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TRADES PUSH REBER PLAN FOR DEFENSE

"The Reber Plan would aid navigation, flood control, fresh water supply, and salinity control, benefit agriculture . . . and help promote military security."

So declared the 35th convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council in San Francisco Dec. 7, 8, in a resolution unanimously adopted and forwarded to state officials and all California labor organizations.

Coming on the heels of disastrous floods and tides and at a time when civilian defense is shouting for adequate transbay evacuation routes and the underground shelters that could be built from Reber Plan excavations, the state councils' action gave new impetus to the sorely-needed Bay development, which observers now see as an immediate possibility for state and federal action.

Most successful convention of the council's history, the San Francisco meeting of 300 trades delegates from all over California took action on many other matters of importance to their unions and the general public.

LAWRENCE RE-ELECTED
Frank Lawrence, a member of the Operating Engineers, was re-elected as state president.

Four business representatives of Engineers were renamed as district vice presidents: Al Clem of Oakland, Otto Never of Humboldt, Ed Park of the Auburn area and Jack Emory of the Santa Barbara area. The first three named are in Local 3, and Emory is in Local 12.

A total of 56 new affiliations joined the council during the past year, local unions and councils and statewide councils of crafts. The convention considered 44 resolutions and heard interesting, informative reports from President Lawrence and Secretary Lee Lalor. The latter resigned and was replaced by Thomas G. Harvey of Sacramento.

Other resolutions adopted were: Asking Congress to take steps to protect the state workmen's compensation act from bankruptcy in event of an atomic bombing. Asking for elimination of prison labor on the Coachella Valley-Ocean Highway. Calling for a statewide health and welfare plan for the building trades. Calling for a state plan for settling jurisdictional disputes.

Engineers Local 3 presented a resolution requesting the council to introduce state legislation to bring agricultural land-leveling under the state unemployment insurance act, and it was adopted by the convention.

BIG PUSH COMING

"Full employment of the present labor force has been approached even though the defense industries have not begun to expand as has been planned, and the armed forces are a little more than half of anticipated mobilization," President Lawrence told the delegates.

"The main change will be in shift from housing to all types of non-residential construction. The expansion in the economy, gen-

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*Peace on Earth
Is Still Our Goal*

It is hard to reconcile the slogan of Christmas, "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," with the war-like conditions in which we find ourselves today. The joy of Christmas will be tempered for us by the thought of our boys fighting and dying on distant battlefields.

But in the name and tradition of Christmas, and with the hope that this spirit of good will can spread to all peoples of the earth, we enter into the season with the heartiest participation and sincerity of purpose.

In this spirit, the officers and representatives of Operating Engineers Local 3 extend to each and every member and their families, to our fellow AFL unions, and to all of our employers, the wish for a very happy Christmas and a New Year full of promise for lasting peace.

VICTOR S. SWANSON,
Local Union Manager.

Official Notice Given on Election

The Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers provides that election of officers shall be held at the last regular meeting in June of each year, and nominations shall be made at the regular meeting prior to the election. (See Subdivision 1, Section (e), Article XXIII.)

Subdivision 1, Section (b), Article XXIII, reads in part as follows: "No member shall be eligible for election, be elected, nor hold office, unless he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Local Union for not less than one year, nor unless he shall have filed a Declaration of Candidacy with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary of the Local Union for the office to which he seeks election, on or before the 15th day of January preceding the election, nor unless he shall have been in regular attendance at a majority of the regular meetings intervening between the date of the filing of such Declaration of Candidacy and the date of the election."

We want to call the members' attention to these regulations in connection with election of officers, and urge that anyone interested in being elected to office secure the proper form for Declaration of Candidacy from the union office, and see that it is signed and on file with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary prior to Jan. 15.



- In Memoriam**
- T. A. Hamlin . . . November 23, 1950
 - W. M. Lyons . . . November 25, 1950
 - Geo. H. Bosnick . . . November 27, 1950
 - Fred C. Evans . . . December 1, 1950
 - Maurice E. Purcell . . . December 8, 1950
 - K. L. Glasscock . . . December 9, 1950
 - Bruce Root . . . December 20, 1950

Job Hazards Cut Value of Wages

To All Local Unions, Greetings:

Many local unions have considered accident prevention as an important function of the local unions. Others have considered accident prevention in a matter-of-course fashion. Some have given thought to this important subject.

Wages and working conditions are important to every local union and to its membership; however, what appears to be good wages are not always what they seem. If working conditions do not provide for safe conditions and if the hazards encountered are such that the future possibilities in earning wages are jeopardized by a lack of job safety, then each local union should place high on its agenda of important functions the securing of a sound Accident Prevention Program as a part of every negotiated contract.

With season's best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
WM. E. MALONEY
General President.

War and Weather Put a Big Flux On Engineer Jobs

War and the weather raised more havoc with the work of AFL Operating Engineers during the past month than has been experienced since the most hectic days of the recent World War. The defense program and its hypo on civilian projects were shifting into high gear when J. Pluvius

"Must Control Floods-Now!"

Inexcusable neglect has brought on \$40 million in California flood damage. Only the caprice of weather has prevented even greater and more frequent floods. Action must be taken immediately on checking this menace, to protect the public, save our resources, and strengthen national defense.

These are conclusions reached by community, state and federal leaders following disastrous central-state floods in November and December.

Governor Warren has called in federal flood and reclamation experts for advice, and worried citizens hope he will demand immediate action toward completing a broad engineering program already on the boards but thus far delayed. Army engineers advised him that from \$300 to \$400 million would do the job completely.

A catastrophic flood in the Sacramento Valley was prevented by the presence of Shasta Dam, keystone of the Central Valleys Project.

Control of flood waters would not only prevent such great damage as has just been experienced but would also conserve water, now badly needed in most areas, would help generate more power, also needed for the state's huge population increase and defense industries, and, finally, would strengthen the state against the ever-looming threat of war emergencies.

arrived to stall hundreds of major jobs but also to put Engineers at work repairing heavy damage.

The early winter, with unprecedented rain and floods, has boomed out-of-work lists in every district of Local 3 jurisdiction, but contractors are pushing ahead at every opportunity to beat the rest of the rains and the full impact of the defense program, which are due to arrive about the same time—mid-winter.

Central California flood damage will range from \$30 to \$40 million, and Engineers will be rebuilding highways, dams, levees, canals, and equipment for a long time to come as a result.

DAM PREVENTS DISASTER

Forty inches of rain added a million-acre feet behind mighty Shasta Dam, putting it up high in public view as a symbol of what to do about floods in California. Sentiment for flood-power-water projects was boosted a thousand percent by the big flood of '50, and we'll not soon forget the lesson. Shasta itself prevented a disaster in Sacramento Valley.

In San Francisco Bay, by coincidence, record tides pushed inland to add more water and damage to the big delta region, and here another lesson stood out—"build the Reber plan for flood, tide and traffic."

Meantime, threat of war needed all private and civic planners to build and finish right now, giving powerful impetus to all types of construction. Actual defense work it at a minimum thus far in this region, but it is due to arrive early in the new year.

BOMB SHELTER PLEA

Civic leaders began to wake up to civilian defense needs and are now screaming for bomb shelters, any and all types of underground work, something the Engineers have been advocating for over six months. Underground garages will get federal assist from civilian defense funds. Big private firms are planning their own bomb shelters. Defense heads now urge a bomb shelter in every backyard.

For a full account of storm damage, job conditions, and current work projects around the Local 3 circuit, see the reports of business agents in this issue. They are unusually complete and interesting this month.

Meanwhile, with members moving around from one district to another, reminder is again made to please keep the branch office informed of your whereabouts at all times, in order that Local 3 men may be placed on any and all jobs coming up in our territory.

Engineers News Draws Praise

The Engineers News was cited as one of the state's outstanding labor papers in the matter of providing job, industrial and financial news of interest and value to its readers. Occasion for this commendation was the recent state

labor press conference in Santa Barbara, sponsored by the State Federation of Labor and the UCLA Industrial Relations department.

Joseph A. Brahd, chairman of the graduate department of jour-

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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

CHECK YOUR STANDING!!!! Are you paid up to date? Have you paid Sick and Death Assessment levied in July, 1950? The assessments are important to your welfare. If in doubt contact the office and make sure!

AND AGAIN WE SAY . . . MAKE A DATE—PLEASE DONATE! The Blood Bank is almost depleted. We have two pints in our account which is not much in the event an emergency might arise. Therefore, contact the S. F. Office and arrangements will be made for you to donate. Only the cooperation of the membership can assure each of you that you, and your families, will be entitled to blood donations when needed.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, LOCAL NO. 3-E meeting will be held in the Union Offices at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, Calif. at 8 p.m., Friday, December 29, 1950.

HOW WELL DO YOU SELL YOUR SERVICES?

Did you ever consider yourself as a salesman? Did you ever stop and realize that every cent you ever earned was done through a job of selling? If you earned your money through manual labor, then you simply sold your services. This is the only commodity the working man has to sell. The possibilities (as a salesman) of the Laboring Man are unlimited, and the problems innumerable. Let us dwell on this subject for a moment.

How successful a salesman are you? Does the person who buys your services get value received for every dollar he invests? If he does, then the chances are that he will continue to buy your services. If you are not giving him value received, then he is compelled to buy from one who does.

One doesn't have to be a "Good Joe" to be a successful salesman—but it helps! The person who smiles and has a pleasant disposition finds it much easier to sell his services.

Some people envy the individual who stays on the same job year after year. Really, he has something to be envious of, for at least it is certain that he is giving value received, or he couldn't stay there. The person who is trying to get something for nothing has the wrong slant on life. This is apparent by the fact that this type of person can most always be found out of employment. He's the guy who didn't give One Hundred Cents worth of service for the dollar he received.

Many, many people do not realize why they are the first to get laid off when work gets slack. It is to these individuals that this article is directed—with the hope that some benefit may be derived therefrom.

Possibly the best way to find out if you are a "short seller" is to interview yourself. Ask yourself a few questions, then analyze them before answering. What did I do, or what didn't I do, that I was laid off instead of the other fellow? Invariably (if you are honest with yourself) you will come up with the answer that you were inefficient. In other words, your employer didn't get value received from your services. The solution then is to train yourself to be more efficient. Maybe you took the day off without notifying your employer, so he could arrange to have someone in your place. Your doing this may have caused an expensive piece of equipment to stand idle all day, thereby costing the employer a considerable amount of money. About the worst offense that can be committed against a person is to interfere with his pocket-book. He feels that you are not particularly concerned with his welfare, so he gets someone who will give him service for value received.

One of the principles of Organized Labor is "to do the job just a little better," or to give an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. When an Employer uses the services of members of a Labor Union, he expects and is entitled to the best man available. The efficient employee costs him much less than the inefficient one, for two reasons. First, he will get more production; and second, his maintenance cost will be less.

So it can readily be seen that good salesmanship pays well.
L. L. DUGAN,
Local 428, Phoenix, Ariz.

JOKES, Etc.

A man noticed one morning that his newsboy had a puppy on his stand with a "For Sale" sign over him. Curious, he asked the boy how much he expected to get for the dog.

"Fifty thousand dollars," replied the youngster. "I won't take a cent less."

The man whistled and passed along.

A few mornings later the man noticed the dog was gone.

"Sell your dog?" he inquired.

"Yep!" the boy grinned.

"Did you get your price for him?"

"Yep!" Took a couple of \$25,000 cats.

E. R. Zimmer of Stockton Electrical Workers comments that some homes need less switches on the wall and more on the children.

Joe Petri: "Know what the ceiling said to the four walls?"

Frank Nieberding: "Nope."

Joe: "Hold me up, boys, I'm plastered!"

Doctor: "Your leg is swollen, but I wouldn't worry about it."

Patient: "If your leg was swollen I wouldn't worry about it either."

A dentist is about the only man who can safely tell a woman when to open and shut her mouth.

Nothing'll cook your goose faster than a red-hot temper.

Man is nothing but dust, and a woman sure can settle him.

Earl Moorhead of San Jose CIO says it's all right to hold up your head, provided you don't turn up your nose.

Chasing a woman is fun. The trouble begins when you catch her.

