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Spring Brings Employment Rise

Employer Gives 4 Types Insurance To All Employees

In last month's Engineer's News attention was called to the voluntary action of an employer in providing life and health insurance to another such action by the George F. Case Co., this plan providing insurance for all employees, and stated in the following letter received by Brother Swanson:

"Receipt is acknowledged of your letter regarding our displaying an ad in 'The Engineer's News.' We are attaching sample of the ad which we wish to display for a period of six months.

"Your paper has been invaluable to us in securing leads on new projects as well as keeping us posted on the trends of new construction. We would appreciate receiving a copy of the Engineer's News for our office.

"We note an article in your last issue praising a company for carrying Occidental Insurance on its employees, partly financed by the employee. When an employee works for us over 30 days he receives, at no cost to him, the following policy issued by the Occidental Insurance Company.

1—A gift life insurance policy for \$2,000.

2—A gift Hospital and Surgical Insurance Policy.

3—A gift accidental death policy, \$2,000.00.

3—B A gift Dismemberment policy, \$1,000.00.

"This insurance is also unoccupational and covers the employee when off the job, so each employee is covered 24 hours a day.

"We wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the splendid cooperation and assistance you have given us since we have been in the Bay Area.

Very truly yours,

George F. Casey Co.

PAUL E. PESONEN, Manager

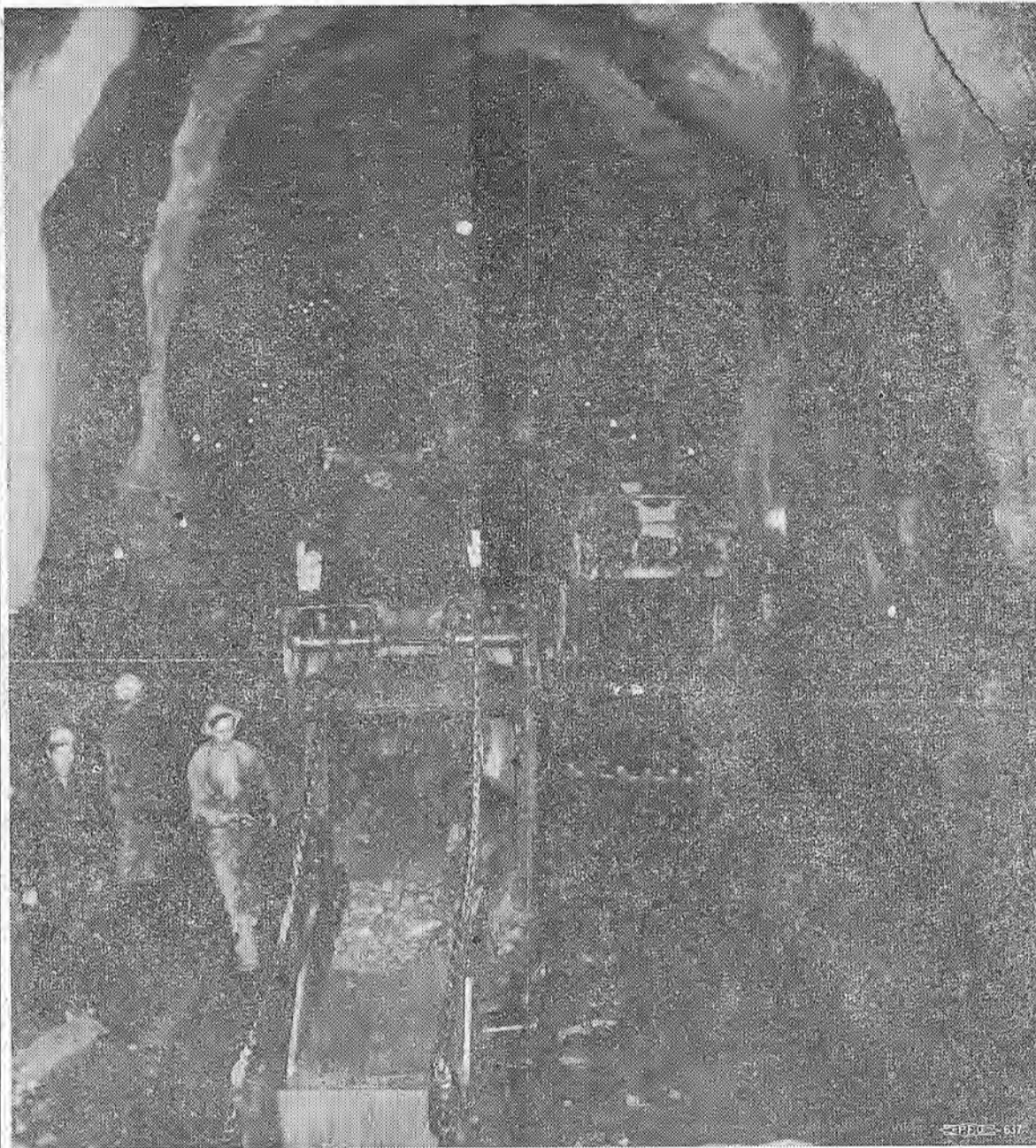
OAKLAND FIRM BUYS MOORE'S WEST YARD

The Oakland Dock and Warehouse Co., a newly-formed corporation of local businessmen, was high bidder for the West Yard of the Moore Drydock Co., it was announced recently.

The yard, built at a cost of approximately \$10,000,000, includes land, wharves, outfitting docks, 10 berths, buildings, machinery and other equipment.

The bid was filed by Henry J. Arnaud, 383-15th St., Oakland, who was listed as secretary of the company.

Local 3 Operators Dig in Tunnel



A mucking machine at the Arundel Dixon heading, Jackass Creek, in the Feather River Canyon. This heading is about 1800 feet in. Brother Maurice Van Cleve is the operator pictured at the controls of this Conway mucker. This is but one of the 11 adits. There are 17 of these rigs in the canyon.

Automobile Production Up 11% in February

Detroit.—Factory sales of 426,665 motor vehicles in February set a postwar high for the month, the Automobile Manufacturers Association announced. The total topped the same month for 1948 by 11 per cent.

Passenger car output during the month totaled 324,547 units, a daily rate that exceeded January by more than 4 per cent.

Total factory sales for the first two months of 1949 reached 857,941 units, or 9 per cent above the first two months of last year, the AMA said.

Logging Is Most Deadly Occupation

War veterans employed in the woods and sawmills are confronted with greater dangers than at the battle fronts, according to the December issue of the California Safety News, published by the Department of Industrial Relations. According to the experts, lumbering and logging is the most deadly industry in the state. One in five of these employees was disabled last year and one in 553 was killed. These experts also state that most of these fatalities could have been avoided, if the present provisions of the State Safety Orders had been applied and enforced by the smaller operators in the woods.

To prove their contention, they point out that the steel and cement industries, formerly among the worst, now rate the safest of occupations. The frequency of accidents in these two groups for last year, was one-tenth of that of wood workers. This reduction in accidents was obtained by a nation-wide accident prevention campaign conducted within the industries.

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Longest Bridge

New York plans to link Brooklyn and Staten Island with the world's longest suspension bridge—400 feet longer than San Francisco's Golden Gate.

Permission to construct the proposed 4600 foot bridge 237 feet above the Narrows between the two boroughs, will be sought from military authorities. New York's longest bridge at present is the 3500 foot George Washington bridge. The Golden Gate bridge is 4200 feet long.



JOSEPH L. GRAYSHOCK
March 21, 1949

JOHN GOODALE
March, 1949

JACK IVES
April 3, 1949

ELMO GILL
April 3, 1949

W. D. MASON
April 6, 1949

Bright Sunny Days After Winter Dip Bring Work Call

From all over the State the employment reports have been good for the first time after many dreary months. Warm, sunny days and drying winds have aided immensely in sending many of the boys back to their jobs.

From Sacramento comes the word that there has been a "welcome dent in our out of work list." San Jose reports that a number of contractors have resumed work on many projects and from all indications there will be a large building program in that area this year. A big drop was reported in the unemployment list there. Fresno reports mountain jobs and canal work opening up and a general increase in gravel industry work, an indication of increased outside construction.

In fact, news from all offices indicates that now that the winter rains have slackened the outlook is for as bright a year in 1949 as we had in 1948.

Labor Victories Won in Nevada

Organized labor in Nevada reports some of the best legislative news of the year. The sales tax was defeated in the Nevada Senate 10 to 7 and also was defeated in the lower house 22 to 20. It was a tough fight.

All over the country big business has supported the sales tax, which of course, is an income tax, but an income tax upside down. That is, under the sales tax the lower your income the bigger percentage of it you pay in sales taxes. The higher your income the smaller percentage you pay in sales taxes. The income tax, of course, works the other way, with the higher percentage levied on the higher income brackets.

The District of Columbia has failed miserably to make an effective protest against this infamous tax which is supported by every newspaper in the Capitol city and, of course, by the Chamber of Commerce. The national House of Representatives defeated the D. C. sales tax once but under reactionary leadership the tax has been revived, passed and is now before the Senate.

The news from Nevada should spur on the Congressmen to still greater efforts to defeat the sales tax in the District of Columbia.

Every victory for this pick-pocket tax leads toward a national sales tax advocated by the National Association of Manufacturers and the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks to organized labor in Nevada for a job (for the whole U. S.A.) well done.—(LLPE Release).

OREGON REAPPORTIONING

Salem, Ore. — Virtual disfranchisement of a good half of the labor vote in the state's key industrial Multnomah county was revealed here when State Senator Richard Neuberger (D) charged Oregon is not living up to the "reapportionment guarantees" in its constitution.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS will take place at the next regular meeting of Local Union No. 3 on May 7th, San Francisco Building Trades Council, 200 Guerrero Street, San Francisco, at 8 p.m. This will be an important meeting and members should be present.

IS YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS ON FILE. . . . Members should make sure that the office has their correct address on file. Ballots will be mailed shortly after nomination night, and in order to receive your ballot so that you can cast your vote, it is necessary that we have your correct address.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS—LOCAL No. 3-E MEETING: The next meeting of Local No. 3-E, Technical Engineers, will be held Friday, 8 p.m., April 29th, at the Union offices, 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, California.

Are We Consistent?

By JOHN W. RUSSELL

Are Labor Organizations consistent? This is a question which has been asked by many good solid American citizens in recent years. It has been asked by some Union members. Many questioners are conscientious, fair and square, and believe in justice for all. Being honest at heart in their query, they are most assuredly entitled to an honest and analytical answer.

In the first place, the implication is that, in some instances, Labor Organizations are too radical, too militant, too bombastic, and are too prone to single out some segments of industry for criticism. This implication is readily understandable, where there is not complete knowledge of all the facts. For instance, it would not be consistent for these United States to arm to the hilt and deliberately sneak up and attack a Nation like Spain, or Japan. Yet, without a declaration, without just cause, each of these Nations did just that to our own country. Before we knew there was any likelihood of war with Spain, she had sunk our Battleship Maine. While we were concerned mostly with a bloody war in Europe, Japan attacked and sank a goodly portion of our fleet. Then, having been attacked there was only one consistent thing to do—to strike back; to strike hard; and to strike often. Then there were no questions. The facts were known. We were fighting to protect a way of life. We eventually caught up with the enemy in fighting equipment, and in most cases surpassed him. We had larger bombs, larger planes, and more ammunition. Yes, in addition, we had the atomic bomb. We practically obliterated cities with this deadly bomb. It was terrible; it was horrible. Was it CONSISTENT? The answer is: We were fighting for a way of life. If we lost the fight, we lost the way of life. If we were to win the fight, we had to hit the enemy harder than he hit us. According to the true definition, it was consistent.

Labor Organizations, too, are fighting for a way of life. The fundamental purpose of all bona fide Labor Unions is to fight for, protect, and preserve a way of life. The facts are not always so obvious as in the case of war. Publicity is often biased. The public does not necessarily know who is friend and who is foe. Blame is often placed upon the one being attacked, instead of the attacker. Labor Unions are nearly always on the defensive. They are fighting to improve that way of life. They are representing millions of citizens, either directly or indirectly, who have no other protection for their betterment. It is true that they are outspoken. It is true that they ask repeatedly and persistently for what they believe is right. It is true that they resort to strikes. It is true that they are radical at times. But, in peace as in war, all good things come the hard way. We get nothing in this life merely through wishing it, and we get little out of life with a little struggle. But if we would get the most from life, we must put up a maximum fight. Organized Labor has done a good job, but the job is never finished. It will go on and on with time, because the resistance will always be there. We only need take one look at the history of the American working man to appreciate the value of organization. The industrial worker has been lifted up from virtual serfdom to a state of dignity and self-confidence. He has become a self-respecting citizen in this great democracy. If being militant, bombastic, and critical, will bring about such progress in the life of man, we believe it is consistent.

If certain segments of our economy—for instance, the cattle industry—is benefitting itself at the expense of the rest of the State, as has been claimed, criticism is in order. Criticism is in order for the industry and also for the government deficiency which permits of such acts. Criticism is not only consistent, but should be repeated with such vehemence and such ardor that the public will demand a governmental correction. Once the cause is corrected, the result will be likewise. The methods used to demand justice are not important. The attainment of justice is important. The Atomic bomb was cruel, drastic, and destructive, yet it played a decisive role in winning the war. In winning the war we preserved a way of life. Therefore, its use was consistent.

If Organized Labor seems drastic and critical at times, and we hear good people ask "Are they right?" let us remember their objective—to make a better world for more of the people.

—Reprinted through courtesy of Local 428, Bulletin, Arizona.

Legal Vigil Pays Off in More Clams

Los Angeles—Strict law enforcement and cooperation of local sportsmen is paying off on Southern California beaches where limits of Pismo clams are being taken for the first time in many years.

Patrol Captain Tate Miller of the Division of Fish and Game credits a three-year vigil by wardens and sportsmen for the unexpected increase in legal-sized clams. He predicted a continued heavy take of clams if conservation laws are strictly enforced.

Research by Division biologists showed Southern California clams develop to the legal five-inch size

CHEMICAL WKRS. LABEL ON MORE PRODUCTS

In a recent letter to I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer, Union Label Trades Department, H. A. Bradley, president of the International Chemical Workers' Union, stated: "This is to advise you that an agreement, covering the use of the International Chemical Workers' Union Label, has been entered into and signed between this International Union, its Local Union No. 105, Shelbyville, Ill., and Star-Rite Ginnie-Lou, Inc., Shelbyville, Ill. This company manufactures ladies' hair accessories including bobby pins, hair pins, etc."

within three years, compared with the five and six-year period on northern beaches.

49 Workers Are Killed on the Job During January

A total of 49 workers died in California in January as a result of industrial accidents, according to preliminary reports received. This compares with 48 fatalities in December and 61 in the corresponding month a year ago.

Vehicles were the leading source of fatal accidents, accounting for 19 fatalities. Traffic accidents on California's highways, mostly collisions, were responsible for 12 of the 19 deaths in the vehicular group. The overturning of bulldozers and tractors on farms and on construction projects resulted in the death of four tractor operators. A State game warden died of asphyxiation from carbon monoxide fumes generated by the operation of the motor and heater in his car.

HOISTING ACCIDENTS

Hoisting apparatus accidents resulted in six fatalities during January, including three in the crude petroleum production and drilling industry. In one case a well-puller riding on a load being hoisted, was crushed to death as the cable broke and the load fell upon him. In a second accident a cathead man in an oil drilling concern was fatally injured when he was struck by the hook of a traveling block which broke. A rotary helper was fatally injured in an accident which a joint of drill pipe was being lifted by a cat line. As the pipe was lifted, it became stuck and the helper, in attempting to free it, was crushed between the steel beam and of a bin and the pipe when the pipe suddenly released. Lack of visibility of the object being lifted by the driller manning the cat line and failure to use signals were contributing factors to the accident.

In another accident involving hoisting apparatus a laborer was crushed by a load of steel when the chain on one end of the spreader bar broke, causing the load to fall. The laborer had been helping to guide the load onto a tramway. A foreman was fatally injured while driving a bulldozer when the boom on a nearby truck crane in a rock and sand products concern collapsed. In the sixth case involving hoisting apparatus, a boiler-maker working on top of a tower was struck by the boom of a crane and fell 30 feet, sustaining fatal injuries.

ELECTRICITY ACCIDENTS

Electrical accidents reported in January took five lives. Two employees of a pump sales and service company were electrocuted in the same accident when an old derrick which they were unloading from a trailer came in contact with an overhead high voltage line. In another accident of the same type a worker helping to set up a crane was electrocuted when the crane operator lifted the boom and contacted a high voltage power line. The fall of an overhead power line across the top of a steel hopper in a cannery caused a short circuit, resulting in fatal burns to a cannery laborer who was working on top of the hopper trying to free a jam.

Two welding accidents reported in January resulted in fatalities. A welder working in an oil tank cutting baffle plates with a torch was blown out of the tank and killed as an explosion took place. In the other welding accident, the welder had just completed a weld and was turning off the carbide generator of the welding apparatus when it exploded.

Million Benefit Checks

Washington.—The United Mine Workers' welfare and retirement fund had mailed nearly one million benefit checks at the close of 1948, President John L. Lewis announced. The bituminous fund, active for 20 months, has paid out some \$68 million in benefits to 260,000 miners and members of their families.

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Vice-President Foss absent, who was excused by reason of being on his vacation.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 5 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of March 16 and of March 30 was read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from the Building and Construction Trades Council of San Francisco regarding the Public Works Program by the Board of Education. Received and filed.

A letter was received from the San Francisco Labor Council regarding the ordinance putting a ceiling on rents in hotels in San Francisco. Received and filed.

A letter was received from the Contra Costa Building and Construction Trades Council regarding the jurisdiction of that Council. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. R. L. Frederick and family; Mrs. Nick Thill and family; Mrs. Helen Stinebaugh and Mrs. H. Grayshock and family. Received and filed.

Brother John Evola was officially cited to appear before the Regular Meeting for trial. After hearing the testimony a standing vote was requested. By unanimous vote Brother John Evola was found guilty and fined by President Clancy.

Brother Vincent Evola was officially cited to appear before the Regular Meeting for trial. After hearing the testimony a standing vote was requested. By unanimous vote Brother Vincent Evola was found guilty and fined by President Clancy.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Paul Arellanes, W. H. Arvin, Philip M. Avila, B. F. Bowlin, Sherman Brauscum, Alarod Brown, G. E. Burrows, John Cassidy, L. H. Caughey, John B. Corrie, George Costa, Louis Del Chiaro, John D. Dobson, Clarence J. Daigh, Frank Fiddler, Allen L. Florence, Joe C. Franklin, O. E. Freeman, Leo R. Fulton, Howard Grimm, Kenneth Harrison, George Hymer, John W. Jameson, Edward F. Kirk, Walter B. Lake, Rupert Lawson, Ben Lesina, C. D. Littlefield, George L. Lowe, Lee Lynn, Gene McCormack, Ronald McDonald, Walter McGary, Clarence McKiernan, L. W. McMurray, Jack Mayberry, James C. Melton, John J. Miller, John C. Preddy, Willard Snowball, Richard Switzer, K. Woods, Joseph Yeager, David C. Downs, Edmund E. McRae, Norest F. Spear.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Russell Frederick, D. J. Stinebaugh, Joseph L. Grayshock, John Goodale.

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

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

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

Pressure Trouble? Here's the Answer

Editor, Engineers' News: If any brother operators, or HD mechanics are having trouble with hydraulic systems, where the "check valve" is not used in the "master cylinder," by picking up air; let them abide by the following instructions and their grief will be over.

Make "pistons" for the "wheel cylinders," the same dimension of the regular piston, except leave the "shell" thick enough near the center to cut a groove to insert a "secondary" rubber from a master cylinder piston—cut the groove so the "belled-out" side of the rubber is toward the open end of the cylinder, or opposite the regular rubber. Lubricate both rubbers and piston well with fluid before installing and your troubles are over.

The pistons I am using, I made of bronze; and the wheel cylinders and rubbers were so inefficient that I was forced to keep about three to five pounds pressure on the supply tank to keep them from picking up air, with the regular piston—with the above described pistons installed, I have no air trouble at all. I used the old parts to try the idea out—if it worked with them, it was a cinch they would work with "new" rubbers and cylinders.

