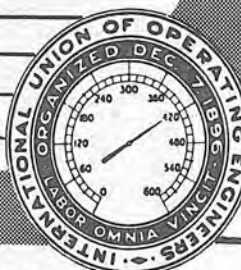


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## NEWS



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# First Aid Training Hits 32 Cities; 1985 Enroll

## Largest Safety Assault Generates Keen Interest

When Business Manager Al Clem and the Officers of Local 3 okayed the joint Local 3—American Natl. Red Cross First Aid Training program, it was hoped that as many as 500 to 600 members and their wives would volunteer to qualify themselves as first aid certificate holders. The program was officially "kicked off" April 2 in ceremonies held in downtown San Francisco, and the latest volunteer enrollment figure has swelled to 1985 members and wives.

Classes are being held in 32 cities in northern California, northern Nevada, and Utah. Clem added that he is in contact with Ken Kraemer, labor liaison director of the Red Cross in Washington, D.C., and plans are being formulated to extend the first aid training classes to Hawaii and Guam. Hawaii District Representative Harold Lewis met with Kraemer during a recent Building Trades convention in the Capitol City.

Clem said all phases of Local 3 activity may benefit by the first aid training given by the Red Cross instructors.

Clem cited the work of the Tech Engineer which takes him to pioneer lands in remote areas with no chance for help if no one near him is qualified to render first aid in the event of an accident.

The member working on a dredge, too, is too far away from any in-plant first aid, and it will be a great benefit to have some one aboard every dredge qualified to render aid.

"The problem of safety and how to render first aid is not one only restricted to on the job accidents," Clem said.

He added that first aid training is useful around the home, on the highways, at recreation areas and in every walk of life.

The program is designed to teach effective first aid methods in caring for those injured. Through the program, we anticipate a keener awareness of safety and accident prevention. Perhaps in this way, Clem emphasized, we may be able to help cut down on accidents and deaths in our industry.

Donald W. Stout, area manager of the Red Cross western district comprising 12 states, has pledged the full capabilities of his staff and volunteers to instruct Local 3 members in first aid.

The program is the largest single assault on the problem of safety known in this country, Stout said, in which the Red Cross has a stake.

U. S. Dept. of Labor Secretary, W. W. Wirtz, Hunter P. Wharton, President of International Union of Operating Engineers in Washington, D.C., AFL-CIO President

### MEDICARE EXTENSION?

President Johnson requested Congress to enact a two month extension on the Medicare deadline. Congress is expected to act immediately on the President's request.

George Meany and Neil Haggerty, president of the Building and Construction Trades Council all have endorsed the Red Cross safety first aid training program.

According to Clem, the Apprentices Division of Local 3 has had the first aid program as part of the related classroom instruction, and that it is mandatory for apprentices to receive this training prior to being certified jour-

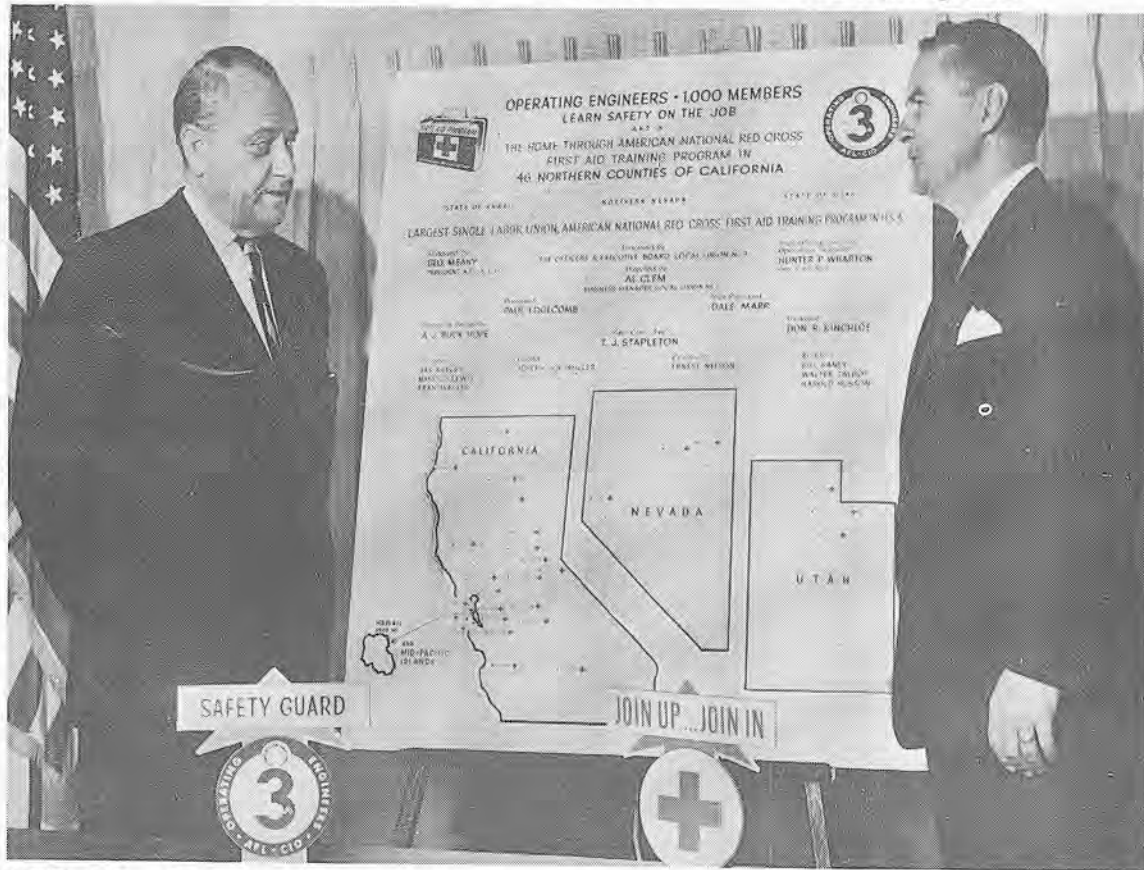
neymen.

Persons completing the standard course of 10 hours of instruction may increase their first aid knowledge and skills by taking the advanced course and then the instructor course, which requires an additional 15 hours.

Jim Jennings, business representative, has coordinated the program with the Red Cross as liaison man for Local 3.



**TREATMENT** — Oakland Executive Board member Ernie Miller, right, is "treated" by a Brother Engineer during First Aid training class.



**FIRST AID**—Business Manager Al Clem reviews joint Local 3 - Red Cross First Aid training program, largest of its kind in America, designed to qualify members and wives to render first aid.

## Safety Becomes Family Project

By DALE MARR

Since the local union started a full-time safety program several years ago we have concentrated on the problems of "on-the-job safety," almost out of necessity.

We have attempted to bring to our Brothers the many problems that face the construction industry, both labor and management, in reducing the number of accidents that are resulting in so many injuries and deaths to our Brother engineers. This is a problem that is far from solved, and in which each of us must take a personal interest. This isn't something that we can let the "other guy" do for us.

Though we still feel that our

major effort must be concentrated on job problems, we are proud to announce a new type meeting that we are putting on for our members and their wives.

As bad as the construction industry's safety record is, it is a matter of record of that you are several times more safe on a construction job than you are at home or on the highways or waterways today. We are very fortunate to have Jake Gold, Safety Engineer, from the United States Dept. of Labor, Washington, D.C. with us for a series of meetings, May 9 through May 20th.

Jake is recognized all over America as an outstanding speaker on safety in our nation.

He has spent a lifetime teaching and speaking on all phases of safety. Jake has taught several safety seminars for our agents and members, and we have all gained a knowledge of safety and enjoyed listening to Jake's colorful presentations of a sometimes rather dull subject.

Manager Al Clem, and the officers and executive board members all hope that you Brothers and your wives will attend the meeting in your area because we know that Jake will have a message for you that will long be remembered.

Please check the schedule of meetings for the one in your area and be sure and attend.

## Register To Vote!

Two important dates to remember this month are on consecutive days—April 14, the last day to register to vote in the June 7 primary election and April 15, the last day to file your 1965 income tax return.

Business Manager Al Clem urged Local 3 members and eligible voters in their families to register to vote. Deputy registrars will handle the details for you in every Local 3 district office. To date, several hundred have signed the registration roles. Redding, with 95, leads all districts in numbers of persons registered.

You must register to vote if you have moved since the previous election; changed your name legally (this includes women who have married), changed your party affiliation, or failed to vote in the previous General Election and haven't returned a card sent to you by the registrar of voters.

## Pension Credits, Hours Added To Member's Card

Starting April 1 future service credits and pension hours will be shown on all membership cards.

The future service credits will be shown in total years and quarters of years, while the pension hours will be given in total hours for 1965. Both may be found in the boxes above the member's name on the identification card.

Recording Corresponding Secretary T. J. Stapleton said that if there is any discrepancy between what is shown in either box and the member's records, it should be checked with the local district office.



# Memo

from the  
**Manager's Desk**

By AL CLEM

## Death Blow to Freeways

As this is the year for County, City and State elections, we are wondering what the Board of Supervisors in San Francisco were thinking of when they dealt an apparent death blow to the freeway program in San Francisco. We realize that this is only one segment of our jurisdiction, but there are many millions of dollars involved on these proposed projects which would have furnished many hours of labor for the members of Local 3.

In addition to the loss of work, many of our members who live in San Francisco and are commuting will suffer no end of inconvenience as the traffic problem grows worse.

I attended the 11th Building Trades Department Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., with three District Representatives from the various states, Brothers Harold Lewis, Hawaii, Hugh Bodam, Salt Lake City; Norris Casey, Nevada, and Tom Stapleton, Recording-Corresponding Secretary.

We called on Congressmen and Senators from the various areas, and as you know, the repeal of 14-B has been rejected by the Senate, the most important piece of legislation before the law makers was repeal of the "Common Situs Picketing Law." At this time I would give a very slim chance for this piece of legislation receiving any favorable action by the law makers.

### RED CROSS PROGRAM

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate those members who are participating in the First Aid Program in cooperation with Directors of the American Red Cross. The members and wives attending the classes will be able to contribute a great deal to the field of safety of which we are all so vitally interested.

### NLRB ELECTIONS

During the month of April there will be nine Certification Elections conducted in Northern California by the National Labor Relations Board. These campaigns have received the full cooperation of the members of our Union residing in the area where the elections are being held.

The Executive Board authorized the purchase of a trailer to be moved to Moab, Utah, to be used as a field office site in this area to better render service to the members there.

### DISPATCHING INCREASES

In checking dispatch lists from the various areas, many of the members are returning to their former employers, and it seems that the work load is beginning to pick up in most districts. However, due to the unstable money situation the new starts on the construction of residential housing is slower than it was last year at this time. We wonder what the politicians mean when they talk about a 3.2% ceiling in wage increases and in the next breath they talk about a 5% increase in the income tax. We wonder if they actually realize that the construction workers are not steadily employed the year around; this train of thought certainly does not make sense to many of us.

The Board of Trustees on the Health, Welfare and Pension Plans will be meeting April 4 and I am confident there will be some welcome news derived from their actions at this time which we will be able to pass on to you in the next issue of your paper.

You will note that Local 39 is no longer sharing our paper. We have a communication from them which you will find in this issue.

### GUAM AGREEMENT

During the past month we consummated an agreement with the Atkins-Kroll Company in Guam, which was submitted to the membership and ratified. We are petitioning for elections in three other plants in Guam and we are in negotiations with the Manila Trading Company endeavoring to arrive at a satisfactory collective bargaining agreement with this firm.

I would like to congratulate those who were responsible for the annual crab dinner held in Eureka during the month. As many of you know, this has become an annual affair which we all look forward to attending.

### MEETING ROUNDUP

The meeting at Battle Mountain, Nevada, was well attended and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting with the Brothers. Most of these Brothers are employed in the mines in this area working under a contract which we just recently negotiated. It goes without saying that they had many problems which were opened for discussion.

On March 17, it was my privilege to attend a dinner sponsored by the Granite Construction Company in Watsonville for their employees. The subject of on and off-the-job safety

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THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS  
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS  
WASHINGTON 6, D. C.

March 11, 1966

Dear Brother Clem,

One of the brightest spots in our entire program of first aid training in the building trades unions is in Local 3. We have long had respect for the quality of your organization and in my several contacts with your members and leadership, I have been impressed by their skill and dedication. But, the careful planning and the imaginative work behind your current effort in working with Red Cross on first aid training, for your members in a wide arc of your territory, is certainly outstanding.

It is our hope that this pioneering effort will be thoroughly documented so that we can use your approach throughout the country. A day to day, and step by step record will be a very valuable guide for the rest of Red Cross and other building and construction trades unions.

I have been receiving reports from Joe Rodell, labor's liaison man with your Red Cross area office. Joe has told me of the great support he is getting from Jim Jennings and from you. I have asked Joe to keep me current on this so I can pass on what happens to Neil Haggerty and the other unions in his department. The more complete the record, the better we can spread the word, from the beginning stages through to the planned mass graduation. The graduation at Sacramento will dramatize, as nothing else, the impact Local 3 will have on national patterns in your industry.

My sincerest thanks again for the leadership you have given in this effort. It is proof of the interest of Local 3 in its members well-being and also proof of your good citizenship.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Kenneth L. Kramer  
Labor Liaison  
American National Red Cross

Mr. Al Clem  
Business Manager  
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## Profits Ignored

# 3.2% Wage Guidepost Scored As 'Shortchanging' Workers

The President's Council of Economic Advisers is "gimmicking-up" its guideline figure in an attempt to put a 3.2 percent lid on wage gains, the AFL-CIO's top economist has charged.

Nathaniel Goldfinger, director of the federation's Dept. of Research, said the council has ignored climbing living costs, rising efficiency and mounting profits in reaching its figure. The formula the council itself established "would have required a guidepost of 3.6 percent," he said.

"This is an attempt to shortchange workers," Goldfinger asserted as he was questioned by reporters on the nationwide radio interview program, Labor News Conference.

The guidelines theory is meant to maintain stability of wages, prices and profits, but "it hasn't worked," he said. "There are no guidelines on profits," he pointed out, and they have been "soaring—going through the roof—about 64 percent from 1961 to 1965," more than doubling the growth of wages and salaries.

Nor have the price guidelines been ap-

plied, as the council intended, to bring about price cuts in highly productive, highly profitable industries, to help offset necessary price increases in other industries, Goldfinger noted. That failure contributes substantially to the steady incline of living costs, he added.

Goldfinger said there is no "great upward pressure from wages on the price level"; that, in fact, "the cost of labor in each item of industrial production dropped by about eight-tenths of 1 percent" last year.

He added that if a national emergency develops over Viet Nam and "the President thinks there is need for a stabilization program," then "all kinds of income should be restrained—profits and dividends, executive salaries, as well as workers' income."

Reporters questioning him on the AFL-CIO interview, aired weekly over the Mutual Radio Network, were Hobart Rowen, business and financial editor of the Washington Post, and Alan Adams, Washington correspondent for Business Week magazine.



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## Voting, Politics & Freeways

There is far too much indifference in America today to the vital matter of voting. Much of it is due to the ill-conceived notion that the individual's ballot doesn't mean anything in the long run. This fallacy has been disproven many times when a handful of votes might have altered the outcome of major elections. Vital tax and other measures are decided by a very small percentage of eligible voters. This, in itself, is indicative of voter apathy.

One vote frequently can do surprising things, to wit:

One vote paved the way for American independence.  
One vote allowed California into the Union.  
One vote elected three Presidents—Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams and Rutherford B. Hayes.  
One vote passed the Draft Act of World War II.  
One vote dried up a nation and adopted Prohibition.

You have until April 14 to register as a voting American.

You must register if you have moved, legally changed your name (including women who have married since last voting), have become 21 years of age since a previous election, wish to change party affiliation, or failed to vote in the previous November General Election and have not returned a card sent by the registrar of voters.

All Local 3 district offices have qualified deputy registrars this year. To date, several hundred Brothers and their families eligible to vote, have availed themselves of this service by the Union.

Other special registration facilities are available in every city. Even absentee ballots are available if you know you will be out of town or are disabled and cannot possibly get out to a polling place. All bases have been covered; there is no excuse for not being registered and not voting. The vote and the choice is yours; fail to vote and you will allow some stranger to call the shots for you.

### DANGEROUS COLLISION COURSE

The Johnson Administration seems bent upon running a dangerous collision course with organized Labor over its 3.2 percent wage increase guideline in the face of increasing corporate profits and spiralling costs of living. We note, for instance, that food prices have rocketed some eight to nine percent during the year. Coupled with a threat to hike personal income tax 5 per cent, and possibly corporate tax, your dollar is shrinking further.

AFL-CIO President George Meany has said that the guidelines completely destroy collective bargaining, and in addition they are one way—against labor. He also termed the wage guidelines an aspect of the imbalance between business profits and workers' buying power which needs correction.

The LBJ Administration and Labor has differed sharply on several basic policies striking close to Labor's heart. These include: failure of the repeal of Section 14(b) of Taft-Hartley, in which it is suspected the Administration didn't throw its strength and heart into defeating the Sen. Dirksen-led filibuster; the Administration may hold the minimum wage increase at 15 cents to \$1.40 this year, going to \$1.60, September, 1968. Labor has been stumping for a \$2 minimum, but has indicated it would go along with \$1.60 this year, \$1.75 next year and extending coverage to include nearly eight million workers not protected; the common Situs picketing bill which is tied up while a few legislators bargain their votes for additional civil rights benefits.

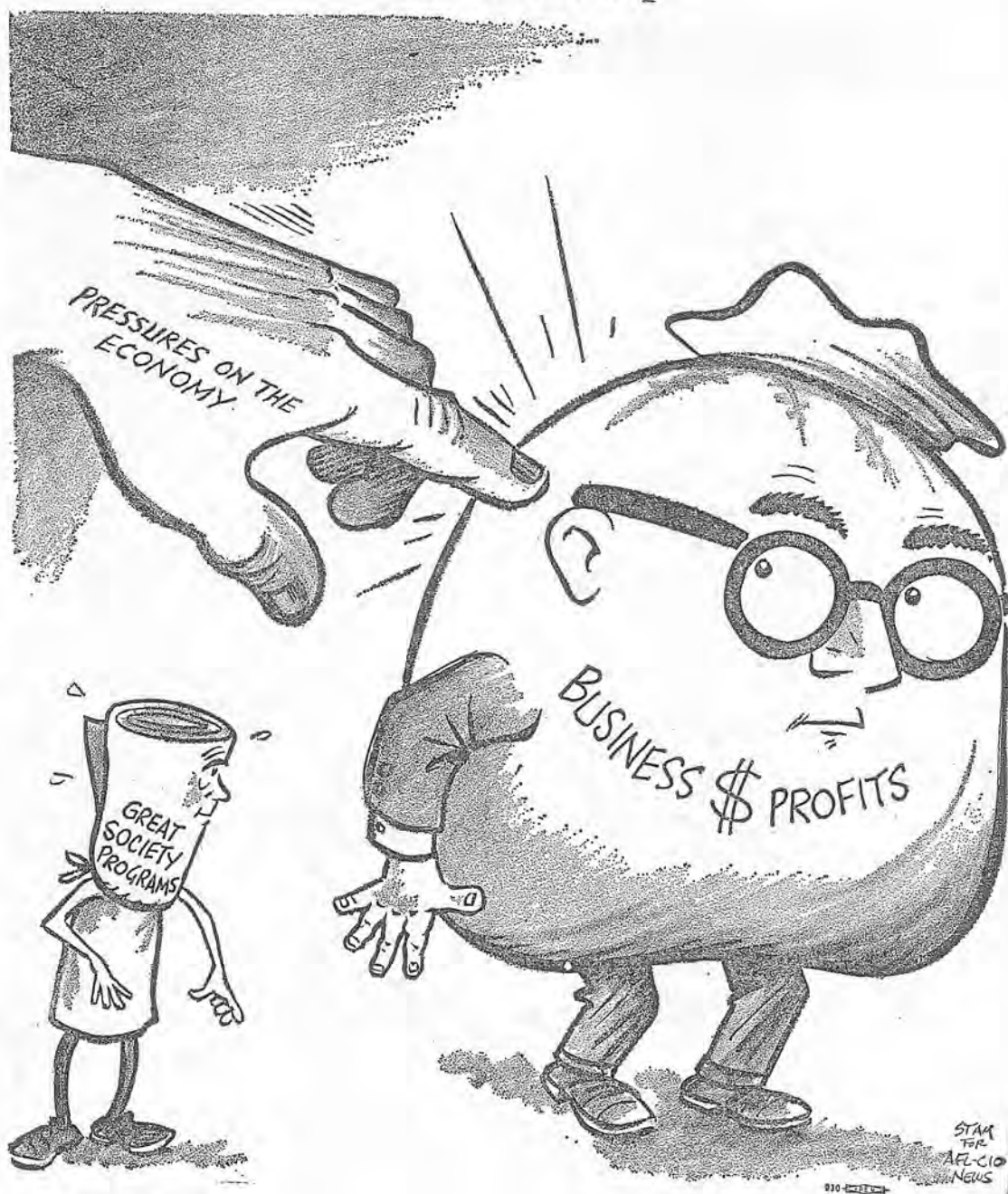
Meany said Labor will continue to fight for its goals and that labor isn't dependent on hand-outs from any party, adding that labor will be "more choosy" in giving its support to political candidates.

