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**NORTHWEST FLOODS.**—Each year millions in damage is done by floods, and thousands of persons are made homeless in the great river valleys of the U.S. Above picture was taken over the Snoqualmie River (arrow) in Washington two weeks ago, when heavy rains turned rich farmlands in the Snohomish and Snoqualmie River valleys region into a great lake, forcing thousands of families to flee to high ground. Floods are an annual occurrence on such rivers as the Columbia, Wabash, Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri despite pleas from taxpayers, Bureau of Reclamation, and local governments—with one exception, the Tennessee River valley, where TVA controls water flow and creates public power. Republicans call TVA socialism, so the question then is: which is better, living in "socialism" or in water?

## To What Social Security Benefits Are You Entitled?

By P. E. Vandewark  
Asst. Local Union Manager

There are two kinds of benefits: retirement benefits and survivors' benefits.

Retirement benefits are payable to the worker and his family when he retires at 65 or later. Survivors' benefits are payable to the worker's family when he dies, no matter at what age death occurs.

Lump sum payments are also made under the law where a worker dies, leaving no widow, child or parent immediately eligible for monthly benefits.

Children under 18 and widows, regardless of age, with children under 18 are entitled to survivors' benefits when the worker was only "currently insured." This is also true with regard to lump sum payments. Roughly, a worker is "currently insured" if he worked on a job covered by the Act one-half of the time during the last three years of his life.

The retirement benefits are payable only if the worker was "fully insured." This is also true of the survivors' benefits payable to widows who have reached age 65 and to dependent parents who are 65 or over.

### RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Monthly retirement benefits are payable to:

1. The worker when he is 65 or over and stops "covered" work.
2. His wife when she is 65 (if he is receiving benefits).
3. His unmarried children under 18 (if he is receiving benefits).

### "FULLY INSURED"

To be eligible for monthly benefits when you reach 65 you must (Continued on Page 12)



**"DUMP DENHAM."**—That is what President Truman has asked Congress to do, in response to strong AFL protests against the anti-labor NLRB general counsel. Denham, above, has persistently blocked unions and aided employers. Truman said it is an economy move, that the authority should reside in NLRB Chairman Paul Herzog.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE????** In order to vote at the forthcoming elections this spring you must be properly registered. Anyone who has moved since their last registration, or who failed to vote in BOTH the primary AND general elections of 1948, must re-register in order to be eligible to vote in 1950.

**DEADLINE DATE FOR REGISTRATION** for the State-wide Primary Election, June 6, is April 13th. Citizens may register at the Registration Office in the City Hall in their locality!

**TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, Local No. 3-E meeting.** The next meeting of the Technical Engineers, Local No. 3-E, will be held in the Union Offices at 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, Calif., on Friday, March 24th, 1950—3 P.M.

**THE LIFE YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN!! DONATE TO THE BLOOD BANK!!**

# Stalling on New Bay Crossings Is Blasted

Inexcusable delay in steps toward new, badly-needed crossings for San Francisco Bay is to be the subject of strong protest by Operating Engineers' Local 3, joined by other Bay Area AFL unions and councils, in the near future, it was indicated by Victor S. Swanson, Local 3 business manager.

"While politicians and business interests kick this matter around, the months and years go by with no sensible solution to the ever more serious Bay Area transportation problem," Bro. Swanson declared.

"We intend to press this issue continuously from now on, to enlist the aid of civic and labor groups all around the bay, and to smoke out the real reasons for delay, in the hope that this year of 1950 may be a year of decision in a matter of such vital importance to the entire Bay Area."

### MAYOR COMMENDED

Bro. Swanson commended the stand of San Francisco's Mayor Elmer Robinson at a hearing this week in which he repeated his city's overwhelming desire for a southern crossing and its opposition to a parallel bridge, a carbon copy bottleneck which would dump another unbearable load of traffic on downtown San Francisco, such as that shown in the adjoining picture.

A small group of East Bay business interests, exerting pressure on their local officials and upon Governor Warren, an Oakland man, and other State officials, have launched an all-out fight for the twin span, which would restrict all trans-bay auto traffic to present channels, thus boosting property and business values—a narrow and selfish view that has been condemned by federal officials and expert advisors.

### TRYING NEW TRICKS

Latest device of this group is to press for expensive new approaches to the present bridge, with the plea this would alleviate the situation, whereas it is generally agreed this would only dump still more traffic on the present bridge bottleneck. The ruse here is to spend a large sum for the approaches, thus forcing eventual steps to a parallel bridge.

Defense officials unanimously condemn the carbon copy bridge, saying it would be a sitting duck for any bombing attack, whereas a southern low-level crossing would give the Bay Area a possible opportunity to escape complete paralysis in the event of attack.

### NORTH BAY CROSSING

While this inexcusable jockeying for selfish gain takes place, there is some hope that another badly-

needed crossing in the North Bay may soon take shape. The State Legislature this week appropriated \$200,000 for a study of proposals for a bridge between Contra Costa and Marin counties, to replace the present privately-owned ferry boat service, which will overcharge the public as long as it has this monopoly. This project, however, is also subject to delay by private interests.

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## Pres. Maloney Says "Watch Infection"

TO ALL HOISTING & PORTABLE AND MINED LOCAL UNIONS:

Greetings:

The prevention of infections is important in reducing lost time due to accidental injuries. Minor wounds should be treated because they may lead to serious infections if neglected.

At work report every accident at once and get first aid for all injuries regardless of how small.

There have been occasions when it was difficult for workmen to establish their claim to compensation after infection had caused loss of time, all because of failure to report minor injuries and receive first aid.

Remember, when you fail to report an injury, there is no record made. Little injuries may cause big troubles when neglected. Do not let this happen to you.

Fraternally yours,

WM. E. MALONEY,  
General President.

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## High Accident Cost

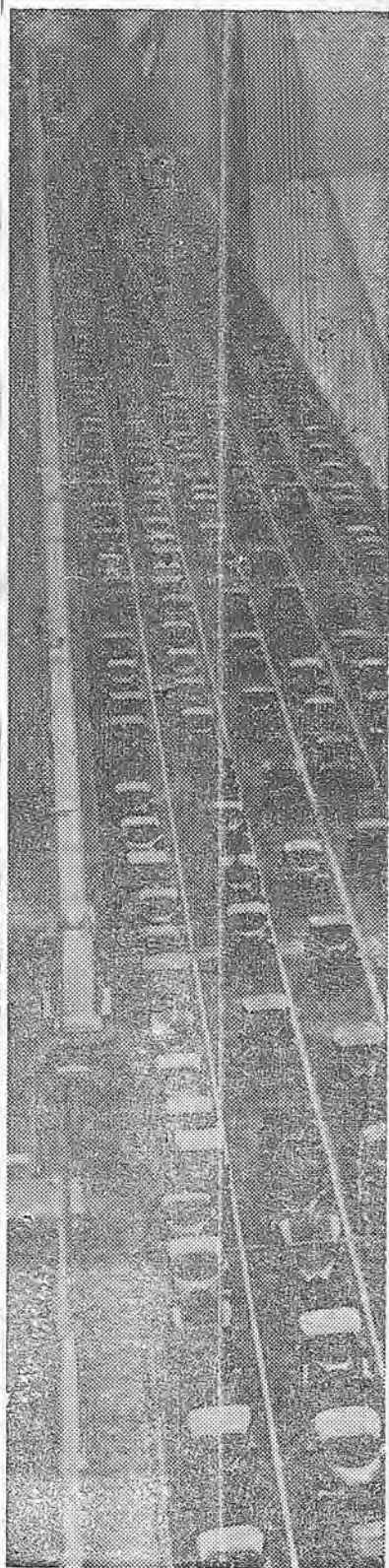
Washington.—On-the-job accidents among its workers cost the Federal Government \$14,000,000 during the 12 months ended June 30, 1949.

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Abraham Rubin	March 5, 1950
P. T. Martin	March 8, 1950
Jack Lee Pickett	March 8, 1950
Wm. B. Tibbals	March 8, 1950

Typical scene on Bay Bridge:



## Weather, Jobs Better

Reports from Local 3 business representatives indicate a general improvement in the job situation as the weather improves. Winter remains in some areas to the north and inland, but an early spring has hit the valleys and coast and jobs are starting up rapidly. Outlook this year is good, with big highway and construction programs planned.

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## Are You Registered?

All members are urged to make sure that they are qualified to vote in the June primary, the most important election of the year. The deadline for registering is April 13. Check up on this today! Every vote counts!



## Unions Help Everybody

Speaking on the radio the other evening, one of California's big businessmen expressed himself about Labor and Unions. It is true, he admitted, that many Union members have good wage scales and working conditions. But—and here is where he got off his shot—all around them are non-Union men doing the same work and getting just as good wages.

Yes, he spoke the truth, for Los Angeles. There are still a great many non-Union people in L.A. Where they are performing work similar to that of the Union people, their wages usually are about the same as those received by the Union members. This is true because the Union is there and because it has established the wage scale. If the Union was not there; if there were no Unions at all, the wages would be considerably lower.

Unions benefit non-Union people as well as Union people. They also benefit businessmen by producing greater purchasing power and by eliminating unfair advantages due to wage discriminations. Unions always increase the wages of non-Union workers in their locality. In thousands of instances, employers have raised wages to prevent Union organization. That's an old, old trick.

The Los Angeles radio speaker did not give the whole truth. Perhaps he did not understand it. Perhaps—as we think probable—he was only interested in advancing the anti-Union theory that individuals, without Unions, are just as well off as Union members, a fallacy and a fraud which far too many working people believe.

## Union Assets Are Not Dollars!

Too many union members and officers are reckoning their assets in terms of dollars in the treasury. True, these dollars are important and no union function can take place without the dues—most of which are entirely too low to meet the obligations now imposed upon unions as collective bargaining agencies. But the real assets of any union are its members. The spirit and loyalty of these members to their union and to their ideals is the real measure of the union's worth.

As this year's Gompers celebrations take place it would be worth while for modern labor unionists to consider the growth and development of the American Federation of Labor. It would be revealing to look back upon the founders of the Federation and to remember the integrity and the purpose of those great men and women.

They had no treasuries. Indeed, that was one of the very real hardships to organization of unions. But they had vision. They understood economics. They knew what democracy meant. They had courage and strength of character. Those were the real qualities that were required to fashion the union movement.

It can't be said that any union today has too much in the treasury but it surely can be said that there is a very great lack of the essential worth that makes a union successful.

That worth is the sense of obligation that members have. It is the recognition by every union man and woman that his future and that of his family is directly dependent upon the degree of his understanding the issues that face labor unions and the responsibility that he personally assumes to meet those issues.

Unions need a renewal of the spirit that moved Samuel Gompers to organize workers into effective bargaining units. Members, if they had that spirit, would flock out to union meetings. They would participate actively in their organization's affairs. They would be personally aroused at injustice and oppression. They would be registered voters. They would know the issues. They would contribute gladly to the common purpose of electing men and women of character and principle to office. They would fight intolerance and bigotry and prejudice. They would, in short, be better citizens. For no man nor woman can be a good union member without being a better citizen.

What will it take to arouse American workers to their real responsibilities? Surely it is clear that they are far too complacent now! Surely, in the face of the bitter attacks they are undergoing at the hands of their enemies both in and out of legislative halls, it is reasonable to suppose that they would arise and resist such attack! But do they? Not by any means in the important degree that is required.

Labor unions have been forced into the political arena. To be successful in that combat requires devotion to the cause of better standards for American workmen and a willingness to pay the price. That price is measured both in money and in devotion to duty. But money is second to devotion to duty.

## Praise Label Drive

New York.—An avalanche of letters and postcards praising the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union label advertising campaign has descended on union headquarters, Pres. Jacob S. Potofsky said.

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Forty-five men have served as Vice-President of the United States.

Frances has a little car,  
She drives it oh so deft—  
But every time she signals  
right,  
The little car turns left.  
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'Tis done beneath the mistle-  
toe,

'Tis done beneath the rose,  
But the proper place to kiss,  
you know,  
Is just beneath the nose.

## Jokes

He has the political instinct. He only opens his mouth when he has nothing to say.

Heard about a librarian so interested in her work she married a bookie.

Teacher asked Johnny what does the word "yet" mean. He said it is a part of your body. She asked him to explain. He said he read where a woman got shot and the bullet is in her yet.

Girl married her director in Hollywood. After five years of marriage they had no children, so she divorced her director and married a producer.

Barfly moaned: "Only time I was ever able to fill the shoes of my wife's first husband was the night I came home full of beer."

Gals carry little cases

Designed for making up their faces.

Wish they had some other kinds,  
Designed for making up their minds.

During the Admiral's expedition to the South Pole, a girl penguin sent a telegram to her errant boyfriend penguin, saying, "Come home at once. I am with Byrd."

Little Willie went to school,  
Teacher thought him quite a fool;

Kept him late, and that's the reason  
Teacher won't teach here next season.

After spending an afternoon reading epitaphs, we wonder where all the sinners are buried.

Ingrid is probably wondering where her name will appear in the next edition of "Who's Whose."

Oklahoma man, asked if it is true that Oklahoma is considered an outlying province of Texas, replied: "Nope, no state can outlie Texas."

He was urging his old lady to get a move on, hurry up, dammit. In the midst of cosmetics, she replied, "I'll be ready just as soon as I put on my Coty's and panties."

Typists dread steno spread.

"I think that I shall never see  
The dollar that I loaned to thee.  
A dollar that I could have spent,  
For varied forms of merriment;  
The one I loaned to you so gladly,  
The same which I now need so badly;

For whose return I had great hope,  
Just like an optimistic dope.  
For dollars loaned to guys like thee  
Are not returned to dopes like me."

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## Housing Cooperatives

New York.—Passage of cooperative housing legislation now before Congress for middle-income families was urged by Pres. Jacob S. Potofsky of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers (CIO), which has sponsored cooperative low-cost housing for 2,500 families here.

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## Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

Mr. Cole Jackman of the Longshoreman's Association was admitted and allowed five minutes. He spoke on the Harry Bridges case.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 4 was read, and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Special Meeting Minutes held in Fresno on January 26, was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of February 5 and of March 1, read, and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from the San Francisco Labor Council regarding the Labor Day Parade, which was referred to New Business.

Letters received from the Congressmen and Senators of the United States, acknowledging receipt of the resolution on public housing and assuring the union of cooperation, were received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Bernice Rowen, Pansa J. Stanley, Mrs. V. S. Swanson and the family of Irving Cowen. All were received and filed.

The Trustees Report was read. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Trustees Report be accepted as read. Carried.

Under New Business the letter from the San Francisco Labor Council was read. It was regularly moved and seconded that Local Union 3 NOT participate in the parade. Carried.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Orval Atchley, E. G. Aston, George Brusco, Frank Boylan, John E. Cothran, D. D. Chaddock, Harry Coles, L. L. Chavez, Thos. R. Cummings, Denny Drumm, L. V. Ewell, Wayne Farrer, Byron K. Freeman, Clinton C. Fox, Jack Foster, Louis Giannini, Lewis L. Gann, B. P. Hicks, Ray C. Hammes, G. W. Haase, Wallace Hundley, Sidney Jordan, W. F. Kramer, James J. Lowrey, Alfred L. Mabrier, Ed Mangum, Wm. B. Match, Don W. Pogue, Frank S. Pierson, A. W. Pratt, Marvin Prough, Martin Piscovich, Roscoe Pounds, Chas. M. Phenis, Don G. Rowen, Don Russell, Wm. Ryan, Wm. T. Ryder, Joseph Risch, Van B. Spears, George Slavin, Richard Thome, Robert Ungaretti, Wesley R. Walker and Paul Walker.