San McNeese of Redding Butchers tells us the height of hard luck in the old western frontier days was when a Scotsman got a haircut just before an Indian massacre.

It takes a forger to give a check a bad name.

"I don't like Bill. He knows too many dirty songs."

"Does he sing to you?"

"No, but he whistles them."

Charlie Seafuse of San Mateo Building Trades says the atom bomb may bring peace, but our only hope is that it will leave some people to enjoy it.

"Did the picture have a happy ending?"

"Yeah, everybody was glad it was finished."



MORALE BOOSTER.—Jean Williams, 22, is one of six New York models who have decided to boost the morale of the GIs in Korea and elsewhere who don't get many letters. They're sending messages and pin-up pictures to the boys.

Report of last meeting

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

A synopsis of the regular meeting minutes of Nov. 4 read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board minutes of Nov. 15 read and of Nov. 29 read, and the acts and recommendations of the board, including the recommendation of the board to expel Brother George Simon for non-payment of dues, was by motion unanimously approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from the Nankivell family; Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Curtis, Mrs. Alexander Watchman and family. Received and filed.

The following resolution was read as the first reading:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Local No. 3 has a Foreman's Agreement with the Associated General Contractors providing for a scale of wages as such, determined upon the predominate classification over which the Foreman has supervision, and

WHEREAS, the Foremen, members of Local No. 3, have taken it upon themselves to negotiate and establish for themselves, individually, a weekly scale of wages which in most instances is less than the hourly wage, and

WHEREAS, the working rules provide that no member shall make any individual agreements with his employer, and

WHEREAS, it is the aim and ambition of all the members of Local No. 3 to establish working conditions and wages so that each and every member may be able to enjoy a standard of living to the envy of all,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Local No. 3 establish Foreman rights and privileges for each and every member of Local No. 3 proper, and that proper cards be prepared signifying upon the face thereof, the member's name and register number, also the rules governing the conduct of a Foreman, while acting as such. Also, the card shall show the penalty to be inflicted should such member violate the working rules and be convicted of same by the Union. That each of these cards be made available to each and every member of Local No. 3, and said card to be delivered to each member upon his personal request for same; his signature appearing on the card signifying his intentions to abide by the working rules, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any member while acting as a Foreman who violates the working rules of Local 3, whether it be an individual agreement as to wages, operating equipment, or any other working rule which now exists, or may be added by action of the membership of Local No. 3, then such member upon conviction by the membership shall forfeit his Foreman's card, and shall lose all rights to act as Foreman over the members of Local No. 3 until his foreman rights are restored by action of the Union.

REPORT OF THE SICK COMMITTEE

The following brothers were reported ill: Jack Asbury, Geo. F. Bishop, Lester C. Baker, Joseph A. Catalano, Lewis Conry, Ray Carlson, Theo Delavega, Don R. Ewing, O. L. Farnsworth, Wm. Graebe, Kieby L. Glasscock, Franklin D. Hughes, John Loveland, George Lewis, Joseph McFarland, Jack Mayberry, Erwin Meyer, Justin Melady, Hillman Nankivell, Edward T. Pearson, Jack Pierce, Don J. Russell, Daniel J. Rogers, Fritz Redman, Thomas Russell, Jim Sikes, A. E. Stout, D. E. Stacey, Richard L. Stout, Cliff Sutherland, A. C. Thomsen, Roy Taylor, C. W. Rexler, Victor M. Woodard, Roy Wallace, Glenn Ward, Thomas L. Williams, H. B. Tipton.

The following brothers were reported deceased: David Curtis, H. S. Nankivell, Wm. E. Yenter, Geo. H. Bosnick, T. A. Hamlin, Fred C. Evans.

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

The meeting adjourned as there was no further business to come before the meeting.

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

FISH AND GAME QUOTES

"An antlerless deer hunt cannot be recommended unless sufficient investigation of the problem has been made and we're sure of our ground."—Ben Glading, chief, Bureau of Game Conservation, California Division of Fish and Game.

"Whether an embryonic hunter becomes a true sportsman or a game hog, a pleasant shooting companion or a menace, whether he will be a skilled marksman or a dub, depends largely upon parental guidance and training before as well as during the hunting seasons."—Wildlife Management Institute.

In cooperation with the California Division of Fish and Game, students of the Humboldt State College wildlife and fisheries classes have rescued more than 15,000 trout and salmon from drying streams in the last two years.

"I see no more harm in taking the overflow, or surplus increase, of our wild deer populations than in taking that of our barnyard animals."—Manly F. Miner, president, Jack Miner Foundation.

"The cash total of a loose house cat's depredations in the field, figured in terms of the actual replacement value of the wildlife destroyed, adds up to a great deal more than his actual weight in silver dollars."—John Alden Knight, outdoor writer.

AUTO HINTS

Tire Valve Caps—Flat tires and damage resulting from air losses frequently result from failure to use air-sealing tire valve caps.

Warning Sign—If you see a ball rolling into the street ahead of your car, slow down immediately and be prepared for a quick stop, cautions the California State Automobile Association. A running child in pursuit of the ball may dash in front of your car.

Excessive Oil use—Excessive quantities of oil may be drawn up into the automobile combustion chamber and burned with the fuel if the intake valve stems and valve guides are badly worn.

Thermostat Trouble—Overheating or slow warming of an automobile motor may be caused by a faulty thermostat.

'McCarthy Spreads Poison, Fear'

(LLPE Release)

Senator Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.) says President Truman should be removed from office unless "the Administration sanctions use of Chinese Nationalist troops" in Korea.

In light of the Senator's statement, it is interesting to read the following article in The Catholic Commonweal, a widely-read Catholic weekly, by Associate Editor Francis Downing.

"The voice of McCarthy was abroad in the land and it was now as it was in the beginning a poisoned and fearful thing. It went on forever making unproved charges, forever irresponsible, forever merely free of libel; it went on exploiting the insecure, the anxious, the confused, and the afraid.

"It went on attacking Alger Hiss, assailing Mr. Acheson, attacking perverts, attacking unnamed Communists, attacking Yalta, praising MacArthur as if he were God and McCarthy had invented him; it went on, the voice, and it harassed the discontent, and it assigned guilt, and it called names and it laid the blame; and it talked to the emotions, and it was like balm and it assuaged. In every case where it made foreign policy an issue it won.

answers, but it won. It is like the taste of pennies in the mouth; it fills me with fear.

"We have known demagogues in our political history, but this is a special kind—an evil kind, a deliberate kind, it adds falseness to the already false.

"It represents the other side of the election coin. It is the spurious and the counterfeit.

"It would be legal tender nowhere in any world where reason was and where intelligence was operative. Yet men took it as though it were legal tender and had value and was clean and bright and new, and had been minted honestly."

Wholesale Index Of Food Prices Up 10c in Week

New York (LPA)—The wholesale food price index of Dun & Bradstreet jumped 10 cents this week to \$6.77, highest in 27 months. The index is the sum of the price per pound of 31 foods in general use.

The index has climbed 14 per cent since the start of the Korean war. The all-time high was set July 13, 1948, at \$7.36.

What's doing in the Oakland office

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

GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

Up until the first of December work in the Oakland area has been holding up very well, but our out of work list is beginning to load up—about 250 have registered for work during the past week. Of course, the majority of the jobs mentioned in this report are down at the present time, but we will nevertheless make an attempt to tell you what has been going on in the area during the past month, and what has been planned for future operations. We would like to urge any of you who have not already done so to register for your unemployment insurance without further delay.

While construction on the downtown section of the Oakland Freeway is not expected to get under way for some time, preliminary work is now in progress. Several structures along the route have been razed and it has been announced that the purchase of the strip from Broadway to Fallon St. has been completed and purchase of the right of way west of Broadway has been started. The freeway will eventually run from Richmond to San Jose, and according to a recent proposal, will run west from Fallon St. in a block-wide strip between Fifth and Sixth Sts. to Magnolia Ave., where it will swing northward to join Cypress at Tenth St. According to present plans, most of the road will be elevated along the route from the present terminus at Fallon St., to Cypress, thus eliminating cross traffic problems in the downtown area.

There is considerable activity at the Standard Oil plant in Richmond. Humiston and Rosendahl have a good sized crew working on various construction and repair jobs within the yard. At present the following brothers are on the payroll: E. J. Williams, W. H. Schmidt, M. L. Jeffery and Cal Relyea, crane operators; Charlie Christensen, mechanic; Dan Kiser, W. J. Cusak, J. P. Carrigan and Ray Jenkinson, oilers; R. M. Plummer and M. P. Mesecher, cat skimmers, and A. S. Hightower, welding machines. Bro. Ray Post is now working for this outfit as general maintenance superintendent, in charge of the rigs and men. We know from past experience that Ray will do a good job and keep things operating smoothly.

The M. W. Kellogg Co. has a contract in the yard for construction of several new installations. At the present time they are only employing one engineer, Bro. W. W. McCloud, who is in charge of the compressors on the job.

Bechtel also has some work going on in the plant. The following brothers are on their payroll at this time: Jimmy Johns, Emmett Kelley, Ben Marco and Leonard Smith.

Utah Construction announced recently that they have purchased 900 acres of Bay Farm Island tide-lands in Alameda for a price of \$1,300,000. This is to be used for future housing development, but will be a long range project, with the property development going forward as physical conditions, government restrictions, and the market for housing permits.

J. R. Armstrong's two road jobs have been slowed down considerably. The shoulder job out of Byron has been held up on account of the weather, while the job between the Monument and Concord has been hampered by heavy traffic conditions as well as the rain.

Bro. Leonard Beck is running a tugger for Swinerton and Walberg at the old Fibreboard plant in Antioch. They are installing a new boiler and have about two months work to do.

Tough sledding is more than an expression on Macco's high tension line job at Jersey Island. This outfit has the contract for construction of concrete footings and towers for PG&E's river crossing at

this point, and the peat swamps are making the going pretty tough. They are having to sled all material in from the levee road on the river. The work is moving along however, but the boys expect to be there all winter. At present one crane with pile driver leads, a boiler for the steam hammer and one cat are the only pieces of equipment on the job.

Duncanson and Harrelson, who have a contract for placing foundations and footings for a section of the transmission line near Byron, are just getting started on the job. Bro. Bill Teague is the crane operator, with Chris Brass handling the oiling and R. Gordon running the pumps.

Pomeroy is getting started on the job at the Columbia Steel plant in Pittsburg. Due to the weather, a considerable part of their program will be curtailed till spring and from the looks of things there will be very little additional hiring out there for some time.

In last month's paper we mentioned that the proposed addition to the PG&E Steam Plant at Antioch should keep Bechtel's crew busy after the termination of the first portion of the job. A hitch in the plans, however, is holding the job up and several of the fellows have been laid off. Pacific Bridge is still working at the plant pouring foundations for the inlet pipe on the cooling system for the establishment. They have approximately two months work left on this job. Two shifts are in operation, with Bros. Bob Davis and Marvin Miller on days and Floyd Johns and S. G. Durrance on the swing shift. Consolidated Western Steel is laying foundations for a large steel storage tank out there. This will make the third of this type to be erected on the site and work is expected to get under way in the next few days.

At Lee Immel's hot plant in Richmond we find Bros. Jim Frost, oiler; Buford Oglesby, boxman; August Polsen, fireman; and Leonard Akerat, shovel operator, working under the direction of Bro. R. W. Pirtle, plant foreman. At the company's shop the following Engineers are working on overhaul and repair: Hans Enge, W. L. Pierce, F. W. McAfee, Otto Enge and Ervin Cox.

Eighteen of the brothers are still on Parrish Brothers' Pittsburg payroll. Bad weather found this company with about 65 per cent of their hot stuff laid. It is expected that six weeks will finish the job, weather permitting.

There has been considerable activity on and around the University of California campus during recent months. Al Erickson has a contract for installation of a 6-ft. drain pipe to run from back of the stadium in Strawberry Canyon to the Faculty Club house. Ariss-Knapp have a subcontract on the grading for this job and have two loaders and two cats on the site. They are also rebuilding a slope on the grounds and have the subcontract for grading on Carrico and Gautier's job at the nearby School for the Deaf. Three of our members, Bros. Eric Norberg, R. W. Johnson and Joe Campana, are employed regularly as operators at the Corporation Yard of the University. These fellows do the general maintenance work around the campus and it goes without saying that they are keeping pretty busy these days.

