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A Bold Plan for the Future—

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Issue Warning on Possible Over-pay **On So. Security Tax**

By P. E. VANDEWARK Assistant Local Union Manager

: If you have more than one employer and earn more than \$3000 in a year, you might overpay your social security tax, because each employer must deduct the tax from the first \$3000 which he pays you. If you pay social security taxes on more than \$3000 per year, ask the Collector of Internal Revenue (where you file your income tax) for the necessary form on which to claim your refund.

KEEP YOUR RECEIPTS

The employer is required to deduct the worker's tax from his wages and pay it to the Federal ney General. With a good labor at-Government. He must give each worker receipts for the amounts deducted. It is to your interest to keep these receipts. They are proof many labor groups and is expected of the amount of wage credits you have accumulated to your credit job. for social security benefits. YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

ACCOUNT It is to your interest to check

up on your social security account to make sure that you have been given the proper amount of wage credits. You would be wise to do this as often as once a year. In any event, you should check your accounts within four years after the wages are paid, as some errors improve his lot was slow. As the cannot be corrected after that workers began to organize the length of time.

Checking it is a very simple matter. Write to the Social Secur- zation the hours of labor were reity Administration, Candler Bldg., Baltimore 2, Md., and ask for a statement of your account. Be sure proved, Workmen's Compensation to use your social security number when requesting this information. A special blank form to be used you can use a penny post-card.





NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL? Popular, capable Edmund G. Brown, San Francisco's district attorney, has announced he will be a candidate for California's Attortorney background and good relations with the city's AFL, he has gained quick endorsement from available for export from the to be state labor's choice for the

Pres. Maloney Asks More Safety Heed TO ALL HOISTING UNIONS: Greetings:

The progress of the individual worker, throughout the years, to value of their combined efforts was soon recognized. Through organiduced, wages were increased, condition of employment were im-Laws were passed, and many other ply. benefits were gained.

This same force, acting through for this purpose can be obtained the medium of your local union, from any social security office or cooperating with the various groups sponsoring accident prevention programs in your community, can gain many more and greater benefits.

Great Waste Waters of North Coast Rivers May Go To Arid Southwest

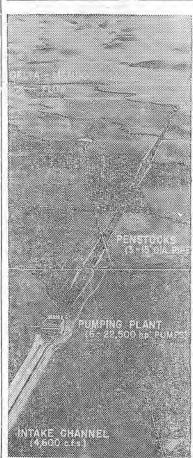
Indicating that at least some of man's boldness, imagination, and plans are being directed toward constructive human welfare, as well as to the destructivenss of a world arms race, is the following Reclamation Bureau release. This account reveals fascinating plans for bringing some of the enormous quantities of waste water now pouring into the sea from north coastal rivers, south and southeastward to the vast arid regions. Here this White Gold can open up millions of acres of land to the little people who long for such life of sunshine, health, and independence. Big land and power companies, however, are fighting to control all western resources.

Investigation is to determine what surplus water, if any, may be Northwest-to water-deficient areas throughout the entire West. Authority for this statement came from S. P. McCasland, engineer in charge of the investigation. Mc-Casland said the investigation is now estimating the water which may be available in the Columbia River and other streams of the Northwest, including those of northern California, after a supply for all possible future demands of the Northwest has been reserved.

In short, he said, the study constitutes a preliminary reconnaissance to ascertain the justification for a more detailed investigation in connection with the diversion and multiple exchange of surplus and waste waters from the Northwest to areas with a deficient sup-

The reconnaissance was initiated because of the badly unbalanced distribution of supply and demand throughout the West. McCasland points out, for example, that the entire supply afforded by the Colo-River is estimated at less than five per cent of the water which now flows to the ocean in north coastal streams. The reconnaissance, initiated last year through a special Project Planning Office established in Salt Lake City, is to be completed in 1952. In keeping with Congressional policy governing investigations of land and water resources, all states affected by the study will be invited to review the Bureau's reconnaissance report on the United Western Investigation and make comments on it, which comments, together with those of other . Federal agencies, will be transmitted to Congress.

The first objective of the Bureau be used, and such costs will be areas of deficiency. If these comof Reclamation's United Western compared with the benefits which would accrue as a result of the new water made available in the



parisons are favorable, it is expected that detailed investigations and plans will follow.

Investigation will be made of the means by which the plan could compensate for any disadvantage to existing or future power production which might result from the export of water otherwise utilizable for power. Exploration will be made of the possibility of using steam power for such means. BIG NEEDS IN SOUTH

McCasland said that municipal, industrial and agricultural use for water in large areas, particularly in the southwestern United States, is growing at a rate which will in the near future exceed the supply. As local surface supplies are fully exploited and ground water reserves exhausted, expansion or even maintenance of the accomplished development will depend upon an imported water supply. The problem is to work out a longrange plan for progressively satisfying these needs as they arise, from the best possible sources of water supply.

Feasibility of exchanges which might permit greater upstream utilization of the water resources

Listen in On Frank Edwards

All members are strongly urged to tune in to the AFL's crack newscaster, Frank Edwards, who is heard nightly on most Mutual network stations on the coast at 10:15. If you listen to any commentators at all, listen to Frank Edwards for a fair, honest viewpoint on the news. He speaks for eight million AFL members. He is heard Monday thru Friday at 10:15 on KFRC San Francisco, KHJ Los Angeles, KFMV-FM Hollywood, and KWIK Burbank. He is on Mon., Wed. and Fri. at 10:15 on KXOA Sacramento and KGB San Diego. Tune in tonight!

The National Safety Council, the Better Traffic Committee, your employers and their associations are all working to prevent the suffering and loss of life caused by accidents.

May I urge upon you to join these groups in this humanitarian service to your membership, your fellow-workers and your community.

With kindest regards, I am Fraternally yours,

WM. E. MALONEY GENERAL PRESIDENT

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Official Notice to Members

HOW ABOUT A DATE TO DONATE?

Each month our Engineers News features an article by our General President Wm. E. Maloney, in which he stresses the hazards involved in the operation of construction machinery. Read these articles . . . think about them . . . and then realize that the blood donations for which we ask are for your own benefit in case of an emergency. * * *

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, Local No. 3-E Meeting

The next meeting of the Technical Engineers, Local No. 3-E will be held in the Union Offices at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, Calif., on Friday, February 24, 1950.

FUTURE NEEDS

In determining future water needs, a summary is being made of all the lands which might ever be irrigated under future conditions, McCasland explained. A similar estimate is being made for industrial, municipal, and all other foreseeable water uses which might arise under conditions of ultimate development. Being considered as available for export are only the waters which would remain after a supply had been reserved for these present and potential local demands.

The study also will include making cost estimates of the various ways in which any surplus water in the Northwest might be transported to the areas where it would Capital as well as it does for Labor.

THIS WAY? That it can be done, water can be carried great distances, has been proven by engineers building the Colorado river aqueducts and the huge Central Valley canals. Shown above is the "heart beat" of the -C. V. project, world's largest water pump, near Tracy, which lifts water brought from the Sacramento river over 200 feet so it can flow by gravity down the dry west side of the south valley and into the less prolific San Joaquin river. Lessons learned here will be valuable in the proposed project described above.

Don't forget:

A good citizen always votes. A voter must always be registered. Register now before it's too late.

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The Union Label helps protect the employer of union men from the unfair competition of less enlightened employers. It works for

of the Colorado and other rivers is an important phase of the study. An example is a possible multiple exchange of water whereby imported water would replace or expand present uses in southern California, thereby releasing some of the Colorado River water now used in that area and making it available for possible use in other Colorado River Basin states.

Assisting the Project Planning Office in Salt Lake City with the study are the regional offices of the Bureau in Boise, Idaho; Sacramento, California; Boulder City, Nevada; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Ira L. Sickels January 1, 1950 Agostino Sciaroni January 5, 1950 R. J. Otto January 12, 1950 Wm. J. Handley January 17, 1950 James W. Jameson January 23, 1950 Clinton F. Webster January 31, 1950 Don G. Rowen February 1, 1950 EDITORIALS OF

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OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION No. 3

UNCLE SAM'S "UNFINISHED BUSINESS"

The most inexcusable of all forms of waste is the enforced idleness of the worker who is willing and able to work. The tremendous costs and widespread suffering caused by the great depression of the thirties taught us this lesson if nothing else did; and it gave us some guideposts of experience through which to avoid the arrant nonsense of cyclical periods of boom and bust.

There is a tremendous amount of work in this country that needs to be done, not all of which can be undertaken and financed by private enterprise alone. There are houses, roads, schools, hospitals and public buildings to be constructed; slums to be eradicated; natural resources to be restored and wisely used through reforestation, soil conservation, flood control and power expansion.

Droughts on the East and West Coasts indicate the imponderable need of ample water supplies. Our poluted streams, like our air, must be purified. Backward industrial areas must be developed, and for national security, decentralization of highly concentrated urban monstrosities like New York must be effected.

All this requires planning for future developments on a national and local scale. It requires the backing and cooperation of business, labor, agriculture and the various subdivisions of government. It requires close cooperation by our national and state legislatures.

President Truman, in his recent message to the 81st Congress on the State of the Union developed this theme in his recommendations for the development, conservation and use of our natural and human resources from the viewpoint of national as well as regional interest and welfare.

Through blood and coordinated planning we can make possible at the right time, full employment, steady, well-paying lobs, rising living standards, reduce idleness and use of social security stopgaps to a minimum; and extirpate the obsolete capitalistic obscession of the inevitability of depressions.

The prosperous year of 1950 is the year to undertake such planning, to do the many things that must be done to insure many more years of similar national well-being.

WE CAN'T KILL OFF THE AGED

(State Fed. Release)

Security for the aged has become a "major long-run social and economic problem in this country," the Labor Information Bulletin, a U. S. Labor Department publication, points out in its current issue. The problem of meeting these needs

Here's How to Kill a Union

- Don't attend meetings.
 If you go, go late.
- If the weather isn't pleasant, stay home.
- Don't accept any office; it's easier to criticize.
- 5. Never approve anything your officers or committees do.
- Don't pay your dues until you have to.
- Don't bother recruiting new members.
- Insist on official notices being sent you, but don't pay any attention to them when you get them.
- Don't waste any courtesy at a meeting. It's up to your officers to take it.
- When you don't like what's going on, say so, but under no circumstances offer any constructive suggestions.
- Devote most of your time to talking; let someone else do the work.
- If elected a delegate to a higher body or convention, don't bother about attending sessions.
- 13. Then you can come home and report that the organization is in the hands of a political gang and that there's no use trying to do anything about it.
- Look for hidden motives; don't credit brother or sister members with any ideals.
- Don't cooperate with any officer or committee; make them cooperate with you.
- Remember, you know more than anyone else about everything. If they don't agree with you, they're wrong.
- -Reprint from Cleveland Citizen. * * *

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

- This is the day we celebrate A man of world-wide fame. His name was Abraham Lincoln; From obsecurity he came.
- He fought to keep the young nation A one united whole,
- To liberate the colored race From slavery untold.
- He stood like steel against a wrong, For justice was his creed; He broke the shackles of a crime The paled inhuman needs.
- Among the great his name stands out—
- Immortal, strong and grand.
- His life still lives in many lives, This product of the land.
- For he lived so close to nature, Communed with nature's God;
- This was the secret of his strength

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., Vice President Foss presiding. Vice President Foss appointed Brother Glenn Dobyns to act as vice-president and Brother Russell Swanson as guard. Roll call showed President Clancy, Recording Secretary Mathews, Treasurer Vandewark and Business Manager Swanson absent by reason of being away on business of the union.

A synopsis of the regular meeting minutes of January 7 was read and by motion approved as read.

A letter was read regarding the March of Dimes. Referred to New Business.

A letter was read regarding the Safeway strike. Received and filed. Cards of thanks received from the Graham family; Mrs. Otto and Sons, and the family of O. E. Butler. Received and filed.

The following resolution was read as the second and final reading: RESOLUTION

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

Whereas, labor has tried for several years without success to formulate a plan to finance a new labor temple in Sacramento, and

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

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

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

Resolved, that the officers of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3 be authorized to withdraw from the General Savings Fund Account a sum equal to one-fourth the purchase price of the property, but not to exceed \$10,000.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted as the second and final reading. Carried unanimously.

The following brothers were reported ill: Thomas E. Brotherton, LeRoy Bryant, Albert Baratono, Edward S. Bigger, Lee W. Brown, Ray T. Cummings, Ruel Crocker, L. J. Cornelius, John W. Clark, Wm. R. Commino, Wm. L. Duncan, E. S. Dolan, Harvey H. Danielson, Ralph E. Davis, John Daly, Louis Del Chiaro, Glenn Easton, Henry Elsasser, Johnny Green, Lewis L. Gann, L. E. Graves, Nesby D. Guinn, G. O. Gullikson, Matt Hoffman, H. O. Herbert, Edgar W. Hatcher, Edwin E. Hall, Wm. J. Handley, Wm. Jester, Leonard Jordan, James L. Joy, Harry W. Johnson, Frank A. Kuhre, Wm. McKinnon, W. G. Martin, Thomas K. Moore, G. L. Moyer, Alfred L. Mabrier, Samuel M. Moore, W. G. Martin, J. H. Miller, Wm. S. Norris, Ernest Nelson, Marvin Prough, Lloyd A. Putnam, J. Patton, M. E. Purcell, Herman Ridenour, Harl E. Stewart, Alfred Swann, James Shore, Ira Warren, Wm. Waters, Wesley Walker, Herschel Wright, David Walkington, C. L. Yoder, J. H. Young and W. T. Ryan.

The following brothers were reported deceased: R. J. Otto, Agostino Sciaroni, Ira L. Sickels, Wm. J. Handley, James W. Jameson and Clinton F. Webster.

The business agents gave their usual reports which were accepted as given. Brother Russell Swanson explained the form on disability benefits to divert insurance to state insurance fund. Brother Foss spoke on the same subject in answer to questions from the floor.

Report of the general secretary-treasurer was read by Vice President Foss.

Under new business, a motion was made and seconded that Local 3 contribute \$50.00 to the March of Dimes. Brother Foss ruled the motion out of order.

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

Respectfully submitted, WM. C. WAACK, Secretary pro tem.