Brother Don G. Rowen was reported deceased.

The Business Agent's reports were accepted as given.

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

C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary.

## Here Is the Real Welfare State

(LLPE Release)

President Franklin D. Roosevelt outlined the rights to which every American citizen is entitled:

"The right to a useful and remunerative job in the industries or shops or mines of the nation.

"The right to earn enough to provide adequate food and clothing and recreation.

"The right of every farmer to raise and sell his products at a return which will give him and his family a decent living.

"The right of every businessman, large and small, to trade in an atmosphere of freedom from unfair competition and combination by monopolies.

"The right of every family to a decent home.

"The right to adequate medical care and the opportunity to achieve and enjoy good health.

"The right to adequate protection from the economic fears of old age, sickness, accident and unemployment.

"The right to a good education."

That's the kind of welfare state in which labor and other liberal forces believe!

## A Splendid Idea—

## TUNE IN FRANK EDWARDS AT YOUR UNION MEETING!

Washington, D.C.—The Washington Central Labor Union has come up with a novel idea for listening to Frank Edwards' radio broadcasts which the AFL Executive Council hopes will be copied across the nation.

Frank J. Coleman, secretary of the CLU, has proposed that the regular meetings of the Council recess at broadcast time on regular meeting nights, the first and third Mondays of each month, to listen to the 15-minute commentary of Mr. Edwards.

Delegates have been urged to persuade local unions in the District of Columbia to follow the same practice on their meeting nights.

The program of Mr. Edwards, AFL news commentator originate from Washington, and is broadcast on West Coast stations at 10:15 p.m. Pacific time, Monday through Friday. The program is heard over the Mutual Broadcasting System and some independent stations.

(Editor's Note: Here is a wonderful idea for brightening up our union meetings and impressing ourselves with the fraternal bond of unionism that exists across the land—exemplified by this national broadcast. Most union meetings are about ready to adjourn at 10:15; in any case, listening to Edwards should be a "must" item on every union meeting agenda. Bring your radio to the next meeting. Let us know when you start this, so we can write about it in this paper.)





San Jose—

# WORK STARTING ON 3 BIG DAMS IN THE SAN JOSE AREA

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

Guy F. Atkinson Co., who submitted the low bid of \$1,879,772 out of seventeen other bids, was awarded the contract for the construction of the LeRoy Anderson Dam. The bids ranged from \$1,879,772 to \$2,600,000. The dam is located near Madrone and consists of approximately 2 million yards of rock and 1 million yards of earth, total 3 million yards of excavation and fill. Several miles of roadway must also be relocated. The dam will impound 75,000 acre feet of water and completion date is set for November of this year. It is expected that there will be plenty of action on this project almost immediately.

## AUSTRIAN DAM

At this writing Granite Construction Co. is moving in equipment on the Austrian Dam south of Los Gatos. There should be plenty of activity on this project as well, very shortly. Granite also has a huge stripping project for the Cement Co. quarry at Davenport. At present they have five pieces of equipment in operation. Some of it is being rented from Bro. Kenworthy. This is a pretty rugged job and is being manned by such experts as Bros. E. J. Scott, M. A. Pierce, D. L. Ostrom, V. W. Dawson, R. E. Edwards and Ralph Dade. If these brothers finish this job on time, no doubt they will be transferred to the Austrian Dam, which is also under a rush order for an early completion date.

## SANTA CRUZ-LOS GATOS HIGHWAY

The Santa Cruz-Los Gatos Highway relocation job has not yet been placed on the calendar of the State Highway Dept. for bids, as of this date. As we have mentioned many times before, this job must first be about 90 per cent complete before much preliminary work can be done on the Lexington Dam. From all indications, there will be plenty of work going on in this territory in 1950, but, what a lot of the members do not realize, most of the larger projects are done by outside contractors and they bring with them a lot of their permanent employees. Consequently, our out-of-work list does not decrease as fast as we would like. However, we are happy to say that it has diminished considerably since our last report. Fredrickson & Watson and Eaton & Smith are two of the companies having large jobs in this area who brought in many of their regular employees. While on this subject, we say to the brothers connected with these companies, "Please accept our thanks for your fine cooperation." Due to this fine cooperation, policing of these jobs has been held to a minimum.

## SAN JOSE AREA

Most of the local contractors are busily engaged in street work and sewer work in connection with the many new subdivisions, also schools (there are five or six under construction at this time), drive-in theaters (there are three of these under construction at present—L. C. Smith on Alum Rock Ave., John Paroline on Almaden Ave., and Bloomquist on South First St.). There is building of all kinds under way in this area. February hit a new high for the number of building permits issued in Santa Clara County, with the valuation totaling \$3,488,218, so you can readily see that there will be a lot of activity in this immediate area.

Preliminary work and test borings for the foundation of the million-dollar Community Service Hospital of San Jose have been made by the engineers of the Huntington Co., of Palo Alto. . . . The Leo F. Piazza Paving Co. of San Jose grabbed off a nice \$100,000 resurfacing job between San Jose and Madrone. . . . J. Henry Harris of Oakland is moving more equipment in on the Mt. Hamilton job and expects to get under way with the major work very shortly. At present J. G. Grattan of San Francisco has a drilling rig on this job and is solidifying the base for the 120-inch 'scope. Bros. E. M. Conway and John Regan are the operators on this work. . . . Casey & Case of San Francisco have two machines digging the 250 Bell-

Footings on the Lick School. The operators are D. R. Marsing, O. C. Rogers, B. K. Freeman and S. Territto. J. C. Bateman also has some of his equipment on this job. . . . There are all kinds of small jobs in operation in and around San Jose. These jobs all require policing but limited space will not permit us to mention either the jobs or the members employed on them.

## COYOTE, MORGAN HILL, GILROY, HOLLISTER

After many years of operation, two PCA Aggregate Plants near Coyote are being dismantled. Only old concrete footings remain to remind the oldtimers of days gone by. Many monuments have been erected in concrete produced by these two plants. . . . Paroline Construction Co. has many small jobs between San Jose and Gilroy. Their largest job is the outdoor theater at San Jose. . . . George Renz keeps a handful of engineers busy on the County Jail at Hollister and Bolado Park at Tres Pinos. F. E. Young also has a dirt job over at Tres Pinos. Ivan Wiley is the boss of this spread and Bill Lampley, Del De Sano, J. W. Crowe and John Allemand are the "cat skimmers." This contract consists of building roads, race track and parking area at Bolado Park. . . . Hans Severen has an out-door theater at Hollister. . . . Buzz Young is still on the unfair list and a picket walks slowly up and down in front of his plant in Hollister. . . . The State Highway Commission recently allocated additional funds (\$660,000) for improvements on Highway 101 in San Benito County. The section on which the work will be done at this time is between Chittenden Road and about a mile north. A couple of bridges will be involved in this project. Also allocated was \$31,000 for widening of the same highway, between Sunnyvale and Palo Alto. . . . Stolte, Inc., of Monterey, recently was awarded a \$50,780 contract for remodeling Gilroy's outmoded sewage disposal plant.

## WATSONVILLE, SALINAS, MONTEREY, CARMEL, KING CITY

Watsonville, as usual, has its share of activity. Many of our members live and work in and around this busy little city. A few of the companies who employ No. 3 men are: Aromas Quarry, Central Supply, Granite Construction Co.'s shop and gravel plant, and Hull Plumbing. . . . Caputo & Keeble's bridge contract is about 50 per cent complete. . . . The usual number of engineers are at work at the PG&E Moss Landing Steam Plant—about 75. . . . Many housing projects around Salinas are continuing to expand. Due to this building progress, batch plants are being kept busy. . . . Valley Trenching Co. is laying 8,000 feet of pipe on the Laurel Park Tract. Art Thayer has his digger on this project. Art is a stranger in these parts and gets lost whenever he leaves the Sacramento area. . . . Monterey, Carmel and Pacific Grove are buzzing with activity. A school and road job in Carmel Valley—pipeline work in Carmel, and Granite's road job in Monterey. . . . Rock, sand and gravel plants around these towns are going full speed. Monterey Sand is working around the clock. . . . Ratke Construction Co. has three bridges at Big Sur and is making good progress. . . . The combined elementary and high school boards of Monterey have approved a school-building program of \$1½ million or more which embraces three new buildings as well as improvements on others. . . . M & K's prison proj-



**TALK STRIKE DATE.**—Exec. Vice Pres. W. E. Chase of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen chats with Vice Pres. R. O. Hughes of the Order of Railway Conductors (AFL) after they issued a joint statement on strike dates for 200,000 rail workers.

ect at Soledad employs several Local 3 men. Subcontractors—the Granite Construction Co. and Herrick Iron Works—have more engineers working for them. Bro. Jerry Marion operates a truck crane for Herrick Iron Works and Bro. Jim Daigh is his oiler. The Metz Gravel Plant supplies the aggregate for this job. . . . Ted Baun's big street job in King City keeps many of our members busy on pipeline work. M. J. Rudy & Son have the subcontract for crusher run. . . . The Greenfield School and the Soledad School are about complete.

## CAPITOLA, SANTA CRUZ, FELTON

The A. J. Peters Co. has a good-sized job at Capitola. It consists of installing a new sanitary pipeline. Good job for engineers. . . . The Santa Cruz school job went to Nomenelli of Stockton for \$549,233. . . . Around Felton, the PCA, Kaiser and Santa Cruz gravel plants are busy as usual, with no lay-offs.

## NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

Received a nice letter from Bro. Mike Kraynick, who is on the "Big Inch" line out of Needles. Mike says it is getting warm down there. . . . Bro. Lawrence "Shorty" Kaska visited us recently. He is with Bechtel as a mechanic. . . . Also heard from Bro. Jim Aregger over the weekend. As you know, Jim is foreman on one of the spreads down there. He says they are making fast progress on the line and Jim's division is now just out of Tehachapi. He will be happy when he gets into Local 3 territory again. . . . Bro. Anthony "Tony" Pisano became a hero recently when he rescued his invalid mother and her nurse from their burning home. Bro. Pisano received painful but not serious burns. . . . Bro. C. J. "Red" Morrison (a Stolte man) suffered a broken leg while skiing at Yosemite. Bro. Morrison is now recuperating and hopes to be back on the job soon. . . . Thanks to Bro. Ray M. Allen for his letter notifying us that he had gone back to work. . . . Bro. Floyd L. Dearborn (an oldtimer with Permanente and more recently of Piazza Paving) has decided to go into business for himself. He has just purchased a Quickway combination shovel, dragline and clamshell. Bro. Dearborn is well worthy of any assistance that you may be able to give him.

A happy Easter, brothers!

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Daughter: "I found a horseshoe this morning."

Mother: "Do you know what that means?"

Daughter: "Yes. It means that some poor horse is running around in his stocking feet."

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Joe: "The butter in this boarding house is so strong it can walk right over to the coffee and say, 'How do you do?'"

Bill: "Yes, but the coffee is too weak to answer."

Eureka—

# SEASON SLOW TO START IN REDWOODS AS RAINS HANG ON

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

The news in this area is brief due to lack of work and continued cold and rainy weather.

Del Norte County has been shut down due to power shortage and heavy rain and snow. However, on February 27th, the lumber carrier, North Bend, a converted LSM, made a test trip out of Crescent City with about 200,000 feet of finished lumber. Destination of cargo was Oakland. Lumber was loaded from the Citizens Dock and was the first shipment of lumber by water in 20 years.

There is nothing definite on the jetty job as yet. It has not been definitely settled on how much money will be made available this year. Also some of the original part of the jetty has been damaged and will have to be repaired before the new construction can be started. The new quarry site had not been settled at the time of this writing.

The State has called for bids on a resurfacing job 6.7 miles in length between Klamath River bridge and Wilson creek. Bids to be opened March 22. Also 5.2 miles of resurfacing from one mile south of Orick to two miles south of Del Norte county line; bids to be opened on March 22nd.

There is nothing new on the Dutton Dock and there will be little chance of anything starting there before April 15th.

The new school at Klamath has been awarded to A. C. Johnson of Eureka, and the airport building at Crescent City airport has been let to Wheelon and Osborn of Crescent City, a non-union company.

Piombo Construction Co. keeps one oiler on the job and Sup. Phil Dunn. The requests for bids to surface the new road at Freshwater Lagoon should be called for in 30 days.

There is a couple of school jobs going in Arcata and Eureka, but

there is very little work for Engineers.

Fred J. Mauer and Son are doing a few small jobs, but have done a good job in keeping their regular crew steadily employed.

Mercer Fraser Co. has not put any new men on, but has kept most of their regular crew busy. They also were the successful bidders on the Arcata sewer job and have started that job going in good shape.

Brother Tom Hull keeps busy at all times. Of course, he loses money on all of them; at least, that's what he says.

Brother Bill Kuchel, cat skinner for Brother Johnny Jackson, suffered a bad injury when he forgot to leave the rig out of gear while idling. In climbing back on the rig, he pulled the clutch in and lost two toes on his right foot. Brother Kuchel will be out of the running for at least two months.

## Start About May 1

In summing up conditions in general for this district, we cannot see any work to speak of before May first at the earliest.

The woods work is beginning to open up and unless more bad weather comes along, a lot of men now unemployed will be back to work in a couple of weeks. We have been placing a few men in the woods right along and will continue to do so in the future. Brother Chas. Willett of Redding country and Brother Earl Spence are the latest. They are working for Barker Corp. and doing fine; also making themselves some money—nine hours and six days. We have quite a few members employed there at the present and I believe the corporation appreciates good men.

Brother Dean Langford is about to start logging and should make a success of it. Being a very good logger himself and having a good crew of men should assure Brother Dean of succeeding.

There are quite a few small outfits doing road work for lumber companies in the woods and they should belong to us. We are making some progress; however, they are hard to locate and harder to get to. This is a big country with a million roads, mostly bad.

Brother Crile is out of the hospital and about ready for work again. So be careful, bucko, and work safely. We don't like to see anybody hurt and neither does a man's family like it. So again—work safely for yourself and others.

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# It's Done in The Primary!

"The primary election comes soon. Indications are that many voters are not yet registered. Without registration, voting is difficult, to say the least."

"Many people seem to feel that the primary is unimportant. It is just the opposite. Unless good candidates are nominated at the primary, there will be no good candidates to vote for in the final election. . . ."

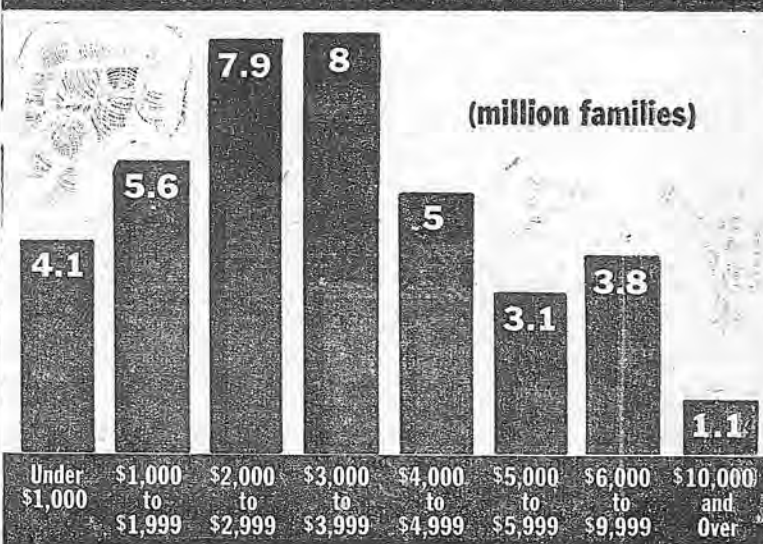
"Take care of this important matter now. Be sure you are registered—and then be sure you can vote."—Milwaukee Labor Press.