### MULE AND CART 'FREEWAYS'

In January of this year, this column urged the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to take a broad look at its freeway problems, one which the Board has lived with for over seven years. At stake, in addition to the loss of over \$250 million of Federal Interstate funds, is a serious disruption of the state highway program.

Rejection by the Supervisors of both the Panhandle and Golden Gate Freeway programs has put San Francisco on a "mule and cart" basis. We object to the obstructionist tactics of the vociferous minority who cowed elected officials into turning back the progress of "sophisticated San Francisco."

## The One to Tap



## How to Buy

# Food is Big Cost of 'High Living'

Food is the big price problem in this year of "high living" costs, and will remain so until Fall. Then an increase in present scarce pork supplies will ease the pressure which also has been pushing up beef, poultry and other protein foods.

Last month peanuts were one of the few "plentiful foods" the U. S. Agriculture Department was able to suggest. This month they have added raisins to the list. (At least it's a change!) The real prospect for the months ahead is told by the Dun & Bradstreet Wholesale Food Price Index, which is currently 14 per cent higher than a year ago. Meat prices in the supermarkets are going to be very high this Summer.

Farmers are protesting the present level of food prices. Recently the National Farmers Organization charged that pork prices have gone up more in the supermarkets than justified by the increase in farmers' prices.

The other cost-boosting news is that the Veterans Administration has joined the interest-raising parade by raising the rate on GI mortgages to 5½ per cent from the previous 5¼. This, however, is still the lowest rate usually available with a small down payment, if you are still eligible, and can find a lender, or if you can get a direct loan from V. A. on the ground that you live in an area where V. A. guaranty loans are not available.

Recently FHA raised its mortgage rate to 6 per cent (including the mortgage insurance premium for insuring the lender against loss). This makes the FHA rate higher now than conventional (non-FHA) mortgages in many areas.

Here are tips on April buying opportunities: **Refrigerators:** Many lower-price models now incorporate such desirable modern specifications as the frostless and thin-wall features. These now often are available for less than \$250 compared to the more-usual \$300 two or three years ago.

Thin-wall models provide more interior capacity in the same exterior space because the foamed insulation used enables the thinner walls.

A genuinely "frost free" or "frostless" refrigerator provides automatic defrosting in both the refrigerator and freezer sections. Make sure of this point. Less-expensive models provide automatic defrost only in the refrigerator compartment. However, defrosting the freezer section is not a difficult

chore, especially in a top-mounted freezer.

The most-widely bought type now is the wholly frost-free refrigerator with the freezer mounted at the top, although more people are buying the bottom-mounted type. This type is more expensive and may be needed only if you have a large family or can use the bigger freezer provided in bottom-mounted models.

Keep in mind that the frost-free feature and the size both affect operating cost. For example, if a single-door refrigerator costs \$1 a month to operate, the equivalent model frost-free in the refrigerator only will cost \$1.88, and the completely frostless, \$3.51. A refrigerator over 15 cu. ft. usually will cost about \$1 more a month to operate than one under 15 feet. Utility companies like to advertise that you can operate a big frost-free model "for only 16 cents a day". If they broke it down to the hourly cost it would sound even less.

**Spring dresses:** You may not eat well this spring, but you can dress well: If you avoid the fleeting "ugly" fashions like the garish, geometric "op art" patterns, there also are classic styles available at relatively reasonable prices in modern easy-care fabrics. You will find more blends of polyester fiber (Dacron, etc.) with cotton or rayon; acrylic fibers (Orlon, Creslan, etc.) and other relatively easy-care fabrics such as Arnel triacetate (a second cousin to acetate).

We nominate as the apparel buy of the season two-piece suits of polyester-cotton or polyester-rayon in linen-like texture, for \$20-\$25. These are easy to care for, and versatile. They can be worn with blouse as a costume; without, more casually, and as separates. Another moderate-price buy is two-piece knit suits of blends of acrylic fiber and mohair.

**Food Buying Calendar:** This is the flush season for eggs, and they are a best buy now even though prices are higher than last year. Eggs have complete protein. This means they are usable as an alternate for meat. Broilers are more expensive than last year even though supplies are larger, because of the increased demand as an alternate for costly red meats. But they still have relatively reasonable value. Canned salmon is more reasonable this year. Tuna is another low-priced substitute for meat.



## Stockton Report

## \$2 MILLION RIP-RAP JOB STARTS

By WALTER M. TALBOT, AL McNAMARA, CLAUDE ODOM

STOCKTON — The largest project let since our previous report went to Elmer G. Wendt of Rio Vista for \$2 million. This contract is for levee construction and stone protection of both banks of the San Joaquin River between the confluence with the Stanislaus River to Wetherbee Lake. The Wendt Co. is now developing a rock quarry in Ospital Canyon to furnish the levee job with rip-rap.

Mile High Drilling Co. of Wheatridge, Colorado, started work on the contract to the Army Corp of Engineers to drill six small (6' x 8') exploratory tunnels at the New Melones Dam site.

A. Teichert & Son was low bidder on the reconstruction of sections of Murphy and River Roads in the Escalon-Ripon area for \$118,000 and the two lane highway and drainage facilities on Highway 16 in Amador County for \$574,000.

Peter Kiewit Sons has a small crew of engineers at the Calaveras Cement Plant near San Andreas, sorting and shipping rock to their Half Moon Bay job, where it will be used as rip-rap.

Pomeroy & Gerwick will finish the sheet pile-driving job on the Woodbridge Dam before this article reaches the press. The dam, which creates Lodi Lake, was repaired about a year ago when a break developed in the dike. However, it continued to seep under thenew dike posing the possibility of breaking through again. P. & G. is driving sheet piling on the lake side of the dike to a depth necessary to cut off the seepage.

Eng & Wells and Associates have a survey party working on the Jackson Valley Dam recreation area.

Tompkins and Gallaven have resumed operations on a limited basis in the Lodi area.

David Newton Construction Co., who is constructing passing lanes on Highway 12 between Valley Springs and San Andreas, is having compaction problems at this time, but with the warmer weather now upon them, this situation should improve.

Swinerton & Walberg and Elmco employed a few operators this past month to make some modifications at the Libby-Owens-Ford glass plant in Lathrop.

Several smaller type city and county road and street jobs, that have already been bid and awarded, will get underway this month.

## JOB CHANGES

Western Contracting Corp. is moving some of the excavating equipment from Job No. 1, which has completed some phases of that contract, to Job No. 2, that still has a lot of dirt to be moved. One of the 13 yard Marion draglines is now working on the north end of Job No. 2.

H. O. Rutherford has resumed his slide removal operations on Western's Job No. 1. At this time, his A. C. equipment is working on a two shift basis.

The Wunderlich Co. is preparing to assemble and erect trimming and slip form equipment to line their portion of the California Aqueduct. This will also include two batch plants that will be needed to supply concrete for the eighteen and one half miles of new canal to be lined. The dry mix plant will be located

at the P.C.A. plant south of Tracy, and the wet mix plant will be used at different job site locations.

The California Youth Authority complex, located south of Stockton on Castle Road, continues to be a good source of employment for many operating engineers.

A. Teichert & Son, Continental-Heller, Nomellini Construction, R. W. Hubbard, F. A. Klinger Steel, Bambacigno Welding Works and individual owner operators all are kept busy at this institution. On March 29th bids will be opened for the construction of another 400 bed compound with an estimated cost of \$4.5 million. Construction work has been in progress at

this site for the past two years, and with the new contract mentioned and others to follow, this condition is expected to prevail for another six or seven years.

The aggregate producers, particularly on the west side of the valley, should have a bountiful season with the work that must be completed on the California Aqueduct and the West Side Freeway and its approaches.

Work in the mountains is not expected to get underway until next month at the earliest and probably not until June at the higher elevations.

## JOBS FOR BID

Road realignment and construction on Hammer Lane, Lower Sacramento and Thornton Road—San Joaquin County.

## Trans-Bay Tube

## Site Clearing Signals Progress

By ED HEARNE, JERRY BLAIR, GUY JONES, TOM CARTER, AL GONSALVES, BOB HUEBNER

OAKLAND — Demolition of several ancient ferryboat slips at the Oakland terminus of the Bay Area Rapid Transit district trans-bay tube site signalled the start of this long-awaited project. Clearing the way is also starting at the site of the San Francisco proposed tube entrance near the Ferry Building.

When completed in 1969, commuters will whisk across the bay between Oakland and San Francisco in a mere eight minutes through the \$89.8 million tube.

The joint venture of Peter Kiewit, Raymond International Inc., Tidewater Construction Corp. and Healy-Tibbitts Construction Co. is undertaking the project.

A total of 57 tube sections will be fabricated in the San Francisco yard of Bethlehem Steel Corp., sealed and then floated into position at the tube site where they will be carefully lowered into place in a shallow trench dredged along the bay bottom.

The sections will form the main body of the tube in addition to conventional shield-driven tunneling and cofferdam construction to provide necessary connections at each end.

The outside dimensions will be 24 by 48 feet and are about the length of a destroyer. Internal sections will house two lines of tracks in addition to ventilating equipment.

The sections will be put into place at the rate of one every two weeks, starting later this year at Oakland.

## Back to Work?

As happens every year at this time the dispatchers start getting many calls for men, and when they start trying to fill the jobs, many of the men on the list have been called back to work by former employers and have not removed themselves from the out-of-work list. This takes a lot of time checking these out and adding all of this time up it may mean an extra day that some of the Brothers are out of work.

When you are called to return to your last job, Brothers, have the courtesy to call in and let us know so that we can remove your name from the list and speed up the filling of jobs.

Bids were opened on the Del Valle Dam and a contract was awarded to Green-Winston for the construction of this earth fill dam located eight miles south of Livermore. Start of the job will probably be about the 15th of April with completion about the late summer of 1967. So far this is just speculation as we have not had a pre-job conference with the company yet. More details in next month's edition.

Lee Stephens still has a large spread of equipment working on the relocation of the Del Valle road which will provide access for the ranchers in the canyon behind the lake that will form when the dam is completed. Doing an outstanding job as Job Steward is Brother Chuck Cardwell.

Piombo along with their subcontractor Trans Pacific Tractor has a crew of about thirty engineers working on the intake canal for the Delta Pump Station. This job is about three-fourths completed.

## CONTRA COSTA

Eugene Luhr Company is back to work on their Walnut Creek canal job after being shut down for the winter. Also Roberts Bros. have four DW-20s and three cats on the same job.

Martin Bros. have all of their equipment busy on several subdivision jobs around Concord and Pleasant Hill.

Oliver de Silva Construction Company has completed the dirt moving on two sub-divisions in Walnut Creek and are starting another in Moraga.

John Blair Construction Company is back to work at Virginia Hills after being shut down for the winter.

## CONTRA LOMA DAM

Parish Brothers were low bidders on the Contra Loma Dam in Antioch. The bid in this project was just under two million dollars, and involves about three quarters of a million yards of dirt plus several large concrete structures. This job is scheduled to start some time in April.

Eugene Alves Co. won the bid on the relocation road from Lone Tree Way to the Dam site, and work starts this month.

Stolte Inc. has kept six and

Jack Tone Road reconstruction —San Joaquin County.

Two lane highway and drainage facilities west of Coulterville —approximate budget allocation of \$1.5 million, Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties.

## FIRST AND TRAINING

The first class of the standard first aid course was held in Stockton on March 24th at the Red Cross facilities at 930 N. Commerce Street. We are expecting to start a class in Modesto as soon as the Red Cross people furnish an instructor.

Members that are interested in this training or the advanced courses, please leave your name with the dispatcher in either the Stockton or Modesto office.

## Peace Corps Need Worker

The Peace Corps urgently needs men and women to work with tools, hands, heads and hearts, according to Donovan V. McClure, Associate Director.

"We have requests at present for more than 5,000 additional volunteers with abilities in more than 300 skill areas," he said. "Countries around the world are asking for machinists, lathe operators, electricians, carpenters, heavy equipment operators, mechanics and craftsmen from a virtually endless list. Their job, to help build a better world and to keep it running."

Further information about Peace Corps opportunities can be obtained from your local post office or from Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. 20525.

seven engineers busy most of the winter on a water treatment plant at the top of Lark Lane in Walnut Creek. Stolte is doing the concrete and structure work, and A. Turrin and Sons the grade work. Completion date is some time in late summer.

Underground Construction has a 30-inch water line project from the treatment plant to Ygnacio Valley Road in Walnut Creek and has been keeping a

large crew busy the last two months on this job.

At the Shell Refinery, in Martinez, Flour Corp. reached a peak about the first of the year with over forty operators and oilers on the job. This peak should hold until amid-summer. C. F. Braun Company as well as Ralph M. Parsons Company, the other two major contractors on the job, have cut their crews down due to the fact that the project is over 80 per cent complete.

## Building Trades Conference Spurs 'Situs Picket' Bill

WASHINGTON — More than 4,000 building trades leaders from all parts of the nation spearheaded a drive for passage this year of the on-site picketing bill and other major legislative goals.

At a four-day legislative conference of the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Dept., they heard their program strongly supported by top Administration officials and by congressmen and senators from both parties.

The delegates talked as well as listened, calling on members of Congress from their home states to urge support also for such key bills as minimum wage expansion and unemployment compensation improvements.

Labor Sec. W. Willard Wirtz told the delegates "it is long past time" to correct the Taft-Hartley Act "so that it recognizes that the right to picket peacefully applies equally at a construction site, as it does wherever else there is a labor dispute."

## PROHIBITS PICKETING

The secondary boycott ban in the Taft-Hartley Act has been held to prohibit picketing at a multi-employer construction site if a union has a dispute with one of the contractors or subcontractors. Four Presidents have urged Congress to legalize situs picketing and a situs bill has been cleared by the House Labor and Rules Committees.

Frank Bonadio, secretary-treasurer of the Building & Construction Trades Dept., referred to it in a report to the delegates as

"the bill we want most." Bonadio presided at the conference in the absence of Pres. C. J. Haggerty, who is recuperating from an operation.

Wirtz told the delegates they were "rightly" impatient at the delay in eliminating the "unintended, unfair, discriminatory restriction of on site picketing."

## IMPATIENCE JUSTIFIED

Their unions, he noted, have supported every legislative proposal to strengthen the nation and have sought nothing for labor "unless it could be fairly identified as being also in the public interest."

The impatience is additionally justified, Wirtz said, "for the way things have started" with failure to repeal the "right-to-work" section of the Taft-Hartley Act.

"When the issue is as important as repealing Section 14(b)," he added, "we aren't going to do any pretending about being good losers—not when we lost because we were denied even the right to a vote."

The conference was told by the ranking Republican member of the House Labor Committee, William H. Ayres of Ohio, that he did not expect a Republican filibuster in the Senate against the on-site picketing bill, as there was against 14(b) repeal.

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# Two Freeway Projects total \$10 Million

By BOB SKIDGEL, C. L. MOORE, HARLEY DAVIDSON, JIM HALL, LAKE AUSTIN

SAN JOSE—The State Division of Highways will call for bids this week on two major highway projects in Monterey and San Benito Counties. The estimated \$10 million project in Monterey County calls for reconstruction of 6.8 miles of Highway 1 and the Monterey-Salinas Highway (Route 68) as a four lane freeway.

Six miles of Highway 1 will be built as freeway, starting at Coe Avenue in Fort Ord to a point three-tenths of a mile southwest of Viego Road.

Eight-tenths of a mile of the Monterey-Salinas Highway will become a freeway, extending east from Highway 1.

In San Benito County an estimated \$1.25 million project involves extension of Highway 156 from 2.3 miles north of Hollister, and another 5.1 miles northerly to the Santa Clara County line. The extension will include two lanes of what ultimately is intended as a four lane expressway.

## SALINAS PLANT

Construction began in Salinas today on a new \$2.2 million food seasoning plant for Schilling, Division of McCormick & Company, leading spice and extracts manufacturer. The site is at Hausen and Harkins Streets in South Salinas.

Robert C. Crampton, Executive Vice President of McCormick & Co. joined John L. Chapman, President of Associated Construction & Engineering Co. of South San Francisco, to turn the first spade of earth for the 296,000 square-foot structure to be built by Associated.

The Salinas complex will be the production headquarters for the Western Division, and will house production, distribution and quality.

The structure is expected to be completed by November. The new plant will be constructed of poured-in place concrete panels.

Burke Construction Co. from San Luis Obispo were low for construction bridge, grade and surface approaches at Willow Creek. This job went for \$67,802.

Granite Construction Co. was low bidder for the North Salinas sewer main. This job went for \$380,418.

Award went to Herman Neuman from El Cajon for construction of roads, park areas, utilities systems, comfort stations and miscellaneous features at the Pinnacle National Monument, California. This contract went for \$132,884.

Granite has started the San Juan Road just north of Salinas. They have 11 engineers on this project at this time.

Ted Watkins and Jesse Harrison are trying hard to get their projects started on the San Antonio projects. It is still very wet.

Harms Brothers' highway job at Bradley will get underway around the first of April.

A message to all Brother Operating Engineers — Beware and alert on all new equipment because all crafts are trying to do our operating. Please call your office or Business Representative and keep them advised.

L. C. Smith Co. started the Almaden Expressway again with Peterson Brothers excavating and Pisano Brothers on the underground work.

In the Almaden area, several

contractors such as A. J. Raisch, George Bianchi, Sanco Pipe, Inc., Ted Holms, West Valley and Earl Heple have small jobs, with several of the engineers working.

## TOWER CRANE

Pankow Construction Co. has a Bucyrus Mark IV tower crane in now and is setting it to start the 13-Floor American Title building at North First and Taylor Street in San Jose. This should make Brother Jack Stoddard happy, as he is the operator on this crane and has been sitting around for some time waiting for it to get in.

Owner-developer Demon Hunter, of Palo Alto, is also seeking permission for a heliport on the roof, which would be a first for San Jose. There will also be parking for 360 cars. This building should provide work for a crew of engineers for around two years.

Barnhart Construction Co. of Santa Clara was low bidder on the new Smythe Buick dealership facility at Stevens Creek and Kiely Blvd. in Santa Clara. This is an \$800,000 job. Alken Construction Co. was low bidder for Santa Clara Savings and Loan Association's new office building in Santa Clara.

## DEANZA COLLEGE

Barnhart and Dillingham are busy on the new DeAnza College with several sub-contractors using a lot of Brother engineers. This should be a good job for a lot of the Brothers for some time to come.

Carl N. Swenson had a "topping-out" party on the new Medical Science Building, at East Santa Clara and 14th Street, and his tower crane will likely go to the Bellarmine College job in San Jose.