If any brother operator, or HD mechanic is interested, I will gladly send them a drawing of the pistons, on request. They will find that the "secondary" rubber increases the resistance to the "vacuum" in the cylinder line, because of the quick return of the master cylinder piston—which must be to resupply the pump.

Yours fraternally,
W. MACK HATTENHAUER,
P. O. Box 245
Durham, Calif.

(Also Red Bluff)

Reforestation is handled ordinarily by nature, but man must plant young trees on land denuded by forest fires.

Casein, the principal protein in milk, has been successfully used in a water solution as a substitute for blood plasma in treating dogs.

The common cabbage is a valuable food for both man and livestock.



BEAUTEOUS BERGMAN.—Ingrid Bergman doesn't have to be decked out in a backless bathing suit to qualify as a pinup. She fills the bill just as she is, doesn't she?

LOGGING IS DANGEROUS

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Statistics issued by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research show that out of the 32,000 men employed in cutting and processing lumber, 6,456 were disabled and 69 killed. The principle causes of these injuries and deaths were the improper use and the unsafe condition of such tools in chain saws and drag saws. The most serious accidents in the mills originated from the large rip and slash saws, where arms and legs were amputated and several men were cut in half. Falling logs in the woods and from trucks also claimed a high toll of casualties.

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San Jose—

UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASES IN SAN JOSE AS SPRING ARRIVES

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and JOE RILEY
Business Representatives, Local 3

Due to the beautiful spring weather of late, a number of contractors have resumed operations on their many projects which were delayed throughout the Winter. We are happy to report that this has caused quite a drop in our "Unemployment List," and we are in hopes that it will drop even lower during the next few weeks.

From all indications there will be quite a building program in this area during the coming year. Recently a \$3,000,000 development got under way in the Kirkland Villa Section of Willow Glen. This consists of 300 homes and the builders are the Coastwise Construction Company. Besides this, the San Jose Development Co. is about to start their \$6,000,000 subdivision which will be on a one hundred acre tract bounded by the West line of Bascom avenue, off Davis street. No doubt you have all read or heard about the criticism of the Vollmer Tract. It looks now as though there will be considerable sewerage construction out that way in the near future.

THE "GRADALL"

Lowrie Paving has a nice job on Stevens Creek Road for the telephone company—about 15,000 feet. Brothers Kelly, Muccia, Territo, Ritchie and Mace are the officers in charge. Brother Muccia is the operator on the new piece of equipment called a Gradall. There are only two of these west of the Rockies. They look like a pretty good rig for this ditchline business.

The Pacific Pipe has a nice job at San Juan for the P.G.&E. at this time. They are wrapping the 20-inch gas line which will very shortly be installed underground and will be the feeder-line for the Moss Landing steam plant. This line will tap the main near Tres Pinos and come over the mountains to Moss Landing.

Sam Barth, a local contractor, has been making fair progress on the gymnasium at Park avenue school. Agnew State Hospital has quite a building program—three new ward units, 4, 5 and 6. Carl N. Swenson, Earl W. Heple, A. J. Peters, Swen Swenson and H. Mayson are all in on these projects. Earl W. Heple has just started the clearing on the Austrian dam site, which is about eight miles south of the proposed Lexington dam site.

At this writing there is nothing new to report on either the relocation of the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz highway, or the proposed Lexington dam. There are, however, some good highway jobs to be let soon. One between Gilroy and Sargent. Another just south of Sargent, with a couple of bridges—(this ties in to the 4-lane highway, built by Teichert last year) and yet another one south of Morgan Hill (this will tie into the 4-lane strip about 6 miles north of Gilroy). Further will be the Delmonte avenue job in Monterey or Seaside. All in all, it looks like we will have a pretty good summer.

MOSS LANDING

F. Hardwick, of Daly City and Belmont, has moved in three R. D. 8's on their spur track from the S. P. line to the P.G.&E. Moss Landing project. This spur will eliminate much hauling by truck. Chicago Bridge & Iron has moved in some equipment on the P.G.&E. for the construction of 4 or 5 huge tanks. They expect this job to take about 5 months. Brother Darrell Wilson is the operator on the "Boom Cat" and Brother George Brown of Monterey, on the "Tugger" Hoist.

Raymond Concrete Pile has completed their contract on this project and we admit we are sorry to see so many of our old-time engineers leaving this locality, such as: Brother Palo, Vivian Potter, Ojeda, Paris, McAfee, Cole, Stark and Mountney. These brothers completed this job with great harmony and efficiency under difficulties caused by the heavy rain and mud.

Ben Gerwick, of San Francisco, also grabbed off a nice contract for about \$500,000 (maybe more)

driving the sheet piling on the coffer dam and tunnel under way. This contractor (as many do) brought in a number of his old-hand employees, such as Les Peterson and Jack Clark, on the "Drivers." Red Wilson, truck crane operator and Jack Clark, Jr., oiler. Then comes Brother Earl Hopkins on the pumps, Brother Earl Van Etten, operator, and Elmer Sandahl, oiler, on the Mantowic. (Brother Charles Van Etten please contact this brother, Earl. You are possibly from the same family tree).

SANTA CRUZ

N. M. Ball has resumed operations on the laying of base rock on their Santa Cruz-Watsonville highway job. This job has been held up for quite sometime, due to the severe rains which we have received in this territory. The brothers are all very happy now that we are at last having sunshine. Some of the old-timers, who are employed on this project, are such characters as "Big Open Shirt" Mike Glage (rain or shine, sleet or snow, Mike has his shirt open). Then there's N. W. Cox, shovel operator, and his oiler, N. A. Smith. H. E. Nall, operator of the other shovel and his oiler, C. Obert. H. L. Terry and Roy Stark, blademen; Roller, Jack Harrison, Dozers, R. F. Willis, "Alaska Joe" Bertrand, Dick Denson, foreman, Ted Gray. Some of the other brothers working around the plant are: Brothers Freeman, Elmer "Red" Essex, Floyd Davis, mech, O. M. Barbre and Harry Bambauer, plantman. As I've mentioned many times before, Brother Harley Davidson is the "pusher" and Ernie Frost the general superintendent. Leo Cardwell, we are happy to report, now employs Local 3 men, and has been keeping all quite busy. Leo is a well-known contractor around Santa Cruz and is worthy of any support we may now give him.

WATSONVILLE

Pisano Bros., M. G. M. Construction Co. of Antioch, and Martin Bros., all have smaller sewer and gas line jobs in this locality. Granite is also busy in this locality, and as usual, you see their equipment everywhere.

MONTEREY-CARMEL

Lowrie Paving Company of San Francisco, have a seven or eight thousand feet gas line project in the city of Carmel, which should take about two and a half months to complete. The equipment is manned by the following brothers: George Shoults, Ralph Walsh and Tex Martin. Granite has all the clearing and excavation—foundations and concrete on the new Del Monte Lodge at Pebble Beach, as we said in our last article. Barrett & Hilp of San Francisco, has the \$250,000.00 general contract. At present, some of Granite's old-timers comprise the crew, namely: Jack Irvine, C. D. Gill, Bill Strong, Eddie George and J. R. Delany. Brothers Kemp & Washburn, contractors of Monterey, have a couple of small jobs here and there, but, like everyone else, rain has retarded much of their activity. Brother Phil Calabrese of Seaside is managing to keep a couple of the brothers on the payroll—even with all this recent rain, mostly on the 17-mile drive, just out of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

SALINAS—SAN ARDO—KING CITY

Vincenz Bros. of San Ardo and Salinas have all equipment busy now that the weather has dried up a bit. They have 4 H-4's, 2 D-7's, 1 D-8, 2 M P's and 2 Cobras. Much of their equipment is busy in the oil fields where there is quite a little activity at this time. There is work going on below San Ardo, Bitter Water, northeast of King

City and west of San Lucas. As Spring progresses we expect to see quite a little more activity in these fields. As it is, a couple of new wells are in evidence everytime you visit the fields.

CONTRACTS LET

Just received word this morning that the following contracts have been let:

Burch and Bebek were awarded a \$308,000 job on Unit No. 2, storm sewer separation project for City of San Jose. This firm is from Los Angeles. Work to start immediately.

McGillivray Cons. Co. of Sacramento were the lucky bidders on the resurfacing job out of Coyote on 101. This job went for \$104,562. At present they are preparing to erect their hot plant. This will be strictly a resurfacing job. We expect action here very shortly.

BLOOD BANK

Arrangements are being made to establish a blood bank for the members of the Operating Engineers, Local 3. Any of the brothers or their friends who wish to contribute to this worthy cause may contact the San Jose office and we in turn will make arrangements for the appointment. We wish to mention the fact that the first brother to come forward and express his willingness to donate blood is R. C. Whitfield. The second brother was Herbert E. Diesner.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

We are very sorry to report that Brother Joseph J. Grayshock passed away the latter part of March, due to a heart attack. Brother Grayshock worked around these parts as a "hot stuff" roller operator and blademan and will be greatly missed by his many friends. . . . Our sympathy goes out to the Reynolds brothers, Carlos, Manuel and Arthur, whose mother passed away recently, very suddenly. . . . Brother L. J. Cornelius met with an accident at Moffett Field and received a broken left arm. He is now at the U. S. Marine hospital in San Francisco. Bro. Cornelius will be incapacitated for about six weeks.

Brother Woodrow Holmes, who was injured while working for Kovich Bros., at Soledad, is still unable to work. . . . Brother Joe Pankoski is seriously ill in the San Jose hospital and could have used a couple of pints of blood had we had the Engineer's Blood Bank in operation at that time. This has been a lesson to us and is the reason the blood bank is being established immediately for and by Engineers, Local 3. Joe will be in a cast for six months or more.

Am sorry to report that the young son of Brother George Davison is seriously ill with virus pneumonia in the O'Connor hospital. Am sure we all wish him a speedy recovery. . . . Brother Drew Dahlberg has just recuperated from a case of chicken pox. Caught them from his young daughter. . . . Brother Roy McNutt is leaving for Anchorage, Alaska, in a couple of days. He is going to work for Green and Little and plans on staying for seven months. . . . Bro. Don Perron is also in Anchorage, Alaska. . . . Brother Harley Davidson just recently sold his "ranch" and is now living in his "house on wheels." At the present time it is at the Weeping Willow Trailer Court on Soquel Avenue, Santa Cruz.

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A FEW DON'TS

Don't forget to get a clearance before you go to work.

Don't forget to wear your button in full view.

Don't forget to report any violation on the job.

Don't forget to let us know if you go to work through another office—a penny postcard will do—it may save your union a long distance phone call.

Don't forget there's two of us in this office now.

Don't forget to notify us (and we in turn will notify the San Francisco office) of any change in address. San Jose (office) Columbia 6748; (home) Columbia 6169.

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Some \$9,000,000 of new capital, mostly American, has been invested in new chemical plants in Australia during the past three years.

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Gold is mined in Alaska along the Yukon river and at Nome.

Stockton—

UNITED PIPE TO START PAVING HIGHWAY EAST OF STOCKTON SOON

By ED DORAN and FRANK LAWRENCE
Business Representatives, Local 3

The United Concrete Pipe Company was the low bidder on paving of the freeway east of Stockton at \$1,067,000, and they are expected to start soon.

The pump operators have had a wonderful time this winter working for Artuckovitch on the Hetch Hetchy job. They have worked three shifts with mud up to their—well way up to here anyway. Now the sun is starting to shine and everything looks rosy again.

Honolulu—

Pres. Clancy Is Welcomed on Hawaiian Visit

By J. W. WAIWAI,OLE,
Bus. Rep., Hawaiian Branch

President Clancy spent four days in our tropical clime looking over the Engineer situation here. This writer believes our President's visit did us a lot of good. We extend to you our hospitality and hope more of you will come to see us and maybe stay longer.

In spite of very limited work at this time, we anticipate some relief after our lawmakers have adjourned their session.

There is now being contemplated a twin bore tunnel either through the Kalihi Valley or Nuuanu Valley if and when our lawmakers make up their minds. However, the U. S. Federal Public Roads administration has given authority to go ahead with construction of approach roads for a Nuuanu Tunnel from the Honolulu side amounting to \$1,164,000. Federal aid will provide \$547,000. The Territory has also been advised that \$500,000 is available to start approaches from Windward Oahu as well. The approximate estimate for either project, including approaches, would be from six million to eight million dollars. Here's hoping some mainland contractors would set their sights on Honolulu and the "Puka in the Pali" (hole in the mountain).

This branch of the Engineers has a fight on its hands to overcome the adverse conditions and problems facing them which in all indications are decidedly different from problems on the mainland, as is the consensus of opinions of many mainland organizers who have come in to help us with our problems. However, there is now in effect an organizational program for all military installations to gain a sustaining membership and here's hoping we are able to change the outlook not only for the Engineers, but also for all American Federation of Labor affiliates in the Territory.

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That Was 24-Cent Whisky You Drank, Bub

Hard drinkers may take some comfort from learning that that last bottle they killed didn't actually cost \$4.04. It cost 24 cents; at least it cost the distiller that much. The rest of the cost is a striking sample of the role which taxes and other charges and levies play in the cost of any commodity.

The 24 cents, by the way, includes the price of the bottle and label. To that are added 25 cents for "operations and freight," 9 cents for federal corporation taxes, \$1.82 for federal excise tax, rectifying and stamp taxes.

The distiller sells the jug finally for \$2.44. If it goes to New York there is a State tax of 35 cents. The wholesaler adds a 35 cents mark-up for his own profit and sells the stuff to a retailer for \$3.09. The retailer marks it up 95 cents a bottle and sells it to you.

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Blossoms on a fruit tree do not necessarily mean that the tree will bear fruit. The blossoms must be fertilized with pollen carried from one blossom to another, usually by bees and other flying insects.

United Concrete's Hetch Hetchy pipeline job is a contractor's dream. Every inch of the trench has been dug with a trenching machine without using any cribbing, although it sure has played havoc with the Engineers employment. Most of the boys are temporarily out of work until they start digging east, then the boys will be back on the job.

It looks good for the gang in United's yard. There is a rumor going around this area that they are going to make pipe to export to some foreign country. If so, it will take some engineers to load this pipe on barges to be shipped to the bay area, there to be reloaded on ships.

Brother Harrison Wilson, mechanic for P. & J. Artuckovitch, is in the St. Joseph Hospital. He has had an emergency operation and is doing fine.

Delphia Co. is doing work for the Western Contractors in "Cyclone Gulch". He must be doing okay, as I haven't heard a word from the gang for some time. Every time the Business Agent goes around the Cat Skinners, they request fans of some sort be put on the equipment to stir up a little breeze.

Land-leveling operations are coming to a close in this area until the farmers get the crops off their land. Janecke's spread is doing a good job clearing trees on the Merced River near Hilmar. They have holes dug around those big oak trees that make you think that a gold dredge has been working in that river bottom area.

All is quiet in the Jackson area with the exception of the Chicago Bridge and Iron Co., who are constructing an iron tank at Martel for Whinton Lumber Co. We had a little trouble with them but after we had a little talk straight from the shoulder, we got them straightened out.

We would like to offer our congratulations to Brother James C. Pridmore, jeep operator for M. J. Ruddy at Modesto, whose wife presented him with a bouncing baby girl (6 lbs. 14 oz.) on March 21, 1949; also the same for Oscar Medalen, master oiler for the M. J. B. Construction Co., whose wife presented him with a boy (weight 7 lbs.) on March 21, 1949. We haven't seen any cigars from either of these proud fathers.

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Knowland for No Rent Controls

In the Senate on the last possible day when rent control could be renewed, Senator Bricker made a motion to send the whole business back to the committee. This meant that rent control would be ended for good on March 31, this year.

The Bricker move to kill rent control at once, for keeps, was supported by 36 senators, including Knowland of California.

Both senators from Ohio, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Missouri, Michigan, South Dakota, Kansas and Wisconsin voted to kill rent control—and Knowland of California voted against tenants in sunny California!—(LLPE-AFL).

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Industrial applications of atomic power, such as released by the fission of uranium, will probably be very limited because uranium is a very rare element in the crust of the earth. Thorium, which is also fissionable, is likewise rare.

Sacramento— 'OUT OF WORK' LIST DROPS AS SACRAMENTO AREA JOBS START

By ED PARK
Business Representative, Local 3

After many months of dreary reports, reports based on promises and jobs controlled by weather, we can all rejoice that Spring has arrived. First came the drying North wind and then warm sunny days. At this writing nothing startling has happened yet, but many of the boys laid off for the winter by various companies have already been called back to work, making a welcome dent in our "out of work" list.

In our last issue we promised more news on the Folsom Dam, the Deep Water Channel and the continuation of the Freeway east of Auburn. Taking them in that order: \$3,500,000 has been approved by the House for the Folsom Dam and is now before the Senate for final approval; \$2,000,000 has been approved by the House for the Deep Water Channel and this also is up to the Senate for final confirmation. In a friendly suit filed to determine the legality of the transfer of Port District funds to the U.S. Engineers, the courts have ruled such an action legal. This clears the way for a loan of \$500,000 to the U.S. Engineers. This sum will be used to expedite the construction of the connecting canal between the Sacramento River and Lake Washington. It is anticipated that some work on this project will be underway by July. So it would seem that once again we will have to promise more information on both of these projects in our next issue. We should have something definite by then.

AUBURN FREEWAY

The picture is considerably brighter in regard to the Auburn Freeway. Bids were advertised on April 1 and will be opened April 27 for 6.1 miles of four-lane divided highway to run one mile east of Applegate. You brothers familiar with the country around Auburn will realize that this will be quite an undertaking and should furnish lots of work for Engineers.

Brother Al Kingwell has the M. W. Brown job at Diamond Springs back on a full-time basis after weeks of short pay checks for the boys due to bad weather. To Al's credit it can be said that he had the brothers working whenever it was at all possible.

The boys on the Atkinson payroll at Roseville are back on a steady basis after weeks of hit and miss shifts due to the wet weather that we weren't enjoying in this area.

Up on Mosquito Ridge, the N. M. Ball job is rolling along in good shape and to the list of brothers we reported to be on the job in the last issue, we add the names of Brothers Red Gorham, Carl Clark, Lonnie Pike and Norman Wissler. Clyde Wood is opening up his job on Mosquito Ridge again and Brothers Fred Lewis, Jack Drone, Smoky Sutherland and L. W. Winney are the first Engineers on the payroll.

OTHER JOBS START

Westbrook & Pope are scheduled to start their job at Camptonville within the next week or two. The clearing is practically completed and the latest word from the company is that as soon as the State gives the go-ahead signal they intend to open the job on a two-shift basis.

Tyson & Watters have their job on the Plymouth Fair Grounds underway with Brother Jack Edwards as superintendent. Brothers Les Wright, Bob Crawford, Otto Van Gorder, Frank Ordway, B. Murray and Byron Hemphill make up the crew to date.

Brothers Merle Gardner, Bob McKerlie and Al Reece are putting the finishing touches on the streets off Folsom Blvd. for the McGillivray Construction Co.

Brothers Lee Gates and Jack Skinner were up from San Francisco to load out on Utah Construction Co.'s shovels. Destination Ukiah.

The Harms Bros.-P. J. Moore job out near Elverta is underway and to date Brothers J. W. Hyde, Mel Jeffrey, Ralph Krpan and Eddie Keperis are on the job on C. C.

Steele's rigs. Brother Dick Blackmore has two rigs working at the present time and they are being operated by Brothers Russell Tucker and Ben Zimmer.

Earl Parker has approximately the same crew on his levee job out on Putah Creek. They are finishing those portions of the levee already constructed. It is expected that he will open the job up again on a large scale as soon as he completes that big job down south and is able to move some of his equipment back up this way.

Bids are to be opened May 4 for .7 mile of road to be graded and resurfaced in Yolo County. This contract also will include the building of two concrete culverts.

Frederickson Bros. were low bidder in the amount of \$80,111 and the contract has been awarded to them to construct a bridge across Putah Creek, east of Davis.

Bids are scheduled to be opened April 13 for the surfacing of about 16 miles of highway between Winters and Route 7.

CITY JOBS

The City of Sacramento is planning to use \$180,000 for improvement work. The work will include sewer mains, streets and sidewalks in new sections and improvement of existing streets and alleys. One of the larger projects is now under way with the channelization of the intersection of Freeport Blvd. and Sutterville Road.