United Concrete Pipe's water project near Mission San Jose is pretty well bogged down right now. There are 11 Engineers on the payroll however, and Bro. Ogden Kucinar recently took over the duties of foreman on the spread.

At the present time there are a variety of trench jobs in operation

Dredge News

Dredge work still continues good in the bay and rivers. The San Francisco Bridge Co. has two of its large suction dredges working. The Hinds is at Rio Vista where they have started on the first unit of the Sacramento deep water channel. They also have two derrick barges moving and placing riprap on this job and they are using approximately 50 of our members on the job. There has been considerable turnover of men on this project, the main cause being the fact that the job is so far from the centers of population, coupled with a lack of facilities within 40 or 50 miles of the work. The men are understandably reluctant to accept jobs where they have to drive 75 to 100 miles per day to get to and from work. This puts us in the position where we are forced to pick up inexperienced men who have to be trained on the job and this causes a large turnover. The only solution I can see to the problem would be for the company to set up some provision to room and board the men at a point near the job. I have taken this matter up with them but thus far they have failed to find a solution. In addition to the dredge Hinds, the Bridge Co. has the Wilatka working at the Mare Island Navy Yard. While they do not employ as many men there as they do on the Hinds, we have much less of a turnover of men in proportion.

The Olympian Dredging Co. has four of its large clamshell dredges working. The Holland and Golden Gate are on barge work in Oakland, and the Neptune in Georgiana Slough helping the California Dredging Co. on its delta cross channel job. The Monarch is on the Rigne Tract near Stockton. They also have a job for their suction dredge Palmer, somewhere

throughout the area. The F. R. Archibald Co. is engaged in digging ditch and laying duct topped by lead cable for 6,000 feet of telephone line in connection with the television relay station under construction on Grizzly Peak in Berkeley. E. J. Tobin is installing 1,250 feet of 12 and 15-inch sewer line on Moser Lane in San Pablo.

Bro. C. W. Gardner is operating the trencher, John Gaffney is on the pumps, with William Cargile and Relder Scribner doing the oiling. Out at Antioch, M. G. M. Construction has Bros. Lloyd Hensley and Mitchell Cari operating and oiling digger on their PG&E job. This company has the contract for installation of two miles of six-inch pipe to be used to handle fuel for the plant. This job has been under way for some time now and is nearing completion. McGuire and Hester have been experiencing considerable difficulty on their sewer job in Albany due to water conditions and cave-ins. However, the hardest part seems to be over and they expect to complete the work within the next two months. This company recently got under way on its \$277,000 contract for construction of the second section of the Alameda Interceptor, to run from Park St. to Concordia St., a distance of one and one-quarter miles. Concrete pipe in eight-foot lengths, with an inside diameter of 60 inches and a weight of four tons per section, is to be used for the line. Two back hoes, a N.W. and a Bay Cities are being used at present, with Bros. Charles Johnson and George Westberg operating and Bros. Fred Biven and Paul Krugh oiling. Bro. Percy Laws is operating trencher for Conduit Construction Co. on a side sewer job in Concord, while Louis Dannels, with several operations in this same area, is keeping Bro. Collie De Bose busy on the trencher, with Bro. Frank Cabral manning the grease gun. Ransome Co. is getting under way with a sewer repair job on Eastshore Highway adjacent to Golden Gate Fields. Bro. Gaspar Alessi is pusher on this job, which will keep a couple of the brothers busy for a time.

near Tracy. This job should start in three to four weeks.

The Hydraulic Dredging Co. is scheduled to finish its Stockton Channel job about the middle of December. Associated Dredging Co. has two of its small clamshells working, the Curlew in Napa River near Dutton's Landing, and No. 1 on Liberty Island, which was flooded by the recent rains. They are trying to strengthen the levees. Dutra has his two clamshells working. The Edwards is on the

Leslie Salt Co. job near Alviso and the Mallard is on Liberty Island, working on flood control.

The Pacific Portland Cement Co. of Redwood City is very busy with two shifts on its dredge Texas. The Beck Dredging Co. still is busy furnishing washed shell to the cement company plant. The Alameda Bayside Construction Co. is having considerable difficulty getting its dredge operating. They are keeping crews standing by and expect to start pumping soon.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Bro. Tom Rager dropped in at the hall the other day—his first trip since his release from the hospital following a serious operation. Tom made it especially to thank the members who acted as blood donors for him. He said his operation was expensive—in fact it set him back a whole lot and those blood donations made a whale of a lot of difference! We have been making monthly appeals through the paper for more donors, but this past month there were just three who came to the fore—Bros. FRED PERDUE, FLOYD JOHNS and PETE LAMBERT. We wish to thank these men, but we also wish we could find some way to make the rest of you realize the importance of donations to keep the local's deposit in the Blood Bank active. By comparison, the three pints we received were offset more than two to one by requests of people desperately in need of transfusions. Not all the requests we receive are for members. Very often it is the wife or child of one of our men who needs help and we feel that it is the responsibility of the wives as well as the members to see that we have an adequate supply on hand at all times to meet the demands. So give it some thought, and if possible call us (TWinoaks 3-2120) to make a date for all the eligible members of your family to make a trip to the blood bank!

On Sunday, Dec. 3, Mrs. Maxine Wayne, wife of Bro. Hoval Wayne, was killed when they were involved in a spectacular two-car collision four miles east of Concord. The accident also cost the life of her mother and one passenger in the other car. Bro. Wayne and an aunt of Mrs. Wayne were critically injured and at this writing they are still confined to the hospital in Concord.

Bro. M. B. McDaniels made the local papers recently as the result of a discovery of nearly a year ago. It seems that while he was operating clam for O. C. Jones on the job at De Fremery Park 11 months ago he picked up an incinerator in the bucket and as he lifted it a .38 caliber revolver fell out. Good citizen that he is, he saw that it got into the hands of the authorities and then didn't think much more about it. That is, until the police, checking on the confession of a suspected murderer who claimed to have cached his revolver in the park, started checking back and discovered that the gun had been found by Bro. McDaniels. Luckily he still had the name of the officer who had taken it and it was readily traced to the Identification Bureau of the Oakland Police Dept. We've heard of some unusual "pick-ups" in the course of engineering operations—all the way from fossilized bones on out—and we can only repeat our former advice: Be curious, boys! Look 'em over as they come, 'cause you never know what will turn up next!

Many reports of brothers on the sick list this month. Bob Hanson—emergency appendectomy Nov. 27, going back for more surgery soon; Kirby Glasscock and Irving Geske—both very ill following operation; Bill Fitzgerald to be laid up for about six months—left his roller as it went over a 300-foot embankment and came out of the jump with a badly crushed knee; Frank Fanger, who has been ill for the past year, going into St. Mary's in S. F. for further treat-

ment; "Whitey" Waddington laid up for the past six weeks with a bad case of asthma; R. R. Stubblefield recovering from a serious burn on his hand—took an oiling job while recuperating from a former illness and the first day out he ran into a little trouble with a gas can; James Walsh in St. Paul's Hospital, Livermore, for a few days—recovering from a back injury. We regret to hear that these boys have been ailing and hope they will be up and around again in time for the holidays.

Bro. Harold Ragan has just returned from a visit to his home in McAllister, Oklahoma, which turned into a regular "busman's holiday." Seems that when he got there he found most of his male relatives working on Bechtel's pipe line job at Pocahontas, Arkansas, so he went to work too. Stayed on the job right up till it was time to come home. He says he had a wonderful time and the "vacation" was very successful.

Strange things that happen to union cards: Bro. Cliff Wilkins, who was oiling on a shovel out at Inland Aggregates, wants a duplicate card, and for good reason. The rig he was on got a bit of a soft place and leaned slightly—and so did Wilkins, only more so—and he ended up head down in three feet of mud and water. Says his card is still in there, and as he will have to wait till the spring run-off to retrieve it, he thinks a new one would be a good idea!

Bro. James T. Oliphant has just returned from William Brothers' tapline job in Syria and Trans-Jordan. He had charge of the dope pots and kept 90 natives worked up to a full-time sweat heating tar and wrapping the 30-inch lines. Says they are a nice bunch of boys but lack any kind of know-how, so it takes about 25 of them to do the work of a trained man. Aside from his work, Bro. Oliphant was able to take a little time for sightseeing and says it was sure worth the money!

Last year Bro. Glen McDonald bought a new floor furnace—and we immediately had a cold snap. This year he bought one of those plastic hat covers—and look what happened! Glen realizes he is the cause of all this bad weather, and says he is contemplating spending the rest of the winter in a pair of straw sandals and a Hawaiian shirt just to get things straightened out!

Received a letter from Bro. Gene Wixson, who has gotten himself a ranch in the mountain country back of Garberville. Incidentally, he sent in the first Christmas greetings of the season, and says to give all the brothers his best.

IN AND AROUND THE OAKLAND OFFICE: Bro. Allen Shanklin, Ken Royce's crusher operator across the Bay, dropping in to say hello—too wet to work over there too! Bro. George Germain, hale, hearty and completely recovered from his bad accident of last year. Bro. Johnny Johnston, another wonderful comeback, feeling fine and taking 'em as they come! Bro. Red (Coldfire) Wood, back from the wilds of San Jose, reporting a successful wrestle with a clam bucket. Bro. Ray Purdy, announcing the birth of a son—arrived at (Continued on Next Page)

Marysville—

Marysville May Get Big Air Base; Engineers Fight Floods

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

A military affairs committee of the Marysville District Chamber of Commerce, along with a delegation from organized labor, are endeavoring to get the military academy of the air established at Camp Beale near Marysville. This would be a permanent installation and would give a lot of work to the Building Trades Industry. At one time the Army had at least 354 sites which has been narrowed down to 29; six of which are in California and five are in Northern California. If our Congress is as economy-minded as our daily newspapers lead us to believe, then Beale is the site, for sure. There are 86,000 acres out there which are already owned by the Federal Government and some streets and sewers with water mains are already installed. We will wait with patience and hope for this site to be selected.

The Marysville district suffered a severe flood in November and 10,000 people were homeless for a week or so and among them were many members of Local 3 and their families. Some of them lost everything they had and some of them are still homeless. It was good to see how our brothers rallied to the cause and invited entire families into their homes and assisted with clothing, food, etc. We were fortunate in that we had no loss of life nor very much sickness. On December 3 the people were evacuated again, but not nearly as many and not so much damage as before.

Archie Till had a lot of rigs at Hammonton—three shifts around the clock and H. Earl Parker was the same way on the levee of the Bear River, near Wheatland. We had a lot of men on the two jobs repairing the breaks, but it has slacked off somewhat now.

H. Earl Parker Co. are unable to do any work at present on the 11 sites on the Sacramento River, due to rain.

The gravel plants around the area have been somewhat slow on account of the rain also.

O'Connor Bros. still have a man or two on their bridge widening job above Chico.

Erickson-Phillips & Weisberg are the same way on the transmission line on the west side.

Piombo Construction Company work on their Durham levee job as the weather permits.

Rice Bros. job on highway 759 in Oroville also gets in a day or so once in a while.

There is quite a bit of work in the area if the weatherman gives us a break.

The pheasant season "Came and Went" without any bragging and most of the game this year could have been killed with a golf club.

Should any of you cat-skinners want to move dirt on your time off and have an understanding dis-

penser of suds listen to your gaff—go over to Yuba City to the Sportsman's Club where "Alabama" Simpson, the fair weather cat-skinner is holed up for the winter. Every year come the rain and short pay checks "Bama" starts anking and usually lands something—gravy-like. See you at the Sportsman's

CALAVERAS NEWS

Some like it wet and some dry, but at Calaveras Cement at San Andreas, its MUD, lots of it, and knee-deep, everywhere.

Construction of the new silos is started with some 2,000 cubic yards of concrete being poured for the foundation. Construction on the bins will start immediately.

Preparations and development of a new face at the quarry is now being effected. A heavy stripping operation of overburden gives a crew of cat-skinners full time—except for the rain.

The transport hauling has slowed down due to wet weather but the production of cement remains high. This wet weather production is the backlog for the spring and summer construction demands of this fine product.