Leo Piazza started the paving Stevens Creek Blvd. If the weather permits, he will be able to get this done and it should make a difference traffic-wise on this street.

Kaiser is building conveyors and C.T.B. plant at Permanente Quarry to provide material for the Los Altos freeway for Green & Winston Co.

In the Palo Alto, the Wall Street Journal building, in the Stanford Industrial area, is starting, with Howard White as contractor. Freeman Paving is doing the excavation on El Camino in Palo Alto for a new five-floor bank building, with Carl Holvick as the prime contractor. Also, Henry C. Beck in adding one floor about every two weeks on their office building in Palo Alto.

In the Los Altos area, the Freeman Paving Company is busy with dirt moving on the Junipero Serra Freeway, and J. C. Bateman started on the Central Expressway. Sondgroth has been held up with underground work, but should resume again this month on their section. Bahr and Leydoyen are very busy on the widening of San Antonio, and Winston & Green are very busy with trucks and loaders on the north section of Junipero Serra.

## MORE BUILDINGS

L. C. Smith has a good start on the Alma Expressway in Mountain View and has also resumed work on their section of Highway 9, just below Moffett Field. Bragatto Paving is still working on their project at Lockheed.

Hewlett Packard started two buildings on Middlefield and Mt.

View-Alviso Road in Mountain View. Herrick is setting steel and Petersen Brothers are doing the underground. Sondgroth Brothers were low bidder on a mile new roadway that is an extension of Mathilda Avenue in Sunnyvale, which will eliminate a bad turn on Highway 9. This company is also busy on the parking lots for Syntex in the Stanford Industrial area and on the Middlefield street project.

## SANTA CRUZ AREA

Work in Santa Cruz County is still on the upswing, with a number of new jobs started and most of the projects that were down because of weather have started up again. Mud is still holding off a couple of dirt jobs, but probably by the time this is printed in the Engineers News they too will be working.

Kester & Son Construction, of Santa Cruz, have started on the Seaciff Beach job, with Raymond Concrete Pile in to drive the piling and some of the excavating work is in progress. This half-million dollar job includes a new stairway from the cliff above the beach to the beach area itself, new rest rooms near the park's famed cement ship, additional picnic facilities, and a new service center and shop building for park workers. There will be a giant parking lot on the cliff behind the beach to take care of the overflow of autos that bring visitors to the beach. This is a very welcome ad-

dition to the beach and park areas in and around the city of Santa Cruz.

At the U.C. Campus there is a few smaller jobs going on, with about twenty operating engineers working in this area. Some of the work planned for the campus has been delayed until later in the summer when the number of students will be at a reduced number.

Jasper Construction job on the Santa Cruz Court House is still rolling along on schedule, and this job has proved to be a good money job for the Brothers working on this building.

Granite Construction has moved into the new offices in Santa Cruz. The new building and shop area are a big improvement for this department. This company has work in this immediate area to keep their regular crews, and if they are successful in catching some of the contracts to be let this year there is a good chance of working extra operating engineers.

Central Supply is still working on the new hot plant complex in Aromas, but it will still be a couple of months before the new plant will be in operation.

Granite Rock is geared up for another big year this year. The revamping of some parts of the plant from last year will help keep the rock volume up again this year.

## WINTER REPAIRS

The Rock Sand and Gravel plants are just about finished

## Full Committee OKs FLSA Bill

A bill to extend minimum wage protections to more than 6.6 million more workers, including 435,000 farm workers, and boost the national minimum for workers already covered to \$1.60 an hour by February 1, 1968, won the approval of the full 31-member House Education Committee this week with only "one or two" dissents on a voice vote.

The measure is not expected to be brought to the floor of the House until after the April 7-18 House Easter recess.

As presently approved, the bill would hike the present \$1.25 minimum to \$1.40 on February 1, 1967, and raise it to \$1.60 on February 1, 1968. These increases would apply to about 30 million workers already covered by the Fair Labor Standards Act.

with the winter repairs and are getting back into production again. The orders so far are ahead of last season, so there is a good chance for another long run. The brothers working in these plants are hoping for another prosperous season this year.

The four major underground jobs are in various stages of completion. Drummond & Bronneck's tunnel job is about 75% completed, and their sewer line job on Front Street is about the half way mark. Glanville Construction's job should be completed and paved by the time this gets printed. Underground's job on the U.C. Campus is about 60% completed.

## \$10 Disability Benefit Termed Inadequate

Governor Edmund G. Brown this week added Workmen's Compensation to the special call of the legislature and urged the state's lawmakers to boost the maximum weekly temporary disability benefits under the program from \$70 to \$80.

State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts said he was heartened that the Governor had finally been convinced of the urgency to increase benefits for workers hurt on the job, but added that the Governor's proposal of only a \$10 increase in weekly temporary disability benefits was "far too low."

The Governor's own blue-ribbon Workmen's Compensation Study Commission, Pitts noted, recommended last year that 75 percent of all claimants should get a temporary disability benefit amount of 61 1/4 percent of average weekly earnings.

"If the Governor merely followed the recommendations of his own Study Commission, his proposed increase should be more than double the figure he

has just called for. The Commission's report would call for a boost to \$94 instead of just to \$80 in maximum weekly temporary disability benefits," he explained.

"If anyone has any doubt about the niggardliness of California's current benefit levels," Pitts said, "they should bear in mind that Arizona's maximum temporary benefit is already \$150, Alaska's \$100, and Hawaii's \$112.50."

To further illustrate the gross inadequacies of the state's program Pitts pointed out that the maximum weekly temporary disability benefits for federal workers hurt on the job is already \$121.50 and that the House of Representatives recently passed and sent to the Senate H.R. 10721 which calls for boosting that figure to \$322.57.

In announcing his action, Governor Brown pointed out that both houses of the legislature approved a \$10 increase last year but the bill to accomplish the

increase failed because of failure to agree on last-minute amendments.

"The increase not only would provide a needed increase in benefits for injured workers but would end a glaring inequity in which workers now, in effect, subsidize the workmen's compensation program in the amount of more than \$1.5 million a year."

The Governor explained that while the maximum weekly temporary workmen's compensation benefit, which is financed by employers, remains at \$70, the maximum weekly benefit for a non-occupational disability under the off-the-job disability insurance program financed by workers is \$80.

A claimant is entitled to the difference in benefits to be paid to him out of the non-occupational disability fund when this benefit is larger than what he receives on an on-the-job disability under the state's workmen's compensation program, the Governor explained.

## Keeping Pace

# Rebuild, Repair and Revamp

By SAN JOSE OFFICE

SAN JOSE—Whether it's the rock plant industry, building industry or heavy highway construction, Operating Engineers are trying to keep up with a higher output of material and production. All employers have had extra work in this field, adding more size to their crushers and getting better and larger hot plants.

Reed & Graham Co. is rebuilding and replacing. At the Sunol plant they are replacing two 4,000 pound hot plants with a new 10,000 pound plant. They are also replacing the Santa Clara 4,000 plant with a new 6,000 pound plant.

Hillsdale Rock should have the new Cone-Crusher plant set up and producing by the time this issue reaches you, Brothers Ed

Nelson and Clyde Manning, the crew on the 95 dragline, are doing the hoisting. Frank Chillicott, the bass man; Frank Nye and Brother Duffy, plant operators, and Mike Bastine, the oiler, will be glad to see this get into operation as the old Cedar Rapids was getting very tired and worn. Hank Matoza got pretty nervous when the old plant was down for repairs. Wish you lots of luck with the new operation, Hank!



## Salt Lake News

# Water Treatment Plant Ends Turbidity

By HUGH BODAM, JAY NEELEY, MERLIN BOWMAN, JOHN THORNTON, VANCE ABBOTT, TOM BILLS, JACK SHORT

SALT LAKE — Spring is a magic word here in Utah and April is the month we anticipate the beginning of construction. Things are looking up and by the time this reaches you we should be well on the way.

Salt Lake City's water supply will get a boost later this month and early next when the new \$2,257,619 Parleys Canyon water treatment plant swings into operation. The engineers are checking out the facility and coordinating and adjusting equipment.

When the problems are solved, the plant will process 21 million gallons of water daily with a maximum capacity of about 24 mgd.

This modern plant, with precast stone panels, is situated just below Mountain Dell Dam in Parleys Canyon. It is the newest of the three treatment plants on which the city has spent about \$6 million. The two other plants are in Big Cottonwood Canyon and City Creek Canyon.

The water yield from Mountain Dell reservoir is expected to increase when the new plant goes into operation. Up to now, water became turbid when it reached a level of half the height of the dam. The water was usable but objectionable to the public. By using chemical coagulation and rapid sand filters, the Parleys facility will be able to solve the turbidity problem, thus freeing hundreds of acre feet of water for public use.

Three outlet boxes in the dam control the flow levels so that the best water can be obtained. The influent is treated chemically as it enters the building. Depending on the condition of the water, the following chemicals are added: quick lime, hydrated lime, alum (dry and liquid), hagan, sepran, activated carbon, silicon, chlorine and sulfur dioxide.

After going through flash mixers, the water is routed back in the direction of the dam into a big flocculation (coagulation) basin and then into a sedimentation basin. From here it is taken back into the building and into the rapid sand filters. There are six of these units which filter water down through gravel. A clearwell receives the processed water and feeds it into the city's water system. This completes the process.

## NORTHERN AREA

Work has been slow starting this Spring due to inclement weather. We have been fortunate in having a few jobs carry through the Winter.

Hoover McGhan and Didricksen Brothers have worked 60 hours a week, rain or snow, at Little Mountain. Gibbons & Reed, at Round Valley, has been shut down because of falling rocks. The State Road Commission has been hanging chain link fence over the face of the mountain attempting to stop the falling rocks. At Hot Springs, Gibbons & Reed Company have a fairly good start but the earth is still very muddy. They should be getting started on their new job at 3rd to 31st Streets any day now.

Please remember we have an area meeting in Ogden the 3rd Tuesday of every month. We

invite all of you to attend.

## EAST CANYON DAM

East Canyon Dam, Morgan County, is nearly completed six months ahead of schedule. The Dam looms 440 feet high and 55 feet higher than the old dam behind it as the last bucket of concrete was placed recently. General Contractor, L. D. Shilling of Creswell, Oregon completed 98.6 per cent of the \$2,190,000 project in 74 per cent of the time allotted. A part of the Weber Basin Project, East Canyon is one of six storage dams in the Project. Construction on the new dam, 15 ft. in front of the old, began in mid-1964 and was slated for completion by July 29, 1966.

## SOUTHERN AREA

During the latter part of March, work is slowly starting to move and this is good for unemployment benefits are getting short as well as patience. The out of work list has started to decline with call backs and a few new jobs starting.

American Bridge has a short job at Geneva which has put about a dozen members to work. W. W. Clyde & Thorn Const. Co. are back on their finishing and structures on I-15 from Provo south. There will be a surfacing job as well as several more structures let on this section of Freeway very soon.

Jack Parson is starting his job at Jerico and Cox Const. Inc. are digging in at Fayette. Cox also has a job at Birds Eye but don't plan to start until late next month.

L. A. Young Co. has a good start on Marysville Canyon. Clearing is nearing completion and Wayne Burr is working on the channel change with a Northwest model 6 Backhoe. This Company still has a sizeable crew

working on grade and crushing at Escalante and as they can spare equipment it will be sent to Marysville.

W. W. Clyde has started crushing gravel at Cedar City for I-15 and will call back some of their crew if weather permits to help them finish this freeway project this season.

There has been too much snow in Indian Canyon for Stratton Brothers to start their job, but they intend to go to work as soon as they can.

Work has not started yet, but the first phase of the Central Utah Bureau Housing Project was let in Duchesne, March 10. Although it is a small job it carries a great deal of importance, for it is the realization of a long-time dream and the reward of a battle that has been going on for many years to provide an additional water supply for the industrial and agricultural region of Utah. This is a large project in scope and construction. If this project progresses as planned it will provide work for many of our members through the area for several years to come.

Whiting & Haymond has most of the needed equipment placed on their job at Sheep Creek waiting for the frost to go out of the ground and the Bureau to give them the go ahead. There are a few members on the job clearing and doing preliminary work.

There are several other small jobs around Flaming Gorge that are waiting for the weather to warm so they can be completed. Some additional proposals for this area have been given but there is nothing definite yet.

## CANYONLANDS

The activity in the oil fields in this part of the state has slowed down considerably but

the outlook for future drilling looks a little brighter.

At the present time we have filed with the NLRB for an election with the Calvert Exploration Co. to represent their employees in a collective bargaining agreement. Calvert Exploration is engaged in the oil drilling industry, and presently is drilling a 11,100-foot hole for the Texaco Co. approximately 20 miles from Moab. There are four members working for this firm and they deserve a great deal of credit for the coming election.

Strong Co. has both jobs at Green River underway with the weather holding stable and looking favorable as we go into the first part of Spring. We held a pre-job conference at Green River with Strong Co., successful bidder on six miles of I-70 at a cost of \$1,889,000. Superintendent on this project will be Frank Johnson. Happy to see Brother "Amby" Cripps back on his feet and moving about. He had trouble with his knee from the other job and was laid up for some time. "Amby" is a foreman for the company.

W. W. Clyde's project south of Moab has received the "green light" and is moving dirt after doing all the preliminary work through the Winter.

We have an organizing campaign going on in this section of the state and hope to have more to report in the next edition of the paper.

Brother Dale Marr, Vice-President and Safety Supervisor of Local No. 3, visited the Brothers in Moab and conducted a Safety Meeting during March. It was well attended by the members and also some of the fine citizens of this Community. We received many favorable comments from these people.

## Survey Notes

By  
DAVE  
REA



With the Bay Area Rapid Transit awarding the contract of the "Bay Tube" related work should be on the upswing. Oakland still has many on the out-of-work list, but with the coming of spring it should help this situation.

Contemplated work on heavy construction is still a question. Many projects are being talked about, but are slow coming to life. We are hoping that the Bullards Bar job will soon be a reality.

## STEWARDS RESPONSE

In the previous issue of the "Engineers News" I commented on the necessity of Stewards with Surveying firms. The response has been good; Stewards are being appointed in each district to help combat the many problems the Survey industry faces.

## SACRAMENTO CLASS

The day will come when related training classes will be available for those members who want to better themselves. This will become a reality in Sacramento, District 8. In the first part of this month Survey classes will begin. For further information contact the Sacramento Office.

## TECH MEETINGS

In the next issue of the Engineers News there will be schedules for Technical Engineers meetings. Watch for this issue and attend the meeting in your area.

# Big Projects Lag in San Mateo Area

By BILL RANEY, MIKE KRAY NICK, GEORGE BAKER

SAN MATEO — The "out-of-work" list remains quite large in spite of numerous big projects in various stages of completion, such as the two large Junipero Serra Freeway jobs in the North end of this area being held down somewhat by rain and mud; the San Mateo Bridge, under construction by Murphy Pacific and Kaiser Steel, has been held up awaiting "red iron"; Caputo's San Mateo Creek Bridge job is still in the early stages, and only about 10 Engineers on the site at this time. The Stanford Linear Accelerator is tapering off; Foster City's heavy dirt work has slowed down for the time being; Redwood Shores hasn't started.

It has been a very rough winter for those Brothers who found themselves between jobs at the wrong time and yet a very good winter for the great majority of the Brothers.

## GRADE SETTING

A grade setting class will start Wednesday, April 13, at College of San Mateo in Building 14, Room 103. The class will certainly improve the wage earning capacity of Brothers increasing their knowledge. This knowledge is directly proportionate to your

yearly paycheck. Being an accomplished grade setter is a mandatory prerequisite to getting or holding a foreman or superintendent job on any dirt spread. We know of many Brothers who are highly skilled dozer or blade operators, but lack the technical know-how of reading the finer details of a set of stakes and or plans.

The operator who knows these technicalities is the man who stays the longest on the job and is also called back first after a layoff. The grade setting class will run for the remainder of the semester. If enough interest is shown, we can plan another such class next September.

We note that the L. C. Smith Company was awarded the one-half million dollar job at the San Francisco Airport for runway extension and pavement reconstruction of runway 10R; plus a resurfacing job on Industrial Road in San Carlos; O. C. Jones is back in the area at the south end of the County for a \$150,000 surfacing job back of Menlo Park.

As part of Local 3's overall safety program a great many beginner first aid classes are being taught, all at about the

same time, over most of Local 3's jurisdiction.

Your San Mateo area is no exception. We have arranged for a beginners class to be held at the American Red Cross headquarters at 1449 Bellevue Avenue in Burlingame. This beginners class started at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 25, and will continue each Friday night for 5 or 6 weeks. It is hoped that the Brothers previously registered and attending will bring their wives and that they will continue on to the advanced class. For those who had not previously registered, if enough interest is shown by a substantial group signing up for same in the San Mateo office, we will try to arrange another class.

## PRIMO RETIRES

Brother Primo Folgi has applied for his retirement this last month. Primo has been on one job site for 41 years. He now feels it is time for a change. He will certainly be missed around the H. E. Casey batch plant and yard in San Mateo as he knows every nut and bolt by their first names.

Brother Folgi plans to tour Europe for at least six months before settling down. Primo,

wishing to pass on some of the wisdom he has gained over the years, advises "Don't work for any company over 40 years!"

## FOCUS ON SAFETY

We note that the new state regulations on safety specifications are causing some thoughtful study by some employers. We fear, however, that some employers who are putting off doing anything will be caught short when the legal deadlines arrive. We also note that certain larger and forward-looking companies are well along the way to compliance before the compulsory dates of Aug. 1. The Oscar Holmes Co. is one of these. They have gone far beyond the required specifications, thereby showing a sincere desire to protect the life and limb of their employees. Holmes has had six formal safety meetings with his supervision and plans a series of safety meetings for crane operators and another series for all employees. We note the company is already installing backup signals on some of his equipment. We urge other employers to instigate a similar sincere program as a credit to the industry.



## ●Hawaii Report

# Hilo Sewer Plant Poses Unique Problems

By HAROLD LEWIS, BERT NAKANO, WILFRED BROWN, KEN KAHOONEI

HONOLULU—Construction on the "Big Island" (Hawaii) has been moving slowly for several months, however, it has started to pick up the tempo.

Reed & Martin, Inc., after encountering much difficulty in the excavation of a pit 30 feet below water level for a Sewer Pump Station of the Hilo Sewer System, has finally started things moving. After driving concrete piles into the bottom of the pit and refilling it with crushed rock above the water level, a concrete shell building was constructed.

The building is now being sunk to 30 feet below the water level as the clamshell buckets of two cranes began scooping up the crushed rocks from the inside of the shell and around the outside of the building. After sinking the shell to the bottom, water will be pumped out of the shell and concrete will be poured into the bottom to form the floor of the building, which will be about four floors high when completed. The Hilo Sewer System is being built at a cost of \$5.5 million.

New projects on the "Big Island" include the new Naniloa Hotel, located along Hilo Bay Shore, which is being constructed by Hawaiian Dredging & Construction Company.

J. M. Tanaka, Inc. was the successful bidder of the second increment of the Kukuihale Road leading to the historic Waipio Valley when completed.

Sincerest thanks for a job "well done" goes to Brothers William Kaainoa, Hideo Fujisawa, Leroy Andrade and Seiji Sakuma, who participated in the negotiations with American Factors, Ltd.; and Brothers Sadao Oshiro, Kenneth Muranaka, Herman Ludwig and Mitsuo Ogata, for their participation in the negotiations with Hawaiian Equipment Co. As a result, two new agreements have been consummated with both companies.

### ISLAND OF MAUI

There is much activity on the Island of Maui in construction work.

Healy Tibbitts Construction Co. has its Dredge No. 6 working in Kahului Harbor, repairing the Westside breakwater. Tri-bars weighing 35 to 50 tons are being set along the existing breakwater to protect it from the surging, pounding surf.

Land & Construction Co. will soon be completing the Molokai Water Line project if rain does not hamper their operations. The company is also building a new maintenance shop. Norman Souza is the new Steward at this company.