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Al Wynn told us about the slightly inebriated gentleman gazing in through a laundromat window at the rows of machines, each with a swirling mass of clothing behind the circular glass front. After a while he rubbed his eyes and walked away, muttering "These televisions aren't so hot."

# Why Social Security Must Be Improved

Distribution of 1948 income of America's 38.5 million families



Source: Bureau of the Census



# What's doing in the Oakland office

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

With the recall election behind us, Operating Engineers residing in Oakland might well be proud of the showing made by labor at the polls. At this time the outcome is still undecided in the case of one of our candidates, Scott Weakley, but the overall picture is good! Not only does it prove the interest that has been taken by our people in going to the polls; but equally important, it demonstrates the average man's ability to see through the ballyhoo and smoke screen tactics used by the reactionary press to confuse issues of major importance.

## Getting Around the Jobs

Now that we've had a few weeks of sunshine everyone except the contractors seem to be rarin' to go. Up to the present time, however, they continue to doubt that spring has really arrived and apparently want to be very sure before cutting loose with any work. Of course there has been some work starting up, but so far the effect on the out of work list has been very slight. Several of the fellows who were laid off on account of the rain have been called back to work, which relieves the strain to a certain extent, and we are hopeful that the next few weeks will see the employment situation starting to improve.

C. F. Braun, an Alhambra concern, is doing some repair work at the Associated Oil Plant in Avon. This job, while of short duration, is furnishing a little work and at present Brothers Les Shroy, Jimmy Cook, J. D. Morgan and Pete Teronis are on the payroll.

Some of the contractors on the East Oakland Freeway are gradually getting their crews reassembled, but up to the present time, no new work has been started. Bro. Grant Brown, who has been foreman for Fredrickson and Watson on several of their operations, including the freeway and the Hayward Airport job, is back with the company, after having spent his loose change on an enforced vacation.

Brothers "SI" Walker, Joseph Thibodeaux and Herman Hasenstein are back on the payroll for American Concrete Pipe at their plant in Pittsburg.

E. J. Freethy's contract for the construction of the effluent pumping station in connection with the East Bay Sewage Disposal Plant, is getting well under way. M. B. McGowan has the contract for placing of sheet piling on the job, and the paving work is to be handled by Lee J. Immel.

Work on S.U.H.B.'s canal job at Tracy has slowed down considerably and at present there are only about 20 engineers on the payroll. It is not expected that this number will be increased to any extent, as the work is nearly completed. Some excavation is in progress in the switch control yard and the finish grading is being done on the fill over the precast pipe. The structure of the pumping plant itself is now complete and the large pump parts installations are being moved into place.

According to Brother Cal Baker, superintendent for P. & J. Artukovich pipe laying on the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District job is pretty well completed. This work, covered by two contracts, totals 3/4 of a million dollars and consists of 35 miles of pipeline installation in the Walnut Creek area. The pipe work itself has been completed and the paving operations are now in progress. This company has a contract for placing of 27,000 feet of water line in Castro Valley and several of the boys from the Walnut Creek job have been transferred over. Brother Joe McClary is foreman over the Castro Valley operation, while Whitey Ongman is in charge of the paving on the Walnut Creek spread, and Tom Treadwell is in charge of the inspectors in the field at Walnut Creek. This outfit recently was awarded a large contract at Comp-

ton in the southern part of the state and expects to move a considerable amount of equipment down there soon.

The Key System has changed methods of operation on the track removal project now in progress in Emeryville. Previously the work has been handled by contractors, but this time the company is hiring engineers directly from the hall and doing the work themselves.

School construction and improvements have been furnishing some work for the brothers within the past few weeks. In El Cerrito, the E. J. Freethy Company is the prime contractor on a million dollar addition to the El Cerrito Junior-Senior High School. This company handled their own excavating work, but have subbed the paving to Lee Immel. This same outfit has another job at Kensington Hilltop Grammar School, with J. Henry Harris doing the ground work on this one. In Berkeley work is progressing steadily on the California School for the Deaf. New construction has been going on for some time and at present excavation is getting under way for additional buildings. Handled by J. Henry Harris, the dirt work is furnishing a little workout for a few of the fellows on his payroll. At the Walter T. Helms Junior High School, being built by the Richmond Union High School district in the town of San Pablo, work is progressing very satisfactorily. Excavation is approximately 75 per cent complete and at the present time the forms are being placed for the concrete work. This \$1,600,000 project will take approximately 1 1/2 years to complete and will provide 46 classrooms in a two-story structure, with additional shop and gym units. John E. Branagh and Son, contractors of Oakland, are handling the work. O. C. Jones is also working on several schools and playgrounds in the area. At Castlemont High they have a \$47,000 job and are presently site clearing and grading for a new football field. This company also has a grading project going at the Rockridge Grammar School, off Broadway Terrace, and are handling the work on the \$85,000 de Fremery playground project.

A spurt of activity at Utah's yard in Richmond during the past week has provided work for a few mechanics and welders. At last word, work on their Oregon job was still very slow, due to weather conditions.

Bigge Drayage has three cranes working in the old Kaiser prefabricated plant in Richmond. They are dismantling a crane which is to be shipped to Chicago. This is quite a job as it necessitates knocking out all the rivets in the building and match-marking the steel for reassembly.

There is considerable activity in the various rock, sand and gravel plants, and they expect to run to full capacity all of this coming summer. California Rock and Gravel is installing a new rod mill for preparing sand, which seems to be very much in demand at this time. The Kaiser Company is shipping an average of 110 cars of aggregate per day from their Radum plant. This does not include the local trade, which is serviced by truck, and which is growing steadily. This company is now remodeling the hot plant at Niles. They are installing a new cyclone and dust control system, which they expect will be ready to go in about two weeks. Pacific Coast Aggregates is shipping an average of 65 cars daily from their new plant at Eliot. They are gradually tearing down the old

plant which has been in service for the past thirty years, and Plant 118 is still being used to care for the truck trade in that vicinity. Their plant at Centerville, which is used exclusively for truck trade, is producing approximately 3000 tons of material daily. Concrete Materials Co. has come to life again, shipping 9 cars daily and handling a considerable amount of truck business. Inland Aggregates, Inc., of Niles is also busy, and two shifts have been in operation in this plant for some time.

Clements and Company have their hot plant at Centerville in operation following a shutdown for complete overhaul and reconditioning. Previously they had experienced a great deal of difficulty due to the dust raised at the plant, but feel sure this has been taken care of satisfactorily. Brother George Young, superintendent, reports that Brother Dean Follett, one of the company's old-timers, is on the sick list. It seems that Dean has been ill for some time, and will have to go into the hospital soon for a major operation.

Eugene Alves has the contract to move between 12,000 and 14,000 yards of dirt for the new grammar school in Antioch. Brother Alaric Alves is superintendent, Brother Ben Blackman, foreman, and Bros. Leroy Lilley, Tom Ferguson, Frank Medinas, Manuel Dejesus and Leo McFarlane are doing the operating.

Harms and Ball are finishing up on their Livermore highway job. The work consists, in the main, of shoulders and tie-in's to the existing highway. This job will keep 5 or 6 of our members working for about a month. Kaiser Company is furnishing black top for this operation from their Radum plant.

San Francisco Bridge Company's dredge, Welatka, has finished the Napa River job and is now in the Balaire yard. The Duwamish will finish up at Redwood City in a few days and will then move to the Grand Island job near Rio Vista. This, incidentally, is the last dredging job that has been let in this territory. It has been reported that bids have been called for a couple of jobs up near Sacramento, but as yet there is no definite information available.

## What the Brothers Are Doing

Received the following letter: Operating Engineers, Local 3

Dear Sirs:  
If possible I would like to have this note of thanks printed in your Engineers News. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Local 3 members and personnel for the courtesy at the death of my husband, O. E. Butler, and my deepest gratitude to Mr. Earl V. Gifford for blood donations.  
Sincerely yours,  
MRS. O. E. BUTLER.

Brother Frank P. Smith has taken out a withdrawal card, presumably to go into the farming business near Sumner, Washington. He seems very enthusiastic about the place, and from what he says about the good fishing that is so handy and the hunting that is so good, we wonder just how much farming he is going to get done!

Worried about high food prices? Well, listen to this one. Brother Bill Rist of Livermore is just getting nicely started by the time he and his family of seven have eaten. Then comes his seven lion hounds—and they can each knock the spots out of about a gallon of provender every day. After that there are the five horses, 1500 chickens, two heifers and the family dog—all of 'em with good healthy appetites. So in these days of bent and bungled budgets, take heart, for the chances are good that

# No Money? You're Lazy!

(LLPE Release)

This moth-eaten argument against social security still pops up surprisingly often:

If workers weren't such spendthrifts they would save enough money for their old age. Then we wouldn't need this social security that's bankrupting the U.S. Another thing: anyone who can't make enough money to put aside a little every week is just plain lazy.

Well, what are the facts about the income of America's families? The Census Bureau recently completed a survey of the nation's 38 1/2 million families which shows:

Nearly 10 million families had incomes of less than \$2,000 in 1948. (That breaks down to about 4.1 million with incomes of less than \$1,000 and around 5.6 million from \$1,000 to \$2,000.)

Mr. Industrialist, have you ever tried to put a little away for your old age on say, \$1,500 a year?

Another 7.9 million families had annual incomes of from \$2,000 to \$3,000. Do the coupon-clippers really believe that you can save for your retirement on such pay?

About 8 million families earned \$3,000 to \$4,000 in 1948. Saving for old age is difficult even in "higher brackets."

So far we have considered 25.6 million—or about two-thirds—of the 38.5 million families in the nation.

Note that two-thirds of the families made less than \$4,000 in 1948. That fact alone makes the argument that anyone who really wants to can save for his old age look awfully silly.

As for the upper third of America's families, economically speaking, 5 million earned from \$4,000 to \$5,000 in 1948; 3.1 million from \$5,000 to \$6,000; 3.8 million from \$6,000 to \$10,000; and 1.1 million, \$10,000 and over.

Conclusion: It's easy to talk about saving for old age on \$2,000 a year—if YOUR income is \$20,000.

Adequate social security legislation, along the lines of that the House approved last year, is necessary. The Senate must pass such a bill this year.

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## Scholarships Open To Labor Members

Transatlantic Foundation last week announced that awards are now being considered for five American trade union scholarships to Ruskin College at Oxford, England. West coast was honored last year by the selection of George C. Allen, son of Bus. Mgr. George Allen of San Francisco Watchmakers Local 101, who is now studying at Oxford.

The scholarships amount to \$560 each, covering tuition, room, and board at Oxford, and leaving \$200 for personal use. They cover one year of study. One must provide his own transportation. The foundation has sent invitations to labor councils in the larger cities. Only qualifications are age, 20 to 35, and to be active in the labor movement. It is open to both men and women. Last date for receipt of applications is May 1.

Anyone interested should get in touch with George Johns, secretary, San Francisco Labor Council, 2940 16th St., San Francisco.

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## Rents at New High

Average rent payments were higher on December 15—the latest date for which figures are available—than for any month of 1949. They also were higher than the average monthly rentals for any of the previous nine years.

The figures were made available by the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report.

## Pres. Maloney Tells Plan on LLPE Aid

TO ALL AFFILIATED LOCAL UNIONS

Greetings:

This letter is being sent to your Local Union on behalf of Labor's League for Political Education. As you know, the League by action of the American Federation of Labor at the St. Paul Convention requested a \$2.00 contribution per member, this amount to be mailed to this office, which will then be deposited with the LLPE, who will credit the individual State with the amount received from all the locals in that State. This contribution is voluntary and under no circumstances should any monies be drawn from the Local treasury.

Your Local Union will form a Legislative Committee composed of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. The names and addresses of the committee members are to be mailed to this office. Receipt books, together with LLPE Buttons are being sent you under separate cover. Receipt books used in the 1949 campaign are to be returned to this office if you have any on hand. As money is collected you will give to the donor the original receipt; keep one for the Local files and send one, with monies collected, to:

Chas. B. Gramling, Treasurer,  
Engineers' Legislative Committee,  
1003 K Street, N.W.,  
Washington 1, D. C.

A button is to be given to each member making a donation. Additional buttons are available upon request.

With kindest personal regards,  
I am

Fraternally yours,  
Engineers' Legislative Committee  
WM. E. MALONEY, Chairman.

you'll never have this assortment of grub consumers to provide for!

Brother Ted Brundage tells us that Boy Scout Troop 135 of Richmond is short about 20 uniforms. So you fellows who have former scouts in the family, ask them to pass their equipment on to these youngsters. You can contact Bro. Brundage directly at 4510 Fall Avenue, Apartment 7, Richmond, or if it is more convenient, bring the things into the hall and we will see that they are delivered.

Brother O. C. Windham recently purchased the Pup House at 2237B Grove Street, Oakland. This is not a fancy place, but a good spot to visit when you want some good wholesome grub that is well cooked and appetizing. This is Brother Windham's second whirl as a restaurant man—says he lost his shirt last time, but it's gonna' be a different story this time!

We have just heard of the untimely death of Brother Perry Martin of Concord. A member of the firm of Martin Brothers, he was associated with his brother Floyd in this company and was well known and liked by Engineers throughout this area. We feel that his death is a definite loss to all, and wish to extend our sincere sympathy to his family.



# San Rafael— EARLY SPRING PICK-UP IN JOBS AROUND THE NORTH BAY

H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 3

The Hallum Construction Company, Inc., have taken over the Spaletta yard, 3851 East Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, phone Santa Rosa 3913. Brother Doyle L. Hallum is president with Brother Lester Palmer, vice-president; and Gus Reents, secretary and treasurer, and Thurmond (not Mortimer) Sneed, also part of the company . . . this company is equipped for paving, sewers, rock, sand and gravel business . . . at present finishing job in Richmond and moving on to San Quentin on a pipe line job . . . the boys advise prospects are pleasing and we wish them good luck in their recent move into this area from Richmond.

J. Henry Harris of Berkeley, is doing the Rincon Valley School excavation on Sonoma road, east of Santa Rosa, with Brothers Henry Fisher and Bill King on the shovel; "P. H." Emerson, Roy DeWitt and Nick Williges on the cat spread; Ernie Figley is in charge of grade. After completing this job they will move to Mount Hamilton, San Jose area.

Brother Clarence Farnquist, hot plant and quarry superintendent, with Parish Brothers of Benicia for years, now general superintendent for the A. J. Raich Paving Company of San Jose . . . Congratulations. Clarence is right back in the area he started in about 30 years ago and the old gang will be glad to see him.

Brother A. W. Maxwell, mechanic at Basalt, McNear's Point, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last November reporting he is completely recovered and ready for work . . . "Max" had a close call here and we are glad he is around . . . Pat Donohue has missed "Max" since his accident as he is Pat's partner "in crime."

Brother Cyrus "Cy" King, of Mill Valley, right-hand bower for Ray F. Miller, contractor of Mill Valley, recently signed an agreement advising things look vary good for this year.

Brother Jim McCaffrey with "Pug" Hastings of Lake County for the past several months, unable to stay away from Marin and now busy with Brothers Charlie and Tom McCaffrey digging away in the North Bay area.

Brother George Ley again "in our hair," but only for a visit in the office . . . now with Brother Clarence Bullard of Lakeport and expecting to be moved on the shovel soon as able, to pull the cats out of the mud. All equipment buried as of now, but expect to be starting soon . . . won't be seeing much of George this year.

