of fill at the S. F. Airport.

January 24, 1946

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to M.J.B. Construction Co., \$372,813, for about 3.8 miles grade and concrete paving between Grant Line Road and Mossdale, in the San Joaquin County.

PITTSBURG, Calif., contract awarded to Howes & Whitaker, for construction of a new reinforced concrete office building at Shell Point, near Pittsburg, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Rockaway Quarry Co., \$2.25 per ton for furnishing 300 tons light stone riprap, furnished and delivered on Road IV at north City Limits of Burlingame, Calif.

January 25, 1946

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., contract awarded to M. B. McGowan, for replacing piles at the Yacht Harbor, San Francisco, Calif.

January 28, 1946

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Co., \$11,734, for paving, etc., on 58th, middle of M. Street to Northerly line of Folsom Blvd., Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., sub-contract awarded to M. B. McGowan, Inc., for driving only of piles for foundation of Matson Navigation Co., office building, Main & Market Street, S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., sub-contract awarded to M. B. McGowan, for furnishing and driving untreated piles at California and Battery Sts., S. F.

January 29, 1946

SAN JOSE, Cal., contract awarded to J. C. Bateman, \$7182, for

surfacing in Victory Village, San Jose, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., \$119,997, for const. of bridges across Paradise Cut overflow about 6 miles E. of Tracy, San Joaquin County.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., contract awarded to H. C. Reid & Co., \$35,177, for const. street lighting system on Lombard and Richardson Ave., from Van Ness to Lyon St.

January 31, 1946

ALAMEDA, California, contract awarded to Haas Const. Co., \$183,674, for construction additions to water system for fire hydrants and domestic supply at N.A.S., Alameda.

FRESNO, Calif., contract awarded to Kovick Bros., Construction Company, \$7526, for furnishing and installing sewers in Fairview Gardens Annex, Fresno, Calif.

February 1, 1946

STOCKTON, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., \$80,427, for additional drainage and extension of motor parking area, Naval Supply Annex, Stockton.

February 4, 1946

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to C. M. Syar, \$27,494, for about 0.3 mile grade and paving between Virginia and Santa Clara Streets, Vallejo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., contract awarded to Barrett & Hilp, for construction of the Medico Dental Bldg., on Post Street, S. F. Approximate cost \$2,000,000.

LOGAN, Utah, contract awarded to Young & Smith, \$24,387, for construction of a welded steel water pipe line, 3300 ft. in Logan Canyon.