Three insurance companies are now in the field bidding for the group at this plant, each trying to out-bid the other for this business. Some day an outfit will offer a brand of insurance that will guarantee a full pay check for the period of sickness or disability, together with medical benefits. That should have its appeal.

Dave Zwinge, Calaveras pit boss, has been picking mushrooms for the last 25 years, and Dave was recognized as an authority on these edibles. The other day a new species slipped into the pot and it almost finished Dave and his wife. Both made the hospital and are now on the way to recovery.

We, in this office, Bill, Mable and Les, wish to thank each and every member for their help the past year and want to take this means to wish every member and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Contractor Jailed For Violating Wage-Hour Law

New York (LPA)—Philip Elgeizer has started serving a six-month term for violating the federal wage-hour law. He is the first defendant in New York state to go to jail for such an offense.

He was sentenced on pleading guilty to criminal contempt of court, and was ordered to pay \$542.53 in back pay and interest to 5 of his 16 women employees. He failed to comply with an injunction issued in 1942 ordering him to pay the then legal minimum wage of 40 cents, pay overtime, and stop falsifying his records. He was then forced to pay \$214 in back wages. A second inspection in 1949 revealed he was still defying the law, hiring young girls and elderly women, some over 70, and paying them as little as 20 cents an hour. He runs the only dress factory in Petersburg, a community of 900 in Rensselaer County.

News Guild Wins On Spanish Daily

New York (LPA)—The New York Newspaper Guild was chosen by the editorial and commercial employees of El Diario, Spanish language daily, 24 to 4, in a National Labor Relations Board election. The Guild previously had won at the Ready to Wear Scout and the Times Tower.

Reno—

ENGINEERS DIG OUT BIG LITTLE RENO

By H. L. SPENCE

Business Representative, Local 3

"The Biggest Little City in the World" almost washed away, but most everything is back to normal at the present time with the help of the Contractors and the good Engineers around Reno. They have got most of the trees, stumps, logs, and what have you cleaned up around the parks and river banks. So Reno is wide open again. Anyone who is planning on spending the holiday in Reno, come on, there is more fun and excitement in Reno than ever before.

As far as the work is concerned in Reno, the George Miller Company has most all of its rigs and crew busy. Brothers Howard Johnson, Robert (Bob) Simmons, Calvin Scolari, and Frank Gerhard are on the Back Hoës and Draglines. The following Brothers are oiling on the rigs: Jack Kellogg, L. V. Starr, H. H. Sanford and Henry G. Schultz. Brothers Allen A. Amer and Roy Nielson are the Tractor Operators for the George Miller Company. Albert Parlianti is the head Skippy Boy. Brothers Frank D. McVitty and Joe Yturraspe are performing on the Ditching Machines. Brother Ernest L. Gentry is the Heavy Duty Repairman in the Reno shop.

Earl Games' outfit is doing quite a lot of work around Reno. Brother William (Bill) Games and his Oiler, Brother Laurence Semenza, are still digging basements and oil tank holes. I think that Bill has dug more basements than any other man in Reno. Brother Frank Sbriglia was loading sand during the second expected flood, West of Reno. Brothers Laurence Semenza and T. R. DeLavega were on the sick list, but they are OK now. In fact they are better now than before, because they got all the old parts cut out and replaced with new ones. Brother Frank Gillespie is still doing the heavy duty repair work for Games. Everyone gives him a bad time, but he is rough and tough and can take it.

BOONE SPRINGS JOB

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm's outfit, has finished the highway job at Cliffside with the exception of the oiling, which he will do when good weather comes in 1951. Drumm has moved camp and equipment to the Boone Springs highway job, and he is well along with the dirt work. If the weather is good he will get three-quarters finished with with the dirt by Christmas, and he will work on the rock cuts, bad weather or not, until the rock cuts are finished. Drumm's bridge job on the road from Lovelock to the Lovelock airport is finished, and the building crew will be moving to the bridge job across the Truckee River on Boynton Lane, from Mill Street to Glendale Road, near Sparks, Nevada. One of Drumm's very prominent young men, Brother Joe Solaequi was vacationing and taking care of some personal business in Fallon for a week, but will be back to work soon.

Dodge Construction, Incorporated has moved in on their highway job in Esmeralda and Nye Counties, from California-Nevada State Line (at Grapevine Canyon) to a Junction with U. S. 95 (near Sarcobatus), Route Section FAS 594, for the winter. It will be a good winter job for the Dear Brothers. They need a good warm location to work in during the winter for they are a little on the frail side, especially Bud Jacobsen and J. G. Harrison.

ELY JOBS ACTIVE

There is so much activity on Isbell Construction Company's two stripping jobs near Ely, Nevada, that it would take up most of the Engineers' News to tell all about the two jobs, but I will tell you all

San Jose—

Terrific Rains, Completions Lengthen Out-of-Work List

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

Well, brothers, we are happy for one thing. We can report we have had a wonderful year in 1950, which is fast coming to a close, and with our recent study of the log of what is anticipated for the future, we see no reason why 1951 should not be equally as good for a banner year. However, at present we have not been hit as bad as some of the other districts with the rainstorms and floods, nevertheless, we have many on the out of work list, but they do have jobs to return to just as soon as weather will permit.

We presume that most of you will know that the Anderson Dam is near completion; that Crowe Bros. who had one million yards of dirt to move, have just about finished their last few yards, and they are now moving their equipment back to Los Angeles. Guy F. Atkinson, who had the other two million (of rock) also is winding up very rapidly, and expect to have their Christmas dinners anyplace other than Anderson Dam. This has been a great project, Brothers, as many of you will know, and we have our high hopes that we will be doing the same a year from now on the great Lexington Dam near Los Gatos. We must also report that the Austrian Dam on which Granite Construction and many of the brothers toiled so long and so hard has also wound up completed. This has thrown many brothers on the out of work list, but somehow or another, we do not have what you would really call a "painful" list.

Ed. Keeble, A. J. Raish, Snodgroth Bros., Leo Piazza and Earl Heple, and many other local contractors who are working on subdivision, highways and pipelines, etc., are tied up on account of flooding rains, but expect to resume operations very soon.

Chas. Dorfman and P. & J. Artukovich Inc. are struggling along trying to keep their pipeline crews busy for the winter.

Basich, San Leandro Const. Co., Pisano Bros. and A. J. Peters & Co. are having their share of troubles also.

American Pipe Lining Co. have started their two jobs here and in Santa Cruz and not bothered too much by the rain.

Salinas Hospital dirt has been flying for the past two weeks. Approximately 15,000 yards are involved. Granite Construction Co. has three cats on this job.

MOSS LANDING BEEF

The dispute between the Stone & Webster Corp. at Moss Landing and Local 2 has been settled satisfactorily, and the long struggles by the Technical Engineers for recognition has been ended. Thanks go to the many good union members who are employed at the Moss Landing Steam Plant for their cooperation. Insofar as lost wages are concerned, theirs has been a great sacrifice, and we sincerely hope there will be no further work stop-

about it in the next issue of the paper.

Morrison-Knudson Company has moved in to do some stripping for the Basic Refractories, Incorporated at Gabbs, Nevada, with a Northwest Shovel, one tractor and four Ukelet Dump Trucks. Brother J. Rhoades is the master mind on the job. Brother W. A. Keys is the head oiler on the Northwest Shovel.

On Basic Refractories, Incorporated's new mill operation, which will be in full operation some time in the near future, there are some outstanding Brothers out there, such as Charles A. Johnson, who is foreman on heavy duty repair work, Larry Lyell, Charles E. Sexton, I. N. Williams, repairing on the grave yard shift, and Irven A. (Shorty) Hudson, who is head compressorman. Brothers Carl C. Dinius and Donald M. Anderson are on the shovels. They are a fine bunch of fellows. They stay out there in the desert and attend to their business and don't bother anyone.

The Office Girl and I wish you a pleasant Christmas.

page in connection with agreement violations.

Ditz Bros. (Caterpillar Tractor & Sales & Service of San Jose and Hollister) have about 40 members of Local 3 repairing equipment that other members have worn out for contractors in this district during the last busy season.

Many old-timers will remember Dave Ringler, Shop Superintendent, who hails from good old Local 428, Phoenix, Arizona. Brother Ringler sends his best regards to members of Phoenix Local and wants everyone to know that its a pleasure to be associated with the members employed in Ditz Bros. 100 per cent union shop.

Fred Cooper who is shop foreman for Ditz Bros. is supervising the overhauling of government equipment. Brother Cooper says he's happy as long as he can't see the end of the long line of equipment yet to be overhauled by his department.

During the construction of the Austrian Dam a bulldozer rolled over a cliff and snuffed out the life of Brother Al Montrond. All regret the passing of our dear Brother, and strongly suggest the re-naming of this dam in his memory. Let's call it the "Montrond Dam."

Brother Harry Metz and Sid Jackson who is new steward at the Permanente Foil Plant have been cooperating to get the Permanente situation straightened out and to date they have been very successful at their get-togethers with the men, and now due to their combined efforts we see more smiling faces than ever before whenever the men come into the office.

PERSONALS

Brother Broy Hazzard in to sign up on out of work list after being ill in Oak Knoll Hospital since last August. Everyone will be glad to know that he is on the "well" list.

Brother John Hanstein has taken a service withdrawal since entering the Army Air Force and reported for duty November 27. We wish him good luck and Happy Landings.

Brother Daniel Hutlinger entered Army as 1st Lieutenant in Artillery, in Far Eastern Command on December 7. Also Brother Wayne Langton entered Army as of November 27, and we know all members of Local 3 wish them lots of luck.

Brother Bill Crosson has just returned from Bechtel Pipeline in Illinois. Bill said it is getting crisp and brittle, and is happy to be in California.

Brothers Bill Riener, Joe Marcella and Shorty Kaska were in the office after a long stay with Bechtel Pipeline in Illinois, and they are all going to New York for same company.

Brother Carl Hoover now has sideline selling Radar View TV's and any member who wishes a demonstration can call him in San Jose at Cypress 4-7447. Any Local 3 member buying a TV set from him will receive an antenna free. This really sounds interesting.

Brothers J. Aitkin and Mike Manco, please come into office and pick up checks we have been holding for you.

San Jose extends to all members of Local 3 a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

DON'T FORGET TO COME IN AND SIGN UP FOR BLOOD DONATIONS!!!!

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Canvasser: "If you can spare me five minutes sir, I can show you how to earn twice the money you are now getting."

Sad man: "I do that now."
—Call Workman

News About The Brothers From Oakland

(Continued from Preceding Page)
7:11, weighed 7:11—name of "Lucky," maybe? Bro. Ed Heiden-thal with a brand new car—full coverage, lots of accessories—but one thing lacking: NO DRIVER'S LICENSE! Bro. Jack Reasor, leaving his P&H job on the campus—reason, business in Sacramento. Bro. Bob Knapp down from Pomeroy's job in Anchorage for the winter—says March 1 will find him gone again. Bro. Fayette Walker, wondering why the thief who took his union card and driver's license didn't take the money too!

With this, the last copy of the News for 1950, the Business Representatives and the Office Force join in expressing appreciation for your cooperation during the past year, and in wishing each of you and your families a very joyful Christmas, with good health and happiness during the coming year.

New Home for Utah Brothers

By RENNY BURROUGHS, C. R. VAN WINKLE and MERLIN BOWMAN, Business Representatives, Local 3

Operating Engineers in Utah are proudly looking over their remodeled offices and hall that Local No. 3 Business Manager Victor S. Swanson, the officers and Executive Board of our local really did a good piece of business in acquiring and remodeling our local headquarters, is the opinion of a large number of the brothers. The interior of the office is designed primarily for the convenience and comfort of the members and for efficiency in the handling of their business. With a peak work load anticipated in 1951 these facilities will insure adequate service to all our Brothers in this state in its duties as a central branch office. The "cat" yellow on the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 sign on the front of the building was selected because of the Brothers' general preference for that color on the equipment they operate!

Office hours are 8 a. m. to 12 noon and 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. Our dispatching office is staffed by our office secretary and by Charley Cockayne, Organizer for our Brother Operating Engineers in the Utah State Road Commission, who works part of the time in the office. These folks are always ready to give you service, Brothers.