## Aid Blood Bank

Brother Henry "Hamp" Hampton, a recent donor in the Engineers Blood Bank, has returned to the United States Navy project in Port Chicago . . . wish more of the brothers would consider the Blood Bank while they are in the city of San Francisco, Alameda or Sacramento; it will only take a few minutes to stop in and donate blood—and who knows, you may be next on the list needing blood. Any of the brothers who can make a blood donation on this side of the bay if they will call the San Rafael office, telephone San Rafael 4616, advising the time they have for the trip over, will be glad to make up a group and we'll all go over.

Brother Robert Bowers now has a portable welding service located at 1957 Broadway, Vallejo, with two telephone numbers: Vallejo 2-2360 or Vallejo 3-4691 . . . he has a new 400 amp. Lincoln truck model, portable, and can handle up to the 5/16" rod and is equipped for day or night work. Bob is highly recommended by this office and we hope you will give him a ring.

Brother Howard "Benedict" Ad-dington and his wife, Alice, have recently started raising chickens on their Paradise Island home . . . still waiting for the steelhead and bass—guess Alice will come through with them . . . her skill has to be greater than the great "Scarbelly" . . . his is nil.

Brother Jim "Smiling" Parsons recently wrote in from El Monte for his book . . . says he clicked down in Local No. 12 area all during the rainy season . . . will give odds he will be back up this way . . . fishin' better.

Brother Delbert England visited the office advising he is planning on moving his family to San Diego to go to work on the International Highway . . . just checking to make sure he will be able to get back into No. 3.

M. Miles Thomas of San Francisco, was recently awarded the \$33,000 sewer line job in Marin county . . . part of the Lagunitas deal . . . as this goes to press, this office has no further information on this project except that it is, expected bids will be called for as soon as possible and the same thing applies to the Novato Dam dirt project.

Barrett & Hilp of San Francisco were low on the \$167,000 Fairfax Disposal Plant project, Marin County.

Tyson & Watters of Sacramento are still mucking away on the reclamation project at Mare Island . . . we hear there are lots of new Mercurys over there . . . could suggest Brother Edwards might take a ride in one over this way some day soon.

Napa County approved \$200,000 bond election for extension of 30-inch main to Napa State Hospital, with bids to be opened March 13.

Paul Respini of Petaluma, telephone Petaluma 3-F-13, has bought a couple of acres, one mile north of Petaluma, on the right side of the highway for his equipment yard . . . Paul is looking around for an L.P. scraper . . . who can help him?

## Crack Up Plane

Brothers Lee and Bob Thompson recently cracked up in their plane coming into the Novato airport . . . Hear both have lots of bruises—all colors, with Brother Bob adding pneumonia to his . . . Brother Joe Quaini, also out of circulation—as is Brother J. E. Caldwell . . . Our best wishes to each brother for his speedy recovery.

Frank Main, one of our old-time contractors in this area, doesn't say much, but always has equipment running.

Marin Equipment Company at Greenbrae with Brother Jimmy Hewitson, "the Maestro," keeping several mechanics busy, overhauling anything that comes in . . . Mr. Williams, the owner, has several contract hauling jobs. The Golden Gate Equipment, right next door, on 101 highway, Greenbrae, also reporting business is good.

The Juarez Quarry, Napa, Louis Bridenback, owner, reporting a busy year just past, and prospects good for this year . . . has added a new shovel to operations.

Parish Brothers of Benicia "80" with George "Beechnut" Freeland at the controls has pulled in on the Carey Brothers' 40,000 fill job at Santa Venecia . . . with the next jump Port Chicago, Pittsburg.

In passing we would like to say "thank you" to Brother Louis Freeland, a recent blood donor for the Engineers Blood Bank in San Francisco.

Brother Robert W. Clark, 3022 Coffey Lane, Santa Rosa, telephone number, Santa Rosa 78R2 has dozer-carry-all available for rental—will go anywhere.

Brother C. C. Haymart, who recently purchased a home in Novato, telephone Novato 178-M, has a D-4 Side Boom, Cardwell Unit,

# Hawaii— Island Wage Cut In Building Trades Is Now a Reality

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ  
Business Representative, Local 3

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii has now recommended to its members a new maximum wage rate for classifications to be applied wherever feasible without running afoul of the law. (Davis-Bacon rates for Hawaii.) Some classifications have been re-rated as low as 50c with the average at about 25c. However, all classifications under the Operating Engineers' jurisdiction have not been cut. With all the projected plans that are released here every day in our daily newspapers and through other sources on new work, the Territory's unemployment problems are still bottlenecked.

If the State Department agrees to alter its "good neighbor" policy in the case of Guam with its 15,000 Filipino aliens now employed, to return them to their homeland, we may then realize some help.

Many F.H.A. and H.H.A. housing projects are being planned for the next three years, the first to begin in August of this year.

The rains have held up whatever excavation projects on Windward Oahu and on the big island.

A. E. C. recruiting for the forward area is now down to a minimum. No Operating Engineers' hired yet. All were hired or are being hired on the mainland. They have only requested two deckhands and two mechanic helpers to date.

Byrne Organization's Majuro project is in progress now. Brothers Paul Kaholokula and John Spencer are the only fortunate ones to be there on one of the very few islands in that area populated with women also. Byrne Organization has requested for a few helpers to leave for Kwajalein next week.

We are happy to recognize Bro. Edwin Ebisui, who has just bought himself a surplus 20-ton Link-belt truck crane to go into business for himself. We wish him luck and will do our part in helping him obtain work in this area for his crane. He is now open for business as "Eddie's Crane Service."

On the local scene—nothing presentable that we could take advantage of at this time.

available for rent . . . he also will go anywhere.

George Slinsen Company of Napa were low on the No. 8 Highway route grading from Francis Bridge to Soscol Avenue, Napa; also paving on Third street, Napa, about eight thousand plus project, also leveling a public parking lot for the city of Napa, also has equipment on the Barber Ranch pulling trees with other equipment on the Gordon sub-division and the Wil-roth sub-division. George says: "looks like a year nifty, in fifty."

We are advised the city of Napa has approximately \$250,000 for street improvement . . . from where we are it looks like they can use it and it is hoped to good advantage.

The proposed Marin County Hospital project on the sixteen-acre tract "Bon Air Hill," facing Mt. Tamalpais, with an estimated cost of two million, expect the working drawings to be ready for approval by April first.

## State Fed. Moves To New Offices

The California State Federation of Labor announced this week that after March 16 its offices and those of the California Labor League for Political Education will be located at 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market street, San Francisco 3.

Charles P. Scully, federation attorney, has moved, he also announced, to suite 701-719 in the same building.

# Marysville— GOOD WEATHER SPEEDS WORK ON NORTH VALLEY'S PROJECTS

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

The Feather River Canyon job is about completed and Rock Creek Power House is now on the line. All the Local 3 men that are left in the Canyon belong to clean-up crews for M-K Co., Inc., a few for Dixon & Arundel and T. E. Connolly has seven men left repairing and moving equipment into Oroville for storage.

## Reno— Highway Jobs Top List as Season Starts in Nevada

By H. L. SPENCE  
Business Representative, Local 3

Isbell Construction Company will be starting on their highway jobs in Elko, Nevada, soon, weather permitting, also their highway job on South Virginia Road, in Reno, Nevada. Isbells have an enormous pile of gravel crushed at the East 2nd St. plant but they will use it up before the summer season is over for they expect lots of work.

Isbell's stripping job at Kimberly, Nevada, is a bit uncertain. Some days we hear they will be there for 10 years, then all of a sudden we hear that they are going to cut down, so I guess we will just have to wait and see what happens next, however, Local No. 3 won a union shop election on the Isbell Construction Company stripping job at Kimberly, Nevada.

From the looks of the bids on the last letting of state work, we have a new dirt moving outfit in the great state of Nevada, Wells Cargo, Inc.

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, Jr., has started his highway job at Ely, Nevada. I guess some of the brothers will be moving to Ely soon.

Nominelli Construction Company is working along on their school job on South Verdi Road in Reno, Nevada, with Brother S. V. Thompson on the stiff leg derrick raising the steel on the job. Brother Mike J. Fredricks and Stanley W. Fredricks are on the crane pouring the concrete. The three brothers are doing a fine job on the school.

Brother Irvin (Shorty) Hudson is a busy man doing the hoist work at the extension on the Riverside Hotel in Reno, Nevada.

Brother Rhyen DeWald has a full time job on the hoist for Mervin Gardner on the extension of the Telephone Building in Reno.

Jimmie Zunino was in Reno to take one of Wells Cargo, Inc., pulls out to Copper Canyon to haul some pines in to plug up some holes around the dike on Natomas Company Dredge. They are losing their water and the boat was shut down. Water is very precious in that desert.

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## "Ease Tax On Low Paid"

Washington.—The CIO came out strongly Feb. 14 for excess profits taxes, undistributed profits taxes, and higher exemptions for low income families so that the burden of taxation would be placed where it belongs, on those best able to pay.

The program was presented by CIO Director of Research Stanley Ruttenberg before the House Ways and Means Committee. It is aimed squarely at the huge profits scored by giant corporations in postwar years in contrast to the official Administration tax program which seeks only a moderate increase in corporation taxes and a tightening of loopholes in corporation, inheritance and gift taxes.

Local work in the Valley should pick up now if no more rain comes to mar our joy at this sunshine and we will be very happy to see the jobs start, for it has been a long winter for some of our good brothers.

Baker Brothers of Chico have had a small flurry of work and several cat skimmers are back on their payroll.

Butte Creek Rock Company of Chico put a couple of blade operators out the past week.

Biasotti road job near Camptonville should be started by the first of April and will take a few of the brothers off the bench.

A shoulder and surfacing job was let in Sutter County on April 8th to Rice Bros. for \$94,000. Don't know yet who will be foreman.

A small bridge job was let on the same date near Butte City, California, but have not found out who was the successful bidder.

## Foresee Good Summer

All the small outfits around this district anticipate a good summer and we will be glad of that.

Walsh & Pucetti have been doing repair work in their Yuba City shop.

Harold Shaver is ready to go for plenty of land leveling.

A. Till Company is making good progress on the Dobbins Colgate Tunnel with a full union crew.

This office has had a beef with an outfit of Electrical Workers claiming our jurisdiction, but with the help of our San Francisco Office we were able to put a Local 3 man on the cat.

Thompson & Son of Marin County came over for a few weeks of excavation on Highway 99E structures up Gridley and Live Oak way.

Brunnelli & Company of Oakland are working on an addition to the court house in Butte County and are using one of our hoist men as needed.

Tony Madruga will start his portable gravel plant on Cherry road in Butte County about March 15, 1950.

American River Sand and Gravel are subbing gravel under M. J. Rudy & Son at the above location. We are having a little trouble with this firm but will resolve our differences one way or another in a few days time.

Trans-Ocean Company was low bidder on a bridge job near Butte City.

## Personal Mention

Brother George N. Tucker, mucker machine operator in South America (Brazil) wrote in to tell us that he and Mrs. Tucker were the proud parents of a new son. The first one born to any of the M-K Co., Inc., employees from the States. Congratulations to them and the boy.

Marysville is in the First Congressional District and we urge all members of Local No. 3 residing in this territory to register and vote, for if not, someone will continue to misrepresent us in Washington.

Natomas Dredge No. 6 has been dismantled and moved to her new location. Numerous adjustments and reclassifications were set up for the gang on this boat. Brother Murfree is the committeeman on this project.

Yuba Consolidated, Capital and the Natomas Company have been officially notified that our contracts are to be reopened for negotiations on wages, vacations and conditions. Progress meetings will be held and it is hoped that all negotiations and contract conditions will be in order at the respective expiration dates.

Once more in closing—please qualify yourself to vote in the primary elections by registering.



## San Francisco

# WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO IS VERY SLOW IN PICKING UP

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

Although the weather has been in our favor for the past month, it has not changed the looks of the out-of-work list a great deal. May we caution brothers in the outlying districts who are figuring on coming in to San Francisco to look for work that the work at this time is not as good as we had expected. Orders coming in to the office for men are few and far between. There are quite a few of our brothers out of work at the present time. However, on the brighter said, there are also a number of brothers who are working now, and have been working all winter, for some of the various contractors around town.

## Around the Jobs

Dunwiddie, at the Metropolitan Housing Project, has been keeping a number of engineers busy through the winter. There are eleven 13-story buildings on this project and also a three-story garage which will be even larger than the Union Square Garage when it is completed.

M&K Corporation is now in full blast with the tunnel job at Lake Merced. At the writing of this article, the second heading is just beginning and they are approximately 500 feet in with the first heading. This company also is doing the work on the sludge plant at North Point. The members who have been working on this job have been doing pretty well all winter and from present expectations should be there another year.

Probably the most talked-about job in S. F. is the M & K Broadway Tunnel. Many of the brothers have asked when the work for our men will begin, so at this writing we will repeat ourselves by saying there are no engineers on the job and we do not have the information as to when operations will begin for us.

Walsh-Pomeroy, who were low bidders on the sewage treatment plant, are now in the first stages of operations, with Walsh doing the job.

Granite Construction has been going right along with the overpass at Alemany and Junipero Serra Blvds. This overpass, when opened, will certainly relieve the traffic congestion that has been a problem for so many years.

Most of the shops around town are down to a minimum as far as the mechanics are concerned. Now that the main part of the rainy season is over, and with some of the rigs going back to work, there is an expectation that the shops will soon be busy again.

Eaton & Smith are going right along on the preparations for their new yard out on Michigan and 24th Sts. This company has most of its rigs busy at various jobs.

Harney, as per usual, is busy all over town. The Freeway job is still going, with a few engineers doing the dirt work. J. H. Moore is doing the iron work on the Freeway and from the looks of things, it's rolling right along.

Swinerton & Walberg are still employing a number of engineers on the Standard Oil Co.'s building on Bush St. This building is beginning to shape up nicely.

Ben C. Gerwick employs a few brothers on the outlet pipe job for the sludge plant at the waterfront. Fay Improvement Co. is coming to the last stages of the San Bruno Ave. track removal and resurfacing job. Fay also has scattered work throughout the city.

Williams and Burrows are busy on the housing project located behind the U. C. Hospital. There is still a lot of grading to do before they will be able to begin the 87-unit project. P. Farish has been doing the dirt work, and Ellis Stump Extractors have been removing the trees on this particular job.

The Islais Creek Third St. Bridge is finally open, and therefore the traffic conditions which existed during construction have now been eliminated.

There are many other contractors doing work around town, as can be seen, and these take care of a lot of our brother engineers.

## Personal Touch

Why don't some of you that happen to be overseas at present, and who also receive the Engineers' News, do a little letter-writing and let the brothers know what's going on?

Also, for the brothers interested in overseas work, we must again report that this past month there has been absolutely no activity either in men going, or coming, from overseas jobs. We do not have any information as to any contractors needing men on any out-of-country jobs and there is more than likely some work going on in the foreign areas; however, without any information in this office, it is a cinch that we cannot pass any on to you!

Brothers, there still is a need for blood donations; our supply is practically down to nothing again! As a reminder, please try to take the time to go to the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and donate a pint to the account of the Operating Engineers. Remember . . . The Life You Save May Be Your Own!

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## SPORTSMAN'S CALENDAR

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

**Oatfish**—No closed season. Bag and possession limits: 15 pounds and one fish in the round, or 8 pounds and one fish dressed. Minimum size: 9 inches in Clear Lake; 10 inches in District 22; none elsewhere. Night fishing permitted in District 22, Siskiyou, Shasta, Modoc, and Lakes counties.

