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\$114 Million Calif. Water

Water projects in California will get a \$114 million chunk of the new federal budget, if President Truman's requests are approved. Covered are 10 flood control projects, three navigation, and three reclamation jobs for major attention during the new fiscal year starting July 1.

For the Central Valley Project, the budget calls for a new allotment of \$49,513,000, which will 66 Die on Job provide funds to further many phases of the vast water-power project reaching from Shasta on the north 400 miles south to Bakersfield.

Requested also is \$8,359,000 for the new Santa Barbara County dam in Santa Ynez valley, getting under way in a few weeks, and \$4,648,200 for the All-American Canal.

Budget estimates for Army engineer flood control projects are: Pine Flat reservoir, \$13,500,000; Los Angeles county drainage area, \$9,500,000; Whittier Narrows reservoir, \$7,500,000; Folsom reservoir, \$1,634,000; Isabella reservoir, \$3,-500,000; Cherry Valley reservoir, \$500,000; Sacramento river (old project), \$2,805,000; Sacramento river and tributaries, \$1,000,000.

The budget did not itemize the \$50 million total program proposed for the Central Valley Project, but a Reclamation Bureau summary said most emphasis will be placed on the Delta-Mendota canal, the Delta cross channel, the Tracy pumping plant, the Tracy switchyard, and the east side 230 kilovolt transmission line, all of which are scheduled for initial operation by June 30, 1951. The Friant-Kern canal will either be finished or under contract for completion by this date also. * * *

Officers Greet Pres. Maloney

During October

A total of 66 deaths was reported to the State Division of Labor Statistics and Research in October, 11 more than in October a year ago. Thirty-three workers died in vehicular accidents. Of this number, 17 were killed in traffic accidents, including 3 at railroad grade crossings. Nine employees were killed in plane crashes.

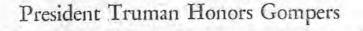
Six workers were killed in falls. A rotary helper employed by a drilling contractor was tightening bolts on a derrick mast when the wrench slipped, causing him to fall. A utility company employee fell

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C. N. Richards November 7th, 1949 Fred Wulfert November 23, 1949 Robert J. Richards November 24, 1949 Dale C. Moore December, 1949 O. E. Butler December, 1949

December 11, 1949 Croston K. Stead December 11, 1949





Washington.—President Truman tells Gompers Memorial Dinner that he recalls AFL founder as "the originator of the great move-ment which set labor free." He is applauded, l. to r., by Vice-President and Mrs. Alben W. Barkley, AFL President William Green, AFL Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Immediately below Mr. Truman are seated, l. to r., John P. Frey, president of the AFL Metal Trades Department and Gompers' biographer: Vice-President Lohn Keenan and President Chester Sample biographer; Vice-President John Keenan and President Chester Sample of the Molders and Foundry Workers Union.

January, Engineers' Dangerous Month Greetings:

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU Yes, a Very Happy New Year because through your efforts there may be fewer accidents, fewer injuries, less physical suffering, less will bear watching. mental suffering.

engineers than do the others. There , all may have is snow, there is sleet, there is ice and all of those add to the hazards involved in the operation of construction machinery. The human

body chilled from exposure to cold does not move as quickly, coordination is not so exact and accidents and injuries may follow. Those first months are dangerous months. They are treacherous months. They

So, keep a careful and a watch-First in the New Year come the ful eye upon them so that you, months of winter and those months your family, your fellow workers bring more and greater danger to and your fellow workers' families

A HAPPY NEW YEAR. Fraternally yours, WM. E. MALONEY, General President.

JANUARY 15, 1950 Don't Let Private Insurance Rob You of Benefits!

By P. E. VANDEWARK Assistant Local Union Minmager

The program sponsored by the California State Federation and all of its affiliated unions to cancel out all private (voluntary) insurance plans, is showing good progress although it is felt that our organization has not shown the progress it should on the pacgram.

We are therefore adopting a somewhat different policy in obtaining the signatures of the members so that their various employers may be notified to cancel out any private plan insurance they may now have and to revert back to the State of California Unemployment Disability Insurance Plan as provided for by law.

Your business representative will call upon you, on the job, for your signature, and your cooperation: and assistance is requested. This action is necessary so that all unaions in the State may be able to combat the vicious attacks made by the private insurance companies upon improved legislation proposed by your organization and other labor unions for better and more liberal payments of not only dieability insurance, but also payments which you are entitled to receive under the Industrial Compensation, in the event that you are unfortunate enough to receive an injury on the job.

The law also provides that should an individual employee desire to have his insurance transferred from any private plan to the state plan, his employer is compelled 10 do so upon written notice from. his employee, irregardless of what action other employees may take. In other words the law means that the wishes of an individual must be complied with, rather than the wishes of the majority of em-



Clark S. Dowe

Dean W. Stevens December 16, 1949 Wm. S. Collett December 17, 1949 Ted Waite December 17, 1949 Robert J. Rice December 29, 1949 OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

REPRINT OF UNION DIRECTORY IS ON PAGE 12.

For the convenience of the membership we have reprinted and revised the DIRECTORY showing the Officers, location and phone number of each Office, in addition to the Business Representatives working out of each locality and their home phone numbers. Members should cut out this directory and keep it for their own information. * * *

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, LOCAL NO. 3-E MEETING

The next meeting of the Technical Engineers, Local No. 3-E, will be held in the Union Offices at 1444 Webster St., Oakland, Calif., on Friday, January 27th, 1950, at 8 p. m.

BLOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED

In the picture at the right, officers and business representatives of Locals 3 and 39 are shown at the recent meeting attended by IUOE Gen. Pres. William E. Maloney, who stopped over in San Francisco on a visit to the West Coast.

Front row (left to right): Chet Elliott, Harry Metz, Local 3 Executive Board members; C. F. Mathews, secretary; Pat Clancy, president, Local 3; William E. Maloney, general president IUOE; Victor S. Swanson, 7th International vice president; P. E. Vandewark, treasurer; H. O. Foss, vicepresident; Al Clem, Executive Board member, Local 3.

Second row (left to right): E. A. Hester, Local 3; R. E. McCarthy, Local 39; Leo F. Darby, secretary, Local 39; H. S. Clark, Joe Riley, M. G. Murphy, Executive Board member; Frank Lawrence, T. D. Bryson, E. L. Garrett, Les Collett, Al Boardman, A. R. McCaffrey, Local 3; Claude Fitch, manager, Local 39; M. W. Edwards, Local 3. Top row (left to right): Charles Dees, Local 3; M. G. Campbell, Local 39; Dan Matteson, Russell Swanson, Local 3; Newell Carman, Intl. Rep., Local 39; R. A. Christensen, Local 39; Glenn Dobyns, Ed Doran, Executive Board member; Otto Never, Local 3.

If you didn't make that New Year's resolution to donate at least one pint of blood during the year 1950 . . . it's not too late! Remember, it's to your benefit as well as to any other member, or his family ... we never know when an emergency will arrive. Protect yourself, as well as your loved ones . . . be prepared!

ployees in this case. * * *

The Union Button is a badge of competent service and honorable labor relations. Look for it when you buy service.



EDITORIALS

LOCAL UNION No. 3

A New Year's Message

By John W. Russell

As we enter into this New Year of 1950, too many of us Americans feel unwarranted gloom. It is true that unsettled conditions prevail throughout the world. As a consequence, our minds are filled with fears, worries, anxiety, failure, inferiority, pessimism. This is true in spite of the fact that we are enjoying the highest standard of living in history; also in many ways we have blessings heretofore never known by any people on earth. We may belong to one of the very best Labor Organizations in the land, one which has been highly instrumental in bringing to us the comforts and joys of a really worthwhile life, and yet are afflicted with this disease of gloom. We may conclude therefore, notwithstanding a bad world situation, that it is principally a state of mind. And since it is a state of mind, we, as individuals, can take an account of ourselves and do something about it.

First, let us remember that from the dawn of civilization, history records many political and economic upheavals which have thrown Nations into chaos. Bloody battles have been fought, results have been tragic and often disastrous. Despite these tragedies, one piled on top of another, and despite prophesies that civilization will be destroyed, because of unsound governments, barbarism, jet and atomic weaponsdespite all these things, let us be reminded that the world has continued to progress all across the dead centuries and by the same token will continue to do so. In checking back through the ages, we find that one of the strong characteristics of man is an inherent determination to overcome obstacles, to beat defeat, and overthrow all evil forces which threaten him so relentlessly.

We have proof of this indomitable will to overcome obstacles and survive, and even become stronger because of them, in both the past and the present. We know that destruction of property and lives, through famine and wars, has gone on through the ages, up to and including the present time. Yet we know that today the world is richer, more prosperous, more progressive, and more populated than at any other time in history. And we have every reason to believe this process will continue because it is an inherent trait of man to "come back." Therefore, in taking stock of ourselves, let us remember that fear, gloom, pessimism, are principally a state of mind, as before stated. We can let these forces of evil completely dominate and destroy our souls, as individuals. But, on the other hand, we can direct our thinking along constructive lines and make the most of the positive, beneficial powers of our minds and souls, to the end of overcoming destructive forces and defeat.

If we stop to think, everything constructively accomplished first originated in the individual mind of man. How about our Labor Organizations? We consider their fruits-how much mankind has been elevated through these wonderful institutions, what he has attained in comforts, in physical possessions, in dignity and all that goes with it. Yet, this all started in the individual mind of man. We take a single thought, a single idea, devote hours, days, weeks, months, and years to it, and with patience and perseverance we have a national institution which raises a class of people from the depths of poverty and wretchedness to a state of dignity and well being. But, we first had to have the idea. In a recently published book by Alex Osborn, he says, "For forty years I have been cracked on the idea that all of us can learn to think our way out of the booby traps of life." Well, the



While most prices continue to decrease slowly, rents keep going up. And they have been increasing each month for nearly three years. And the outlook for the next year is still higher rents.

Why has rent gone up steadily for the last three years? Because real estate lobbyists have been able to get Congress to weaken rent control legislation.

LOBBY HAS AXE OUT

The present inadequate rent law ends June 30. The real estate lobby already is working on plans to kill all rent controls this year.

Meantime, President Truman has pledged himself to fight for extending controls.

Figures compiled by the Department of Labor show that the campaign against rent control has been successful.

In 1946, rent paid by moderate income families in large cities was about 81/2 per cent above the 1935-39 average.

By the end of 1947, the rent these familes had to pay was up 11 per cent over the 1935-39 figures.

By the end of 1948, the rent figure stood at more than 17 per cent above 1935-39.

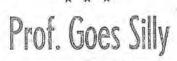
HITS PEAK IN OCTOBER

And in October, 1949, the last month for which figures are available, rent had increased 211/2 per cent over the prewar average.

Is there anything Congress can do to bring down the cost of housing? There are two things:

1. Congress can enact adequate legislation to continue rent control.

2. Congress can pass a middleincome cooperative housing bill which will provide houses or apartments now renting for \$90 to \$100 a month at a monthly cost of \$50 to \$60.



We nominate the following remark as the silliest of the season. It was made by Prof. Paul H. Nystrom of Columbia University in an address to a conference of the American Marketing Association.

"Whether the economy of this country can continue as a selfmaintained and surplus-producing economy under a 40-hour, 5-day work week has never been proved or demonstrated," he lectured.

This is just more of the solemn Baloney always put out by persons of wealth or property, all of them, black, white, skinny, fat, tall, short -namely, that we gotta keep working, harder, if our system is going to survive (the system of the rich get ever richer and the poor get poorer, sicker, and meeker). * * *

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

COMMENT

A synopsis of the regular meeting minutes of December 3 was read and by motion approved as read. A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of December 14 and of January 4 read and the acts and recommendations of the board were by motion approved as read, with the exception of that part regarding a resolution which was referred to new business.

A letter of thanks was received from Mrs. Thelma Collett and from John F. Shelley. Received and filed.

The following brothers were reported ill: Ray H. Arnold, Miguel Archuleta, Edward S. Bigger, Earl Brambrink, LeRoy Bryant, R. E. Christensen, George Carter, Alfred DePew, John Daley, Henry Elsasser, Wm. F. Folden, Johnny Green, G. O. Gullikson, Ray C. Hammes, Z. P. Hall, Alva H. Jessee, Silvestro Lugrios, Wm. McKinnon, Edward J. Matheson, A. W. Maxwell, W. G. Martin, Paul M. Melton, Ed F. Murphy, Robert J. Murdock, Robert Pollard, Leon Reese, Wm. Ryan, Agostino Sciaroni, D. M. Slater, Glenn Smith, Jess C. Stauft, Van E. Spears, V. E. Wimmer, Joseph Yaeger.

The following brothers were reported deceased: O. E. Butler, Wm. S. Collett, Clark S. Dowe, Dale C. Moore, Robert J. Rice, Croston K. Snead, Dean W. Stevens and Ted Waite.

The following resolution was read as the first reading:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the present Labor Temple has become antiquated and therefore unsuited for the use of the labor movement in Sacramento, and

WHEREAS, Labor has tried for several years without success to formulate a plan to finance a new Labor Temple, and

WHEREAS, four unions, namely, Carpenters, Engineers, Laborers and Teamsters, propose to form an association for the purpose of building a suitable Labor Temple in Sacramento, and

WHEREAS, a desirable location has been found and the land available for purchase, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the officers of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, be instructed to form an association with the Carpenters, Laborers and Teamsters Unions which shall properly protect the investment of Local No. 3, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the officers of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3 be authorized to withdraw from the general savings fund account a sum equal to one-fourth the purchase price of the property, but not to exceed \$10,000.

Brother Swanson explained the reason for this resolution.

The business agents gave their usual reports which were accepted as given.

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

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

GENERAL. IK

(LLPE Release)

As a General of the Army, Dwight D. Eisenhower receives retirement pay of \$18,761 a year. It's his for the remainder of his life.

Eisenhower's base pay is \$11,457 a year, his rental allowance is \$1800 and his subsistence allowance is \$504. On top of all that, he gets a "personal money allowance" of \$5000.