Bulletin.	That gained a nation's laud.	Col Diego Labor
In this connection, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin has recent- portion" of elderly workers has	In him we see personified. The virtues we admire:	Cal. Prison Labor
ly stated: "I have insisted time and been able to remain in the labor		State AFL labor's vigorous fight against use of prison labor
again that while private pension plans are an important supplement "The social security program of	Strength with truth acquired.	by county and state agencies—a feature of Soviet Russia that
to a public system, they cannot 1935 was an effort to provide the	His name will last as long as time	we severely criticize-gained new headway in the past week
take the place of a comprehensive answer, based on certain funda- and basic system of Federal old- mental principles: (1) That pen-		L. Governor Warren ordered
age insurance. I am for a major sions are a matter of right and so	And laid that monster low	shut down the project on Highway tice, as far as the labor move-
revision of the Federal Social Se- curity Act, liberalizing its benefits whatever the exclusions, the sys-	May such a life our lives inspire	80, just outside San Diego, upon ment is concerned," said Pres. the request of Frank Lawrence, Lawrence. "It represents unfair
so that they will come somewhere tem applies to workers in the cov-	To deeds of usefulness.	president of the State Building competition with free labor and
of the great majority of our aged sions are financed by contributions	To benefit the race.	Trades Council. 2. Suits were filed in Kern A tunnel job connected with the
people." In 1900, only about 3 million per- ployees. Experience has shown that		county against county agencies to Highway 80 project recently em-
sons, or 1 out of 25, were in the these principles are sound, but it		prevent use of prison labor on the ployed convict labor, and here new Kernville-Isabella county high- also the Governor ordered correc-
65-or-over age group. Now, how- ever, with 11 million, or 1 out of tem."	Practical uses in the home for phosphorescent paints include	way and to force observance of tive measures.
	marking door knobs, electric light-	prevailing wage scales on public San Francisco labor has vigor-
Distribution of total population by age group	switch plates, key-holes, stair ris- ers, door jambs, railings and pro-	county building, were earlier filed on extensive building work at San
PERCENT-+ 0 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100	jections of any kind.	in Tulare county. Quentin prison. 3. Shasta county supervisors * * *
1900	ENGINEERS' NEWS	began a study on the use of county prisoners for work, and labor Ask Denham Ouster
Actual \prec 1920	Managing Editor, V. S. SWANSON Published Each Month by Local Union	organizations prepared to file Washington- NLRB Gen. Coun-
	No. 3 of the International Union of Operating Engineers	strong protests. sel Robert N. Denham was the
1940	Northern California, Northern Nevada, State of Utah	At a meeting in the Governor's center of a growing storm of pro- office on Feb. 3, use of convict la- tests as labor leaders demanded he
1960	Office 474 Valencia Street San Francisco 3, California	bor on the San Diego highway job be removed by Pres. Truman. The
*Projected < 1980	Subscription Price: \$2.50	ernor's order to close the project. in New York by Denham in which
	Medi all news items in to editor not	In attendance were building trades he invited employers to appeal labor officers from all sections of NLRB decisions in favor of labor.
2,000	later than the 5th of each month. Entered as Second Class Matter Sep-	Southern California. He suggested that the employers
AGE GROUPS - UNDER 5 5 TO 19 20 TO 44 45 TO 64 65 AND OVER	tember 9, 1943, at the Postoffice at San Francisco, California, under the Act of August 24, 1912.	"The Governor's action put a could find justice in the courts stop to the use of convict labor, even if they could not before the
* Forecasts assume modium trends of tertility and mortality and no imaigration after toly 1965	of August 24, 1912.	which has been an obnovious prac-NLRB

San Rafael_ NORTHBAY GETTING IN SHAPE FOR START ON SPRING JOBS

H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 3

The Hellwig Construction Company of Sebastopol, a recently signed member of the A. G. C. are keeping busy in the area with Brother Dee Dowd, foreman, and Brother L. A. Martin on the payroll for a long time, have had a very successful year and recently purchased new equipment, which means expansion . . . at the present time doing the grading for the San Francisco Construction Company at Santa Rosa.

Bro. Jimmy Joy, recently discharged from the Sonoma County Hospital after major surgery, has asked your Business Representative to express to the many brothers Jimmy's appreciation for their voluntary donations of blood which he needed so urgently. . . . Jimmy knows he would not be here were it not for the transfusions of the brothers and can only say "thank you." . . , While on the subject, we again call your attention to the Blood Bank maintained by Operating Engineers' Local No. 3. If any of the brothers wish to donate blood and do . not have transportation, please call this office-San Rafael 4616-and arrangements will be made to your convenience. . . . This is a very worthy cause and is more than worth a few minutes of your time.

Fredrickson Brothers of Emeryvills were recently awarded the \$240,000 Foster Road and Union Station street project in Napa and ground. plan on starting as soon as weather permits . . . with Bro. Archie Edmonds as grading foreman and ders. Bro. Lloyde Dixon now on the job and Bros. W. A. Miles, R. J. Woody, Gene Schupert, Gus Wallin and Don Wengler to be the starting crew. The superintendent on the job is W. J. Roland, with Don Davis, office manager, and the resident engineer for the State is E. J. Carter, and the Inspector, W. W. Coles. . . . Huntington Bros. of Napa are doing the clearing for the project. Bro. Luce picks out little trees and cries for help, with Bros. Fred and Deck chasing chokers.

Iom, Joe, Charile

Bro. Charlie Plumb of the "famous Big-3 Plumbs" . . . Tom, Joe and Charlie. . . . Tom is master mechanic for the American Concrete Pipe Co. . . . Charlie is working part time at Fibreboard at Forestville with millions of feet of logs to stockpile and their Antioch mill full. . . . Joe is at San Quentin on excavating job for the State, according to last reports.

Bros. Floyd Foutch and Buford Radons are on the afternoon shift operating for Tyson & Watters, Mare Island reclamation project, with Bros. Lucas and Evans on the morning shift. . . . Jack Edwards in charge, and a little ahead of schedule.

Bro. C. W. Sherman is with the ount

his last lease turned out satisfactorily. Harold has good prospects for this year with Bros. Sonnickson and Black assets to the firm. Harold, Jr. is stepping in also. . Where's Kenneth Jessee?

E. E. Lowell of Vallejo repairing equipment, with Lowell himself taking a few days off in the sun in Southern area. . . . Some people have all the luck! . Where's the sun?

Petaluma Phone Bldg.

Art Siri of Santa Rosa is doing 6,000-yard excavating and paving on the Petaluma telephone building, with Walter Galbraith in charge and Bros, Castle and Cummings as crew . . . where Olson is the prime contractor. . . . Siri also doing the grading for the Sebastopol High School but this will probably be delayed on account of soft

Hein Quarry of Petaluma doing season's repair and filling local or-

Ben C. Gerwick pre-cast pole yard at Petaluma very slow but expecting season's share. . . . Bro. Bird getting in a few shifts. Jack Weiss in charge now, recovering from recent hospitalization.

Bro. Harry Keeler of Sebastopol on returning when the rains stop.

Bro. Dave Otis, foreman on the Harms Bros.-Vacaville project in this area last year . . . visiting rel-

Maxwell Gravel at Red Hill Bridge on the Russian River isn't doing a bit of complaining . where Bros. Simmerson and Bigcraft are the crew.

Camgros at Maribel Russian Riv Jones and Ivan Meyers overhauling the shovel and Bro. Albrigi on Forbes Overpass to Ignacio Wye divisions and we must say our probthe hi-line . . . at the Russian River Gravel, operated by Boyd as owner and Bros. Trefethen and Onsrud as crew, putting out on production and doing very well, with no complaining.

Hein Gravel Products plant on the Russian River is on low operating . . . doing little because of adverse weather conditions.

On the River

ENGINEERS' NEWS

Awful Fair Deal

Corporate dividend payments reached the all-time high of \$8.4 billion in 1949, according to the estimates of the Council of Economic Advisers.

That is \$500 million more than the dividend figure in 1948; \$4.6 billion more than in 1939; and \$2.6 billion more than in the "boom" year of 1929.

Yep, the Fair Deal sure is ruining the country. * * *

Labor Man to Run

Cincinnati - Rollin H. Everett, Cincinnati Newspaper Guild (CIO) executive secretary and ex-city councilman, will run for Congress in November against Rep. Charles H. Elston (R.,) reactionary aide of Sen, Robert A. Taft.

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Pittsburgh Rents Up Pittsburgh. - Even with federal controls, rents in the nine-county Pittsburgh area have gone up \$6,-750,000 a year for 76,000 Pittsburgh tenants since the end of the That means increases for war. one-fifth of the dwellings in the

They have a D-8 for sale and can be reached at 1828 McKinley Road, Napa (telephone Napa 4-1097).

area.

Bro. "Chris" C. R. Christensen is operator in river for McGill Gravel Plant at Oakville.

Pierce Realty of 300 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo (telephone San Rafael 4012 or 4150) has a D-7 available , . . ready to go any place.

Bro. Ben Blecha, with an APO Postmaster address, writes in that approximate 10,000 cubic yards of the boys on the job, Bros, Sandy Field and Joe "Shoeless" Jackson, recently made foreman enjoy the Engineers' News . . . with Ben on writes he is taking off for about the Cedar Rapids Portable Gravel five weeks vacation . . . planning Plant . . . with Sandy humming on the cat.

Set for Spring

Out at Basalt Quarry, McNears The A. G. Raisch Co. of Black the N.W. 25. Point do not plan on doing much on 101 Highway before April . . .

making up little slurry base . . . it million lined up for the job.

Bids are due for opening Feb. 27 for the 7300 feet of 36-inch bell James Lick School job. The bid and spigot welded joint water pipe line from Pine Mountain 'Tunnel millions. . . . Leo Piazza and A. J. to Fairfax Gatehouse, Marin County. . . . The North Marin County Water District of Novato proposed rainy days but it is an effort. These dam is expected to be called for bids within the next 30 days. . .

This dam is to be constructed on The Basalt Plant at Healdsburg the Ryan Ranch about two and a working but one shift with the half miles west of 101 Highway on Says "it beats h --- out of work- Monaghan, with Bros. Lawrence the Novato-Pt. Reyes road . . . lots

San Jose-DOWN COAST THEY VOTE 30 TO 1 FOR THE ENGINEERS UNION

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and J. E. RILEY **Business Representatives**, Local 3

The mechanics at Ditz Bros. Tractor Co. voted overwhelmingly in favor of a Union Shop recently—both in San Jose and Hollister. This again proves to anti-labor forces that the Union man wants a Union Shop. The election was conducted by the NLRB on February 1st, and out of the 30 employees there was only one dissenting vote for a Union Shop. (Feel certain one of the boys must have become confused and marked his ballot on the wrong side.) Any Union should be proud to represent a group of men of this kind.

Anderson Dam

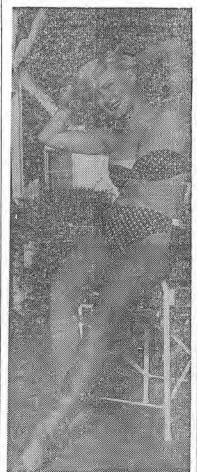
According to latest reports, bids on the Anderson conservation dam on Coyote River near Madrone will be opened on March 7th. The 235foot dam will consist of about 3,000,000 cubic yards of dirt. Included in the Anderson project is the moving of about two miles of the Madrone Springs Road.

San Jose Airport is in for more expansion work. Word has just been received that "Uncle Sam" is going to make another donation somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000 for improved taxiways. aprons, etc. At the present time, Contractor Lew Jones of San Jose has a contract for several small hangars. Lew has another nice job -a warehouse for Baron-Gray Packers—to the tune of about \$150,000 at 5th and Martha.

Mt. Hamilton

J. Henry Harris of Oakland, who has a sub-contract-excavating the rock for the new telescope building atop Mt. Hamilton (Carrico & Gautier are the general contractors) is having a tough time getting set in on account of snow. Brother Parley Batt, the foreman, and Brother James Thompson learned one thing for sure-that it can snow like the devil and be awfully cold on Mt. Hamilton. atives in San Rafael . . . stopped in at office to say "hello." doing little repair on the 120-B Whitaker are on Dozers and Bro. hoping for the spring rush and Henry Fischer (operator) and Billy Bro. Pat Donohue "assisting." . . . King (oiler) comprise the crew on

L. C. Jensen (family) of Hayward have just about wound up the pipeline job in and around Monaser with oldtimers Bros. Ralph is expected bids will be called for tery Gardens. These brothers have the four-lane on 101 Highway from had several nice jobs on these subsometime next month with over a lems with this company have been at a minimum. . . . O. E. Anderson was the lucky bidder on the new went for close to one and a quarter Raisch are managing to keep a few of the boys busy throughout these



firms have quite a little work lined up if the weather will permit. . . . Edward, Foulk & Dana of Redwood City (well known pipeline installers, in Local 3 territory) have a couple of nice jobs staked out at present-just enough to keep a couple of crews on the payroll through this inclement weather, . . Ed Keeble has resumed operations on his Los Gatos-Saratoga Highway job, since the weather has permitted. The same is applicable to most all the jobs in this territory-possibly with one exception, Moss Landing. Rain or shine they work. Rain just makes it uncomfortable for the brothers on this job. . . . According to recent reports another construction program is planned for Agnew State Hospital in the amount of approximately \$1,700,000. The program will augment a more than \$4,000,-000 construction and road building program now under way at the hospital. . . . According to all reports Sunnyvale is headed for a big year in construction work. Several large subdivisions are in prospect. Morgan Hill also reports a record high in building as does San Jose and, in fact, most of the torus in this district.

Gilroy

Fredrickson & Watson have resumed operations on their highway job after the secession due to the recent rains. It is still pretty mucky, however. Macco Company are driving the piles on the overpass with the assistance of Brother Earl "Shortie" Webster and a full crew of thirty-four men. Number of piles-about 10th George Renz, local contractor who is building the nice new modern and beautiful jail house for San Benito County (in Hollister) says don't rush to make your reservations as it is only 50 per cent complete. . . . Eaton & Smith, who have the Pacheco Pass job have resumed operations after about a three-week shut down due to the heavy rains. From the way lt looks now not much progress will be made on any of the work in these parts for awhile. . . . It is expected that bids will be called on sewer

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fire roads and fire breaks. ing." . . . Still building on his home Cousins and Cliff Wilson the crew. of dirt. at Woodacre in spare moments and weekends

Bro. Bill Pierce, superintendent for Piombo Construction at the Sears Point project, advises he "hopes to fight it through" with pulls and cats. . . . All equipment floating at present writing.

Nick De La Montanya, the roving land-leveller from Sonoma way, has disposed of his N.W. 25 and it is likely he's in the market for a Buckrus 20. In the meantime, he has taken on some more cats and will be busy in the Ignacio area on a 600-acre clearing deal for some time to come.

Bro. Jim Lewis of the Silverado Trail, if not busy building damsis busy doing some dam thing ... Jim is in the market for an "8" and has lots of work lined up.

The office manager for the Geo. Slinsen Co. of Napa, Mr. Bennet, is confined to his home with a broken ankle. . . . How's about nailing down the rugs? . . . Or spreading a yard of sand?

Bro. R. J. Andrade is master mechanic for the Slinsen spread and everything is ready to go when weather permits . . . with plenty of work.

Harold Smith of St. Helena is

... Bro. Jack Rowe is on the hot

plant and Bros. Anderson as fire-Bros. Dave Bennet working the next few months. crusher and J. C. Voss electrical and general utility. . . . Bro. Harry work where Jim Kennedy is superintendent on the project representing the Basalt interests.

C. M. Syar of Vallejo has several small jobs to complete in the Vallejo area and also El Camino St. in Napa. . . . Bro. Curly Williams and Bro. Herman Cecil pilot the members around. . . . Bro. Teter

the shop, . . . Syar is fixing his just ears out, equipment with other than paint this year, it seems. Also buying cats and after repairing them and peddling. . . . Always felt "Tony" would end this way.

The Brothers Tom and Don Mc-Clean from Concord way laying 7,000 feet of six-inch water line for Stanley Kohler, Napa area. High School job in Santa Rosa. Brother Don is foreman and Bro. Don Messer is operating the trencher. . . . Expect to be finished as this comes off the pressunless some extensions on job.

Huntington Bros. of Napa are repairing in the shop and working walked in the office after his third busy (when the steelheads aren't when weather permits. They have running) getting his gravel plant contracted to get out material for Things must be good there. . .

Bro. Sam Temple of Okinawa writes in things are humming man and Fitch on the box, with there with plenty expected for the

William Rapp Co. of Santa Rosa were awarded the \$49,000 sewage Delfino taking care of the cat disposal plant at Sebastopol . . . going right along in the local area. Carey Bros. of San Rafael were low on the 40,000 yards for the VonRotz Housing at Santa Ventia, with Bros, Johnny Lapp and Willie Carey on the shovel.