**Striped Bass**—No closed season. Bag limit: 5 fish or 25 pounds and one fish, or 2 fish regardless of weight. Minimum size limit: 12 inches.

**Black Bass, Sunfish, Crappie, Sacramento Perch**—Closed until April 29 in all counties north of Mono, Madera, Fresno, Kings, and San Luis Obispo. No closed season elsewhere or in Clear Lake. Bag limits: 5 black bass, 25 sunfish, crappie, perch. No size limits.

**Ocean Fish**—No closed season on the following species (bag limit included): 50 scallops; 15 rockfish; 2 marlin; 2 black sea bass; 3 salmon; 2 broadbill swordfish; 10 tuna, croaker, skipjack, albacore, barracuda, yellowtail, white sea bass, bonito, rock bass, kelp bass, corbina, halibut, ling cod and cabezone. No limit other species.

**Clams**—Ends April 30 in Humboldt and Monterey Bay areas. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limits: 30 razor; 10 big neck; 10 Pismo; 10 Washington. No limit on jack nife clams.

**Crabs**—Ends July 31. Bag limit: 10 in Eel River, Humboldt and Trinidad Bays; none elsewhere. Size limit: no males under 7 inches. No females may be taken.

**Lobsters**—Ends March 15. No bag limit. Size limit: none under 10 1/2 inches.

**Cockles**—Ends April 30 in counties north of San Luis Obispo County. No closed season elsewhere. Bag limit: 50. Minimum size limit: one and one-half inches in diameter.

**Abalones**—Opens March 16. Bag and possession limit: 5 per day. Minimum size limits: red abalone, 7 inches; green, 6 1/2; pink, 6; black, 5.

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Traditionally, playing cards originated in Asia.

## Redding—

# Good Outlook at Season Opening In the Siskiyou

By E. A. HESTER,

Business Representative, Local 3

Brothers, it won't be long now. The work situation has begun to pick up in Northern California. And all indications point towards a good year in the construction game. However, things seem to be a little slow in getting under way.

The opening of bids on the highway project, between Redding and Anderson, has been delayed from March 15 to April 4. There has been a lot added to this project. It will be a good sized job—somewhere in the neighborhood of a million dollars or more.

State engineers are also busy preparing to call for bids on a freeway out of Dunsmuir on highway 99. This will be another large job.

Bids will soon be open on eight miles of highway 99, between Mt. Shasta and Weed. The state's estimation is \$550,000. And also in Trinity county we have another large highway project coming up between Weaverville and Buckhorn Station. This is a relocation of highway—and there will be lots of muck to be moved.

Bids will be called for on a small job between Chico and Vina on March 22.

Most all counties in the northern part of the state will be building new roads this year. Shasta alone has been allotted \$600,000 federal aid. This means that this will have to be matched by the county.

## Transmission Line

Work has begun on a small airport in Trinity county.

Don L. Cooney Company, of 1749 Airport Way, Seattle, Wash., has started moving in on a transmission line project awarded to him by the Bureau of Reclamation. This project extends from Cottonwood south several miles. His bid was \$367,694. He has 320 days to complete the job. There is quite a lot of clearing and concrete to be poured. We hope everything goes well on this project, but so far we are in doubt.

Weather conditions are very good and we believe if this keeps up R. B. Guerin will resume work on his project at Cedarville soon. And there are other unfinished jobs which should be underway very soon.

R. A. Heintz railroad relocation job around the Keswick Dam is nearing completion. Work is also slowing down on Elliott and Cists' job at the dam. Pete Farish should finish his road job there in another six weeks.

As I said at the first of this report, the work is picking up and at this time I wish to say to a lot of you good brothers who have been hiding out this winter in other localities that I will be looking forward to seeing your smiling faces through the dispatch window in April and particularly in that beautiful month of May.

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## Need More Jobs

Washington.—The AFL warned that business is not expanding rapidly enough to absorb the four and one-half million unemployed and that an additional two million jobs will have to be found by the end of 1950, in Labor's Monthly Survey for January and February.

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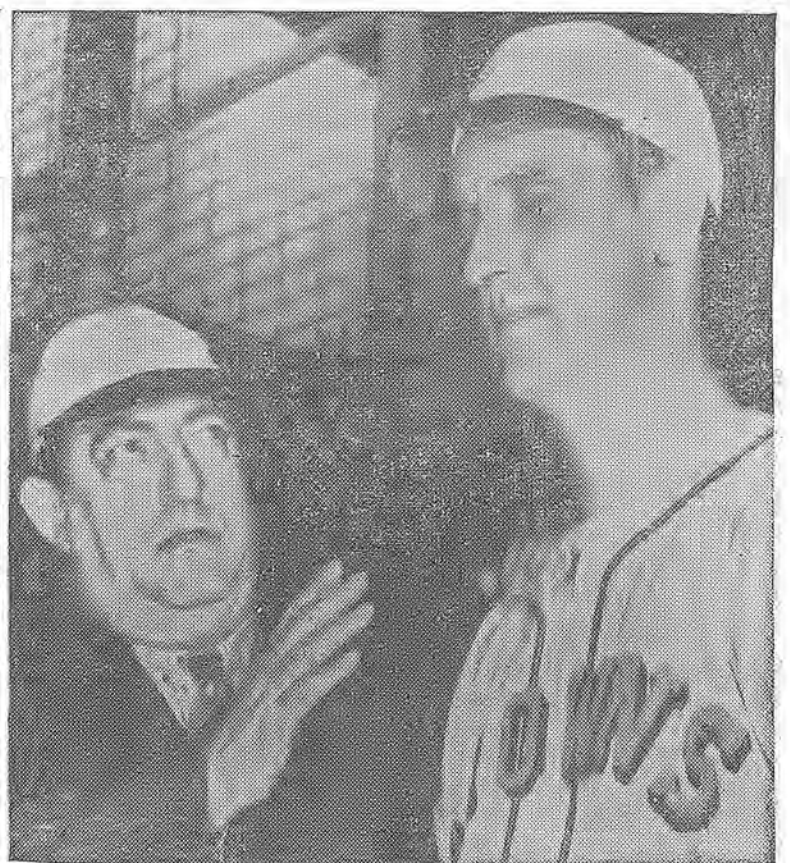
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**BETTER THAN A HOME RUN HITTER?**—The St. Louis Browns have an unusual addition to their spring training roster—Dr. David Tracy, a psychologist who has been hired to guide the players through rough spots. Here he soothes pitcher William Kennedy.

## Greed Is Sickness

To love thy neighbor as thyself is not simply good text material for Sunday morning sermons, but is perfectly sound biology.

Men who do not love one another are sick—sick not from any disease arising within themselves, but from a disease which has been encultured within them by the false values of their societies. Belief in false values, in competition instead of cooperation, in class and race and national prejudice instead of cooperation, in narrow selfish interests instead of altruism, in atomism (especially atom-bombism) instead of universalism, in the value of money instead of the value of man, represents man turning upon all that is innately good in him.

Science points the way to survival and happiness for all mankind through love and cooperation. Do what we will, our drives toward goodness are as biologically determined as are our drives toward breathing. Our highly endowed potentialities for social life have been

used to pervert and deny their very nature, and this has led us close to the brink of disaster. We cannot continue to deny these potentialities without destroying ourselves.—M. F. Ashley Montagu, Rutgers University.

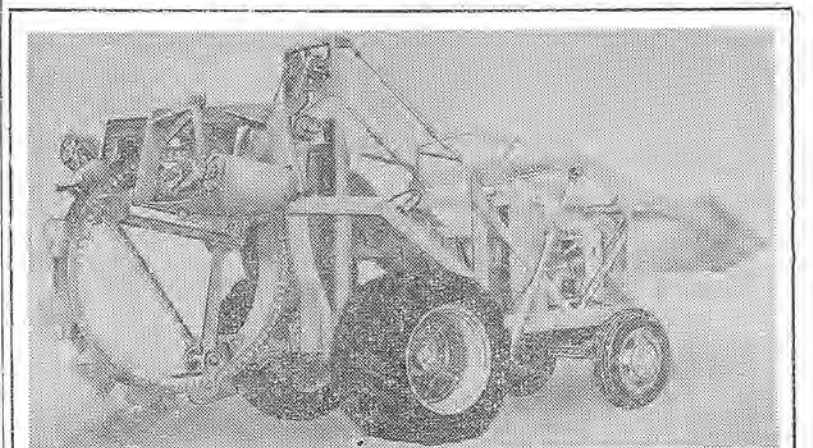
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## Sacramento—

# GLOOMY WINTER BRIGHTENS WITH GOOD SPRING OUTLOOK

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

One of the gloomiest winters, economically, to hit this area in recent years is beginning to brighten somewhat and the advancing spring and summer promise to provide considerable construction projects for 1950.

All the mountainous counties within the district have numerous road projects planned and combined with the resumption of those started last summer will afford quite a few jobs for those brothers who like to spend their summers in the hills.

The grain elevator at the site of the Deep Water Port grew to a height of 105 feet in almost as little time as it takes to tell about it once the "round the clock" pour was started. It is scheduled to be ready to receive grain by May 15. Also under construction and due for completion before that date is the belt railroad. In connection with this project the U.S. Engineers are due to advertise for the construction of the bridge across the barge canal and some work on the main channel near Rio Vista. The retaining levees for the turning basin, the barge canal and that section from the turning basin to the Yolo By-Pass have been completed.

A small contract for wiping off the abutments at the Folsom Dam site was awarded to Hawley & Ramlose and it is expected that they will be underway by the first of April. A small tunnel for the relocation of the Natomas Company ditch is due to be opened on March 14. Additional work on the wing dams should be advertised soon. We have heard from reliable authority that the Mormon Island Dike will be let this summer. This is good news as this section will provide a lot of work for our "dirt movers."

The County of Sacramento expects to be prepared to ask for bids on a bridge across the Sacramento River at Walnut Grove some time the first part of April. This is estimated to be about a million dollar job and is something to look forward to.

Here in Sacramento the City Council is still kicking around the idea of a garage under the City Plaza. If and when it goes through there will be a lot of work for us connected with it.

Speaking of the City, Brothers Patrick, DeVore, Fredricks and Leimbach do a good job of representing Local No. 3 among the city employees. Brother Leimbach also serves as a delegate to the Sacramento-Yolo Building Trades Council.

A. Tiechert is doing the grading on the belt railroad for the A. D. Schrader Co. and Foreman Brother Jerry Cuneo called some of the boys back to work. He had Brothers Clyde Miller, John Dennis, S. P. Pirtle, Jack Brady and Bob McKerrlie on the job the other day. Out at Tiechert's Brighton Hot Plant, Brother Vernon Holberg had Brothers Ed Kaffa, Jess Anderson and E. J. Meyer repairing. The Batch Plant at the same location is a year round deal and Brother's John W. Kauffman, John T. Kauffman, Herman Davis, Gerald Maynard and C. E. Action can usually be found there or on the mixer-mobile.

## River Jobs Move

On checking the J. R. Reeves' Haggin Gravel Plant the other day we found that Foreman Harry Bailes had been able to get most of his crew back to work. Brothers Carl Schlink, Ray Moore, R. L. Sorenson, V. R. Kerns, Leo Farmer, William Colcleasor, Elmer Jackson, Herb Sales, Bert Woodbury, Morris Pinard and John Dayes were on the job.

The Cutter Plant at Fair Oaks, like most of the others, slowed down during the winter but Brothers Ted Schaublin, Amos Smith, Ben Parker and Kenneth Ward are all back on the job at the present time.

Down Rio Vista way the Biasotti Construction Co. is doing the grading on the new high school. They are working in hard-pan and using a new type ripper called the

Spencer, which is used on a dozer. Brothers George Aquiar, George Dupree, Al Barker, Art Felts are the skimmers. Brother Paul Whiteside is the mechanic, with Brother Joe Bertini as oiler. Brother Al Vercuyssen is the superintendent, and doing a swell job.

All the boys working for Asta, Herringer and Fisher are in the shops doing repair work.

Blake Bros. Derrick Barge is doing levee work on the Sacramento River near Hood with Brother Steve Leonasio doing the lever work and Brother Al Beach firing for him. Walter Hansen is the foreman on this boat. This outfit also boasts a cook by the name of Manuel Hansen which makes it pretty handy for the brothers come "chow" time.

J. R. Reeves has several small jobs going in the Sacramento area at present with one spread of four cats and one blade working in North Sacramento. Brother Oran Cobb is ramrodding this job with Brothers M. L. McGregor, F. W. Arent, Lonnie Pike, Pat Edwards, Eddie Silva and Carl Clark operating.

Richter, Darraugh and Ruddy are planning on getting their Bear Valley job underway again about April 1st, weather permitting.

Anyone who buys a house out in the M. J. King Tract can thank Brother Calvin Fink for the nicely graded lot that goes with the deal. Brother Fink has what amounts to a steady job with this outfit. Brother Steve Cornaglia comes up from San Francisco occasionally to take care of the repair work for this firm.

## Personal Mention

The Best Trailer Park, Rt. 7, Box 1012, on Silica Avenue in North Sacramento is owned by Brother Harry Lewis. The telephone number is HI 9-9971. Good luck, Harry.

Brother Jack Gritton stopped by this office to say "hello" after returning to this country after 20 months in Arabia.

Brother H. O. Herbert is now out of the hospital and able to be around after spending 2½ months in a body cast. We were very happy to see him when he paid us an office visit recently.

Brother Robert Gwynn, who has been ill for many months, is now on his feet again and able to get in to the office for a few words.

Brother Bob Hunt now has a contractor's license and is doing various small jobs in this area.

Our congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Orvis Straw who became the parents of a baby boy last month.

The same to Brother and Mrs. Roy Hill on the arrival of a baby girl.

Brother W. L. Durfey has blossomed out with a ½ yard Link-belt with all attachments. Anyone needing a rig like this can't go wrong by contacting Brother Durfey at Rio Vista 163J. It's a good rig and he is a good operator.

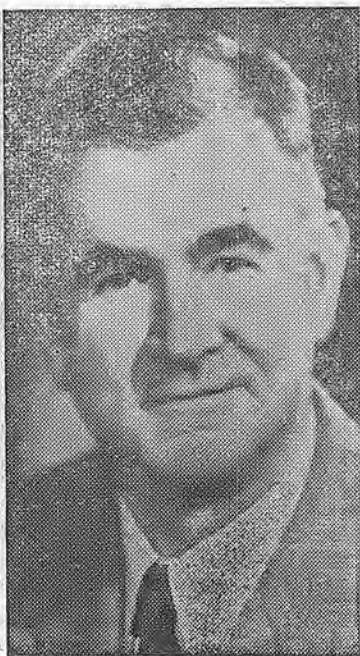
## Bids and Contracts

G. S. Harrington of Auburn was low bidder at \$114,435 on the Armory & Exhibit Building at Auburn.

A. Tiechert will do the streets in Young's subdivision with a low bid of \$25,856.00.

Bids have been opened for the new Pomology Building on the Davis Campus with E. E. Myers of Chico low at \$23,393.72.

James H. McFarland of San Francisco and George E. Miller of



WILLIAM A. FORD

## Boom Is On For William A. Ford For Congressman

William A. Ford, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Third District, is rolling up enthusiastic support among organized labor.

Ford, whose district includes San Joaquin, Solano, Napa, Yolo and Sacramento counties, recently won the endorsement of the Third Congressional District Political League of the A. F. of L. at a meeting held in Sacramento. Similar endorsements by the individual county and local unions are expected.

The candidate is an avowed friend of labor and has pledged himself to fight for outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, as well as to work for other legislative reforms sought by labor.