During the winter ahead, Operating Engineers expect to continue working on the following jobs:

Olof Nelson, Carl E. Nelson, LeGrand Johnson shops and plants in Logan. Parsons & Fife's shops in Brigham City; Germer-Abbott & Waldon's shop at Tremonton, Columbia Construction Co.'s subdivision, Larsen Brothers, Dean Morrin, L. T. Johnson, and Leland Knudson shop and Ben Holley, Clarence Waterfall, and Wheelwright shops and plants all in Ogden; the Duchesne Tunnel at Kamas; Kiewit's reservoir job, the Bechtel Jordan steam plant, Parson's job for Filtrol, Utah Sand & Gravel and R. E. and J. B. Walker's plants, Wunderlich's job at the Fort Douglas Hospital, Wheeler and Tempest and Enoch Smith on trenching jobs. Lang, Gibbons & Reed, Hebe Glenn, Utah Construction, Morrison-Knudson, Floyd Whiting, R. M. Jensen shops in Salt Lake, Utah Dike job (part of the winter), Leonard Construction and Consolidated Western Steel Smelter job at Garfield; Morrison-Knudson and Stolte jobs and shops at Dugway (cut down to six Engineers only); McGraw's Geneva Steel job (still dragging); United Concrete's plant at American Fork; Utah Construction's Lark tunnel, Bingham railroad tunnel, and British Shaft jobs; Keppers Company job at Iron-ton; A. E. Thorn & Company, W. W. Clyde, Strong Company, Jim Summison, Harry Reynolds, Whiting & Haymond, shops at Provo and Springville, and the Utah Construction Iron Mines and Morrison-Knudson construction job at Cedar City.

In 1951, United Concrete Pipe Corp. will start their \$300,000 plus pipeline job in Salt Lake, Dugway will develop into a 25 million dollar project with heavy bids to be let February 1st. Developments indicate approximately \$20 million more to be spent at Salt Lake's Standard Oil plant (probably Bechtel again) and possibly \$5 million additional work on Parson's Filtrol project. Wendover Air base is going to have a big job (probably Utah Construction on the big end).

The Utah Legislature meeting in January 1951 will have to pass on a gas tax increase of 2 cents per gallon, but it is badly needed Brother's so that an estimated \$15,000,000 road program can furnish work for us and improve the standard of our roads. To put our roads up to date will take 15 million annually for 15 years. The gas and diesel fuel tax raise will bring in an additional \$6,000,000 approximately, most of which will go for new construction and additional maintenance department costs which we hope includes a 15-cent-an-hour raise for our Brother Engineers working for the Road Commission.

Utah's top nonsupervisory average rate for Road Commission employees is \$1.35 an hour or \$234 a month. Starting rate is \$190. This is \$25 to \$60 a month lower than other states' road commissions pay in the West. So members in this state should contact their legislators in favor of increasing the gas tax to get this \$15,000,000 road program going for 1951.

Copper is always news in this country and Brothers, Kenny Foster, Red Robison and all the rest of our Engineers at Kennecott are really loading ore. Phelps Dodge is developing a big deposit of low grade ore at Bisbee, Arizona to be an open pit and a big tunnel job and two shifts will open another deposit of Kennecott ore at Ruth, Nevada.

With the previously mentioned projects in Utah, both working through the winter or anticipated, plus the unknown work yet to develop, Operating Engineers will be busy people in 1951. You can help yourself to increase your yearly income by never failing to contact your Business Representatives and offices when you are out of work. Knowing who is available, what they can do and how to get hold of them is vital to our Local and its Business Representatives in supplying Operating Engineers for the many jobs we anticipate in '51. If we cannot get hold of you to fill a job you lose work and the contractor loses confidence in the union's ability to furnish men promptly, always register out of work immediately when finishing a job.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

Lately left for California are Brothers Tom Downey, Forest Blaufus, C. L. Parks and Tom Wall. Paul Bringhurst just back from the orange state, says he did well. "Pat" Patterson left recently for his warm ranch house in the South. Grant Haslam happy with Clyde's Stockton job reports he eats chicken every Sunday. Les Dix and Louis Elvick finished up the cat work on Vic Newman's 21st South warehouse job. "Dusty" McMullin still on Fuller's hoe. "Fat" Smith moving back to Vic Newman's shovel. Glen Campbell and "Lee" Jackson keeping Utah Sand's Mixers rolling. Charley Connors on Kincard's hoe for Columbia at Ogden. Jack Williams on Kiewit's reservoir doesn't know what sunshine looks like except through a hood. Lloyd Wilcox, Orval Phelps, Vearl Boyer, three of many, hauling rock on motors at Lark. Gene Caputo and Henry Stefens on the dike.

Dean Straw hoisting steel for Consolidated. Ray Covey loading plenty of trucks for R. E. & J. B. Walker. Jerry Adams welding in his own shop. Del Baird leveling land for Glenn Woodard—J. E. Olliver and Ray Cummings among others wintering at Geneva Steel. Paul Shurtleff working with Ned Shurtleff and Max Andrews on the Jordan Steam Plant. Joe Case happy out at Desert Chemical with Ralph Prout. Ralph Worthen clean-out an unexpected slide on Glenn's Francis job. Ted Glenn tearing around on that Turnadozer. Eugene Marvin on a Cat Blade for Gibbons & Reed at Filtrol. E. W. Thacker and Jack Moon where? you guessed it, still at Morrison-Knudson shops. E. R. Bailey, A-Framing for Andrews Knapp at Garfield—Clarence Shoell on Whiting and Haymond's blade down south. Walt Wagstaff still with Silver State at Wendover. Don Elliott clamming for Kiewitt—always happy. Lee Stephens, Blade operator at Francis all season for Hebe Glenn. Gail Nye with Morrison-Knudson at Caliente. Steve Rokich wondering why superintend-

Peninsula District— BAYSHORE, SEWAGE JOBS SET TO GO

By CHET ELLIOTT and HARRY METZ
Business Representatives, Local 3

The California State Highway Department will open the bids for new construction on the Bayshore Highway, Dec. 13th. This work consists of realigning and widening of the present road to a six-lane highway from South San Francisco to Bayshore City. This project is an emergency measure to relieve traffic at this point and will be rushed to completion as soon as possible.

The M & K Corporation was awarded the contract for a million dollar sewage disposal and concentration plant at South San Francisco. This firm has a shovel and cat working on the job at present. Bros. George Freeland, Ray Smith and Ray Winfred have been cleared to the job and as work progresses this office plans to see many more members on this work, which will include work on the pipelines, excavations, and building operations.

The old adage, "It's an ill wind that blows nobody good," proved true during the heavy storms experienced in San Mateo County during the past few weeks. The Shoreview and San Mateo Village real estate development projects employed crews of engineers on an around-the-clock basis, with cats, blades and pumps strengthening the levees and disposing of flood waters.

L. C. Smith Co. has suspended operations indefinitely on the Junipero Serra Extension project due to the heavy rains.

At Colma, the Henry Doelger Co. continues to operate as much as possible between storms. This job is in better condition to operate than most others due to the sandy soil.

Construction work in this area reached an all-time high during the past year and many engineers still have jobs but are unable to work due to adverse weather conditions.

All building material yards seem to keep busy despite the storms, due to the many large concrete structures being erected in the district. This work can continue regardless of weather conditions.

At this time we wish to extend to all of you brothers a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and hope that 1951 will be more prosperous than past years.

85,000 Pheasants

San Francisco.—In a 10-month period before the opening of the recent pheasant hunting season, a total of 85,758 Chinese pheasants was released throughout California by employees of the Division of Fish and Game.

The birds were raised on 14 state game farms and more than 100 holding pens operated by cooperating sportsmen's groups.

You'll Get Yours!

In Schenectady, N. Y., a General Electric Company official, F. W. McChesney, predicted that the present boom would continue and that electrical manufacturers "will be working to that the little fellow receives his share of the prosperity." The prediction came just two months after 50,000 GE workers were forced to go on strike for two weeks to get just a small share of the prosperity that GE has enjoyed.

ents can't stay at home and rest when a skinner is taking a Saturday afternoon off.

Brothers we'll close this report now wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and knowing that all us, Americans are not going to forget our gang in Korea and that the Operating Engineers will be on the ball all the time in '51 with "blood and sweat and tears" to see our country through.

Stockton— Water, Mud, Ice and Snow Cut Many Jobs, Help Others

By ED DORAN and GLENN DOBYNS,
Business Representatives, Local 3

Water! Phooey! Nothing but water, mud, ice, snow, muck—no work for some, lots for others.

Claude C. Wood's gravel plant at Clements was flooded out and all of the stock piles have to be re-run, at a loss of approximately \$40,000. Generators, electric motors and everything else must be repaired before they can be used again. When the water receded from the shop, the boys found something new had been added—a collection of rattlesnakes had moved in.

The company has adjusted the wage scale for shovel operators. The rest of the classifications are all over the Rock, Sand and Gravel scale, and have been for some time.

United Concrete Pipe Company is going along with quite a bit of work. The yard is busy manufacturing pipe for the Hetch Hetchy pipeline job.

Mathew Little has a million dollar contract building the Stanislaus County Court House and is laying for the new County Hospital job to be let this month.

KlienSmid and Goodrick have signed an agreement with Local 3 and are employing members of Local 3 on the road job into the site of Cherry Valley Dam. This company has headquarters in Bakersfield.

With the record-breaking storm, we still have one job operating seven days a week—the Dodge Ridge Road near Pinecrest. This is California's newest major ski resort. Directed by George E. France, Visalia contractor, work on the new road continued over the weekend.

Gravel for the surface of this road is now laid nearly to the Pinecrest end of the job, despite a 10-day delay caused by recent heavy rains. In a race against time and the weather, the contractor began laying down the gravel sub-surface early this month but was delayed when snow and rain fell for nearly two weeks. A small section of roadbed was washed out during the storm but was repaired immediately. Plans now call for oiling of the road before the winter sports season and finishing of the top surface next spring.

This company also has the Jamestown Highway job but that project has been laid over until better weather.

Beerman and Jones of Sonora have the contract for the runways at the Columbia Airport. This job, too, will no doubt be finished next spring.

SPIT IN THE RIVER

M. J. Ruddy's hot plant and crusher which is set up in the old Santa Fe quarry may be having flood trouble by now. Today, Dec. 6th, the boys were able to stand in the office door and spit out into the stream.

United Concrete Pipe Company, down the river about two miles from the Santa Fe pit, are park-

ing all their equipment on the highest place in the area. The high water in the first bad storm of the season made it necessary to use row boats to get the motors to dry ground.

Some of the gravel plants were not so fortunate, however. At the Modesto Sand and Gravel plant on McHenry Highway at the Stanislaus River, operated by J. T. Smoody, all that could be seen of the dragline was five feet of the boom sticking out of the water.

Rumors have it that the Pardee Dam has 200,000 yards of rock to be removed. This rock was washed in below the main dam and formed another rock filled dam that has caused the powerhouse to be flooded and out of commission.

C. V. Kenworthy has added a couple of new "8" cats to his spread and never seems to be out of work.

Bro. Hank Easley at Camp Cook writes that the sand there is about three feet deep and he thinks it is only about 10 miles from Hell.

Bro. Clarence Dump has orders to report to Treasure Island for duty on Jan. 8th. Good luck, Clarence.

That about winds up the news in this district—but if it's cold outside, drop into the Labor Temple Christmas—might have a little nip to warm you up.

While we think of it—Virginia, Ed and Glenn wish you all of the best for the holidays.

Plan Training

Washington.—President James A. Brownlow of the AFL Metal Trades Department led AFL experts at the first of a series of conferences with federal officials on plans for training workers in the national emergency.

Peter Henle, AFL economist, and President A. J. Hayes of the International Association of Machinists also were among the labor spokesmen who met with Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin, Manpower Director Robert C. Goodwin and Director W. F. Patterson of the Bureau of Apprenticeship.

Bust Up Strikes

In Madrid, Spain, Dictator Franco handed American labor leaders one of the best arguments they could wish for in opposing US economic help for Spain. Franco wangled a large private loan in the US, and his first action was to double the pay of his army, which is used to suppress strikes of workers seeking pay raises to meet soaring living costs.