The City of Woodland will spend approximately \$60,000 on the city streets during the spring and summer months. Most of the work will consist of grading and primer surface coats for streets in recently developed subdivisions and the installation of curbs and gutters.

Invitations are out for bidders for the calyx core drilling at Folsom Dam. Bids will be opened April 19. This drilling is to be done for the purpose of studying the foundation at the dam site.

A. Teichert was low bidder in the amount of \$2,405.75 for street improvement in the City of Sacramento, between I and J, between 26th and 27th Streets.

A. L. Miller has been awarded the contract for a new main building of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Woodland, at a cost of \$134,000. Brothers Melvin Wissler and Max Clark already are on this job.

The Lentz Construction Co. was low bidder for sewer construction on Brier Avenue from 58th Street to Carpenter Avenue. The bid was \$2,436.80.

A. Teichert was low bidder in the amount of \$141,066.06 for the construction of an outfall sewer in Sanitary District No. 1 for the County of Sacramento.

Another bid for a pumping plant and force main to be located in Sanitary District No. 2, County of Sacramento, has been let to the Sacramento Construction Co. in the amount of \$55,478.

Bids for a sewer line from the American River crossing to the City sewer line in Sanitary District No. 2 are called for April 11.

Contracts are being let for many new schools in the outlying districts. While each job in itself does not furnish much work for our members, put them all together and they will provide considerable employment in leveling and grading for the Engineers.

PERSONAL MENTION

Brother William Cooper is, at this writing, ill and in the Mercy Hospital. We hope that he will soon be much better and able to leave the hospital.

Brother Ira Sickles has been very ill and he, too, is in the Mercy Hospital. At last reports he was much improved and is ex-

Angling Season Opens May 1 at Crowley Lake

Crowley Lake—The 1949 angling season at Crowley Lake has been set for May 1 to July 31 by the California Fish and Game Commission.

An extension of two weeks beyond last season's July 15 closing was granted at the request of the Los Angeles Recreation and Park Department.

pected to be released in a week or two.

Brother M. G. Brough is the new owner of the Perkins Service Station and Bar. Here's wishing him all success in his new business venture.

We are glad to see Brother Oran Cobb up and around again after a bout with the flu.

Brother "Heavy" Holmes has gone down to the Fresno District on the Teichert dam job.

Brother L. L. Schneider has his own car repair shop, located at 4510 Erie Avenue, Sacramento. Any of you fellows needing car repairs, look him up.

Nick Rodgers, service man for P&H, has been transferred to South America by the company. He asked us to say "good-bye" to all you fellows for him.

Brother John Miller stopped by this office a few weeks ago. He was just returning from a trip east and heading (?).

Brother Bob Norris was on the "crippled" list for a time with a hand injury received when he dropped a trailer on it.

Brother O. Gray injured his foot by dropping a compressor on it out on the Downer job.

Brother Dick Arthur came in to the big city a few weeks ago from Angels Camp and stopped by the office for a short visit.

Brother Ralph Blanchard is in business for himself with a Clev-Trac angle dozer. His address is P. O. Box 106, Weimer, Calif., and he will appreciate any work received.

WAS HE FISHING?

We missed one guy in our report on the bridge job at Three Mile Slough last month. Brother Guy Jones, to be exact. We checked to see why this had occurred and can offer only one explanation. He must have been under the bridge fishing at the time we were on the job.

Here's wishing Brother D. R. Zarg good luck on his patented track aligner for A. C. cats. From all reports he really has something. Those interested can contact him at Rt. 1, Box 21-B, Folsom.

Brother C. A. York, blade man on the Parker job, was confined to the hospital for two weeks with an injured back. He is now back on the job again, we are happy to report.

Brother Dean Ketcherside is in business for himself with a P&H one-half-yard rig. His phone number is 3-6318. If you can use his services, give him a ring.

Another brother out on his own is L. R. John of Rt. 1, Box 2502, Sacramento. Telephone 7-0209 can reach him for any work that can be done by his Fords Terrace blade and attachments.

Brother Ray Wilson is out of hibernation and ready to go anywhere, on any job, at any time, he says.

Brothers H. L. Morretti, Harry M. Welch, Joe Correia and Robert Patrick have made their contributions to the Blood Bank. We are still in need of donors. May I take this opportunity to urge you fellows to get on over there and make your contribution before you get too busily engaged in your summer's work.

BROTHERS AID FIESTA

The Fair Oaks Centennial Fiesta, a big three-day celebration to be held May 20, 21 and 22, promises to be quite a gala affair. A Centennial ball, whisker contest, folk dancing, parades, ball games, and Indians are among the attractions promised. Brother Robert Massey is the executive chairman of the affair, with Brother Sully Elledge acting as town marshal. Other committee members are Brothers George Payne, Clyde Kemp and Wilbert Butcher. So, you see, with all that representation of Local 3, it should be the best in every way. Let's all support the boys by attending and making it a success.

Eureka—

MACCO-MK GET JETTY JOB AT CRESCENT CITY; WOODS ACTIVE

By OTTO E. NEVER, Business Representative, Local 3
and M. W. EDWARDS, Organizer

About the time this article goes to press, we hope that all the brothers are working and that we will be calling the San Francisco office for operators and oilers.

At present, Carr and Rocco have the bridge and approach job at Dillon Creek, 27 miles above Orleans and a small bridge job one mile west of Orleans, but have not started at the time of writing this article.

Mercer-Fraser Co. has started finishing 4th Street in Eureka and will start laying hot stuff in Scotia as soon as weather permits. They will start the job 7.6 miles above Orick by the middle of April. Practically all of Mercer-Fraser's old crew has been called back.

Harms and C. M. Syar have the job north of Klamath amounting to 6.3 miles to be resurfaced. Their plant is set up at Klamath. We have not heard from them at yet, but the job should start by April 25th.

BEAR CREEK JOB

Ed Johnson has already moved his equipment up to Crescent City and will start his job at Bear Creek right away. Job is about 9½ miles north of Crescent City. Pimbo Construction Co. was low bidder on the dirt moving job at Orick. If bid is accepted, work should start by May 1st.

Clements & Co. were low bidder on 8 miles of resurfacing near Laytonville. We have no information at this time as to when the job will start. Another small job is listed for April 20th—a reinforced concrete slab bridge at Mill Creek Redwood State Park.

Maurer & Son have gone back to work at Orleans and will start tearing down the old Weitchpec Bridge and building the lower approach as soon as the Orleans job is wound up; possibly 30 to 40 days.

CRESCENT CITY JETTY

The big job in this territory is the jetty job at Crescent City. Macco and Morrison-Knudsen were low bidders. Job will take about two years and cost will exceed \$3,250,000. We understand that this job should be under way by May 1st if the bid received is accepted. We also understand that they will maintain a camp on the job for all employees.

Tom Hull has been keeping busy at odd jobs and has just finished driving some piles at the old C. B. & I. dock for Coast Pacific Lumber Co.

Louie Conner has two cats working but is not sure when he will use the rest of his equipment. Tyson & Watters are moving dirt at the fairgrounds at Ferndale. Job should be done by May 15th.

Buran Equipment Co. is still working short-handed at both Eureka and Willits. This company has always treated our members fairly and we hope to see their business increase so that they can call their old crew back.

Burman Bros. will start their dirt moving job at Bull Creek Park as soon as it is dry enough, which should be a matter of a few days. Malfitano and Macal have not advised us when they will start at Garberville, but it should be dry enough to work by April 15th.

We saw Brother Ed Miller at the San Francisco meeting. This Brother was formerly employed at C. B. & I. He left there to go with Bechtel & McCone, and is now shifting for various contractors around the East Bay and Marvellous Marin. Brother Ed asked to be remembered to his old friends in Eureka.

WOODS OPENING UP

The news from the woods is good. The mud is beginning to dry up and the boys are sharpening their calks, so it won't be long before everybody will be working. However, if all of the loggers from Oregon and Washington decide to come down here, there will be an over-supply of men and no doubt, if not kept under hand, will cause the wages and working conditions to take a slump. We, of course, will try to prevent anything like that and I

think most of you woodsmen would also like to prevent it. The best way to stop it is to sign those boys up in Local 3 and then we know for sure that they are not going to do anything that will have a tendency to make conditions worse.

The McVay Logging Co. is working right along, and no doubt will have a larger crew in the near future. At the present time they are logging timber that was felled by the Haeger Logging Co., along with some of their own. Bill Ley's logging outfit has moved down around the Shelter Cove country and is getting out mostly peelers. Good luck, Bill; we'll see you soon.

Things look good in the woods this year, and from all indications, for several years to come.

A GOOD MOTTO

Brother Ralph Ford of Banker Corp. had the misfortune of breaking his wrist while cranking the starting motor on his cat. The doctor says it will be the middle of May before he gets back to work. Tough luck, Ralph, but don't forget to call Eureka 452 if you need any help. Our motto, as you know, is "Take care of the Brother Members".

William Abbey, a Lumber and Sawmill Workers "Business Agent" recently stated he would like to cut the throat of a certain Local 3 business representative. We remember when Mr. Abbey was hard pressed in his filling station and we patronized him to help him along. It seems like times change and some people have very short memories.

The men at Northern Redwood have been taking quite a beating. It seems that if a certain boss doesn't like the way you wear your hat, why, down the road you go. For some reason we just don't seem to think that is right. Did anybody ever hear of a Local 3 man getting fired on account of how he wore his hat or anything else for that matter? As long as he does his work, he doesn't have to worry about getting fired. Period.

There is plenty of work for everyone this summer, and remember, brothers, it has been a tough winter, so save your money for the next one.

Double Security Pay, AFL Asks

"Members of Congress must be told" by the voters back home that the American people want Congress to pass H.R. 2893 to "provide for their security in old age and to provide protection for their families in case of disability or early death". Thus wrote AFL President William Green in a letter to each International Union and State Federation President last week.

H.R. 2893 not only calls for increased benefits, almost double the present meager \$25 per month average, but it increases the number of workers covered and provides for benefits for extended illness and disability. A complete summary of the bill including a tabulation of increased benefits was enclosed with Mr. Green's letter. Copies of the summary may be obtained by writing to the AFL Bldg., Washington 1, D.C.

Here is common-sense reason spelled out in dollars and cents why it is worth a three-cent stamp for you to sit down and write your Congressman today to SUPPORT H.R. 2893!—(LLPE)

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San Rafael—

'HEINE' FOSS VISITS GUATEMALA; REVOLUTION HITS HEADLINES

By HEINIE FOSS and GLENN L. DOBYNS
Business Representatives, Local 3

H. O. Foss "Heine," as you all know him, visited Guatemala according to the numerous letters sent in to this office and now the daily newspaper headlines are screaming "revolution"—could be?? We must grant that he is a good correspondent as further reports indicate the steers of Texas are taking plenty of "punching" as well as his being right at home with the bats of Carlsbad Cavern. Our best wishes for an enjoyable trip—he deserves it. . . .

Usually it is "April Showers" but in this case it was the winter storms which held up the Utah Construction Company on their thirty-seven mile project at Ukiah—but now with the "real" California weather starting to "weather" this company is double shifting and hoping to go right along with their project. The Navarro side of the project is under the very able supervision of Cecil Welton, superintendent, assisted by Tom Lane and Doc Needham with the Ukiah end of the project under the able foremanship of Ernie Teed on the shovel spread and at the Low Gap side Barney Apgar is the very capable superintendent with Herb Whiting and Ray Bishop doing a good job. Frank Laird is the project manager and with the supervisory personnel he has as well as the "good engineers" it is thought this job will proceed along good lines and the business representative wishes he had more like it.

Parish Brothers of Benicia have started their Black Point job which has been under way for the past two weeks and the skimmers are happy again after a two months vacation without pay. It is expected as soon as the high water recedes they will be able to obtain their aggregates out of the river. This is a large dirt moving project and with Mike Saporetti is keeping it moving.

Brown & Ely, popular contractors of Corte Madera, have just called all their old hands back to work and now everybody is happy as this company is right on its toes with expectation of heavy season projects.

The Davis Equipment Company, located at 424 Irwin Street, San Rafael, telephone San Rafael 6394, are busy with their Quickway with the shovel attachments specializing on service station equipment projects installing tanks, pumps, lubricating equipment as well as excavating. Gardner "Dave" Davis may also be reached at his home 321 Vallejo Street, Petaluma, telephone Petaluma 1656-J.

Art Siri of Santa Rosa is doing the excavating and street work at Boys Town near Boyes Springs where Williams & Burrows, Burlingame contractors are the prime on the million and a half project which upon completion will be very similar to the famous Boys Town of Omaha, Nebraska.

A. J. Peters & Son of San Jose are trying in spite of the recent rains to continue with their Sleepy Hollow project and with Bud Parsons, foreman, are going right along.

Clinkenbeard & Hammons have finished their four-mile 6-in. water line going into the Army Air Base in Petaluma with Bob Wood operating the back-hoe and Ben Turkovich as oiler, with Bob very happy after returning from an extended vacation where he visited Tucson, Arizona, Albuquerque, and going on to New Orleans and Houston, Texas, where he was offered a job but decided he likes the sunshine, even the liquid sunshine, of California as well as the sun tan and we are very glad he is back with us.

Stoite of San Francisco are just about finished with their sewage disposal at Greenbrae and with the completion of the tying in of the lines, the plant will be all set for operation.

Chittenden & Chittenden were recent low bidders on a road project in Lake County between Middletown and Lower Lake for about \$300,000 which is tagged to start within the next few weeks.

Dry Creek Gravel Company of Healdsburg whose plant is well known in its location on the Dry

Creek one mile west of Healdsburg have recently signed a contract with the local and are operating with a complete force of Local No. 3 men who are all grinning very happily with the expectation of a busy season ahead.

Baldwin & Straub are busy putting the finishing touches to the Calpella bridge structure and hoping for an early date when this highway will be opened for traffic.

Tom Hester of Pasadena is busy on the sewer works in the Ukiah area where Brother Sexton is operating the trencher and Brother Jim Tusso is oiling.

Harvey Taylor Gravel Company, who has been located on the Dry Creek at Healdsburg since the year 1 A.D., is keeping things humming and planning on the erection of a conveyor and screen system very shortly.

Brother Charles E. Farris recently signed with the Local now has the logging sub-contract for the Utah Construction Company at Ukiah keeping four skimmers happy.

Our congratulations to Brother Mickey Roberts who was lucky enough to step out of his cab the other day on the Utah Construction project at Navarro when it seemed like the whole side of the mountain came sliding.

Contract was recently awarded to Moore & Roberts of San Francisco on an over-all bid award of two million plus covering ward buildings, kitchens, etc., at the Mendocino State Hospital at Talmadge, California, which it is expected will be starting shortly.

Highway improvement contract was recently awarded to Nevada Construction Company of Reno, Nevada, for the grading, surfacing of 10.4 miles in Mendocino County on Route No. 1 and Route No. 70 for over \$165,000.

The County Jail and Courthouse in Ukiah, California, project was recently awarded to Carl N. Swenson of San Jose for \$750,000 plus.

Brother Henry Allgor would like to sell his Mall, Model-6 Chain Saw which is in first class condition—he can be reached at 21 Karl Avenue, San Anselmo, telephone San Rafael 3439-W.

Charles Harney's home at McNear's Point, Marin County is one of the most outstanding of many unusual homes in this county, with the excavating and road work all finished and the carpenters moving in on the job—certainly Charley's eyes should soften with all the beauty he will view from this home and it is expected there will be a sparkle in his eyes for all to see.

We are always glad to see the "travelling" brothers such as A. R. "Mac" McCaffery who stopped in at the office to say "hello" after completing his contract with Atkinson-Drake in Greece. "Mac" bought himself a new car and he and his Mrs. are now making a pleasant trip through California and "Mac" is hoping to stay in God's country.

Brother Albert Morgan, pusher at the Guy F. Atkinson project, stopped in to say "hello" on his return trip to the Tulare project.

Brother "Slim" Seymour called to tell us he will be shoving off soon to Saudi Arabia. Good luck and let's hear from you, Slim.

Brother Albertoni of San Rafael is now confined to the Oak Knoll Hospital but we hear improving rapidly and expected to be home within the next few days. . . . Our best wishes for his speedy recovery. . . .

Brother "Frosty" Carpenter, we are glad to report, has returned to his job at Hutchinson Quarry, Greenbrae after a long bout with severe burns and virus pneumonia.

We are always sorry when we have to report of the death of one of the brothers—Brother Jack Ives, young engineer out of the Vallejo-

Reno—

Nevada Area Thawing Out, Big Season Expected

By H. L. "Curly" SPENCE
Business Representative, Local 3

Local 3 has signed a mine agreement with Isbell Construction Company for their Kimberly, Nevada job. They have moved one Northwest shovel to the job. There will be two shifts on the rig.

Isbell Construction Company has started their highway job on Highway 50 between Boone Springs, Nevada and White Horse Pass. They are setting up camp and things will start on a big scale soon.

Dodge Construction Company, Inc., is well along with the highway job in and around Lovelock, Nevada. Brother Jack Chatella is in charge of the cat spread and he is doing a fine job.

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, is doing a fine job fixing up the streets in the City of Yerington, Nevada. He will be moving some of his crew down in the Dalzell Canyon near Sweetwater, Nevada, in the near future.

I was told Jeff Hunt has most of his men out on his ranch building a dam.

John Powers Company has quite a job out at Washoe County fish pond with Brother Tobby Connors and his son, Brother Marshall Connor, as his oiler. Brother Bud Selover is doing his part with the dozer, a fine crew.

George Miller has quite a number of jobs going in and around Reno, Nevada. George keeps his crew going most of the time.

Brother Clarence Dietrich has quite a bit of work going in and around Reno and Sparks, Nevada. He is getting to be quite a big contractor. More power to you, brother.

Earl Games has some basement jobs and some street work. I see Brother Les Jacobsen on the cat and Brother Frank Gillespie on the blade doing a nice smooth job.

Napa area was instantly killed in a plane accident near the Napa Mountains. The plane which was totally wrecked, of course, was owned by Brother Ken Jarvis—this is one of those unfortunate accidents and cannot be attributed to the plane. Our sincere sympathy to Jack's mother.

Brother Franklin Serres, recently signed member, has the batch plant operation at the Boys Town project and Hein Quarry of Petaluma are furnishing the concrete for Haas & Rothschild on the thirteen million dollar Sonoma Rest Home at Eldridge with Brother R. H. Prull running the cat loader feeding the plant. Siri of Santa Rosa has two hoes and one cat on this job and the project is under the supervision of Don Weirick, superintendent for Haas & Rothschild. Brother Bill Jury is acting superintendent on the job for Siri digging all the footings and operating the Unit Crane is Ernest Brant and Phil Cardona as oiler and also is Siri's truck crane rented to the prime contractor with Julle Siri operating and Ken Cummings oiling and Floyd Graham and Bud Meadows oiling on the other rig.

Robert Rapp Company of Santa Rosa are digging the underground steam line with Brother Hopkins on the back-hoe oiling and Brother Lee Drummond operating. "Bob" looks forward to a busy season this year as do all the contractors.

Fredrickson Brothers on their Vallejo-Napa road project after moving right along now after a shut-down due to rains—everybody is happy now here as well as at the Teichert project a few miles down the road from Fredrickson project.

When the operation was finished, the patient was asked how she had felt under the anaesthetic.

"It was beautiful," she said. "I thought I was in heaven till I saw the doctor."

The territory now comprising the state of Washington was separated from the state of Oregon in 1853.

Engineers Prexy Visits Honolulu



J. K. Waiwaiole, Business Representative in Hawaii; Pat Clancy, President of Local No. 3, and Tom Randall, A. F. of L. Organizer on the islands, shown at the airport in Honolulu.

San Francisco—

WORK BEGINS TO ROLL IN S. F.; EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS BRIGHT

By PAT CLANCY, P. E. VANDEWARK and HARRY METZ
Business Representatives, Local 3

Since the winter has passed and the rains along with it, the contractors and their equipment have come out of hibernation and the work is beginning to roll. The employment situation now looks brighter than it has for many a week. The amount of orders for work which we have received in the past two weeks has been greater than any previous period since last fall.