"The Taft-Hartley law is a vicious law put on the statute books by labor haters," Ford declared. "It threatens to wreck everything that labor has fought for and gained during the past 50 years. It should and must be repealed."

Ed Doran, Stockton delegate to the A. F. of L. Political League, initiated the motion for Ford's endorsement. It was seconded by Harry Finks, Sacramento.

Since his endorsement, Ford has appeared before union locals in Sacramento, Stockton and Vallejo and has been greeted with unanimous approval.

Long Beach were the low bidders on the transmission line between Madison and Rio Vista.

E. F. Hilliard was low bidder on alley paving between J and K, 24th and 25th Streets.

Bids were opened March 1, 1950, for the construction of an administration building, warehouse and garage at the Folsom Dam site. Wm. E. Frye of Grass Valley was low at \$92,782.53.

A contract in the amount of \$219,019.00 has been awarded to J. A. Bryant of Vallejo for the construction of the Winters High School building.

Peter J. Garrette of Woodland has been instructed to begin immediate construction of a \$75,000 Drive-In Theatre near Woodland.

Bids are to be opened on March 28, 1950, for bank protection work on the west levee of the Sacramento River.

Bids are due on April 5, 1950, for 2.5 miles of highway improvement near Vacaville.

Our account at the Blood Bank is still in bad shape. Last month we just broke even. Five pints of blood were released and five donations received. Our thanks to the following four: Brothers Stirling Pirtle (2nd contribution), George T. Eaton, Howard R. Pirtle and Phil Stanford (it's the third for Phil). A very special "thanks" goes to the wife of a brother, to Mrs. Kenneth Doaks, for her donation.

We appreciate the card received from Brother O. G. Hanna asking that his name be removed from our waiting list as he had gone to work out of another office.

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Chester, Pennsylvania, has one of the largest shipbuilding yards in the U. S.

## Stockton—

# ENGINEERS FLEX MUSCLES AS VALLEY SPRING ARRIVES

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

Now that spring is here, work is being resumed on unfinished jobs and a few new ones are starting. The members are being cleared out gradually and it should increase notably in the next few weeks. The Tracy area is quite active just now and will pick up as summer progresses.

The Tracy Rock, Sand & Gravel Co. is employing 11 engineers, with Bro. Neal Bonnell as superintendent. They are remodeling the hot plant. This will be an up-to-date plant and a pleasure for the engineers to operate.

The Pacific Coast Aggregates plant is again coming back to full production after a slow winter. They have 29 engineers employed at present. Bro. Joe B. Fonseca is running a push cat rented from the Los Gatos Construction Co. Joe says he hopes to stay all summer, as the plant job beats construction a city block.

A. Tiechert & Son have started their street job in Tracy. However, this job is progressing slowly at present. The City of Tracy is afraid of the weather and will only let them put in the curbs and gutters. They are employing six engineers at present and will increase the crew as soon as they are permitted.

At the new Tracy Drive-In Theater, George French Jr. is doing the dirt moving. Bro. E. B. Munns is the only engineer on the job at this time.

P. G. Andrews is working on a land leveling job between Tracy and Banta. Seven engineers are employed at present. They are one of the land leveling contractors who have signed up with Local 3 and operate union. Brothers please take note.

Down at Turlock, Mrs. Jess Blaker and Gene Crawford operate the Turlock Concrete Pipe Co. and the Turlock Rock and Sand Co. They recently signed an agreement with Local 3 covering their gravel plant. We are requesting all Local 3 members to remember this and do all they can to divert orders from the non-union firms in the Turlock area over to them.

We have been informed that the Standard Materials Co. of Modesto has purchased the Wallace Engineering Co., of Escalon. We understand the Wallace property will be added to the Standard Materials set-up and will continue to operate.

## Freeway—Canals

Barrett & Hilp and the Gallagher Co. have completed their respective sewer jobs with the City of Empire. All that remains of this project is the sewage disposal plant. The City has purchased the site, but has not yet called for bids.

United Concrete Pipe Co. is nearly finished with the Hetch Hetchy pipeline across the San Joaquin River. They have moved some of the equipment of this job to their job on the Delta-Mendota Canal near Firebaugh. They will soon commence paving of their freeway job at Keyes. It will take several months to complete this project. They have started work on the Stockton Freeway. This job is nearly completed.

Geo. France, Inc., of Visalia, has started on a State road job below Jamestown. Bro. Gustave Rauser is pusher and has Bro. Luther White operating and Bro. Albert White oiling on the dragline. Bro. Bill Buckman is on the cat and there will be more equipment on the job as soon as the culverts are in place.

Chittenden & Chittenden of Auburn were low bidders on 12 miles of highway between La Grange and Highway 120.

Beerman & Jones have called all their steady men back to work. They are doing repair on the Tuolumne County Fairgrounds at Sonora.

Moore & Roberts are making good progress on the San Andreas Hospital. They did their own excavating with a Northwest dragline rented from Healy & Tibbets. G. W. Thomas Co. has just fin-

ished dismantling the Kennedy Mine hoist. This was the largest mine hoist in the West. It was shipped to Michigan to be installed at an iron ore mine. Bro. G. L. Rady was on the truck crane and Bro. William Schmidt was oiler.

Rice Bros., from Marysville, have just completed grading the site for the new schoolhouse at Ione. Bros. George W. Nicholson and James L. Blair were on the cats.

## Much Work Ahead

In answer to the many inquiries on future jobs in this area:

To our knowledge, no bids have been called for the following projects: Columbia Airport, State Highway 120 between Jamestown and Sonora, Tuolumne dams survey, Bear Creek Tunnel, Farmington Dam, or the Cherry Valley Dam. These projects should all develop in the near future and will furnish a great amount of work in this area for the engineers.

The Hubert H. Everest Co., under their new name, The Western Contractors, have moved their office from Westley to their job site at Newman.

Mr. L. G. Everest is the project manager and he is ably assisted by Carl "Rip" Collins as general superintendent, with a bang-up staff of foremen and operating engineers on the equipment. They have all the equipment operating at present with over 100 engineers employed and enjoying the best of conditions.

It will soon be time to vote in the Primary Elections. The deadline for registering to vote in the primaries is April 13. Be sure you are registered. For the convenience of the brothers who maintain a residence in San Joaquin County, Bro. Ross Stevens, in the Stockton office, is a deputy registrar. He will register you, your family, or your friends. If you are picking up a clearance, paying dues or whenever you are in the office, ask about being registered. He will be glad to do it.

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## Construction Is A Deadly Industry

(State Release)

Construction ranks as one of the more hazardous industries, contributing almost one-sixth of the total of disabling injuries in industry generally. During the years 1947 to 1949, an average of between 110 and 115 construction workers were disabled for each 1,000 employed. For the first 10 months of each year, injuries numbered 17,690 in 1947; 19,199 in 1948; and 16,715 in 1949.

There was a correspondingly large number of fatalities in construction during the first 10 months of these years: 97 in 1947; 96 in 1948; and 86 in 1949.

To a greater extent than in most other industries, working surfaces constitute a major accident source in construction, where they make up about 24 per cent of the total. In building construction, working-surface accidents cause about 28 per cent of the disabling injuries.

Reflecting their extensive use, hand tools are involved in 16 per cent of construction injuries.

Accidents involving trees, logs, or lumber, represented one-tenth of the total accidents in all construction, and were particularly numerous in building construction.

Chemicals, hot substances, poisonous vegetation, and dusts played a part in six per cent of the lost-time injuries, vehicles in five per cent, and machines in four per cent.



Fresno—

# SOUTH VALLEY DAM JOBS UNDERWAY; CANAL WORK MOVES

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

The Pine Flat Contractors have recently put a few more men to work on pioneer work excavating for the cableway runways and will soon start on the abutment cleanup work. As yet we have no word as to when the gravel plant and other heavy equipment is due to arrive at the job site. However, the company will start construction soon on 6 miles of railroad within the project limits also the widening of existing roads to the dam site, so there should be some increase in job opportunity here.

Bechtel Corp.-Morrison Knudsen Co. are still continuing the pouring of the dam at Power House No. 4 site and also working three shifts on the tunnel. Have had some replacements on this job, primarily of men being called back who had been temporarily laid off. Bechtel Corp. is working on the Power House proper and expects to put up a batch plant and begin pouring operations there within the next three weeks. The Southern California Edison Co. plans additional development work early this spring, which will consist of road widening operations and the construction of housing units at Power House No. 3. We expect either Macco Construction or the Bechtel Corp. will do this work.

There is still talk of another dam on the headwaters of the San Joaquin River; however, nothing definite has been released as to when construction would start. The supposition is, however, that it will not be until after completion of the Power House No. 4 project.

George France, Inc., submitted the low bid to the State Highway Dept. for a section of the secondary highway in Tulare County and already has started work on this job.

There is another highway bid coming up March 29 in Merced County, which will help some of the boys living in that area.

## Delta-Mendota

On the West Side, the Delta-Mendota Canal. The Western Constructors are still running a spread of cats through the Adair Construction Co. in this district. However, we have been informed that John Delphia is taking over completion of this subcontract and some additional work on the last contract awarded to Western Constructors.

Morrison Knudsen & Hasler will start lining operations about April 1. They have completed erection of the gravel plant and will start crushing stone about the middle of this month. Between these two operations, we expect to be able to place a few more of the out-of-work brothers.

United Concrete Pipe and Vin-nell Co., on the last section of the Delta-Mendota Canal, have moved in four draglines, three of which are working on a two-shift basis and one on a three-shift basis. They also are operating, at the present time, three cats and one blade. They expect additional equipment in, to the extent of another five-yard dragline and several more cats. Jess Hoops is the general superintendent of this spread, with Lilley as superintendent of excavation. Bro. Jack Alexander has been on the job much of the time overseeing the setting up of United Concrete Pipe's equipment.

On the Friant-Kern Canal, the Ashbach & Steenberg Co. and the subs, Marshall Haas and Royce and Dragline Rentals, have just about completed the job.

We have been informed Baker Mitchell and Thwing Co., who have been crushing aggregate for the Peter Kiewit Co., will continue to operate on the same site for several months to come and still furnish aggregate to Peter Kiewit on the last contract. We also understand that many of the brothers working for Peter Kiewit Co. will be following their equipment down into Kern County as the job progresses.

## Irrigation Plans

Concrete Conduit Co., of Colton,

Calif., has been awarded the first contract on the distribution system on Lindmore Irrigation District. They should be moving into the area in the near future. There will be an additional 67 miles of pipe that is due to be advertised immediately in this same district. In the meantime we understand that United Concrete Pipe Co. is seriously considering erection of a pipe plant in Tulare County to take care of future jobs coming up on these various distribution systems.

There are several mountain highway jobs to be opened for bids later in the spring: an extension of the road back of North Fork, an extension of the road from Johnsondale east, an extension of Highway 180 up the Kings Canyon. These will be Forest Service jobs and for any of the brothers who enjoy living in the mountains there should be a spot.

Members should check with the office, either by phone, mail or personally, re their names on the out-of-work list. If you leave, please let us know so your name can be taken off the list. Also, notify this office if you have moved or changed your mailing address.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 23, at 8 p.m., at 631 Kearney Blvd., Fresno, Calif.

The office telephone number is Fresno 3-1368.

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## 52 Killed on The Job in Dec.

A preliminary total of 52 work fatalities was reported in December, 1949.

Accidents involving vehicles took a toll of 20 lives. Eleven of the motor vehicle fatalities occurred in highway accidents and two were railroad crossing casualties.

Five workers died in accidents involving hoisting equipment. In one construction accident, concrete in wheelbarrows was being hoisted to the top of the scaffold with a small scaffold-mounted tower and boom. The controls were operated from the scaffold by means of wires connected to the hoisting engine and drum on the ground. A carpenter who was assigned to operate the hoist was assisting in landing a load. With his back to the hoist controls he apparently reached for the hoisting level to raise the load slightly and disengaged the brake lever by mistake, allowing the load to fall for 30 feet at which point he applied the brake. This sudden stop caused an anchoring tower guy to break and knock the carpenter from the scaffold to the pavement.

In a second fatality involving hoisting apparatus a self-propelled crane equipped with a steel breaking ball was being used to break up concrete surfaces. The crane cab was situated parallel to a concrete pier of the same height as the cab. A pit 8 feet deep was located on the operator's side of the crane. The breaking ball struck the concrete surface and rolled into the adjacent pit. The operator kept the brake on, and when the cable slack was taken up the weight of the steel ball tilted the crane sideways, crushing the cab against the concrete pier. The operator was pinned inside.

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A little boy whose grandmother had just died wrote and posted the following letter: "Dear Angels: We have sent you Grandma. Please give her a harp or violin to play, as she is shortwinded and can't blow a trumpet."



**WOMAN SENATOR**—Congresswoman Helen Douglas, candidate for U. S. Senator from California against incumbent "Upside" Downey, speaks in Oakland March 30 and 31. Highlight of her visit is a luncheon for several hundred at Moose Club, 1428 Alice St.

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## Ukiah Area Coming To Life After A Hard Winter

By A. R. McCAFFREY  
Business Representative, Local 3

The arrival of some nice weather has had a very gratifying response in the matter of employment and every member who is seeking work is urged to see that the office has their correct address and telephone number. The number of calls by employers requesting help has shown a marked increase. It will be necessary to have this information to keep our files up to date.

Judson Pacific & Murphy, at Salmon Creek, 20 miles south of Fort Bragg, are really throwing the steel. They expect to have all the steel set on the bridge within five weeks. Bros. J. H. Lane, W. C. Nixon, "Slim" Souchon, Bob Drake and P. B. Griffing have everything under control. Bids for the approaches of this bridge will be opened March 29, which will put some of our members to work.

Another State Highway job on Highway 1, south of Point Arena at Bacon Gulch, was to be open for bids March 15. There are three other State Highway jobs slated to be done in that area.

Over in Lake County, the State has proposed two highway jobs, one at Blue Lake and one up around Lakeport. It looks as if there will be more activity in construction work this year in Lake County than there has been in the past.

## Around Ukiah

Around Ukiah, all the local contractors are getting their equipment in shape for a busy year. Ford Bros. of Ukiah are setting in a new aggregate plant in place of the old one. Arthur Siri Construction Co., with Bro. Ted Siri, superintendent, is keeping approximately 15 engineers busy on the maintenance of the Masonite road. They also have several brothers busy on small projects in the vicinity.

C. M. Syar, at Cloverdale, with Supt. Herman Cycle, keeps five of the brothers busy on the sewer job. Bids will be opened in the near future for a sewage disposal plant there. Rich and Berman have moved their equipment from Cloverdale and are now working on a logging road for Padula Bros., 10 miles south of Boonville.

As soon as the weather breaks here, A. R. McEwen of Willits will complete his highway job on Highway 28, south of Boonville. The loggers in this area have been waiting for good weather, which they figure will arrive around April 1, to start operations. The general outlook for logging operations in this area for the year look bright.

Al Moretty, general contractor in Willits, is starting a dam job on Little River which will keep some of our brothers busy for

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By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

Engineers  
Architects  
Draftsmen

Things are breaking on the construction front with the San Francisco Airport starting up this week. . . . Tarman & Bechtel in Hayward are starting two new subdivisions in the Hayward Area. . . . The contract for the Santa Clara Water Conservation District, Anderson Dam, was awarded to the Guy F. Atkinson Company. . . . Standard Builders are setting control lines for their project on Twin Peaks. . . . Elmore Hutcheson has the survey work on the apartment house

job back of the University of California Hospital in San Francisco. . . . Other survey work is being done in the Suto Forest Area by the James & Waters Party with an outdoor theatre being planned. . . . Wilsey's party (all union) are doing the engineering for Highway District No. 10 on the Junipero Serra Extension Contract. These are just a few of the jobs starting in the bay area. Incidentally, if you know of any jobs that are starting, or are already underway, who employ or should employ our technical engineers contact your business agent—he will appreciate the information.