(He also has the Governmentpaid services of a major, who serves as an aide, and an enlisted orderly.)

staff of the Joint Congressional should cause him to cut out that Committee on the Economic Report, roughly 10 million families in the United States last year earned less than \$2000-or quite a bit less than merely the rental and subsistence allowances granted to Eisenhower. The General, of course, has been on the Government payroll for almost 40 years. He never had to worry about losing his job or paying for the necessities of life. He never had to worry about his medical or dental bills, or about those for his family. The Government took care of them. And right now, General Eisenhower gets free medical, dental and hospital care. Furthermore, he can take advantage of the cheaper, taxfree prices of goods sold at Army commissaries. It seems, then, exceptionally poor grace for Eisenhower to criticize the great number of Americans who also want security-if only just a small portion of the security which he, himself, is guaranteed by the Federal Government. It seems almost improper, too, for a graduate-and the father of another graduate - of a school owned, operated and controlled by the Government to assail those who believe that same Government should give a small measure of financial aid to the thousands of struggling schools with their millions of youngsters,

General Eisenhower's professed concern for the men who carried the rifles and faced the mortar According to the subcommittee shell barrages for him in Europe

thought which created Labor Organizations brought our class of working people out of one of the worst booby traps since God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden.

But, let us remember there is no monopoly on thinking. Unfortunately, too many of us are static, filled with gloom and disappointment. Surely, many of us will suffer heartaches, losses, and pain. This old physical world has never been perfect, and never will be; but, in general the future looks good, opportunities are available and those who have the faith, the bravery, and the daring to strike out boldly for the things they want most from life, will be amply rewarded with the prizes which are rightfully theirs.

Labor Unity Demonstrated for British



Washington.—Top officials of the International Association of Machinists and railroad brotherhoods join with AFL officers in hon-oring visiting British Trades Union delegation. Left to right, General Vice-President Elmer E. Walker, Machinists; President George Q. Lynch of the AFL Pattern Makers; Executive Secretary A. E. Lyon of the Railway Labor Executives Association including AFL and inde-pendent railroad brotherhoods; Bert M. Jewell, former president of the AFL Railroad Employes Department and now labor advisor to Paul Hoffman, European aid administrator, and Thomas McKinney, executive council chairman of the British Society of Boilermakers and Iron and Steel Shinbuilders. Iron and Steel Shipbuilders.

Louisiana League **Publishes** Paper

Monroe, La.-Louisiana Labor's League for Political Education is now publishing the Louisiana League Reporter.

The paper is a five-column tabloid. It includes news articles, columns, editorials, pictures and cartoons. Written in a bright style, it discusses the political situation both in Louisiana and in the nation as a whole.

ENGINEERS' NEWS

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sort of talk.

There are one or two veterans who would like to look forward to a little security, and one or two who have children in understaffed, overcrowded schools.

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VETERANS MUST record home ONTRACTS NOW

To obtain tax exemption, veterans who are buying homes on contract should note that under a new regulation they must now have all such contracts or agreements recorded in the County Recorder's office, a procedure not formerly required, according to a reminder issued by County Assessor Carl Dwire of Ventura County.

Section 261, added to the Revenue and Taxation Code, approved by the Governor last August, provides that as a prerequisite to allowance of either veterans' or welfare exemption with respect to taxes on real property, the interest of the claimant in the property must be of record on the lien date in the office of the recorder of the county in which the property is located. Failure to make such recording constitutes waiver of exemption.

ENGINEERS' NEWS

Reno-**Nevada Brothers Keeping Busy in** Spite of the Cold By H. L. SPENCE

Business Representative, Local 3

Isbell Construction Company has two shifts on their gravel plant here in Reno. Nevada. It will keep some of the Dear Brothers working most of the winter. There is quite a number of the Brothers working in the Reno shop.

The Isbell stripping job is going along in fine shape. However, the extreme cold weather makes it tough on the brothers. They have added a couple of good brothers to the crew, Bros. Matt Greve and Don McGowan.

Smith Petersen is hauling gravel from the Sparks pit, with Bro. Curtis Petersen on the link belt shovel.

Earl Games still is working out at the disposal plant, Bro Bill Games on the Northwest and Bro. Les Jacobsen on the cat.

John B. Powers Co. has the shop crew working and one shovel crew, Vince Schalk and James Lane. Bro. Jay Baker is on the cat. Silver State Construction Co., better known as Andy Drumm, has most of its Engineers working on

building dams and leveling land. Bro. Clarence York is operating a 76 Union Oil Station just west of Truckee, Calif., and he is just as good a service station operator as he was blade operator, while operating for H. Earl Parker.

I am sorry to report that three of the dear brothers passed away in Nevada, Bros. Ted Waite, Cros-

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Resolution For All

"Resolved, that I will examine my National Service Life Insurance situation in the light of my family's circumstances and needs, and take the necessary action to

Some of the lines this action might well take, depending on the individual veteran's case, are indicated by Granger as follows:

Conversion of term policy to a permanent plan.

Change in beneficiary or beneficiaries.

Reinstatement of NSLI, if the policy has lapsed.

Increasing the amount of the face value if further protection is

to study health insurance programs full information on premium rates, will be provided by master meterpaid-up and extended insurance ing and at a general savings to all values, disability premium waiver, the cooperators. The cooperative and other aspects of NSLI that investment necessary is computed some veterans may find a little complicated, and can assist them in MODEL taking whatever steps they wish.

Marysville-COOL WEATHER SLOWS NORTH VALLEY AREA; SEE GOOD YEAR By WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT.

Business Representatives, Local 3

This New Year has started off with cold weather around this area, but we hope it will not be for very long and that soon every Brother will be on a payroll for another good year.

Things have not changed too much since our last report, except Kelly Bros. are going ahead with their levee job near Colusa with 11 members on the cats and draglines and the weather has deterred them very little so far.

Dahms Construction Company have about finished their sewerage disposal plant in Colusa, California. A Biasotti & Son job at Comp-

tonville, Calif., will get under way in the spring as soon as the snow is off. Brother Al Vercruzzen will be superintendent on this highway project.

Steele & Easton has the excavating on the small bridge on 99E in the Gridley area.

Rice Bros. are at a standstill except for some commercial work around the vicinity.

Lester L. Rice is putting in a

Union Plans Own Co-Op Apartments S53 Per Month Up

New York .- The AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America announced plans for a cooperative apartment house for 288 families with rents to start at \$53 per month.

A charter for the development was granted by the New York State Housing Commissioner Herman T. Stichman to the AFL union. The presentation was made to Union Vice President Joseph Belsky.

The project is to be known as the Harry Silver Apartments, in memory of a deceased union member, and will be located in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn. FIREPROOF

Three 6-story semifireproof elevator apartment houses will be constructed on a land area of 127,-000 square feet located centrally in Brooklyn within one-fare zone.

The development will contain 30 apartments with 5½ rooms, 186 with 41/2 rooms, 72 with 31/2 rooms, with an over-all average of 4.35 rooms. The project cost is estimated at \$2,887,000, which includes 136 garage stalls to be located beneath the apartment buildings.

The maintenance charges will be \$53 per month for 31/2 rooms, \$65 for 41/2 rooms, \$75 for 51/2 rooms, averaging throughout the development to \$14.47 per room monthly carrying charge. The figures do not The Veterans Service Office has include gas and electricity, which

rental equipment agency in Yuba City, off the new bridge ramp and will handle all kinds of construction equipment.

H. Earl Parker Company sent a few men down to the Los Angeles International Airport for about four week's work. Parker still has a few men out on the levce at Meridian, California, and a good shop crew.

Butte Creek Rock Company at Chico are overhauling their equipment during the slack season with Local 3, notably the Fry Bros. and Jimmie Dorris, Brother Ed Borden, superintendent, says they have plenty material stock-piled for the time being.

B & R Construction Company have a general contract for an addition to Chico State College with Raymond Concrete Pile subbing the piling with Brother Jack Long on the driver. Good for about a month.

Around the Jobs-

The Ritcher Bros. of Oroville, keep a few members busy on land leveling and are starting a job cast of Marysville at this writing,

Brother J. H. Shaver has four rigs busy north of town with Brother Leon Bagley in charge.

A. Till Company had to shut their tunnel down at Dobbing until about February 15, due to lack of water. No rain as yet to fill Lake Francis. Till jobs at Lake Almanor are shut down on account of snow and winter weather.

A. Teichert & Sons Company still have a small crew on their road job near Tudor, California. Brother Les Cowen, superintendent; Brother Bill Clayton, hot plant foreman, and Brother Charles Lloyd on the cat feeding the plant.

Jobs in the Feather River Canyon are rapidly drawing to a close Walsh Construction Company still have a few Engineers busy at their tunnel, batch plant and power house job.

T. E. Connolly is moving equipment to their Oroville yard to repair and stack it against the time of another contract.

The L. E. Dixon Company and Arundel Corp. are really pouring the concrete, in fact, they are pouring it so fast that a lot of our good tunnel men will soon flinish

he says wants to go somewhere else at a later date; possibly to Canada. Lyle "Curly" Atkinson has added another notch to his belt as far as completed contracts are concerned. He has recently returned from Venezuela after working with Raymond Concrete Pile Company for the past 8 months. Before Venezuela Curly was one year in Liberia. Stanton H. Rikke is in town again . . . he just completed a one year contract on Guam for B. P. M. Case Zwart has also returned from Guam . . . However, foreign jobs are not coming into this office . . . we do not know of a single man needed anywhere . . . only one man has reported going out to any contractor and that was John Meyers who has gone to work on Guam for B. P. M.

Morley Roberts has decided to try his luck in the parking lot business. If any of you brothers have occasion to park in the vicinity of Polk & Turk Sts., give Brother Morley a break. From what he says, it will be a few weeks before he is ready to open for business. Lots of luck, Mickey, we hope you make a success of it.

Brother R. W. (Wade) Carse had a little misfortune with the crank on the starting motor of a cat. The crank kicked and hit his right hand | ton Stead and Edgar Parry. and broke it. Our sincere condolences. Wade, hope it won't be long before you are back on the job!

HOW ABOUT THAT NEW

YEAR'S RESOLUTION . . . Remember? About donating at least one pint of blood in the year 1950. We certainly are off to a poor start . . . we have had only one response up to date and have only 11 pints to our credit at the Blood Bank. We have just received word that Brother Ceaser Rogers has donated a pint of his blood (which will make 12 pints on hand) . . Thanks Brother Rogers; you are the first member to donate for the year 1950! How about some more

cooperation, Brothers? * * *

Ewing Will Study European Programs

Federal Security Administrator needed. Oscar R. Ewing has left for Europe

San Francisco QUIET SPELL HITS FRISCO, **BIG JOBS ENDING AND STARTING** By PAT CLANCY and RUSSELL SWANSON

Business Representatives, Local 3

At the present time things are more or less at a standstill around San Francisco. There are about 300 men registered on the out-of-work list and with the rains here for awhile there is little prospective employment for the coming month. However, there are a number of men working around town on the various jobs, but most of these men have been on the

contractor's payroll for some time and manage to keep busy all year months for Bechtel and from what round.

With very few exceptions the order for men from the contractors to our San Francisco office are just for jobs of one or two days. However, some of these one or two day jobs turn out to be the best jobs that a member has ever received. Every once in a while one of our brothers comes in to the office and asks if we remember the "one-day job" that we had sent him on, eight months ago! That's the reason most members are willing to take any job that comes along regardless of the fact that it may only be for a day or so; there's always a chance the day or so job may mean weeks or even months.

The M. & K. Tunnel Job at Lake Merced is getting under way, they are also finishing up their last fill job. The Metropolitan, and other large housing projects, are slowly coming to an end. The North Point Sewer job is progressing as rapidly as can be expected for this time of the year. The Islais Creek Bridge job is about through . they are now putting the fill in on each side of the bridge. Mac-Donald, Young & Nelson, contractors on the sewer disposal project off Evans Avenue are proceeding slowly due to wet weather. The Fay Improvement Company are tearing up the street car rails and repaving San Bruno Avenue. This Company has various small street repair jobs scattered around town. Excavation work is about completed on the Harney-Atkinson job on the free-way and the piers are about ready for the red-iron. Eaton & Smith and Lowry Paving Company are going along as usual, keeping some of our members busy.

Contracts for work on the Southeast Sewage Treatment plant near Islais Creek, final unit in the city's \$35 million post-war sewer project, have been awarded to Walsh Construction Co., Bates & Rogers, and J. H. Pomeroy & Co., Inc. Low bid was \$2,132,118. Already underway are the \$8,140,000 North Point Sewage Treatment plant, and the \$4,-486,000 Islais Creek Sludge Treat-

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been returning from Arabia this in England, Sweden and Switzerpast month with a few of them land. coming in to the office and saying "hello" and also bringing a variety of interesting and true stories with them. Ralph Chaney is once again on the mainland, he returned with a completed contract after putting in 19 months for Bechtel in Arabia. Les Litzinger also has returned with a completed contract . . . he worked 24 months for B.P.M. on Guam; and also done a very good job as steward for Local No. 3. If any of the brothers see Les don't fail to ask him about a few of his experiences . . . he had plenty and he's a good story teller. Another brother, Carroll L. Price, has returned after 18 months working in Arabia for the Arabian American Oil Company. Those of ycu who attended our last regular meeting know that Bill Stubbe is roaming around the city again . . Bill worked for Bechtel in Kuwait, Arabia and liked it so well that it went over his contract period by six months; stayed 23 months and now says he plans to go somewhere else in the near future, possibly with Pomeroy. Bill Lake was with Stubbe at the meeting and between the two of them we managed to get a couple of good stories. It is our opinion that both of the "Bills" did all right in Arabia and would not hesitate in going back! By the way, Bill Lake worked 19 Gompers.

Before leaving Ewing said, "We intend to study the operations of plans already in effect abroad.

"Where we find something wrong, we will find out why it is wrong, so that if we go into this field, we will not be making the same mistakes. I am a firm believer in compulsory health insurance, but if I find anything that should shake my faith, I would so report." Ewing is being accompanied by U. S. Commissioner of Education Earl J. McGrath, Deputy U. S. Surgeon General W. Palmer Dearing and David E. Price of the

Modern nutritionists, like grandmothers, believe spring greens to be good spring tonics, and advocate the use of wild greens as well as cultivated variefies.

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"A 'scab' is to his trade what a traitor is to his country."-Samuel * * *

AUTO HINTS

Crank Case Sludge-The crank case of your car should be drained and flushed at regular intervals. During cold weather, moisture in the form of vapor accumulates on the engine cylinder walls. Normally most of this moisture is discharged with the exhaust gas, but in cold weather a certain amount enters the crank case, where it combines with oil to form a harmful sludge.

Courtesy Counts-Traffic accident volume, in the opinion of safety experts, could be cut in half if all drivers observed the rules of sportsmanlike driving, says the California State Automobile Association.

Frozen Battery-Motorists planning winter mountain trips are warned that a weak or nearly discharged automobile battery may freeze and burst when freezing temperature prevails. A fully charged battery will withstand

below zero.

at \$240 per room.