New projects on the Island of Maui includes the lower Kula-Maui Water Line; the 5.5 mile Honokahu Road in Lahaina; Napili-Alaeloa Pipeline, and the Kahului Airport Drainage project. Fong Construction Co. was the successful bidder for all of the projects.

### ISLAND OF OAHU

Hawaiian Bitumuls & Paving Co. completed paving a large portion of Barber's Point Air-strip and Taxi Way, and is working at the Lunalilo Freeway. Resurfacing is approximately 90 per cent completed. They started from Keeaumoku Street, which goes East to South King Street

and from Kapahulu Blvd. back to the West to Lunalilo Street. You certainly can't miss Brother Richard Kapiko who stands over 6 ft. and weighs 275 pounds. He has been employed with this company for 15 years.

Around-the-clock hauling for Kaiser Cement & Gypsum Corporation has kept more than 30 truckers busy for five consecutive days. Trucking companies involved were Kam's Express, American Trucking Co., Ltd. and the Pacific Truckers Association. There are not many drivers who enjoy driving those huge tractor-trailers, however, Brothers William Puhi, David Nui and Stanley Pascual, employed by Kam's Express, are among a few truck drivers who look forward to this type of long-hour hauling.

Kam's Express, owned by brothers, Thomas and Herbert Kam, has been with Local 3 for more than five years. The relationship between management, employees and Union has become very harmonious. Kam's Express started their business with only a handful of trucks and today are among the leaders in the Trucking Industry. There is no doubt that this Company will continue to expand and progress in the future.

### SAFETY RECORD

As of this writing, the record shows two Brother members have died as a result of industrial accidents and two other brother members are dead due to natural causes. In addition, there were many unfortunate accidents the past months that might have resulted in the loss of another brother member. Please practice safety at all times! Make it a habit!

## Human Tears Mark Of a Human Being

SAN FRANCISCO — Human tears are an indelible mark of a human being.

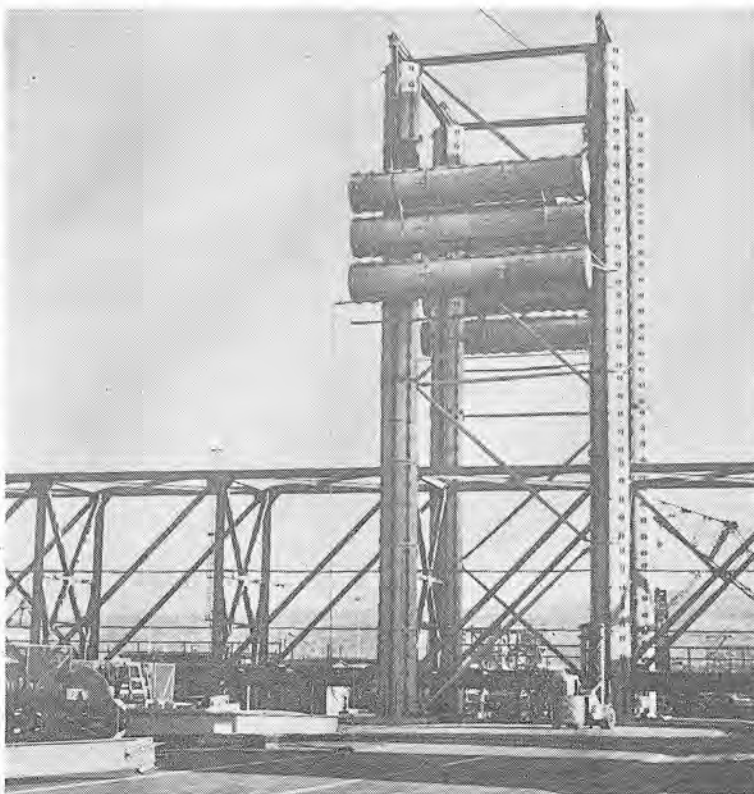
This is the contention of Dr. Ernest K. Goodner, eye specialist at the University of California Medical Center. "Crocodiles don't have tears. Neither do bears. Monkeys have a trace of human-type tears, and gibbons, by their tears, show a closer relationship to man," he says.

"For the production of real, copious lysozyme tears, it takes a creature like you," says Dr. Goodner. "The human tear contains a hormone called lysozyme which is a mild agent that kills bacteria. It was discovered by Dr. Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of penicillin, and is produced by the lachrymal gland."

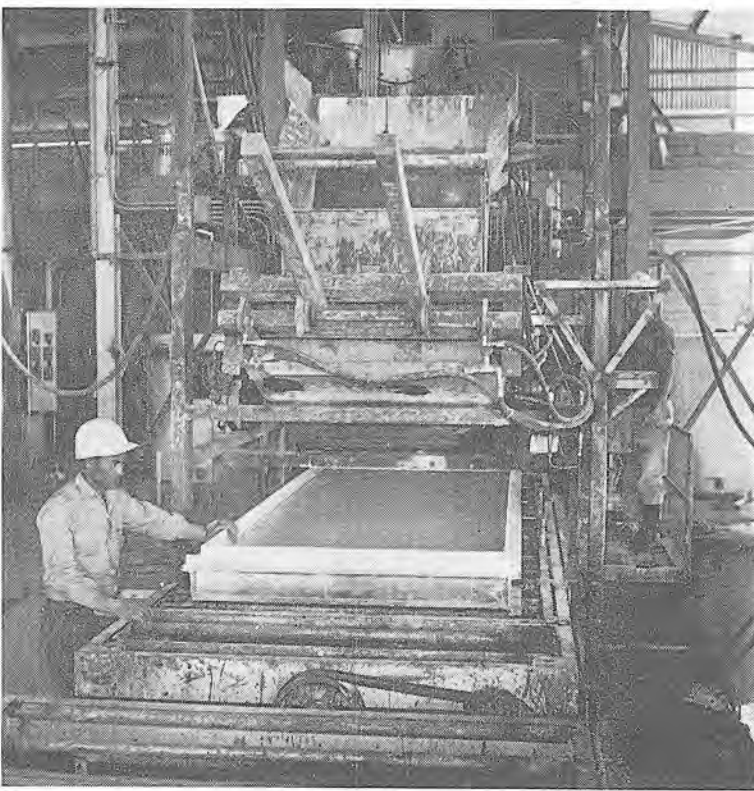
The chemistry of tears became interesting to researchers who were looking for a way to diagnose keratitis sicca—an inflammation of the eyeball that sometimes affects middle-aged and elderly women and cuts off their tear supply.

After researchers discovered that lysozyme was indeed a common ingredient of human tears, Dr. W. K. McEwen of the UC Medical Center staff decided to find out whether other animals had this substance in their tears.

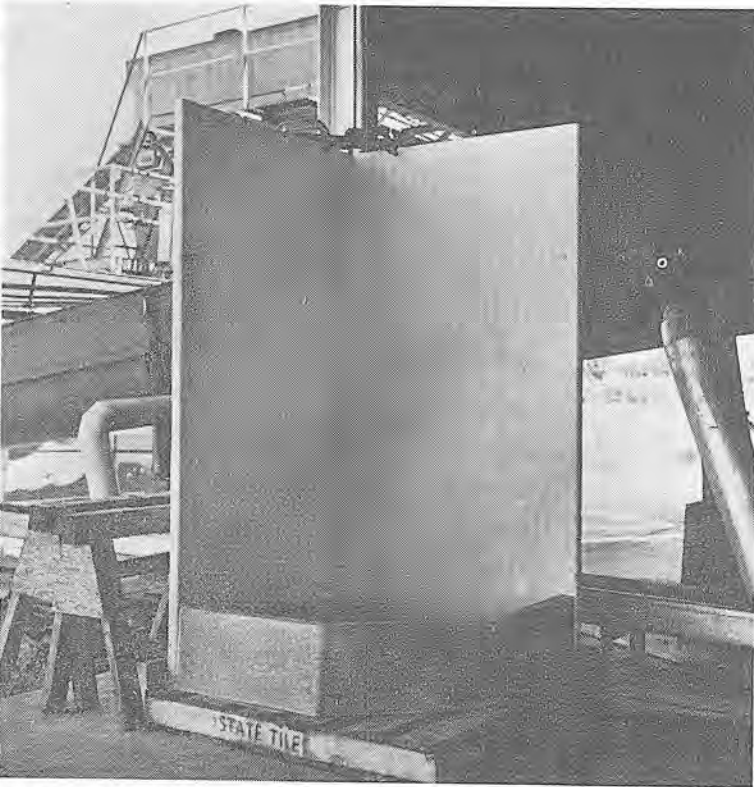
"Tests in the San Francisco zoo showed that only primates had genuine tears with lysozyme," Dr. Goodner concluded.



**RESTYLED**—Pearl Harbor's "Gallant Lady," widely used during World War II to refit and repair war-damaged ships, is getting a "new do" and is being reconstructed to handle container cargo in Honolulu.



**VERSICRETE**—This is manufacture of new building material product in Hawaii by State Tile Co. Local 3 employee is Felipe Quinsaas and Tranquilino.



**STALL SHOWER** — Here is a home shower displaying versatility of Versicrete which has the appearance of marble.

## 'Gallant Lady' Gets Face-Lift In Honolulu

By HONOLULU OFFICE

HONOLULU—The four-legged monstrosity, or the "Gallant Lady" as some will call the Bridge Gantry Crane (BG-1) at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (Shop 02), no longer stands tall. It has been dismantled.

The BG-1 was built in 1942 by Pacific Bridge Co. for use in the construction of Drydock 4 and has since been a landmark. The lifting capabilities of "Gallant Lady" was tremendous, and it played a vital role in World War II when the shipyard returned war-damaged ships to the scene of action in record time. She was capable of lifting large, heavy destroyer bow sections.

At the end of the war years, her demand was reduced to handling stored material and small boats, therefore, rather than spend thousands of dollars in maintenance costs, the shipyard decided to end her 23-year career at Pearl Harbor and put her up for sale.

According to the latest report, she will be reconstructed as a container crane for the Honolulu Harbor, and the "Gallant Lady" will soon embark on a new role—still serving the people of Hawaii.

## Sugar Cane Is Source of New Building Material

Sugar cane waste products in Hawaii has found an important role in the construction industry, according to the Local 3 Honolulu office.

The manufactured product is labelled "Versicrete." Main ingredients are the cane waste, "Bagasse" and cement, plus a secret formula to give the product versatility and stability for interior or external uses.

The material may be manufactured thin as cardboard or to any large dimension, and has the appearance and durability of marble.

In Hawaii, the company is manufacturing the product for the construction of warehouses, garages, and homes. The State Tile Co., the product developer, also used Bagasse in the manufacture of canec-boards for use in ceiling sound-proofing.

State Tile's new Versicrete plant is located at Barber's Point, and employ 11 Local 3 members. Brother Bob Milliora is shop steward.

With an abundance of sugar cane in Hawaii, Versicrete could be an important addition to the state's economy.

## Register to Vote

Register to vote now in California. Deadline is April 14. Registrars will help you in every Local 3 office, and anyone eligible to vote in your household may register for the Primary election. Hawaii Brothers have until Sept. 1 to register. In Nevada and Utah, contact your nearest dispatch office for details on deadlines.



# New Projects Anticipated for Fresno Area

By JOSEPH MILLER, STAN BERGMAN, RAY PHENNEGER, GENE FORTH

FRESNO—The first days of spring have generated considerable activity in the construction industry in the Fresno district.

We have held several pre-job conferences recently on new jobs awarded. The new projects constitute many millions of dollars of work and many good jobs for the Operating Engineers.

As we have reported before, they range from general building construction to added canals and related projects that tie in with the giant San Luis Dam and Central Valley Project.

We are having our growing pains here, but the overall work picture looks good for the membership in the area for this year.

Some of our large projects are nearing completion, but there are enough new projects to more than offset the loss. We hope to see this trend continue in the area and expect it to do so for a few years ahead.

## TOPPING OUT

With good weather holding in for us it looks as if we will have an early start this spring. Some outfits are thinking seriously about going back up in the mountains in the next couple of weeks. However, in some of the higher places there still remains a good snow peak.

Speaking of spring and snow, it will be interesting to see how much water the new Exchequer and McSwain Dams will hold when all the snow melts. The McSwain Dam is topped out now. The new Exchequer Dam just a few weeks away from topping out. As a matter of fact, one can stand on the south end of the fill and see the conform mark at just about eye level. Presently, the north end has about 30 feet to go. The paving crews are having a bit of a problem keeping up, but rest assured the good Brothers there will top out on the project in fine shape.

In speaking to some of the

good Brothers the other day, they were expressing "good feelings" toward the job. It has been a good and a long one. It shows you what a good working contract can do for us.

Work on the power-house will go on for at least ten months more. The last of the concrete is about poured at the spillways. All in all the job is "tailing" in good shape.

## SOUTHERN AREA

Spring and sunshine has returned to Fresno area. Many of our Brothers are working or returning to work. The out of work list is slowly going down.

Ball and Granite are starting their pipe-line and pumping station. This goes from Kettleman City towards Devil's Den. This will take care of several men on the out of work list. They are nearing the completion of dirt moving on the first 18 to 20 miles of canal and are well underway on another twenty-two miles. The Brothers on this job are really moving dirt.

On the Lost Hills job, Ball and Granite have finally got the trimmer and finisher in the canal and are well underway. They will start pouring cement in the near future. One hundred and twenty Engineers are employed on this job and more will be used shortly.

Peter Kiewit is finishing its portion of the canal but still have plenty to keep their men busy.

Owl Construction is furnishing material for the West Side canal. They are putting a new rock plant in Coalinga and screening plant. The Brothers working in this plant will be working in air-conditioned houses. It will take operators to work this new plant. Two or three shifts will be working. This plant will be fully automatic.

L. D. Folsom has brought Guy

F. Atkinson's old rock plant and added it to an existing plant in Coalinga. They will make material for Owl Construction until they get a stockpile.

We are proud to announce we have 100% Union membership in Coalinga Asbestos and Atlas

Mineral Mines.

M and N Construction is really coming along on the Hanford freeway. Kaweah Construction is doing the bridge structures.

There are many smaller jobs in this area keeping quite a few men busy.



**HILLSDALE**—this picture from a nearby hillside shows the new Exchequer dam still under construction.



**WHATZIT?**—Oldtimers will recall seeing or using this contraption, which during the Roaring Twenties was quite popular. It's a Fresno scraper.

## National Park Pass Available For Sightseers

The new \$7 Federal Recreation Permit, the "Golden Passport" of the Federal Government's Operation Golden Eagle, goes on sale across the Nation today.

The wallet-size card was designated a "Golden Passport" because of its gold color and the large number of Federal recreation areas (7,000) it entitles the purchaser and everyone in his car to enter.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall recommended wide citizen support for all phases of Operation Golden Eagle, but especially urged purchases of the \$7 "Golden Passport" to help provide support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

"How much of the national outdoor heritage we save for future generations is largely dependent on how we today employ the skills and energy at our disposal," Secretary Udall stated. "Congress wisely provided the means of saving much of what remains through passage of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act."

The program to expand revenues of the Fund has attracted wide citizen support. Operation Golden Eagle was devised to provide a rallying point for marshalling support of the program in all the States and territories.

The annual permit is sold at national parks and monuments, national forest areas, wildlife refuges, Corps of Engineers recreation areas, and other Federal recreation areas that charge entrance fees. It also will be on sale in many cities at offices of the American Automobile Association, the Forest Service, National Park Service, Tennessee Valley Authority, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation.

# Fruitful Organizing Story

By HONOLULU OFFICE

The organizing story of S. K. Oda, Ltd., located on the Island of Hawaii, started June 7, 1965 when Local 3 filed an NLRB petition on behalf of 49 employees of the company. The petition resulted in a NLRB election, July 15. Local 3 lost this election by just one vote; however, our efforts did not cease at this point. We immediately filed objections over "conduct affecting the election"; thereby, the results of the election was set aside by the NLRB until a new election could be conducted.

Local 3 also filed charges against S. K. Oda, Ltd. on behalf of four employees; Albert Kanoa, Donald S. Medeiros, Manny Pacheco and Manuel Varize, Jr. who were discharged by the company for Union activity. As the result of the charges filed against the company, a settlement agreement was reached, and the employees were reinstated to their former, or substantially equivalent positions, and will also receive back pay in the following amounts:

Albert Kanoa, \$1,000; Donald S. Medeiros, \$75; Manny Pacheco, \$1,500; Manuel Varize, Jr., \$675.

A notice was directed to the employees of S. K. Oda, Ltd. by

the NLRB that the company shall not "discriminate, interfere with, restrain, or coerce the employees in the exercise of their right to self-organization, to form labor organization."

The outcome of this settlement has created a stronger confidence in Local 3 among the employees of S. K. Oda, Ltd., and has placed Local 3 at an advantage in our organizing of S. K. Oda, Ltd.

On February 1 of this year, S. K. Oda, Ltd. officially recognized the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, AFL-CIO as for all the heavy equipment operators, repair and maintenance men, oilers and truck drivers employed by the company and signed an agreement. As a result, the petition pending since June 7, was withdrawn by Local 3 and there is no need for an election to consummate the agreement.

S. K. Oda, Ltd., on the Island of Hawaii, is presently building the Naele Hotel; the Hawaii County Administrative Building, doing filling and grading work at the Kaiko Project, which is under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Redevelopment Agency, and is also doing sub-contract work on the Naniloa Hotel for

Hawaiian Dredging & Construction Co. Albert Kanoa is the acting Steward at the present time, until a permanent Steward is elected by the employee members of S. K. Oda, Ltd.

Here is a progress report on other organizing efforts:

Organizing: S. McCabe Paving Co., 50th State Paving Co., George T. Fukuda Paving Co., Pacific Paving Co., Ltd., Oahu Paving Co., Wahiawa Paving & Grading Co.

Dan's Lumber Yard Ltd., Ken Brady Construction Co., Inc., Lee & Kuwasaki, Onaga Trucking Service, Tajiri Lumber Co.

Hawaiian Equipment Co., Kauai Machine Works, Moses Akiona, Ltd., Pacific Concrete and Rock Co., Ltd., H C & D.

New agreements signed: Pacific Truckers Association.

Renegotiated agreements signed Hawaiian Equipment Company, Ltd.

Negotiations in Progress: Island Construction Co., Ltd. — (Truck Drivers only), Joseph K. Pak Chong Contracting Co., S. McCabe Paving Co., 50th State Paving Co., George T. Fukuda Paving Co., Pacific Paving Co., Ltd., Oahu Paving Co., Wahiawa Paving & Grading Co.

## A Long Step Down

When stopping on Harms Brothers' job the other day, one of the good Brothers told a very interesting story. It was back when his mother was attending a small rural school, which was situated about midway and to the left of the job.

During her attendance at this school all of the children took part in digging a well to provide drinking water for the school.

The well was about 75 feet deep, and was used by the students and travelers for a good many years. It wasn't until last week that her son had to fill the old well to make room for the new highway. (The well was dug in the year 1908.)

Speaking of the old days. We found an old Studebaker or it might be an old Banas belly dump. In looking at this old "muck wagon" you can see the advancements in our business. It also reminds us of an old story. It was told about an old "Swede dump boss."

He was riding on top of a load one day when a mule skinner hit the chain ratchet setting up a lot of yelling for some of the more safety minded co-workers to "jump!" He went down through the bed and out the back in the small wind row. When his co-workers helped him get up, with a few small bumps and

bruises, they asked him why he didn't jump. "Yump!" How in the H — — — could I "Yump", when I had no place to stand?

So, you see, they had their problems with safety in those days, too, just as we do now. Maybe we can take a lesson from this story . . . No "horse play" so we can work with a good safe attitude!

## Common Cold Takes Greater Loss-Time Toll Than Strikes

Press coverage stressing labor-management conflicts gives a "distorted picture", according to William Simkin, director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

Each year, he said, some 100,000 labor agreements are negotiated. Lost time, because of strikes, is less than two-thirds of one per cent of time worked, or less than the time lost due to the common cold.

Simkin noted that automated equipment in many industries limits the effectiveness of the strike as a weapon. He urged more "sophisticated bargaining methods", and said his agency is striving to develop new techniques of "prevention mediation."



