OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 3
STATIONARY ENGINEERS LOCAL 39
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
MAY 15, 1950

Stalling on New Bay Crossings Is Blasted

Inexorable 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 Area AFL unions and councils, in the near future, it was indicated by Victor S. Swanston, Local 3 business manager.

"While politicians and public interests go around, the months and years go by with no sensible solution to the ever more serious Bay Area transportation problem," Mr. Swanston 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 for such vital importance to the entire Bay Area."

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 (arrows) in Washington two weeks ago, when heavy rains turned rich, fertile land into a great lake, forcing thousands of families to flee to high ground. Floods are an annual occurrence on such rivers as the Columbia, Yukon, Mississippi, Ohio and Missouri despite pleas from taxpayers, Bureau of Reclamation, and local governments—with one exception, the Tennessee River valley, where TVA controlls water flow and creates public power. Republican call TVA roll-back, as the question then is; which is better, living in "wasteland" or in water?

To What Social Security Benefits Are You Entitled?
By P. E. Vaudenbark
Ass't Local Union Manager
There are two kinds of benefits—retirement benefits and survivorship benefits.

Retirement benefits are payable to the worker and his family when he retires or dies. Survivors benefits are payable to the worker's family when he dies, no earlier than age 65.

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

Children under 18, and widows, regardless of age, with children under 18 are entitled to survivor benefits when the worker was only "currently insured." This is absolute with regard to lump sum payments. So-called "current insured" as it worked on a job covered by the Act at any time during the past three years of his life.

The retirement benefits are payable to the worker's family when he retires or dies. Survivorship benefits are payable to widows, or children under 18, or dependent parents who are 65 or over.

RETIREDENEL BITIEST BENEFITS
Monthly retirement benefits are payable to:
1. the worker when he is 65 years of age and stops "covered.
2. his wife if she is 65 and still "covered.
3. his unmarried children under 18 if she is receiving benefits.

"FULLY INSURED"—To be eligible for monthly benefits when you reach 65 you must:

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OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS
ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO VOTE? It is only one of the forthcoming elections this spring you must be properly registered. A man who has moved since his last registration dates in 1948 must vote in both the primary and general elections of 1944, must register in order to be eligible to vote.

DEADLINE DATE FOR REGISTRATION for the State-wide Primary Election, June 8, is April 15. 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 Winter Street, Oakland, Calif., on Friday, March 30th, 1950, 6-3 P.M.

"EAT IF YOU SAVE MAY BE YOUR OWN! DONATE TO THE BLOOD BANK!"
Unions Help Everybody

Speaking on the radio the other evening, one of California's big businessmen said to himself, "I hope all our money goes to support the unions."

Well, 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 there were no Union 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, thus, eliminating unfair advantages due to wage discriminations. Unions always increase the wages of non-Union workers in their locality. In thousands of instances, employees 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 he did not think it important—he was only interested in advancing the anti-Union theory that individuals, without Unions, are just as well off as they are now. He didn't mention a lot, and he certainly didn't mention a lot of the working people who are much worse off than they were before the Unions were organized.

Union Assets Are Not Dollars!

Too many union members and officers are reckoning their assets as the wealth of the union. True, these dollars are important and no union function can take place without the dues—which of course are entirely legal and fair. But the dues were never intended to be the wealth of the union. The spirit and loyalty of these members to their union and to their ideals is the real measure of the union's worth.

I'm sure every year's contributions in the right hands would be worth far more than modern labor unions could consider the growth and development of the American Federation of Labor. The labor unions would have something to show after the destruction of the AF of L and in the future, the integrity and the purpose of those great men and women.

The spirit of obligation that united the members has. 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 ability and stamina of his work. These were the real qualities that were required to form the American Federation of Labor.

It is said that any union today has too much in the treasury. But it is sure can be said that there is a great lack of the essential wealth that makes a union successful.

There being no further business to transact the meeting adjourned.

Praise Label Scene

New York.—An avalanche of letters and postcards praising the Amalgamated Clothing Workers union and advertising campaign has descended upon union headquarters, P. O. Box 1525, Portland, Me.

Francois has a little one.
She drives it eh so deftly.
But every day is a try right.
The little one turns left.

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Fifty-four men have served as Vice-President of the United States.
January 30, 1950

WORK STARTING ON 3 BIG DAMS IN THE SAN JOSE AREA

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and J. E. BILEY

Business Representatives, Local 3

Guy F. Carney and Co., Contraction Bldg., Contra Costa Co., has been awarded the contract for the construction of the LeRoy Anderson Dam. The bids ranged up to about $1,150,000 from about 12 contractors. The nearest bidder to the award was about $1,185,000. The dam will impound 7,500,000 acre-feet of water and will cost about $2,600,000. The dam will be the largest of its kind in the country.