A report on the project was made to Harry C. Bates, president of the AFL Bricklayers Union and chairman of the AFL National Housing Committee.

"This development," the Meat Cutters told Mr. Bates, "is being designed to become the leader in progressive future housing developments through the entire state. This is further evidenced by the fact that only 34 per cent of the surface coverage of the lots will be occupied by building units. The remaining 66 per cent of the land is apportioned to the finest landscaping with recessed playgrounds to protect the children from street traffic.'

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KC Streetcar Beet

Kansas City .- Federal mediators were working to avert a strike of AFL streetcar men when the present agreement expires. The workers are asking a wage increase, while the Kansas City Public Service Co. is demanding wage decreases.

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Union Label merchandise is the temperatures as low as 80 degrees hottest competition for sweatshop group in the Oakland office and products.

there.

M & K Co., Inc., still have around 50 members on the payroll and you should see the new truck crane that Brother Mark Smith and his good crew of Local 3 men designed and made. Brother Valentine, the operator, is really proud of it.

M-K Corp. of San Francisco. California, has a 25 model N.W. truck crane digging a basement for the J. C. Penney Company in Chico, Calif., with Brother D, C. Slim Cleland as operator and Cy Plymesser oiling.

Brother Bruce Ayers and his wife are proud parents of a 9pound boy. Bruce says a boy of that size should be on a shovel with him.

My Brother, William (Whitey) Collett, passed away December 17, 1949, and only two days prior while visiting him in the hospital, he asked me to thank the boys on the job at Antioch, California, for their kindnesses to him. His widow asked me to use this newspaper to thank each and every one for their many expressions of symipathy during his illness and subsequent death. I personally wish to thank the people who were so kind to us, in the name of the Collett family, at the loss of our Brother, and especially the entire the officers of Local 3.



San Rafael-**MORE RAIN AND LESS WORK** IN NORTHBAY, ROAD JOBS MOVE

By H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 3 With the advent of the rainy season, all projects have "shut down" which makes for a steady flow of members into the office . . . to look over the Out-of-Work list . . . and add their own name . . . with the exception of the Tyson & Watters Company's Mare Island reclamation project which is now double-shifting . . . rain doesn't affect these boys.

Frederickson Brothers of Emeryville were low at approximately \$240,000 on the highway improvement between Foster Road and Union Station, Napa.

Brother Thomas Dick "bustin' out all over" on the recent addition to his family . . . says he sure has a future cat skinner.

Brother John Q. Pearl recently opened his pumice pit on the Monticello Road, in Napa . . . says thinks look good and hoping to place some brothers on the payroll within a very short time.

Brother Robert Rolicheck, of 12 Knoll Road, Mill Valley is available for any spot in the area with his Fordson Tractor-Loader-Scraper, all attachments . . . Brother and without thought of self, rushed "Bob" can be reached at Dunlap 8-4731.

Brother L. Carl Barber, master mechanic with Sloss-Taylor Company on the Redwood Highway South, Santa Rosa, keeping all hands busy with plenty prospects ahead for good business.

The Gudgel Construction Company just finished ahead of the rain on their Kent-Woodland job . . . and trying to do the grading, between raindrops, on the Alberts Recreation Center in San Rafael for the Robert McCarthy Company of San Francisco.

Get New Trucks

Jensen & Pitts, (Mr. Five-by-Five) must be doing alright, recently unloaded all their old equipment and purchased a fleet of new five-yard Internationals . . . Fred must have a high-powered pencil ... has been picking off some good ones.

Brother Wallace McQueary with the Guy F. Atkinson Company for several years recently stopped in at the office during a visit to relatives here over the holidays . . . advises there are many No. 3 members working on the Harlan County Dam, Nebraska . . . says if you don't like the cold stay away from Nebraska . . . With McQueary going to Pine Flat for Atkinson.

Brother Jim Rider of Mill Valley thinks the rainy season a good time to make a vacation trip . now rolling along in Arizona.

Brother Jimmy Joy, in Sonoma County Hospital, Santa Rosa, recovering nicely after surgery . . . Brother Charley Callison returned to Basalt-McNear's Point after automobile accident Brothers "Gee" Moyer and Andy Maxwell in the same accident still out of circulation . . . our best wishes for speedy recovery. Brother Fred Horner of Woodacre, San Rafael 5301-M, hoping to tie up his loose ends and planning on making general overhaul of all equipment during the rains. Our congratulations to Brother Howard "Scarbelly" Addington, recent benedict . . . on his marriage to the popular and busy Alice Bowman of San Fafael . . . Skol.

keep them busy all winter . . weather permitting.

Brother Russell "Baked-Beans" Halcro in a letter from West Scarboro, Maine, advises spring is with him . . . buds sprouting . . . guess he took the good weather with him when he went East . . , says he is waiting for his buddy, Tom Hughes, the ballet dancer, to join him in Maine.

Saves 2 Children

Brother Jim "Hot-Roller" Parsons proved himself a hero . . on visiting his son's home he found smoke pouring from all doors and windows . . . he knew his two grand-children were in the house into the burning house . . . both children were unconscious, but thanks to Jim's quick action are now O.K. and only telling the "kids on the block" . . . with Jim's burns healing.

The Hutchinson Quarry at Greenbrae, where the ever-popular Al Clapp is superintendent, reports a very successful season and plans all made for the installation of re-crushing plant in the spring . . right now doing complete overhaul on all equipment and machinery. E. A. Forde & Son of San Anselmo very satisfied with past year ... "not doing a bit of gum-beat-

ing." Shaffer & Madsen of Mill Valley report a very successful year . . due in large part to Mrs. S. keeping the equipment in good condition, driving semi's over hill and dale, and then one day Madsen and Mrs. S. were able to get Kenny on

a rig. Brother L. E. Thompson and son, Brother "Bob" Thompson report a very good season and busy every day . . . hoping to finish the excavating in the Marysville area before this comes off the press.

Brother M. D. McKay, P. O. Box 343, Mill Valley, telephone Dunlap 8-1720 has a North West 25, with Company have 10 miles at Alturas, all attachments, available for contract.

Basalt at McNear's Point, Johnny Meloni, superintendent reports good season last year with better prospects for this year . . . Napa Shipyard endeavoring to get the big pipe shop into production . . not advised as to how soon this will be . . . this is the Kaiser tie-in. Brother L. J. Frohn of Santa

Redding-Shasta Dam Big **Boost to Redding** Area Population By E. A. HESTER **Business Representative**, Local 3

The year 1950 finds Redding bigger and better. Heavy construction work is a bit slack at this time. However, I believe that phases of other work is increasing. Scores of new houses are being built, the business district continues to expand. Since the beginning of construction on Shasta Dam the population of Redding has grown from 4500 to more than 18,000. Shasta Dam, the second largest in the world, is 99 per cent complete. R. A. Farish, better known as "Pete" of San Francisco, has started to put the finishing touches on Keswick Dam. With Brother Lloyd Cables as general superintendent directing a gang of Local 3 engineers as to how to do the work. Keswick Dam is 85 per cent complete. Including the relocation of

the railroad around Keswick Dam it is expected that work will last another year. Trans-Ocean Engineering Company finished the bridge job at Gerber on January 5, 1950. The last engineer to be laid off on this job

was Brother Lee Chambers and he reports that he has been cut short in his pay-checks \$176.00. The matter is being investigated.

Wixson & Crowe of Redding have started improvement work for the Hat Creek Lumber Company near Buckeye, California.

A good many of the logging camps have closed down for the winter. Several of our logging engineers are reporting in.

The Operating Engineers have enjoyed a very good year in 1949. The highway jobs that have been completed are: A. Teichert & Son, 8-mile strip at Hornbrook; Harms Bros., 6-mile strip at Mt. Shasta; E. G. Alves, 6-mile strip at Churn Creek: Brennan & Brown, 31/2-mile strip at French Gulch; Ball & Son, 12-mile strip at Hayfork; Harms Bros., 61/2-mile strip at Ravendale; Harms Bros. & Brown, 15-mile strip at Aden, and Ball & Son's levee job at Vina. We have a few highway jobs under construction that are to be finished this year, they are: R. A. Guerin has about 8 miles at Cedarville, Clements & and Fredrickson & Watson have 6½ miles at Anderson. The outlook for work is equally as good for 1950 as it was in 1949.

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Salt Lake City-SNOWS ARRIVE IN UTAH, BIG ARCO ATOMIC JOB IS SET TO GO RENNY BURROUGHS and C. R. VAN WINKLE, **Business Representatives**, Local 3

It shouldn't happen to an Engineer! But it does every winter here in Utah. Some of the finest operators in Local 3 have to face the toughness of winter snow and cold weather and short work. There isn't any grumbling. Every Brother sits tight knowing that work will start after so much snow has fallen and the blizzards have known their worst. We talk of work ahead and envy those frostbitten brothers lucky enough to be underground on tunnel jobs or working in the shops.

Right now work in Utah looks 1949. Just enough better in fact that we feel that there will be a longer season for us and less layoffs between jobs. Snow packs have not been as severe as last winter be spent on this project this year. and, on pressing jobs, if the winter continues in its present tempo, some work will begin in March.

Our State road program is planned to double last year and should run about \$20,000,000. Most of it probably will be in the south.

Projects planned for Salt Lake County total about \$35,000,000. These are largely building and industrial projects with a limited but sizeable demand for Engineers. Work at Arco, Idaho, on the

Denver Engineers Avert Meat Strike

Operating Engineers Local 1 averted a strike and won a 5 to 8 cents an hour wage increase and other gains last week from five Denver meat packing firms. The union by-passed the Employers Council, which had previously conducted negotiations for the packers, and won the major part of its demands in individual negotiations with the five firms.

"They offered us 4 cents an hour on a take-it-or-leave-it basis and the rest of the way," said H. H. Herbolsheimer, union business would have fallen for their line." * * *

Capital's Private Jobs Outrank Govt. Workers

Washington. - Workers in private employment outnumber government workers in-of all places -Washington, D. C.

The Labor Dept.'s Bureau of that on Sept. 1, 1949, there were 373,000 privately employed worksuburban areas of Maryland and Virginia.

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atomic plant will start with a \$12,-000-plus excavation job for one about as big for 1950 as it was in building, to be done by Morrison & Knudson, and a \$2,500,000 job bid in by Bechtel. This work is in Local 370 but indirectly Engineers in this state will feel the effect of it. At least \$6,000,000 will

Silica Deposits

Atomic energy deposits near Marysvale and Castlegate are to be developed and large silica deposits at Paragonah will be opened up for the Western Glass Corp.

At this writing Utah Construction Co. has the Garfield refinery job, the Lark Tunnel job, the British shaft job at Bingham, and the Cedar City iron ore stripping job going. Grafe-Callaghan has the Duchesne tunnel job rolling along in top style and Enoch Smith & Sons and Wheeler & Tempest have small about-town jobs still under way. Chicago Bridge & Iron is still building tanks at Standard Oil and McGraw Co. and American Bridge hang on out at Garfied Smelter. Some brothers are busy at Geneva Steel Co.

We are proud of the fine job being done at Duchesne Tunnel, a project which we doubted could push through the winter. Under the management of Ray Blasongame, superintendent; Bro. Merle Miller, master mechanic; and Bro. "Bugger" Barr, pusher, this job then sat back and acted like czars has unfolded into a well-run tunnel job. Cleaning up on old tunnel is messy but our brothers on this agent. "No self-respecting union job have all of them fought hard to bring it into good production for the company.

British Shaft

At the British Shaft, another tough weather job, 8,000 feet high, Bro. Ruel Walker, hoist man, and George Burns, compressor operator, were isolated in a blizzard that trapped the entire crew on the project. However, these two Employment Security estimates brothers stayed on top to run the equipment so that the rest of the crew could be lowered into the ers in the District of Columbia shaft to walk out to Bingham labor market area, which includes Canyon through the Niagara and incline tunnels-a four-mile hike. A crew reached them next day and Public employees in federal, dis- they finally got out about 4 o'clock

New Technique In Goose Hunting

expedition I ran into the Curtis this area . . . we can wish that all ing System and eight stations as night follows day, its disreputspread on large landlevelling deal of the members could see their way at the Ponstone Ranch . . . the clear to pay their dues for the honkers were plentiful, but fast present year. ... the new method is watching water . . . causing the grain to swell-the firds are top-heavyther George McBride, foreman, them as they go by . . . as I drove taining clearance. in on the deal . . , it was Crebtree to McBride to Foss.

of work in the area, enough to in Yuletide and New Year greet- wasn't old I would be dead!"

Rosa advising he is taking off on the 9th for the Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls . . . an eighteen months course . . . should be a Diesel specialist upon his return . . . Good Luck, Laurel.

To Keep Busy

Brother Willis J. Carey, of the Carey Brothers contractors, of San Rafael reports they have finished their Sausalito Road widening project and keep nibbling away on jobs , . . plan on keeping busy through the winter . . . Brother John Lapp going right along with them.

This office is very glad to note the number of the yearly-1950 On a recent week-end hunting Gold Buttons-now on display in

The San Rafael office would like the birds until they are well-filled to say "thank you" to all the browith grain . . . then herding to thers on the Out-of-Work List in ing. . . . I regret being unable to this office who take the time to write in advising they have been sonally; however, they got 'way unable to take off . . . then along cleared by another office . . . this comes Brother Harold Crabtree is very much appreciated . . . If boss"-says she's got writer's running the birds down past Bro- all the brothers would only stop cramp. and think . . . this also helps the who just leans over and grabs next brother on the list in his ob-

Your Business Representative would like to acknowledge his he was asked. McBride advises they have a lot thanks to all the members sending

Washington, D. C .- "Eight mil lion Americans present Frank Edwards and the news."

Have you heard that greeting each night at 10:15 o'clock? If not, listen!

Those words open the A.F. of L. nightly news and commentary program by Frank Edwards, nationally-known liberal commentator, broadcasting from Washington, Edwards' terse summary of the major news events of the day, his refreshing commentary, and his exclusive reports follow the introduction unbroken by any commercial announcement.

Edwards' style is friendly and interesting and his voice pleasant. The program is carried on 147 stations of the Mutual Broadcast- honored profession. And as sure owned by labor-liberal organizations. (It is heard nightly, Monday and Congress into calling for the through Friday, at 10:15 on KFRC, San Francisco.)

trict and local verniments I bered 250,700.

Tip to Doctors

We would like to give the average well-meaning doctor a little tip from our experience. We are amateur politicians too. We have learned that you had better not flex your muscles in front of John Q. Public and Joe D. Congressman unless you can deliver. Remember, for every doctor there are a thousand patients-WHO VOTE.