B. Miles Thomas making good progress on sewer job at Napa... Bros. L. A. Woolridge and Chadis master mechanic, with help in wick wading around in mud with

McGuire & Hester, with Bros. C. B. Booth and R. C. Burch, doing Telephone Co. job at Napa.

Coutts Steel Erector Co., with Bros. Walt Vorpahl and H. E. Mountain as crew on the truck crane working on small setting steel job at the Francis Junior

Bro. Joe Dixon writes in from Erie, Kansas, that things are slow as in California. . . . Wonder when he will pop in at the office.

Just as this is being finished, the "annual" L. L. Oldaker just completed hitch on Guam. . . into production . . . don't think Perlite Products Corp., Inc. . . . Maybe the fourth is coming up.

ROLLS HER OWN - What to wear while lolling in the Palm Springs, Calif., sun is no problem -suits, that is-and on her they are just right.

remodeling work in this locality very shortly in the approximate amount of \$60,000.

Moss Landing

Stone & Webster's P.G.&E. job at Moss Landing has resumed operations after a two and a half duy tie up due to difficulties between the Plumbers and Boilermakers. At the present time complete harmony seems to prevail among our 76 engineers employed on this project. (Maybe we shouldn't talk too loud.) No doubt most of the brothers know, this huge electric plant is one of the world's largest steam plants and the 1600 employees representing many different crafts are making real progress on this job. C. C. Moore Co., who have the contract for assembling the six Babcox-Wilcox Water Tube Boilers for this project, just recently ran a test on two of those completed and they received a 100 per cent rating.

Monterey - Carmel

Hester-McGuire of Oakland have finished their sewer job in this town and have moved to other regions. . . . Val Valkenburgh is just about complete with his pipe lob in Carmel. This has been a tough one. . . Granite has resumed upenations on their Del Monte Avenue job and are going ahead as fast as for Joan Olander. She rolls her own possible in order to release the equipment being used on this job (Continued on Page 12)

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San Francisco-WORK SAN FRANCISCO OUT OF LIST STILL UP IN HUNDRE By PAT CLANCY and RUSSELL SWANSON

Business Representatives, Local 3

The San Francisco out of work list up to this time has been rising steadily but with all reports should be at its peak now and should be starting on the down hill grind any one of these days. There have been a number of contracts awarded throughout the jurisdiction of Local No. 3 and it is our belief that within a short period of time the members who want to work will be able to do so even though the job may not be in their back yards.

The weather man has been giving the farmers a break but as far as construction is concerned, the ground is still wet and it makes it impractical for the contractors to begin operations. A number of contracts have been awarded but the contractors are biding their time in order that they may go that as soon as Eaton and Smith right ahead, once their job is started, without the hindrance of unfavorable weather.

Around the Jobs

Even though the out-of-work list is or seems to be at its peak there are a number of the brothers who are fairly steadily employed on the various jobs around town.

The M & K Corp. tunnel job is progressing very nicely and at the present time they are working on a three-shift basis on one heading and have gone in about 300 feet. M & K are also doing some work on other jobs throughout the city. The North Point sewage treatment plant shows progress but has run into a little difficulty. The earth is slowly pushing some of their forms Housing job is going very smoothly the wrong way and that has required the contractors to go to a lot of additional expense in order to prevent this. At the present time the Sailors' Hall job is behind schedule but that is mostly due to the weather.

Eaton and Smith have their shop in full blast and within a short time will move their yard from Ocean avenue to their property off of Third street where they are leveling the land and preparing to erect a new plant. The California street and Sacramento street track removal jobs are in full operation but the weather has slowed them up a lot. Also Eaton and Smith have other equipment scattered and working throughout the city.

Chas. L. Harney - as usual have a number of jobs going on around town with their pipe job on Brannon street being about the largest. The shop has also been keeping a number of our brothers busy.

Lowrie paving has scattered jobs around town and their shop is continuing to employ some of our brothers.

The Atkinson-Harney freeway dirt work ich has about run out of

the weather but at the present time is going right along on their Juniper Creek Overpass job.

Islais Creek Job

Duncanson and Haroldson are winding up their job on Islais wants to exclude some part of our Creek bridge and it is expected members from the contract profinish the approaches the bridge will be opened. The opening date is expected to be around March 1.

Fay Improvement is about finishresurfacing job along San Bruno avenue.

Ken Royce has recently let a few men go from the shop because of the shortage of incoming work.

Swinerton and Walberg Standard Oil building job is going right along and the members working there expect to keep their names off of the out-of-work list for a little while, anyway.

Devincenzi and Haskins move their rigs around so fast that you are liable to see them in most any part of the town.

The Dinwiddie Metropolitan at the present time but any time that there is a little rain means that the operations are suspended.

Floyd Watson has his rigs working on the Stoneson job and at the present time the rigs are filling in some land which will eventually be a parking lot for the business section that is expected to be there in the near future.

Personal louch

The information as to the brothers, both going and coming from the various overseas jobs is very limited.

Walter Visen recently has gone to South America for a short stay but we are not certain what contractor he is going to work for.

Chas Schank has been seen around town again after being in the Persian Gulf for approximately two years. Vincent J. Gutton completed his

contract at Arabia after staying tack to our sister unions in other for 18 months.

Case Zuarte and Don Easter are once again on the mainland after working at Formosa for the past year with Marsman.

It would be very much appreated if some of the members who



Bay Sateway Strikers Ask Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We urgently need your help.

We are on strike against Safeway Stores in three Bay Area counties to protect our jobs and our unions.

Safeway has embarked on a union-smashing campaign that threatens the very foundation of our unions, threatens the protection we have had under union contracts since 1937.

Safeway wants to use non-union employees to fill our jobs under conditions. Safeway non-union tection they have had for more than 12 years-the same contract protection enjoyed by clerks and managing clerks in every other grocery store in these three couned with their track removal and ties. Safeway wants to deny some of us the right to bargain collectively through unions of our own choosing.

Safeway is in a position to back its union-smashing demands by drawing on the resources of its hundreds of stores throughout California and in half the states of the nation. Its enormous wealth and influence can be used to smash us and our unions who are, after all, only a relatively small handful of employees.

For our part, we simply want genuine assurance that any employee performing clerk's work will receive union wages, hours and conditions. It's that simple.

We look to you, as members and friends of organized labor and as fair-minded Californians, to give us the strength to match Safeway's millions.

Here are three ways you can help:

1. We urge you: DON'T shop at Safeway. Ask your friends and your families not to shop at Safeway, Every dollar spent in a Safeway store buys ammunition for Safeway's attack on our unions.

2. We need financial support to carry on our strike. Some of us have been on strike for nearly five months. The burden is increasingly great. We need help,

3. Read our appeal at your membership meeting-post it on your bulletin board-publish it in your newspaper or bulletin. Spread the word in any way you can.

Even now, Safeway is laying the groundwork for extending its atareas of the state. Without your help, Safeway most certainly will renew its offensive. With your help -with the help of organized labor throughout California, the Safeway

attack can be defeated. Can we count on you? Fraternally yours, STRIKING SAFEWAY EMPLOYEES San Francisco Alameda County Contra Costa County

Stockton-FARMINGTON DAM IS STARTED; WILL STOP FLOODS IN STOCKT By ED DORAN, GLENN DOBYNS, C. L. CASEBOLT

Business Representatives, Local 3

The Farmington Dam is designed to stop floods such as inundated portions of Stockton during this last rainfall. We hope that they start this job so that we will not have a repeat of this same situation. As I understand it, they will call for bids some time this month on the dam. The four story control tower on the intake channel is almost complete. The dam itself will run from foothill to foothill, a distance of 7800 feet.

Barrett & Hilp Construction Co. of San Francisco, have a sewer job in Empire with Brother Frank Jackson, Jr., as superintendent, William R. Taylor on the blade, James Walker operating the trencher and Lloyd Gustrce as the oiler.

Kovick Bros. Construction Co. of Fresno, have 35,000 feet of sewer in Riverbank to lay with about 50 days' working time involved. Bro. Mike Batrich is the master mechanic; Tom Butler is operating the trenching machine with Bill Hinchman as the oiler.

Joseph Gallagher Construction Co. from San Francisco also have a sewer job in Empire. Brother Daniel Leo Trade is the superintendent and Brother Geo. B. Haywood is operating the trenching machine and Brother John Bolls is on the cat.

Claude C. Wood Co. of Lodi is digging the footage for the sewage disposal plant at Woodbridge, M. E. Hayes is operating the rig for Woods.

United Concrete Pipe Co. of Stockton, under the supervison of Barney Bell, has completed the excavation on the freeway at Keyes. They have the steel forms for the paving of this job-as soon as the weather permits they will get started on it. They have laid off all the crew except one that they will keep around for odds and ends left to be done.

As yet the PG&E has given no indication as to when they intend to start the Bear river job, above Jackson. The access roads have been built and the camp set up for this job. The job will consist of are all set to go.

NO FLOODS-SOCIALISM

The Ohio, the Wabash and the Mississippi Rivers have made 1950. already one of the worst flood years in history. Thousands of persons in the river valleys have suffered and lost their hemes. Millions of dollars in damage has been done. Precious top soil has washed away.

The Missouri and Columbia Rivers also have threatened to spill over their banks. In the past five years, those two streams have flooded millions of acres and done billions of dollars in damage.

Residents living along the Tennessee River, however, don't have to fear floods. Why? The answer, of course, is the Tennessee Valley Authority.

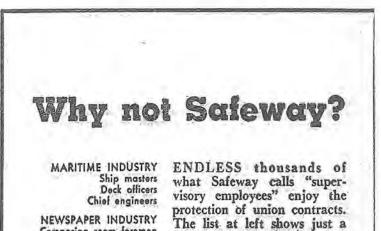
We have been told that TVA is impractical. That it is pie-in-thesky stuff. That it is "socialism" for the Government to operate hydroelectric projects and to control floods.

Question for Congressmen from other river valleys: Which is better, living in "socialism" or in water? -(LLPE).

a tunnel 6x8 feet and 17,000 feet long and an earth-fill dam and a power house.

"Hard Rock" Johnson's job on the Carson Pass will not start until the snow melts. The clearing for this job was completed last fall.

George France road job, below Jamestown, will not start until the weather clears. They have moved in several pieces of equipment and



and is now ready to start raising the iron.

The McDonald Young and Nelson and M&K job on the sludge plant is going right along. Raythe foundation work on that project.

The Walsh and Pomeroy Sewer job, has just begun operations.

Granite Construction has been this coming year. hindered somewhat on account of

are now on some foreign job would write occasionally and let us know how much work there is and just what is going on. This information could then be printed and spread mond Concrete Pipe Co. is doing to other members who are very much interested.

Don't forget, brothers, your blood is still needed, and don't forget hotel is located at 725 Geary Blvd. job, which is adjacent to the above the New Year's resolution about giving at least one pint of blood

Lyle Atkinson called in a while

back and informed us that he has gone into the hotel business. The and he also informs us that he does have some rooms available. Good luck, Lyle, and we hope you make a go of it.

If the operator of the boiler that sits off of Bayshore Blvd. was wondering where his wood for firing the boiler disappeared-well, maybe we can enlighten him a bit. It seems as though an operator was sent out to fire-up a boiler one Sunday morning and he received the wrong directions. Being as that was the only boiler that could be seen-that is the one that was fired-up and the mistake wasn't corrected until the contractor who was supposed to have the man got worried and did a little telephoning. The mistake was corrected and the man did finally get on the right job.

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Earthworms feed upon the organic matter in the soil, adding fertility to it and improving its physical condition by its underground borings; they are eyeless, legless faceless, earless and voiceless.

Composing room foremen Pressroom foremen Photo-engraving foremen Mailing room foremen

BUILDING TRADES All foremen handling tools AIR TRANSPORT Airline pilots

ENTERTAINMENT Motion picture directors Screen writers Orchestra leaders Radio directors

RAILWAYS Terminal yardmasters Freight train and passenger train conductors

> TRANSPORT Route supervisors

FOOD Butcher foremen, retail Butcher foremen, packing Bread route supervisors. Milk route supervisors

few.

IT'S an old American custom: when a man works at a trade, be belongs to - and bargains through - the union of his. trade.

YET . . . Safeway is using its enormous economic power to deprive managing clerks of the contract protection they have had since 1937,

SAFEWAY's purpose is to divide our unions, weaken them in their efforts to protect the jobs of all Safeway clerks.

WE ask merely that employees who do clerk's work receive full protection of the union contract covering their trade.

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Washington.-Here is one of the many attractive first day covers of the Samuel Gompers commemorative stamp issue. The cover belongs to T. J. Borucki, Berwyn, Ill., a member of Division 241 of the AFL Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes. Mr. Borucki has asked AFL President William Green to autograph the envelope. These covers, without address, sold for 50 cents each and up on the first day. Mr. Borucki's will be enhanced in value by Mr. Green's autograph.

Sacramento-FIRST THAW HITS CAPITAL AREA; DAM, PORT JOBS MOVE By E. P. PARK and H. S. CLARK

Business Representatives, Local 3

Bids were opened January 31, 1950, on another small unit of work at the Folsom Dam site. At this writing the contract has not been awarded. Out of seventeen bidders Hawley and Ramlose submitted the low of \$236,043. The Engineers' estimate was \$331,450 and the highest bid submitted ran \$545.-243. This job will not do a great deal to alleviate the unemployment problem that faces us at present, but along with the prospects of additional work being advertised in the near future it is encouraging.

The Port District will open bids on February 16, 1950, for railroad construction into the Port area. The U.S. Engineers were expected to call for bids for additional channel work in connection with this project sometime this month but to date this is still just an expectation.

As yet, no word is forthcoming out of Washington regarding appropriations for this area so both the Federal and State picture remains practically the same as reported last month.

Harms Bros. Shop was providing shelter for a few of the boys during all wet weather we have been having. Brother G. R. Mc-Farland, Foreman, and Brothers William Halloway, Bob Jones and Joe Rodgers, mechanics, were all in from outside jobs.

Some of the boys in Teichert's Gravel Plants manage to keep fairly busy throughout the winter. At the Del Paso plant the foreman is Brother Art Beckwith. Brothers for the City of Sacramento. Glen Pritchard, Guido Del Bucchia, Roy Addison, Billy Stark, H. W. Warne and E. Robinson make up the crew.

At the Perkins plant Brother Al Newman is the foreman. Other Brothers on the job are Frank Groska, Jack Carwin, J. W. Allen, James Bettencourt, Carl Fletcher, Carl Baker, Gus Newman, Norman Moreland and Benny Ellsworth.

The number of Engineers in the Perkins Shop fluctuates according to the work. Foreman Brother Red Batchelor and Brothers Virgil Wimmer and Harry Nitche comprise the crew at this writing.

Out at the McGillivray Shop Foreman Brother Bill Hogg is keeping a few of the Brothers busy. Gordon Hanna, Flyod Briggs, Herb Erickson, Bill Austin and Johnny Bakken make up this crew.

Auburn Job Moves

Brother Pete Pace is operating the only piece of equipment moving on the Westbrook & Pope job at Auburn. Pete is doing the maintaining on the blade. Three mechanics are on the job doing repair work on the equipment, namely: Brothers Vern Curtis, Jerry Aldridge and Kenneth McKinney. H.

The Fred J. Early job in Davis rolls along with Brothers Bob May, Leo Wright, Harry Foster and Burt May on the equipment. Brothers Ernie Batchell and George Holtz are on one of Bill Terrell's trenching machines running ditches on the Davis campus.