There are quite a few others, both near and far, that will be started this year. It is expected that there will be plenty of activity in the construction field for the very shortly. Carney also has a huge stripping project for the Contra Costa Crusade at Danville. At present they have five pieces of equipment at the site which is being rented from Bro. Kenworthy of the Mill Valley Co. This is a very good job and is being managed by such experts as Bro. E. I. Quest, S. F. Andes, and F. H. Collins. Bro. R. E. Edwards and Ralph Dol- dou, the foremen on this job, have the job in good time, no doubt they will be transferred to work on this project which is also in a gentle dry area for the Santa Cruz News. Lagoos HIGHWAY

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What's doing in the Oakland office

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 job that was done 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. One cannot help but take a personal interest that has been taken by our people in going to the polls; but equally important, it demonstrates the average man's interest in the issues. Various types of work, including schemes used by the reactionary press to confuse issues of major importance.

in the southern part of the state and expects to move a con-

The Key System has changed its methods of operation on the track between Berkeley and San Francisco in Emeryville. Previously the work of spreading sawdust was left to the operators while this time the company is hiring engineers directly from the University of California.

School construction and improvements have been furnishing some work for the past several weeks. In El Cerrito, the E. J. Freethy Company is the prime contractor in the construction of the El Cerrito Junior High School for the El Cerrito School District. The company has handed their own excavating contract to W. H. Harris. This contract has been going on for some time and will soon be completed. Harris is getting under way for additional projects around El Cerrito. W. H. Harris, the dirt work is furnishing a few jobs for the El Cerrito School District. Walter T. Helms Junior High School has been started by the Three Cities School District. The school consists of two-story buildings, consisting of a gym, cafeteria, auditorium and a science laboratory. The school will be completed by the fall of 1959.

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R. E. Fyffe's contract for the construction of the other sections of the southern portion of the town will be completed in the near future. The company has given the job to the Bi-Coton Company, which has started the grading work in the area.

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What the Brothers Are Doing

Receiving the following letter:

Operating Engineers, Local 3

If possible I would like to have this Note mailed to you, as I am on payroll and must have it in the mail by the end of the month.

Sincerely yours,

Brother Fred T. Smith

Brother Fred T. Smith has taken out a withholding card, prepaid, to go into the Bursar's office of the University for his Federal and State income tax for the first quarter of 1959. He seems very enthusiastic about this method of paying his taxes.

I have had many discussions with you about the good feeling that is created among the Members of the Local and how it helps to get along so well, we wonder just how much learning he is going to get done.

Worried about high food prices? Don't worry. 1959 may be the year that 5'9" Brian Bill of Livermore is just get-

Brother Joe McGraw is the new foreman in the Walnut Creek area. He is known for his honesty and integrity, and has been a longtime member of the union. He is now in charge of the work being done by the pipe crew in the Walnut Creek area.

The pipe crew has been working on several projects in the area, including the construction of a new sewer line for the city of Walnut Creek. The work has been progressing smoothly, and the crew has been working hard to complete the project as quickly as possible.

What are the facts about the income of America's families? The Census Bureau recently computed the income of 23 million families which showed that 28 million families had incomes of less than $3,000 in 1958. After the first few months, the number of families with incomes of less than $3,000 and around 1.5 million less than $2,000.

Mr. Industrialist, have you given this much thought? Why not a job for your old age. For instance, you now on age spot $1,500 a year. Another 1.7 million families had incomes of $3,000 to $7,999 in 1958. Do the coupon-clippers and the junk mailers save up for their retirement on that pay? If you add the families earning $8,000 to $14,999, you have 4.2 million. Double the amount of coupons and junk mail and you are in the same boat.

Note that two-thirds of the families made less than $4,000 in 1958, and that 40 percent of the families made less than $1,000. If you know anyone who really wants to save you from the poverty which many old-age pensioners face, send this information to them.

Your Local Union will form a Legislative Committee composed of the following members: Brother Maxwell, Secretary and Treasurer; the members of the Executive Board, and three members are to be elected by the local. In the case of the Local Union 118 of the Labor's school for labor, it is being held in the town of Oakland. The members are to keep an eye on the proceedings of the Legislative Committee and to be available for any questions that may arise.