Your \$100,000-a-year lobby team is not only overselling your case, it is also bringing discredit to an able tactics will anger the public very legislation you abhor. Think it over.-(LLPE)

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Hutcheson Weds Florida Woman.

Lakeland, Fla. - William J. Hutcheson, president of the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, was married to Mrs. Madeline Wilson here on Dec. 20.

Mrs. Wilson has been superintendent of the hospital at the Carpenters Home for 20 years.

in the afternoon

Many friends in this state will be sorry to hear that Bro. Frank Boylan was badly lacerated about the head and throat in an auto accident in Provo, Dec. 23. Frank was riding in the front seat and was thrown through the windshield.

Bro. and Mrs. Jack Pierce of Provo are happy parents of a 6 lb. 8 oz. girl born Dec. 5, 1949. Bro. Jack is not sure whether Julia Marie shall become the wife of an Engineer or whether she shall marry the President of the United States.

Our 10 months of negotiations for the Engineers at Kennecott Copper in Bingham Canyon have been completed. A 5c per hour increase plus many good benefits in working conditions and fringe issues made the company's final offer an acceptable package. This is a fine body of Engineers and we are happy to see them get this substantial gain and to know that negotiations for rim-to-rim pay and future wage negotiations have been guaranteed in one of the best contract settlements in the non-ferrous industry in the United States.

In closing we wish to say that the business representatives in this state, after carefully checking the prospects for 1950, are confidently able to wish you a Happy New Year.

acknowledge to each of you perahead of me, and my wife-"the * * *

Uncle Jack, the town character, was 80 years old. "Don't you hate to grow old?"

"Heck, no," was the rply. "If I

January 15, 1950

Sacramento-CAPITAL HAS GOOD SHARE OF JOBLESS, BUT GOOD YEAR AHEAD

By E. P. PARK and H. S. CLARK, **Business Representatives, Local 3**

The State Department of Industrial Relations reports that 4000 fewer construction workers were employed in the state during the month of November than were working in October. This is some 17,300 under the year's high recorded dur-

ing the month of September.

Contrary to appearances, all of these unemployed are not in Secramento. We have our share and must admit that this area isn't the most likely spot to find a job at the present time but the situation is not unusual for this time of the year.

Forecasting about the future doesn't put beans on the table or give much comfort to a brother out of work. However, if you read the President's recommended budget you know that he is asking that \$87,401,784 be spent in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys during the next fiscal year, starting July 1st. Of this amount \$55,288,784 would go to the reclamation bureau for work on the Central Valley Projects and \$32,-173,000 to the army engineers to be spent for work on dams, levees and the Sacramento Deep Water Channel.

Folsom Dam

Hearings for proposals for additional federal funds for Folsom Dam and the Sacramento Deep Water Channel will be opened by the House Appropriation Committee on Monday, January 16th. A Sacramento delegation will be in Washington to testify. The President's recommended budget asks for \$16,500,000 for Folsom Dam and \$2,500,000 for the Deep Water Channel.

On January 24th bids are to be opened here in Sacramento for an access road and abundant excavation at the Folsom Dam. We note here that this contract will be somewhat larger than we predicted in our report last month. More work is scheduled to be let on both the Dam and the Deep Water Channel sometime in February. During 1950 the Delta Cross Channel at Walnut Grove is supposed to be dug. Construction is also due to start this year on a highway bridge, railroad bridge and flood gates at the Walnut Grove intake. These are supposed to be completed just as the Central Valley project is due to begin operations in July, 1951.

N. Sac. Freeway

Work should also be started this spring on the new highway linking the North Sacramento Freeway with the suggested Elvas Crossing. The 1950-51 State Highway budget carries approximately \$1,000,000 |

days with Brother George Abbot running, and Bro. Ralph Krpan oiling for him. Brothers Ford and Hemphill had another one of Lord & Bishops rigs working on some piling along the river. Looked to me like they were trying to put

it's safe as a baby carriage," says Brother Ford. The firm of Lile & Bostwick are up from the South and on a job Davis. The Lile of this outfit

the rig in the river, but "nope,

is Brother William H. Frederickson Bros. are keeping some of the brothers busy in their shop at Midway. Brother George Murphy is the head "maniac" and his understudies are Brothers W. A. Miles, Ed Dysart, Al Creegan, Raymond Woody and Russell Woody. Brother Archie Edmonds, who is usually out in the field as a foreman or superintendent, also found the shop a good place to be. Mighty cold outside.

Capitol Annex

Out at Winters the firm of Miller & Henkel are keeping Brother Ernie Houx and themselves busy knocking down the old Winter's school. Both Miller and Henkel are Brother Engineers. Here's hoping that their venture up this way is a success.

Swinerton & Walberg are underway on the Capitol Annex. Brother Bill Blecker as foreman and Bros. Roy Hill and George Juhasz make up the crew to date. More will be added soon as this is going to be an around the clock operation. Brother Jack DeBenedetti was on the job for a few days but due to lack of work hasn't been called back as yet.

There is a new superintendent on the Atkinson job at Roseville in the person of Brother Ernie Gressot. Can't think of a better man for the job.

Ritcher & Darrough have ceased operations on the Bear Valley job for the winter.

Kenworthy & Patterson, both members of Local 3, have Brothers Bill Cass and Bill Herman working on their land leveling job, near Galt.

Carden & Cox have completed their land leveling job in the Elk Grove area.

Sloughhouse Reservoir Brothers Del DeRosier and Bob

ENGINEERS' NEWS

Brother B. A. Cameron is on the Eurekablade.

Bids To Be Opened

A. L. Miller was awarded a contract for \$120,000 for the Woodland Sewage Treatment plant.

J. R. Reeves was the low bidder at \$1925 for city street improvement on Bear Flag Way, off J street.

H. Earl Parker was the successful bidder to do the clearing along Willow Slough, near Davis. The bid was \$11,125.

Bids are being called for February 10, 1950, for the first portion of the building that will be the new home of the Sacramento Bee. This first unit will house the press, foundry and mail room.

Personal Mention

Brother Jimmie Evers is now operating the Shingle Springs Garage at Shingle.

Brother H. E. Scherer has a partnership in Dean's Texaco Service Station, located at 12th and H streets, Sacramento.

Brother Frank Pierson is back on the job again with Lentz Construction Co. after a back injury, which laid him up for quite some time.

Brother L. Neil Marlin, received a badly burned hand when a vaporizer he was fixing blew up. His baby was ill with pneumoniahence the voporizer. Who says everything doesn't happen at once? Brother R. E. Fredericks, a city

of Sacramento employee, was on the sick list for a short time.

Brother Don Johnson is still the congenial host of his rooming house, located at 200 West El Camino in North Sacramento. Proof that Don and Dorothy keep their borders satisfied is the news that they intend to expand.

We finally received the address of Brothers Scott & Sutton's Garage. It is the Ben Ali, and is located at 1958 Auburn Blvd. Next time you need some work done, remember these boys.

We have quite a number of the brothers confined to the hospital at the present time. In listing them here we wish them speedy recovery and also suggest that you who have some spare time on your hands these winter days pay them a visit. The days are long and lonely in the hospital.

Brother H. O. Herbert is back in the hospital and has been placed in a cast as a result of a fall suffered some time ago.

Brother Les Wright is now in the Mercy Hospital where he recently underwent an operation on his leg, as a result of an old injury. He will be confined until early February.

Brother Jerry Hasse is back in the hospital, the Mercy, this time, as a result of a back injury.

Brother Nesby Guinn is in the Sutter hospital with a broken leg. He will be laid up for some time. Brother Ernest Nelson is another

SNOW GO IN REDWOODS JUST NOW, BUT BIG SEASON IS AHEAD

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

Conditions in the Redwood Empire are still dormant, with one exception. We had snow and it stayed with us a few days. Of course, we all made new year's resolutions, because there is no fun keeping them.

Regarding new work: H. J. Schmiedeskamp was the successful their work. Recently, Bro. Ray bidder on the Rosewood School job. Job will be about \$170,000. Central State Construction Co. was heard a mouse squeak." low bidder on the Arcata High School job, which will run about \$339,000. Both contractors are from San Francisco. Work should start in 30 days.

The State has programmed the following highway jobs for the coming summer:

1. From the town of Klamath to Wilson Creek, resurfacing about six miles; about \$282,000.

2. From one mile south of Orick to two miles south of Del Norte County line, portions; about 5.4 miles resurfacing; \$245,000.

3. A complete surfacing job at Stone and Freshwater Lagoons, 3.8 miles; \$300,000.

4. Grading and drainage job quarter mile north of Winton Corners, with a new bridge at Rowdy Creek; about \$480,000.

The long-expected freeway from Eureka to Arcata will not start until 1951,

This is all the work slated for the present, but more may be added later in the spring.

Macco - M&K may start doing some shovel work shortly in order to move some overburden in a new quarry site. At present they have a few hands around for odd repair jobs.

Municipal Dock

The Municipal Dock still is going on and should be completed by Feb. 1. The building committee has been paying \$10 a day for the persons doing pilebuck work. We feel it would have been better if set until nature says go ahead they had kept it on a donation basis or else paid the scale.

Dutton Lumber Co.'s dock is still inactive but construction will start as soon as the weather permits.

All in all, it looks like a good year for Del Norte County members and, God knows, it's about time.

Piombo has all of its equipment parked at Freshwater Lagoon, waiting for good weather to break. Bro. Phil Dunn, Piombo's superintendent on the job, is the proud father of a bouncing baby boy born Dec. 21, and weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz. Mother and boy are doing fine. Phil says another catskinner for Local 3, a chip off the old block, and is he proud of that little guy!

brothers' minds are always on Cooper's wife woke him up about 3 a.m., saying, "Ray, I'm sure I

Said Ray, half asleep, "What do you want me to do, get up and oil it?"

Bro. Tom Hull seems to be able to keep his crew busy at all times. At present he has two bridges going and does a little ditching occasionally, as well as reclamation work.

Bro. Louie Conner nas parked his rigs till spring.

John Burman & Sons have had a few small jobs, but at present keep their crew busy in the shop.

John Petersen keeps Bros. Jack Thompson and Tom Wilbur busy on dragline work.

LaMone Call's dredge, the Jupiter, is still tied up. Mr. Call tells from Smith River Bridge to a me he has several months' work lined up for the coming summer.

Work Scarce

For the present, work is scarce. Although the different sand and gravel and ready-mix concrete plants are running pretty steady, there is a lot of cutthroat competition. We can see a definite trend toward tough competition which will reflect on the ability of the operator. If an operator is not tops in the future, he may find himself back oiling.

Work in the outlying districts is being held up because of show, and it sure looks like a heavy year for the white stuff. Some loggers are trying to move out of the fir country and into the redwood belt; however, most operators will just have to let their equipment again.

Bro. Art Ford of the Ford Logging Co. is still looking for a good winter show. There are logging jobs to be had, but getting your money for the logs is a different matter. So I say, be careful, as the men on the job have to be paid regardless of what happens.

Several of the big lumber companies have closed down in the woods until spring and of course that makes a surplus of men. It also has a tendency to lower wages and working conditions.

Everything here pertaining to work in the woods is about the same as last month, except that Bro. Roy Ruffner, who is working for the Barker Corp.,

Ingersall are working together on of the boys having a bit of tough Well, who wouldn't be? However, working seven days a week and for this project. We should also a reservoir in the Sloughhouse area luck. He suffered a broken leg it's hard on shirts when a man's didn't even have time for a fast hear more about the West Sacraand going strong at this writing. while working for Brighton Sand chest expands to such a degree. one on New Year's Day. mento Freeway soon. Approx-imately \$2,000,000 for this job is This association has a land level-& Gravel, and will be off the job Congratulations, and now that the * * * for quite some time. ing job at Elk Grove also. On the job is started, we see no good reacarried in the 1950-51 State Highjob for DeRosier are Brothers Bel-Brother Douglas Lloyd was kept The So-Called son why it shouldn't continue. way budget. ford Milliron, Del Switzer and from work for three months with a Mercer Fraser Co, keeps a fair Up until this last downpour, H. Brothers Charles back injury, but we are happy to crew working most of the time. Frank Rose. Labor Monopoly Earl Parker still had his Cache Duncan and Harold Johnson are report that he is now back work-The plant at Essex and the plant Creek job going, but is shut down working for Ingersoll. Bob has ing for Lord & Bishop. "Who started the trend toward at Worswick are going most of at the present time. The electric recently signed on land leveling We sorrowfully report the death concentration and monopoly?" asks the time. The shop, of course, is pulls were moved off during the agreement with Local No. 3. of Brother Ira Sickels on January Columnist Thomas L. Stokes. He always busy. month and sent back to his Los 1, 1950. Brother Sickels' death The Claude Woods Co., with continues: It's funny how some of the Angeles airport job. Baker Bros. Brothers Al Norton on the blade was the result of a heart attack. "It wasn't labor. It began with began moving some of their equipers Don Johnson, John Hartman, and Al Sanders on the roller are Belated congratulations go to industry and it began a long time ment back to the same project Maurice Bouzer and Phil Stanford. Brother and Mrs. Robert McKerbuilding roads and leveling land ago. Even as long ago as 1890 it this week. What equipment refor gas wells near Isleton. lie on the arrival of Bonnie Jean, This will be Phil's second contribudisturbed some of our thoughtful maining here will probably contion also. Pacific Pipeline Co. is doing a November 24, 1949. public men so much that a Federal tinue rolling as they are in sandy During the past two months we job in the Rio Vista area. It con-We are happy to report that the statute was enacted to try to curb material and rainy weather will young son of Brother Carl Pirtle, have added five credits to our acsists of laying 48,000 feet of gas and regulate this concentrationnot effect them too much. count and released 12 pints of line to the gas wells in the vicinwho is suffering from an attack of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. . . "The 'trusts' . . . gained trepolio is now recovering at home blood to assist some member or ity. Port Grain Elevator one of his family whom misfortune mendous power in politics because Ted Lindblad has completed his and will bear no ill effects. had overtaken. At this writing we Barrett & Hilp continue with the job of gravel testing in the Amer-Greatly appreciated are the of their economic power. They cards sent in by Brother Thomas construction of the grain elevator have only two pints left in our acoverawed politicians, big and little. ican river for the U.S.E.D. Bros. count. This is a shameful low for at the Port. Brothers Cournover M. Hathman and Brother J. W. For a long time they were able to Frank Hasset and Jack LeFurgey an organization of our size. Let's resist the organization of their were doing the operating with Fish, asking that their names be and Manning are on the job at the all get in and build this back up to workers into unions. . present time. Guess you would call Brothers William Coleman and removed from the out-of-work list "These great industrial empires as they have been dispatched from them "water trensferal and re-Roy Yates oiling. Brothers Ralph an amount we can be proud of. moval engineers." At any rate, they are running a couple of When the necessity for blood can still are the most powerful force Castro and Louis Shaeffer were on another office. mean the difference between life in our politics, despite careless talk the dozer. and death, there is no substitute. about labor now being 'big menop-The Grant Miner Co. still has a pumps. Barrett & Hilp also picked Blood Bank Maybe the next brother to need oly.' It was they who put over the up a small pipeline job running few weeks to go to complete their Taft-Hartley Act . . , proving they some will be you. into the Port. Brother Frank job of widening numerous bridges Since our last report donations are still stronger in Congress than to our Blood Bank have been Jackson, Jr., was up from the bay between Dunnigan and Woodland. fabor. . . . made by John H. Wilcox, Joe Cor-The Sacramento office will conarea as superintendent and brought J. R. Reeves is doing some street work in the King Tract with Bro. reia and Harry Robertson. This tinue to remain open on Wednes-"The organization of labor into along Brother William R. Taylor day evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for big unions is a natural defensive as one of the equipment operators. Oran Cobb doing the bossing. makes the second trip to the Blood the convenience of the members maneuver in this advance of mo-Lord & Bishop had one of their Brothers Pete Ekberg and Melvin Bank for Brother Correia, Appointnopoly."-(LLPE). rigs on the elevator job for a few McGregor are on the "cats" and ments have been made for Brothin this area.