M. & K. Corporation have three jobs in progress. Lake Merced tunnel, which now has two headings in operation, three shifts. North Point Sewer treating plant, on Bay street, has a large number of rigs busy on it. Eaton & Smith are doing the excavating work and Raymond the pile-driving work. The Presidio job is still under way but on the finishing end.

Eaton & Smith have started their job on the removal of the outer tracks on Market street on a two-shift operation, with the shovel crew working a single night shift. This job also includes the repaving of Market street, from Valencia to Second street. They also have several cats working on the Youth Center job in Miraloma Park.

Duncanson & Harrelson's job on the new Islais Creek bridge is progressing smoothly, with two rigs busy putting in the coffer dams for the foundation work.

Dinwiddie Construction Company is getting started on the new Park Merced apartment house project having already set up two steel towers for the job. The grain elevator job at Pier 92 is almost completed.

Monson Bros. are now getting along nicely with their job on the Youth Center, since the rains have ceased.

Clinton Construction job at Mission Rock is still in progress and a large amount of work yet remains to be done on this job.

Lowrie Paving Company has numerous jobs scattered over town for the PG&E and Telephone Company, thereby keeping a large amount of the brothers busy. Brother Bill Brown is in charge of the plant, and Brothers Vic Lowart and Ray Brown are the two foremen in the repair shop.

Chas. Harney has several small jobs in operation such as: track re-

moval and street repaving and also new street paving. Both concrete and hot plants are busy sending out materials as well as the repair shop, which is operating full swing and keeping the equipment rolling.

Clementina has many of his compressors busy, rented out to various contractors, thereby keeping a nice repair crew busy in the shop under the able direction of Brother Wade.

Horstmeyer has a rush job on the old Muni car barn, at 17th and Mariposa, to convert it into a bus barn and yard. Emsco has several compressors, crane and pavement breaker busy knocking down the old building.

Tucker Engineering, Courtland Engineering, Hyman-Michaels and Petersen Engineering are all busy with repair work in their shops, keeping a large number of heavy-duty repairmen and welders happy!

Swinerton & Walberg job on the Standard Oil building is still in the steel erection stage with American Bridge doing the erecting. The Mt. Zion hospital job is rapidly getting into full swing and material hoists will start operating very shortly.

Ship repair work along the waterfront is almost next to nothing at present and it is hoped that the President and Congress will do all in their power to revive ship-building on the Pacific coast.

The "state-wide" jobs have been on the up-sweep for the past few weeks but the information on work in regard to various "out-of-country" jobs has more or less reached a stalemate.

For the information of the brothers, who have been wondering about overseas employment and have been coming into the San Francisco office to inquire regarding this information, we would like to inform you that the contractors have not been calling the San Francisco office for any men for foreign work. At this date, we have not a single order for anyone to go on any foreign job.

We find Brother Louis Levine home again after being in Greece for approximately one year, where he had worked for Atkinson-Drake-Piper. Louie was accompanied home by his lovely wife, whom he met and married while working in Greece. I guess he intends settling down now as he has

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Report From Stockton

By R. E. McCARTHY
Representative, Local 39

Time to start another news column, and casting around for something to start the month out with, I suddenly remembered that it was my good fortune or maybe it was not so good, to pick up Brother (Corn Husker) Campbell and Brother Pitzz, who incidentally works at the Danish Creamery in Chowchilla. Brother Campbell and I were going to negotiate the M.P.M.A. (Milk Products Manufacturers' Association to you lugs) contract, Brother Pitzz was evidently

instructed to go along and watch Campbell (and he told me he was sitting pretty with the guys at Fresno). Brother Pitzz was also instructed as to what to accept and if he made any bulls the thing for him to do was keep traveling, particularly in a Northern direction. We met Brother Carmen and Fitch and told them that if the instructions given Brother Pitzz had any meaning and the gang of us couldn't do any good we better all of us put on our traveling shoes and keep him company. However, it turned out to be a pretty lucky day for all of us and we fixed things up in such a shape that Brother Pitzz was able to return home last night, (happy day.)

Brother L. Laurel was in Stockton March 1 and stopped in to say hello, etc. Seems like Brother Baptista had his right hand hurt and it was necessary to bring him to Stockton to see a doctor. Hope Tony is back to work soon. He and Leonard both work for Carnation at Gustine. Leonard has been acting as steward in the Gustine-Newman area for some time now and he has been doing a swell job, but now he wants to quit being steward. Just when he was beginning to be a big help to yours truly. I am sorry he made this decision, because he has been doing a nice job in this area.

LOS BANOS CHARLIE

Visited the Golden State Co. at Los Banos the other day and after a few greetings to the fellows I finally missed Brother C. M. Irons. Inquiring around, I was told that Charlie was in the hospital. I was also told that he seems to have been playing with fire and got himself burned. Both hands and part of his back. Seems like Charlie was burning some oil out of a piece of pipe. It did not burn fast enough for him and he proceeded to pour some gasoline on it.

Thereby hangs a tale, Charlie's shirttail, in fact, I went over to the hospital to see him, expecting to see someone bandaged up so that only his eyes were showing. I was in for a pleasant surprise, because there he was sitting up in bed and only his hands bandaged. Of course, the bandages on his hands made it look like he was wearing boxing gloves. I said, "Hello, Charlie," and he proceeded to tell me his name was not Charlie, and how did I arrive at the conclusion that his name was Charles.

I informed him that I took it for granted because of the initials that he gave when signing his application, C. M. He told me that it was an honest mistake and he preferred to be called Charlie, as it sounded more manish. I perked my ears up at this one and asked him his true name. He finally broke down and said his name was Christopher, but he said don't hold that against me because they tacked that name on me when I wasn't looking.

He seemed to have a lot of visitors, Brother Agostino was there, besides his wife and a few relatives. Hope he gets well soon because being confined to a nice place like a hospital does not let him express his views as he sees them.

I attended a meeting involving Industrial Safety, March 9. There is a tendency for management to place some serious thought in the prevention of industrial accidents. Personally, I believe it is a good idea and I will attend all meetings dealing with this serious problem. We all got off to a good start and I think that our Labor relations will also improve by making the contacts with employers who are interested in this subject.

SUGGESTION REJECTED

Visited the Stanislaus County Hospital yesterday and noticed a special coffee pot being boiled out in preparation for its use by the

Engineers at the hospital. Brother Peterson was supervising the important job of putting boiler compound in the pot to loosen some existing scale. This pot was also wired with a temperature regulator that would not let the water get hot enough to boil to make coffee. There was quite a discussion going on between Peterson, Bonsack and Casler in regards to removing the regulator. Innocently I suggested that the pot be left as is and use it for what it was originally intended, that is hot water for Tom and Jerrys. I also suggested that they serve this delicious drink at 10-2-4 to all who desire it. The suggestion was turned down and I was tossed out of the boiler room. (Some friends). I was only trying to be of some help.

Visited the Golden State plant at Merced fairly regularly and there is generally something going on. Brother Lee Collins seems to be getting thinner and I started to worry about him and inquired as to the reason. He told me that the doctor had put him on a diet on the advice of the Missus. Seems like she told Lee that he no longer was carrying around that manly shape he had when she first married him. That he was looking more like a barrel and he should do something about it. So Lee is now in the process of reducing the rounded parts.

SMILIN' TED

Brother Musser was laid up with a cold and Bro. Collins and myself went to visit him. Naturally there was trouble trying to keep him in bed until he was well. We suggested to his wife that one way to cure this trouble was to take a baseball bat and use it to good effect on Frank. Don't know whether she used the idea or not, but Frank is now back on the job feeling swell. Brother Hollis Lee was not on shift when I got to the plant and Brother Stover was off duty. It was just as well because I hear George is hunting for me for telling him he was nuttier than a fruit cake. Take care of him later.

Brother Evans was busy firing the boilers and did not seem to have time to talk. I think Bro. Scott was on the late shift and he was probably snoozing at home. One guy in particular can always be recognized by the big grin he carries around. I'm talking about Ted Rizzonelli now, no matter what kind of a job is given by the chief he always seems happy. Now maybe after saying all these nice things about this gang I should be able to walk into the plant without having to dodge anything they can throw.

Heard Brother Peterson was fooling around with a buzz saw and lost part of one of his fingers. Maybe he won't be so nose next time. Reminds me of a story I once heard. A fellow was explaining to another how he had lost a part of a finger and demonstrated how he had done. His hand got too close to the saw and whoops he lost another one.

It is with regret that I announce the passing of Brother Leighton of Modesto. Clarence was suffering from an incurable disease. Our condolences are offered to his widow.

Why the heck is it you guys that are out of work and on our out of work list find so d— many excuses for not going to work when you are called. It's no wonder that all business representatives end up in the nut house when he runs into things like this.

ENGINEERS' SCHOOL

Extra good news this month, folks. The Stockton-Modesto local branch has started a school for engineers. Classes are held at the Junior College twice a week. The Vocational Department for Adult Training is conducting these classes

News Items from The Fresno Area

By M. G. CAMPBELL
Representative, Local 39

We do not hear the 'blues song' as much as we did a month ago. The recent rains have been quite a shot in the arm. It has not only started the grass growing to brighten things up, but the business men have begun to change their blues song. The general opinion seems to be they expect business to be on a par with 1948. I received a report from the southern part of the valley that the lettuce crop is better this year than they have had for years, providing no late rains and hot sunshine before harvest time. The ice plants will be running short of ice this summer. The same condition exists in the north and western part of the valley.

The closing down of the Golden State Creamery in Tulare, California, leaves us with some extra engineers. I have been informed Bro. Ritchie and Bro. McCuiston are being transferred to the west side and a possibility one of the brothers will be transferred to the Golden State Creamery in Lemoore.

NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD

Agreements coming up for negotiations are the Valley Oxygen Company, Hanford, California; San Joaquin Baking Company, Fresno; Hotel Fresno; Union Ice Company, Firebaugh.

Just received a report Brother Winchester has been ordered to bed for at least 30 days. Brother McFarland also is on the sick list. Brother Botoroff says he would like to get up but the doctors say 'no.' Now that Spring is coming on we expect to see these brothers back on the job before too long.

Sometimes I feel as though I would like to get sick — not too sick, but just sick enough so that I would not have to work and not be under the doctor's care and still well enough to go fishing. Some of the brothers tell me that is Spring fever—I have a different name for it in my particular case. Which reminds me—

Small Boy: "Daddy, can I ask you one more question?"

Daddy: "You can ask one more question, but make it the last one." "Well," said his small son—"When a doctor gets sick and another doctor doctors him, does the doctor doing the doctoring have to doctor the doctor the way the doctor being doctored wants to be doctored or does the doctor doing the doctoring of the doctor, doctor his own way?"

All regular meetings in Fresno Area are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 280 North Van Ness Ave., Fresno, California.

Notice

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LOCALS 39, 39A and 39B

The card sent out for the annual audit contained the new address of the San Francisco Office.

All business conducted with our District Offices will continue the same as in the past. Any member is, however, permitted to write or call at the San Francisco Office, 474 Valencia Street, at any time he desires to do so. We are here to cooperate with the District Offices at all times.

—LEO DERBY, Secretary.

es and a Mr. Levy is the instructor. The first class was held March 23, and a very large attendance turned out for this class. The actual cost is (1) one buck for tuition fee, not bad. They gave us a class room with desks and all for the meeting. Let's all hope that this class will be a success and that when we are called to supply men there will be no quibbling whether or not the employer is getting a qualified engineer. Brother R. E. McCarthy, R. A. Woodruff, R. B. Parks and R. Destarac are the committee sponsoring its success.

STATIONARY ENGINE

Minutes of the executive board

STATIONARY LOCAL No. 39
PROGRESS HALL
Building Trades Temple, San Francisco, Calif.
March 28, 1949

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Frank C. Brantley. Roll call was taken and the absentees were noted.

Minutes of the last Executive Board meeting were read and approved. Minutes of the various councils were read and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

From Modesto Chapter of the Red Cross soliciting funds. Noted and filed. From Alameda Milk Dealers' Association regarding the new wage scales, referred to Business Representatives. From San Mateo County Political Educational League, referred to Secretary and Manager for action.

The Withdrawals, Transfers and Suspensions were concurred in. The following contracts were concurred in: Chism Ice Cream, Reno; Stockton Cleaners (Independent, Arbies, Improved, Royal); Pootsch & Peterson, So. San Francisco; National Biscuit Company, San Francisco; Garden City Pottery, San Jose; Tea Garden Products, San Francisco; Milk Mfr., Northern California.

NEW BUSINESS

The Y. W. C. A. situation was explained to the Executive Board members and the action of the Officers concurred in. It was moved, seconded and carried to donate \$10.00 to the Culinary Workers Hospital Fund to be sent care of Stanislaus County Central Labor Council.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

There was a discussion of membership as it now stands and potential membership and various plans submitted for organizing the unorganized engineers in our territory; also, the problems involved such as the mental attitude of prospective members. Brother Costello told about a new machine to peel and pit fruit which he thought would cut down the employees in the canneries. Brother Roberts reported visiting Brother Mize, stating his condition was improving. He stated Brother Mize was an old-timer in the Engineers' Union.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

LEO F. DERBY, Secretary.

Report from San Jose Office

By RICHARD A. CHRISTIANSEN
Business Representative, Local 39

The activities in the Salinas-San Jose-Watsonville areas during the month of March, 1949, have chiefly been conclusion of negotiations of the Ice Industry Contracts for the San Jose Area, and the R. T. Collier Corporation. Also, I am pleased to report that we were called upon to supply an engineer in the new "Insurance Company of California" building. The contract is now under negotiation.

Contact has been had with engineers of the dried fruit plants to ascertain what changes, if any, they desire, for presentation to the concerns so that negotiations may proceed.

Complaints have been investigated, and in particular one relating to the Bank of America. Mr. Cuneo visited San Jose in an endeavor to put through his "44-hour week" program, even threatening to have our regular engineer relieved of duty in the event he refused to work 44 hours per week. This of course, he has not, but will work and is, under present contract. To date, however, he has not been receiving the scale of wages that Mr. Strauss for Mr. Cuneo authorized. It will of course mean a good size "back-pay check" coming to our engineer.

SALINAS-WATSONVILLE

In the Salinas-Watsonville area, complaint was filed by the men of the Sege Milk plant, alleging an attempt on the part of management to interchange men from work coming under the jurisdiction of the Teamsters and that of the men in the boiler rooms. Correction was made and resulted in one man being transferred from our division to that of the Teamsters. It appears that this action remedied the cause for complaint.

Brother Wm. Horn, who transferred from Merced to Salinas, Calif., for the Golden State Company, has now filed for reinstatement and apparently will continue with Local 39.

A dance was held in Salinas, Calif., Friday evening, March 25, 1949, wherein all A. F. of L. Labor Unions partook the proceeds to be donated to the "Red Cross" fund for Salinas; Local 39 did have some representation.

With regards to opening of negotiations for the Ice Industry in Salinas and Watsonville, Calif., can but report that our demands were duly transmitted to the Employers Council for the areas involved but that to date they have not advised as to the date when we might meet to negotiate. There is no doubt but the going will be "rugged" but we do feel and believe some consideration will be given to our demands. As soon as a meeting has been held the results

will be promptly conveyed to the members and plants involved.

I have attended regular scheduled meetings of Local 39 at San Jose and Salinas, Calif., and the Executive Board's special meetings held in San Jose, Calif., of the Santa Clara Central Labor Council. Also have attended two meetings of the Monterey County Central Labor Council, held at Salinas, Calif.

MONTEREY HOSPITAL

Following up a "tip" that there would be need of additional engineers at the Monterey County Hospital, I visited the County Hospital, conferring with Mr. Douglas, the Chief Engineer. No engineers there are members of the Union, although one formerly did belong while he was employed in the Sege Milk plant, Salinas, Calif. The men are required to visit San Jose, Calif., to take an examination on qualifications and the obtaining of a license, after which they are given consideration. This only substantiates the fact that it is desired to have qualified engineers on the job, and that they do receive first consideration when selecting men for regular appointment.

For the information of the members in our area, might state that our office has been supplied with an additional desk so that we now are well equipped in that respect. We were also authorized to purchase an adding machine, and procured a small "Burroughs" machine at a very nominal figure. We are happy to receive these items.

May I again respectfully ask that you members attend your meetings. We are always anxious to see you and receive your suggestions.

VOLUMINOUS

Diplomatic Note: A voluminous report, sent by one nation to another, which will take up three solid columns of newspaper type.—Christian Science Monitor.

A constant supply of fresh, clean water for cattle is important in beef production.

ENGINEERS UNION LOCAL 39

Report from San Francisco

By LEO DERBY
Representative, Local 39

During the month of March fourteen (14) notices to re-open contracts were sent out by registered mail. We anticipate these 14 contracts to be negotiated and completed by June 1, 1949. Among the 14, the following are to be negotiated in San Francisco:

Winterland, Armour & Company, and James F. Waters & Company. Another to be added to this list from San Francisco, the Schmidt Lithograph Company, we are extremely happy to report, have already signed and returned the contract with a nice increase for the members, to be effective June 1, 1949.

The Y. W. C. A. case is finally being concluded with the following decision: One-man operation, 5-day week, with a relief man two days a week. Due to the fact that this organization is already subsidized by the Community Chest it was difficult to negotiate in the usual manner.

A joint council covering all unions whose members work in the retail department stores is being formed in San Francisco. We have twenty-five (25) members involved and will take part in this Council to further their benefits.

As an observer, I attended a meeting of the NLRB which involved the case of the Steamfitters, (AFL), versus the United Packing House Workers, (CIO). It seems the CIO has been attempting to convert the members of the Steamfitters. The Engineers at the Swift Packing plant are under the banner of the CIO and there seems to be some unrest, so we are investigating.

SICK LEAVE FROM HOSPITAL!

There is always a sense of satisfaction when you can succeed in collecting sick leave and vacation pay for a sick member. This we accomplished recently for one of the brothers who was laid off by a hospital.

Since our last meeting we were pleasantly surprised with a nice visit from three of our International Vice Presidents, namely Brothers Imhan, Delaney, and Converse, who were in the Bay Area attending to official business.

The Engineer from the Shreve building, called us in to help solve a problem of ventilation in the engine room, which seemed to be caused by Mrs. Lotta Dough's car parked outside with the motor running continuously and the exhaust pouring in the sidewalk ventilator. It is no wonder the air in the engine room gets pretty rotten. However, at this writing, we think the problem is solved.

At the request of members at the Palace Hotel, we succeeded in talking the manager into revamping the payroll schedule so that it would conform to the contract.

LIQUID CARBONIC

In visiting the Liquid Carbonic Company, I met the new Chief Engineer, Mr. Sven Botticher. This plant had the big engine seriously wrecked due to the fatigue and breaking of the main shaft. As this goes to press the new engine is about ready to start operating. Most of the crew remained on the job helping to repair the plant after the break-down.

During the month of March the following contracts were negotiated and completed: Poetsch-Peterson; National Biscuit Company; Schwabacher-Frey, and as mentioned above, the Schmidt Lithograph Company.

The past month I attended meetings in San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose.

In conclusion of my report we wish to extend a cordial invitation to all members and friends to visit our new offices in the Engineers' Building, 474 Valencia street, (near 16th street), San Francisco, Calif.

People who are quick on the tongue make many senseless remarks.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

By C. C. FITCH
Business Manager, Local 39

In reading the Executive Board Minutes of Local No. 39, you will note that we have been very successful in negotiating increases for our members in the various industries. We are very happy to report that there is only approximately 2% of our membership unemployed and considering the trend of National and International events this is a very small percentage. In comparing notes with other labor representatives whose organizations are comparable in size to Local No. 39, we find they have a greater number of members unemployed and are not as financially sound. We further find that over a period of years they have not progressed as much as we have in obtaining good conditions.

The trend in negotiating for increases seems to be subsiding somewhat in the United States with new medical and hospital plans being submitted to the employer for the employees. These plans are being negotiated in lieu of wage increases and seem quite favorable to labor and management. We have noted that the above plans may be incorporated into the new law being considered in place of the Taft-Hartley Law.

Several jurisdictional disputes that have arisen recently have been very capably handled by our Assistant International Representative, Mr. Newell J. Carman. He has also assisted in obtaining the transfer of Engineers in the Milk Manufacturing Industry who have been under the jurisdiction of the Teamsters.