TALK KOREA RELIEF—Director General David A. Morse of the International Labor Organization (standing) discusses with AFL International Representative George P. Delaney, U. S. workers' delegate, the means for expediting requests for assistance in the rehabilitation of Korea during ILO governing body meeting in November at Brussels.

Sacramento—

Floods Spur Demands for Big Levee Improvements

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

Public demand for immediate levee work is reaching the proportions where some action may be taken to strengthen the levee all along the American River in the very near future. Not only would such action protect properties in the "hundreds of millions of dollars" but gleaning a little good from all the bad, it would offer employment to members of Local No. 3 at a time when it is badly needed. With the American River already having broken three records in two weeks—46.75, 44 and 42.6 feet crests—with an all-time high before that at 39.1 feet, another torrential downpour in the mountain area could spell disaster—and winter has supposedly only begun!

The Governor has already acted to cut red tape in making state emergency flood control funds available to the counties. Approximately \$400,000 of state money is available and it is estimated that several millions could be used.

Practically all the grading jobs within the area are down at this writing. Continued rains have saturated the ground to such an extent that it is anybody's guess as to when they can begin to roll again. The bright spot is when the weather permits there is considerable work to be done.

SACTO HOUSING JOB

Bids are due Dec. 20, 1950, on the 400 unit development for the Housing Authority of the City of Sacramento. This is better than a \$4,000,000 job that everyone is anxious to see under way. Two other good building jobs are due to roll soon. Bids were opened on the State Public Works Annex at a total cost of \$2,399,570. Bids due Dec. 19 on the Department of Education and Finance Building are estimated at \$2,630,000.

The bulk of work being let or intended is of a building nature at the present time but does promise some work for the Engineers. The following is a rough breakdown on the work coming up: new building on the Davis campus at a total cost of \$840,312; sewage disposal plant in Roseville to A. L. Miller at \$292,267; sewage treatment plant at Dixon to Keystone Construction Co. at \$151,952; school jobs in Woodland to G. S. Herrington at \$147,640; school jobs at Florin to United Construction Co. at \$303,816; school job in Sacramento to Waterburg and Chapek at \$147,640; several jobs on street improvement for the City of Sacramento to E. F. Hilliard; small job at Mather Field and one on 16th Street to J. R. Reeves; bridge repair job for the state and street improvement for the City of Sacramento to A. Teichert; and most important plans are under way for estimated \$2,000,000 improvements to the city's eastern approaches. This isn't a complete report but it's intended to present some idea of the work coming up.

Getting around on the jobs we found some still rolling but many shut down due to the weather. In the Walnut Grove area, Brother Mike Hathman, superintendent for Wennermark & Kern, has moved the firm's equipment south and George Pollock is finishing the job with Brother Art Root in charge.

Lord and Bishop are moving on their bridge job at Walnut Grove when the river is low enough to permit it. H. Earl Parker is still running two shifts on Georgiana Slough. A. Teichert, on the opposite bank, is a one-shift operation.

TUNNEL JOB GOES ON

Up at the Folsom Dam site, the only job that hasn't lost any time due to the weather is Tom Connolly's tunnel job, still on a three-shift basis with about a week to go before they hole through. M & K, McGilivray, and Hawley and Ramlose work when weather permits. The job on further abutment excavation has been postponed from the first of this month until sometime around the middle of the month, so more on this in the next issue.

The members with the small rigs are getting in pretty good time. Here are some of the brothers in business for themselves:

Leslie M. Goltz, 24 hour track service, anywhere; all types of

track equipment. Phone GI 3-7361.

Chas. R. Bush, lot leveling and grading; back filling; plowing and discing. Phone IV 9-1233.

A. L. Seymour, Ford tractor work; weed spraying. Phone IV 9-2629.

Delmar Hopkins, Ford tractor; top soil; fill sand; post holes; landscaping. Phone IV 9-1124.

Lee Hunter, Hunter welding; all types of welding. Phone Placer-ville 744-W.

R. D. (Bob) Soderlund, small cat work; trenching; hauling; grading. Phone HI 5-8524.

George Scott and Hugh Sutton, Ben-Ali Garage; truck and tractor overhauling. Phone HI 9-0778.

Robert V. Ingersoll, D-7's; leveling and grading. Phone Rio Linda 5332.

Bob Hunt, decomposed granite; fill dirt and sand, grading and paving. Phone HI 9-4703.

Donahue and Ice, machine trenching. Phone HI 9-5282 or HI 6-8629.

Merrill Smith, grading; paving, etc. Phone HI 6-5700.

Jay Harris, road work; blade, cat, etc. Phone Grass Valley 71R3.

W. J. McEnespy, Ford tractor work; lot leveling; sub-soil, etc. Phone IV 9-3013.

Elmer Self, Ford tractor work; tractors for rent. Phone IV 9-0585.

Otto Van Gorder, Ford tractor; leveling; landscaping; carry all work. Phone HI 6-9131.

PERSONAL MENTION

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Brother and Mrs. Clyde Miller who had the misfortune of losing their little boy during the past month. We are confident that we speak for every member of Local No. 3.

We extend wishes for better health in the future to Brother Bill Hogg who had a short session in the hospital. Also to Brother Elmer Jackson who underwent an operation and was down for some time.

Wishes also to Brother Del Switzer who had a bout with old man pneumonia but is on his feet again; to Brother Gary Silva, also on the sick list during the month.

Our sympathies go to Brother H. L. Blair who lost his trailer and all his possessions in the flood.

Two of the brothers were hurt in automobile accidents during the month and we wish them better luck in the future—Brother W. A. Cornelius who got cut up a little, and Brother Henry Goodwin who is just out of the hospital and still on the mend, and to Henry's little boy who really had a tough time of it but is coming along o.k. now.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Louis Berinti on the birth of a baby daughter on Nov. 16, 1950.

Two of the brothers are back in town after having been out of the country for some time, Brother Al Bobo from Okinawa and Brother Carl Olds from South America. Brother Sam Green is back in town after spending better than a year on the desert.

Old timers, Brothers Ed Hickman, Arthur Krueger, Jack Dundee and Tom Helean have stopped by to say hello during the month.

Brothers Elmer Self, Ivan Briscoe and L. W. Winney were on the spot when a heavy truckload of lumber upset on a car and hours were spent in extricating the lady from the car. The brothers all bid a hand.

Congratulations to Brother Melvin Lawson who is now the head of the Fair Oaks Water District.

Brother Ray Wilson popped in from Half Moon Bay and says he has a record of nine weeks on the same rig.

Remember that the Blood Bank is still badly in need of donors. Make an appointment for your donation NOW. You or a member of your family may be the next one

Ukiah—

RAIN STOPS WORK AT MENDOCINO

By A. R. McCAFFERY
Business Representative, Local 3

Work is practically at a standstill in this area at the present time due to the heavy rains we are getting. Six different highway jobs in the completion stages are down and it looks doubtful if they will be able to finish them this year. If we had two more weeks of good weather they would have been completed. Being as the rain came early this year, it makes it tough on everyone concerned.

M&K Corporation's \$1 million project at Point Arena is rapidly finishing up. This job has been a tough one due to the location of the job.

There are two jobs similar to the Point Arena one contemplated. One to be at Westport, north of Fort Bragg, and the other at Middletown.

At present PG&E is putting in a pole line to the Middletown job to supply electric power.

The brothers on the Arthur B. Siri Construction Co. maintenance job on the Masonite road keep busy rain or shine. Just now they have ten dozers, six blades and two shovels working. With the slopes sliding in and the fills sliding out, they don't seem to be making much headway.

J. R. Armstrong's job at Cloverdale has been up and down for the last three weeks. Seems that every time they get ready to roll something stops them. The last storm we had caught them with their crusher down in the Russian River. After the water went down she was listing to starboard at about a 45 degree angle. During the present storm it is out of sight.

WATER STOPS THEM

Bro. Curley Williams, superintendent on C. M. Syer's job at Willits, is wondering if a sextant wouldn't work better than a hand level. They got a tough break on this job—only had 200 feet to go on one side with the cement-treated base when the water made them call a halt.

Bro. Chick Dwyer, superintendent for Brown Construction Co. at Tule Lake, informs me that they are thinking of shutting down until spring. If this firm wasn't shut down for two weeks in the latter part of this summer they also would have completed their job. Waiting for a decision from the state on extra yardage and also a temporary shortage of operators caused the delay.

Operations in the woods have been affected about the same as construction work. Several of the small operators are having tough going, while most of the larger companies still are working off a stockpile at their mills.

We are having weather this winter just like every other winter but it always seems that the present one is the worst. The outlook for work in the future is a whole lot better than it was at this time last year. Just as soon as the weather breaks all the brothers will be back hitting the ball and wondering when they will get a day off to go fishing.

I wish all the brothers and their families a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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Lady (to tramp): "If I thought you were honest, I'd let you go to the chicken house and gather the eggs."

Tramp: "Lady, I was manager of a bath house for 15 years and never took a bath."

requesting help from the Blood Bank.

The Sacramento office is open every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for your convenience.

Ed, Hal and Rose of the Sacramento office extend their warmest wishes to you for a very merry Christmas and a new year to exceed any other in happiness and prosperity.

Eureka—

REDWOOD EMPIRE BOGS DOWN AS KING WINTER TAKES OVER

By OTTO E. NEVER, Business Representative, Local 3

Winter weather is now here and jobs throughout this territory have either shut down or are attempting to tie up the loose ends and have the jobs accepted.

The north end around Crescent City has not suffered any since the storm last month, and there is every indication that there will be additional docks to build in the spring and we hope the jetty also will be continued. From the many rumors around Crescent City, it is possible that there will be some new mills starting up both there and in Klamath, with the usual drying yards and roads.

Healy & Tibbetts should be finished on the Dutton Lumber Co. dock before this issue of the News reaches you. Macco-M&K intend to keep their shop going until Jan. 15 or thereabouts. Fred Korhase's job with Dutton Lumber Co. to build their mill is slowing down because of a shortage of material.

Osborne-Wheelon still are pushing the tank farm job for Crowley and there is no definite time as to when they will be done.

Marlin Tryon's gravel plant has had a tough time keeping up with orders, and with the high water, is still being delayed. However, Bro. Marlin doesn't lack for intestinal fortitude and will get 'er done, come hell or high water.

N. M. Ball Sons is about done but the bridge building by Tout will hold up acceptance until next spring.

Thos. B. Crowley's Oil Terminal Co. is rumored to have secured some harbor property from Wilson Lumber Co. If so, Crowley will rush his pipeline to completion, and possibly a dock.

WEATHER STATION

M&K, MacDonald, Young and Nelson expected to be through with most of the engineers by Dec. 9 on the weather station at Requa. It is possible that they will retain a blade and dragline, and possibly a cat, to maintain the road for the rest of the winter.

Carr & Rocco are still working six days, nine hours, on the bridge at Hunter Creek. With the rainy weather to battle and the high cost of living, this job has had a continual turnover of operators and oilers. Bro. George Carr has at all times gone out of his way to help the brothers get in as much time as possible.

Mercer Fraser Co. is pretty well shut down, although most of the crew works whenever the weather permits. Bro. Martin Sweet has gone to the Bay Area with Mercer Fraser's P&H stabilizer for laying concrete mix for road base.

Tom Hull has a rock job for the State at Patrick's Creek in Del Norte County. The job is with a Lorain 75-B dipperstick. Bro. R. F. Dudley is on the levers and Bro. George Roberts is lugging the grease gun and keeping out of sight. This job should last about 90 days.

M-G-M Construction Co. still is laying pipe for PG&E. We see lit-

tle of them; however, Bro. Foster goes by us occasionally with his Case ditcher.

Fred J. Maurer & Son have a piledriving job for the Shell Oil Co. Job will last about a month. This same company also has a bridge on Larabee Creek near Blocksburg.

Baldwin & Straub still keep going on their jobs for the city. It seems neither rain nor lack of material can slow them down.

C. M. Syar has a blacktop job for the weather station—for about 4,000 tons. When they will be able to lay it is the \$64 question.

Hoakland & Findlay are making progress on the Eureka sewer disposal plant.