Eight

San Jose-MANY BIG JOBS SLATED THIS YEAR IN THE SAN JOSE AREA M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and JOE RILEY

Business Representatives, Local 3

We are in hopes this is going to be a good year for work in this district, brothers. It will, too, if all the work planned and promised by the City, County, State, Federal governments, Utility and Water Companies, GETS STARTED. As for the City of San Jose, we expect improvements on the airport, extensive sewage disposal (to the tune of seven or eight hundred thousand dollars), more housing projects, and more

county and state roads, particularly in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. Then, too, from the latest report, the Army Engineers are going to request Congress to appropriate approximately \$7,000,000 for construction of the Monterey Bay Breakwater. (This job has been on the agenda for a long time).

There is also a lot of big noise about Moffett Field. More wind tunnels are to be built and extensive developments-to the tune of many millions-with the promise to make Moffett Field an air research laboratory equal to Lakehurst of New Jersey.

At the present time, there are two large Drive-In Theaters under construction here - one on South First Street and the other on Alma and Almaden and another is planned for Alum Rock Avenue. There are already three in operation in the immediate vicinity of San Jose. (It seems this type of theater is a huge success here-no doubt, owing to our MILD climate.) The theatre on South First Street is the Shamrock, and the grading is being done by T. M. Blomquist of Redwood City. J. Archibald had some equipment in there for a few days, Brother Paroline has the contract for the Alma and Almaden Theater.

Paroline's equipment Brother seems to operate most of the time -mostly between San Jose and Hollister. The size of the job is of little consequence. He'll tackle anything as long as the price is right. Incidentally, Brother Paroline was recently appointed chairman of the newly-formed Water District of Morgan Hill Valley.

Two New Dams

Bids are expected to be called shortly on the Anderson Dam which will be located near Morgan Hill and will increase the supply of water to San Jose and vicinity Bids should be called for the Los Gatos relocation job and the Lexington Dam very shortly, too . . . Due to the recent, much-needed rains, work has slackened down to some extent but we are sure this will only be a temporary condition . . . Carrico & Gautier of San Francisco were awarded the contract for the 120 foot Telescope mentioned in this report, but other contractors within their Building, Pittsburg de Moines are supplying the structural steel for you an idea of what is contem- ing the unemployment office or the the job. The job which is atop Mt. Hamilton, where Lick Observatory is located, will be a tough one to visit. In good weather it is about a two hour grind, but with snow and frost on the road the going is mighty rough at times. Fredrickson & Watson are making good headway on the Gilroy job and have brought a number of their old timers with them. We did, however, get about six of our local boys on the job. The general superintendent on the job is Bernard Fredrickson and the foreman is Brother Christman. Below is a list of the members, employed on this project at the present time-C. C. Barnett, T. L. Blair, E. P. Burkhart, Frank Cabral, Geo. Chaves, L. A. Christman, L. E. Christman, Carl Crevola, J. C. Crossland, L. T. Engel, J. Everett, P. E. Fields, O. D. Hill, M. S. Jensen, E. L. Johnson, F. B. King, W. E. Phillips, Fred Pimentel, E. L. Shawen, C. D. Stanhope, C. W. Stephenson, W. D. Wilcoxen, Marvin G. Hall and Grant A. Brown. Eaton & Smith's Pacheco Pass job is also going along as well as can be expected under the adverse climatic conditions which we have been experiencing of late (rain and snow). Den't forget, brothers, this is a rough job and only the first class can survive. At this writing, the Our thanks to Brothers Jack Fish following brothers are employed on and L. P. Meyers for letting us this project: H. W. Basse, W. know they went to work elsewhere.

Bogue, J. Carlin, G. Demick, J Green, D. Hanny, Carl Hoover, B. Kaul, D. Marin, N. Marazzo, Rich O'Connell, J. Pereria, C. Smith, H. Toft, P. Webb, C. Brooks, E. Ingalls, R. Summer and McAtee.

In conjunction with this job, Clements Company of Hayward have the contract for all the approximate 62,000 tons of crusher run, base rock and black top. At this time, Brother Cliff has a crew on the Cedar Rapids Crusher and to date has run up a stockpile of approximately 22,000 tons, but only with the able assistance of Brother "Mutt" Sears, operator on the N.W. 25 Shovel, his oiler is Brother Harold Lane, Brother Joe Maxey on the dozer and Brother Bill Frost as plant oiler.

Johnny Mehren, who formerly was associated with the Leo Piazza Paving Company of this city, was the lucky bidder on the Carmel Valley job. Jeeps, cats and blades have already been moved in on the job and are making the dirt fly. We understand Mr. Mehren has rented considerable equipment from Nichols & Cash of Los Gatos, and that Brother Bob Nichols will be the foreman . . . The engineers on the Von Vaulkenburg's project are working right along the beach and are unhappy because it's winter and they can't enjoy a dip in the along the beach for a couple of miles or so.

The McGuire & Hester boys are anxious to complete the outfall contract in Carmel Bay so they can get back to Oakland. They say it is too cold working with the tide . . . Company have a good-sized contract in Carmel and will be going another month or so . . . We were given to understand by Mr. Harry Reinhardt of the California Water & Telephone Company, Monterey, that his company has quite a construction program planned for the ensuing year-chiefly another dam tractors because of a known fact similar to the Los Padres which that they are out to break us, Macco completed last year-also therefore, the great majority of \$500,000 for a similar transmission line from Carmel Valley to San ally goes to them and they have Clemente Dam . . . This is about formed their own labor pool all for this time. There is a great amongst themselves and will fill thought you would rather we'd give group for the needed men, bypass-

ENGINEERS' NEWS

Honolulu-Atomic Jobs Open; Island Bosses Out To Break Unions By J. W. WAIWAIOLE

Bus. Rep., Hawaiian Branch It is supposed that 1950 will be a banner year for this area with reference to work. However, the fact is that this progress must of necessity be tied in with forward area work that is not generally contracted in this area. We have been assured somewhat that the Holmes & Narver Engineering Company of Los Angeles, who is also consulting engineers for the Atomic Energy Commission, has been requested to do their labor recruiting here because of this area being designated as an "E area." We, and others in the Building and Construction Trades Council have been very instrumental in getting the Atomic Energy Commission agency to do their hiring here because in their experimental hiring we were called upon to furnish the competent craftsmen needed which has shown that Hawaii can be relied upon for skilled mechanics to do the work. Holmes & Narver will open their own office in Honolulu by the middle part of January.

Byrne Organization, who is doing forward area contract work for the Navy will begin work on the Island of Majuro, in early Fabruary, pending materials that should be there that are to leave Honolulu about January 15. They have requested for three mechanics to go to Kwajalein and assist with the repairing of equipment now there to be sent by barge to Majuro. The project contracted there for the first part is the building of a pier to accommodate better ships. It ocean. The sanitary pipe line runs is hoped that they will also be fortunate in obtaining further contracts on this particular island to build a hospital and other buildings to accommodate a sizeable staff of navy personnel. It is the belief of this office that members who are now employed here who wish to The American Pipe Construction work in the forward areas could be accommodated.

On the local front, much work is anticipated for this area in highway construction and a few major buildings to be built before the end of the year. We find it a problem here to get along with general contractors and smaller conthe work that is contracted generdeal of the work that we have not employment needs by calling on January 15, 1950

Stockton-GOOD OUTLOOK FOR THE NEW YEAR IN THE STOCKTON AREA

By ED DORAN and GLEN DOBYNS **Business Representatives, Local 3**

A bright future is predicted for the Stockton area in 1950, if the politicians of our great nation don't go on an "economy spree" and cut out most of the appropriations that are needed to complete the contracts that are already let for bid. We have two large contracts on the Delta-Mendota Canal that are employing over 100 Engineers.

The United Concrete Pipe Co. is knocking off a large portion of the contracts that have been let in the past month. Their latest is over 6,000,000 yards of muck on the last section of the Delta-Mendota Canal near Firebaugh. The highway job between Turlock and Keyes is going along in fine shape. Their job on the Hetch-Hetchy river crossing at San Joaquin City will wind up in about 30 days.

The Farmington Dam will be let for bid in the near future. This would be a helluva good job for catskinners if they would use cats to haul in the dirt (20,000 feet round trip). The skinners on this job could stay up all night and sleep all day.

We havent heard much on the Cherry Valley job yet, but it is scheduled to be let this spring.

Home Building Sets New Record

Washington .- All previous housing records were broken in November, when 93,000 new non-farm dwelling units were started.

November starts brought the total thus far in 1949 to 937,100, according to preliminary estimates of the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. This 11month total surpasses the 937,000 units begun in all of 1925, the former peak year in homebuilding. There is little doubt now that the total number of new units started this year will exceed a million.

November housing activity marks the fifth consecutive month during which previously existing records for the month were shattered. The sharp seasonal drop usually characteristic of this time of the year has failed to materialize in 1949.

Gains in both privately and publicly financed housing have contributed to the increased volume of homebuilding activity in 1949 compared with 1948. * * *

\$10 Million School

Planned construction work on the California Vocational Institute (this project to cost \$10,000,000) hinges on a \$2,885,000 appropriation from the State of California. This institution is located on Kassan Road, out of Tracy.

The federal government is planning the construction of 60 housing units to take care of the future employees of the pumping station at Tracy.

George France is moving some equipment in on his road job at Jamestown, but work will not be started until the rains let up.

A good many of our jobs in this area are shut down due to rain or freezing cold.

M&K's gas line job across the islands is almost through. It was good while it lasted, and the men who were fortunate to go to work made a nice piece of change.

The landlevelers are going strong, but as long as the rains last they can't work.

Bro, L. V. Menefee had a sad incident happen while he had his rig on the M&K job on McDonald Island. He had a \$350 light plant stolen off his rig. * * *

GUESS

Not long ago, one of America's largest organizations jumped all over the Anti-Trust Division of the Department of Justice for the manner in which it has been enforcing the anti-trust laws against monopolies.

Was it the National Association of Manufacturerers? No.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America? No. The National Association of Real Estate Boards? No.

The Committee for Constitutional Government? No.

The National Tax Equality Association? No.

The American Farm Bureau Federation? Yes. Incredible? Yes.



plated for this year in this district. News of the Brothers

Received a nice letter from Bro. Ray McNutt during the holidays. Brother McNutt is working in Anchorage, Alaska, and seems to like it pretty well. He says work is slack up there in winter, but should be quite good next year. He advises any of the brothers going up that way to have plenty of money with which to carry them over as living is very high . . . Brother S. J. Jordan received a fractured ankle while working for the United Concrete at Stockton

and will probably be laid up for a few months.

Brother J. K. "Kenny" Graham has gone into the ranching business. He recently purchased 555 acres at Wren, Oregon, Rte, 1, J-J Ranch, about 13 miles from Corvallis. He intends to raise cattle . Brother Big Mike "Open Shirt" Glage dropped into the office the other day to wish us a Happy New Year . . . Received word that Bro. Fred Stockdale arrived in Arabia O. K. and seems to think it will be all right for awhile . . . Brother Harley Davidson and family just returned from a nice vacation in Oregon, Washington and Los Angeles and now Harley is ready to settle down and go to work .

What's doing in the Oakland office

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, F. A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI, Business Representatives

GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

is coming down steadily, bringing ing has several small jobs in progpractically every job in the area ress for the Coast Counties Gas to a standstill. It seems that this and Electric Co. in Contra Costa January is no different than oth- County. This company recently ers, excepting, of course, the war moved a side-boom and trencher years. At this time of the season in on one of its jobs at Martinez, with the onset of bad weather, the but reports that most of its operjobs begin to fold and our out-of- ations in Alameda County have work list starts to climb. At present we have between 400 and 500 men registered and expect more in unless the weather clears. Some contractor, recently was awarded of the fellows have been getting in two or three days a week on for construction of a pumping stavarious jobs, but even these will tion for the East Bay sewage disbe tied up, we expect.

information on the Bechtel job for treated sewage effluent into the PG&E, at Antioch. This operation deep waters of the bay during high is progressing on schedule, but tide and peak flow. Testing operthey have a full crew at present ations have just begun on this and have done very little hiring during the past months.

Vega Engineering has the subcontract for dirt work on the settling pond for the new sewage Co. has added several mechanics disposal plant in Concord. This to the payroll temporarily. This company recently moved its equipment in from Arizona and has contract for overhaul of several three Engineers on the payroll at this time.

According to a recent report issued by the East Bay Municipal Utility District, more than 40 per cent of the 21 miles of intercepting sewers have been completed or are under construction on the \$23,-500,000 East Bay sewage disposal project.

Due to a small fire, Fluor has had a little spurt of work at the Union Oil plant in Oleum. Work at this plant is an off-and-on proposition, as many of you know, but it has, nevertheless, come in very handy for a number of members who have had occasional employment out there since the AFL got jurisdiction over the maintenance work in the plant.