# Eureka Shindig Big Operators Swap Job Yarns

By RAY COOPER,  
BUD MALLETT

Approximately 400 Operating Engineers and their wives turned out for the 5th Annual Dinner-Dance, March 5 in Eureka; and, as in the past, "a memorable evening was enjoyed by all."

This is an annual affair held in Eureka and it brings together many Brothers who have worked together on jobs, but lost contact with one another.

Strolling through the bar and lounge, one could almost hear the roar of diesels over the laughter and talk as Brother Engineers reminisced about moving dirt and building highways.

On the dance floor, the old as the young were proving they were skilled operators by doing all the fancy modern dances.

World famous "Humboldt Crab" was the dinner entre and a thousand pounds of this delicious sea food was consumed. Spaghetti, salad, rolls and beer completed the dinner.

Business Manager Al Clem and his wife were in attendance. Mr. Clem was guest speaker of the evening. Other Local 3 officers attending were Don Kinchloe, Treasurer; Tom Stapleton, Recording-Secretary and A. J. "Buck" Hope, Financial Secretary.

Those of you who were unable to attend missed a good party, but we hope to see you there next year.

## Eureka Gearing for Banner Year

By RAY COOPER,  
BUD MALLETT

EUREKA—Work in this area is very promising and we look for activity to start rolling this month as most big jobs are being let.

Granite Construction Co. was low bidder for the rugged job on Hiway 299 with \$1,577,758. Their job runs from Berry Summit into Willow Creek. Traffic will be a problem on this project as there is no room for detours, and the Brothers around here know that rugged, mountainous country is no place for amateurs.

There will be more work coming up on Hiway 299 and also on Route 96 from Willow Creek to Orleans. Bridge work is the major project going on right now at Pecwan and Orleans. The Bailey Bridge at Bluff Creek was

washed out again for the third time. Hipner and Townsend are making the repair with equipment furnished by Foster Drayage and Tonkin Construction. Murphy Pacific has kept a few Engineers busy all winter long on the Orleans bridge job.

The Crescent City area is slow at present time, but the work schedule looks good and should keep all the Brothers in that area busy. The rock plants are keeping a few Brothers busy as well as the shops, over-hauling equipment. Brizard Matthews Caterpillar shop has had a heavy work load all winter.

Hassell Construction is still working between rains trying to finish their Orick slide job. Our thanks to Brother Bill Reid on the loader, Mel Bean, dozer and Bob Harper, gradesetter for bear-

ing with this "hit-and-miss" job.

### ROUTE 36

Three million dollars went into Route 36 to recover from last year's floods and was a bee-hive of activity. Although there is not that much money allocated for this year, there is quite a bit of work to be done in that area. Contracts this summer will be for repairs and restoration of rock slope protection and slides. A resurfacing contract will also be let for 20 miles between Alton and Bridgeville.

### REDWOOD HIGHWAY

The Garberville four-lane freeway project will be awarded this month. This section continues from Dean Creek, by passing Redway and Garberville. Only 200 working days are set for this job so this could mean some long hours for the brothers.

Green Construction Co. has a big portion of its Scotia Freeway job to complete this year. Although they have worked throughout the winter whenever possible, they and the Brothers are anxiously waiting for this one to get rolling.

We still have about 100 Brothers working on the Pulp Mill for Wright Schuchart and Harbor and other sub-contractors. This project is progressing very rapidly so reduction in force could begin anytime.

Mercer Fraser Co., as usual, still keeping a good size crew busy, and will add more Brothers to their payroll as they get into full swing. They were recently low bidder with \$429,445 for the Samoa road job.

### SAFETY MEETING

Our March Safety meeting was attended and we are sure it was helpful and informative. In addition to the regular safety film, we were shown a film on Cancer by the Am. Cancer Society. If the question were asked to a normal healthy person "Do you have cancer?" The answer would probably be "How do I know?" The Cancer Society says you can be afflicted and not know it; so a check-up and examination could put your mind at ease.

Accompanying Brother Fran Walker to this meeting was Brother Harold Lewis, District Representative of the Hawaiian Islands who spoke on the work and working conditions in the South Pacific Islands.



**CRAB FEAST**—Annual Eureka crab feast attracted hundreds of Brothers and their wives, including Local 3 officers, from left: T. J. Stapleton, Al Clem, Don Kinchloe, Representative Ray Cooper and A. J. Hope.

## Flood Control Project Resumes Activity

By AARON SMITH

VALLEJO — Westbrook-M.K. started a crew in the quarry on the Benicia to Cordelia Freeway project, crushing a stock pile of rock and getting ready for Industrial Asphalt to resume paving. Darkenwald-M.K. has some dirt left to move plus clean up on the same job.

Elmer Wendt, of Rio Vista, resumed operations on the Ulitus Creek Flood Control project with 16 rigs. It is still a little wet, but there are cat and cans taking off the mud. The rubber-tired equipment stuff following in better material.

We thought at the last news writing that Geo. Slinsen of Napa was going to move the dirt for Williams Construction on the Columbus Parkway job, but it seems that he is too busy so Brother Curley has given the excavating to Roberts Bros. Inc. The job started with Brother Bob James as foreman and Brother Coyell Simpson, job Steward.

### NAPA FREEWAY

Syar and Harms has done some clearing on the freeway project near Napa. They plan to start the dirt moving spread this month. Syar and Harms has many housing developments under construction in Solano county and is keeping 80 Brothers on the payroll.

Madison Sand & Gravel is setting up a new crusher in the American Canyon pit, and later plan to install a hot-mix plant there. This Company belongs to Syar & Harms. The new crusher

will be producing rock for fill material on a Syar and Harms project here in Vallejo.

Kaiser Steel at Napa are still going full blast with 70 Brothers working and expect to put a few more on in the very near future.

Brother Clyde Plymell doesn't seem to have any trouble keeping about six of the Brothers busy. Very seldom do you see one of his boys on the out-of-work list.

Bill Gattung has a lot of work lined up for this year. His job at Skaggs Island his a snag, but he will have it under control very soon, and will be rolling the dirt-moving equipment. He will be moving some of our members to his paving project in Las

Vegas and we heard he received another contract last week.

C & H Construction Co. is getting into the underground business more and more; last year they bought a small back hoe and signed an agreement with Local No. 3. Now they have added two trenchers and a Hopto. The Company is owned by Vacaville Plumbing.

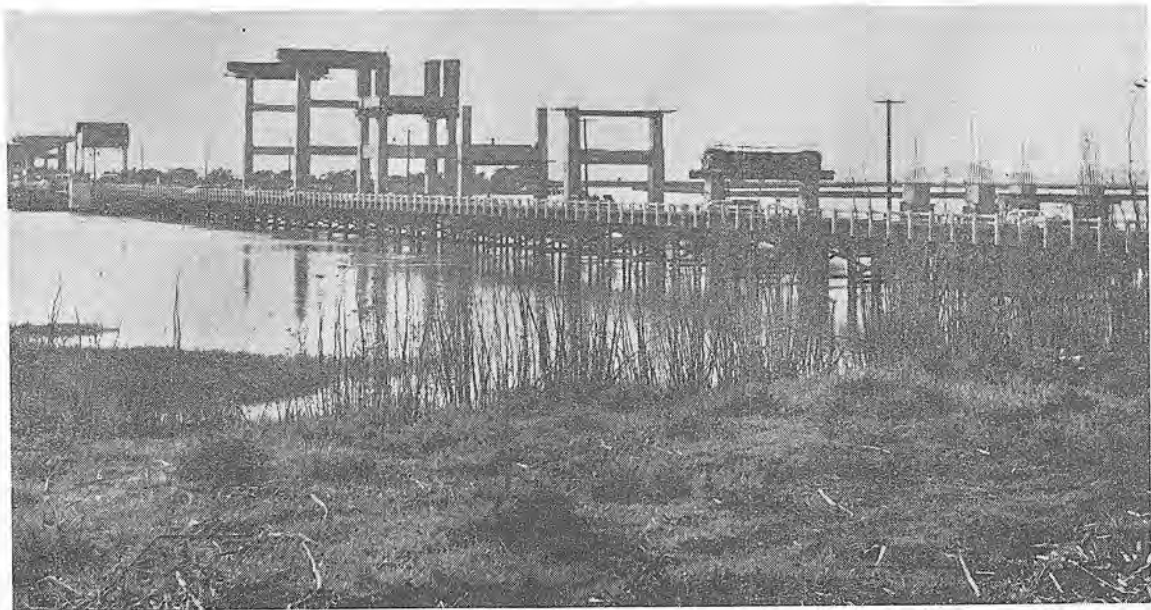
Parish Bros. put several Brothers back to work at the Goodyear Quarry. The crusher is making rock for the Marina project, plus the new big dam they were awarded in the Martinez area.

### FIRST AID COURSE

We have started a first aid training program here in Vallejo. The program in Vallejo

has had much success, so another program will be starting in Napa for the benefit of members living in the Napa area. The Napa program started March 23 with Brother Kenny Seur's wife as the instructor. We feel very lucky to have expert instructors to make us realize how very little we do know about first aid. First Aid should be in the mind of everyone at home or in the field. The life you save may be your own!

The Blood Bank had two donors last month. The blood bank now stands at 21 pints in reserve. If any members living in the Vallejo area wish to donate or receive blood please contact the Vallejo Office.



**UNDERWAY**—Sears Pt. bridge, north of Mare Island in Vallejo, will span the Napa River. Old span is in foreground.

## Voter Registration Gains 18 Percent

A whopping 16 percent increase in registered voters in California was noted recently as Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan announced recently there are now 7,418,314 voters.

The total is up 1,058,673 over January 1964. Democrats showed 4,278,665 and Republicans 2,900,368. The total includes "declines" — those who decline to name party affiliation.

## SAFETY MEETINGS

(ALL START, 8 P.M.)

- SAN FRANCISCO, May 9  
Labor Temple,  
16th and Capp St.
- SANTA ROSA, May 10  
Veteran Bldg.  
1351 Bennett Ave.
- EUREKA, May 11  
Engineers Bldg.  
2806 Broadway
- REDDING, May 12  
Shasta College  
Cafeteria
- OROVILLE, May 13  
Prospectors Village,  
Oro Dam Blvd.
- FRESNO, May 16  
Hacienda Motel,  
Highway 99
- OAKLAND, May 17  
Goodman Hall,  
Jack London Square
- SACRAMENTO, May 18  
Labor Temple,  
2525 Stockton Blvd.
- STOCKTON, May 19  
Engineers Bldg.,  
2626 N. California
- SAN JOSE, May 20  
Labor Temple  
45 Santa Teresa



## Marysville Report

# Omnibus Park Bill Includes Feather River

By HAROLD HUSTON, BILL WEEKS, BILL METTZ, ERNIE SUTTON

MARYSVILLE—According to the Oroville Chamber of Commerce, actors Pat Boone and Roy Rogers are planning to build a new city and "Western World" amusement park on 8,000 acres located between Oroville and Chico. They declined to reveal the specific location, but there are indications that the old Chico Meat Co., property off Pentz Road, is the site.

The development is apparently to include a pioneer town, amusement and ride area, restaurant and motel. It will be used for motion picture and television films. The developers plan to make a formal announcement in the near future.

### DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Gilsizer County Drainage District directors voted to call for bids on an Onstott Area Improvement District project estimated to cost nearly \$1 million. The project will be financed by assessments on the landowners and by \$150,000 in Yuba City funds, \$102,000 in state funds and possibly by a federal grant.

### BEALE UNDERPASS

Three bids, well under the engineers estimate, were submitted to the Yuba County Board of Supervisors on the Beale Road Underpass project. The bid of \$357,555 submitted by A. Teichert and Son was the lowest and referred to county officials for audit. The winning bid will have to be approved by the State Division of Highways and the Southern Pacific Railroad, and work on the project is expected to get underway this month.

### NEW CONTRACT

H. Earl Parker, Inc., was awarded a \$185,010 contract for reconstructing 2.9 miles of Progress and McGrath Roads, between Acme Road and Garmire Road, about nine miles south of Meridian. Work should commence in the very near future on this project.

### FEATHER PARK

Gov. Edmund G. Brown's five-year recreation and parks program includes \$850,000 for development of a proposed Lower Feather River State Park, and calls for acquisition of 5,833 acres of land along both sides of the Feather River for 14 miles from Nicolaus to just below Marysville-Yuba City.

The land would be acquired, along with other proposed state park land, with funds from the \$150 million bond issue approved in the 1964 general election. The outline of development costs for the Lower Feather River Park includes \$150,000 for construction in 1967-68, \$200,000 in 1968-69, \$200,000 in 1969-70 and \$300,000 in 1970-71.

As proposed, the park would include 1,140 camping units, 650 picnic units, 32 boat ramps, 2,200 parking spaces and 27 miles of riding and hiking trails. The park is expected to attract nearly two million visitors annually and will offer camping in beautiful river-bottom woods, boating and excellent swimming along sand beaches.

### DAM RESERVOIR

C. J. Langenfelder and Son's Oroville Dam Reservoir site is clearing with 16 members on this job. McNamara and Fuller's powerhouse project is in the throws of a change over in their operation. They have started

pouring concrete underground and the Powerhouse is now taking shape by leaps and bounds. They have two overhead cranes in operation plus other equipment working both inside and outside. The backfill operation around the penstocks will be a slow process.

Oro Pacific's spillway is moving along at a good pace. They have a few changes due to the type of material which has increased the work load.

Morrison-Knudsen at the Thermalito power canal has 631B's, diggers, dozers and blades working like a string of ants.

Guy F. Atkinson Co., on the Thermalito Powerhouse, is pouring concrete with two Whirllys at a good clip with 17 members. The Thermalito Reservoir site is at a standstill because it is very wet and soggy.

Edwards and McCamun's road job is only working on a bridge over the western canal so they can detour traffic while they work on this project. Mastelotto Enterprises is supplying the material to Guy F. Atkinson's pow-

erhouse and Oro Pacific's spillway.

B. C. Richter Construction Co. is moving plants and getting ready for a busy season ahead.

We saw Bill Wilson, an owner-operator, planting a couple of large Palm Trees at one of the new gas stations—he has two scoomobiles.

### PARADISE IS QUIET

Up Chico and Paradise way things are very quiet. Graf, Vickery, Dubach, Wenschell and Small, Valley Irrigation Co., A. Teichert & Sons, Baldwin Contracting Co. and Butte Creek Rock are at a standstill from the rain. Down the 99E at Gridley, Baldwin Contracting has a good road job with a few of our good brothers wading through the mud putting in culverts and a couple of small bridge extensions.

We are proud of our Journey-men Trainees and Indentured Apprentices who are working in the area because they are doing an outstanding job.

We wish again to stress the alertness to safe working condi-

tions and observing all of the Safety Rules plus any new ones you may think of or discover in your daily lives. Please report all unsafe conditions to your Safety Committeeman or Business Representative.

### INDUSTRIAL UNITS

The Diamond Steel Co. is filling demands made by various customers with 20 Brothers employed. Yuba City Steel Co. has several Brothers busy, and scrap dealers in this area are doing more work than ever, due to the increased demand for scrap metal. Various equipment dealers are doing quite well for this time of year. As the ground begins to dry out the work load seems to increase considerably. Some of the gravel plants are almost at a standstill, however, they should be in full production soon and should be very busy due to the increase in heavy construction work and the home building industry. Brothers employed by ready mix dealers are doing well. The concrete pipe plants are also doing very well.



**OROVILLE DAM**—Shown here is 40 million cubic yards of earth-fill marking one-half of completion of world's largest dam of this type. Picture shows McNamara-Fuller powerhouse at right; Langenfelder clearing in background; reclaim tunnel, conveyor system and spillway also shown.

## Obituaries

MARCH, 1966

Name	City	Init. Date	Deceased
Allen, Thomas	Oroville, Calif.	1- 5-52	2-26-66
Bigelow, Glenn	El Dorado, Calif.	8-21-36	3-19-66
Breshears, Sam	Visalia, Calif.	12- 1-45	3-27-66
Brown, I. I.	Pittsburg, Calif.	10- 5-57	3-15-66
Brown, Robert	Pleasant Grove, Utah	2-20-66	3-25-66
Godfrey, O. L.	Fair Oaks, Calif.	2- 5-50	3-11-66
John Miller	Sacramento, Calif.	3- 4-44	3- 6-66
Miter, John T.	Oroville, Calif.	10- 4-41	3-20-66
Naleieha, James	Lahaina, Hawaii	12- 3-61	2-26-66
Nono, Mariano	Honolulu, Hawaii	9-15-63	3-10-66
Patterson, A. L.	Castro Valley, Calif.	5- 7-49	3- 9-66
Paulus, Wm. H.	Oakland, Calif.	11-15-36	3-10-66
Perkins, Elmer	Seaside, Calif.	4- 3-48	2-26-66
Sanchez, Jess	Lincoln, Calif.	11- 3-51	1-25-66
Siu, Francis	Honolulu, Hawaii	2- 2-64	2-23-66
Taverna, Louis	Wheatland, Calif.	11- 3-51	3- 3-66
Staub, Louie	Fremont, Calif.	5- 3-59	3-27-66
Tittle, John W.	Taft, Calif.	6- 8-40	3-16-66

NO INDUSTRIAL DEATHS IN MARCH 1966.

55 Deceased Members, January through March 1966.

2 Industrial Accidents.

## First Aid Class Begins in District

By MARYSVILLE OFFICE

MARYSVILLE — Business Representatives in this district have been extremely busy the past month getting the First Aid Training Program off to a good start.

Brother Al Clem, Business Manager, laid the ground work with the American National Red Cross, who is furnishing hand-picked qualified Red Cross instructors for the many classes to be held in this area. At present we started classes in Marysville, Oroville and Chico. We hope later to start additional classes in Colusa, Paradise, Quincy and Susanville.

Brothers interested in enrolling in the First Aid Training should contact us at the Marysville Office. We appreciate the tremendous response we have received so far, and we wish it were possible for everyone to attend the first classes.

## Oro Dam Reaches Half-way Point At 40 Million

By MARYSVILLE OFFICE

The 40 millionth cubic yard of earth and rock was placed on the embankment of Oroville Dam, key unit of the State Water Project. The giant dam will consist of 80 million cubic yards of material upon completion in the fall of 1967. The Dam will be the highest earth fill dam in the world with a height of 770 feet equalling that of a 73-story skyscraper. Base width (up and downstream) is 3,500 feet or 10 city blocks. Crest length is 6,800 feet or 1.29 miles.

During 1966 the dam embankment will continue to rise. The visitor facilities will be moved to the upper overlook for a better view of progress of the dam. From this vantage point tourists have a panorama view of the major phases of the dam's construction. The overlook features slide presentations illustrating progress on the project. As of December 31, 1,537,646 persons had visited the overlook.

Many Brothers from other districts are interested in how the dam is built. South of Oroville, along the Feather River, are countless acres of "dredger tailings" (piles of rock brought up from the river bottom by gold dredgers). These rocks, along with deposits of "impervious clay" located nearby, are transported to the dam site by train.

Three trains run night after night, pulling a 42-car load of material weighing 4,400 tons along the 11-mile stretch of track between the dredger tailings and the dam.

At the dam site the cars are flipped over by an automatic dumper, and the materials is transported by belt conveyor across the river to a storage area atop a "reclaim tunnel." From there the needed fill materials is selected and transported by conveyors to the dam site, where it is loaded into "Atherton" wagons and deposited on the embankment.

When the dam is completed nearly 80 million cubic yards of rock and clay will have been placed on the embankment. At the present time over 40,000,000 cubic yards of fill material have been placed. The project is being built by Oro Dam Constructors for the State Department of Water Resources, and approximately 320 Brothers are employed.

Since the firm began work on the Oroville Dam, August 1962, over 8.7 million man hours have been worked. At the same time there have been only 25 lost-time accidents, and those include the eight deaths.

The accident frequency rate is 2.9 for every million man hours worked. The national average in the construction field is 19.35.