## Pay Scale Suit

The Santa Clara Building Trades Council's suit against the Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District was heard in Judge Byrl R. Salsman's court in San Jose March 3. The directors of the district are charged with violating the Labor Code in paying below the scale. The first day of the trial brought out the following facts: The district on its own has done exploratory ditching up two mountains "on extensive engineering project," and put in 14,000 feet of steel pipe encased in concrete at the base of the future Anderson Dam site, east of Madrone. This work was never put out to bid and the district paid the men who did the work 80c per hour. The chain-

men on the job make \$11.00 per day, the chief of party \$300. per month. If the building trades win the suit (hearings are to be completed on the 21st of March) the court will order the district directors to: Determine the general prevailing rate of per diem wages on the date the district first started preliminary construction work, and the date the contract or the clearing job was signed; pay the workmen the prevailing wages; specified in the contract with the firm clearing the land.

The outcome of this suit directly affects the Technical Engineers in that it forces all officials of political subdivisions to set a prevailing rate on all construction work. This has not been done in the past, with the consequence that the Engineers on these jobs are the lowest paid of all the crafts.

East Bay members are urged to attend the 3-E meeting at 1444 Webster St., Oakland, at 8:00 p.m. March 24. Discussion of the new contract with land surveyors will be held at that time.

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# Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark)

**February 14, 1950**

MARYSVILLE, Contract awarded to Bos Constr. Co., 2515 Willow St., Oakland, \$9,532 for widen, reinf. conc. bridge across Willow Creek, 4 miles west of State Route No. 45, GLENN COUNTY.

AUBURN, Contract awarded to G. S. Harrington, P.O. Box 708, Auburn, \$114,435 for cons. armory and exhibit bldg., for Calif. Nat. Guard, & 20th Distr. Agric. Assn.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$104,394 for install. cast iron water mains in ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**February 15, 1950**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to H. C. Reid, 389 Clementina St., San Francisco, \$10,050 for const. traffic signals at Ocean Ave. & Victoria St. and Ocean Ave. & Miramire St.

SANTA CRUZ, Contract awarded to Nomellini Const. Co., P.O. Box 542, Stockton, \$551,458 for const. Admin. & Library Unit, Multi-Purpose Units, Gymnasium Unit, Academic Units, Shop Unit and Facils., loc. at Poplar & Melrose Aves.

HANFORD, Contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Constr. Co., P. O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$37,694 for const. sewer lines and pumping station in New Annex por. Rogers Tract No. 1.

**February 16, 1950**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$5,139 for install. water mains in Kirkham Heights Subdiv. under W. D. No. 534.

**February 20, 1950**

PIXLEY, Contracts awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., Box 1323, Fresno, \$54,663 (Disposal Plant), and to O. R. Dahms, Box 1143, Sacramento, \$72,105 (sewers) for const. sewage disposal plant and sewer system in Pixley, Calif.

**February 21, 1950**

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874-25th Ave., San Francisco, \$3,688 for lay 6" C.I. mains in Peru Ave. and Valmar Terrace.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Martin Murphy, Rt. 2, Box 894, Walnut, \$2,200 for const. El Camino Del Mar Storm Draining System, Lincoln Park.

CHICO, Contract awarded to United Constr. Co., 3839 Riverside, Sacramento, \$135,630 for const. armory & exhibit bldg., Calif. Nat. Guard, and 3rd Dist. Agric. Assn.

ANTIOCH, Contract awarded to Robert Bardell, 2733 Linden St., Oakland, \$97,645 for erect. exhibit bldg., 23rd Dist. Agric. Association.

SACRAMENTO, Contr. awarded to R. E. Fisher, 732 Church St. Lodi, Calif., \$11,908 for const. res. garage, etc. at Gold Discovery Site, El Dorado County.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Monson Bros., 475-6th St., San Francisco, \$258,883 for const. alts. & Addns. to Geary Car House, under Muni. RR No. 332.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Carrico & Gautier, 365 Ocean Ave., San Francisco, \$87,526 for const. fire house and crew chiefs bldg. at S. F. Airport, under Airport Contract No. 117.

TURLOCK, Contracts awarded as follows for conc. canal lining. (1) Imp. Dist. No. 671—Lower Chapman: to C. H. Mattox, Rt. 4, Box 2-A Turlock, \$11,852. (2) Imp. Dist. No. 673-E. Br. of Schendel: to L. W. Terrell, 221 Sequoia Ave., Turlock, \$1,566. (3) Imp. Dist., No. 679-Lower Dunkel: to Robert Eells, Turlock, \$7,668.

MERCED, Contract awarded to Dabs Const. Co., 355 Thorne Ave., Fresno, \$37,870 for const. swimming pool and dressing Facils. in McNamara Park.

SACRAMENTO, Contr. awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Box 1113, Sacramento, \$25,856 for asph. conc. pave road, blvd., etc., in Youngs Subdiv. under R.I. No. 2723.

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to Carl R. Fielder, 2231 "S" St., Sacramento, \$1,536 for drain, curbs and gutters, north half of 14th Ave. betw. 42nd and 44th streets.

**February 23, 1950**

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to A. D. Schader Co., 164 Spear St., San Francisco, \$83,397 for grade, excav. and rock ballast from Belt

Line Sta. 2/88.54 on R/W of Sacramento North. RR., West Sacramento to grain elevator at Port Terminal facils; and const. 9,000 ft. stand. gauge RR track (Unit 1) of Port Dist. Belt RR, from Netherlands Blvd. & State St., west Sacramento, to Port Dist. Elevator.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Nevada Constructors, Inc., P. O. Box 338, Reno, Nevada, \$129,881 for 13.757 mi. grade and road mix. surf. secondary hwy. sys. from 22 mi. S. of Hawthorne to U. S. Naval Ammunition Boundary, MINERAL COUNTY.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded (Proposition 1) to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 4th St., Berkeley, \$46,580 for athletic field on grounds of Castlemont High School, 8601 MacArthur blvd.

**February 24, 1950**

FOLSOM, Contract awarded to Hawley & Ramlose, 325 N. Fifth St., Montebello, \$236,043 for constructing abutment excavation, access Road and fences, Folsom Dam, near Folsom, Calif.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Earl W. Heple, 494 Delmas St., San Jose, \$663,480 for const. Austrian Dam at Confluence of Austrian and Los Gatos Creeks, 10 mi. S. E. of Los Gatos, SANTA CLARA CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contr. awarded to Geo. E. France, Inc., P.O. Box 831, Visalia, \$123,805 for 6.0 mi. grade & surf. with roadmix surf. on cem. treat. imported Base Matl. on Lovers Lane, betw. State Rt. No. 134 and 6 miles north in TULARE COUNTY.

**February 28, 1950**

BERKELEY, Contract awarded (General) to Empire Const. Co., Ltd., 344 Harriet St., San Francisco, \$522,000, for const. Units 1, 2 and 3, Calif. School for the Deaf.

COLUSA, Contract awarded to Geo. E. McDaniels, Jr., P.O. Box 1087, Marysville, \$42,498 for const. 1,400-seat grandstand, 44th, Dist. Agricultural Association.

ELVERTA, Contract awarded to Donovan-James Const. Co., 1725 Carroll Ave., St. Paul, Minn., \$243,323 for const. 18.3 mi. 230 KV double circuit transmission line, betw. Elverta Substation site and a point near Perkins, under Spec. No. 2867.

VALLEJO, Contract awarded to C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$2,435 for grade, const. curb. and gutter, and asph. conc. pave on Kentucky St., betw. Monterey St. and S.P. R/W.

**March 1, 1950**

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to Martin Fried, 1074 Sanchez, San Francisco, \$7,871 for painting five new steel tank roofs and paint & spot inter. and exter. of 9 tanks.

**March 2, 1950**

FRESNO, Contract awarded to R. M. Madsen, 4775 Madison Ave., Fresno, \$1,856 for const. conc. curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Harvard Ave., betw. Thesta and North Fresno streets.

**March 3, 1950**

TULARE, Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., P. O. Box 495, Avenal, \$35,123 for install. cast iron pipe in water distrib. system.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded (General) to Monson Bros., 475 6th St., San Francisco, \$635,807 for const. Youth Guidance Center, Juvenile Court Dept.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded (General) to Biltwell Const. 4745 Geary St., San Francisco, \$414,777 con const. maintenance yard, Army & DeHaro streets.

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to Olympian Dredging Co., 525 Market St., San Francisco, \$35 per hr. digging time, \$29 per hr. moving and \$350 mobilization and demobilization, for rent, clamshell dredg. plant for work under Spec. No. 595-O.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to L. C. Smith & Company, 1st & Railroad Ave., San Mateo, \$251,894 for 1.4 mi. grade, pave, etc. on Junipero Sierra Blvd., extension between Sneath Rd. & Crystal Springs Rd. in San Bruno, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Pacific Co., Engrs. & Bldrs., 158 Santa Clara Ave., Oakland, \$16,336 for const. retaining wall S. E. end of 13th St., Oakland.

**March 6, 1950**

MILLBRAE, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$23,849 for grade, surf. & const. utilities in Millbrae Valley subdivision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Award recommended to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$1.15 per sq. ft., for 2,000 sq. ft. replace portions of conc. apron at South S. F. Coast Guard Station adjoining S. F. airport.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Parish Bros., P. O. Box 1019, Benicia, \$815,811 for 4.5 mi. grade and surf. const. curbed central dividing strip and two reinf. conc. bridges betw. Port Chicago Rd. & Pittsburg, CONTRA COSTA CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to R. Gould & Son, P. O. Box 190, Stockton, \$20,985 for const. hwy. lighting at 7 intersections, & two interchange areas, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to E. F. Hilliard, 834-56th St., Sacramento, \$2,415 for improve alley "J" and "K" betw. 24th and 25th streets.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to William E. Frye Const., 200-J Alta Vista Ave., Grass Valley, \$92,782 for const. admin. bldg., warehouse & garage, Folsom Res. Proj.

**March 7, 1950**

NAPA, Contract awarded Geo. Slinson Const. Co., P. O. Box 551, Napa, \$8,202 for plantmix surf. on 3rd St. (State Hwy. 8) betw. Francis Bridge & Soscol Ave.

PALO ALTO, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$28,228 for const. sewers in El Camino Real, Charleston Rd., et al, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, Cont. awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$6,885 for drain, pave, etc. in Laurel St. betw. Middlefield Road and Stambough street.

TULARE, Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., P.O. Box 495, Avenal, \$35,123 for install. cast iron pipe in water distrib. system.

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to Sacramento Const. Co., 802 Capital Natl. Bank Bldg., Sacramento, \$90,525 for const. warehouse bldg. at 16th and "N" streets.

QUINCY, Contract awarded to M. W. Brown, Box 222, Redding \$11,343 for drain, gravel & butum. surf. runway, taxiway & apron; const. segmented circle marker & inst. wind cone with assembly at Gansner Fld. Airport, PLUMAS CO.

**March 8, 1950**

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to B. Miles Thomas Co., 67 Buena Vista Terrace, San Francisco, \$33,096 for install. 7,220 ft. 36" steel pipe, betw. Pine Mtn. Tunnel and Fairfax Gate House, MARIN COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Chas. I. Cunningham, P. O. Box 475 Oakdale, \$65,500 for const. Rock River Lime Treatment Plant, under HHWS No. 221.

**March 9, 1950**

FAIRFAX, Contract awarded to Barrett & Hilp, 918 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$167,478 for const. sanit. sewers and appurts. in Assessment District No. 10.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Company, 10 W. Orange Ave., South San Francisco, \$1,879,772 for const. 235-ft. high earth and rock fill LeRoy Anderson Dam, on Coyote River, near Madrone, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contr. awarded to Lord & Bishop, P.O. Box 812, Sacramento, \$93,024 for const. bank protection works along Sacramento River, opposite Colusa Weir, under Spec. No. 1428.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Wells Cargo, Inc., 177 E. 4th St., Reno, Nev., \$167,321 for const. 11.19 mi. por. of sec. Hwy. Sys., from a point 11 mi. S.W. of Battle Mountain to Battle Mountain, LANDER COUNTY, NEV.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$33,489 for resurf. San Mateo Drive., betw. Baldwin Ave. & Peninsula Ave.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Isabell Const. Co., P.O. Box 2351, Reno, Nev., \$108,840 for 2.238 mi. const. portion of secondary Hwy. Sys., Kietzke Lane,

from Airport Road to 2nd street, WASHOE COUNTY.

GILROY, Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro Blvd., Oakland, \$50,780 for const. addns. to sewage treatment plant, inv. new settling and aeration tanks and pump house and equip.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Stanley Karlisen, 871 Washington, Reno, Nev., \$719 for const. 3 ditches, 1 conc. check gate and install. 3 cor. metal pipe culverts, near Reno Plant of Dept. of Hwys., Reno, WASHOE COUNTY.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Co., P.O. Box 329, Santa Clara, \$20,890 for const. steel grandstand, Central Park, San Mateo.

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## Last Register Date April 13

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California Labor League for Political Education, this week reminded all unionists that the closing date for registration for the primary elections of 1950 is April 13.

Haggerty declared that if the voice of labor is to be heard at the polls, every union man and woman in California must be registered.

The California Labor League for Political Education will hold its pre-primary endorsement convention in San Francisco at California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, April 17, 18 and 19.

Haggerty also recommended that all AFL unionists make their voluntary contributions to the national LLPE in sufficient time for the funds to be used in the California primaries.

Voluntary contributions should be made by unionists to their respective internationals, which, in turn, bank the funds with the national LLPE in Washington, D.C. One-half of the contributions from unions of a particular state are then returned to the state LLPE for use in the state campaigns.

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## Census Taking To Start Apr. 1, Vital to Labor

Taking of the 1950 census officially opens on April 1st, and all union members are urged to help census-takers to the fullest, because California will get new, additional congressmen on the basis of increased population in the state.

John F. McCloskey, fifth district supervisor, Bureau of the Census, told delegates at the last meeting of the San Francisco Labor Council how important it is for labor to cooperate in the big census job undertaken once each 10 years.

He said people in the U. S. are almost like "wandering gypsies," they move around so much, and the big migration to California has nearly doubled its population. The number of Congressmen we now have is based on the 1940 census—far from a true representation at this time. Also, the census governs representation in State legislatures, in county commissions, and in city councils.

This year, the most complete census will be taken. U. S. total will jump from 132 to about 151 million. California was fifth in states with 6,907,329 in 1940, and now it has nearly 11 million.

Census takers will ask questions of residents, usually questioning only one out of every five persons, in order to get useful information on age groups, wages, pensions, rents, etc. All information is confidential.

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**Men don't throw glances At girls who wear pantses, Or take out in taxis**

**The ones who wear slackses. It seems to offend them, That gals have out-manned them,**

**So, as gin should have lemon in, All gals should be feminine.**

### Peninsula— Airport, Highway And Subdivision Projects Started

By CHET ELLIOTT  
Business Representative, Local 3

The Morrison-Knudsen Co. have begun operations on the San Francisco Airport job. Some blademen, cat operators, foremen and heavy-duty mechanics have been cleared from this office and according to information received from Project Mgr. O. H. Tucker, the job will be in full operation by April 1.