Our with the Buyrite Trucking and present time. They claim there is Equipment Co. has been ironed considerable work coming up, but out and the company is now pay- it is almost all Army Engineers' ing the prevailing wage scale to work and they take their own time Engineers employed in its yard. about starting. We feel this has worked out to the advantage of all concerned. The members of Local 3 employed Leslie Salt Co. job in the vicinity in the yard speak very highly of of Redwood City. the management and the firm appears to be equally well pleased still has two clamshells working on with the Engineers in their em- small jobs and keeping a few of ploy.

As this is being written, the rain | Pacific Pipeline and Engineerbeen buttoned up for the winter.

Elmer J. Freethy, El Cerrito a contract amounting to \$376,145 posal plant. The station will be built near the eastern approach to We get numerous requests for the Bay Bridge and will pump contract and it will be a matter of weeks before actual work is started.

> Peterson Tractor and Equipment company recently was awarded the tractors, which have to be done on a hurry-up basis, thus affording a little extra work for a few of the boys.

The Hydraulic Dredging Co. expects to finish its part of the Napa River job within a short time. The San Francisco Bridge Co. has not started on its part of the job as the Wilatka is still on the Mare Island job, and it is uncertain just when the Navy will release them.

The Bridge Co. has been awarded the Redwood City job and is getting the Duwamish ready for this operation, which is expected to start in two or three weeks.

There is a job coming up at Grand Island near Rio Vista on Jan. 24, so it looks like the suction dredge men are going to keep pretty busy this winter.

The Olympian Dredging Co. has recent misunderstanding all its large clamshells idle at the

Dutra still has the dredges Edwards and Mallard busy on the

The Associated Dredging Co. our boys busy.

It is vitally important that all those members residing in the City of Oakland, go to the polls on Feb. 28th, and vote against the recall of Councilmen Joseph Smith, Ray Pease and Scott Weakley. An attempt is being made to recall these men because they voted for low-cost housing! As a result of their efforts the Federal Housing Authority in. Washington recently agreed to provide up to 90 per cent of the twenty million dollars requested by the Oakland Housing Authority, with the approval of the City Council, to provide low cost housing. Surely we want these men retained in office. It has been stated by the opposition that housing will take away homes! Actually it will provide adequate shelter for many now living in tenements and shacks, and the construction program will furnish needed employment for many of the building trades crafts. So spread the word among your family, neighbors and friends: Urge them to go to the polls on the 28th of February and vote against the recall!

block or two with an armload of dirty clothes. So those of you who live out Hayward way might try dropping in, parking, and dumping the duds with Bro. Davies. Of course they have pickup and delivery service, too!

Then we have Bro. Herman Le-Sueur, who can be found among the tires, batteries, lubrication and repair jobs at the Mobil gas station on the corner of Lakeshore Ave. and Beacon St., in Oakland. Any of you brothers out driving might wheel around that way and give "Red" a hello.

On Dec. 15, Bro. O. E. Butler passed away following a short illness: A native of Tennessee, he had been a resident of Oakland for over 10 years and was well known and liked among Engineers in this area. He is survived by his wife, Iva Mae, three sons and two daughters, to whom we extend condolences.

Eugene Wixson, Jr. made his appearance on Dec. 7, 1949, and according to good authority-Eugene

boy. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 12 oz.

We are aiways running across

After a little explanation, how-

ber and club instructor for the

Northern California Field Trial

Club and has trained "Sparkie"

six cups and ribbons in West Coast

competition, and has been groomed

for the National Field Trials at

Herrin, Illinois. Bro. Lawley says

it's good sport and interesting

work for anyone wanting to train

cisco, whose telephone number is SEabright 1-1242.

Bro. Silvestre Lugrias, who was confined to Highland Hospital for some time, now is in a rest home at 1615 High St., Oakland. At last report he was considerably improved and could have visitors.

We received the following letter from Mrs. James Patton:

"To Whom It May Concern: "I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the blood donations received from your blood bank. Mr. Patton's condition is much improved.

"Sincerely yours,

MRS. PATTON." As many of you know, Bro. Patton was confined to the hospital for some time, critically ill. We are glad to be able to report that since that time, with the help of the blood donations he received from brother Engineers, he has recovered almost completely. He was able to get in to the hall not long ago, and personally add his thanks to those of his wife. In turn, we wish to commend those members who came to the fore, and surely they must feel a sense of gratification in knowing they helped a brother to regain his health.

During December the following members made donations:

Gerald Nelson A. Mello Louis Levine

Irving Geske Percy Hauck.

We hope that this may act as an inducement and reminder to others. Drop in at the office and make your appointment. It is your blood bank-you are free to call upon it; but it is up to you to keep it active!

Bro. Martin Piscovich recently was released from the Concord Hospital following an appendicitis operation. He has been employed by Martin Bros., but expects it will be about a month before he can return to work.

Belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. "Tex" Strickland on the arrival of their third daughter, Linda Elizabeth.

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And one more: "Gne of our fermer representatives is retiring Lewis tried to smear the late from active duty. He is hale and Franklin D. Roosevelt and the late hearty at age 60 and says he expects to enjoy a little peach and unsubstantiated rumors. quiet." 1

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Mendocino Four Win Commutation **Of Sentences**

Nine

In February of 1947, during the strike of AFL lumber workers in California's redwood district, a truck loaded with non-union cut lumber approached a picket line near Willits, California.

Rocks were thrown. The driver of the truck was struck and injured.

Four AFL workers, John Bundte, William Phillips, George Sherrard and Robert Moore, were convicted of rioting by a Santa Rosa court with little love for organized labor and its objectives. All four were sentenced to prison terms to start after they had served six-month terms in the county jail.

Organized labor strongly protested the sentences and asked Governor Warren to commute the sentences to time served. The Governor did so.

In freeing the men, he commented:

"These men have all been good citizens of their community over a period of years. They are family men, and with one exception they have never been in any serious difficulty with the law in their lives. They are working men and they have been vouched for by their clergymen, by business men in the region and by neighbors and fellow workers. They have been punished by six months in jail and I do not believe that they will be again in conflict with the law. It would, therefore, serve no good purpose to break up their homes and further imprison them."

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Fulton Lewis Does Brilliant Smear Job On Fulton Lewis

If there ever was any doubt in your mind about Fulton Lewis, Jr.'s, bias, the radio commentator should have dispelled them by his own actions of the last two weeks. In his usual irresponsible way, Harry Hopkins by circulating wild,

Lewis tried to make his false stories add up to a gift by Roose-Milton Maxwell told us about velt and Hopkins of the atomic the sign put up by one of his bomb to Russia. Unfortunately, butchers, "OUR WURST IS THE both Roosevelt and Hopkins are dead and cannot reply.

But Gen. Leslie Groves, who di-A clerk at the employment agen- rected the wartime atomic energy . cy liked to have his little joke program, and others thoroughly disproved Lewis' story. The details are familiar to you by now. All by himself, Lewis has discredited himself far better than anyone else could. His atomic scare story, which blew up with such a loud bang, is worth remambering in case any of your friends might still try to cite him as a factual reporter.-(LLPE)

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

On Dec. 17, Local 3 lost one of in the heart of the caribou counits most beloved members with try and Jim feels the poor transthe passing of Bro. W. S. "Whitey" portation and primitive accommo-

Collett. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, his mother, one sister and seven brothers, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy. It seems almost unnecessary to say anything about "Whitey" to those who knew him, for his kindness, consideration and good cheer will always remain a bright spot in their memories. A true humanitarian, he was always ready to help a fellow man in time of need, and then brush off any attempted thanks with a wave of his hand. As a union man, he was one of the staunchest, and never again will his place in our ranks be filled. in baseball, he expects to be play-He was a truly big person, and ing with the Reno Silver Sox. during his long illness not once did his indomitable spirit leave him. The last time we saw him, and he knew it was goodbye, he still had a cheerful word and a smile, and, as we went out the door, he waved his hand and said, "So long, boys, be seein' you." We know that he meant this for all his friends and in turn we, the members of Local 3, salute him in like manner with, "So long, Bro. "Whitey," and may your traveling be easy."

dations were more than offset by the beautiful scenery and good Sr., in fact-he is really quite a applicant. hunting and fishing.

every ounce of it is good hard bone Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker have and muscle! taken off on a typical Engineer's midwinter vacation. They expect to spend about two months travel-Englacers who are deing unusual ing leisurely through the southern states, visiting friends and relaand interesting things in their tives. In the meantime, Fred Jr. spare moments, but recently Bro. is holding down the fort at home. Harry Lawley all but floored us Incidentally, young Bro. Parker when he told us he was planning seems to be doing all right by a trip, not for himself, but for himself on the pitcher's mound his springer spaniel "Sparkie." and this coming season, his third ever, it all seemed very logical to us. It seems that Harry is a mem-

Bro. Johnny McCracken, who has been working at the Port of Oakland, has taken a withdrawal himself. The dog already has won and is going into the farm equipment business at Gazelle. We wish him the best of luck in this undertaking and hope he does well by himself among the tractors, seeders and double bottom plows.

a dog for either hunting or field A couple of more of our enter- trial work. Incidentally, the club prising brothers are branching out is holding a field meeting on Jan.

for themselves. Bro. Bob Davies 22 on the Parr Terminal property is operating the Lucky Cleaners at in Richmond. This will be open Bro. Jim Huse recently returned 2061 B St., Hayward. He says to the public and anyone interestfrom northern British Columbia, there is lots of parking space, real- ed is invited to attend. Further where he had been operating a ly an item, too, for those who like information may be obtained by two-yard Marion on a gold dredg-ing operation. The job was located cleaners but who hate to walk a Frey, 1719 27th Ave., San Fran-on January 3rd.

occasionally at the expense of the

"Where were you born?" he asked Michael. and if we are to listen to Papa,

"Faith, in the ould County Down."

"Whatever for?" the clerk asked wittily.

"At such a time," Michael answered, "'twas me dutiful wish to be with me mother."

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Changes Jobs



Congressman-elect Jack Shelley stepped out of his job as secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council on December 16 in preparation for a bigger job as Congressman. * * *

.abor Stamp

Washington .- The first U.S. postage stamp honoring an American labor leader goes on sale here Jan. 7, the Post Office Dept. said. Bearing a picture of Samuel Gompers whose 100th anniversary is being celebrated in 1950, the stamp will be purple, and of the same size as the so-called famous American series.

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Joe Dodge needed some bricklaying work done on his new fireplace so he phoned the Masonic lodge and asked them to send out a couple of free masons.

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"Say, that chorus girl you introduced me to seemed a pretty hard type."

"Hard? Why, a diamond is the only thing that makes an impression on her."

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Fresno-NEW STRETCHES OF DELTA AND FRIANT CANALS ARE AWARDED

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

The United Concrete Pipe and Vinnell Corp. from the Los Angeles area submitted a low bid of \$3,060,000 on the last 18-mile section of the Delta Mendota Canal. This is strictly a dirt job with no concrete lining and will support a lot of heavy equipment. Past experience tells us that it will be at least six weeks to two months before the company will begin operations. Incidentally they left some \$530.00 on the table, but

this may not be an excessive amount, according to the Bureau of Reclamation, if they are in a ASK Probe of position to handle the water problems involved.

The Bureau of Reclamation also opened bids on a contract on furnishing pipe for the distribution systems in the Lindsay and Porterville areas. This is strictly a manufacturing contract, and as near as this office was able to determine the Central Valley Pipe Company, in conjunction with Gunnert & Zimmerman are the low bidders. The successful bidder will set up a plant either at Porterville or Lindsay.

On the West Side Canal the Western Construction Co. and the Adair Construction Co. are operating a spread of cats west of Newman. They recently shut off the second shift but when the weather permits will put the boys back to work.

Morrison-Knudsen & Hasler at Los Banos plan to start right away on the setting up of the crushing and screening plant erection, which they have sublet to Condick Co. We should be able to place some men here before long. Lining operations on this section will begin some time in March.

17 Miles of Friant

Peter Kiewit Sons Company submited the successful bid to the Bureau of Reclamation for the next 17 miles of the Friant Kern Canal. Incidentally this is the job that extends into Kern County and we anticipate some headaches on the policing of the job. Kiewit at the present time is still working on their present contract on structures and clean up work and will continue until May or June.

Ashbach & Steenberg are still busy on the final stages of their contract near Lindsay, with Drag Line Rental sub-contracting both from them and the Kiewit Company.

The Bonner B, Terry Co, have a housing unit contract at Lindsay with the Bureau and they are moving in several pieces of equipment to take care of this job.

Practically all mountain work, with the exception of the Bechtel Co.-M, & K. job at Power House No. 4 at Auberry, has been shut

Steel Monopoly Price Increase Washington,-Senator Joseph C.

O'Mahoney planned to ask Congress to call officials of U.S. Steel Corp. and other steel companies "to lay the case on the table" for what he feels are unjustified price increases averaging 4 percent and \$4 per ton.

U. S. Steel announced the increase, claiming it is necessary to the finding by President Truman's steel fact-finding board that the cost of the pension system could be absorbed by the companies without further price increases.

"United States Steel is doing more harm to the American economic system than all the crackpots have ever done," Senator O'Mahoney said. He is chairman of the joint congressional committee on the economic report.

BLAME PENSIONS

The price increase averages about 4 percent for most steel products, and Benjamin Fairless, president of the corporation, said recent increase in freight rates and the cost of the pension plan America, CIO, recently won from the industry.

"On the record," Senator O'Mahoney said, "the steel industry is not justified in levying an increased tax upon the whole economy of the United States. Let's not deceive ourselves. It would be a tax on our whole system. It would interfere with the stabilization of the economy both here and of Ukiah. National Institute of Health.

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NAM To Compete With Labor Press

New York .- Aware of the growreaches an audience of 15 million street is within city limits and onefacturers has launched a "service grade and surface the street. ligationell

Ukiah-**Fairground** Job Starts; Fire Dept. Dance Gets Hot

By A. R. McCAFFREY **Business Representative, Local 3**

Right after the New Year holiday, workmen began an improvement project on the Twelfth District Fairgrounds north of Ukiah that may continue until shortly before the fair in August.

O'Connor Brothers, general contractors of Red Bluff, have moved their equipment to the Fairgrounds in preparation for starting work about January 5th. Supt. William Hoover of Red Bluff arrived with about six workmen to start surveying the job January 3rd. Bob Page, N. E. Nail, L. A. Everett, and S. B. Turner are on the cats.

The project will include moving the race track to the north end of the property, improving streets and parking areas with macadam surfacing, and grading and installing a better drainage system.

Estimated cost of these improvements is \$45,000. This work will cover worker pension costs despite continue until about the end of March.