## Avoid Harrah's!

LAKE TAHOE — Stage hands in the Reno-Tahoe area have asked union members who want to "throw away their good money at bad gambling tables" to do it at some casino other than Harrah's. The club has refused to sign a contract with the stage hands' union.



# 105 Pints Donated to Redding Blood Bank

By TOM ECK, ED DU BOS, LOU BARNES

REDDING—A record 105 pints of blood were donated by members and their wives at last month's St. Patrick's Day Annual Blood Drive in this city. The Redding Bank now has 142 pints in the reserve, and this is a great tribute to the members of the district.

A shortage of nurses to handle the "crowd" of willing donors prevented an even higher total of donations; however, anyone wishing to add to the Operating Engineers blood bank may visit the Mercy Hospital, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. and from noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesday. For any questions, contact the Redding office.

We thank the office staff, members and wives who helped set up and conducted the drive here at the Redding Hall.

Donors are: Joe Ames, Lou Barnes, Phil Barnes, Robert Beck, Del Beiers, Noel Blessing, Joe Belue, Gene Bowen, B. D. Britian, William Brown, Ralph Bussard, Mrs. Geo. Butler, Ted Carson, Mrs. Wilma Carson, H. S. Clark, Larry Collins, Fred Crandall, Bob Currie, John H. Deetz, Robert Denning, James Dennison, Ed DuBos, Harvey Duncan, Derrell Fish, Wayne Fite, Tony Gallegos, Jim Gordon, Robert Graham, Don Griffith, Lester Griffith, Jack Griner Jr., Bud Hasha, Harold Hendrick, Joe Holbrook, Miss Dolly Hoover, Mrs. Ruth Hurlbut, Walter Hurlbut, Miss Diane Jennings, Gary Jessop, Donald Johnson, Robert Johnson, Miss Linda Karry, Tom Kelsey, Floyd Kenyon, Gary Kimmel, Mrs. Hershel Krigbaum Sr., H. W. Krigbaum Jr., William Kuhnert, Douglas Kuykendall, Michael Lack, Jim Lahue, James Lambert, Richard Garner, Thayne Barnson, Claude Ledford, Mrs. Elizabeth Ledford, J. C. Lettis, Sid McBroome, Russell McConnell, Wanda McConnell (Mrs.), C. L. McGettrick, Ron McWilliams.

Frank Mello, Lawrence Michaels, Bryce Modrell, Jim Monson, James Moravec, Mrs. Paula Nelson, William Nelson, Donald Norred, Melvin Parks, Fred Phillips.

Charles Potter, Carl Powell, Walter Probstel, Miss Cheryl Ray, Theron Riley, Clifford Robinson Jr., Clifford Robinson Sr., Ray Robinson, Willis Schauer, Duane Schoniger, N. J. Sheeran, T. B. Shannon, Melton Simpson, Edward Smith, Harold R. Stevenson, Fred Terry, Mrs. Joyce Terry.

Jim Thomas, Mrs. Anita Thurston, Harold Trinklein, Willie Vardanaga, Arthur Waggon, Steven Ward, A. B. Westfal, Larry Williams, Russell Vanderhurst, Mrs. Joel Carter, Mrs. Robert Moore, Phillip McLean, Wm. M. Coates, E. K. Mann, Cliff Brannon, Herbert Harrington, George Willis.

First Aid Classes are now under way in the Redding Area with about 50 Brothers participating. By the time you read this paper we hope to have classes under way in the Red Bluff and Yreka Areas.

Hughes and Ladd were low bidders on the bridge job on the Klamath River in the Somes Bar area in the amount of \$408,000. This amount will include approaches, grade and pave. This will provide a few jobs for some of the Brothers in this area.

John Sundwall and Co. was awarded \$104,776 contract to furnish and haul 83,710 yards of surfacing and rip-rap to be placed on dikes and roads in the lower Klamath Wild Life Refuge area at Tulelake.

Leo L. Davis, of Fort Jones, was awarded a \$102,570 contract to construct a bridge and approaches on Tomkins Creek in the Fort Jones area.

In answer to questions asked about the job at Happy Camp, it is our understanding this project will be awarded April 27, based on information put out by the State. The State estimate for this one is approximately \$2,600,000, and it will provide several jobs for the Brothers.

We make reference to the jobs that were mentioned in the previous newspaper article regarding freeways and projects at

Yreka and Redding.

As of this writing we haven't had any more information as to when they will advertise for bids on these freeways.

The City of Redding has awarded a \$1,227,535 contract to the Dravo Corporation for Sewer Improvement. This is a much needed program for this area, made before the City and County can induce industry to move in. Any way you look at it this means progress and jobs for our Brothers.

R & D Watson is keeping a few of the boys working. They

should be going full tilt on this project before too long.

Kizer and Heintz Co. at O'Brien is working some of the Brothers—they have been going off and on all winter.

Fredrickson & Watson is still trying, but fighting the water and mud. Bob Brodie, Project Manager, knows now what made the other Brodie jump off the Brooklyn Bridge.

Purtzer & Dutton started a job in Red Bluff. Roy Eager, who is Project Manager, has quite a job running from one end of the project to another trying to an-

swer phones. The project is located in Corning on the Corning Canal. Earl Manley has subbed the dirt work from Purtzer & Dutton. This job was started with seven rigs working one and one-half days when the rains came!

We all wish a speedy recovery to: Ken Bertram, Garnet Spittler.

We are still holding checks for the following:

W. F. Barnes, W. A. Brady, Lloyd A. Dailey, S. E. Davis, L. N. Kent, J. S. Martin, J. W. McIntyre, G. E. Nelson, D. L. Reed, J. M. Roth, W. Stanton, Orval Perkins.

## Capitol City News

# Segment of New Freeway to Open Soon

By ERNIE NELSON, AL DALTON, CLEM HOOVER, ART GAROFALO, JERRY ALLGOOD, JERRY MARTIN

SACRAMENTO—During this mild winter, many of the Brothers in this area have been working on high-rise buildings and subdivisions, as well as underground projects. However, the work picture isn't as bright as a year ago. Despite this, we have cleared several Brothers out of the dispatch hall, and our work list is still long.

C. K. Moseman started work on the new bridges across the American River at Jibboom Street. Ray Kizer and R. A. Hientz have subbed the dirt and have moved a cat and can spread on the job. Brother Paul Easley is ramrod.

Across the river, Graf and Duboch Company has started a pit operation near the Branstetter Airport for the import. The wet ground has forced them to halt this operation. They will resume work as soon as the ground dries. Raymond Concrete Pile has one rig busy on this job driving pile.

Out at the County Airport, Fredrickson and Watson have completed the concrete paving in the terminal area and has moved their slip form paver to the far end of the runway. When this is completed, this crew will move to the Freeway job near the airport. Granite Construction and Arden Sand and Gravel are waiting for clear weather to start the asphalt paving on the runways and taxiways.

Kiewit and Sons, as well as Stolte, Inc., are finding it difficult to find enough fill material to complete the fills on the W-X Street projects as the sand pits in the area are becoming empty. Kiewit is making the 29th-30th Street freeway take shape. The traffic will soon be traveling on the east bound lanes of the Freeway from P Street to A Street. The west bound lanes in this area were opened in December.

Kaiser Steel has about one month left on the steel for the new W-X Street bridge. Fruin-Colnon is not far behind with the concrete deck. They are using a beltcrete to bring the concrete out over the river.

C. K. Moseman received a shipment of steel on the west end of the W-X Street Freeway project and American Bridge has a crane crew on the job to start putting it in place. The steel has caused quite a delay on this project so the sight of red steel

was a welcome sight to a lot of people on this project.

Most local contractors with dirt jobs in the area are still finding it slow going. Several have ventured out only to be shut down by wet ground. All eyes are on the sun hoping for a few drying days.

### INDUSTRIAL UNITS

We are happy to report a settlement has been reached with Drewes Manufacturing Co. and the proposal was ratified by a majority of employees. The firm manufacturers drill steel and rock bits, and employs several Brothers on a year-around basis.

Equipment dealers have picked up considerably in the last few days, and if this continues, the Brothers should have a good year.

Sand and gravel plants are slow at this time. Many are completely shut down. When the weather improves they will be back in full production.

The scrap yards throughout the area are busy, as the weather has no effect on their operations.

Murphy Scales Co. has kept several Brothers extremely busy this winter due to increased orders. If demand for their product continues they should have a very good year.

Ideal Cement Co. is keeping about 10 Brothers very busy on a three-shift basis. This company maintains its operation on a year-around basis.

Clark's Automatic Welding Co. has had several Brothers working throughout the winter months. They manufacture portable light towers and rebuild rollers and sprockets for heavy equipment.

Western Concrete Pipe Co. and American Concrete Pipe have been on a full scale operation all winter. They keep several Brothers busy making concrete pipe products. Due to the increased amount of underground work in this area, it looks like it should be a record year for them.

Various concrete ready-mix plants are fairly busy due to the new freeway work and the increase of work in the home building industry. We have several Brothers employed by ready mix dealers.

The Brothers employed by Cannon Brick, Sacramento Brick, Carlton Sand Co. are keeping extremely busy as the work load

begins to increase.

International Pipe and Ceramic Co. of Lincoln is in the process of erecting an addition to their present factory. The new building should be in production sometime around the end of this year. This company keeps 160 Brothers working on a three-shift basis.

### POLLOCK PINES

Walsh Construction Co., at the Slab Creek Dam, is 46 percent completed with the concrete. They are still transporting aggregates from the B. C. Richter plant at Coloma. This has been a good job this winter for some of our Brothers.

The White Rock Tunnel job has been cut down to one shift. Joe Vicini Construction Co., of Placerville, is working all of its equipment on various jobs around the Placerville area and is keeping all of its men busy on these jobs as well as in the shop.

Gunther-Shirley-Lane at the White Rock powerhouse is getting underway. A new truck crane has been purchased for this job. Jack Cox and L. W. Scogin are operating it on a two-shift basis.

Henningson Ready Mix is furnishing concrete to the job site. Also, the American Bridge Company is working on the steel to go into the penstock.

A. Teichert and Son, Kiemack, and Western Freight Handlers are still working on their jobs throughout the Aerojet area.

We have 27 Operating Engineers ready and waiting to start the First Aid Class in Pollock Pines.

Brother Darrold Lasserty of Placerville Drive, Placerville, California is in the Marshall Hospital in Placerville and would appreciate having some of the Brothers drop by to see him.

### HIGH COUNTRY

The Hell Hole Dam is on a one-shift basis with a very small crew. Work has started again at the Interbay site, although it is going very slowly. Forty feet of concrete is going to be poured in the core area. This will be done in two pours of approximately 6000 yds. each. When the concrete has set up, workmen will bore down through it into rock and pour these as pilings for the dam to set on.

The tunnel crews have been pouring concrete and setting the linings where necessary. This

## Local 3 Member Aids Crusade

Bill Raney, Local 3 business representative in San Mateo, has been renamed to the Board of Trustees of the five-county United Bay Area Crusade, the community fund which provides financing annually for some 172 health, welfare and youth guidance agencies.

Raney is a veteran Crusade worker and has served in the annual fund-raising campaign since 1959, and has held various volunteer posts within the county and five-county organization. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the San Mateo County Boy's Club.

project has presented possibly every conceivable problem to these men, but they have met them and worked them out as they went along. A fine group of men and a tough job well done.

Ets-Hokin is moving along very well on the Powerhouses on this project and the Oxbow and French Meadows powerhouses are in their final stages. The Middlefork Powerhouse is almost in the same phase, however the powerhouse at Ralston is in full swing pouring the roof and stater base. Supt. Harold Bess has run a very clean job on this site, and has the same crew he started with over a year ago.

Robert Fadel has had a small crew working on its Rocky Ridge job and will start the Nevada City freeway job as soon as the weather clears.

EBASCO Engineers has the recreation job for the Yuba-Bear Project. This is approximately \$3,000,000 for Jackson Meadows, Faucherie, Scotts Flat and Rollins Dam sites. There is one engineer and several other crafts on their payroll at the present. This will consist of boat ramps and picnic areas at these locations.

### NORTH SACRAMENTO

As is more generally the rule in the construction field, the winter hibernation is still upon this area. "The Crossroads of Local No. 3" and for those of us who have planned accordingly we are more than happy to get our personal affairs arranged at this slack time of the year, such as doctors, dentists, taxes, etc. A good many of the Brothers have related how well the yearly chores around their properties are progressing.

A. Teichert's \$1,400,000 Sacramento State College project has kicked off as well as Robert Hart's \$300,000 Carmichael sewer spread also Longley Construction are busy over off of Power Inn Road on a water line.

Lentz Construction Co. along with Granite Construction Co. and A. Teichert are scattered all over the area grading, paving and pipelining.

Nomellini and Maino are continuing their schedule on the "high rise" activity at Sacramento State College. There are many other small jobs throughout the area and these have been good jobs for our Brother Engineers through the winter months.



# SWAP SHOP CORNER: Free Want Ads for Engineers

## FOR SALE

'59 BUICK, convt., full power, clean, \$695. Tom Hornaday, 371 Somerset Rd., Oakland, phone: 536-3802. Reg. No. 1219786.

'55 MERCURY, 2-dr. hdtop, clean, \$275. Don Thoms, 5 Sunnyhill Dr., Petaluma, Calif. Phone: 762-9233. Reg. No. 1154357.

'65 CAD, El Dorado convt., new top, full power, rare, \$395. Don Thoms, 5 Sunnyhill Dr., Petaluma, Calif. Phone: 762-9233. Reg. No. 1154357.

'35 FORD pickup, complete, ready for paint, re-manufactured '53 Merc. engine, hydra. brakes, \$500. Don Thoms, 5 Sunnyhill Dr., Petaluma, Calif., phone: 762-9233. Reg. No. 1154357.

'60 SAFIRE 16' BOAT, new 354 H.P. motor, chromed diamond, tuck Naugahyde Upholstery, heavy duty trailer, chrome wheels, \$1800. Joseph M. White, 1419 Clay St. Fairchild, Calif. Ph: 425-9009. Reg. No. 1079861.

'3 B.R. HOUSE, 1 1/2 Bath, hwd floors, 2 car garage, cooler, 6 yrs. old, Lawrence Nottingham, 4969 Toronto Way, Sacramento, Ph: 456-3991. Reg. No. 899091.

'59 DODGE ENGINE, 2 barrel carb. 12 volt starter, Bell housing, Auto. Trans, \$100. cash. Wm. Waltz, 332 Dunsmuir Ave., Dunsmuir, Calif. Reg. No. 1054933.

DORSETT "EL DORADO" Ski Boat — 75 h.p. '63 Johnson—mechanical steering, \$1200. firm. Skis, ropes, jackets, belts. Wm. H. Cullen, 3218 Fitzpatrick Dr., Concord, Calif. Ph: 639-3141. Reg. No. 892450.

HOBART 35 K.W., 3 phase, 60 cycle, 110-220 Volt, A.C. Power Plant, Butane operated, \$800. Can be seen at 1175 Lake Blvd., space D-3, Redding, R. E. Sterns. Reg. No. 1163306.

START profitable hobby at home. Due to allergy must sacrifice—23 Chincillas, cages and supplies. Make offer. George J. Williams, Box 123, Weaver, Calif. 96093. Reg. No. 1113007.

1927 CHEVROLET FLAT BED TRK. Needs work. Extra parts. Make offer. Richard Wells, 768 Nevin Way, San Jose, Ph: 268-9159. Reg. No. 1175177.

'64 STUDE., exc. condition, auto., 25,000 miles, \$950. Albert Helienbergh, 1571 Ninth Ave., San Francisco, Phone: 681-5020. Reg. No. 1030408.

NEED CAR, will trade Russian River resort property for late model station wagon of \$2000 value. Gordon Call, 445 N. 26th St., Apt. 11, San Jose, phone: 236-3292. Reg. No. 999855.

SPREADER BOX, for chips, \$50. SET OF TONGS—lift 8 tons \$50. John A. Furrer, 221 Milton Ave., San Bruno, Ph: 588-8326. Reg. No. 108749.

16 FT BOAT & TRAILER, 35 h.p. Evinrude; leather upholstery, newly refinished in blue & white, new cover. \$700. A. S. Chapman, 5113 Illinois Ave., Fair Oaks, Calif. Ph: 967-1086 or 985-2251. Reg. No. 581468.

10 ACRES QUARRY, Redwoods, spring water, road frontage, near town. \$20,000. Terms. Lee Drummond, 12559 Bodega Hwy. Sebastopol, Calif. Ph: TR 4-3486. Reg. No. 385798.

## NOTICE: Voting On Election Committeemen

In conformity with Article XII, (C) Elections, Sec. 1, of the By-Laws of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, elections will be held at the first regular District Meeting in each District, beginning in April, for Member of the Election Committee which will conduct the election of Officers and District Executive Board Members in August.

There will be one Election Committee Member elected from each District by secret ballot of those Members present whose last known address 10 days prior to the first such District Meeting in April was within the area covered by the District.

Nominees for the Election Committee must be registered voters within the respective Districts, must have been a member of Local 3 for one year next preceding their nomination and shall not be a candidate or the nominator of a Candidate for any office or position.

See list of district meetings to be held during April, May and June, in column four, this page.

WATER TRK, \$1150.; Dump Trk, \$1475; Oil Trk, \$1075; Mechanics Heavy duty p.u. \$725; Tilt trailer, \$215; Chip Spreader, \$45; A. C. Heater, \$27.50; Rakes & misc. exc. cond. John E. Brown, San Jose, Ph: 266-5910 or 225-3048, Reg. No. 434969.

GENERATOR—Homelite, \$329. Binks spray gun, compressor, regulator, hose, \$169. Ferd A. Gebhard, 11 Cozzolino Dr., Millbrae, Calif. Reg. No. 1221111.

SCRAPER, LeTourneau Mod. LS. 12 yd. \$750. Cement mixer, 7 yd. \$425. Ludwig Betchart, 41223 Roberts Ave., Fremont. Phone: 556-1149. Reg. No. 1030397.

MICHIGAN LOADER, 125-A, extra motor & parts with low bed trailer, tractor. Will take \$12,000. Paul Hurst, 5425 Kirkland Way, Carmichael, Calif. Phone 487-7697, Reg. No. 1133415.

'54 GMC, 3/4 ton with Spartan Trailer, Engine and Butane equipped, will sell as unit—\$4500. A. M. Dewey, 155 Thamel Vista Drive, San Rafael, phone 456-9708. Reg. No. 386708.

'57 DORSETT Cabin Cruiser, 50 hp. Evinrude Outboard, Gator Trailer, New Naugahyde Upholstery, SHARP, \$1800. Ray Lawrence, 3526 El Camino, Space 40, Santa Clara, phone 244-6241. Reg. No. 1115323.

DRILL RIGS, (2), Buda and custom with extras. Also, AC tractor with Baker Blade. Illness forces sale for \$5950. Jim Taylor, 2538-19 Ave., Oakland, phone: 536-6022. Reg. No. 912148.

HOUSE TRAILER — new Aristocrat 15 ft. trade for equity in house in Fresno, Ken Christensen, 846 W. Fountain Way, Fresno, phone: 227-7364. Reg. No. 294606.

OROVILLE, three-fourth acre, '55 Flamingo house trailer 44 ft. by 8 ft., \$1800. '62 GMC 1/2-ton pickup. Charles Crane, Box 773, Truckee, Calif. Reg. No. 908527.

SLEEPER, conventional cab, aluminum, insulated, 10.00 by 22 snow chains, four singles, pair of doubles, sale or trade. Elton Looney, 20939 Garden Ave., Hayward, Phone: 538-7238. Reg. No. 702270.

'51 CHEV. chopped trailer tractor, new motor, trans, brakes, rubber, \$150. Vern Fuller, St., Rte. 1 Box 1582, Shingle Springs, Calif. Phone: 677-2052. Reg. No. 657643.

CONCESSION STAND, snow cone, cotton candy, etc. \$1500. Alford Dorris, 1313 Pedroni Rd. McKinlayville, Calif. Phone 839-2415. Reg. No. 955064.