The Easter Season being just around the corner, we wish to extend Easter greetings to all our members and friends.

Meeting Notices For May, 1949

- 1st Tuesday, May 3, 1949, San Francisco.
- 2nd Tuesday, May 10, 1949, Sacramento.
- 2nd Wednesday, May 11, 1949, Stockton.
- 2nd Thursday, May 12, 1949, Modesto.
- 3rd Monday, May 16, 1949, Oakland.
- 3rd Tuesday, May 17, 1949, San Jose.
- 3rd Wednesday, May 18, 1949, Salinas.
- 4th Tuesday, May 24, 1949, Fresno.
- 4th Saturday, May 28, 1949, Executive Board.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Nominations for the election of Officers will be made at the SAN FRANCISCO MEETING ONLY, May 3, 1949. This does not include nominations for the district Executive Board members which will be held at the regular meetings in June in each District.

Sufficient heat is developed by the average automobile engine to warm a six-room house in zero weather. Even a slightly clogged radiator retards circulation of water and causes overheating. In order to dissipate excess heat, water must circulate freely through the engine block and radiator.



THE ENGLISH FAMILY TODAY IS SPENDING ON TOBACCO 125% OF WHAT IT SPENDS ON BREAD AND MEAT. (THE LATTER ARE PRICE-CONTROLLED)

Cal. Democrats All For Civil Rights

It was the Northern Democrats who wrote the Democratic platform last summer. That platform had the approval of President Truman who has attempted to carry out its pledges, one of which would have given Civil Rights to the South.

Most of the California Democrats voted along with those from the other northern states for the rule which would have made a vote on civil rights possible. The Dixiecrats and the Republicans did not.

On ending rent control the count was about the same. The northern democrats and everyone of the California democrats were against control. These facts are born out by the League Reporter of the AFL Political and Educational League.

WORK BEGINS TO ROLL IN SAN FRANCISCO

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spent some of his hard-earned money and purchased a car . . . also is looking for a home. Good luck, Louis!

Glenn Prescott, E. L. Osborne, T. L. Leaky, have all recently returned after doing a stretch with M. & K. on Guam. They all came home with completed contracts.

Forest E. Crane is home again after having been gone a year, working on the islands for the navy.

Roy Marcotti is on the mainland again . . . he completed a year's work for M. & K. at Afghanistan.

A few of our brothers have gone out on overseas jobs in the past month. Ted Durbin has gone to Arabia for Bechtel; M. K. (Blackie) Haugh has gone back to Okinawa for Atkinson-Jones as a shovel operator . . . Woody Knight has departed and expects to stay in Afghanistan with M. & K. for the next 18 months . . . Phil Shea should be hard at work in Guam by this time . . . Brother Gene Yates is still in Formosa with Marsman.

Slim Seymore is expecting to go to Arabia as General Foreman for Bechtel as soon as he has completely recovered from the operation he underwent, recently.

In a recent letter from Brother Jack Mayberry, he tells us he has gone into business for himself in Santa Cruz. He is located on the Watsonville highway, at 41st Ave., and hopes that when any of the brothers are in that vicinity they will drop into his restaurant. Best of luck, Jack!

We are still hoping that more members will volunteer to give blood donations . . . REMEMBER, BROTHERS . . . THE BLOOD YOU GIVE MAY SAVE A LIFE!

Trout Planted In Plumas Co.

Chester, Plumas County—Nearly 50,000 eastern brook and rainbow trout will be planted in four Plumas County streams April 15 by members of the Chester Lions Club and the Division of Fish and Game.

Plans have been made for tagging some of the fish to aid in biological studies.

The year-old fish were purchased from a private hatchery with county proceeds from fines assessed violators of the Fish and Game Code.

Hunting & Fishing Rules Listed

The Division of Fish and Game reminds California sportsmen of the following general regulations which apply to current hunting and fishing.

Black Bass: Closed March 1 to April 30 in all counties north of Mono, Madera, Fresno, Kings, San Luis Obispo. No closed season elsewhere with local exceptions. Bag limit, five fish.

Sunfish, Crappie, Sacramento Perch, Calico Bass: Closed March 1 to April 30 in all counties north of Mono, Madera, Fresno, Kings, San Luis Obispo. No closed season elsewhere with local exceptions. Bag limit, 25 fish of all species in aggregate.

Catfish: No closed season. Bag limit, 15 lbs. and one fish in the aggregate in the round. Night fishing permitted only in District 22, Siskiyou, Shasta and Modoc counties.

Ocean Fish: No closed season. Bag limits: 50 scallops, 15 rockfish, 2 marlin, 2 black sea bass, 2 broadbill swordfish, 10 of other species. 1949 angling license required.

Abalones: Ends January 14. Bag limit: five. Minimum size for red abalones, seven inches; green, six and one-quarter inches; pink, six inches; black, five inches. May not be possessed out of the shell. 1949 angling license required.

Predatory Animals: No closed season on the taking of coyotes, mountain lions, wildcats, raccons, skunks, moles, shrews, gophers, weasels, and wolves.

Jackrabbits: Open season except in Districts 4, 4½, 4¾, 19 and 22. No bag limit. Shooting hours: one-half hours before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. Hunting license required.

Cockles: Closed until September 1 in Marin County. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limit: 50. Size limit: none less than one and one-half inches in diameter.

Salmon: In water of Pacific Ocean and all bays except those east of Carquinez Bridge in Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers, ends December 31. Bag limit: three. No size limit.

Shad: No closed season. Bag limit between June 10 and March 14: five. No limit at other times. Night fishing permitted.

Frogs: July 1 to November 29 south of summit of Tehachapi Mountain Range. June 1 to November 30 in District 22. March 1 to November 30 elsewhere. Bag limit: 24 per day, 48 per week. Size limit: none under four inches from tip of nose to crotch.

\$2,924,523 Collected

Sacramento.—Revenue from the sale of angling licenses in 1948 netted the California Division of Fish and Game a total of \$2,924,523, according to Chief H. R. Dunbar, of the Bureau of Licenses.

The figure is \$1,138,629 more than the 1947 total, due to an increase in the number of anglers, boost in the resident license fee from \$2 to \$3, and the licensing of ocean anglers for the first time.

Hide Facts on Fluorescent Tube Danger

New York.—Last summer a 6-year-old boy in Guttenberg, N. J., found a fluorescent light tube. While playing with it, he stumbled and the tube smashed in his hands. Today his wounds have still not healed because of beryllium poisoning.

In Elizabeth, N. J., an employee of the Colorescent laboratory died March 5. For four years he had been ill. Cause of his death was listed as "suspected beryllium poisoning."

Behind these stories is a conspiracy of silence on the part of the major manufacturers of fluorescent lamps—General Electric, Westinghouse and Sylvania Electric. Although well aware of the danger of beryllium poisoning, the companies are concealing the information from possible consumers.

Beryllium is used in the fluorescent tubes to change electrical energy to visible light. A thin coating of the chemical lines the inside of the tubes.

Spokesmen for all three companies said the dangers of beryllium poisoning were greatly exaggerated. But at the same time they have issued warning notices to large industrial users, instructing them on "the precautions to be observed in the breaking and disposal of fluorescent lamps." The tubes, it is recommended, should be broken out-of-doors in a waste disposal area and the breakage should be "thrown into water or in a dump where it is not likely to be disturbed with evolution of dust. No such advice is given individual buyers.

The New York State Labor Department is apparently also much more worried about the dangers than are the manufacturers. A leaflet issued April 4 warns that "beryllium is a poison even though it enters the body in small amounts through an open wound in the skin or through the lungs."

Additional evidence that the companies are actually well aware of beryllium dangers is that all three, which monopolize the fluorescent lamp industry, are busily at work in their laboratories trying to find a substitute for use in the lamps.

A West Coast labor paper was told by a spokesman for the Southern California Edison Company that "one company has discontinued the use of beryllium." Checking with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, the labor paper was informed that the Sylvania Company was no longer using the dangerous chemical.

Mexican Officers Enroute to Kashmir for U.N.



A group of Mexican Army officers, assigned to the United Nations Commission for India and Pakistan as military observers in disputed Kashmir, visit United Nations Headquarters at Lake Success before leaving on their mission. Alberto Inocente Alvarez of Cuba (center), President of the Security Council, greeted the visitors.

What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, Chas. Dees and T. D. Bryson, Business Representatives, Local 3

Now that the rain has slackened we have been able to clear a number of brothers on much needed jobs. Even with this whittling the out-of-work list is still very large, but in the near future we hope to trim it down considerably. While it will be virtually impossible to place all these men on jobs in the Bay Area, we are hoping that through the cooperation of the other offices, we will be able to get them working before too long.

Morrison and Knudsen have two shifts on the dozers back filling for the siphon at Mountain House, near Tracy. This job is winding up at this writing and its completion will mark the termination of M. K's work on the Central Valley project, in this immediate vicinity. At the pumping plant, being constructed by S. U. H. B., there is approximately two weeks of grading left. According to Brother Bill Mathews, who is in charge of excavation there will be a number of dozers working out there for quite some time doing back fill and putting the finishing touches to the grading. We are sincerely sorry to see this job come to a close, for there have been very few differences and it has been a very good operation for members of this union.

Brothers Bob Knapp and Ira Jones are operating cranes for the Koppis Company, of Boston, who have the contract for erection of steel on the P. G. & E Gas Holder job in Richmond. They are just getting under way and this work will continue for some time.

At the Union Oil Plant in Oleum, several members are employed by various contractors. The R. W. Reade Company has a sand blasting operation in progress with Brother Amos Cherryholmes on the compressor. The Kellogg Company, which ran two shifts for a time, has now cut back to a single shift operation. Eaton and Smith have the excavating contract for tank sites in the plant. Brother James Toole is in charge of the work, which will last for approximately two months and furnish employment to six or eight members. Fluor's maintenance job is running smoothly with approximately 32 members of Local 3 on the payroll.

Out at Richmond the Parr Richmond Terminals are going steadily ahead with advancements and improvements to their cargo handling operations. As we mentioned previously, this company devised speed-up methods for loading of bulk materials, which enabled them to get the job done in record breaking time. At present, they are trying out a new method of unloading scrap from ship to cars. Magnets are attached to the whirleys and the material is taken directly from the hold of the ship to the car. This method should facilitate the procedure and contribute considerably to the economy of the operation.

Pacific States Steel at Niles is apparently going through a period of transition at this time. Cut-backs seem to be the order of the day and many of our members, who have been employed out there for some time, have been laid off.

After a long shutdown, due to the weather, the boys out on Keebles road job at Livermore are once again looking forward to some full pay checks.

NORTH INTERCEPTOR JOB

Construction of the most difficult section of the North Interceptor of

the East Bay Sewage Disposal Project recently got under way with Stolte, Inc., and United Concrete Pipe Corporation handling the contract as a joint venture. Section Four, which parallels the East-shore highway, from Ashby avenue to the treatment plant site at the foot of 34th street in Oakland, presents one of the most difficult engineering and construction problems on the project. Over 300 lineal feet of 8 and 10 foot diameter tunnel is to be driven under the Ashby and Powell street approaches to the highway and under the traffic distribution structure and the Key System subway at the approach to the bay bridge. Traffic vibrations and difficult ground conditions have contributed measurably to the construction problems in this section, and this portion of the job has been slowed down while relocation of the job is in progress. For the information of East Bay residents who wonder how the whole sewage disposal program is coming along and how soon we'll be rid of 'that smell,' we are happy to report considerable progress.

According to John S. Longwell, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, good progress is being made on all other phases of the project. Work has been completed or is in progress on three of the four sections of the North Interceptor, representing 87 per cent of the total length of 5½ miles. On the 10½-mile South Interceptor, 3½ miles are now under contract, and bids will be advertised shortly on a section of 1.6 miles from the treatment plant along Wood street to the Southern Pacific right-of-way, in the vicinity of 3rd street. Bids will be requested within the next few weeks on the main pumping station which is to boost the sewage from both interceptors into the treatment plant. It is also expected that contracts will be awarded this year on the Alameda Interceptor, outfall sewer and some of the treatment plant buildings.

While work is not yet up to normal, things in Walnut Creek, Pittsburg, Antioch, and surrounding areas seem to be gradually improving. Out Concord way, Martin Brothers have fired up their hot plant and are hopeful they will be able to keep going steadily throughout the summer. Eugene Alves has his equipment working once again at the Fairgrounds in Antioch, while Downer Construction is back to work in Lafayette. The McGuire and Hester job in Hidden Valley is winding up and F. E. Young has finished on the elementary school at Walnut Creek. The Hughes Company recently took over the hot plant, erected last year by Hayward Building Material to furnish material for the Franklin Canyon job. This plant is conveniently located, near the thriving communities on the north side of the Broadway tunnel and should be kept busy furnishing material for various operations out that way. Stolte, Inc., are going full-blast again, laying sewer lines around Walnut Creek, while Silva Brothers are working again on the runways

at Buchanan Field, in Concord. Bechtel's job for the P.G.&E. in Antioch is still very quiet with little hiring being done. The H. J. Kaiser Company recently completed erection of an aggregate plant on the property, which will be used to service this job.

Bechtel has a small repair job in progress in Standard Oil's Hi-Octane plant in Richmond. Tom Moran is in charge and there are three engineers on the operation at present.

A. J. McCosker has several of the brothers working at the Oakland army base, loading scrap from the recent fire. There is a D-6 Loader, a dozer and 2 cranes being used, with Brothers Sam King, Vern Walker and Floyd Schroyer, operating and Brothers Gilbert Miranda and Johnny Burns oiling.

There is nothing new to report on dredging except that the Olympian Dredging Company sent their dredge Monarch out on a short, shingle shift job, which only called for a four-man crew. The Napa river job is still held up, for what reason we have been unable to learn. The Associated Dredging Company has been awarded a small contract to dredge out the channel and docks at the Maritime School in Alameda. Brother Alex Boe is the skipper, with Brothers Ben

Eden, Bill Brustar and Harold Hanson getting the Dredge Sucker and the pipe line equipment ready for the job. They figure on getting started about April 15th. That is the only dredger of any consequence on which we have any definite information.

The Pacific Coast Aggregates have moved to their new plant at Elliot. This has caused a lay-off of approximately 14 of our members. However, the Superintendent, Mr. Gildersleeve, stated that he hopes to put most, if not all of these men back to work as soon as they get the new plant in full operation.

The Kaiser Company expects to start their new plant at Niles soon after April 15. This is a small plant and will not involve much hiring. Clements and Company was awarded the contract for four miles of resurfacing on Hesperian Blvd., near Mt. Eden.

Lee J. Immel has started work on his resurfacing job on Meekland avenue, between Llewelling Blvd. and A street, in Hayward.

A. Soda and Sons were low bidder on the High street overpass. From all indications and from past records this should be a long job for a few of our members.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

It is hello and goodbye to Brother Ernest O'Banion, who recently returned from a six months stretch in Arabia. Since 1943 Ernie has spent most of his time on foreign jobs and he was no sooner back this time than he signed up to go to Okinawa for Guy Atkinson. Several other traveling Engineers drifted in during the past few weeks. Among them was Brother George Babson, who was working on the pipeline job in Arabia. Another recent arrival, Brother Sam Cain, says things are just fine over there, good living conditions, fine recreational facilities, and wonderful food—but he was glad to get back to Oakland. As previously reported, Brother Louie Levine was married while working on the Arabian job. Early this month he brought Mrs. Levine back for the first view of her new home. We extend hearty congratulations to the lucky brother and wish the lady every happiness.

Brother Manuel Ponte, who has been around the Bay Area for the past ten years has had to leave his work because of an old injury. He will make his home at Mountain Ranch in Calaveras County, where he will engage in hog raising. We wish him every success in this undertaking, and feel sure that if pork prices stay at their present level, one of these days we'll be referring to him as "That Rich Brother Ponte!"

Flying Engineers have ceased to be an oddity, but the practicality of air transportation to outlying jobs is becoming increasingly evident. Brother Harold Puckeylow is one of the Flying Brethren who combines business with pleasure by commuting by air to his job near Santa Cruz. If he were driving this distance he'd spend hours on the road, but as it stands it's an easy 20-minute jaunt! Of course, as Harold points out, Engineers do have a slight advantage, as they can always find a likely spot right handy to the center of operations and then smooth off a landing strip for their plane.

Brother Bob LeMoine is spending his spare time building a luggage trailer—in preparation for the hunting season. He has a two-fold purpose in mind. Not only can he bring his deer back in style, but he can sleep in peace while he's on the trip. It seems that last year he was hunting up near Ukiah, and sleeping on the ground—that is until a rattlesnake decided to crawl into bed with him, and then he didn't rest

Oil Famine Is Coming, Krug Warns

Washington.—Within two generations the U.S. will have to depend on synthetic oil, Interior Secretary Julius A. Krug warned in his annual report to President Truman.

Krug stressed the need for conservation of all natural resources, with strong emphasis on development of new sources of electric power. Shortage of petroleum emerged as probably the most dangerous situation outlined in the Interior Department report.

Proved crude oil reserves in the U.S. total 21 billion barrels, Krug said. This quantity would quickly disappear at current rates of consumption.

From 1940 to 1947, U.S. production of oil climbed steadily from about 1.4 to nearly 1.9 billion barrels annually. Continued production at the present level could wipe out the known reserves within another decade.

"PROVED RESERVES"—?

Oilmen have generally been suspicious of the term "proved reserves." It is pointed out that new oil discoveries are still being made. Krug said that the unknown reserves could possibly be four times as great as those already proved.

On the basis of Krug's most optimistic estimate of reserves, the current rate of production would leave the underground oil reservoirs dry before the end of this century.

With the U.S. economy geared to the internal combustion engine, the oil shortage would threaten what Krug called a "transportation collapse."

Krug indicated two main approaches to overcoming the threat of an oil famine. He did not include development of foreign sources among them, saying it would be dangerous to depend on sources "halfway" around the world.

To start with, he proposed development of energy from inexhaustible sources, particularly hydroelectric power. For this purpose he proposed a 20-year program to cost \$15 billion and to produce new capacity for 40 million kilowatts of electric energy.

PUSH WATERPOWER

Hydroelectric projects, taking advantage of the power stored in the never-ending fall of water as it seeks the sea and converting it into electricity through dams and turbines, are now being pushed by the Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation. Biggest single threat to the program is the private power lobby.

Krug's second main approach was the development of synthetic fuel programs. A similar problem was faced and mastered in Germany by the giant chemical cartel, I. G. Farben. Farben produced enough synthetic fuel to power the Nazi armies during World War II. The Farben methods for converting coal into fuel oil are available to U.S. engineers.

Krug estimates that at least another 10 years must go into synthetic fuel research. One of the strongest points for development of this program is the fact that coal reserves apparently are good for centuries.

Silicates of soda have been used for many years in boiler water to prevent the formation of scale in the tubes. Their chief function is to cause the solids in the water to precipitate in a fluffy condition so that they can be blown out.

"They tell me your wife came from an aristocratic family."
"Nope. They came with her."

NOTICE

We wish to remind all those Members living in Oakland, that Tuesday, April 19th, is Election Day. While many feel it is not necessary to vote in the Primaries we cannot stress too emphatically the necessity of going to the polls at every election. At this time we are voting for Representatives to our City Government and for members to serve on our School Board—certainly vital positions in any community! So be sure and VOTE ON THE 19TH.

The following have been endorsed by the AFL Educational League of Alameda County:

OAKLAND SCHOOL BOARD

Office No. 1—Mrs. Dorothy Campau Office No. 3—John Ware
Office No. 2—Otto Hieb Office No. 4—Chas. Fisher

OAKLAND CITY AUDITOR—Russell Horstman

FOR CITY COUNCIL

District No. Six Councilman-at-Large
Albert Braga Frank Linotti

Round-up of the news from Utah

By BENNY BURROUGHS and LOUIS SOLARI, Business Representatives, Local 3

New Work.—Work in Utah for this year begins to take a definite shape at this season. Except for flurried storms the weather is flattening out to a bright spring. Some 40 members on the out-of-work list are getting anxious to get started, and we all want to see the contracts let.