Pacific Coast Aggregates are running two shifts out of Fair Oaks. The following Brothers are on this job: L. Stevens, A. Gagnon, B. Bothun, S. Stevens, E. L. Janes, Leroy Stark, Wilber Vaught, Jim Bates, C. Mavy, Ralph Roediger, Charles Baumgardner, Herman Sandner, Leroy Gingrich, Carl Hagquist, Clarence Johnson, Ed Hicks, Dennis Flint, Sam Fisher, George Rollin, Orvis Straw and Wilbert Butcher.

Bids Opened and Contracts Awarded

Erickson Construction Co. was the low bidder on three alley jobs

A contract has been awarded to the Campbell Construction Co. for the construction of resident halls on the Davis campus. The amount was \$872.967.

Low bidder for construction of the tubercular ward at the Sacramento County Hospital was How ard S. Markwart at \$55,490.

Lawrence Construction Co. has been awarded a contract in the amount of \$45,224 for the construction of a new classroom building at the Pleasant Grove School. A contract in the amount of \$146,000 has been awarded to Arthur Odman for the construction of a six classroom and shop addition to the San Juan School.

Louis Biasotti & Son of Stockton were awarded the contract for grading on the grounds of the Rio Vista High School. Their contract is for \$8,442.

Bids have been opened for bank protection work at ten sites along the Sacramento River and Three Mile Slough. Blake Bros. of Richmond submitted the low bid of \$24,763.

A contract in the amount of \$126,413 has been awarded the Lawrence Construction Co. for construction of the new school in the River Park district.

G. S. Harrington submitte

ENGINEERS' NEWS

Peninsula-**Heavy Rains Delay** Starting of Big **Construction** Jobs By CHET ELLIOTT

Business Representative, Local 3

Due to the severe weather conditions which has placed our rainfall far above normal for this time of year the beginning of several large construction projects which have already been awarded to various contractors in this area have been delayed.

At the airport the Morrison-Knudsen Company are operating with a small crew of heavy-duty repairmen getting some of the equipment in shape for their job. The best information this servant of the members of Local No. 3 has been able to obtain from Project Manager, Mr. O. H. Tucker, as to the actual date when the work will be started and under full production will be March 1st, to March 15th. At that time this firm plans on employing 125 to 150 members of the Engineers Union.

awarded to United Concrete Pipe and Artukovich has also been delayed on account of weather conditions, and the acquiring of right of way. However, this representative has been informed that when the heavy rains are over this job will get under way.

The bids will be opened on Thursday the 16th of February for the extension of Junipero Serra Boulevard from its present terminus at Sneath Lane to Crystal Springs road in San Bruno. This work consists of moving a million yards of dirt and is a Cat job operation which will keep many of our catskinners and jeep operators busy throughout the year.

At Menlo Park the San Mateo Road Department with Brother Curly Bourne in charge are busy clearing the right-of-way for improving and realigning of Alpine Road from Alameda De Las Pulgas to Portola, in an estimate prepared by County Engineer "Cap" Grant, San Mateo County recommends the expenditure of six million dollars for the building of bridges and improvement of County roads. This plan calls for realignment and paving of Alpine Road, Portola Road, Alameda De Las Pulgas, Jefferson Avenue Cordilleras. Middlefield and many others which will provide a livelihood for many members of Local No. 3.

Quarries Are Busy

During the past few weeks the rock quarries in this area have been the scene of renewed activity. The Brisbane Rock Company, Rockaway Quarry, Ken Royce Company, Whipple Road Quarry, and others are operating at full capacity.

With the coming of a new boom

Eureka-STORMY, WET WEATHER ON NORTH COAST, BUT OUTLOOK IS GOOD By OTTO NEVER and M. W. EDWARDS

Business Representatives, Local 3

In the Redwood District there is still plenty of obnoxious weather including snow and an abundance of rain.

Macco-M. & K. Co. had expected to have a shovel or two working by this time, but so far nothing has happened. In my last conversation with Supt. McDonald, he had hoped to have a new quarry site approved and to start clearing the overburden.

I note that Congress has recommended a million dollars for further work on the Crescent City jetty for this year. Also, just what Dutton will do on their dock at Crescent City remains to be seen. However, it's a sure thing they won't start driving any piling until the weather improves. They have bought considerable land for their mill site and seem anxious to get started. We understand that there will be considerable piledriving on the new mill and it will cost about \$600,000 when completed.

We were successful in getting the Bank of America to release The pipe line job which has been their lien on C. E. Johnson's money due him from the Department of Public Works. This money was due some of the brothers as wages on the job near Hiouchi last summer. Brothers Scotty Jenkins, Percy Fletcher, and August Senestraro were some of the brothers we recovered wages for. Total amount recovered was in excess of \$1400.

A. C. Johnson & Son were successful bidders on the new school at Klamath, Bid was for \$134,995. At the time this issue of the news was being written, the award had not yet been made. If awarded, work should start immediately.

be let in the previous issue of the news. Any work on these jobs probably will not start before April 15. However, Piombo's job at Orick has had a few slides and this work may be pushed so that the surfacing can be let. This looks like the only might be started in the immediate future.

Burman & Sons have been doing school jobs in Eureka and Arcata, but both jobs won't take over ten days to complete.

Mercer Fraser Co. has slowed down and laid off a couple of old timers but we understand not for long. It seems to the writer that to be laid off.

Fred J. Maurer & Son are doing some sheet piling work at the Coast Guard Station at Fairhaven. This company has been doing a good job in keeping its crews busy. Brothers Joe Smith, Ray Gilbert, and Tex Barker are part of the regular crew.

clears. Carlin Bros. are also on the prowl-for jobs. I mean. Reed and Tuttle signed a contract with Local 3. This organization has always paid the scale but were reluctant to sign. They are

building a bridge and approach near Ferndale, as well as doing a small job near Fort Seward. Reed, Jr., carries a card in Local 3. Brother Ray Gilbert's wife passed away and was buried here in Eure-

ka last Monday. She leaves Brother Ray and two young daughters. Our sympathies go to Ray and his children.

Work in the woods is still slack. However, the outlook is good, and no doubt we will see between six and seven thousand men employed in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties in the mills and woods operations. Several new mills are being built in the Eureka vicinity and should be in operation by late summer.

The Barker Corporation is mostly building roads at present, but some logs continue to reach the mill. This is a good logging company and they can get wood if anybody can. Of course there are some Local 3 men on the job. It could be they have something to do with it.

There will be an election for the bargaining rights at Northern You were advised of the jobs to Redwood Lumber Co., Korbel, California, this month. It is a question which way it will go, due partly to the fact that the high rate of turnover of employees makes it very hard to organize, and partly to the Lumber & Sawmill Workers' strike of 7 months duration. That dirt-moving job of any size that has left a bad taste in many a mouth. However, we know that under our jurisdiction there should be no reason why the entire operaa little dirt-moving on the two tions shouldn't run as smooth as silk.

Brother Leno Pelascini is now home from the hospital where he has had lots of attention from the nurses for the past three months. We are glad to see Leno on the up-and-around list again. Brother in these times, one day is too long Hap Horton, hook tender for Barker Corp., will probably undergo another operation on what is left of his index finger.

Ned Valentin is about to start logging again after several months of inactivity. Brother Dean Langford is also going back in the logging business. Brother Dean is an excellent logger himself, so no

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Work continues, between rains, on the Brown and Brennan job on the Forest Hill Road out of Auburn. Approximately the same crew is on the job but, needless to say, they're not geeting in much time.

The Cassey & Case Foundation Co. have moved a drill rig into Auburn on the telephone building. Brothers Relder Scribner and Roy Brawley are on the rig.

At Grass Vailey, Stolte, Inc., are just about finished with their sewer project. Brother Harry Browning is the only engineer left on the job.

F. T. Bastian of Grass Valley has recently signed on agreement with Local No. 3. This company has also just completed a new piece of equipment, a sixteen ton transport.

Out in Yolo Brothers Floyd Duncan, Homer Kerr, Pedro Savala and Edward Martinez manage to following a recent operation. keep busy at the Kerr Gravel plant.

W. C. Railing is setting up a new plant along the banks of an automobile accident early in Cache Creek near Yolo. Brothers December. R. H. Railing, Fred Burger and Tom Earhus are on the payroll on the sick list for the past month. at the present time.

w bid for the construction of the in apartment and home building rmory and Exhibit Building at uburn at \$114,435.

Bids have been opened on conruction of transmission lines from Elverta to Perkins, part of the Central Valley Project. Erickson, Phillips & Weisberg were low at \$170,325 for construction of the foundations and erection of the steel towers. Donavan Construction Co. and James Construction Co. submitted a low bid of \$199,188 for the stringing of conductors and overhead ground wires.

Bids have been opened for a Sewage Collection, Outfall and Treatment Plant at Bryte, Low bidders were as follows: Collection Sewers: Lentz Construction Co., \$102,303; Force Main: A. Teichert & Sons, \$18,467; Sewage Treatment Plant and Pumping Station: P. J. Artukovich, \$36,11; Oxidation Ponds: P. J. Artukovich, \$7,920.

Personal Mention

Brother Leon Ermintinger is back on the job for Lord & Bishop Brother Ray Cochrane has recovered from injuries received in

Brother Max Pickard has been (Continued on Page 10)

projects the building material yards are operating at full capacity in-

suring steady employment to our worthy brothers who are engaged in the operation of these plants. At Half-Moon Bay the Eugene Alvis Construction Company have started work with a small crew of men, clearing land on their State Highway Construction project. While visiting this job your representative contacted Brother J. C. Whited who will be in full charge of this work and was informed by Brother Whited that he was moving in a couple of cats and as soon as some pioneering was completed they would be in a position to employ several engineers. The David Bohannon Company at South San Mateo have begun operations on a new four million dollar_real estate development program. L. C. Smith was the low bidder for the grading and street work

The local contractors in this area, including Frank Smith, J. O. Archibald, Bragato Bros., Sperry & Mc-Cue, Douglas & Woodhouse and many others have a full season's work laid out ahead of them. From

looks prosperous.

Mateo booster show the population ers, and act accordingly!

Brothers Jack Thompson and doubt he will be successful in the Tom Wilbur are keeping busy for venture.

John Petersen, most of the time doing reclamation and drainage work.

Brother Tom Hull hasn't received any new work lately and the continual rains have held him up somewhat. His outfit is working whenever weather permits. Mercer Fraser were low bidder on the Arcata sewer disposal job and are starting work immediately. We stopped by to watch a civil service test the other day and saw Brother Pat Furnish taking an oral test. It went like this: Examiner: "Can you read

stakes?" Pat: "Yes".

Examiner: "Spell straight".

Pat: "s-t-r-a-i-g-h-t".

Examiner: "Correct. What does it mean"?

Pat: "Without gingerale."

We think Pat should be rated 100 per cent.

Brother Louie Conner is still marking time, but is scouting around for jobs when the weather

of San Mateo has jumped more than three thousand in 1949, to a all indications the future of the new record high of 41,615 persons. operating engineer in this area | It is estimated that this figure will reach the 100,000 mark by 1960. Statistics computed by a San Be guided by these figures broth-

Olympia, Wash. - Hard - pressed veterans rushed to apply for their state bonuses at a pace reflecting the impact of heavy unemployment

vets Rush Bonus

here, reports to the state auditor showed. Within two days after applications were made available, 75 per

cent of eligible veterans had processed the forms. They will get \$10 for each month served within the continental limits of the U.S. between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, and \$15 for each month overseas during that period.

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Boss Denham Again

Washington-NLRB Gen. Counsel Robert N. Denham dipped into his Taft-Hartley bag and came out with a petition for a court injunction to force the United Mine Workers to bargain with the nation's bituminous operators on their terms.

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Check Accidents. - Check your speed and double check your driving habits. Bad traffic accident record often can be traced to bad driving habits.

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Ukiah-Only Good Side Of Bad Weather The renewal of the contract for the Basalt Rock Co. of By A. R. McCAFFREY Napa, Calif., is another milestone in the successful working Business Representative, Local 3

of the Technical Engineers and the Operating Engineers We have had snow, wind, rain, Amalgamation. In the new contract covering the mechanical and sleet throughout this whole area for some time, but at last it engineers of that firm added conditions of six paid holidays were won for the union members in this plant. This is another has done some good. The good old storms have started a job on the example of Tec. Engineer with courage and the strength of Masonite Road. The brothers have their convictions gaining in wages and conditions by the mere been looking forward to this work since winter began. Well, "Old Man Winter is really here, and the Engineers are hired brains, not muck on the Masonite Road is by the Civil Service Commission for hired help. The amount of creative sliding in almost faster than the brothers can handle it. This job ideas in a man's mind cannot be constrained, averaged, and sold as a for Mr. Arthur Siri will keep a package by a union. The number few of the brothers busy throughof bricks a pair of hands can buy, out the winter months.

Talmadge Road

There's at least one too many curves in the Talmadge road, and the Division of Highways is surveying the road to straighten it quence of some one else's labors. If out.

Just east of the bridge across the Russian river is a smaller bridge across a stream and an abrupt curve leads to this bridge. Surveyors are this week completing studies of the road leading to the bridge, land contours, adjacent fast. But incompetence seeks a building, and vineyards preparatory to making a recommendation to the Division of Highway headquarters in Eureka.

Richard Keeble, chief of the party, said that maps will be drawn of the area and that division officials will decide whether they will build a new bridge or make other changes.

The new Drive-In Theater project in Ukiah is on its way. The Nevada Construction Company has moved in two pieces of equipment, and are working whenever the weather permits.

Judson Pacific & Murphy has started to set the steel on the Salmon Creek bridge, which means we will have a job putting in the approaches which are approximately one mile of new grade.

Arthur Siri Construction Company's crushing job at Gualala has slowed down due to high water.

Practically all operations are down in the woods at this time, but the prospects look good when

O'Connor Brothers job north of Ukiah is covered with water, and it doesn't look like they will be able to do anything for another two months.

Brother George J. Ernst, an old timer of Local 3 has taken over the Union Oil Station Hopland. He would be glad to see any of the boys drop in.

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Be sure you are registered so er you are driving too fast is 10 you may vote. You are eligible to compare your speed with that of vote if you are 21 years old, been the majority of cars on the road. in the state one year, in the coun-If you are passing up most of ty 90 days and in your precinct 40 them, then you're probably driv- days just prior to an election. Of ing too fast, says the California course, you must also be a U.S. Highway Patrol. citizen.

Marysville-Moving Road Muck RAIN, SNOW, HIGH WATER SLOW THINGS UP IN NORTH VALLEY By WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT.

Business Representatives, Local 3

Rains of torrential nature in the Valley have slowed up some work and some has completely stopped at this writing.

Feather River Canyon has had lots of snow. However, this project is about over and we don't have but few operators left there. It has been a good job for Local 3 members for the past 24 to 28 months. This office receives quite a few letters from the men who were employed on this job and we are happy to know they remember us.

Kelly Bros. had to shut their levee job down near Colusa on the Sacramento River due to high water and much rain. Jim Kelly said they would start up again about May 1 if all goes well.

Frank Corbett Company has a \$70,000 contract to build some grain silos for the Sacramento River Warehouse Company at Grimes, California.

A. Till Company has a few engineers employed on the Colgate Tunnel job at Dobbins. This has been an on again off again job due to lack of rain and then too much rain.

H. Earl Parker has a few men in the shop on repair work, but no outside construction or land leveling right now.

Rice Bros. keep a few men busy around their shop and gravel plant.

New York Machine shop in Oroville have a small crew busy.

Kaiser Gravel Plant keeps a steady crew busy and are always willing to cooperate with us in any way they can.