HONDA, 300 cc trade for Volkswagen or sell for \$500. Also, 20 ft. self-contained '64 house trailer sell for \$2100 or trade for real estate. E. J. Leighty, Hayward, Calif., phone: 782-8847.

ALUMINUM boat, 12 ft. and 5 1/2-hp outboard, A-1. \$185. Herb Alexander, 16 Temple Crt. Martinez, phone: 686-3856. Reg. No. 590517.

ACREAGE, near Sacramento, one acre, good soil, building site, \$3,500. Clarence Hoffmeyer, 4629 Lewis Ave., Eureka, Reg. No. 745045.

SPARTAN, mobile home, near perfect, 33 by 8 feet, \$1800, in storage at Sahara Mobile Crt., Stockton. Marian Perry, 1719 W. Olive, Fresno, phone: 237-6415. Reg. No. 660-995.

'62 PONTIAC Bonneville, 2 dr. hdtop, excellent, new tires, mufflers. Sharp black with red interior. \$1425. L. W. Carter, 1143 Mocho St., Livermore, phone: 447-9678. Reg. No. 826044.

VACAVILLE acreage, 10 acres, zoned, fenced, SID water, level, permanent trefoil pasture. Located on Byrnes and Kilkenny Rds. four miles east of Vacaville, \$2000 an acre. Stan Brown, Rt. 2, Box 1380, Vacaville, phone: 448-4545. Reg. No. 386656.

'60 FALCON sta. wagon, stick, r & h. snow tries, \$450. Earl Cazier, 613 E. 900 North, Ogden, Utah. Reg. No. 12119536.

CHRIS CRAFT, 16 ft. small cabin, sleeps two; Merc. eng. tilt trailer. Larry Farrens, Belmont Mobile Home, Park No. 74, Harbor Blvd., Belmont, Calif. Phone: 593-5959. Reg. No. 257756.

100 ACRES, outskirts of Fairbanks, Alaska. Good roads, hunting, fishing, large cabin on stream. Ed Knapp, Box 575 Dixon, Calif. Phone: 678-2155. Reg. No. 1074308.

3-RR. MOBILE home, carpets, awning, cooler, extras. Earl Jensen, 2745 S. 1st St. San Jose, phone: 226-0709. Reg. No. 713918.

TRAILER, self contained, 17ft. excellent. \$850. Erskin De Lee, 140 Butterfield Rd., San Anselmo, Calif. Reg. No. 1079817.

D-6 Cat, hydra., angle blade, Johnson Bar, \$7750; also, 2 welders (375 amp.), \$700. '47 Dodge 2-ton flat bed, \$365; \$55 Chevy PU, 3/4 ton, 4-spd box, \$765; \$40 Chevy flatbed generator truck, 2500 watts, air compressor, band saw, winch etc. John Hollinger, P.O. Box 889, Wilits, Calif. Reg. No. 1216304.

TRENCHER, Challenge universal 8, 10 and 12-inch widths, 48 inches deep, Trench lay and backfill cable, new, new, O'Neil Eastin, Salinas, Calif. Phone: 424-5983. Reg. No. 674725.

HY-HOE, '62 Ford diesel, 1200 hrs. mounted on truck, \$6000. W. D. McMackin, 772 Marin Ave., Hayward, Phone: 783-9011.

YOSEMITE PARK, cabin and 50x100 ft. lot with small house trailer, sleeps 2. Skiing, boating and camping area. \$6500. L. S. Parnely, 1875 Arizona Ave., Milpitas, Calif. Phone: 262-2217. Reg. No. 983231.

97TH POWER Shift cat loader/available for rental. Equipped with side dump bucket, straight bucket, rippers and canopy. Fully maintained and operated. \$23.00. Owner-operator Edward A. Curtis, Phone 586-1869, P.O. Box 21278, Concord.

TD-15 HYD. DOZER, Intl. top shape, make offer. Fred Biolsi, 11191 Farnon Ave., Los Altos. Phone: 967-2157. Reg. No. 714891.

MOBILE HOME, '54 Spartan, 1bdr. 8x44 ft. good condition, \$1000 or trade for furniture. W. E. Silar, 629 Haven St. Martinez, phone: 228-5044. Reg. No. 908837.

TROJAN, mobile home, 2-bdr. double expando, awnings, porches, small equity and assume loan, or assume unfurnished. Carl Dorsett, 3765 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, Calif. Phone 581-4107. Reg. No. 957534.

SCUBA, SKIS, Freyrie FX9 Epotex Italian metal skis, ski free bindings and poles, \$65. Scuba gear, 72 cu. in. tank with pack, sportsway (navy-type, one hose) wet suit with zippered cuffs, large, \$100, all in good shape. Peter Marks, 2061 Fifth Ave., San Rafael, Reg. No. 1144938.

## WANTED TO BUY

TED WILLIAMS type tent, trailer. Willis Dearing, 551 Culp Ave., Hayward, phone: 581-1668.

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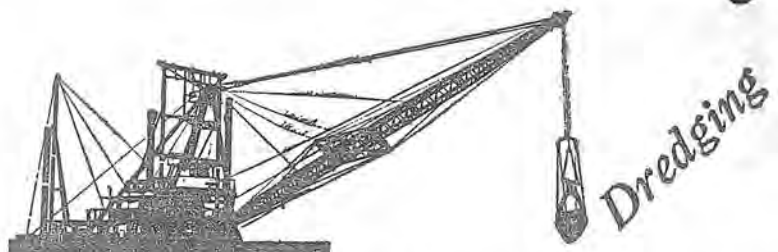
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• Address all ads to: Engineers Swap Shop, AL CLEM, Editor, 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco 3, California. Be sure to include your register number. No ad will be published without this information.



## By AL HANSEN

Charles T. Hover Dredging Co. has started digging a channel which will connect Bal Marin Keys with the mouth of the Petaluma River.

The channel will be one mile long and about 100 feet wide. It will provide a channel depth for shallow-draft boats for owners in the Keys area.

The City of Petaluma, which started a program in 1959 to widen and deepen the river to handle deep-water shipping, has been stalled in its attempts.

Funds were not included in the present Omnibus Rivers and Harbors committee budget, however, the Army Corps of Engineers have made studies of the project.

It would extend from near the head of navigation to the San Pablo channel, 200 feet wide, and realigning shoaling areas.

## DISTRICT MEETINGS

### April

#### DISTRICT 4

Eureka — April 5  
2806 Broadway

#### DISTRICT 7

Redding — April 6  
100 Lake Blvd.

#### DISTRICT 6

Marysville — April 7  
Elks Hall, 920 D St.

#### DISTRICT 1

San Francisco — April 13  
Labor Temple  
16th & Capp

#### SUB-DISTRICT 1 OF DISTRICT 1

Honolulu, April 13, 7 p.m.  
I.B.E.W. Hall  
2305 So. Beretania St.

### May

#### DISTRICT 3

Stockton — May 3  
2626 No. California St.

#### DISTRICT 9

Watsonville — May 5  
Veteran's Bldg.  
215 Third St.

#### DISTRICT 8

Sacramento — May 10  
C.E.L.&T. Bldg.  
2525 Stockton Blvd.

#### DISTRICT 2

Oakland — May 12  
Labor Temple  
2315 Valdez St.

#### DISTRICT 5

Fresno — May 31  
3121 Olive St.

### June

#### DISTRICT 10

Santa Rosa — June 2  
Veterans Bldg.  
1351 Bennett Ave.

#### DISTRICT 12

Provo, Utah — June 10  
Labor Temple  
165 W. 1st North

#### DISTRICT 11

Reno — June 11  
Musician's Bldg.  
120 W. Taylor St.

Plans call for a 15-foot MLW depth.

In San Francisco, at Pier 27, the Smith-Rice Co. has a new \$900,000 floating clam bucket removing 80,000 cubic yards of muck in the harbor for Pomeroy-Gerwick Co. In addition, there are 1,100 pile to remove.

Clyde Co. built the clam and Todd Shipbuilding, of Los Angeles, constructed the hull. It has a 10-yard bucket at water level.

On completion of the Pier 27 job, the rig will be moved to Alaska for a six-month tour of duty in the off-shore oil fields.

The "Sandpiper" is still on its "sand run" from Sausalito to Oakland, Redwood City and back again.

Associated's Dredge suction is currently in operation at Alameda and also working on an oxidation pond for Jordan Co. at Fairfield-Suisun.

## College Bonds Nixed For Contra Costa

Expansion and development of the Contra Costa Junior College campus facilities received a severe setback when voters in the county turned down a \$55 million bond issue March 29 by 2455 votes. A two-thirds vote was needed for passage.

The bond proposition had the endorsement of Local 3 and other local unions. Election officials termed the result "disappointing," and are planning for a second try to secure passage.

Colleges officials said the western county voters in the Richmond, El Sobrante, Pinole area didn't seem to understand the issue in addition to a light vote in that area. The bonds in eastern Contra Costa won the necessary vote.

The bond issue would have created facilities for an increased enrollment to 21,000 students during the next 20 years.

## Letter of Thanks

Mr. Al Clem, Business Mgr. International Union of Operating Engineers, Local No. 3 474 Valencia Street San Francisco, California Dear Sir and Brother:

The members of the Stationary Engineers Union, Local 39, have long expressed their desire to publish a news letter of their own. Therefore, we will no longer require space in the "Engineers News."

We wish to thank Local 3 and all the people who have helped us in publishing Local 39's section of the "Engineers News."

Fraternally yours,  
(signed by)  
H. L. Merydith  
Business Mgr.-Sec.



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# Personal Notes

**STOCKTON**

The reason that Brother Glenn Dobyns' name is missing from the by-line this month, is that on March 30th Brother Dobyns retired. All of us in the Stockton-Modesto area will miss him, but we hope he enjoys many happy years of retired bliss, which he certainly deserves after a job well done. Happy fishing, Glenn.

The following brothers have either been under a doctor's care or hospitalized this past month: Gordon Bosley, Ernie C. Dugan, Raymond Ortega, William Meyers, James McDermott, Blackie Hirshberg, E. F. Leaton and J. N. Boatman.

We would like to welcome Brother Claude Odom to the district. Brother Odom is the business representative in the Modesto area.

**FRESNO**

Brother Dolph Martin purchased a drive-in restaurant in Fresno located on First Street just South of McKinley Avenue. The name of the restaurant is "Mayfair Drive-In." He would appreciate the Brothers stopping in to see him.

We wish to thank Paul Ramey for donating a pint of blood. Our supply is running low!

**SAN RAFAEL**

Our thanks to Brother Joe Lovely for his donation to our Blood Bank recently.

Congratulations to Brother Walter Washabaugh and his wife on the birth of baby.

Best wishes for a fast recovery to Brother Bill Long, injured in a motorcycle accident and confined at Marin General Hospital.

Brother Ralph Carpenter, we learn is enjoying a vacation with his family in Europe.

**VALLEJO**

Congratulations are in order for Brother Bill Klebold, the proud father of a baby girl.

We would like to extend the best of luck to Brother and Mrs. Mike Wartburg, who were married recently.

**SAN JOSE**

Brother Robert Janes and his wife returned from a month's vacation. The trip included Canada, the West Indies, Chicago and back through Canada enroute to California. The Janeses visited Brother Walter Jones in the West Indies, who is employed by Kaiser. The weather in the West Indies is ideal—80 degrees all year.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following brothers who are convalescing: Elmer Triplett, Wayne Farrants, Larry Wells, Gerry Jones.

There was one blood donor this month—Bob Sando.

May Lawrence has retired from the San Jose office to enjoy some leisure living in her new mobile home. We and all her friends in the Operating Engineers extend our wishes for good luck and happiness.

**MARYSVILLE**

We wish to extend our sincere best wishes to Brother J. T. Miter who will soon enter the hospital in San Francisco for a heart operation. Also, recuperating from recent hospital confinement are Brother Vern Miller, Brother Vernon Ross and Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Charles McRee. Congratulations on their new daughter to Brother Danvil Hilbert and wife.

Hospitalized at Oroville Community is Brother Harl Stewart for the second time.

**SACRAMENTO**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of John R. Miller and Jess Sanchez. It is also with sincere sorrow and heartfelt sympathy we learn about the passing of our friend, Gene Rhea. Mr. Rhea was owner and operated the Rhea Tractor Company.

We are holding checks and correspondence for the following members: Earl Thomas Andrews, R. A. Allen, Billy B. Barrett, M. Belongia, Virgil Bennington, and Roland Brown.

Jim Burkhalter, Ben Cammerer, Oscar Dodson, J. Dugans, Raymond Milton Goff, Lynn Harris, and H. A. Hunter.

Ted S. Hughey, George E. Kraeer, John Donald Long, Bill Lewis, Bruce R. Larson, and J. LaMontagne.

B. W. Moyer, O. D. Morris, O. and C. Miller, George L. Miller, Jim Mead, Lawrence Major, F. T. McKee, Jr., and Blaine McGee.

T. O'Connor, John David Schwarg, Russell Souza, A. E. Wilton.

**More--Manager's Memo**

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was discussed at great length. At occasions such as this with the exchanging of ideas between the employer and employees, we can gain a great deal of knowledge, and in addition we are able to renew old acquaintances.

The Salt Lake City and Reno District Meetings were well attended. This was the first time that the District Meeting was conducted in our new building in Salt Lake City. The Fresno and Ukiah District Meetings were also well attended and the election for Grievance Committee Members was held. These Brothers devote considerable time to this most worthy cause, and I think we owe them a debt of gratitude.

# Marin Looks to Justice Hall Start

By AL HANSEN,  
JIM JENNINGS

SAN RAFAEL—Hall of Justice job breaks in San Rafael, contractor on the job is Robert McKee. This is the addition to the existing Civic Center. The contract award is \$8,981,900.

At a pre-job conference held on March 7th, representatives of the company stated that the excavating and underground operations would start immediately, also all operating engineers employed on this project will be out of the San Rafael hall. The only personnel the company is bringing is the Superintendent Worth Irwin, Maggiora-Ghilotti, sub-contractor for site grading, has one rig in operation on this site. This job will be finished in about two and one-half years.

The Elmer G. Wendt Bahia job at Novato is moving slowly with a few of the hands being called back.

Work around Petaluma is still "dead," but the all-round picture in Marin county looks good for 1966.

Beck-Utah Hi-Rise job is starting to get under way located in Larkspur.

The rock, sand and gravel plants are continuing operations, but not on a full scale.

Here is an item which we think will be of great interest to a number of members in Marin County who were ever employed by P & H Construction (better known as Paul H. Vincilione). March 19, a total amount of \$15,000 was paid into

the pension trust fund of Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Fund by P. H. Vincilione. The account had been delinquent for a period of time. All of the members, who had been employed by this company, are assured their accounts have been credited to the Health & Welfare and retirement plan.

Tunnel construction, to repair the Northwestern tunnel in San Rafael which has been shut down since 1957, is reportedly slated

with Morrison-Knudsen awarded the contract. Work has not started, however, we hope to have more news about this job next month.

We appreciate the interest of those members who have enrolled in the First Aid course, and we hope you will endeavor in attend every class and will be eligible to be certified by our Local Union Manager, Brother Al Clem and all the officers of Local 3.

# Apprentice Corner

Re-opening of the Apprenticeship program the first of March brought with it a flood of inquiries about dispatches to work. We shall attempt to cover this important matter here, but if you are still in doubt about procedure it is urget that you contact your area coordinator.

All indications point to a heavy work season throughout the jurisdiction, and it should be noted that the method used for dispatching the Apprentice is standard and carefully laid out in the selection procedures which ac-

company applications.

Apprentices who have already become indentured are dispatched first, and then those applicants eligible for indenture will be dispatched from groups tested and earning the highest grade and so on through the list. Therefore, it would be well for those who anticipate filing an application to do it early. The sooner he is qualified the better his chances of being called.

Applications may be obtained from the Union Office serving your area.

# Minimum Pay Bill Wins OK

Amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act boosting the minimum wage to \$1.40 next February 1 and to \$1.60 in February 1967 won approval of a subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee by an 8 to 1 vote Wednesday.

As presently drafted the bill would extend coverage to farm workers but their minimum would start at \$1 and rise in two 15 cent annual boosts to a top of \$1.30.

Others among the 6.5 million workers to be brought under FLSA coverage would also start at \$1 as of February 1, 1967 with automatic annual 15 cent boosts until they reached \$1.60 in 1971.

Although the bill has yet to be approved by the full Education and Labor Committee, no significant changes are expected to be made in it. It is expected to be brought to the floor of the House sometime in April.

# Buying New Car? Check Prices With The Credit Union

When you are thinking about buying a new car, think about your Operating Engineers' Credit Union.

You don't even have to look at a new car to secure prices. Pay a quick trip to the Credit Union and get the information on what your "old bus" is worth in trade and what a new car will cost.

Then, armed with this information, you'll be prepared to meet the fast-talking salesman on his own terms and put him on the defense, or you won't stand a chance.

We have come across prices varying \$100 to \$800 on the identical auto. We believe the dealer is entitled to a "fair profit", and not all on one deal.

See your Credit Union first, and you'll be glad you did.

# State Awards Back Pay to Finn Employees

Local 3 members who worked on jobs in the Pleasanton area for Finn Construction Co. were awarded unpaid vacation pay and are urged to contact Eugene McKenzie, deputy labor commissioner, at the State Building at 1111 Jackson St. Oakland for a claim form.

The following is a list of eligible claimants: G. W. Turner, R. Carlsen, L. Cavana, N. Crow, T. Floyd, Hope, J. Harness, Hopkins, K. Jones, M. Just, W. Miller, P. Mooney, A. O'Brien, A. Orlando, R. Ring, W. Shutt, W. Slade, M. Torres, F. Wagener and A. Winsley.

The Oakland district office initiated action with the Industrial Relations department to secure the back wages after the company announced bankruptcy. The case was heard, and according to McKenzie, the men will recover about 80 percent of the total.

**In Perspective**

Although more strikes occurred last year than in 1964, the impact was about the same even though a smaller number of workers were involved last year. Strike idleness in 1965 amounted to only 0.18 per cent of estimated total working time. This means that only 18 out of every ten thousand man-days worked were lost due to strikes.

American Cancer Society researchers at Michigan State University have developed a strain of bacteria which behave like human cancer cells.



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# Urge Compensation Law Improvement

Improved workmen's compensation benefits more commensurate with the individual's level of pay has been recommended by Thomas N. Saunders, administrative director of the Division of Industrial Accidents in the state of California.

Saunders made his position clear in testimony before the Assembly Interim Committee on Finance and Insurance.

"With the maximum weekly payment presently set at \$70 for workers totally disabled from the immediate effects of on-the-job injuries we are not meeting the Constitutional mandate to 'compensate' all the injured workers," Saunders told the legislators in San Diego.

Saunders pointed out that because of the \$70 limitation, less than half the temporarily totally disabled workers are receiving "full compensation", which is defined by law as 61.75% of earnings.

"Our sense of fair play demands that the man accustomed to a weekly pay check of \$150 should receive compensation at the same rate as the man who

earns only \$75 a week," Saunders said. "Under present benefit levels the latter would get the full 61.75%, the former only 47% of his regular pay.

Saunders urged that the legislators consider the recommendation of the Workmen's Compensation Study Commission that the maximum rate of temporary disability indemnity be increased so that "at least 75% of the injured workers" may enjoy replacement of 61.75% of their lost income with provision for the annual adjustment of this figure based on the statistics, now regularly gathered, concerning the earnings of injured workers."

In other recommendations Saunders noted that:

1. In California an injured worker receives no compensation for the first seven days of temporary disability unless he is hospitalized overnight or unless his disability exceeds 49 days, in which case the first week is paid up. This 49-day period is the longest period of deferment for retroactive benefits in the fifty states and California should shorten the

deferment.

2. Estimates given to the Workmen's Compensation Study Commission indicate that the present death benefit makes up only one-fourth of the economic loss to a worker's family. A benefit which replaces so little is prima facie inadequate. California should adopt a lifetime pension for widows and dependent children under 18, plus an additional amount for the children and a cash settlement for the widow on remarriage.