Bids have been opened by the Utah Road Commission on 9.93 miles of surfacing with a bridge to be built also between Milford and Frisco. Low bid was Whiting & Hammond's \$119,055. T. G. and J. B. Rowland, oldtime Salt Lake contractors, knocked over a bid on the Chalk Creek bridge near Coalville at \$25,469 and another one for the Dry Gulch bridge on U 121 in Duchesne County at \$32,844.

A TOUGH WINTER

A terrific winter has cut our roads up badly and our Utah Road Commission, though hampered by limited funds and gas tax yet to be collected, has done a good job in laying out 12 primary construction jobs on our roads, calling for expenditures of \$2,790,000, and 21 secondary projects costing a total of \$1,950,000. This will cover the funds available for road construction in the 1949-1950 fiscal year. The most expensive job to be let will be a \$500,000 job on the so-called "upper road" between Salt Lake and Ogden, on which much dirt will be moved in this 5.4 mile stretch. Other primary jobs out of the Salt Lake office will be (1) a \$185,000 job from Laketown at the lower end of Bear Lake to Sage Creek Junction; (2) Kimball Junction to Silver Creek Canyon, \$220,000 to realign and surface four miles; (3) at Lake Point—Mills Junction—\$90,000 to rebuild five miles of No. 40 and No. 50; (4) a new bridge to be built over the Duchesne River at Myton, \$175,000.

Secondary jobs in this area are as follows: (1) Corrinne to Lampo, \$100,000 to pave 17.6 miles; (2) Hyrum to Mt. Sterling, \$75,000 to grade, gravel and pave five miles; (3) Logan River bridge at Mendon, \$40,000; (4) Upalco Junction to Altamont, \$160,000 for 9.5 miles of surfaced road; (5) Wasatch Blvd., Salt Lake, has two jobs of grading and surfacing—a section from 33rd South to Big Cottonwood Canyon at \$140,000, and a \$40,000 section 1.5 miles from 39th South and 23rd East to Wasatch Blvd.; (6) Kamas to Wasatch National Forest boundary, \$100,000 for 4.5 miles of surfacing and grading; (7) Vernon to St. John, \$100,000 for 6 miles of surfacing and grading; (8) Uintah River bridge between Neola and LaPoint, \$40,000; (9) Alpine Junction to U. S. 91, \$150,000 for 5.6 miles of grading and surfacing; (10) Lehi, west, \$40,000 to surface and grade 1.6 miles; (11) Hailstone to Francis, \$110,000 to grade and surface 2.7 miles; (12) Harrison Avenue, Ogden, \$50,000 for grading and surfacing 1.1 miles.

The Chief Engineer for the Utah Road Commission says most of these projects are set up for the year beginning July 1 and have already been designed and are ready for bid.

DUCHESNE TUNNEL

A project of long standing, the Duchesne tunnel, will revive this year. The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation intends to let bids about June, depending on the weather, of this tunnel excavation and lining. Work on this tunnel was stopped by the war in 1942. At that time the tunnel was 77 per cent complete on a \$727,575 contract which Utah Construction had made for excavation of a three-mile section of the six-mile tunnel project. After-the-war bids have been called for twice on this project and turned down both times—in 1947 the bid was \$2,500,000—in 1948 it was \$4,000,000. This job is situated about 18 miles east of Kamas and it is possible to reach it only by jeep over the rim of the Duchesne River gorge, so your business representatives are going to have a rough summer of it when this project starts. Purpose of the tunnel is to bring water into the Great Salt Lake Basin—water that is not now used or required in the Colorado River Basin.

DEER CREEK PROJECT

A cut of \$600,000 in the funds for the fiscal year for our Deer Creek project is still being fought vigorously in Congress. This Federal Reclamation Bureau project needs \$4,000,000 for the work to be done this fiscal year and \$6,506,507 more to complete the project after the \$4,000,000 has been spent. United Concrete Pipe's job is on the aqueduct division of this project and includes work on 8.3 miles of pipeline in Salt Lake County and 5.5 miles of pipe in Provo Canyon. It is hoped by all that we can get an additional \$800,000 appropriated this year to build a terminal reservoir at the north end of the Salt Lake aqueduct. The slated \$4,000,000 that is now being kicked around in Congress should insure the enlargement of the Provo reservoir canal and Jordan Narrows siphon, which will permit delivery of water to 40,000 acres of land—which is a lot of irrigated land by our standards! Of this money, \$242,250 will be used for the Ogden River project in excavating two wasteway reservoirs and three equalizing reservoirs.

Of general interest to the state is the fact that the U. S. Department of the Interior appropriation bill included \$3,500,000 for general reclamation investigations and \$500,000 for continuing surveys in the Colorado River Basin, from which funds for work on the Central Utah project will be financed. This Central Utah project will be vastly important to all of us, as it will bring water from the Colorado River through the Great Basin divide, to a state that has developed its agriculture as far as it can on its present available irrigation water. Hydroelectric projects and miles of canals and tunnels are involved for us Engineers as this project develops. Recently the Bureau of Reclamation also has expressed its active interest in three other Utah projects—those of Weber, Echo Park, and Glen Canyon.

Airport development will be limited in Utah this year since a \$370,000 appropriation has been vetoed. Reconsideration may loosen up some money for expansion of airport projects because many of them need to be touched up or they will be in bad shape by the end of the year.

George Albert Smith, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, recently broke ground for a 70-bed Primary Children's Hospital at 11th Avenue and D Street. Sufficient property has been purchased to later expand to include a 150-bed general children's hospital.

Erection of a new Catholic St. Ambrose's Parish Hall was started at the same time. Contractor Perce Young started on this structure, which will cost in excess of \$50,000 and eventually will include a hall, rectory and church. This group will be located at 23rd East and 20th South, Salt Lake. Construction will be completed by August 1.

Neilson & Davis, contractors, are getting along fine on their apartment house job, a 67-unit seven-story building. It is located at 130 South 5th East, Salt Lake City. Cost is estimated at \$700,000 and construction started April 15 and is to be completed by November 15.

We understand that Stearns & Rodgers will be back on the Devil's Slide job for Utah Phosphate again this year.

OLD WORK

Utah Construction Company is still going at top speed on their \$16,000,000 copper refinery job at Garfield. Employing 60 Engineers on this job, it is one of the Engineers' biggest projects. Excavation, concrete work and the shops keep our crews busy. The steel is being set by American Bridge

with Brothers Claude McKay and George R. Farrell on the two Manitowocs, operating, and Brothers Harold Stewart and A. E. Flandro oiling. Brother Leonard Allen is on the steam crane with Nick Mastoris as his fireman. Brother Reed Rudy is about to join this highball gang.

The Shurtleff & Andrews cranes are busy for American Bridge—Paul and Max out at Garfield, and Ned and W. J. Handley, his oiler, on the Chicago Bridge & Iron Company expansion job.

Down at Lark, Utah has a two-year tunnel job under way, tunneling under Bingham Canyon to increase mining accessibility and improve the draining in the "pit." We see many of the gang from the Jackson Tunnel job in California here—Pat O'Rourke, George Rood, Elwyn Cassella, Don Roberts, Gehres, and to be sure, the Arp family, Ben and the boys. A tricky angle on this project is the "incline job." A drift will be cut into a hill from an old mine tunnel and a six-inch hole will be drilled from the top of the hill down for 1,000 feet to meet the drift. Hoisting cables will be dropped through the six-inch hole and a vertical shaft will then be driven through the mountain. The engineers on that mountain-top hoist will have REAL responsibility.

Up at Evanston, Wyoming, about 10 Engineers are working for M&K on the Aspen railway tunnel job. A quick visit the other day assured us they were all well and happy, though fighting snow to get in and out from the job. Brother Merle Francisco says the food is really good, and plentiful—he looks it.

A "WALKING HILL"

Up on the Altonah-Boneta highway, L. A. Young is fighting a "walking hill." Cliff Jones and Clyde Snedegar have spent the winter cutting on it when the weather would allow. This job is going strong again, as is Colethorp's job at the Rimrock bridge on No. 40 on Soldier Creek. Up on the ridge above, Mendenhall still has work to do but has only a can and a ripper on the spot.

Around town, Enoch Smith's Brothers are strung out all over. Out in a subdivision in the Northwest we found Brothers Byron and L. V. Ewell on a hoe; at Saltaire, Brothers Glen Hyatt, Earl Shaires and Walt Whipp. Jess Jorgenson and Bill Hall are down at Orem on a trenching deal for Smith.

Wheeler & Tempest are spread all over Salt Lake, also. We have bumped into Brother Andy Anderson and Dick Casier recently and find that save for keeping oilers on the job they have no other worries. Another contractor who is finding it hard to keep oilers on equipment is Nels Mettome, who employs three good operators—Brothers Higbee, Art Lloyd and Cliff Prince. Two of Nel's rigs are out of town, one in Pocatello and one on the Tooele High School job.

Tom Giles is doing the brick work on the Fredricksburg brewery and Jacobsen's hoist is ably operated by Bert Match, an old-time Engineer and proud father of three others.

Utah Crane had a small job repairing the Myton bridge across the Duchesne River, which got mighty beat up when a truck hit it.

Jim Burke is doing some pile-driving just north of Salt Lake, with William Match and Rolla Patrick on the driver.

R. E. and J. E. Walker are about ready to take off on their regular summer run of aggregate and concrete mix sales, so Brother Roy Corey, shovel operator for them, should be back to work as this is published.

Up at W. W. Gardner's hot plant, April 1 saw the start of a hoped-for steady run. Brother Bill Fogle, oldtime plant operator, is on the job here, ably assisted by Charley Dawson and Jim Cole. Tug Savage and Keith Philips are on the outside work, with Brother Rex MacRay pushing, Brother Claude Bean, blade operator for

this spread, is in the Vets' Hospital with eye trouble. Can't do that this time of the year, Claude!

AIRPORT JOB

W. W. Clyde has just finished lengthening the Salt Lake Airport runways. It was a concrete paving job with Brothers Terrence Westley, Leo Greer and Dean Salt on the job. Harry Clyde, superintendent, says they will be back on the Hennefer Pioneer Road job as soon as the weather permits.

Up at Ogden, Clarence Waterfall is starting operations, with Brothers Maurice Tulley, John Dallinga, Grant Hess, Don Ewing, E. C. Ferguson, Glen Cook and Henry Thompson shaking the snow off and getting the summer work in mind.

Halliday & Houtz have the Ogden Firehouse to build and have a hoe on the job. L. T. Johnson has some work on the Weber and Ogden river project of the Deer Creek set-up. R. Coleman has a little job on a sewer beside the highway north of Bountiful.

At Brigham City, Parsons and Fyfe have their gravel plant operation going full blast and are eyeing new contracts with interest, as are Carl Nelson and Olaf Nelson, Logan contractors.

Except for Strong's highway widening jobs at Lagoon and Orem, this pretty well covers our present construction activities.

The Strong Company has around \$500,000 in contracts on these two jobs and with one small out-of-state job, have no other work under contract as this is written. As soon as the rights of way dry out both jobs will resume full blast. Brother C. C. Whitehead, shovel runner, says it can't be too soon for him!

Our sand and gravel industry is increasing its production rapidly and this year we hope to have contractual relations with the following group, many of whom we now operate for: Whitehill Sand & Gravel, Wasatch Sand & Gravel, R. E. & J. E. Walker, Utah Sand & Gravel, Southeast Sand & Gravel, Wm. H. Prince & Sons, A. J. Doan Sand & Gravel Co., Mill Creek Sand & Gravel, all of Salt Lake; as well as Waterfall Sand & Gravel Co., Parsons & Fyfe, W. C. Rollin Pit, H. O. Thorne & Son, Uintah Construction Co., from out of town. These and others are sizeable sand and gravel producers in whom we have a real interest.

THE BINGHAM PIT

The first week of April saw a mediation board—with power only to make recommendations—trying to help the Railway Brotherhoods get straightened out on their last year's pay raise. With three groups—AFL, the Brotherhoods, and the CIO—all involved and representing 13 different unions, it will be lucky if this pit finishes the year out without further labor problems.

Our own shovel runners, oilers, and cat skimmers are a bunch to be proud of. Day after day, with 30 to 36 five-yard shovels and a fleet of cats, they keep the canyon walls creeping back, loading from 80 to 90 cars each with ore and overburden on each eight-hour shift. Steward Brother Red Robinson and his associates on our Engineer grievance board are doing a fine job of level-headed union committee administration. We have a slightly fluctuating body of brother members, between 110 and 120, on this biggest excavation job in the world.

THE PACIFIC BRIDGE PLANT

Negotiations are now under way for our members at the Pacific Bridge plant at Park City. Refining the contents of one of Utah's great ore pits and tailing piles, these members work a 24-hour operation. Lead prices have fallen lately, and hurt this industry some, but operations at this plant are on a long-time basis.

PERSONALS

Brother Fares S. Miller, crane and dragline operator for Utah Concrete Pipe Company in Ogden and old-time shovel runner, sends his best regards to Brother Tom

Bryson. Brother Miller worked for years with Brother Joe Walters.

Brother M. F. Bowman was in from M. K. to order a couple of brothers for a small project near Dugway.

Alfred Brown Company is completing a fine school at Magna. A truck crane is on the job.

Gibbons & Reed are expanding their job at Ogden and have their job at Wendover well toward completion. Brother Glen Fillmore recently went out on a blade job for them.

Plewe Construction Company has a reconditioning job going strong at the Utah Small Arms Plant on West 17th South, Salt Lake.

Brother Carl Inman was in from the Leland Knudson spread and says that the spread is all on Knudson's Mink Creek job in Idaho. Carl has to come down to Salt Lake every once in a while to get one of Stevenson's steaks!

Brother Joe Cody, another old-time Engineer, was in and got to telling how he lost a cat for Utah Construction in the snow near Lark. Seems as if Joe parked it safely off the road after bucking snow all day and then couldn't get to work the next day because of the snow, and the boys at Utah couldn't see the cat. It was just another boulder, under the snow!

Utah's shop on West 21st is still a big operation, employing 31 brothers. The shop works the year around.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEW REPRESENTATIVES IN THE SALT LAKE AREA

Your office will continue as it has in the past to attempt to serve you in every way. Representatives Renny Burroughs and Louis Solari want all of you members in this area to call us at any time to help you in any way. We expect to see you regularly on the jobs, but we are listing our home phones as follows to enable us to receive calls from members who cannot reach a phone during the work day and have an important problem for us:

Renny Burroughs—3-6987, Salt Lake.

Louis Solari—9-6209, Salt Lake.

Our office phone is 3-3706, Salt Lake, and the office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular meetings are on the second Wednesday of every month in the Salt Lake office, at 8 p.m.

Problems we are particularly interested in giving our attention to, since they are most badly abused, are:

(1) The contractor hiring a non-union man to work with members of the Engineers without calling our office for men.

(2) Contractor asking an operator to work without an oiler where one should be required.

Please report at once the above evasions of the provisions of our contract, as well as any others that you may observe.

We business representatives want to be constructive and help the industry and the contractors, but we also wish to be on hand to see that they respect their Operating Engineers and their contracts, similarly.

We're glad to be here. We want to do a good job for you.

Standard Oil Vote

Richmond.—More than 2,000 employees of the Standard Oil Company in Richmond have come under the jurisdiction of the International Union of Petroleum Workers (unaffiliated) following NLRB certification.

The election followed the 1948 strike of the Oil Workers International Union (CIO), since which the employees have been working without a contract pending certification.

All maintenance and production workers are covered except those under six existing contracts with various AFL and unaffiliated craft unions. About 200 pipefitters and plumbers are still before the NLRB for determination of their bargaining unit.

Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark)

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SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, \$21,663 for grade, surf., on Quintara St. betw. 26th and 28th Aves.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$4,661 for grade and surf., Newhall St.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to M. & K. Corp., Fredrickson & Watson & Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., S.F., \$916,485 for const. Lake Merced Sewer Sec. C.

ELDRIDGE, contract awarded to Moll Lobsinger Co., Rte. 2, Box 357, Sonoma, \$31,402 for const. two physicians' residences and one garage at Sonoma State Home, Eldridge.

VALLEJO, contract awarded to Mark Bristol, 1973 Oakcrest Drive, Oakland, \$151,949 for const. gym. bldg. at Franklin Jr. High School, SOLANO COUNTY.

MARCH 11, 1949

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Browne & Krull, 1057 Cotter Way, Hayward, \$81,393 for grade and surf. Chabot Road betw. Williams St. and Carlton Ave., Eden Township, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S.F., \$8,167 and \$3,568 for grade and surf. (1) 20th St. betw. DeHaro and Rhode Island, and (2) Crossing, Quintara and 34th Ave., respectively.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$3,867 for grade, surf., etc. on Goettingen betw. Woolsey and Dwight.

MARCH 14, 1949

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to E. H. Peterson & Sons, 2819 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$67,733 for const. bridge across Dutch Slough at Jersey Island on Co. Road E15, 5 mi. N.E. of Oakley, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

MARCH 15, 1949

RENO, NEV., contract awarded to John E. Powers Co., P.O. Box 1487, Reno, \$6,497 for const. curbs, gutters and storm drains, and related misc. work on Mount Rose St., betw. Plumas and Lander Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$289,872 for remove tracks and reconstruct pavement on Market St., under Muni. Rwy. Contract No. 308.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S.F., \$31,762 for const. tracks in Geary and Market Sts., under Muni. Rwy. Contract No. 330.

WILLOWS, contract awarded to Modern Bldg. Co., 116 W. 12th St., Chico, \$70,912 for const. Type "A" armory at Willows.

UKIAH, contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson Co., P.O. Box 558, San Jose, \$575,000 for const. MENDOCINO CO. court house.

FOLSOM, contract awarded to Bingham Const. Co., 6329 Eastern Ave., Sacramento, \$4,551 for const. core storage warehouse at Folsom Dam Proj., under Invit. Eng.-04-167-49-70, Spec. 1380.

RENO, NEV., contract awarded to George E. Miller, Box 1728, Reno, \$8,760 for const. 10-inch sewer in W. 4th St., betw. Vine and City Limits.

MARCH 16, 1949

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. G. Raisch, 2048 Market St., San Francisco, \$58,880 for widen bridge and culvert and 0.3 mi. widen and plantmix surf. on cr. run base at Laguna de Santa Rosa and at Purple Draw, betw. east city limits of Sebastopol 7 1/2 mi. east, SONOMA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Sacramento Const. Co., 802 Capitol National Bank Bldg., Sacramento, \$55,478 for const. pump, plant and portion of force main for Co. Sanit. Dist. No. 2.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$141,066 for const. vitr. outfall for Sanit. Dist. No. 2.

SANTA ROSA, contracts awarded as follows, for:

(1) Const. wtr. main on Montgomery Drive, betw. Short Road and Farmer Lane, to Arthur B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa

Rosa, \$920.

(2) Const. wtr. main on Sonoma Ave. betw. Franquette and Yulupa Aves., to Robert M. Rapp Co., 705 Bennett Ave., Santa Rosa, \$676.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to A. D. Schader Co., 164 Spear St., S.F., \$33,797 for const. railroad track work at Islais Grain Elevator.

MARCH 17, 1949

BERKELEY, contract awarded (general work) to Jas. I. Barnes, 119 Montana Ave., Santa Monica, \$1,084,000 for const. engr. bldg. on Berkeley campus.

MARCH 21, 1949

REDDING, contract awarded to R. A. Heintz Const. Co., 8101 N.E. Union Ave., Portland, Ore., \$1,744,619 for const. earthwork, strucs., track, telephone line, Shasta Dam Branch RR relocations, Keswick Resvir, Central Valley Proj., California, betw. N.W. boundary of Redding and extend. to Coram, 10 mi. N.W. of Redding, under Spec. No. 2477.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S.F., \$179,854 for track removal on Masonic Ave., etc. (No. 6 line).