State Street Job

Despite inclement weather of the past week, which has frozen the ground and frosted streets, work is pushing ahead on projects that will pave the way for the widening of the North State Street "bottleneck."

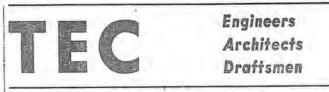
State highway department survey crews were out yesterday and again today setting stakes that will mark the new width of State Street when it is completed.

J. L. Benedict, chief surveyor, estimated it will take his crew that it was necessitated by the about a week to complete their part of the street widening job. Afterwards the highway departwhich the United Steelworkers of ment will advertise for bids from construction contractors on the basis of facts and figures the surveyors and highway engineers will supply.

Drive-In Theatre

Roads are being cleared which will lead to and from the new Drive-in-Theater which George M. Mann will build this spring south

Attorney Harry Falk appeared before the board of supervisors Tuesday with the request that the county take over a road which will be one of the exits from the theater. The property owners have deeded the street, 210 feet in length leading from the theater south to ing power of the labor press, which Washington Street. Half of the readers, the Natl. Assn. of Manu- half is the county. Mr. Mann will



By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

Negotiations have been completed and the new 1950 contract agreed upon between Local No. 3 and the Pacific Manufacturing Company. The new contract calls for a yearly review of the qualifications of all Mill Draftsmen (Journeymen) which will be held during February to enable the company to advance those best qualified to the Senior Mill Draftsman rate.

This we believe to be a partial answer to the problem of advancement beyond the level of journeyman draftsman. We are all aware that the curse of working as a draftsman is the daily routine and lack of advancement in that field. If it is mandatory that the company review those qualified every year there will be at least an opportunity to present the merits of the employees and ask that advancement be made.

Other features of the contract are two weeks vacation with pay, nine paid holidays and a union shop clause. The journeyman rate is \$353 per month and the senior mill draftsman at the \$401.50 per month rate. This contract is the result of five years of collective bargaining with a company which has always lived up to the letter of its agreement and to whom we wish much future success. It is also a fine example of draftsman who are faithful union members and are solid in their support of trade union principals.

Always of interest to the Technical Engineers are job openings and your business representative is making every effort to compile as much job information as possible. Some of the better looking Civil Service openings are as follows: highway engineer, salary \$3,727 to \$5,232. Requirements: e d u c a t i on and/or experience plus professional engineering experience. No written test, or closing date. Apply U.S. Civil Service.

San Mateo County is holding an open competitive and promotional examination for assistant highway engineer with a monthly salary range \$351 to \$439. Residential requirements are waived. Closing date for filing is February 11, 1950. Examinations will be held February 25 in the County Court House, Redwood City, Calif.

The position of construction inspector, salary \$3,100 to \$3,825 a year. These vacancies exist in the Bureau of Reclamation and are in California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Nevada, Idaho, Montana, Kansas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, North and South Dakota and Texas. All applications

will be accepted until further notice. Apply to Executive Secretary, Central Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado.

Openings for engineer and civil engineering (trainee), having annual salaries from \$2,600 to \$3,825. These jobs are located in the Bureau of Reclamation in 17 states west of the Mississippi, Applications will be accepted until late in January by the Central Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver, Colorado.

To the East Bay members, there will be a meeting at 1444 Webster Street, Friday, January 27, at 8 p.m. You are urged to attend. * * *

Little Willie, once in ire Threw his sister in the fire. Mother said, above the screams, "Willie's nicer than he seems."

If the gals on the television screen look good to you, you've had enough to drink.



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| ations on a 40-hour week basis for the next few months. Word from the Pine Flat Dam Project and Guy F. Atkinson Com- pany is that they will not turn a wheel for from 60 to 90 days, this in spite of all rumors to the con- trary. | * * * | severe weather conditions. All of the larger jobs have cut their crews down to just a skeleton force, with the intention of starting up again as soon as the weather per- mits. The Ukiah Volunteer Fire De- partment gave a dance in the Grange Hall on New Year's Eve. | WESTERN CRANE SERVICE FRITZ AWALT MOTOCRANE RENTALS 1230 6th St., Berkeley LAndscape 5-4760 |
| The R. A. Heintz Company have finally started operations on High- way 180 with two cats. They will supplement their spread with more equipment as it is released from their job in the northern part of the state. There are quite a few small jobs scattered throughout the valley still in progress and have kept some of the boys busy. Another sustain- ing factor has been the continued | It is the the speed to be at that address. $\star \star \star$ It is we don't get a few landa- comments from wives for that $\star \star \star$ to try to dig up more like this: hild, asked to give a definition widow," said: "A widow is a | They guaranteed everyone a hot time. The dance ended at 3:30 a.m. New Year's Day, and at 4 a.m., the building caught on fire and burned to the ground. The Engineer's office, which is lo- cated right next door to the Grange building, suffered some damage to the building, but we luckily es- caped any damage to the Engineers property. * * * Santa must have been good to that stenographer, her stockings certainly are well filled. BAY EQUIPMENT COMPANY MANITOWOC CRANES AND SHOVELS For Sale or Rent CAndscape 5-2190 3254 Eastshore Highway | PARISH BROS. GENERAL CONTRACTORS Highway and Public Works Phone 330 P.O. Box 6 Benicia, Calif. |
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Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark) Sacramento, \$13,903 for const. in-

December 8, 1949

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

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

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

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

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to S. J. Amoroso Const. Co. 2100 Oakdale Ave., San Francisco, \$35,080 for improve Cayuga Playground, located at Naglee Ave. Alemany Blvd., Whipple Ave. and Southern Pacific right-of-way.

December 9, 1949

ROSS, Contract awarded to Cervantes Brothers, 357 San Francisco Blvd., San Anselmo, \$3300 to widen bridge across Ross Creek, Shady Lane MARIN COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to A. M. Hardy, 736 Clementina St., San Francisco, \$48,687 for const. animal breeding facils. at Naval Radiation Defense Lab., Naval Shipyard, S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to B. P. McCarthy, 3151 Geary Blvd., San Francisco, \$19,485 for const. roof repairs at Laguna Honda Home.

TWO ROCK RANCH, Contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., Box 95, Belmont, \$4382 for const. water supply system at Two Rock Ranch, SONOMA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873 - 81st Ave., Oakland, \$535,-082 for 3.1 mi, grade & surf. with plantmix surf., on cem. treat. base & const. grade separation struc., betw. 2.6 mi, south of Gilroy and 0.5 mi. south of Sargent Overhead SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

ALAMEDA, Contract awarded to Ace Excavators, 1020 - 44th Ave., Oakland, for grade & fill at Krusi Park school site (Frank Otis School).

December 12, 1949

FRESNO, Contract awarded to United Concrete Pipe Corp., Box 425, Baldwin Park, \$846,669 for const. earthwork, pipelines and strucs, laterals 119.6 & 122.5 & sublaterals, Unit 1. So. San Joaquin Muni. Util. Dist., Friant-Kern Canal distrib. system, Central Valley Project.

TRACY, Contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy, 922 "J" St., Modesto, \$11,-675 for furn., process, haul and place gravel, Delta Mendota Canal, near Tracy, under Spec., No. R2-83. MODESTO, Contract awarded to D. M. Sandling, "C" & Madera Sts., Kerman, \$4246 for remove old bridge over San Joaquin River, near Crows Landing, COUNTY.

tercept drainage channel at South awarded to Robert B. McNair, 3745 slope protection on Crocker Ave., side of proposed sewage treatment Rhods Ave., Oakland, \$8,694 for

December 14, 1949

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to John G. Mehren, 780 Ridgeley Drive, Campbell, \$161,521 for 3.7 mi, grading on Carmel Valley Road between Robinson Canyon Road and Los Laurels Road, MON-TEREY CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to M. J. & H. Treacy, 464 for sewering 24th St., betw. Georgia & Louisiana.

December 16, 1949

SAN ANDREAS, Contract awarded to Moore & Roberts, 693 Mission construction of a hospital for the Mark Twain District.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Spec. No. A-2519. Elmer J. Freethy, 1432 Kearney St., El Cerrito, \$376,145 for const. effluent pump. sta. and install machinery and equipment, 34th and Wood Sts., under S. D. No. 35.

December 19, 1949

MOUNT HAMILTON, Contract awarded to Carrico & Gautier, 365 Ocean Ave., San Francisco, \$638,-800 for const. 120" telescope bldg. at the University of California, Mount Hamilton, located in SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Biltwell Const. Co., 4745 Geary St., San Francisco, \$174,777 for rehabil. Kezar stadium.

BERKELEY, Contract awarded (GENERAL) to Parker, Steffens & Pearce, 135 S. Park St., San Francisco, \$1,101,500 for const. 3story reinf. conc. school of Jurisprudence Building.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Empire Const. Co., 344 Harriet St., San Francisco, \$428,-800 for const. Med. Research Building Addn. No. 2, University of California.

December 20, 1949

CAMP STONEMAN, Contract awarded to R. Goold & Son, P. O. Box 190, Stockton, \$2,256 for const. underground wrapped gas main from gas meter station to Hospital boiler plant, under Serial No. 3-04-136-50-5.

EUREKA, Contract awarded to H. J. Schmiedeskamp, 218 Serrano Drive, San Francisco, \$166,568 for const. Rosewood School Building, consist of seven or eight classroom buildings

HAYWARD, Contract awarded to Empire Construction Co., Ltd., 344 Harriet St., San Francisco, \$870,-375 for construction of the San Lorenzo High School, Lewelling Boulevard & Ashland.

December 21, 1949

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$21,968 for const. traffic signal system, lighting, and improve intersection, in Sacramento at Stockton Boulevard and Fruitridge Road, located in SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract 58th St., Oakland, \$1,587 for const. install equipment and piping for Potrero Heights pumping station, under W. D. No. 517.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874 25th Avenue, San Francisco, \$6,924 for laying 6" & 8" C. I. mains in Lakeshore Subdivision No. 4, under W. D. No. 533.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Payne Const. Co., 876 Clinton St. Redwood City, \$3,003 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$14,-767 for fabricate and install turntable at Powell & Market St., S. F. under Muni. R. R. No. 335.

MOFFETT FIELD, Contract awarded to Howard J. White, 44 St., San Francisco, \$608,250 for Encina Ave., Palo Alto, \$235,990 for const. Administration Building Annex for Ames Aeronautical Lab.,

TRACY, Contract awarded to H. Sykes, Box 262, Patterson, \$2,003 for surf. county bridge approaches, Delta-Mendota Canal Central Valley Project, under Spec. No. R2-85.

LINDSAY, Contract awarded to Bonner B. Terry, Conton, \$36,168 for construction of eleven each 2bedroom and seven each 3-bedroom and additions to ten each wingfoot homes and utilities, at Government Camp, Lindsay, under Spec. No. R2-79

CLOVERDALE, Contract awarded to C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$20,896 for const. additions to storm and sanitary sewer system a Cash Job.

REDWOOD CITY, Contract awarded to Harvey E. Conner, P. O. Box 1012 Redwood City, \$2,459 for install 2,500 lft. 6" cast iron pipe & 8 fire hydrants, in "Lenolt." December 29, 1949

MARIPOSA, Contract awarded to Nevada Constructors, Inc., P. O. precut bdg. on conc. piers, 20 ft. by Box 338 Reno, Nevada, \$89,985 for const. Stockton Creek earthfill dam, Spillway, outlet works and appurts.

December 30, 1949

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & F Sts., Marysville, \$11,125 for channel clearing and low water crossing along Willoughs Slough, near Davis, under Spec. No. 1419.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to H. L. Peterson Const. Co., 733 Treat Avenue, San Francisco, \$49,390 for const. alts. to Lecture Hall, Library and office addn., at M. H. DeYoung Museum. January 4, 1950

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$29,257 for grade and paye on Lake St., 1st Street et al., under 1911 and 1915 Act.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Charles A. Langlais Co., 474 Bryant St., San Francisco, \$71,878 for const. central dividing strip, elec. traf. signal sys. and central hwy. lighting sys., on The Alameda, State Hwy. Rt. 2, betw. Montgomery St. and Santa Clara City Lim-

betw. Anza and Blake Sts.

BERGARD. S.

CAPITOLA, contract awarded to A. J. Peters & Son, 534 Stockton Ave., San Jose, \$57,706 for const. sewers in various streets, Capitola, Santa Cruz Co.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to Redgewick & Banks, 23328 Earl Drive, Hayward, \$1,374 for grading at maintenance yard, Bret Harte School, Hayward.

January 9, 1950

SACRAMENTO, contract was awarded to Lord and Bishop, P.O. Box 812, Sacramento, \$24,950 for const. fire protection system and septic tank, incl. excav., backfill & lay pipelines, furn. and install rest room facils., prime movers, pump, pumphouse and intake, from Lake Washington.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to H. F. Lauritzan, Box 470, Pittsburg, \$12,500 for removal and disposal of a road jetty in Dutch Slough, Road E-15 Contra Costa County.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Kenneth Brown & F. Kaus, P. O. Box 101, Stockton, \$14,077 for widen 5 reinf. conc. bridges north of Hilmar and Atwater, Merced County.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Edward Keeble, Rte. 4, Box 361, Tully Road, San Jose, \$36,418 for const. reinf. conc. storm drain in Hamilton Ave., betw. Meridian Rd. and Norman Ave, and to Los Gatos Creek, a cash job.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Robert McCarthy Co., 1050 Kirkham St., San Francisco, \$27,868 for const. temporary office bldg, with alts, and new installations at Langley Porter Clinic, San Francisco and erect. State owned 104 ft.

January 10, 1950

MODESTO, contract awarded to M. A. Little, 1 Grandview Avenue, San Francisco, \$151,400 for const. addn. to the existing courthouse. January 3, 1950

FRIANT, contract awarded to Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., Newcomb Drive, Porterville, \$3,176,814 cor const. earthwork, conc. lining and strucs., sta. 6076/15 to 6995/10, Friant-Kern Canal, Central Valley Project, located 7 mi. N.E. to 10 mi. S. of Delano.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Arthur Bros., 811 "B" St., San Mateo, \$82,985 for const. type "C" armory at California National Guard Headquarters.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded J. R. Reeves, P.O. Box 1072, Sacramento, \$1,929 for grade, const. curb, gutter and sidewalks on east half of Bear Flag Way, betw- "J" st. and "J" street subtract No. 1. FRESNO, contract awarded to John Grey, Rt. 1, Box 691, Fresno, \$3,106 for improv. Heaton Ave.,

betw. Orange Ave. & S. 8th st. FRESNO, contract awarded



(LLPE Release)

Businessmen throughout the nation are being asked to contribute to Sen. Robert A. Taft's campaign fund.