3. The legislature should

provide increased compensation for severe permanent disabilities, without increases for the less severely disabled, who, studies show, are adequately compensated under present standards.

4. California should look closely at the Ohio law where the State provides compensation benefits to workers whose employers fail to obtain insurance. In the absence of the required insurance or an uninsured employer's fund, too many California workers are financially ruined from the ef-

fects of an injury if the uninsured employer is insolvent.

Saunders warned the legislators that management will raise the specter of the "chiseler" in its attempts to show that increased benefit levels are not needed. "We are not talking about the relatively few cases of questionable permanent disability," Saunders said. "We are talking of tens of thousands of burned, bruised, broken and maimed workers who have families to support and payments to make and who just can't swing it on \$70 a week."

## Freeway Project Bids Slated

By RUSS SWANSON,  
WHIT WHITAKER

SANTA ROSA — Bids for the Santa Rosa Freeway extension are in and Bragato Paving Co. is the low bidder. The contract has not been awarded by the State of California Department of Highways to date, however, and it may be let later this month.

We caution Brothers from other areas that, while the total amount is for \$3.8 million there won't be a lot of earth moving done. Most of the funds will be spent for concrete structures, and the out-of-work list is long.

The job is right in the city limits of Santa Rosa, and will eliminate traffic congestion at the several stop signs Highway 101 traffic now endures.

### THE ROUNDUP

Granite construction working a few rigs on a golf course and street project near Napa. Syar and Harms freeway job in initial stages (this project will be covered by the Vallejo office). However, those working on the job will see the familiar Santa Rosa Representative driving by as this job is on the borderline between the two areas.

Wise and McGinty Co. is resuming the road job near Rio Nido. Siri Construction is now in its new yard, and the mechanics along with the rest of the crew, are happy with the new space. Argonaut Construction appears to have sharpened its pencil and has picked off a few jobs which should be in full swing shortly. Chandler completed work on the channel in the Santa Rosa area and is now working in the northern part of the state. Utah Construction hasn't started at the mouth of the Russian River where sometime in the near future they will begin a

gravel operation with a dredge and barges.

George Carr Company is pouring concrete on the bridge job near Duncan Mills. Crooks Brothers is working on the highway near Elk, but the weather has been a big problem. No news yet on proposed highway work near Cummings but once again the rumors are hot and heavy that within a few months the bids will be advertised for a \$6 million project.

Adam-Smith started work on Dos Rios bridge which was washed out in the 1964 floods, and virtually left the residents isolated except for a rough road through to Laytonville.

Huntington Brothers started work on a \$600,000 road and washout job between Longvale and Covelo. Earl Parker is working with a limited crew on a state highway job near Casper.

### REGISTER TO VOTE

As a service to the Brothers in the Santa Rosa area, Dispatcher Alex Cellini is now a registrar of voters, so for those of you who are not now registered, be sure and see Alex in the Santa Rosa office prior to the deadline, April 14. Be sure to register and then vote!

### VOLUNTEER FIREMEN

A warm feeling goes out to the many Brothers who spend a lot of their spare time working with volunteer fire departments when they otherwise could be resting or taking care of personal matters.

It actually would surprise a lot of people if it were known just how many operating engineers are involved.

We know that Leo Beers is the fire chief of the Geyserville area. Hank Pacheco served his apprenticeship on the fire line in Guerneville and is now a fire

marshal for that area. Howard Rhodes is working a great deal in the Ukiah area. Floyd Perkins and LeRoy Brown are active in the Sebastopol area.

We are not aware of all of you who are involved so may we ask at this time that anyone who works with any of the fire departments in the area, no matter what the capacity, to write a letter to us in Santa Rosa stating just what part you play in the fire prevention field in order that we may in turn compile a list and give some publicity to an area where the Operating Engineer once again stands out far above the rest in his respective community.

### MEETINGS

It's glowing praise we have for the brothers for their excellent attendance at the various meetings held in the area. For your information, the next regular district meeting will be held June 2, in Santa Rosa. Also, the next safety meeting in Ukiah, will be held on May 4 at 8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds Home Economics building. (Normally the meeting would be held at the Labor Temple, but another union has a prior scheduled meeting for that night.

### DISABILITY REFUND

Disability refund forms are still available. You may have a refund coming. For further information either check with us or the Department of Employment.

Cancer of the lung is extremely rare among non-smokers, the American Cancer Society says.

When it comes to giving up smoking, women have a much tougher time than men, according to a New York research report.

## 'World's Largest Whirly Crane' Set for Work

RICHMOND — The "world's largest whirly crane," with a unique electrical control system, is being mounted at the Richmond yard of Murphy Pacific Co., getting ready to go to work to install monstrous steel sections on the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge.

The crane is expected to go into operation about April 1, operating from a barge as long as a football field. Murphy Pacific has a \$27 million contract for the bridge superstructure.

Called a "whirly" because it can whirl or rotate 360 degrees, the crane's 245-foot boom will lift 292-foot side spans of steel and 750 foot central spans off the barge in single sections and position them on the bridge. Only such a derrick, with lifting capacity of 500 tons, can perform this feat, pointed out William Ziegler, Murphy Pacific vice president.

A static control system, developed by Westinghouse Electric Corp., will enable a single operator to sweep the crane's 833 tons into precise position as effortlessly as driving an automobile, said Ziegler. The crane itself weighs 458 tons and has additional ballast weight of 375 tons; it was built by Clyde Iron Works, Duluth, Minn.

The \$70 million San Mateo-Hayward Bridge is scheduled for completion in 1967 by the State Division of Bay Toll Crossings. It replaces a two-lane low level span now crossing the southern part of San Francisco Bay.

In addition to the crane control system, the Westinghouse systems control division in Buffalo, N.Y., provided twin 15-horsepower direct current motors to power the crane boom swing, motor-generator sets and other auxiliary equipment.

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30	4,200	9,141
35	3,600	6,947
40	3,000	5,148
45	2,400	3,674
50	1,800	2,466
55	1,200	1,476

## IF YOU SAVE \$50 A MONTH . . .

25	\$24,000	\$ 59,098
30	21,000	45,709
35	18,000	34,735
40	15,000	25,742
45	12,000	18,372
50	9,000	12,332
55	6,000	7,381

## IF YOU SAVE \$100 A MONTH . . .

25	\$48,000	\$118,197
30	42,000	91,418
35	36,000	69,471
40	30,000	51,485
45	24,000	36,744
50	18,000	24,664
55	12,000	14,763

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Silver State Projects Start 'Booming'

SCARED

By NORRIS CASEY, GAIL BISHOP, JACK BULLARD, BOB VICKS

RENO — Mild spring weather has arrived to the Silver State and High Sierra Country and, like flowers and the birds, the work has started "blossoming."

We have several new ski lifts coming into the Tahoe-Carson City area and most existing ski areas are planning to expand. This work, along with the subdivision projects, sewer projects, new schools, indicates we will need a "long season."

TAB Construction is nearing the end of its project in Carson City, which provided work for eight to 10 Brothers through the winter. Pestana Construction is starting a sewer project in Carson City, which is slated for three months. Gibbons & Reed started the Daggett Pass relocation job; at present there are 10 Brothers working culvert location, and there will be 12-14 engineers at the peak of the job.

**NORTHERN NEVADA**

At the quarterly meeting March 12, Brother Ed Jones was elected to the Grievance Committee to replace Brother A. J. McDonald, who did not run for re-election. We here in the Reno Office wish to welcome Brother Jones to the Committee, and thank Brother McDonald for the interest he has shown. His interest in the organization and his sincerity qualifies him as a fine "Union Man."

We here in Nevada have a big job to do this year in our Political Offices. As you are all aware, the term of Walter Baring is up. He will have to stand election. Governor Sawyer also has to stand election again. It is perhaps the biggest job that we will have to do. But it must be done. And I'm positive we can get it done.

Walter Baring, a Democrat, has a very poor attendance and voting record. He has not supported labor in many a year. His views are not for the working man, and he feels he has a cinch on his job and cannot be defeated. At this point, it is not definite, but Ralph Denton, who came within 1600 votes of beating him last time, has agreed to run against him if he can raise funds for a campaign. So let's get registered to vote and get some men in office who will give labor a fair shake!

Governor Grant Sawyer has made it clear that he will run again. If he runs, we must give him all our votes. Paul Laxalt, his opponent, has pretty well shown his colors toward the working man.

I wish to thank Brother Clem for the Reno Office and the members in the eastern end of the State for giving us an evening of his time and attending the meeting in Battle Mountain. This gesture on his part brings the Union closer to the more remote areas.

The spring action slowly begins again in Northern Nevada, as we encounter longer stretches of sunny days between the cold snaps. The Utility Operators are "in bloom" with Norval Williams for Industrial Construction at Button Point, and Kelly Johnson for Robert L. Helms at Copper Canyon.

Business Manager Al Clem negotiated the true concepts of a "Utility Operator" in the AGC

State of Nevada



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Secretary Chairman



Contract in Northern California and Northern Nevada, as most of us know. The inclusion of a Utility Operator has gained acceptance with relative ease here.

The "Earls," Butler and Beach are respectively Steward and Safety Committeeman at the Helms job at Copper Canyon. Del Kaufman and Jack Schultz serve the same capacity for Stearns-Roger at the same job-site.

Copper Canyon, as we mentioned last month, is a focal point for both mining and construction activity. Several Stewards and Safety Committeemen have been appointed for Local No. 3 at the Duval Mine. Brothers Johnny Wear, Cal Swayze, and Al Shelton are Stewards, and Rocky Evans is Safety committeeman. We strongly praise the efforts of these men and other brothers in organizing newly-hired employees. The hours they

devote to these extra and unpaid duties are appreciated by all of us.

The Carlin Gold Mine has settled into a relatively stable routine, however, we are now in the process of bringing a grievance to the final step of outside arbitration at this time. The grievance is in regard to the discharge of an employee for what we feel to be unjust cause.

The road jobs east of Elko and Wells have not begun yet; however, we note the presence of some of the supervisory people who left during the winter shutdown.

Brothers, as the new season begins, let us each recognize the responsibilities we have to our own Union. Help your Business Representative enforce the contract by reporting any contract violations to your Steward. If you happen to miss the Steward, (an easy matter on a contract

many miles long) call the Representative. When we hit these problems immediately, they don't have a chance to grow. Also, don't forget your responsibility under our By-laws, as quoted in Article 3, Section 1, Paragraph "Q":

"Each member shall keep an accurate record of time worked and wages earned and received."

**RENO AREA**

Work in the Reno area should start to pick up. A. Teichert & Son are working on their jobs at Vine Street, the new high school and the K-Mart on Oddie Blvd.

Robert L. Helms Construction has a lot of work around Reno which has kept quite a few men working this winter. Silver State Construction is finished with the dirt on the Lovelock Freeway, but they have a lot of gravel to put on. The dirt spread has moved over to Yerington, where they are getting started.

On Capitol Hill

Situs Picketing Bickering Continues

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Capitol Hill fiasco concerning congressional action on the situs picketing or secondary boycott measure took a new turn with both Senate and House leaders expressing hope the others would take up the important measure first.

This move to legalize picketing of all gates at a construction site moved through the House Rules committee recently with little effort, and was headed for debate on the House floor. Unless the 21-day rule is used to circumvent a committee, the chairman must bring the bill onto the floor or give his consent to have it considered. This Adam Clayton Powell (N.Y.), chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, is not about to do, he says.

With most of the 4,000 building and construction trades officials in conference here swarming over Capitol Hill for two days, primarily to get the situs picketing measure going, the bickering between the two

houses of Congress increased.

Sen. Mike Mansfield (Mont.), Senate majority leader, said he did not favor action in the Senate first as has been suggested but would take the matter up with his Education and Labor committee chairman, Lister Hill (Ala.). No hearings on the matter have been heard by Hill's mittee for the past two years at least.

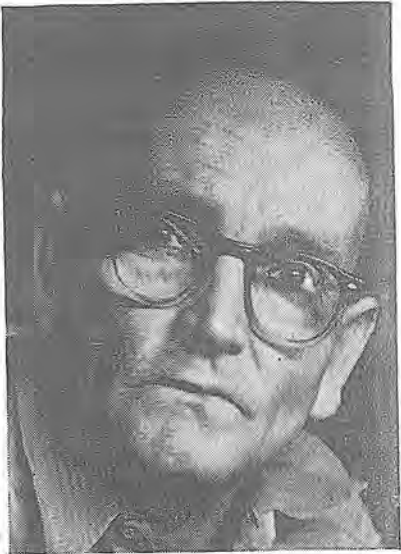
Rep. John W. McCormack (Mass.), committed to pass the measure, has been putting the heat on Rep. Powell but not getting far in trying to persuade the New York Congressman to bring up the bill. Powell, playing his usual cagey game of trading for high advantage on civil rights legislation, has told McCormack that the common situs bill will not come onto the House floor until members have considered amendments on minimum wage, the Hawkins bill to amend Title VII of the civil rights act to incorporate the "cease and desist" power, and until the Senate passes the picketing measure first.

He has some suport working for him in this firm declaration for postponement. In the first Powell is on record as saying he wil not oppose the situs picketing proposal if he gets his civil rights amendments moving through Congress first.

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## Brown Urges Benefit Hike

Governor Edmund G. Brown this week added workmen's compensation to the special call of the legislature and urged the state's lawmakers to boost the maximum weekly temporary disability benefits under the program from \$70 to \$80.

State AFL-CIO leader Thos. L. Pitts said he was heartened that the Governor had finally been convinced of the urgency to increase benefits for workers hurt

on the job, but added that the Governor's proposal of only a \$10 increase in weekly temporary disability benefits was "far too low."

The Governor's own blue-ribbon Workmen's Compensation Study Commission, Pitts noted, recommended last year that 75 percent of all claimants should get a temporary disability benefit amount of 61 2/3 percent of average weekly earnings.

## Another Landmark Disappearing

A 73-year-old veteran, survivor of the 1906 San Francisco fire and earthquake, is being dismantled by a modern truck-mounted Link Belt crane.

The landmark gas storage holder on the Marina has withstood the ravages of time and the elements, but has been declared antiquated by the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

When the gas holder was erected in 1892 on the 1.6 acre site at Bay and Laguna behind the old S. F. Gas Light Co., it was the largest of its kind west of

Chicago. It was enlarged to its present capacity of 3.28 million cubic feet in 1924.

Technological advance was the reason given by P.G. & E. officials for gas holder's demise. Increasing the gas transmission capacity of pipeline mains between Milpitas and San Francisco and by installing over-sized local gas mains in The City has the effect of storing and transporting gas simultaneously.

The Link Belt crane has 160 feet of main boom and a 40-foot jib.

## Brother Enjoys Oldtimer Stories

Dear Mr. Thoms:

I find your old timers corner very interesting.

I read Mr. Nedrow's article about the P&H getting covered up on the Calistoga job. I sure do remember it as I was there when the shovel runner climbed up between the rocks and big chunks of dirt that smashed the old 206 flat.

I can't remember of the shovel runner running off without his check. I do remember the shovel foreman "pulled the pin."

Mr. Thoms I sent you two pictures some time ago. You used one in the December issue. That was the horse drawn wag-

ons being loaded with an old steam shovel.

The other is the picture of a 60 cat taken about 1928. In this picture I am standing on the track holding a crescent wrench, two men are standing at the corner of the bulldozer and one is standing out in front.

I forgot to put my name on those two pictures so I wish you would do it, then when the editors are through with them they can send them back to me.

You have a good column going. I'm trying to find you some more pictures.

Very respectfully yours,  
CLAYTON LEE SIVILS  
Star Route, Oneal's.

## OLDTIMER'S CORNER

# Retired Brother Operator Spins Yarn; Appreciates His Check

(Editor's Note: The following comments came to us from Brother Larry Walker, now retired in Paradise, Calif. We liked his story, and thought you might, too.)

I've been reading the latest issue of "Engineers News," and I always read "The Oldtimer's Corner."

I took out my card in Local 45 (Oakland) in January 1928 and broke in with old "Cap" Inman on an Erie steam shovel and Erie "gas-air" shovel.

The steamer was a coal burner with wheels under it. When they changed over to an oil burner and tracks, that was really something! Other "shovel runners" were: "Tiny" Ackley, "Matt" Madeiros, Ray Davis and George Westbrook.

In the early 30's, I worked for Contoudous (spelling?) Construction Co. on the Pacheco Pass west of Bell Station. I was on an old Northwest shovel, and had a hard time getting a "pay day."

Jim Payton and his brothers had several 60 'cats on the job which was during the time that folks were coming to California in cars with kids, mattresses and chicken coops strapped to the tops of their cars.

Well, one Monday morning, old Jim and his men came out to "fire up" the 60's, but he was short of gasoline and most of the magneto's. Boy, were they hoppin' mad!

Old Pete Peterson and Al Clem were "pulling levers" at that time around the Bay Area and

there were many others, like "Buck" Hope.

In those days, on many jobs you didn't dare show the Union button, or you'd get fired!

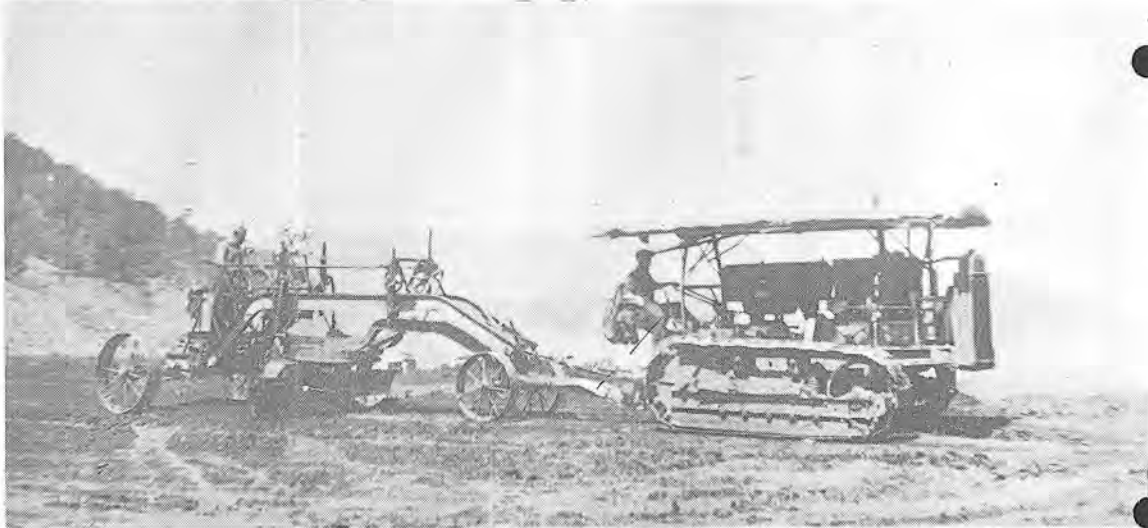
On another subject, regarding your March article on "Pensions"—I retired last March, 1965 on the full pension. It sure is a fine feeling to know that the check will come in every month!

The pension and its past increases can't full be appreciated by the younger members while they're working, but to me the pension is wonderful. I think it is something the younger fellas should look forward to (secure in retirement with dignity).

And I give Al Clem and his organization a real hearty "Thanks!"



**DAM SITE**—this looks like tandem the wagons backed up to a Northwest shovel. Master Mechanic was Harry Eck and shovel runner was Brother Bill Raling. The project looks like part of Gordon Valley Dam, about '24 or '25.



**DIGGING IN**—Brother Art Burch is shown here on a Cat tractor with unidentified Brother operating the Blade. Time — about 1924.



**HORSEPOWER** — If the young fellas coming through the Apprenticeship program now could see a spread like this, they'd probably faint! At right is Contractor L. M. Fox, owner, on grading Western Refining Co. Feb. 1924 in Wilmington, Calif. Other names identified: Brother Tom Renfrow and Shorty Blair.

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