OAKLAND, contract awarded to J. H. Fitzmaurice, 2030 Hollis St., Oakland, \$1,981, for asph. conc. surf. on Deering St., adj. to Lot 16 of Marvel Tract.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to MacDonald, Young & Nelson, 351 California St., S.F., \$7,400 for relocating sew. in proposed Winston Drive, west of 19th Ave., Ingleside.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., S.F., \$3,890 for const. vitr. sewers in Osage Alley betw. 24th St. and 270 ft. northerly.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to E. H. Peterson & Sons, 2819 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$67,733 for const. bridge across Dutch Slough at Jersey Island, on Co. Road No. E15, 5 mi. N.E. of Oakley, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Merwin & Gatejen, 2623 Donner Way, Sacramento, \$3,861 for const. electroliter lighting system on Sutter Way, in Merkeley Tract and San Luis Court, and in Muir Bay in Swanston Palms Unit No. 3.

UKIAH, contract awarded to R. Taylor Willis, 885 Sonoma Ave., Santa Rosa, \$10,297 for erect. 16x44 ft. watchhouse, and power shed, also inst. engine generator, water system and sew. system for Airway Comm. Station at Ukiah, under Prop. No. 6-49-429.

MARCH 22, 1949

FRESNO, contract awarded to Miles & Bailey, P.O. Box 1169, Madera, \$16,976 for 3 mi. grade and drain Sutter Ave. betw. State Hwy. 33 (Lost Hills Road) to Republic Ave., FRESNO COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., S.F., \$169,522 for grade, retain. wall and pave at Presidio Ave. Yard, under Muni. Rwy. Contract 312.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to W. C. Tait, 44 Montclair Terrace, S.F., \$36,123 for bldg., pave, extn. utilities, at S.F. Airport, under Contract 116.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to E. J. Tobin, 1000 Carleton St., Berkeley, \$4,192 for laying C. I. (6-in. and 8-in.) mains in 24th Ave. and Quintara St., under W. D. 507.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to H. C. Reind, 389 Clementina St., S.F., \$8,433 for const. street lighting sys. on Anza, betw. Masonic and Parker Sts., under L. H. Contract 71.

ANTIOCH, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 66th Ave., Oakland, \$3,790 for const. sanitary sews. in "J" St., betw. 3rd and 5th Sts.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st and Railroad, San Mateo, \$6,194 for const. vitr. sewers in San Mateo Knolls No. 3, and Laurelwood.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to M. A. Jenkins, 2472 Marshall Way, Sacramento, \$17,426 for const. and repair bridge across Snodgrass Slough northeast of Walnut Grove.

MERCED, contract awarded to

Harris Const. Co., P.O. Box 109, Fresno, \$76,453 for erect. exhibit bldg. for 35th Agricultural Assn.

MARCH 24, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S.F., \$253,863 for laying sewer system in Lake St.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st and Railroad Ave., San Mateo, \$10,859 for improv. Commercial Ave. betw. Chestnut and El Camino Real.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to M. B. McGowan, Inc., 625 Market St., S.F., for driving steel piles for bridge near Livermore.

SAN PABLO, sub-contract awarded to E. H. Peterson & Sons, 2819 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, for drive creosoted piles for bridge across Dutch Slough at Jersey Island, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

MARCH 25, 1949

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nev., \$281,821 for 11.629 mi. grade and roadmix surf., Nev. F. H. 6-B, Dalzell Canyon, Toiyabe Natl. Forest, in LYON COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Key System Transit Lines, 1106 Broadway, Oakland, \$10,440 for remove tracks and prepare subgrade in portions of 3rd Ave., E. 18th, E. 19th, Park Blvd., Leimert Blvd., betw. 3rd Ave. and Oakmore Road.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 75th Ave. and San Leandro Blvd., Oakland, \$55,433 for const. pipe conduit in Shattuck Ave., betw. 58th and 66th Sts.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$29,976 for const. sewage system, Div. Beaches and Parks, Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park, Calif., and addn. to water sys., also at Big Sur Park.

MARCH 28, 1949

SAN PABLO, contract awarded to R. Gould & Son, P.O. Box 190, Stockton, \$13,316 for const. sanitary sewers in Assessment Dist. No. 25.

MARCH 29, 1949

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Burch & Bebek, 2803 Los Flores Blvd., Lynwood, \$308,493 for const. conc. storm wtr. sewers in San Jose Sanit. Sewage Separation Proj., Unit II.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Paving Co., 900 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, \$6,695 for asph. conc. pave on Emory St., betw. Spring and Irene Sts., under 1915 Act.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Fred J. Early Jr. Co., 369 Pine St., San Francisco, \$197,717 for const. trickling filter, secondary sediment. tank and appurts., at South Sewage Treatment Plant.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 1118, Stockton, \$27,804 for asph. conc. surf. on Alpine Ave., betw. Commerce and Oak Park Ct.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to Rainier Const. Co., 190 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, \$39,480 for alts. and addns. to Music Bldg., Univ. of Calif.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$2,405 for grade and surf. alley betw. "I" and "J" Sts. and 26th and 27th Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S.F., \$4,900 for widen and repave 8th Ave. entrance to Golden Gate Park.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Assoc. Engineers, El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$3,183 for replacing irrigation system at Bernal Park.

MARCH 30, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Monson Bros., 475 6th St., S.F., \$189,470 for exterior treatment to DeYoung Museum, Golden Gate Park, S.F.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$11,239 for clear site, excav. borrow, place 26,000 cy. compacted borrow fill, for aircraft parking area at Naval Auxil. Air Station, Monterey, under Spec. No. 21425.

MARCH 31, 1949

RENO, NEV., contract awarded to C. Dietrich Co., 122 Rock St., Reno, \$11,324 for 12-in. conc. sewer

line along Bressor St., etc.; cash contract.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P.O. Box 2351, Reno, \$365,684 for 16.209 mi. grade, surf., etc. betw. 1 1/2 mi. north of Boone Springs and White Horse Pass, ELKO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to C. & M. Contr. Co., Manhattan Bch., \$9,880 for test fill for Isabella Dam, under Spec. No. 1383.

APRIL 1, 1949

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to United Conc. Pipe Corp., P.O. Box 425, Baldwin Park, \$1,067,164 for 7.2 mi. grade and conc. pave on cem. treat. subgr. and pltmx surf. on conc. base and untr. rk. base, betw. Mariposa Road south of Stockton and Calaveras River, north of Stockton, and betw. Wilson Way and New Route 4, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Harms Bros. and C. M. Syar, 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$245,460 for 6.3 mi. pltmix surf. on cem. treat. base, from Richardson Creek to 6.3 mi. south of Crescent City, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Clements & Co., P.O. Box 277, Hayward, \$157,724 for 5.4 mi. widen portions by scarify and re-shape shoulders and place cr. run base and portions surf. with pltmx. surf. over existing pave. and shldrs., betw. Alvarado and San Leandro, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Valley Paving & Const. Co., Pismo Beach, \$53,195 for 5.8 mi. pltmx. surf. betw. Rte. 134 and Packwood Creek, in TULARE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Soda & Son, 5231 Grove St., Oakland, \$684,930 for const. RR overhead consist. of stl. beam spans, supported by reinf. conc. bents and abutments on reinf. conc. piles, on East Shore Freeway at High St., in Oakland, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows, for the following:

Yolo County (111-Yol-87-A): to B. S. McElderry, 2355 Virginia St., Berkeley, \$30,610 for repair bridge across Sacto. River at Knights Landing.

Siskiyou County (1-Sis-46-A): A. M. Carr and Bati Rocca, 2333 Burbank Ave., Santa Rosa, \$166,432 for const. stl. beam and steel plate girder bridge and 0.3 mi. grade and resurf. appr. w/select. matl. across Dillon Creek, 27 mi. north of Orleans.

Tulare County (V1-Tul-1128): to Ted F. Baun, 324 Princeton St., Fresno, \$86,844 for 3.2 mi. pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base, West Olive St., betw. 3.5 mi. west of Porterville and Porterville.

Mendocino County (1-Men-1-H): to Clements & Co., P.O. Box 277, Hayward, \$283,955 for 8.4 mi. const. pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base betw. Sherwood Road and Sapp Creek.

San Joaquin and Stanislaus Cos. (X-Sta, SJ-4-B, A, Rip. C): to Henry C. Soto Corp., 13000 S. Avalon Blvd., L.A., \$8,418 for 11.9 mi. landscape betw. Salida and 1 mi. north of Ripon, and betw. Calaveras River and Lodi.

Mendocino County (1-Men-979): to Nevada Constrs., Inc., Box 313, Reno, \$165,656 for 10.4 mi. gr. and surf. with imp. base matl. and apply prime and seal coats, betw. St. Rte. 1, south of Hopland, and St. Rte. 70 at Talmage.

Humboldt County (1-Hum-1-K): to Mercer, Fraser Co., 2nd and Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$102,187 for 2.8 mi. pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base, from 7.6 mi. to 10.4 mi. north of Orick.

Lake County (1-Lak-49-B): to Chittenden & Chittenden, P.O. Box 246, Auburn, \$137,903 for 1.4 mi. grade and imp. base matl. and seal coat, betw. 1.3 mi. and 5.9 mi. north of Putah Creek.

Alameda County (1V-Ala-5-B): to Lee J. Ihmel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$238,864 for 3.3 mi. reconst. shldrs., place cr. run base and surf. exist. pave. with dense and open gr. pltmx. surf., on Foothill Blvd. betw. Castro Valley Jctn. and San Leandro.

Contra Costa County (1V-CC-75-D): to C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$54,551 for 1.4 mi. pltmx.

surf. on cr. run base, betw. 3.5 mi. southeast of Brentwood and Byron Junction.

Merced and Stanislaus Counties (X-Mer. Sta-4-D, Cer. B): to M. J. Ruddy & Son, 922 "J" St., Modesto, \$87,720 for 10.9 mi. pltmx. surf. (portions), betw. Merced River and Delhi, and betw. Stanislaus County line and Hatch Crossing.

Siskiyou County (11-Sis-3-C): to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, for 7.8 mi. pltmx. surf. on cr. run base and on imp. base matl., betw. Camp Lowe and Bailey Hill.

Alameda County (1V-Ala-105, 5-Hay.): to Lee J. Ihmel, P.O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$83,255 for 1.8 mi. widen and resurf. w/pltmx. surf., on cem. tr. base, and reconst. shldrs. betw. south city limits and west city limits in Hayward.

Contra Costa County (1V-CC-106-C): to Gallagher & Burk, 344 High St., Oakland, \$153,215 for 3.6 mi. cr. run base and pltmx. surf. (portion) betw. Martinez Road and Willow Pass.

San Joaquin County (X-SJ-41-A): to M. J. Ruddy & Son, 922 "J" St., Modesto, \$117,545 for 8.3 mi. untr. rk. base and pltmx. surf., betw. south boundary and jctn. w/Rte. 5.

Merced County (X-Mer-32-B): to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$47,872 for 2 mi. untr. rk. base over exist. pave. and pltmx. surf., betw. Highline Canal and Los Banos.

Santa Clara County (1V-SCI-2-B): to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$104,562 for 6.1 mi. pltmx. resurf. and widen shldrs. w/pltmx. surf. and cr. run base (CLC-Medium) seal coat, and apply pene. tr., betw. Ford Road and Morgan Hill.

Marin County (1V-Mrn-8-A): to Evans Const. Co., 2035 Ashley Ave., Berkeley, \$19,555 for redeck bascule span of bridge across Petaluma Creek at Green Pt.

Glenn County (III-Gle-47-A): to Shaul Const. Co., 19482 Lake Chabot Road, Hayward, \$10,974 for repair bridge across Glenn-Colusa Canal at Hamilton City.

San Joaquin County (X-SJ-53-C): to R. G. Clifford, P.O. Box 168, South San Francisco, \$45,482 for redeck swing pass spans w/lgt. wgt. conc., remov. west appr. spans and const. new stl. beam span on stl. piles across Potato Slough at Terminus.

Humboldt County (1-Hum-46-E): to G. M. Carr & Bati Rocca, 2333 Burbank Ave., Santa Rosa, \$46,257 to remove superstruc. and portion of reinf. conc. bents in exist. bridge and const. steel plate girder and rolled beam superstruc., about 1 mi. west of Orleans, in Humboldt County, at Camp Creek.

APRIL 4, 1949

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P.O. Box 2351, Reno, \$365,684 for 16.209 mi. grade, surf., etc., betw. 1 1/2 mi. north of Boone Springs and White Horse Pass, ELKO COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to M. Malfitano & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 750, Pittsburg, \$40,703 for const. portion Kirger Pass Hwy., CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Wm. E. Thomas Const. Co., Rte. 4, Box 3400, Sacramento, \$26,653 for const. reinf. conc. slab bridge; and widen 2 conc. bridges and 3 conc. culverts at various locations betw. 2 and 12 mi. north of Hollister, SAN BENITO COUNTY.

ANTIOCH, contract awarded to M. G. M. Const. Co., P.O. Box 562, Concord, \$20,859 for const. wtr., sew. and gas services at 23rd Dist. Agric. Assn., in Antioch.

APRIL 5, 1949

SALINAS, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, for const. walks and parking lot, Sherwood Park.

SALINAS, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$39,417 for resurf. portions Alisal and Maple Sts.

SONORA, contract awarded to Beerman & Jones, Sonora, \$5,749, for const. 10-ft. widening strip, Stewart St. bridge across Sonora Creek.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., San Francisco, \$658,708 for 3.8 mi. grade betw. 0.5 mi. south of Stone Lagoon Summit and 1 mi.

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Marysville—

LACK OF DAM CAUSES WATER TO GO TO WASTE IN PACIFIC OCEAN

By WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT
Business Representatives, Local 3

Springtime has come again in the foothills and we are sorry we can't say the same about the high mountains. However, by the time this reaches print the snow should be going down the river wasting into the Pacific. Why? Because they have never made up their minds (the government) to build a dam above Oroville yet. Anyway, since the last report we have been able to put a few men to work and nothing pleases a business agent more.

The H. Earl Parker levee jobs around Colusa, Meridian and Indian Mound are slow about getting started and it looks like May or June yet.

Rice Bros. are perking up once more after hibernating during the winter as most all outside work was slow on account of weather.

The Van Valkenburgh sewer job in Chico is going along nicely with Brother Chuck Keithly in command. A pleasant bunch there.

A new firm, the Irrigation Construction Co. has the other job in Chico and is doing o. k. by Local 3.

Granite Construction Co. is getting ready to start up again on their Paradise road job after the rains.

The Richter Bros. of Oroville have joined the A.G.C. and you should see the new yellow paint jobs on their pickups. We wish these boys well.

The New York Machine shop in Oroville keep busy as the bees with Brother Johnny Gilbert as shop foreman.

George Murray has a couple of cats in Oroville doing a little job for the state.

The Kaiser Gravel plant at Oroville always keep on the beam. Brother Ed Neff is on the shovel and there are a lot of good old timers over there.

Butte Creek Rock of Chico and the Central Sand and Gravel in Oroville maintain a steady pace.

Our newest outfit signed up is Concrete Readymix in Oroville. Good luck to Curt Byford.

**Feather River Canyon News
By the Tunnel Staff**

First, a report on accidents on the Canyon highway. So far this year about 12 men have been killed between Oroville and Belden. Brother Larry Bitterly's wife was injured very seriously going to camp from Oroville. This stretch of road is really dangerous. So Brothers, take the curves slow.

Brother Kenny Johnson has a good crew of Local 3 men busy and happy at Cresta powerhouse.

Earl Walsh is back in the canyon once more as head man for Connolly. Mike Tennison is in charge of mechanics and Johnny Hinote takes care of shovel operators and dirt moving outside the tunnels. Harry Grasek is Bear Creek super and Brother Ted Slaughter at Grizzly Creek.

The Cresta Dam and Rock Creek dam are busy but "Hardway" John Armitage says they have reached the gingerbread stage now and it will be slow.

"Hurryup" Huntington has his tunnel headed due north again and is smiling once more. That means tunnel footage by his crew.

Gene Tufts of Walsh Co. is in charge of the Rock Creek powerhouse and he tells me that Judson and Pacific Murphy will be in soon to set steel. He also told me that Shovelrunner Ed Rankin and his wife were the parents of a baby boy and were arguing about his trade. Ed wants him to join 3A and oil for him and Mrs. Rankin says he is smarter than that and wants him to go to college and join 3E as a tech. Anyway, we'll see who wins this argument. The odds are on Mrs. Rankin.

Dixon and Arundel have been making footage. We have all had our troubles on this job including the business representative and the superintendent.

MK Co. Inc. have had their share of trouble with water and timber also. We understand Al Huntington may go to Brazil on a job. Hate to see him go. We know snooze doesn't go with Spanish.

Piombo is still busy on their road job at Belden. Brother Okie McAnally is in the Oroville hospital

with head injuries suffered in a motor accident in Dixon tunnel at Jackass Creek audit. We hope he is soon well and on the job once more.

Brothers Al Russel, Gene Mansfeldt and George Crogan are the official Casey Jones men at Jackass Creek on the diesel locomotives.

An accident that could have been fatal occurred at Folsom on the fifth of this month. Brother Joe Errecart on the cat together with Brother Armstrong Dawson were trying to stop off one of the old drainage tunnels near Natomas Dredge No. 6 when the bank caved. Brother Errecart on the cat jumped off the far side and when the slide stopped Brother Dawson was missing. The next move was to get the half-buried cat out and when this was done Brother Dawson's head showed. From then on it was a case of scratch and dig. Brother Dawson was rushed to the hospital where he is now recovering — mostly bruised, but a lucky engineer.

Brother George Newman at Hammonton has taken on a real job with a swell bunch of boys. Fourteen of the 'teen-aged ball players at the Yuba Consolidated community have gone out for the Local 3 team and some real talent will develop from this group. Along with George as team manager is Brother Ed Carr, business manager. Bob Coleman and Harry Dillman are the coaches. With such able leadership this team of boys will go far in baseball in their class.

Watch for the schedules in the local papers and see a real ball game played by the sons of Local 3 Engineers.

There is a payroll check for Brother O. J. DeGarlais at the Marysville office which we will forward upon determining the address of this brother.

**San Mateo County—
S. F. Airport Job
Calls Members to
Return to Work**

By CHET ELLIOTT
Business Representative

Operation on the Morrison & Knudsen job at the S. F. Airport, after having been dormant for the last three months, have shown a decided increase in the last ten days. Many of our members who have been idle for some time have now returned to work.

Teichert & Sons, contractors from Sacramento, were the low bidder on the highway job on Route No. 1 at Half Moon Bay. This work is scheduled to start within the next few days and many engineers will be employed on this job, which will last through the coming summer.

At Belmont, California, the Frank Smith Company is busy on a street grading and land clearing job. While visiting this project, your representative contacted Brother Morton, on the shovel, and Brother Klemp, cat-skinner; also Brother Stewart.

L. C. Smith Company of San Mateo have resumed operations on the Hospital at Redwood City and many other projects throughout the district that were shut down due to the wet weather. The field activities of this company are now under new supervision, a Mr. McMakin is the new superintendent (Good luck, Mac!).

The Woodhouse & Douglas Company of Redwood City is busy on several housing and real estate

Redding—

**Shasta, Keswick
Dam Jobs Are
Getting Underway**

By E. A. HESTER

Business Representative, Local 3

Frederickson & Watson Construction Co. of Oakland, Calif., heads the list for a low bid of \$742,432.10 for the highway job between Redding and Anderson. This job involves grading and surfacing 5.8 miles of Highway 99. The officials are now looking the situation over and contemplating starting the job right away. This same firm recently finished a contract for a new section of Highway 99 between Anderson and Cottonwood, and has maintained an office in Anderson.

The Central Valley Pipe Lines, Inc., of Sacramento, also has started work on the sewage disposal plant in Anderson.

R. A. Heintz Co. of Portland, Ore., recently began work on its railroad relocation job at Keswick. The job is getting off to a good start, and we expect to have about 45 engineers employed there by May 1.

KESWICK, BIG JOB

C. H. Elliott and John C. Gist of Sacramento were awarded the completion of Keswick Dam, and the contract being performed by Elliott and Gist covers 220 construction items. It is one of the most comprehensive and all-inclusive construction jobs ever advertised by the Bureau of Reclamation.

George Stacey of Tulake was low bidder on over a million yards of drainage work in that vicinity. However, George advised me that due to water the project will not start before sometime in June.

Hover Company of Burlingame also was successful bidder on a drainage project in that same vicinity. I believe that work will be started there very soon.

Natt McDougal Construction Co. has finished its project in the Tulake area and moved back to Oregon. Ramsey Construction Co. also will be held up because of water until sometime in June.