The dredge Jupiter is working on the north end of the bay, near Mad River slough.

Bro. Jess Bunch was in recently and stated he had opened a fix-it shop at 1713 Main St., Fortuna.

We just received a letter from Peg-leg Wedemeyer, postmarked Honolulu. He shipped out on the President Wilson as chief electrician. He states he went out with one of the native girls and missed his ship. Following this, the same girl beat him up with his peg leg and his address at the present time is Tripler Army Hospital, APO 438, Ward 13, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. As soon as "Peg" gets himself together, he'll be back.

In conclusion, I'd like to call your attention to Vic Soward's cafe in Crescent City. He is 100 per cent union and a good friend of Local 3. His place is called the Mint Cafe. Keep him in mind when you are in Crescent City.

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Optical Plan Provides Low-Cost Glasses For Union Members

New York (LPA).—Union members in this city who require glasses can save themselves some money by using the Union Optical Plan. Eye examinations as well as glasses can be obtained at low cost in the absence of high-pressure salesmanship.

A union can help its members through the plan by either one of two methods. A union can issue identification cards for members and their families for service at agreed-upon rates, or the union welfare plan can pick up the tab. In addition, any union member can take advantage of the plan even if his union doesn't belong to the plan.

"UNION MAID"



"Madam, this brush is BOUND to improve your working conditions . . . it's Union-Made!"

San Rafael—

Big Wet Spell Shuts Down Most Jobs in North Bay

By H. O. "Heinie" Foss, Business Representative, Local 3

The North Bay area, like all of California, received their just share of the recent rains, which has practically closed down all construction projects. The Out-of-Work List has increased greatly, but upon looking it over find that most of the members are still on the company payroll, but unable to finish up their jobs because of the early rains.

There are, of course, some exceptions to the above—such as Ben C. Gerwick Co. of Petaluma, who advise they have enough orders on hand to keep their crew busy until March 1. Bro. Bill Pacheco is busy on the repairing end, with Bros. Ryder, Bird and Wilhelm operating. Gerwick is driving piles for Fred J. Early on the Petaluma extension sewage disposal plant.

Ray Mercier Co. of Los Angeles is putting up the steel towers for Station KFRC in Novato, where Bro. Huffstutter is on the hoist. B&H Construction Co. has been busy on the ground installation for the past three months.

Bro. Paul Respini, of Petaluma, has his crew busy erecting a new shop on his property at the north end of town. He says it was one of his best years—but then, you never hear Paul gum-beatin'.

Shaffer & Madsen, Sausalito contractors, were busy all year. We hear Bro. Shaffer and his oiler (Mrs. Shaffer) are on their annual trip to Iowa. Last year he brought back a fine horse (with a few changes necessary). Hear this year he's in the market for "jack"—he'll get it, too!

A. H. Ruoff Co. of Lagunitas, log mill, practically closed for the winter, concluding a busy year. Bro. Louie Paysee is getting all the equipment in first-class shape for heavy spring contracts.

M. Amaral of Petaluma, one of the latest contractors in the area to sign the AGC contract, is doing excavating and fill work all over the area.

E. Pozzi Co. of Novato, also a recent signer of the AGC contract, recently erected a transit mix plant to go with his other operations in Novato. Pozzi was busy in the Sausalito yard during the war days and has come a long way since. Our congratulations!

McPhail Co. of San Rafael plan a new mix plant in Ignacio area. They say, "Don't sell Marin short."

Camgros Gravel Co. of San Rafael is planning a new mix plant in that city. They expect to be in operation in March 1951. They also go along with the maxim, "Don't sell Marin short."

Hutchinson Quarry of Greenbrae about got their new hot plant ready to roll. Bro. Fred Webster says it was put at odd times and looked like it was quite a project. The quarry reports a very good year. Brown-Ely Co., the tie-in on the paving end, also reports an active year with lots of work to complete. E. A. Forde Co. of San Anselmo also got some chips in on the deal.

SEWER JOB IS WET

The Van Valkenberg sewer line project in Santa Rosa has lots of water, but Bro. Keithley says that with a "swimming" chance they will finish it in 30 days. This was a smooth running job—and orchids to Kiethley.

Underground Construction Co. is in on the 101 Highway just north of San Rafael with a couple of rigs resetting the telephone lines for the widening of the so-called "death strip." Bro. Madrid is running the job.

The recent high water of the Russian River has been keeping the natives in practice with their summer canoes—all sand and gravel plants completely under water. This brings one advantage, it will renew the pits they have been digging in for the past few years. Hop vines and "Chick Sales" line the north bank from Rio Nido to Healdsburg. Members are busy with all rigs available cleaning up debris.

Bro. L. A. Martin, with Helwig Construction Co. up Sebastopol way, recently bought a new Cat motor patrol, but he will miss the thousand wheels of the old one.

M. D. McKay, Mill Valley contractor, has a new NW 25 shovel and all attachments available to go anywhere. He can be reached at DUnlap 8-1720.

Bro. Andy Burke, Petaluma 2278M, has two pulls and a D-8 available—will go anyplace.

Ghiolotti Bros., San Rafael contractors, report the pace slowing a bit for this year, but they have added a new roller and patching machine to their equipment spread—getting ready for next season and expecting to add some Engineers to their happy crew.

Jensen & Pitts, San Rafael contractors, report smooth sailing. They're working between raindrops and planning on a busy season for 1951.

Bro. "Cowboy" Powers, left-handed blade operator for the A. G. Raisch Co., Black Point, during the construction season, is taking off again for his annual hibernation and cattle round-up in the Redding area.

ARABIA BOYS VISIT

Bro. J. H. Williams, Technical Engineer, stopped in at the office to say he was taking off for Bechtel-Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, on a two-year contract. Bro. Carl Barber of Santa Rosa advises he is taking off with the Arabian American Oil Co. to the same place for a two-year stretch. Good luck to both.

Lowrie Paving Co. should be finished on their Hamilton Field project as this comes off the press—a good train for lots of the brothers.

Arthur B. Siri, Santa Rosa contractor, seems busy all over the northern part of the state. He's forever bringing in equipment to Santa Rosa; looks like a larger yard is in order.

Bro. Dei Brown and his partner, of Petaluma, busy with their amphibian drag line on ditches and levees in the Black Point area. This is a fast rig, and well worth seeing. Go by the job today and it's flat country—next day levees are all over the place.

Bro. Dick Gudgel, of Gudgel Construction Co., San Anselmo, reports more work than he can do. In fact, he doesn't expect to ever get caught up.

Bro. Bobo, of Bobo's Garage at Novato, an AGC signatory, is keeping his crew busy. Has equipment all over the area.

Bro. Tony Brabo of Mill Valley way keeps nibbling away in that area.

Mario Bottini, San Rafael, busy on his sewer pipe lines. Bro. H. C. Phillips is keeping Marin Gravel Co., Point Reyes, humming.

Marin Equipment, 101 Highway, Greenbrae, reports a fine year, with lots of sales of engines and many repair jobs on outside equipment. Golden Gate Equipment, next door neighbor, the same.

On the T. E. Connolly, Novato Creek dam, Bros. Parrott and Irwin Ayers are the shovel crew, with Tom Helean and Jim Aregger foreman, and Bill Puccett as master mechanic and nut-buster. Adverse weather and other drawbacks will make it take about 60 days to complete. Westbrook & Pope are doing the road realignment around the dam, under the supervision of Paul Wilcox, with Bros. Ray Austin as foreman and Vern Curtis the mud-wading mechanic.

HIGH TIDE VICTIM

Bro. Louis Buzzini, one of the old-time ranchers in this area and owner of the 101 Ranch Co., has about shut down for the winter. The high tide was too much, even for Louie. It must have been a good year, though, as Bro. Louie is wearing his 1951 button.

Uncle Sam tapped a few more of the boys in this area, and serv-

DISASTER IS AVERTED BY SHASTA DAM

By E. A. HESTER Business Representative Local 3

Bad weather puts us all on the "sidelines." Six weeks of steady rainfall in the Shasta Reservoir watershed has left nearly 40 inches of precipitation at that "Mighty Shasta Dam." It has brought nearly a million acre-feet.

This is one time that all the people can be thankful for that monument that harnesses those three great rivers namely, Sacramento, Pit and McCloud. If it had not been for that dam, those rivers would have created a disastrous flood throughout the Sacramento Valley. As it is, there has been no damage in this area.

Due to the bad weather all jobs in the extreme northern part of the state, are down! And at this writing we see no signs of relief. However, prospects don't look bad! When the weather permits, we have a few small jobs in the area recently awarded, and a lot of new jobs pending.

Prospects look good, for 1951, and at this time the "out of work list" is very small.

I regret to report at this time, the death of Al Hamlin. He died November 23, at the wheel of his tandem roller, on the Cedarville job; while working for the Rand Construction Company.

All for this time Brothers, except my wishes go out to each and every one of you for a MERRY CHRISTMAS, and a HAPPY and prosperous NEW YEAR.

SNOW PICKETS

In Pittsburgh, the heaviest snowfall in 20 years closed most downtown stores, including three major department stores being picketed by the AFL Teamsters. The pickets, seeing the stores closed and snow piled up four and five feet deep in front of the doors, figured there was no reason to stick around. But just to play safe they stuck their picket signs upright in the snow near the entrance ways. Not until five days later did they learn that as soon as they left, the stores called up an employment office and hired a bunch of snow shovelers. But when the shovelers arrived and saw the picket signs, they refused to work—and the snow stayed where it was.

ice withdrawal cards were requested by Bros. Dan Stevens, Vincent A. Silva, William Green, Charley Callison and Stanley Wood. Hope to see you back soon, brothers!

There are many projects lined up for the 1951 season, and to mention a couple: the highway improvement in Marin County, approximately six miles between Forbes Overhead and Ignacio, is due for bids on Dec. 20, 1950; also, the \$9 million housing project at the Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base bids will be opened Dec. 20, 1950.

Your Business Representative is glad to report that the Engineers Blood Bank account was opened Nov. 29 in the San Rafael area, with several of the brothers donating. Our thanks to Bros. George Smith, Jay Clay, Bill Jenkins, Louis Freeland, Henry Hampton—as well as to "Red" McAdams, who appeared but because he was running a temperature was unable to donate. He immediately signed up for the next appearance, however. Also to Bro. H. B. Tipton, who appeared but was unable to donate because of a recent bout with ptomaine poisoning. He too signed up for the next date. We might add that if any of the brothers are interested in the after-donation fluid, they might contact Bro. Jay Clay, Sebastopol 2944; he is especially fond of orange juice.

I would like to wish each and all of you a Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Fresno—

Valley Floods Do Big Damage; Engineers Doing Repairs

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

The deluge has been upon us and has passed, for the time. The Kings, Kaweah, Tule Rivers and smaller streams and tributaries surpassed all previous run-off records during this past storm, the Kings River at its peak flowing 100,000 c.f.s. against a previous high of 80,000, although much damage was averted by a flow of some of these flood waters over the by-pass to the San Joaquin Rivers. The damage resulting to construction projects in this area was heavy, and as a result all mountain jobs have been shut down.

The Pine Flat Dam project suffered the loss of a new 130-foot span concrete bridge; cofferdam; 3½ miles of railroad; pumps and other incidental equipment. The project was down for a period of approximately 10 days, however, since then many of the brothers have been called back to work and the job should be in full operation by Christmas.

On the Bechtel, Morrison-Knudsen project at Power House No. 4 the new dam was filled and overflowing, causing a trash problem that had to be cleaned up; also the new power house was flooded with silt and debris, with slides and washouts on the access roads. DAMAGES BIG DITCH

On the West Side Canal (Delta-Mendota) extensive damage was done to the ditch on the Morrison-Knudsen and Hasler section, which washed out practically all wooden structures plus depositing muck and debris in the canal.

United Concrete Pipe Co. & Vinnell's section of the canal is flooded however, excavation work is proceeding on certain portions of this job.

Guy F. Atkinson's highway jobs north of Madera have been down for some time, however, they intend to start operations soon.

There have been many bridge and highway washouts throughout the district, which are being repaired at the present time.

TULARE LAKE IS BACK

We again have a Tulare Lake. At the present time there are a spread of cats working on the levees and it is expected more will follow.