On the State Highway project at Half Moon Bay the Eugene Alves Construction Company have moved a fleet of jeeps and cats and are getting well started on this work. Mr. Bill Cowan is in full charge of the job with Brother Whited acting as foreman and Brothers Mehaffey, Hoffman, Dejusos and others operating the equipment.

The David Bohannon Company are busily engaged on the four million dollar Real Estate Development project at Hillsdale No. 4 in San Mateo.

The L. C. Smith Company were the low bidder on the grading and street work.

J. O. Archibald of Redwood City is keeping a flock of cats and several engineers busy on the Rodeo grounds and Leslie Salt Company work.

According to the reports from the local newspapers, the City of San Francisco will begin construction of the new four and one-half million dollar terminal building sometime in May. James H. Turner, manager of utilities, states in this news item that this will be the largest terminal building ever constructed on the West Coast.

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FINANCIAL DATA REQUIRED BY LABOR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS ACT, 1947 TO BE FURNISHED MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNIONS.

OPERATING ENGINEERS, LOCAL UNION No. 3, OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS.

Receipts

January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949	
Dues and Fees	\$778,363.96
Interest, U.S. Defense Bonds	6,875.00
Interest, Savings Bank	2,705.88
Rents	39,523.01
Engineers News	2,234.00
Books and Buttons	43.50
Good Standing Fund	2,458.00
Burial Expense Fund	11,125.65
Reimbursements	10,122.75
Miscellaneous	16,140.00
Total Receipts	\$869,655.10

Disbursements

January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949	
Salaries	\$296,244.68
Officers and Business Representatives Expense (35 B. A.)	91,473.21
Office Expense, Direct, 14 Offices	55,931.28
Audit and Legal Fees	3,080.61
Blue Cross Hospital Plan	2,722.50
Books and Buttons	2,425.50
Building Operations	33,603.68
Burial Expense Fund	11,125.65
Capital Expenditures	307,324.57
Dues and Fees Refunded	
Transferred, Etc.	7,500.56
Engineers News	8,972.01
General Organizing	50.00
Good Standing Fund	2,458.00
Insurance	6,002.94
Miscellaneous	19,202.65
Per Capita, International	170,543.90
Per Capita, Local Councils	14,491.30
Tax, Excise	522.89
Tax, Federal O.A.B.	3,910.02
Tax, Calif. S.U.I.	2,416.93
Tax, Nevada Unemployment	8.41
Tax, Utah Unemployment	125.46
Tax, Federal Withholding	30,312.30
Transportation	8,191.13
Gross Disbursements	\$1,078,656.96
Less Payroll Deductions:	
Federal Withholding	\$30,312.30
Federal O.A.B.	1,886.24
U. C. D. Insurance	1,641.45
Blue Cross Plan	1,252.05
	35,092.04
Net Disbursements, 1949	\$1,043,564.92

Balance Sheet  
as of December 31, 1949

Assets

Cash:	
Office Funds	\$ 1,750.00
On Deposit	225.00
Commercial Bank Account	24,332.02
Savings Bank Account	52,326.81
Good Standing Fund	610.32
Burial Expense Fund	14,197.11
	\$ 93,441.26
U.S. Defense Bonds, Series G	275,000.00
Real Estate	662,938.99
Transportation Equipment	123,463.37
Office Furniture and Equipment	32,514.59
	\$1,187,358.31

Liabilities

Net Worth	\$1,187,358.31
	\$1,187,358.31



## Salt Lake City—

EARLY SPRING THAW TO  
BOOM JOBS IN THE ROCKIESBy RENNY BURROUGHS, C. R. VAN WINKLE  
Business Representatives, Local 3

Hopes for a good start in 1950 are materializing as Bechtel gets under way at Standard Oil and the Jordan Steam Plant, Leonard rushes their acid plant to completion to get going on their smelter addition at Garfield, and Gibbons and Reed push their equipment for their Kennewick job through their Parleys Canyon shop. Floyd Whiting has both a two and a half yard and a three yard N.W. dragline working on the Ogden River with Brothers Odeen Diderickson and Glen Whitney up and Darrell Diderickson and Bryan Sorenson oiling. Anderson and Sons have kept going steadily all winter on Wasatch Blvd.

Soon to get under way are Gibbons & Reed on the 3rd street bridge, the Salt Lake Airport and the 4800 South State Street job. No word has yet been received of Wunderlich-Curlett on the Veterans hospital job. Al Brown and Ellis Barker are busy on the cancer wing and crippled children's hospital, respectively, on the Fort Douglas University of Utah job. Clyde has ordered back 40 Engineers who were laid off last fall on his Scipio job.

A bad ground fault is giving Utah Construction tough going at Lark with no end of slow work in sight. For a gang that was making close to world-record footage in the good ground, recently shooting three times a shift before they struck this bad ground, this is a real headache. At the British Shaft, J. D. Kimsey and Brother Fred Arp are putting in a complex shaft and hoisting room set-up using Utah's new Boscovitch shaft mucker. Brothers Whitey Walker and Cliff Harmon are making out very fine on the only Boscovitch in the state of Utah at the present time.

Duchesne tunnel's crew is driving hard to be in the heading by April 1st, and are really set up to handle highball muck.

Four road jobs near Kamas, R. N. Jensen, Olaf Nelson, Murray Trucking and A. O. Thorne are all ready to start soon as our early spring thaws the snow in this area at a speedy clip.

Dean Morrin's spread is pushing work on the Girls' Dormitory at Ogden's Industrial school and the Brigham City school job. Clarence Waterfalls' plants are knocking the dust and cobwebs off for another year's production. Utah Sand and Gravel seems to have legal difficulties getting started in their new plant at Butlerville although they have a good deposit here. R. E. and J. B. Walker are expanding their plant rapidly for the 1950 season also.

We are welcoming Marlin Bowman, new Ogden business representative, this month. Marlin is an old hand in the State of Utah, a cat skinner and dragline operator—he started in days of teams. Many of you have worked with Marlin and will be happy to see him around on the jobs. His home phone is 8-5672 in Salt Lake, although shortly he will move to Ogden. He can be reached at the Building Trades office in Ogden—Mondays, 9 to 10 a.m. and Fridays, 3 to 5 p.m. Messages may be left at the Building Trades Ogden office since he will check there regularly.

Cedar City: Brother B. R. (Short) Affleck is mighty proud these days. Reason: Little Jerry Anne Affleck, a daughter, born recently to Brother and Mrs. Affleck. Both the mother and the baby were doing fine when this was reported to us. This makes 2 for "Shorty." Congratulations.

Registering and  
Voting in Utah

To vote you must be registered. To register to vote in Utah you must appear at one of the registration places on the days set aside for registration or you may register with the County Clerk of your county on any business day up until 10 days before an election.

The last part of the preceding sentence is important to members

of our union in Utah as many of you will be unable to lay off and return home on the regular registration days. So, if you aren't registered, find out the number of your election district and go to the County Clerk's office and register before you go out on the job this season.

The election laws of Utah require a residence of one year in the State, 90 days in the County, and 60 days in the Precinct before a new resident is eligible to register and vote. Incidentally, precincts are rather large in Utah, usually taking in a whole town, but if you do not move from one precinct to another you may return to your old precinct to vote until you meet the resident qualifications.

Regular registration days, the names of the registrars and the addresses of the registrars (one to a voting precinct) are required to be advertised in advance in a newspaper of general circulation in the county. The regular days this year for the primary election are June 20th, July 1st, July 25th and Aug. 1st. The hours of registration are 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Primary election will be held Sept. 5th.

The regular registration days for the final election are Oct. 10th, and Oct. 17th. The final election will be held Nov. 7th. If you voted in the last general election you are not required to register. If you move within the precinct you may transfer your registration from your old voting district to your new voting district. Whatever you do, to make sure that you will be able to vote and that you will not be ruled ineligible go to, or have someone go for you, to the registration place in your district and check the registration list. If your name is not on it, reregister!

Remember, voting this year is important to you and your family if anything is important. To let the slight inconvenience of registering and voting deter you and your family from this, your duty, may subject you and your family to the greater inconvenience of working for and living on much less money per hour—the loss of unemployment insurance, the loss of an adequate industrial compensation law and many other of the many gains made for you and your family by the forces of organized labor. And to the wives of our members we would like to say this: If the forces of reaction that are rampant in this State are successful it could even mean the loss of free text books, greatly curtailed educational advantages for your children and the loss of the school lunches that mean so much to so many families.

## REGISTER AND VOTE!

Here's the Correct  
Way to Lift

Use your head and save your back:

1. Size up the load. If it seems more than you can easily handle yourself, get help.
2. Face the load.
3. Secure a firm footing, feet properly spread.
4. Bend your knees.
5. Get a good grip on the load.
6. KEEP A STRAIGHT BACK, AND LIFT BY STRAIGHTENING YOUR LEGS.
7. Lift gradually, not suddenly.
8. Keep the load close to your body.
9. Don't twist your body.



**TASTY MORSEL.**—Kathy Darlyn, 18-year-old Florida beauty, takes a queen-size bite from an orange segment as she poses prettily for a publicity still.

L. A. Bldg. Trades  
Fighting Wage Cuts

Los Angeles.—Organized contractors demanded a 25c hourly wage cut and organized labor in the building trades demanded a seven-hour day with no wage slash when contract talks opened here March 15.

Along with the "basic six" trades—carpenters, cement finishers, operating engineers, ironworkers, teamsters and laborers—a seventh building trades union, the painters, also was reportedly set to demand the seven-hour day with no cut in take-home pay.

In announcing their wage cut demands to the Los Angeles Building Trades Council, the Associated General Contractors and the Building Contractors Assn. reportedly leaned heavily on the 2c hourly wage slashes recently taken by United Auto Workers (CIO) members at General Motors Corp. under their cost-of-living agreement negotiated two years ago.

GM developments prove living costs are slumping, the contractors claimed, but AFL Council spokesmen branded their demands a bluff.

In addition to their demand for the seven-hour day, the 15 house painters' locals in this area also will fight for an insurance fund plan financed by the employers.

Demands by the other six unions include: \$2.50 an hour for carpenters, currently getting \$2.12½; \$2.60 plus extras for special jobs for cement finishers; \$1.95 instead of \$1.65 plus extras for special work for teamsters; \$1.85 instead of \$1.57 with a top rate of \$2.20 for special jobs for laborers; \$2.50 instead of \$2.12 for operating engineers with a top of \$3.25; and \$2.60 instead of \$2.20 for ironworkers.

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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!

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## Bosses' Burden

Frankfort, Ky.—A bill requiring employers to pay for any medical examinations or records they require from applicants for jobs has been passed by the Kentucky House and sent to the State Senate. The bill was supported by the Kentucky Federation of Labor and individual labor unions.

Main Goal:  
Keep Gravy!

By Frank F. Adamec

(Excerpts from an article in the AFL Panter and Decorator Journal)

Men of the organized world naturally turn thumbs down on all offers of outside help. In this they feel that no man may serve two masters. In short, the organized worker feels that no youth who merely desires to get the feel of a goodly pile of hard dollars, could serve old money-bags well and serve them too.

There have been instances when a sprightly lad has made quite a reputation fighting the cause of the common folks of the republic against the big interests, being enticed over the line. But those fat boys seem to have a lot to lay out for a nimble-wit's service. Their piles seem to be larger than the piles of the hard-handed ones.

And so goes the old tread-mill in the work-a-day world, the worker keeping his nose to the old grind-stone lest he be spotted by some sharp-eyed overseer or inspector. But still that worker manages to keep at arm's length the smooth lad who'd horn into things for no other than a selfish reason.

All of these goings-on are enough to cause a worker to shed salt tears. He may note, for instance, the big interests trying to have the common fellow go along, at least to go their way, if he is to be considered intelligent.

This common man may also note that the big boys would like to have that common man hold still while the scramble goes on upstairs for the driver's seat and the reins that will steer the economic and political hall of wax. Yet those top boys are in a quandary as to how they may get the said reins and seat all to themselves and keep that common man from jolting them off into the ranks of the commoners.

The top is ever on the look-out to prevent the little ones from attaining their goal. If that top can, somehow, manage to get that bottom off its notion, all well and good, the gravy will continue to go to the top where it will be skimmed off for those who are in on the know.

Thus may any man know that the little fellow has little to lose by the new deal so cherished below. The top has a lot to lose, including its easy take of the past. All of this those top boys know only too well, and that, perhaps, is the big reason to prevent too much inquiring as to the cause that makes the difference between the two segments. There are some, even in the ranks of organized labor, to disagree vehemently with this reasoning. But, perhaps,

those lads hope to climb up there where the air is fresh. Stalwarts that they may consider themselves, they may even hope to take all for self.

But those boys had better start scrambling, for the bottom is sure to be reaching out more each day, giving their leadership no out but to keep asking for the things wanted and needed at the bottom.

It is a fine system for those who know how to grab for self. But thanks to the ones who have had the courage to see the wrongness of it all. Thanks for the light that has been cast on the long road by the ones who dared, men will not stay down. Men are bound to climb to the heights of plenty as long as the good earth may sustain all.

Getting rid of this greed business could easily become the grand finale to be sung by courageous men as they sweep the last trace of self-love out of the make-up of the top boys in economics and politics. It would make a grand tune, for it would take in all of the boys, the so-called smart ones, who feel that their system is the very life of all men.

These so-called smart boys, of course, would hardly get behind such a process, since it will creep in on their easy living. For no man can, really, hope for more than to be able to write a few, choice words of praise, editorially, of the top braves. Naturally, such top men are greedy ones whose ambition knows only a strong yen for the spotlight. It would be taking those lads down a peg or two to ask them to give up all self-love.

Yet such a process is necessary, if men are to live as men should, even in the lower depths. All this would be a mere coddling of toilers, as measured by the yard-stick of top lads, who naturally feel that all leadership offered to the fellow who only works with his hands is to offer the boy a leadership coming from the top. Nothing more can be done for the boy with his hard hands, his kids and all of his dependents. Yet all such reasoning only causes the hard-handed lad to put tongue in cheek and to choose whomever he would for his leaders.

## Social Security Benefits

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have received at least \$50 on jobs covered by the Act in each of a minimum number of calendar quarters. Calendar quarters in which you receive \$50 or more in covered employment are called "covered quarters."

When you have the required minimum number of quarters of coverage, you are fully insured. In general, to be fully insured you need quarters of coverage equal to at least one-half as many calendar quarters as there are between Jan. 1, 1937, when the program began, and the quarter in which you became 65. But if you became 21 after Jan. 1, 1937, you need quarters of coverage equal to at least one-half as many calendar quarters as there are between the time you became 21 and the time you reach 65.

However, in no case can a worker become fully insured unless he has been paid at least \$50 in each of at least six calendar quarters. And, further, once a worker has acquired 40 of these \$50 quarters (10 years) he is fully insured for as long as he lives.

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Wrinkle-proof light cottons for garments are obtained by a new chemical treatment.

## Party Boats, 7 Each

The rigors of party boat fishing off the California coast in December were compensated by an average daily catch of seven fish for each of 3,020 anglers, says the Division of Fish and Game.

From operators of 23 sport fishing boats, the Marine Fisheries Laboratory gathered reports which showed a monthly catch of 15,290 rock fish, 1110 ocean whitefish, 490 white sea bass, 450 sculpin, 350 mackerel, and 2,070 fish of other species.

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Primaries Are  
Rapidly Nearing

(State Fed. Release)

The first day for California State and Congressional candidates to file arrived this week—March 8. The closing deadline is noon, April 1.

Nominating papers are filed with county clerks, who examine them before they are forwarded to the Secretary of State in Sacramento, where they are legally filed.

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Hitting the ceiling is a poor way of getting up in the world.