HIGHWAY JOBS

John Carlin, of Mercer & Fraser, has resumed work on their job at Hayfork, and we hear over the grapevine that Ball & Son will be moving in on their project there in two weeks. Also, Harms Bros. expect to start up their work on the Adin job in another two weeks.

By the time you read this article, the highway job at Weed will have been bid on as bids are due to be opened on April 6. This is going to be a good job, and will employ many of our men. We also expect the Cedarville job to come up sometime this month.

We have more members on our unemployed list at this time than we have had in the last five months. However, the unemployment situation has dropped considerably in the last couple of weeks, and it looks as if the up-trend in unemployment has been stopped. We hope so!

Foreman No Boss

A Chrysler foreman testified before the House Labor Committee that after working 37 years if he retired at 65 he'll draw a pension of \$10 a month from the company. General Motors President Wilson argues that foremen shouldn't have the right to bargain collectively because they're "part of management." The logic is sound. Why should a foreman have to bargain over a \$10 a month pension? Does Charles E. Wilson have to bargain over his \$230,000-a-year salary and \$100,000 prospective pension?

A marked increase in production has been noted at the Building Material Yards and also in the Rock Quarries throughout the district.

Employment opportunities for the members of Local No. 3 seem very favorable for the coming season. We expect to see more engineers working in this district than ever before.

Fresno—

**SOUTH VALLEY MOUNTAIN JOBS
OPEN UP; CANAL WORK READY**

By H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE
Business Representatives, Local 3

A. Teichert Co. submitted low bid to the Army Engineers for the Owens Creek Dam, which is phase number two of the Merced Streams Group project. The company has already started pioneer and excavation work for the outlet on this job. Adolph Bauer is superintendent and will most likely have about the same crew that was with him last year on the Mariposa Creek job.

The Army Engineers are also calling for bids for a bridge and weir to be constructed just below the Pine Flat Dam site on the Kings River. Bids will be opened on the 12th of this month.

We have been informed by the Bureau of Reclamation that the calls for bids on the Delta Mendota Canal have been delayed for about six weeks. The job should be let about the first of May.

The State Highway Department is advertising several small jobs in the district and also a stretch of four-lane highway between Berenda and Madera on Highway 99. Bids will be opened April 13th.

FRIANT KERN CANAL

Triangle Rock Co., who have the subcontract for furnishing aggregates to Peter Kiewit Co. on the 27 miles of the Friant Kern Canal, will start erecting their plant just east of Porterville about the 20th of this month. This job should keep several of the brothers busy quite a while.

Bechtel Co. is gradually getting in more equipment on the Southern California Edison Co. Auberry job. They have just moved in a N.W. 80 with Brother "Slick"

Gentry behind the levers. On the same job Johnnie Scales has just pinned on his foreman stripes. As soon as access roads are completed the project should move along at a more rapid pace.

Work is generally picking up in the gravel industry throughout the district, which of course means an increase in outside construction.

There has been an increase in land-levelling activities, which is taking up some of the slack.

Jerry Bing has a spread of rented cats on excavation work for the new high school at Visalia, however, this job won't last too long and Jerry said he must head north again to finish his highway job in Oregon.

We have heard a rumor that Bechtel Co.'s big inch pipeline job will start soon within the vicinity of Kettleman City and go north to Hollister. Hope this is true as we have plenty of good skimmers who are ready and willing to work.

Louis Doto, after having worked far Harms Bros. for the past seven years, has decided to go farming at Oakdale, California. Good luck.

The next regular meeting will be Thursday evening, April 28th, 1949, 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

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By AL BOARDMAN

Business Representative, Technical Engineers Division No. 3-E

On the 22nd of March E. T. A. Bartlett, Civil Engineer of 210 Monte Diablo St., San Mateo, California, signed a contract covering Technical Engineers classification with the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

This contract recognizes the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 as the collective bargaining representative for Chiefs of Party, Senior Inspector, Instrumentmen, Inspector, Union Inspector, Engineers Aide, Inspector's Aide. It also applies to a jurisdiction of Northern California which includes the forty-six counties north of the northerly boundaries of Kern and San Luis Obispo Counties and the westerly boundaries of Inyo and Mono Counties to the southerly boundary of the State of Oregon.

The Bartlett Engineering Co. is the prime contractor for the Wilsey & Co., Inc., 1126 Broadway, Burlingame, California, and do an extensive engineering business in northern San Mateo County. This company is the first member of the Bay Area Land Surveyors Association to come to terms with the Union.

Employment is picking up in the Engineering business with many contractors calling the Union for civil engineering help. The Union has many competent men in its membership and is able to give engineering firms prompt and efficient employment service. Operating Engineers members can have their property surveyed by fair engineering firms by calling the Tec. Engineers Business Agent and getting the list of engineering firms that employ Union help.

The San Francisco Airport field crews are now just three men short of being 100 per cent Union with the inspection department having a few civil service holdouts left who feel that they are set for life and do not need to take part in the labor movement. The Starret Bros. & Eaken job at Park Merced is 100 per cent Union in the field with many of the outstanding chainmen in this area being employed by Chief Engineer Joe Cottrel.

The Land Surveyor's Association seems to have had a change of heart and have expressed a willingness to sign a contract either as chapters or as the whole associa-

tion. The question is to be decided at a general meeting on April 13th of the Association. Whatever the decision of the Association, it is the determination of the Union to organize the industry from top to bottom.

An article by Allen J. Saville of the American Society of Civil Engineers entitled "The Balance Wheel" has been brought to my attention by a worthy brother. This essay's main theme is that the Engineer because of his position in society and the economic world should be above organizing into a labor group to promote his own economic welfare. It seems that the engineer will receive his just reward when business and industry come to recognize his worth and appreciate his value. It seems that when that day comes the engineer's compensation will automatically increase. In the meantime he is expected to stand by and see his children grow up to be second class citizens and he and his wife deny themselves the better things in life. If he has one shred of realism in his makeup he will recognize the fact that business and industry give up only what is taken from them. This basic law of the jungle has long been recognized by the labor organizations as the law they must live by. As soon as the engineer comes down from his ivory tower, and does battle as an organized group, his compensation will increase.

"My doctor wants me to give up tobacco, liquor and women."
"To improve your health, eh?"
"No, so I can save money to pay him what I owe him."

Construction Awards

(Continued from Page 10)

south of Orick, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to Whiting & Haymond Contrs., Box 88, Springville, Utah, \$119,955, for const. 9.932 mi. roadmix 2-in. bitum. surf. road and const. reinf. conc. bridge on S.R. No. 21, betw. Milford and Frisco, BEAVER COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contracts awarded as follows, for the following:

(A) Duchesne County (FASP S-241(2)): to T. G. & J. B. Rowland, 1568 South 11th E., Salt Lake City, \$25,469 for const. reinf. conc. bridge on S.R. No. 121, betw. Roosevelt and Neola.

(B) Summit County (FASP S-290(1)): to T. G. & J. B. Rowland, 1568 S. 11th E., Salt Lake City, \$32,844 for const. reinf. conc. bridge on S.R. No. 133 at Coalville (Chalk Creek bridge).

FAIR OAKS, contract awarded to Harold E. Peterson Const. Co., 2917 "V" St., Sacramento, \$96,987 for const. Sylvan School on Mariposa Ave. and Watson Way.

VALLEY SPRINGS, contract awarded to Robert Jerauld, Rt. 9, Box 5330, Sacramento, \$42,777 for const. of elementary school.

CAMPBELL, contract awarded to C. F. Parker, 1644 Monterey Blvd., San Francisco, \$52,875 for const. San Tomas 6-classrm school.

CAMPBELL, contract awarded to Geo. J. Lauer, 599 Patton Ave., San Jose, \$74,600 for const. Moorpark 8-classrm school.

MANTECA, contract awarded to Harvey E. Conner, P. O. Box 1012, Redwood City, \$86,618 for const. transite water mains and pumping plant in Manteca.

MANTECA, contract awarded to A. T. Bennett Const. Co., 514 Bryant St., Palo Alto, \$30,761 for const. conc. storm sewers in Center St.

PORTERVILLE, contract awarded to Ashby & Opperman, P. O. Box 127, Bakersfield, \$233,300 for const. Bellevue and Westfield school bldgs.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to O. E. Anderson, 398 Menker Ave., San Jose, \$221,937 for const. of 10 classrms., an administration unit, kindergtrn. and a cafetorium, located at Kirk Ave. and McKee Rd. APRIL 6, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., S. F., \$10,101 for paving at Islais Creek Grain Elevator plant, nr. Arthur Ave. and 3rd St.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$79,994 for const. sanit. sewers in Via Esperanza, Soledad Drive, Castanada Place, Via Castanada, Cielo Vista Drive, Linda Vista Drive, Linda Vista Place, Sierra Vista Drive, Monte Vista Drive, Loma Vista Place, Mar Vista Drive, Soledad Place, Cuesta Vista Drive, and Footpath "B," in Monterey, under 1915 Act.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$8,164 for asph. pave on Via Cimarron.

APRIL 7, 1949

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to C. E. Johnson, Box 946, Eureka, \$32,354 for const. 0.3 mi. grade and surf. with imp. base matl. and apply seal coat, at Bear Creek, 9½ mi. north of Crescent City, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

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Report of the Provo Office

By C. R. VAN WINKLE
Business Representative

HAIL AND FAREWELL

We commence this month's report from the Provo Office with a hint of regret and sadness. Brother C. L. Casebolt, Business Representative, who has represented Local 3 in Utah for the past seven years, resigned his position, effective April 1. Thus was brought to an end, for the present at least, an association between Brother Casebolt and the writer that has had its ups and downs but, on the whole, has been pleasant and the writer, at least, will miss greatly the presence of Brother Casebolt. Brother Casebolt undoubtedly had his critics, who of us hasn't, but on the whole has proved himself an able and fearless representative of labor; one who was clear-headed in his thinking and who greatly advanced the interest and welfare of Local 3 and well-being of its membership in Utah.

Brother Casebolt has left us to enter into private business, having become a part owner of the Uinta Construction Company, which has headquarters in Vernal. So, although he has dropped his official position with Local 3, he still remains in the State. As many of you may be aware, especially if you have read between the lines of these monthly reports, Brother Casebolt has been an ardent booster for the Uinta and Vernal area and felt so strongly that the area was in for some startling developments that he has cast his lot with those people. I know I speak for the bulk of our membership when I wish him every success in his new venture and say—solong—we'll be seeing you.

A WELCOME

In our last month's report, we introduced our readers to Brother Louie Solari, Business Representative, who has been assigned to Utah to assist us in ironing out our problems. This month, we take pleasure in introducing you to Brother Renny Burroughs, Business Representative, who has also been assigned to Utah and will work out of the Salt Lake office. Brother Burroughs was formerly stationed at the Stockton office of Local 3 and will bring to Utah the benefits of his wide experience in that area and his unbounded energy to accomplish the greatest amount of good for our membership. Welcome, Brother Burroughs. May our associations be pleasant to us and profitable to our membership.

A REPORT ON THE WORK

Although the weather has been somewhat variable, it has been generally fair and should have seen the start of much more work than was actually commenced in the past month. Although it probably isn't much solace to our unemployed membership, work should pick up rapidly from now on and we should soon be back to our normal condition of attempting to find a man for the job rather than a job for the man.

The following is a brief but no means complete outline of the status of the various jobs visited recently by the writer:

United Concrete Pipe Company. At this writing has barely started. Has a large repair job on its equipment ahead of it and should get going soon. At this writing, just a few of the old mechanics have been called back.

Young and Smith. Has started its tunnel job in Provo Canyon and its canal jobs in Orem and Pleasant Grove. Has a batch plant operating in Pleasant Grove. As this Company carries a crew the year 'round, its starting up hasn't meant much new employment. It should add to its crew as the deadline is rapidly nearing on its work.

Enoch Smith & Sons. Is again operating and scattered all over the county as usual on a large number of jobs that range from small to smaller. Mostly gas connections and small curb and gutter projects. The recent gas freeze order may effect its operations to some extent. This company also carries its crew throughout the winter and its starting up hasn't meant much new employment.

Walsh Company—Geneva Plant. Job nearing completion. Has been some lay-offs recently. Cannot get any authentic information regarding rumored new work slated for this year at Geneva, except that

everyone seems sure that the work is to go.

Utah Construction Company. Has a small job at the Geneva Plant, mostly classified as maintenance work. Report that the boss' stepson, who didn't belong to anything, was being used on our work has proved groundless. He turns out to be a member in good standing, with an old book. The jurisdiction of the Local Union is well taken care of.

Strong Company. Has started its Orem, 4-lane highway job. Has some additional work this year in Yellowstone and other outlying areas. Because of our inability to secure crews for them last year, we may have some difficulty with this company this year.

Kloepfer and Sons. Awarded Provo City Water Main Contract. It is a non-union outfit from Logan and it looks like we may have some fun with this company before it completes the project.

A. O. Thorn and Sons Company. Has started up its sand and gravel and batch plant; with the same old crew. Is doing some work at the Creosote Plant and will probably start its Spanish Fork Airport job in the very near future, which means just as soon as the mud permits.

Jacobsen Construction Company. Has been awarded the foundations of the Utah Power Company's new power house at the mouth of Provo Canyon. This job is being erected under the supervision of the Ebasco Company. Has let the excavation to the Christen Sand and Gravel Company and Fuller Brothers. Is pouring the concrete with its own crews.

Christen Sand and Gravel Co. Has recently signed the A.G.C. and Rock, Sand and Gravel and Ready-Mix Concrete Agreements. We have been a long time getting this company signed up.

McGraw Company—Pacific Cast Iron Pipe Company Job. About completed. This job, despite difficulty over the hours, has proven a good winter job as they worked every day the weather stayed above zero. This company is reported to have received a contract for part of the new copper refinery at Garfield.

W. W. Clyde Company. Will start its road job at Benjamin before this sees the light of day. Has a short job at Wellington, grading for a coal mine tippel in that area. Despite rumors to the contrary, this mine will be of the conventional type and will not be an open pit mine. This company's Sevier Summit road job has not opened up as yet because of the elevation and the fact that it is still winter there. It has, however, started its road job at Pintura and New Castle, although it was closed down for a time because of two feet of snow.

A. O. Thorn Company—Woodside. Has a crusher there in operation turning out a gravel contract for the State Road Commission. Contract is practically complete and it is on the chips. This company's airport job near Moab on the Grand and San Juan County Airport is about completed and the crew will probably be moved, and we hope added to, the Spanish Fork Airport.

Monticello Atomic Energy Plant. At Monticello, the United States Atomic Energy Commission is remodeling the old Vanadium Plant into a Uranium Pilot Plant. This plant should be in full operation by July 1, as the construction is

practically complete, and will employ around 175 people when in operation, so we are informed. Contractor on the job is Walker and Lybarger Co. of Grand Junction, Colorado, which is under agreement in Colorado and seemingly is a very fair company with which to do business. This area will bear watching for future developments as there is considerable Uranium and oil exploration work being carried on.

Whiting and Haymond. Has started its job at the Beaver Airport and has called back some of its old hands. Hasn't started in Salina Canyon because of the elevation and the weather.

Iron Mines—Cedar City. The Utah Construction Company's operations at the Iron Mines at Iron Mountain and Iron Springs show steady signs of growth. The new crusher at Iron Springs has been completed and the company is now erecting some additional facilities at Iron Mountain. In addition to the above work, which as I said is not complete, there are several building construction jobs in Utah County which are keeping one or two of our members busy.

FUTURE OUTLOOK

The outlook for future work looks good, if we don't have a sudden setback in the weather. The weather, of course, being an old sad refrain in the State of Utah in the Spring. The State Road Commission has announced a considerable road program for this year, of which better than one-half is in the area served by the Provo office. This, of course, means nothing unless they let the work and it seems reasonable to hope that the majority of it will be let early this year and a considerable portion of it be under way before the season is too far advanced. Well, we can hope, can't we?

Agreements. Facing the writer is a series of negotiations on the several agreements in force with your union. The primary one being, of course, that with the A.G.C., upon which negotiations will start April 15. At the present moment, maybe we are too optimistic, outlook for a raise would seem good, as recently a 12½c an hour increase was granted in Idaho. Idaho, by the way, being the State the contractors always refer to when resisting an increase in wages in Utah.

Following these negotiations, or perhaps during these negotiations, will come the Rock, Sand and Gravel and Ready-Mix Concrete Plants Agreement, the Permanent Plant Agreement, which covers the Iron Mines at Cedar City. In addition to these agreements, there is the one covering our members at the Pacific Bridge Company, which is open for wages only, and the one covering our members employed at Bingham by the Kennecott Cooper Company.

Under the plans presently agreed to, the writer will devote considerable time to these negotiations and additional assistance will be assigned to cover the area. At the present time, arrangements have been made for Brother Louie Solari to spend at least half of his time working out of the Provo office. We are sure you will find Brother Solari agreeable to work with, perhaps much more agreeable than the writer, who at times thinks he has gotten like a cracked record, which can only repeat—where's your button—over and over again.

Some Good (?) Advice

We have said it before and I say it again. This union's relationship with its employers depends almost entirely upon the memberships attitude toward the union. I have nothing but praise for the large majority of our membership's loyalty to the local and adherence to our few simple rules, but it won't do any harm to go over it once more.

1. When on the job, wear your button. This lets the contractor know you are a member of the union and are loyal to it.

2. Before going to work, secure your job clearance. This also tends to advertise to our employers our unity and loyalty to our union.

Another matter I would like to touch on briefly. A large portion of our work is in outlying areas.

I know it isn't any fun to be away from home. I know that because I spend a considerable portion of my time during the season away from home. But our work has to be done where it is needed and we have a lot of wide open spaces in Utah.

If we don't do this, if we don't take these jobs, we will have more examples of what actually is happening today at Orem. A local job, which should be done by local men, being done by men mostly from the outlying areas; and a job which is developing problems which if not solved may lead to serious difficulties for your union.

Stay Away from Pocatello

The newspapers say that the Atomic Energy Committee is to build a Reactor Plant around Arco, Idaho, which is in the Pocatello district. We believe this report is quite correct, but the papers should have been fair and not given the people the idea that the plant is practically ready to go under construction and thousands of building tradesmen are needed. As a matter of fact, the plant isn't slated for immediate construction but will be constructed over a period of a number of years. In all probability, union contractors will be given the construction and will secure the needed men through the usual sources and if, and when men are needed, we will receive that information and then, and then only, should you consider going to the plant site.

Utah Valley Hospital

The coming weeks will see a drive put on to solicit funds for the erection of an addition to the Utah Valley Hospital. As you know, this hospital serves the bulk of Utah County and is faced with a very crowded condition. The erection of this addition may mean the difference to each one of us at some time between life or death, if the hospital hasn't the facilities to admit us in an emergency. While we know that the great majority of our members in all probability cannot afford to donate to this worthy project, it is to be hoped that those who can will give to the extent that they can to help build these needed hospital facilities so that each one of us will have available hospitalization when needed.

PERSONAL NOTES

The following, for some reason, probably because we were late with our report, were not run last month:

Brother T. L. Clark, former business representative, is beginning to look like his old self after having been hospitalized with a heart attack for several weeks the first part of the year. Brother Clark was kept under an oxygen tent in the L.D.S. Hospital for three weeks and has since been, until recently, convalescing at his home. Our best wishes for the continued improvement in your health, Tom.

Brother J. D. Sutherland is proudly strutting around these days. Reason, he has become a grandfather for the first time as his son and wife presented him with a granddaughter. . . . Brother Beverly Key and his wife are happy and proud of themselves these days. Mrs. Key having balanced the family with a baby boy, their other two children being girls. Bev is very proud that there will be another man in the family. . . . Brother R. L. Spencer's big happy smile is much broader and happier these days. The reason being the arrival of a son to he and his wife, Nina, Feb. 8, weighing 9 lbs. 4 ounces. . . . We apologize and hope that the lateness will be overlooked.

Brother Ed Conroy and his wife, Alma, are celebrating the arrival of a boy in this vale of tears on Saturday, April 2. This makes three boys for Ed, and if we don't watch out one of these days he will be able to start a contracting firm of his own and supply his own crew.

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