Sign New Agreements

It has been our pleasure the past month to sign up agreements with Davis Gravel Plant in Marysville. R. G. Hutsell of Colusa, Feather River Sand & Gravel of Gridley and Roy Mathews Gravel Plant in Gridley. All this was accomplished with the help and assitance of Brother Tom O'Connor of Teamsters Local 137.

Ed Curtis has some rigs around Colusa, however, he and all other land levelling contractors are shut down at present.

Butte Creek Rock Co. of Chico, Calif., have added two ready mix trucks to their regular work and that means our shovel runner and plant crews will have to dig out more gravel.

E. T. Haas Co. have been doing some repair work for the water company of Oroville.

O'Connor Bros. of Red Bluff have a grammar school at Live Oak, California.

One of the young old timers of the gold dredge industry passed on. Bert J. Sylvester, former dredge

master and winchman at Hammonton for the past 31 years was paid final tribute by his many friends. He was 53 years old.

Natomas, Dredge No. 6, located in Blue Ravine, has been dismantled. This rig is being moved from the future site of Folsom Dam to a new field some 20 miles south of its present workings.

Yuba Dredge No. 4, working south of Chico has, after a complete overhaul again started dredging. Ben Page is dredgemaster.

Biggs No. 3 has been tied up for repairs. Giggs are being placed on this rig.



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Wire - Rope Splicing and Socketing Agents for

fire an employe for incompetence. The employees' money buys his services, yet once he's hired, he can't be fired for incompetence. Who then is clamoring for unionization of engineers, besides the diocre engineer, the one who cannot get ahead by his own merit and worth. It is the engineer whose mind is already burdened down by

Engineers

Architects

Draftsmen

By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

process of joining the Operating Engineers.

The compensation schedules pro-

posed to the Board of Supervisors

the Municipal Employees of the

City and County of San Francisco

were released February 11. There

are the recommendations made by

the Civil Service Commission for

the salary rates for the year 1950.

The only changes recommended

for T. E. C. Engineers rates were

a \$10.00 raise in the Draftsman and

Senior Dratfsman rates, \$20.00

raise in the Junior Engineer, \$20.00

Assistant Engineer Class I and II.

No recognition was given our Land

Surveyors contract and by doing so

the Civil Service Commission con-

tinues to flout the law that requires

the highest prevailing rate by paid.

These still remains a showdown

fight before the Tec Engineer be-

comes established above that of a

Things should begin to stir in the

construction field with housing

domestic help.

altruism and self sacrifice for others. In doing this he is not raising the laggers up to his level, but he is lowering himself down to their level.

can and is constrained, averaged,

and sold as a package by a union.

An engineer should rise on his

own merits and not as a conse-

he is ambitious, hardworking, and

if he has an agile, fertile mind, he

can bypass others who are com-

An engineer is an individualist

supreme. If his plans are successful

the credit is his. This system elim-

inates incompetence remarkably

comeback behind "the grievance

committee." It is an intermediate

between your boss and you; they

give the boss the picture as a

whole, but not your personal griev-

It's called a brick layer.

placent and inert.

The independent engineer can use a more powerful bargaining agent than any union. His bargaining agent is his own ability and past record. It is as good or as bad as he makes it.

If the mediocre engineers organize without the better than average engineer in their ranks they will get nowhere. The choice is up to you. Will you bet on YOUR-SELF or a union bargaining agent? - The Minnesota Technolog, De-

cember, 1949.

A good way to determine wheth-

leading the way. Many projects are ances; only you can do this. The merely waiting a dry spell to get grievance committee tells an emunder way. The land surveyor ployer whether he can or cannot firms report many low cost housing projects on their books and prospects for a busy summer ahead. MOSS LANDING, ANTIOCH The big P.G.&E. jobs at Moss Landing and Antioch move steadily ahead. The Anderson Dam job at Morgan Hill is to be let in March, unions themselves? It is the mewith a suit pending to force the Santa Clara Water Conservation District to pay the prevailing rate.

This suit is being brought by the Santa Clara Building Trades Council on behalf of all the trades and should have a far reaching effect in the technical engineering field. In this particular setup field assistents get \$11.00 a day with straight time for Saturday.

The following article was taken from the magazine, American Engineer and submitted herewith as a prime example of egotistical ignorance.

"The trouble with you engineers is that you fancy yourselves as professional men. Actually you are just hired help." In this way, Mathew Woll of the A. F. of L. spoke the unions' view of engineers. This is the oldest formula for subjugation known. Convince a man he is no better than the rest, and his work will be no better than the worst.

Destroy man's faith in himself

spring arrives.

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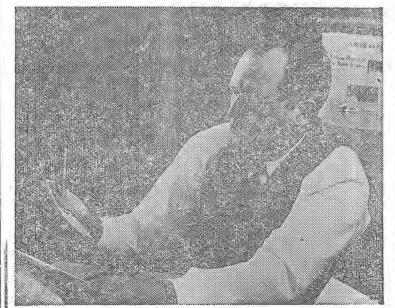
and supplant it with a belief in numbers. The mass is right. Supplant promotion on ability for promotion on seniority. Trade starting salaries based on potential ability for a starting union scale.

An engineer, this includes all technological persons, lives on the frame of his mind and is fully dependent on it. The mind must be free from regulation to probe and sift. A person's hands can be readily controlled, but the mind is more elusive; but have no fear, it can be controlled; and ambition, the mind's motor, can rust with the rain of mediocrity.

A fascinating account of the battle of ability against mediocrity of an individual's talent against the united common average is contained at THE FOUNTAIN HEAD by Aym Rand, published by Bobbs Merrill. Read it to see how an engineer faces the challenge of the many. WHY NEED A UNION

An engineer does not need a union to plead his case to the employer. An engineer can point to his achievements and can say, "I have done this." "I have done that." He is distinguishable from any other engineer. He can show how he deserves better wages than another engineer, regardless of tenure. The working man needs a labor union to plead his case because there an individual is not distinguishable for his efforts from another.

Edwards Reads His Mail-Pro and Con



Nation-wide acclaim is greeting the newest commentator on the air, because of his fair, pleasant, forthright handling of the news-some-thing new to the listening public, which for years now has been listening to biased commentators' advice and then gone and voted the opposite. Edwards is shown above reading mail from his listeners, which has been pouring in heavily, thousands of cards and letters from all over the U.S. coming in each week. He is heard on most Mutual stations Monday through Friday at 10:15 p.m.

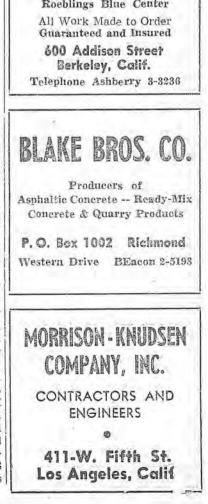


State Federation of Labor Attorney Charles Scully has requested a meeting with James Bryant of the Department of Employment to determine if a change is being effected in the basic State Employment Service policy with reference to union job cards.

The cards are issued to union members by their union officials to certify to the SES that the bearer is out of work in his particular line and entitled to unemployment insurance.

To date the system has worked to the advantage of all parties concerned by cutting red tape, making it unnecessary for an unemployed union man to certify that he is looking for work in some line for which he is not suited or for which he has little chance of qualifying.

The system prevents the SES from being used as a means of breaking down established union conditions. It was first proposed by State Federation officials and the unions which use it have cooperated vigirously with the SES in seeing that the card's use was not abused.



February, 15, 1950

ENGINEERS' NEWS

What's doing Oakland

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

OAKLANDERS, NOTICE!

GO TO THE POLLS ON FEB. 28th. Vote to keep Councilmen Joseph Smith, Ray Pease and Scott Weakley in office. They are fighting for the large construction program which means a bigger and better Oakland. DON'T LET THEIR RECALL GO THROUGH!

At this point there doesn't seem to be much use in mentioning the weather. Surely you are as tired of it as we are, what with rain, mud and more rain. In the Oakland area it has wet things down so thoroughly that, in some places, it seems that the hills are coming loose from their moorings. Several bad slides have been reported, but the most publicized and spectacular was the slipping of the cliff behind Belfast Avenue off Mountain Boulevard. Following approximately

two weeks of steady rain, rocks in the 120 foot cliff commenced It is adjacent to the new drive in breaking away and there was immediate danger of a mjor slide engulfing the houses at the bottom of the hill. Immediate action was necessary and the John McCosker Construction Company was called upon to handle the removal of the hazard. First step was construction of a berm 25 feet wide, running the length of the bank. Then a D'4 started working from the top, relieving pressure from the face of the cliff. Later with a D'8, acting as anchor cat, the '4 worked out and down on the precipice, carefully cutting back on the loose dirt. Brother Louie Duarte handled the big cat, Brother Harold Peterson manned the '4, while Brother Mitch Pereira took care of the cables and helped the operators with the touchy job. According to McCosker the immediate hazard has been removed, but work will continue for some time. A one and one-half to one slope will be completed along the full length of the bank to eliminate the possibility of a recurrence of the slide.

Getting Around the Jobs

Another slide, this one in the Narrows of the Niles Canyon Highway, dumped 700 tons of rock, trees and dirt into the roadway recently. The avalanche, termed by J. B. Mannix, state foreman of highway maintenance, the worst in the canyon since 1935, closed one side of the road for some time. At last report, however, the debris had been completely cleared away and two way traffic was moving again.

Parker Steffins and Pearce of San Francisco, successful bidders from High Street to Airport Road, for construction of a three story but there is considerable work re-U. C. Campus, have subbed the earth moving to Ace Excavators. There is approximately 5000 yards of dirt to remove and, weather permitting, the company has one cat, a shovel and a back hoe working on the project.

theater and the same equipment will be moved directly on to the new operation. At present the work will consist of leveling of 71,000 yards of earth, with more to come later.

M. Malfitano recently moved one cat and a dragline in on the old jetty on the Dutch Slough road. This contract consists of removal of about 4,000 yards of muck above the water line. The old bridge and connecting jetty were abandoned some time ago following the completion of the new span across the slough. H. F. Lauretzen will move a derrick barge in to remove the underwater portion of the jetty along with the old piling to complete the reopening of the channel.

M. G. M. Construction Company has three crews working on various pipeline jobs in the Contra Costa area. At present a considerable amount of time is taken up with scraping the good black mud off the wheels of the ditchers they are using, but even so they report progress. Brother E. G. Aston, who has been operating for this company for some time, was seriously injured recently while loading a trencher in Danville. He slipped and fell, breaking several bones and injuring his back. At last report he was recovering nicely, but it is expected he will be confined to Concord Hospital for some time.

All work on the Oakland freeway has come to a halt until the weather moderates. Johnson, Drake and Piper recently gave up the battle of the mud with the announcement that they didn't expect to get underway again till April. The access road is now open maining on the traffic separations. which will not be undertaken until later. C. B. Tuttle of Long Beach submitted the low bid for construction of the freeway bridge at the south city limits of Oakland. The bridge will span the S.P. tracks and San Leandro Creek.



Brother Robert "Stubby" Walker, pictured above, beside his new ready mix concrete plant, started branching out for himself during the past year, when he purchased a truck crane. Later, he saw the possibilities for ready mix concrete, and set about designing his own plant. Located at 20431 John Street, Castro Valley, the outfit is now ready to go, and will turn out 100 yards of material per day. Aside from the plant itself, Stubby has a ten-yard dump truck and four 4yard transit mix trucks. Nice going, Stubby! Looks like a darned nice outfit, and we wish you lots of luck.

What the **Brothers** Are Doing

The American Concrete Pipe Company has reopened their West Pittsburg Plant following a shut down for installation of new and improved machinery. This company, which has a process for concrete coating of steel pipe will furnish sections for the Hetch Hetchy Bay Division Line No. 3 for San Francisco. At present there are five Engineers working in the plant: Carl Needham, general superintendent, "Red" Cline, general foreman, Tom Plumb, master mechanic, Leonard Young, crane operator and Chick Melady, oiler.

The San Francisco Bridge Company seems to be lucky, getting most of the dredge work that is being let now. They are just finishing up with the Welatka on Mare Island, and will be moving on the Napa River job about the middle of this month. This will be a short stay, however, as this dredge is just coing in to finish that draulic's job which couldn't be handled with the electric powered Papoose.

and naval. If this prediction is carried through it will mean: highways, 15 per cent increase: water development, 20 per cent increase, and sewage and water, 16 per cent increase.

The Bureau of Reclamation has at its disposal this year \$356,514,-510, the largest amount of money ever appropriated to this agency, with the entire construction budget to be spent in the 17 Western States. The Corps of Engineers has a construction appropriation ex-ceeding the 1949 funds for Western projects by \$56,000,000.

Nine of the Western States at the 1949 meeting of their Legislatures raised gas tax to keep abreast of the tremendous demands for highway building, and 1950 budgets for all of the western states have once again been upped to meet the tremendous increase in population and industry.

Flood control projects in the western states will play a major role during the coming fiscal year. Of the 20 largest individual appropriations made by Congress for this purpose, along with harbor and river work, ten were in the west as follows:

McNary Lock and Dam, Oregon, Washington \$35,000,000 Garrison Reservoir, 27,500,000 North Dakota Fort Randall Reservoir, 23,000,000 South Dakota Fort Gibson Reservoir, Oklahoma 12,000,000 Harlan County Reservoir, 11,250,000 Nebraska Whitney Reservoir, 10,500,000 Texas Detroit Reservoir, Oregon 9,500,000 Lookout Point Reservoir, 9,500,000 Oregon Pine Flat Reservoir, 7,000,000 California

Los Angeles County Drainage Area (exclusive of

Whittier Narrows Res-

6,500,000

lowing his trip to Holland. Said he had a fine time, enjoyed every minute of it, but still thinks it's awfully good to be back.

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Brother Joel Childers hasn't been so very far from home, but he too is darned glad to be here. Took a business trip to Minnesota early in January - saw some 41° below weather, got snowed in on the train between Billings, Montana, and Spokane, and says Oakland rain doesn't look half bad to him now.

Brother Archie Dahlin, one of our old-timers, dropped in to bid us goodbye before leaving for Hawaii. Along with his mother and brother he is going to live in the islands for a time. The family has always had a longing to see the world and say this is just the first step. They plan on going many places-with the next stop Australia. We wish them bon voyage and say more power to you, folks, for doing what you really want to do!

On February 1st, following a long illness, Brother Don Rowen died at his home in Oakland. A native of Idaho, Don had lived in the Bay Area for the past seven years and had worked as an Operating Engineer during that time. He is survived by his wife, Bernice, his brother, Harold, and one sister, to whom we extend our sympathies.

We wish to thank the following Brothers and the wife of one of our members for their contributions to the Blood Bank during the past month:

E.E. Crawford	William Barr
Ben Buck	Eugene Wixson
Mrs. Richa	ard Osteen

Congratulations to: Brother and Mrs. Neil Coe-a son on December 1st.

The Bob Allgoods - celebrating the arrival of their second child, a boy.