Reports have reached Washington from New Jersey, Illinois, Missouri and California that businessmen in those states are being tapped for money for Taft.

In New Jersey, former Republican Sen. Albert W. Hawkes is heading up a drive to raise \$500,-000 in that state alone to give to Taft.

In Illinois, a Citizens Committee for the Reelection of Taft, with headquarters in Chicago, has been organized. Its sole purpose is to pass the hat for Taft.

In Missouri, chain letters are being circulated. They ask persons to kick in \$1 for Taft and to send copies of the letters to 10 friends, each of whom presuambly would also contribute \$1.

In California, the San Diego Employers' Association, Inc. is urging businessmen there to send money into Ohio to aid Taft.

DOESN'T DISCOURAGE DRIVES Taft has disavowed any connection with the chain letters. But he has done nothing to discourage the other fund campaigns.

These facts are pointed out not because trade unionists oppose Taft's right to raise campaign funds anywhere he can get money. There is no reason why Taft can't -and shouldn't-get money throughout the country.

Rather, trade unionists should note these nationwide fund-raising efforts for Taft in the light of a statement he made last Septembor in Cleveland.

CRITICIZED "OUTSIDERS"

He said "outsiders" are taking an interest in defeating him and that trade unionists throughout the nation are trying to "tell Ohio people how they must vote." He also charged that organized labor is "raising millions" to beat him.

Senator, .why is it wrong for workers-but all right for businessmen-to contribute to campaign funds?



Washington-Adoption of revised regulations governing minimum wage and overtime exemption of certain socalled "white collar" employes under the Fair Labor Standards Act-the federal wage and hour law-was announced by Wm. R. McComb, administrator of the U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions. The revised regulations, which will continue to apply to about 2,500,000 employes, will take effect on January 25, 1950, effective date of the Fair Labor Standards Amendments of 1949, which increase the wage-hour law minimum wage to 75 cents an hour and make other changes in this law. The new regulations contain 'tests" of duties, responsibilities, salary levels, and other basic requirements which employers must apply in determining which of their employes may be exempt from the wage and hour provisions of the wage-hour law as an executive, administrative, professional, local retailing, or outside salesman type of employe. They provide a salary and five tests for executive employes: a salary and four other tests for administrative and professional employes.

VALLEJO, Contract awarded to Kansas Street. C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$9323 for grade and surf. portions of El Camino Real and Valle Vista, under 1911 and 1915 Acts.

EL CERRITO, Contract awarded to Elmer J. Freethy, 1432 Kearney St. El Cerrito, \$472,437 for const. addition to El Cerrito High School.

Indenco, 656-31st Street, Oakland, const. water development at Col-\$190,893 for construction of a new grammar school in the School Dis- UMNE COUNTY. trict, to be known as the Joaquin Miller Grammar School.

December 13, 1949

ed to A Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 on Pier 30. 37th street, Sacramento, \$4,740 for repair paving, parking area, curbs, and walks at the Business & Professional Building Annex in Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Campbell Const. Co., 800 "R" St. Sacramento, \$188,474 for const. awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874 school swim. pool building at Junior College, Sacramento.

to C. C. Steele, 3925 Franklin Blvd. & Knox, under W. D. No. 532.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to J. H. Fitzmaurice, 2857 Hannah STANISLAUS St., Oakland, \$4,375 for conc. pave on grounds of Laurel School, 3820

> OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, 344 High St., Oakland, \$2,985 for paving on the grounds of John Sweet School, 4575 Steele Street.

December 22, 1949

COLUMBIA, Contract awarded to Ferguson Bros., 8923 San Le-OAKLAND, Contract awarded to andro St., Oakland, \$59,673 for umbia Historic State Park TUOL-

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Haas & Rothchild, 274 Brannan St., San Francisco, \$2,650 SACRAMENTO, Contract award- for repair N. E. corner & apron

December 23, 1949

RIVERBANK, Contract awarded to Kovick Bros., Const. Co. Inc., P. O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$37,329 for vitr. sewer mains in Riverbank.

December 28, 1949 SAN FRANCISCO, Contract 25th Avenue, San Francisco, \$5,162 for laying 6" & 8" cast iron mains

VACAVILLE, Contract awarded in Avalon Avenue, between Moscow

its, and from Santa Clara City limits to Bellomy St., Santa Clara, under cash contract.

PASO ROBLES, contract awarded to Valley Paving and Const. Co., Box 6, Pismo Beach, \$16,996 for grade, curb, gutter and walks, on Vine St., between 4th and 10th Sts. SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Charles L. Harney, Inc. 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$204,-886 for remove tracks and reconst. pavement on Bryant St., between 11th and Army Sts.

January 5, 1950

PACIFIC GROVE, contract was awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$8,945 for surf. Eardley Ave., betw. Central Ave. and Ocean View Blvd. and Central Ave., betw. Fountain Ave. and Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove. SAN FRANCISCO, sub-contract awarded to M. B. McGowan, Inc., 625 Market St., San Francisco, for driving untreated timber piles for influent and effluent sewers, North Point Sewage Treatment Plant.

January 6, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Building, San Francisco, \$4,637 for grade, surf., etc. in Bowdoin St., between Woolsey and Dwight.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Justice-Dunn Co., 1260

Pacific Pipeline and Engineers, Ltd., Box 446, Fresno, \$1,823 for instal weld, steel water mains in three locations.

IONE, contract awarded to Rice Brothers, Inc., P.O. Box 1489, Marysville, \$4,000 for 30,000 cy. grade at school site.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, \$13,-640 for grade, surf., etc. in Quin-tara st., betw. 28th & 29th streets. SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., San Francisco, \$48,960 for grade. drain & surf. parking areas, Cow Palace, San Francisco. SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson Brothers, 1259-65th st., Emeryville, \$239,505 for 3 mi. grade & Surf. with plantmix surf. on crusher run base, betw. Foster Road & Union Station, Napa County.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to C. B. Tuttle Co., 268 Belmont Ave., Long Beach, \$680.741 for const. steel girder bridge across San Leandro Creek & tracks of S.P. RR. Co., S. city limits of Oakland, Alameda county.

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A difficult parental problem And a sequence unforeseen, Is how to make the baby sleep When she has reached eighteen.

* * * LLPE in Louisiana

Hodge, La. - A unit of Labor's League for Political Education has recently been established in Hodge and Jonesboro.

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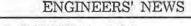
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ANOTHER BAD WINTER?

Engineers in Northern Cal, Nevada and Utah glanced uneasily at the skies and the weather charts last week as a series of three or more frisky storms rip-snorted their way through our jurisdiction, fearing a repetition of last year's deep freeze when Engineers had to dig human and animal life out of deep snows. On the coast and in the valleys the southeast-bound storms left heavy rainfall, which became heavy white stuff at the timber line and closed all mountain highways for a time.

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SECRETARY HAGGERTY ON LABOR'S NEW YEAR PLANS By C. J. HAGGERTY Secretary, State Federation of Labor

The year of 1950 will present grave and dangerous threats to the American labor movement. The plotting powers of American reaction will arouse their commercial satellites as never before in a frantic effort to impose the Corporation State upon the people of our nation.

We are determined to repel that attack in the year before us. And what is more affirmative, we are determined to achieve the essentials of a state devoted to the service and security of the masses of common good of society, a state

that will recognize the responsibilities as well as the rights of our traditional free economy.

Specifically, we shall seek first to guarantee the rights of every American worker, rights which are under constant attack by the truculent leaders of the jungle philosophy that would pit toiler against toiler in savage competition for the lowest possible wage.

We are further determined to aid the ill-housed, the ill-fed, those impoverished by illness, and those rendered helpless by age. Indeed, we are determined to aid all whose social suffering pulls at the conscience of America.

In practical language, we must espouse the following aims throughout 1950:

(1) Political action at the local, state and national level.

(2) Repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act.

(3) A social security system that will offer benefits to the aged, the sick and the injured.

(4) A realistic employment program geared to the realities of consumer purchasing power.

(5) Maintenance of rent controls. (6) Adequate public housing for urban and rural communities.

(7) Water and power development for and by the American public.

(8) Federal aid to education. (9) A civil rights system that will assure every American of his natural and constitutional heritage. * * *

Non-Union Engineers **Get Surprise Checks**

Washington - A lot of puzzled non-union engineers are receiving in their mail checks for 44 cents made out by President Stanley W. Oliver of the International Federation of Technical Engineers' Architects' & Draftsmen's Unions-A.F.L.

To explain, Oliver is enclosing a letter to each of the rugged individuals who has refused to join the AFL technical men's union. Since 1939, he points out, the farm workers and industrial worker have increased their earnings markedly, but engineers' earnings have lagged behind the cost of living index.

"The salary scale of the engineer chugs along at Model-T Ford speed in a jet propulsion world," the AFL union head told his non-union colleagues.

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When the cop asked what she thought she was doing, the sweet Gets \$30,500,000 oung thing answered: "Parking

Peninsula-**MORRISON-KNUDSON CO. LOW BID** ON \$2,595,053 AIRPORT PROJECT

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative, Local 3

Bids were opened by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission on Jan. 10 for \$2,595,000 worth of construction work on San Francisco Airport. This work consists mostly of grading and paving and some pipeline installation. Employment will be furnished for about 150 members of Local 3, and will run throughout this year. However, this job is not expected to become very active until the heavy rains are over.

On a visit to the new Drive-In Theatre job in Colusa, this representative found the Wm. Vierra streets. Bros. Jones, Chapman, Bill Co. of San Jose, with Bro. Vierra McCray and others are employed in full charge and Bros. McCain, Orville Unruh, Ed Silva, Bro. Rush and Bro. Reis operating the cats. All were busily engaged in moving nearly one-half million yards of dirt in order to build the largest drive-in theatre in the West. When finished this theatre will be large enough to park 1,500 cars and is expected to be completed about the 1st of March.

At the Guy F. Atkinson Co. yard and shop at South San Francisco, business for members of this union is very slow. This is probably due to the fact that the equipment used on the Dorena Dam and other projects, finishing up, has not yet been shipped in to be repaired. More than likely there will be some activity at this spot before long as the company is planning to start some its huge projects down south in the near future.

Airport Stockpile

The Macco Construction Co. at Brisbane is again operating its gravel plant at full capacity in order to stockpile aggregates for the Airport job. This operation keeps many of our worthy brothers steadily employed. Under the supervision of Bros. Ray and Robert Guerin, many members of Local 3 are busy with shovels, cats and jeeps, filling industrial property for South San Francisco Land Co. for the erection of factories and plants.

The L. C. Smith Co. of San Mateo, which employs 50 to 60 Engineers, is working on street and pipeline jobs in South San Francisco, San Carlos, San Mateo, Redwood City and other locations in this area too numerous to mention. This firm has enough work ahead to last for the coming two or three years.

At the Port of Redwood, the Peter Sorenson Co. of Redwood City is busy on street work and expansion of the Portland Cement Co, plant.

The Mosely Co., of San Carlos, with Bro. Chas. Marsac in charge, is working on the Carolands estate in Hillsborough; excavating

Hungry Horse Dam

for homes, and grading and paving on the most exclusive real estate development project in this area.

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The many quarries and building material yards in this district are doing a good business, which is a healthy condition for members of Local 3. The South City Lumber Co.'s concrete and gravel plant has been taken over by the Pacific, Coast Aggregates Co. Your representative has been assured that the new firm does not plan to make any changes as far as the Engineers are concerned.

Pipeline Slow

The huge pipeline job which has been awarded to Artukovitch and United Concrete Pipe Co., extending from Milpitas, Alameda County, to Pulgas Terminal, San Mateo County, so far is very slow in getting started. No definite date has been set as to when this work will get under way.

Many large construction projects are contemplated and bids have been advertised for some of them in this area in the near future. These include the extension of Junipero Serra Blvd, through San Bruno; the \$10 million real estate development project at Buri-Buri, plans for which call for the moving of one million yards of earth; the Pillar Point Breakwater, which has very good prospects of being included in the forthcoming federal budget; a drainage system for the city of San Mateo, and many others. So be of good cheer, brothers-the future looks bright!

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66 Die on Job During Uctober

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FALLING OBJECTS

Falling or rolling objects were responsible for the death of four workers this month. A sawyer, who left his controls to clear the carriage run, died as a result of injuries received when he was pinned to the live roll at the husk frame by a portion of a slab carried back by the log carriage on its return. A choker setter was killed when a choker jarred loose and the log rolled over him. A powderman in a quarry was crushed by a rock as he endeavored to place explosives to move a large rock near it. A miner was struck by a 300-pound slab of rock while engaged in timbering. A walnut picker was electrocuted when the 23-foot aluminum knocking pole he was using hit a power line.

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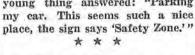
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Included in President Truman's budget recommendation is the sum of \$30,500,000 for Hungry Horse dam in Montana for the fiscal year starting July 1, which will carry this big job up to 66 per cent completed. Truman's request will bring total appropriations for this multiple-purpose project on the south fork of the Flathead river to \$72 millon. Major sum for the new year is \$13 million for dam and power plant, \$4 million for reservoir clearing, \$4 million for generators, turbines, etc. First power, 71,250 kilowatts, is expected by November, 1952, providing the first large block of new generating capacity, outside of Grand Coulee, to relieve the power-hungry Northwest region. * * *

Navy Shipyards Get Six Months of Work

Hunters Point and Mare Island Navy yards have been assigned enough work to keep them busy for another six months, the Navy announced last week. The work consists of reconverting a destroyer at Hunters Point and a destroyer and a killer submarine at Mare Island. New electronic and antisubmarine gear will be installed on 10:15 p.m. Los Angeles outlets are the destroyer. About 9000 are employed at Mare Island and 6000 at Hunters Point at present.

BURNS KILL THREE

Three men died this month of burns received in work accidents. One man was burned to death while preparing to install a blind on a gasoline pipeline. Prior to the accident a shipment of gasoline had been made through the pipe-line and enough pressure was left in the line so that gasoline vapors were released into the surrounding area when the bolts on the pipe-line flange were loosened. Street maintenance work was in progress in the area and a lighted bomb-type flare commonly used in construction work was standing 15 feet away. This flame ignited the gasoline vapors.

In another accident a farm worker, spraying and burning vegetation. in ditches with gas well drippings, was burned to death. Another farm worker was fatally burned while harvesting lettuce when a can of gasoline ignited.

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