There are several small highway jobs coming up for bids during November and December, plus some 92 miles of pipe line for the Bureau of Reclamation.

United Concrete Pipe Company and the Concrete Conduit Company are busy manufacturing pipe on their Kern contracts and will probably be the bidders on this coming work.

Gunnart & Zimmerman Company have shut down the plant at Porterville and we have been informed that the American Concrete Pipe Company will take over their contracts with the Bureau. You will recall this former outfit has tried to

operate on a non-union basis paying way below the prevailing scale.

H. Earl Parker has taken a sub-contract to move dirt on the Tulare Freeway job and is at the present time clearing right of way before starting a spread of pulls and cats. Slim Alt supervising the job.

John Blakemore of Monrovia was the successful bidder on a highway job west of Coalinga and will start in the near future on grading operations there.

Working conditions in this area, very slow, quite a large out of work list.

The next regular meeting for this district will be held Thursday, December 28, 1950, 8 p. m. at 631 Kearney Ave., Fresno, California.

Senate Votes Union Shop for Railroads; Bill Urged by AFL

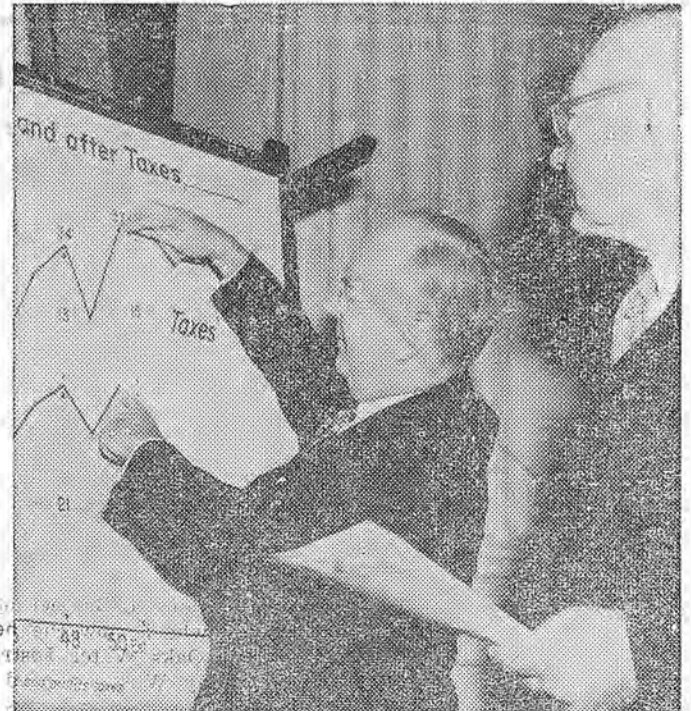
Washington.—The Senate voted on Dec. 11 to permit the union shop and checkoff of union dues in the railway and airline industries.

The bill then went to the House, where a similar measure has been bottled up in the Rules Committee for several months. The bill must be passed before the present House adjourns or the brotherhoods will have to begin the long legislative battle all over again to gain a union shop.

The 69th AFL convention at Houston in September telegraphed every senator requesting support for the bill. Balloting on the measure was put off when Congress adjourned for the election campaign.

The bill would amend the National Railway Mediation Act to permit railroads, airlines, and the unions representing their employees to sign union shop agreements. Under the present law, union shop agreements are prohibited but the organizing enterprise and service rendered by the AFL and independent brotherhoods has brought about better than 95 per cent organization on the rail and air lines.

Sing a sad song For Ambrose Dote Too lazy—too tired To register and vote.



ASKS TAX ON WAR PROFITS.—Treasury Sec. John Snyder (left) shows Chairman Robert L. Doughton (D., N.C.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, how corporation profits have climbed. He wants "excess profits" taxed 75 per cent to bring in the additional \$4 billion asked by President Truman. Labor supports this plan with some stiffening modifications. The Republicans are opposed to it; want heavier taxes on you and me instead. (LPA)

San Francisco

Jupe Pluvius Says "Stop Work" to Boys Around S.F.

By PAT CLANCY and RUSSELL SWANSON,
Business Representatives, Local 3

The past month has been very quiet as far as orders for men for work are concerned. We don't have to tell you why the contractors are not ordering men—you all know why. It is still our opinion, however, that when and if the weather man decides to turn about and discontinue the liquid sunshine, there will be a lot of brothers going back to work. Even though the out of work list is growing, there are still a lot of brothers who are working—possibly only a few days a week during this past month but every time the streets dry off they are at work again.

AROUND THE JOBS

Dinwiddie Const. have been working fairly steady on the Met. Housing Project through most of the rain for the simple reason that most of the work at the present time is done inside.

Barret & Hilp have been forced to lay off a number of times on the Sears Roebuck store job—the same has been with the other contractors doing work on this project.

M. & K. Corp. have just about wound up their sewer job on Arguello St. and have only a few men left to complete the job. The Lake Merced Sewer job is still employing a number of engineers. We are sad to report that one man who had been in attendance of practically every meeting of the engineers was killed when he was on a motor in the tunnel. He was working the graveyard shift and was going into the tunnel to take care of some pumps—for some reason he either fell off or got off the motor and in so doing the motor went over his body. He was taken to the hospital but the doctors were unable to do anything for him and he succumbed. This brother was George Bosnick, one of the real old-timers of Local No. 3. His passing was mourned by a large number of brother members and we know that the memory of George Bosnick will not be forgotten.

At the present time there is a dis-mantling job on at the C & H Sugar Refinery. The main contractors are not known at the writing of this but a few brother engineers should be employed on this job.

Most of the other contractors around town have been very slow this past month but the majority of the contractors who have work in town are able to work as long as the pavements are dry. It is our hopes right along with all of the brothers who have lost time due to the weather conditions that the rains will vanish, at least enough so that the brothers will be able to return to work and draw a few full pay checks.

PERSONAL TOUCH

Brother Ed. Barrington has moved to Hawthorne, Nevada to work for the Government.

R. W. Wedemeyer has shipped out on the S. S. Wilson as a Chief Electrician. Paul Walker, who is a member of SUP along with the Engineers also has as he put it, "caught a boat."

A. W. O'Brien has gone to Guam as a H. D. Mech. on a Civil Service job. We wish you brothers a lot of luck and success to the various places to which you have gone and also send Christmas and New Year cheer to all of the brothers who are now on some job off the mainland.

Brother "Slim" Seymour has returned from Arabia after being there for the past 19 months—he looks just the same as ever—by the way, Slim came into the office and wanted the 50 cents that he said he had won on a bet. The bet was that Slim would be back in the mainland within six months but he did stay a lot longer than that, so as he had won the bet he was paid off.

Bill Bettencourt is the proud PAPA of an 8-pound baby boy. Congratulations Bill.

As you all know the Engineers have an account with the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, and at the writing of this article the fund is practically down to nothing. Please take the time to go to the Blood

Honolulu—

PAY HIKE IN HAWAII; JOBS OPENING UP

By J. K. WAIWAILOE
Business Representative
Local 3

General Contractors, members of the General Contractors Association of Hawaii, have announced a 10 cent increase to their present established wage rates for the Territory of Hawaii.

From the viewpoint of unions, it is about time they equalled some of the rates that have been paid union craftsmen for the past three years. The unions' and Davis-Bacon rates established since 1947 are higher from 10 to 25 cents. With this new raise a few unions will still be lower. The Operating Engineers however, will be higher in all classifications, top being \$2 per hour for cranes and shovels, ¾-yard and over.

The Lanakilla Homes project in Hilo, Hawaii costing \$1,359,000 is in full swing now. We have two brother members operating equipment on landscaping and roads.

Contract for building an Aina Haina public school was awarded Walker-Moody Construction Co., Ltd., for \$422,100.

A delegation from the Central Labor Council which included yours truly, paid its respects to Senator Claude Pepper and wife of Florida at their Royal Hawaiian Hotel suite Thursday morning. Senator Pepper informed the delegation that he is a friend of labor and also carrying a card in the Musicians' Union, that although the cause of labor and liberalism in general had suffered setbacks in the recent general elections, he assuredly remarked that "the clouds will break again."

A few of our dredgemen who returned from Kwajalein are now working on the island of Maui for the Admiralty Trading Co., dealer in surplus and scrap material.

Two representatives of the Army's Ryukyus command are in Honolulu to conduct a special recruiting drive for civilian employees needed on Okinawa. The officials are seeking approximately 300 local workers to fill new or recently vacated positions. In our jurisdiction there are openings for diesel mechanics, plant and tractor operators.

Bank and donate a pint of blood. Some day it may be you who needs it. Thank you.

The San Francisco office extends at this time the best of season's greetings to all of the brothers and their families. It is our sincere wish that the coming year will bring happiness to all of you.

Use TV for Education, Labor Asks

Washington (LPA).—Morris S. Novik, radio consultant, has added his voice to those asking that TV channels be reserved for education. Novik is radio consultant to the American Federation of Labor, the AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers and the CIO Auto Workers.

Appearing before the Federal Communications Commission, Novik supported the stand of the Joint Committee on Educational Television but declared that was not enough. Novik said the FCC should consider the advisability of a reservation for those who desire to operate TV stations on a non-profit basis such as labor unions, who may not necessarily qualify as educational broadcasters.

Novik said "on the outcome of this hearing will depend the future well-being of millions of our citizens." He urged the prompt maximum reservation for education.

The government must help and encourage the use of TV for educational purposes, Novik said, because time is short, the potential impact of television "bust with atomic force"; and "the survival of democracy depends upon education and every democracy has an obligation to foster it."

Fed. Lays Plans To Aid Students

(State Fed. Release)

The Standing Committee on Education of the California State Federation of Labor met Friday evening, Dec. 8, at the Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco, to effect the Federation scholarship plan for deserving high school students and to review 1950 convention resolutions on education.

It was voted unanimously to award the scholarships in the manner used by the Oregon State Federation of Labor, which calls for a competitive examination and is open to senior high school students planning to attend college.

The Federation award will be made on the basis of the candidate's score in the special examination and on his four-year high school academic record. The contest will be open to any student regardless of sex, creed or color.

Three awards of \$500 each will be made by the Federation and the winners may select colleges of their choice.

Max J. Osslo, chairman of the education committee, presided at the Dec. 8 meeting. Other committee members present were Albin J. Gruhn, Paul Reeves, Ed Ross and T. A. Small. Also in attendance were Thomas L. Pitts and C. J. Haggerty, Federation president and secretary, respectively, and Charles P. Scully, Federation attorney.



SURE WINNER.—In a pie eating contest at the Los Angeles food show, eight-year-old Teddie Hoff fries to eat and see how the other contestants are doing at the same time. Any way you look at it, Teddie can't lose. (LPA).

Adoring mother: "Just fancy, he's only 17 months old and he's been walking for nearly nine months!"

Weary visitor: "Really? Don't you think it's about time he sat down?"

TEC

By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

Engineers
Architects
Draftsmen

Agreement was reached with the Stone & Webster Co. on their steam plant construction job at Moss Landing on Friday, December 1st. The agreement was reached after two weeks of work stoppage brought about by an Operating Engineers' picket line. The picket line was honored by all crafts of the building trades and the firm agreed to a union job and union wages for all classifications of Technical Engineers. This was a victory for all of labor and it demonstrated once again the loyalty of labor to its own! Also it proved that Local No. 3 has the welfare of the Technical Engineers at the top of the list.

The first meeting of the union's negotiating committee with President J. Lester Pierce of the Pacific Manufacturing Co. of Santa Clara was held Tuesday, Dec. 5th. Discussions concerning the reopening of the contract covering the 30 mill draftsmen proceeded smoothly with the company offering a 5 per cent wage boost. Further meetings are in the offing and the prospect is good for an early settlement.

The initial meeting with employees of the civil engineer and land surveying firms in the San Jose area have resulted in good attendance and much interest. We look forward to a contract with these firms in the near future. This particular area is one of the fastest growing industrial areas on the Pacific Coast and will keep many of our members busy in the coming years.

Prospects of a war industry moved closer this month with some talk of the ship construction industry starting up again.

The next meeting of the Technical Engineers will be held in San Francisco on Friday, Dec. 29, 1950, at 8 p.m.

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