Utah construction is readying equipment to be moved to their job near Umatilla, Oregon. The District recently announced award contract will consist of relocation of a \$4,380,896.76 contract for conof the U. P. Railroad in Washington and Oregon and realignment of the South Interceptor of the East the state highway near Umatilla, Bay Sewage Disposal project. The in the state of Oregon. At present four cats, two shovels, a 54B Inc., Fred J. Early Jr., and Dunand an 80B are being shipped by rail from the Richmond yard, and submitted a joint bid for the fourthere will be 20 Euclids coming in mile section of sewer. To run from another job: According to from Fifth Avenue and the Emthe Richmond office, all hiring for barcadero to the treatment plant, the job will be handled through the work will consist of installathe office at Hermiston, Oregon, and it is expected, that they will pipe in varying size from 7 to 9 get started in about one month.

has just finished the excavation sewage from the outfalls of the work on the new drive-in theater city systems and carry it to the in Antioch. There were 3 DW 10's, treatment plant. It is expected in residential construction and 11 one scraper and a dozer on this that preliminary work will get unjob, with Brothers W. J. Swan, derway during the month, but lit-Leo McFarland J. T. Smith, L. H. tle hiring is expected for some Roberts and W. B. James handling time. With work on the North tion-wide basis. This would mean the equipment. This same outfit Interceptor nearing completion has just been awarded a leveling some of the crew will undoubtedly lars of work - put - in - place, and and grading job for a new housing be transferred to this job in the project in the east end of town. near future.

The East Bay Municipal Utilities struction of sections 5 and 6 of job went to three firms, Stolte canson-Harrelson Company, who tion of reinforced concrete sewer feet. This interceptor is one of the three large pipelines of the

Macal Improvement Company project which will collect sanitary

They have moved the dredge Duwamish on the Redwood City job and started pumping on January 31st. They were also low bidder on the Grand Island job, but as yet we haven't heard when they will start.

The clamshell dredging has been slow for some time. Dutra's two dredges have been very busy on the Leslie Salt Company job, and the Associated Dredging Company does a small job occasionally.

The Olympian Dredging Company has all their dredges tied up. There appears to be a lot of clamshell work to be done up the river but it seems to be tied up in a maze of red tape, which is typical of work that is handled by the U.S. Army Engineers.

A cheering note comes from the U. S. Department of Commerce, which predicts a national total volume of all types of construction equal to 1949. While it is expected there will be a drop of 7 per cent per cent in farm construction, public works are expected to exceed last year's by 18 per cent on a naan increase of over one billion dolwould affect all types of construcervoir), California

Received a letter from Brother Ray Mercer, who has been working up in Newfoundland for some time. He expects to return to California this summer, but in the meantime would like to hear from some of the brothers. His address is: A.P.O. 864, c/o P.M., N.Y., c/o M. H. K. C. B. Co., Harmon Field, Newfoundland.

And word comes from Brother Sidney Homesley from somewhere in Arkansas-says he's just huntin' and fishin' and waitin' for spring!

Another letter, this one from Brother Dan Shirts. Says he has taken over the Associated Oil Station at 122 Main Street, Pleasanton, and thought some of the other dirt stiffs might like to know where he was located.

Several visits during the past month from fellows who were either returning from trips or were about to take off-Brother Bush-Christian dropped in to the office en route to Brazil from Afghanistan. He has been working as general foreman on the M. K. irrigation project over there for the past 22 months, and he will be engaged in the same capacity on a hydroelectric development near Rio de Janeiro.

Then there is Brother Charlie tion with the exception of military nice it was to be home again, fol-day on MBS.

Brother G. A. Torbett-married to Miss Betty O'Neill on New Year's Day!

Brother Pat Maloney is the new operator of Barbara and Johnny's Restaurant, 945 San Pablo Avenue, Albany. Says the food is good, and Engineers mighty welcome!

* * * **Prices** Drop

Washington.-Retail prices for consumers in citres inched downward in the last month of 1949, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Jan. 26. According to the BLS consumer index, the entire reduction of prices during 1949 amounted to 2.3 per cent. This slight decline has been used by many employers as an excuse to refuse to raise wages, and even to justify wage cutting.

On the other hand, there have been numerous criticisms of the methods used by BLS in arriving at its price index, which is nevertheless the most complete general price survey available. BLS is involved in a three-year job of revising its cost sampling methods to bring them up to date.

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Frank Edwards reports the news Paret who came in to tell us how at 10:15 p.m. Monday through Fri-

Salt Lake City-EARLY THAW HITS UTAH; BIG JOBS ARE GETTING UNDERWAY By RENNY BURROUGHS and C. R. VAN WINKLE

Business Representatives, Local 3

Warm thawing days and contractors rarin' to go are making Engineers in this state impatient to start work. Another 30 days and your business representatives will be afraid to show up around the office without a pocket full of jobs. A little break about the first of February on the tunnels and a few small jobs around town have put some of the brothers to work. Geneva Steel remains a mystery job but employs about 10 men steadily at present. Bechtel will begin unloading equipment about February 20th. Bidding is going to be rough

on the \$8,000,000 Veteran's Hospital in Salt Lake as all the big builders have plans out on it, The \$1,-000,000 Salt Lake reservoir on the Deer Creek project is to be held up until June, and it is estimated increases in the work planned will lived in Provo for three years. He jump the price considerably. Leonard Construction Company of the Garfield Refinery will complete the acid plant job in June. Work on their \$10,000,000 unit will start in March, at the same location,

watching the thermometer closely to start as soon as compaction is possible. The freeze is only 6 inches the time of his death was convadeep and Hilton & Carr, Paulsen, and Halliday and Houtz of Ogden, and J. K. Thayne of Salt Lake, have been digging very steadily all winter on about town jobs.

A heavy rainfall is possible in this state and if that happens it could be very rough on the Engineers, but unless this happens all signs point to an earlier spring was at the Provo Cemetery. Pall than usual.

W. W. Clyde is due to sign both his construction and shop agreements after negotiations just completed. Our members at Kennecott were happy to receive the fine agreement just concluded for them. The sand and gravel agreement is just being opened and we are happy to state that Clarence Waterfall Company will have a union shop election, held sometime our loss and that we too will miss is like new since he spent so much soon, since the petition for it has him greatly. been placed in the hands of the NLRB.

Brothers A. T. Seymour, Nephi Nemelka and Forrest Blaufus have City. This club is located on the around in the nice warm shop all all recently returned from tours to east side of highway 91 just above the coast and report that Utah is the dugway coming out of Provo on the afternoon shift opposite no morse off than other areas of and is very handy to the boys in Bill Boegle. He will make up for Local No. 3 in the wintertime.

Brother Scott Ledingham has Rio Grande street, Salt Lake. He's the place for that sandwich and got a mighty fine line-up for doing all kinds of raw repairs and snack. Ray says that he would apsharpening. He is doing work for preciate seeing the boys anytime people all over the country includ- they drop around and will do eving Alaska, on band saws circular erything he can to make them feel saws, hand saws, lawn mowers, at home and see that they are planer heads, the whole darn satisfied. works. Let's take our work in this line to the best shop in Salt Lake, and a mighty fine Brother Engineer. Good luck, Scott.

the rifle, the bullet striking him in the head. Death occurred instantly, according to reports.

Brother Handley was born in Michigan, May 5, 1913 and had had been a member of Operating fish ladder just above the Wing-Engineers Local Union No. 3 for the past two years. He had been employed by the Christiansen Brothers Construction Co. as a hoist operator at the Brigham digging some sewer line. Brother Many highway contractors are Young University until Christmas. Les Jacobsen is here, there and On Christmas day he slipped on the ice and broke his leg and at spends most of his time watching lescing from this accident.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Pearl Handley, a step-son, Gene around Games shop. No more sit-Cowley, both of Provo, a son and a daughter, Tommy and Patty Ann sister, Mrs. Thomas Halsey of Michigan. Services were held at the shows up. Quist Mortuary and internment bearers were close friends of Brother Handley, for the most part members of Local 3.

man, well thought of by his fellow I hope it don't take him as long workers and it is in all sincerity as it did Brother Bill Boegle. Howthat we, the officers and members ever, Brother Bill Boegle has his of Operating Engineers Local Un- rig out to replace Jensen's rig at ion No. 3, say to the family of the gravel plant so the production Brother Handley, that their loss is will fall off a bit now but the rig

Rider is now the owner and op- of the rig and he probably isn't

erator of the Stork Club in this in too good a shape after sitting both Provo and Orem. Brother Rider features the brew you like noon crew on the rock crusher congone into business at a shop, 239 best and short orders and is just sists of such Brothers as Bill Ponglass of brew for lunch or late



Reno-Nevada Boys Wait **On Good Weather;** Some Jobs Move By H. L. SPENCE **Business Representative, Local 3**

Earl Games is on a vacation in the Hawaiian Islands and his crew is going along in fine shape. Brother Earl Games, Jr. is general superintendent for the outfit, now that being the case some of the boys around the outfit better change their ways, especially oilers and truck drivers or Brother Games Jr. will smack them with a pay check in full. Brother Bill Games and Brother Laurence Semenza are building a field Park Bridge on the Truckee River. They must expect a large run of trout this year. Brother T. R. DeLavega is on the small shovel every place on Games cat. He out of one eye for the new super Earl Jr. The super keeps Brother Frank E. Gillespie on the move ting around the stove for little Frankie and it really is interest-Handley of Tacoma, Wash., and a ing to watch Portuguese Joe get himself in motion when Earl Jr.

Isbell Construction Company is still going good with two shifts on the gravel plant. Brother Chris Jensen worked the Model six Northwest shovel so hard feeding Brother Handley was a good the crusher till he had to take it member of Local 3, a good union in and give it a general overhaul time overhauling it. Bill will have Orem, Utah: Brother Raymond to take it a bit easy on account

> winter. Brother George Conley is some of the lost motion. The afterton, Boss, Clinton Green Oiler, Alvin Shay crusher man and Clarence Wibel on the cat. That's a go ahead crusher crew believe me. John B. Powers Company shop crew is getting the equipment ready to go down to Inyokern, California. Some of the Brothers namely, Jay Baker, C. V. (Dutch) Hughes, R. J. Fields and George Miller will be moving out in the near future where it is warm. They could stand some of the California sunshine for it has been a long is Steven Douglas, born January tough winter on those brothers. Lots of luck fellows on your job in sunny California. George Miller's gang is doing some repairing. They are getting ready for a large summer run.

Registering and Voting in Utah

In other parts of this and subsequent issues of the Engineers News will be articles urging and asking each and every members and their families to register, so they may vote, and vote in the coming elections. In this little box we do not intend to be repetitious. We are not going to spend any time telling you why you should register and vote. We think you are intelligent and know why. Rather we are going to use this space to bring to you residents of Utah the essential facts, from time to time, of the Utah Election Laws and the news regarding the coming elections as it affects the workers in Utah.

Utah Election Laws provide for (1) District Mass Meetings by all political parties, (2) County Conventions by all political parties, (3) State Conventions by all political parties. The district mass meetings are advertised in advance and may be attended by all rank and file members of the party living in the district. The important duty of each member of organized labor at this time is to attend these mass meetings in your election district.

Because at these meetings delegates to the county conventions are chosen. Attend and get yourself elected as delegates to the county conventions because it is the county conventions that choose the candidates on a county level and elect delegates to the state conventions. The state conventions choose the candidates on a state level. The law provides that the conventions choose two of the candidates that have previously declared their intention of being candidates. A little thought will show you how important these meetings are. The candidates to face each other in the final election are chosen at the primary election.

IF WE ATTEND THE MASS MEETINGS, HAVE ENOUGH OF OUR MEMBERS ELECTED AS DELEGATES TO THE COUNTY AND STATE CONVENTIONS WE CAN ASSURE OURSELVES OF IN MANY CASES, FRIENDLY CANDIDATES TO VOTE FOR WHEN WE GO TO THE POLLS IN THE PRIMARY AND FINAL ELECTIONS.

Sacramento

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a broken ankle while working on the Stolte job at Grass Valley.

badly cut eye as a result of a recent motorcycle accident.

Swinerton & Walberg job at the State Capitol due to blood poisoning in his hand.

Ernie "Swede" Nelson is another of the Brothers who has been on the sick list.

Brother James "Red" Gorham was confined to the hospital recentat this writing.

Brother Stirling Pirtle has been under the weather with an infected jaw.

Brother A. G. Lanford was injured in a motorcycle accident recently. He tangled with a gas truck and came out second. He is now in the Placer County Hospital in Auburn with a broken leg and ankle. It will be approximately four months before he will be able that you sign a withdrawal form. to work again.

Brother Les Wright is now convalescing at home after a recent leg operation,

Brother H. O. Herbert, Jerry Haase and Nesby Guinn are still confined to local hospitals.

Brother Bill Covington was in the other day and informed us that he has built a trailer court on his property which is located 11/2 miles out of Ione on the Jackson Road. He expects to be open for business about February 15.

Brother Slim Colwell who has been working in the Fresno district dropped in to say "hello" the other day.

recent arrival at the home of

tact this office either by phone, card or in person before March 1, 1950. Your cooperation in this mat-

Brother George Benson suffered ter will be greatly appreciated. Added to our list of Blood Donors during the past month are Brother Ted Brown received a the names of Brothers H. L. Moretti, Philip E. Stanford, Peter F. Ekberg, Harry Welch and Robert Brother Roy Hill is off the Killip. For Brothers Moretti, Stanford, Ekberg, and Welch it makes their second trip since our Blood Bank account was started, At this writing we have seven pints to our credit and while this is better than our total of two of last month it still is not enough should an emergency arise. Once again we ask ly but able to be about again that you who have spare time these winter days contribute to your Union's Blood Reserve Fund. You are the one who may reap the penefits.

> Members in this area are cooperating in withdrawing from the Voluntary Disability Insurance Plan and having their accounts returned to the State Plan. The business agents will be around to contact you on the job and request



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Personal Notes

January 25, 1950: A 7 pound, 4oz. baby boy, by the same of Danny Ray Barney arrived at the home of Brother and Mrs. Dale Barney, of Spanish Fork, on this date. Little Danny has not only the honor of having a father who is a member of Local 3 but his Grandfather, Brother Ray Barney, is also a member. Congratulations Brothers, and a long and useful life to little Danny (we have his application ready.)

January 30, 1950: Brother Geo. Slavin of Springfield, suffered a or assessment can be used painful injury to his foot while local and state candidates. employed in the Clyde Shop. PAPERS FREE TO COMMENT Brother Slavin was pushing a transmission with his feet while laying on his back when the transmission twisted throwing out the jack. A safety piece, a 2x4, proved to be of hemlock and cross-grained, which broke, letting the transmission down on his foot. We wish you a speedy recovery, George.

BROTHER DIES IN GUN ACCIDENT

Provo, Utah, Jan. 17: Brother William J. Handley died in Provo Education. this day from an accidental discharge of a hunting rifle. Brother



Can a union vote to use funds out of its treasury for political work?

money is used for a national candidate such as a Congressman or President.

And in most states, union funds or assessment can be used to help In addition, regular union publications can comment on national, as well as local and state, candidates. (Of course there is no law against discussing politics in union meetings.)

The Taft-Hartley law prohibits the use of union funds to help national candidates. That is why each member of the American Federation of Labor is being asked to contribute voluntarily \$2 this year to Labor's League for Political

League Director Joseph D. Keenan recommends that each local Handley was hunting crows with union pass a resolution at a regular three companions and in attempt- meeting calling on every member ing to hand a 22 caliber rifle to to contribute \$2 at the time he pays companion accidently discharged dues the following month. No chance of victory .-- LLPE.

trade unionist can be compelled to contribute. Most of them, however, will want to support the drive if

Yes - so long as none of that a majority vote of the local union approves it.

The \$2 contribution drive was recommended by the state and local League conference in Washington last summer and later approved by the LLPE National committee at the AFL convention in St. Paul. One half of the contributions will be returned to the state of origin. The other half will be used in states and districts where the need is greatest, but where local union membership and resources are limited.

LEGISLATION AFFECTS EVERYONE

It doesn't make any difference where liberal Congressmen come from. When they get to Washington they vote on legislation affecting everyone in the United States.

It is in the interest of every union member that part of his contribution is used in a national fund thrown into key races where liberal candidates have the best

Brother and Mrs. Douglas Sickels 2, 1950. Congratulations.

Our thanks to Brother W. V. Cantrall for sending in a card stating that he had returned to work so that his name could be removed from the "Out of Work" list.

Speaking of our "Out of Work" list, it is going to be revised. Any Brother wishing his name to remain on same is requested to con& EQUIPMENT CORP. POWER EQUIPMENT Rebuilt - Ready to Work TWinoaks 3-5324

24th and Cypress Oakland, Calif.



February, 15, 1950

Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark) January 12, 1950

OAKLAND, Sub Contract awarded to M. B. McGowan Inc., for furn and drive untreated timber piles for East Bay Muni. Util. Dist. effluent pumping station, Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to W. J. Kubon, 39 Mary Street, San Rafael, \$25,860 for const. North Dutch Windmill reservoir and appurts. Golden Gate Park.

VISALIA, Contract awarded to Fred I. Lynd, 8 Cornell Avenue Fresno, \$149,762 for const. maternity ward at the Visalia Muni. Hospital.

January 13, 1950

AGNEW, Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 Montgomery Street, San Jose, \$12,-049 for const. extension to industrial road & physicians residences, Agnew State Hospital.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St. Oakland; Fred J. Early Jr. Co. Inc., 369 Pine St., San Francisco; & The Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 W. Cutting Blvd., Richmond, (joint venture), \$4,611,470 for const. sects. 5 & 6, South Interceptor sewers & appurts., from 5th Ave. & Embarcadero to 34th & Wood St. Oakland under S. D. No. 42, involv. 22,500 lft. 84", 96", & 108" percent reinf. conc. pipe or cast-in-place monolithic conc. pipe, with 1,660 lift. in tunnel (Alternate I).

January 16, 1950

MERCED, Contract awarded to Harris Construction Co., Box 109, Fresno, \$281,611 for const. new Co. Courts building, "M" & 21st Street.

Contract awarded to DAVIS. Oliver & Coburn, 1006 Pardee St., Berkely, \$34,379 for const. vesicular exanthema laboratory bldg. Davis Campus.

DAVIS, Contract awarded to Campbell Const. Co., 800 "R" St. Sacramento, \$872,967 for const. residence halls at Davis Campus. OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Robert L. Wilson, 160 S. Park St., San Francisco, \$218,697 for const. Rockridge Highlands Elem. School, loc. at Formosa Ave. & Marguerite Drive.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to H. L. Peterson, 733 Treat Ave., San Francisco, \$79,436 for const. improvement to Byxbee Playground.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to W. Jorstmeyer Co., 23 Mars St., San Francisco, \$297,849 for const. Museum bldg., Corona Heights Playground.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$87,800 for redesign De Fremery Playground at Poplar St., Betw. 16th & 18th Streets.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Con-

Box 390, Pittsburg, \$82,916 for 1.0 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on imported base matl., betw. Frenchman's Creek & 1 mi. North, in SAN MATEO CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Westbrook & Pope, 2331 Fairoaks Blyd., Sacramento, \$88,051 for 2.6 mi. grade, betw. 4.2 mi. & 0.4 mi. west of U. S. Rt. No. 395, 6 mi. north of Coleville, MONO COUNTY.

MONTEREY, Contract awarded to Taylor & Vial, P. O. Box 1791, Carmel, \$12,442 for const. residence & garage, Div. of Beaches & Parks, First Theatre Historical Monument.

January 23, 1950

HOLLISTER, Contract awarded to F. E. Young, 599 Colusa Ave., Berkeley, \$28,040 for grade, stake & bank protection at 33rd Dist. Agric. Assn.

SOLEDAD, Contract awarded to Lyle Winters, P. O. Box 346, King City, \$26,684 for drilling test holes & wells at Medium Security Prison.

ARCATA, Contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser, 2nd & Commercial St. Eureka, \$79,000 for const. sewage treatment plant on Arcata Bay, adjac. to N.W.P.RR & Hwy. No. 101.

MERCED, Contract awarded to Adek Const. Co., 133 S. "R" St., Merced, \$17,962 for const. addns. to Highway Patrol Station.

January 25, 1950

SAN JOSE, Award Recommended to O. E. Anderson, 1075 North 10th Street, San Jose, \$1,125,820 for const. school buildings at James Lick High School Site, corner of Alum Rock Avenue & White Road.

January 30, 1950

SAN CARLOS, Contract awarded to Bragato Paving Co., 363 N. El Dorado, San Mateo, \$22,725 for const. improvements to North Redwood sewers, San Carlos, under R. I. No. 1949-63.

January 24, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., 442 Post St., S. F., \$2,595 for grade, drain, elec. work and related work, pave runways and other paving at S.F. Airport.

TRACY, Contract awarded to United Concrete Pipe Corp., Box 425, Baldwin Park, and Vinnell Co., Inc., 1145 Westminster, Alhambra, for const. earthwork and structures, Sta. 4535/00 to 5485/50 Delta-Mendota Canal and Firebaugh Wasteway, Central Valley Project.

ANTIOCH, Contract awarded to Stanley H. Koller, 1694 Pomona St., Crockett, \$40,320 for const. additions to City Water Works, consisting of pumping station at Contra Costa Canal, etc.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Edwin J. Mackey, 720 Howe tract awarded to Gibbons & Reed Ave., Sacramento, \$472,313 for con-Co., 259 West 3rd. South, Salt Lake struction basketball pavilion on campus of Sacto, High School. January 27, 1950 OAKLAND, Contract awarded to P. & J. Artukovich, P.O. Box 785, Port Chicago, \$85,786 for install. welded steel and cast iron water mains in Castro Valley, ALAMEDA COUNTY. OAKLAND, Contract awarded to

SACRAMENTO, Contract was east end of N.W.-S.E. taxiway at alley, south of "H" St., betw. 50th awarded to Eugene G. Alves, Rt. 1, Naval Aux. Air Station, Monterey, and 42nd streets. under Spec. No. 22709.

> OAKLAND, Contract awarded to E. H. Peterson & Son, 2819 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$21,000 for repairing 26th St. overpass, under Inc. No. 04-113-50-2.

RIO VISTA, Contract awarded to Louis Biasotti & Son, P.O. Box 587, Stockton, \$8,442 for grade, drain, etc., Union High School Dist. OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, 344 High St.,

Oakland, \$88,079 for grade, drain and pave parking areas at Oakland Municipal Airport.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Scott-Buttner Elec. Co., Inc., 896 22nd St., Oakland, \$22,994 for const. parking area lighting facilities at Oakland Municipal Airport.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to T. L. Rosenberg, 372 5th St., Oakland, \$31,491 for install. primary elec. distrib. system at Oakland Municipal Airport.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Paris Brothers, 2415 Oregon St., Berkeley, \$18,142 for const. addn. to domestic water system at Oakland Municipal Airport.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to Arthur Bros., 811 B St., San Mateo, \$167,253 for const. eightclassroom College Park School, located at Poplar & El Dorado Aves. SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Erickson Const. Co., 1119 E. Bassetlaw Ave., North Sacramento, \$2,270 for conc. pave alley betw.

W and X, 22nd to 23rd Sts. SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Erickson Const. Co., 1119 E. Bassetlaw Ave., North Sacramento, \$2,598 for conc. pave alley betw U and V, 15th to 16th Sts.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Erickson Const. Co., 1119 E. Bassetlaw Ave., North Sacramento, \$2,254 for conc. pave alley betw W and X, 33rd to 34th Sts.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to John Hachman, Box 206, Stockton, \$97,604 for const. U-shaped mento River at jnctn. of Cache & conc. blk. dormitory, County Honor Farm, SAN JOAQUIN CO.

February 1, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Archer Equip. Co., 600 16th St., Oakland, \$9,577 for instal. deep-well turbine pump at north Dutch windmill, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Pacific Pumping Co., 9201 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$2,710 for replacement of salt water pump at Fleishhaker swimming pool.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to W. J. Kubon, 39-A Mary St., San Rafael, \$8,253 for repairs and alterations to Aquatic Gerald E. Brewster, P.O. Box 112, Park Rec. Bldg., Beach and Polk Sts

Don L. Cooney, Inc., 1749 Airport, Vash., \$367,694 for Rudolf M. Madsen, 477 Madison Way, attle const. 230 KV transmission line, Ave., Fresno, \$1671 for cons. curbs, Shasta-Tracy No. 1 & 2, Cotton- gut. & driveway approaches, Thorne wood-Artois Section, Central Valley Proj., under Spec. No. 2348.

CHICO, Contract awarded to Tyson & Waters, P.O. Box 1914, Sacramento, \$17,442 for landscaping at Chico State College.

February 7, 1950 SAN FRANCISCO, Contr. awarded (General) to Moore & Roberts, Inc., 693 Mission St., San Francisco, \$482,191 for const. two-story reinf. conc. science bldg., San Francisco, State College.

MODESTO, Contract awarded to Harris Const. Co., 264 Palm Ave., Fresno, \$559,861 for const. Mark Twain Junior High School.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contr. awarded to A. W. Baum, 1890 Jefferson St., San Francisco, \$235,417 for conc. & asph. conc. paving at Operations Bldg. and Mechan. Maint. Bldg, & fencing at Kirkland gasoline bus yard, San Francisco, under Muni. RR No. 353..

SAN FRANCISCO, Contr. awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$5,867 for install. 6" cast iron mains in Ina Court & Bancroft Ave, under Spec. No. 535.

SALINAS, Contract awarded to Lembke Const. Co., P.O. Box 1391, Las Vegas, Nev., \$333,300 for const. Isolation Wing for County hospital. TRANQUILLITY, Contr. award-

ed to W. T. Scane, Box 483, Fowler, \$2577 for const. adequate sewage hookups for the School Properties. February 8, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, Contr. awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc. 411 West Fifth St., Los Angeles, \$5,243,535 for construction Bwdy. Tunnel and approaches, betw. Polk and Powell streets.

SALINAS, Contract awarded to F. V. Hampshire, 525 Sanborn Rd., Salinas, \$39,695 for const, reinf. concrete & frame addit. to Detention Home, Natividad Rd., Salinas.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to San Francisco Bridge Co., 503 Market St., San Francisco, \$249,418 for dredging in Sacra-Steamboat Sloughs, Rio Vista.

Tebruary 9, 1950

PETALUMA, Contract awarded to Wm. D. Rapp, 705 Bennett Ave., Santa Rosa, \$155,010 for const. high school swimming pool.

ANTIOCH, Contract awarded to Wallace D. Harkins, P.O. Box 1767, Oakland, \$257,800 for const. onestory conc. block school to accommodate 500 students.

EMERYVILLE, Contr. awarded to Parker, Steffens & Pierce, 135 South Park St., San Francisco, \$275,000 for const. a 71,000-sq. ft. one-story warehouse at 53rd & Hollis streets.

HANFORD, Contract awarded to Avenal, \$36,016 for grade, drain & surf, runway & parking aprons ELVERTA, Contract awarded to facil, at Hanford Municip. Airport.

FRESNO, Contract awarded to

Hawaii-Even Hawaii Having Bad Weather; Jobs In Islands Opening By J. K. WAIWAIOLE

Business Representative, Local 3 January 31, 1950.

This area is experiencing unusual bad weather. Although it doesn't snow here, the rains have caused all types of work especially in our field to be curtailed until the weather is more appropriate to finish present projects or continue anticipated projects. The Tanaka Construction Co. is low bidder on the Windward Oahu approach highway to the present Pali road. This outfit being very anti-union, we have only been able to place two equipment operators out of seven now working. The others have been with the outfit so long that they think they are part of the company.

Byrne Organization has called for six members who were former employees and they have been sent to Kwajalein and Midway on their pier work. We are told that they will be calling for other employees who worked for them previously and this office appreciates that, because these boys are still out of work.

Recruiting for the Holmes and Narver Co. is in full swing at present and the arrangement here is quite satisfactory to all parties concerned, meaning the unions, the Employment Dept. of the Territory, and Holmes and Narver. Although the security issue is somewhat of a setback because of this area being more cosmopolitan, it has now been clarified that if these men applying have had 10 years residence here that their records could be accepted. Anyway, it is a good idea to take advantage of a very thorough physical examination on the Government.

A few months back there was a great deal of talk about projects on Guam. However, at this writing the talks have moved farther west and every day questions are asked with reference to the project on Okinawa. This office knows, of course, that this work is contracted out to mainland contractor and naturally men are hired from the mainland.

Members Seek Office

On the political front locally, the issue is "Statehood for Hawaii." Two members of the Operating Engineers here have been endorsed by the Central Labor Council; namely, Lawrence M. Shigeura and myself, to represent the American Federation of Labor to enter as candidates to the Constitutional Convention. This being our first venture in seeking public office, we find it quite confusing that members of our present Legislature are also candidates to the Constitutional Convention, who will, likewise, judge their own work in a special session after the convention retires. There is nothing that could be done at present because such rulings were also adopted and passed by them in the last session. This writer believes that it is about time the American Federation of Labor movement here entered the political picture to help themselves. The Labor's League for Political Education is doing its best in this area to assist the A.F. of L. candidates.

City, \$287,394 for 2.136 mi. 31/2" plantmix bitum. surf., U. S. Hwy. 89, 91 & 50, betw. 4800 S. & 6400 S. State, Murray, SALT LAKE COUNTY.

January 18, 1950

OAKLAND, Sub Contract was awarded to M. B. McGowan Inc. 625 Market St., San Francisco for driving creosote piling at the Oakland Yard of the Western Pacific Railroad.

FRESNO, Contract awarded to John Gray, Rt. 1, Box 691, Fresno, \$2,165 for const. conc. walks, curbs, & gutters & driveway approach in Hamilton Avenue between Orange Avenue & S. 8th St., & West side of S. 8th St., between Hamilton & a point 125 ft. S. of S. line of Hamilton, under R. I. No. 242-D.

January 19, 1950

MARTINEZ, Contract awarded to E. J. Tobin, 100 Carleton St., Berkeley, \$17,990 for const. sanitary sewer in the District, under R. I. No. E-8, & 1911 & 1915 Acts.

January 20, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Walsh Const. Co., 785 Market St., San Francisco, Bates & Rogers Const. Corp., 209 Post St., S. F., & J. H. Pomeroy, 333 Montgomery St., San Francisco, \$2,132,118 for const. South East Sewage Treatment Plant near Islais Creek.

Ransome Co., 2040 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$2,585 for furn. welded steel bulkheads, cover plates, etc., under S. D. No. 228.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Fay Improvment Co., Phelan Bldg., S.F., \$4,721 for grade, drain, pave, etc. in Leland Ave., betw. Sawyer and westerly terminus, San Francisco.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Paris Brothers, 2415 Oregon St., Berkeley, \$18,422 for const. reinf. conc. box culvert in Encina Ave., Castlewood St., etc., Oakland. SAN FRANCISCO, Contract (general) awarded to Wm. Horstmeyer, 23 Mara St., S. F., \$220,861 for const. Home School Unit at 44th Ave. and Noriega.

January 31, 1950

REDDING, Contract awarded to O'Connor Bros., 750 Madison St., Red Bluff, \$112,623 for completion of Shasta Power Plant, Central Valley Proj., under Spec. No. 2868. MONTEREY, Contract awarded to Eugene G. Alves, Rt. 1, Box 390, Pittsburg, \$10,987 for widen Sacramento, \$3,210 for conc. pave asked, "Which one?"

February 2, 1950

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to David E. Tuttle, Woodland, \$13,905 for rental of equipment for emergency snagging and clearing of Tule River, from Vandalia Weir to point 11 mi. downstream, near Porterville.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S. F., \$6,547 for grade, pave, etc. in Santa Rosa Ave., bet. Circular Ave. and Oloran Alley.

February 3, 1950 OAKLAND, Contract awarded to California Builders' Co., Inc., 5525 Marshall St., Oakland, \$54,705 for const. Belle Vista Playground at E. 28th, betw. 10th and 11th Aves. REDDING, Contract awarded to B. & R. Const. Co., 110 Market St.,

San Francisco, \$636,967 for const. new college bldg., Redding, Calif. February 6, 1950

SAN QUENTIN, Contr. awarded to Hallum Const. Co., 2947 Brook Way, San Pablo, \$2,475 for pave San Quentin.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1700 Moorpark Ave., San Jose, \$8,706 for const. storm

drains, Kirk Ave., Santa Clara Co. SACRAMENTO, Contr. awarded to Carl R. Fiedler, 2231 "S" St.,

Ave., betw. Cortland & Garland Aves.

February 10, 1950

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, 344 High St., Oakland, \$25,656 for conc. pave on MacArthur Blvd., betw. 14th and Champion Streets.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$13,401 for const. storm drains, Unit IV, 23rd Ave., Sewage Separation Project.

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to Jensen & Pitts, 931-2nd St., San Rafael, \$22,296 for const. 4,000 lft. of main sewer line.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Steadman & Powell, Inc., 1034-45th Ave., Oakland, \$38,525 for const. Firehouse, garage and Police Lockup, 727 Pine St., Oakland.

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This Mean You?

New voters, those who have moved, and those who didn't vote in 1948 must register before April 13 in order to vote in the very important primary election.

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When I told Eleanor that my dog is just like one of the family she * * *

Retail Sales Off

Washington-The Commerce Department estimated Jan. 24 that sales in retail stores during December 1949 totaled \$12,805 million, 2.5 per cent below December 1948. The department claimed price drops accounted for the difference.

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Some, who have a reputation for being responsible, are responsible for more than you might think.

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which is something unusual for

Our new prison at this address is

progressing nicely and from the

way it now appears, it may be

ready for "guests" some time with-

in the year. As we have mentioned

before, M. & K. have the general

contract. Granite has the concrete

and Stolte has the underground

work. The one important factor in

this job is the structural steel and

that is in the hands of Herrick Iron

Works under the supervision of one

of our old time brothers, J. F.

Fredricks. During the war, Brother

Fredricks operated a crane for

Moore Dry Dock in Oakland. . . .

Oh, yes, Granite Construction have

a school job in this little city-

mostly excavating, grading and

paving. This is a nice job as long

as the rain keeps away. . . . In

spite of bad weather, Ted Baum,

a Fresno contractor, is making ex-

cellent progress on his huge face-

lifting job for King City under the

supervision of Brother Cecil Smith.

Most of the curbs and gutters are

from 1 to 4 feet below present ele-

vation so you can imagine the

amount of fill and excavation that

must be moved before paving oper-

ations get under way. Ray Robles

Batch Plant is furnishing the con-

crete and they in turn are purchas-

ing the aggregate from the Metz

It was only through the clever

manipulation of his rig that Bro.

Joe Bowling recently escaped with-

out serious injury when his rig got

tangled up in a 4000-volt line. As it

was, it just burned the line down.

It could have burned our "Little

Joe" up. . . . The State Employ-

people unemployed in the Santa

Clara Valley. Our out of work book

shows around 110 engineers. Their

unemployment is due mostly to the

bad weather. . . . Received a very

nice letter from Brother Fred

Stockdale who is in Arabia. Fred

says he likes it there (he's with

Bechtel) and sends his best to ev-

erybody and particularly those in

the Stockton office. . . . Brother

Jack Mayberry, who received a

broken back some time ago, is still

in a critical condition in the Vets

Hospital. . . , Brother Dale Cald-

arm injury and is confined to his

home under the doctor's orders. . .

Thanks to Brother C. L. Harrison

for the penny post card notifying

News About Members

Gravel Co., of Metz.

that section of the country.

Soledad - King City

San Jose-

Need Thousands Of Homes To Fit Low Waaes

(AFL Release)

Miami, Fla.-The AFL Executive Council punctured the real estate industry's grandiose self-congratulations on 1949's record home-building.

And it called for continuation of effective rent controls until the supply of homes is increased sufficiently to "fit the pocketbooks of the millions of families who are without decent housing."

The Council statement said: "Compared with the 1920-1929 INSUIGNCE "Compared with the 1920-1929 increased much less than production of automobiles or other consumer goods. Indeed, the 1949 record still represents only two-thirds of the level that is necessary if we are to lick the housing shortage within the next decade.

"Not only has the 1949 level of construction failed to meet the over-all need, but it has particularly failed to meet the needs of moderate-income families, including, in particular, the majority of American workers.

AVERAGE PAY STILL \$55

"The average wage of factory employees today is about \$55 a week. According to recognized income and budget statistics, this provides \$60 per month for housing purposes. Last year, however, under the existing FHA private housing program, rentals of new apartments averaged \$90 a month and prices of new homes for sale averaged \$8,000, involving a monthly housing cost of upwards of \$80. Clearly the housing needs of American workers and their families are not being met.

"The crying need among American families today is a middleincome housing program. Such a program is now before Congress.

"In the Senate, the Banking and Currency Committee is considering S. 2246, introduced by Sen. John Sparkman, as modified by an amendment introduced by Sen. Burnet Maybank. In the House, a similar bill has been offered by Congressman Brent Spence.

"These bills would make possible private financing of long-term low interest loans for cooperative housing projects for middle-income families,

CAN'T AFFORD \$80 RENTS

"We estimate that under the terms of this bill rents for an average 41/2-room apartment would be reduced to \$55-\$65 a month. This compares with rents of similar dwellings offered by private builders of \$80 a month or more.

"This program offers a practical means of obtaining decent homer for thousands of middle-income families at prices they can afford to pay. We urge its immediate enactment so that we can begin to meet the acute housing shortage of our moderate-income families. "However, we recognize that at the present time, the housing shortage is still with us. Until the middle-income housing program as well as the low-rent public housing program enacted last summer greatly increases our supply of homes, an effective rent control program must be continued. We can safely remove rent controls in only one way-by building an adequate supply of homes that fit the pocketbooks of the millions of families who are without decent housing today."



Big Business press attacks on the State Compensation Insurance Fund were answered in full this week by Joseph J. Gallagher, manager of the Fund, who charged that similar complaints have been made by insurance companies ever since the Workmen's Compensation Act was adopted in 1914.

Insurance agents and brokers recently opened a public war on the State Fund, accusing its officials of responsibility for "misleading statements" and other "unfair practices" in the solicitation of workmen's compensation insurance.

Under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, employers may insure their workers against industrial accidents through private insurance companies or the State Fund operated by the State of California.

The agent and broker agitation reached a climax early this month when Gallagher was advised that ment Office says there are 11,500 the Assembly Committee on Finance and Insurance has scheduled a series of hearings on compensation insurance practices.

WRITES 25 PER CENT

Gallagher has informed the committee that the Fund welcomes any such investigation.

In answering the criticism, Gal-lagher stated: "While the Fund is the largest workmen's compensation insurance carrier in California, it does not dominate the industry since it writes about 25 per cent of premiums in this field, including its premums from public well, one of our old-time mechanics agencies.

"The Fund writes approximately \$25,000,000 in insurance premiums annually, most of this representing renewal and 'over the counter' business, and it solicits new business through a salaried staff of civil service men."

The Fund manager declared that he present campaign against the Fund is not actually concerned Doolin is just recuperating from | and stucco. with its competitive practices, but that "baby disease," mumps. Joe is a flank attack which has as its says it's no fun at his age. . . . Reprimary purpose the distribution among agents and brokers of com- Brother Bill Crosson who is in missions on \$25,000,000 of premiums received annually by the Fund. These commissions, or their line job and hope to be in the Fresequivalent, are now refunded to its insured employers. Gallagher said the law provides that the Fund shall be operated as a mutual insurance carrier, required to return to its policyholders all profits resulting from its Co. Mr. Stanley died very suddenly operation. He further held that "because other carriers spend from 171/2% to 40% or more of their premiums on overhead costs, the State Fund is criticized because, in spending less than 15 per cent for administration expense, including taxes, it returns all savings to its policyholders.' Since 1914, the refunds paid by the Fund have saved California employers more than \$85,000,000. Gallagher asserted that insurance forces object to the return of these excess premiums to its policyholders. The drive on the State Fund follows by less than a year the insurance lobby raid on the disability insurance law during the 1949 session of the California legislature. * * *

Fresno-MONTH OR SO WILL SEE MANY for other major projects. . . . John Mehern is progressing nicely on his Carmel Valley Road job with Bro. JOBS START IN SOUTH VALLEY Bill Cash as Super. They tell us the weatherman has been very considerate to them on this job-very H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE. little lost time on account of rain

Business Representatives, Local 3

Conditions in the territory are much the same as they were in our last report. However, we have had some activity on the West Side, Delta Mendota Canal, the Morrison-Knudsen and Hasler Company are erecting their gravel crushing plant and batch plant, which will be in operation by the first of April.

Redding-Bro. Shirk, His Dog, Horse, Marooned 5 Wks. at Salt Creek E. A. HESTER **Business Representative, Local 3**

Well, here we go again, Brother. We don't know any more and probably a good deal less than anybody else when it comes to writing about the work situation. However, it seems to the writer that either Alaska or Montana have pushed our little town of Redding to one side and taken over. It all started Friday, January 6, 1950, Redding and all of Northern California has had snow for five consecutive weeks. Cold weather, dark clouds, lashing winds, snow, sleet and rain still prevail. All highways have been blocked more or less. Power and telephone lines have been affected very badly.

At Salt Creek, California, Bro. Martin Shirk, his dog and horse have been marooned in for five weeks. Be patient, Brother Shirk. I don't know too much about you and your dog, but soon as I can get the chains and dozer on I shall see to it that the horse gets some hay.

Work started today on the addition to the Coleman Fish Hatchery. The work consists of a diversion dam and fish ladder, holding ponds and improvement to water supply. P. S. Lord of Portland, Oregon, was awarded the job at \$41,762.

It has been advertised that bids will be called for on the removal of fifteen million yards of gold dredge tailins within the next 30 days. The work will be situated in Trinity County.

O'Connor Bros. of Red Bluff, California, submitted the final and for Ditz Bros., received a serious low bid to the Bureau of Reclamation for the completion of Shasta Dam and Power Plant. Their bid was \$112,623.

The B. & R. Construction Comus that he had gone to work else- pany of San Francisco were the where. . . . Brother Fred Jacques successful bidders on the Redding sends his best wishes to all from Junior College which is to be built Saudi, Arabia. He also is with this summer. Their bid was \$635,-Bechtel Corp. . . . Brother Joe 000. The buildings will be of frame

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The Council of State Chambers

of Commerce presumably has the

interests of the businessmen of the

How, then, does it explain its

opposition to giving the Recon-

struction Finance Corporation

more authority to lend money to

Or its opposition to valley au-

thorities by which more electric power would be generated for in-

Or its fight against more funds

Or its stand against increased

for public works which would stim-

social security which would enable

recipients to buy more goods from

It appears that the Council is

small business?

dustrial use?

48 states very much at heart.

United Concrete Pipe and Vinnell Corp., out of Los Angeles, have moved on to their 18 miles contract on the Delta-Mendota Canal and at the present are unloading equipment at the job site; however, the company has not received a "start work order" and it will be probably 30 days before actual construction begins. From information received here, the job will carry five or six draglines and a good-sized string of cats. We are hoping that this operation will considerably relieve our out-ofwork list.

The Bureau of Reclamation has advertised and will open bids about Feb. 21 on 80 miles of concrete pipe laying and excavation in the Lindmore Irrigation District. This is part of the Friant-Kern project and the first of the distribution systems to be let in Local 3's territory.

We have only one highway job up for bids, this on the secondary system in Tulare County; bids to be opened on Feb. 15.

The Southern California Edison Co.'s project on the San Joaquin River, with contractors Bechtel Corp. - Morrison-Knudsen Co., is continuing to operate on a curtailed basis of 40 hours per week and in the cut-down of personnel the engineers, as well as other crafts, have received cutbacks.

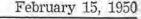
Pine Flat Dam

The Pine Flat Contractors, on the Pine Flat Dam project, have started some very minor preliminary work. However, with the next month or six weeks they will start road widening operations, also construction of six miles of railroad and excavation on the dam site. This company feels it has a very liberal time limit on the job and consequently is taking its time on getting started.

R. A. Heintz Co. has brought in more equipment on Highway 180 and has begun to make a fair showing on this job. They expect to bring in several more pieces of equipment in the near future. The Nevada Constructors have moved in on a joint City and

County job at Mariposa for the construction of a small dam there and will have only five cats on this job.

We still have many small jobs operating throughout the district, keeping a lot of the boys busy on a part-time basis. It looks as though it will be around April 1



BUILDING WAGES MODERATE

Some impressive evidence in support of the Federation's position was given by Herman T. Stichman, New York State housing commissioner, when he appeared before the Council to describe the state's experience with a cooperative housing project for veterans.

Stichman revealed that he has made an extensive study of building costs and found that "it's absolutely not true that wages of the construction workers are responsible for the high costs."

"Speculative builders skim the cream and gouge the public with high rentals while labor is given an unfair share of the responsibility," he declared.

The state of Georgia is the larg- teins. It also furnishes some fat est producer of kaolin in the U.S. and vitamins.

At this time things are very quiet in the northern part of the ceived an interesting letter from state. And we have a large number of brothers on the out-of-work list, with no relief in sight for at least Needles. Bill says they are making another six weeks or two months. fast progress on the Bechtel Pipe-**Futile Operation**

no district some time in the early fall. . . . Many of the brothers will be sorry to learn of the death of Chester Stanley who for a great number of years was construction superintendent for the A. J. Raisch of a heart attack. In conclusion, we

want to give you a few don'ts-Don't forget to get a clearance before you go to work.

Don't complain to the members in the job-call the Business Agent. Don't tell the boss how good you are compared to the other brothers. Don't forget to wear your button. Don't forget to register when you are out of work.

Don't register as a "Finish" Blade Operator when you are just a compressor operator.

Don't forget to let us know if you go to work elsewhere.

Don't forget WE accept your dues, stamp your card and issue a button.

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The principal reason for using meat as a food, aside from its taste, is that it furnishes pro-

at dinner.

before work will pick up.

We, from this district, would like to thank the officers for their attendance at our last meeting, January 26, and extend to them a cordial invitation to visit us more often. Our next regular meeting will be held February 23 at 631 Kearney Blvd., Fresno.

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Set Medical Fees

The Industrial Accident Commission has approved a schedule of fees for medical and surgical services in workmen's compensation cases, it was announced this week by Dan Murphy, Jr., chairman of the Commission. The schedule had been submitted to the Commission by the California Medical Assn., with the agreement of insurance companies writing workmen's compensation insurance. Copies of the schedule may be obtained from the offices of the California Medical Assn. in San Francisco.

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The higher we rise, the more isolated we become; all elevations are cold .- De Boufflers. * * *

There was one doctor available for every 730 persons in the U.S. in 1949, compared to one for 671

* * * Have you registered yet?

cutting off its nose to spite President Truman's face.—(LLPE)

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ulate business activity?

Two to two and one-half ounces of boneless tuna or salmon supplies the one-half ounce of protein in 1909. needed for one person's main dish

their merchants?