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Menlo—

The only thing that's sure in this world is the weather.

The only thing that's certain is that the weather will always be unpredictable.

In Menlo Park, a sudden downpour caught everyone off guard, sending the streets into a deluge and causing traffic to slow down to a crawl. The unexpected rain caused some people to change their plans, while others continued as usual, undeterred by the wet conditions.

Local work in the Valley should pick up now if no more rain comes to mar our joy at this auspicious and happy time. For the last three years, the job starts, for it has been a long winter for some of our good old friends.

Roders—

Highways Top List as Seaso starts in Nevada

By H. L. SPENCE

The Ideal Corporation is starting up their highway jobs in Elko, Nevada, also their highway job on South Virginia Road, Reno, Nevada. Ideal is engaged in an enormous pile of gravel crushed at the East 2d St. plant but they will start on the job in the summer season is over for they expect jobs to start in Elko.

Ideal's stringing job at Kimberly, Nevada, is a bit uncertain. Some Ideal people have been working there for 10 years, then all of a sudden gravel business is cut down, so we guess we will have it down for a little while. However, Ideal of Nevada 3, won a union shop election on the Elko job, so we think Ideal will be good there, as they have good workers.

Local people are watching construction work on Windward AVE.

A. E. C. recruiting for the future, no word yet. The American Federa

Local Department of Agriculture and Commerce. Local Department of Agriculture and Commerce is looking for the best and brightest.

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San Francisco

**WORK IN SAN FRANCISCO IS VERY SLOW IN PICKING UP**

By PAT GLANCY and RUSSELL SWANSON, Business Representatives, Local 5

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 with regard to 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 for men are few and far between. There are quite a few of our brothers out on work at the present time. How-

...er, on the brighter side, there are also a number of brothers who are working now, and we have worked all winter, for some of the vanishings that we had anticipated.

**Around the Jobs**

The Metropolitan Parking Project, has been heating up a large amount of work, and will be larger even than the Union Square Garage which we worked.

...K Corporation is now in full swing on the construction of a building at Lake Market. At the writing of this issue, the building is just beginning and they are approaching the final stages of finishing. The company also is in full swing on the North Point. The members who have been working on this job have come to expect it from time to time and from present expectations, it will take us longer than expected to finish it. Probably the most talked-about job in the Union is the Olympic. Many of the brothers have heard of this job for some time. It is coming along very well, so at this writing we will repeat ourselves by saying that the Olympic job is one of the Union's biggest, and we do not have the information that the job is about to begin for us.

...Brothers, there is still a need for blood donations; our supply is running a little low, and it is important to get as many donations as possible. Blood Donors, please try to make a donation to the hospital, and we need to have the information that the blood is being used for our brothers.

**Personal Touch**

Why didn't some of you that are thinking of leaving the job, and who also receive the Engineers' Benevolence Fund, remember that the brothers know what's going on.

...The brothers interested in overtime work, we must again say that the overtime is not as good as it has been in the past.

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**SPORTSMAN'S CALENDAR**

The Division of Fish and Game reminds California sportmen of the following seasons, which apply to current hunting seasons.

**Catfish—No closed season. Bag limits; 15 fish and one fish in the round, or 8 pounds and one fish dressed. Minimum length; 5 inches.**

**Trout—Closed season. Bag limits; 4 pounds and 7 pounds in the round.**

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**Transmission Line**

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**Washboard conditions are very much the same. If you have a future in Business Relations with the Union, do not let the Brothers join us for a meeting. The Brothers are working hard to get the job done, but the Brothers have not been able to do this alone.**

**Need More Jobs**

Washington.—The AFL warned against a large number of workers who are out of work in the state. The AFL is concerned about the situation, but the AFL is also concerned about the situation.

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**Greed Is Sickness**

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

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Sacramento
GLOWY WINTER NIGHTS: WITH GOOD SPRING OUTLOOK
By E. P. PARK and H. S. CLARK
Business Representatives, Local 5
One of the questions that is being hit at this area in recent years is beginning to brighten somewhat and the advancing spring and summer promise to provide considerable relief to the area. All the mountains counties within the district have numerous road projects planned and combined with the resumption of this construction, there should be quite a few jobs for those brothers who like to spend their summers in the hills.

The grade elevator at the site of the new Pomology Building, will be 165 feet in length for the building and over the main channel near Rio Vista. The lower end of the building is 35 feet above the water line of the reservoir, the barge canal and reservoir dam will be 7 feet higher. The 165 feet will be left this summer. This is good news as this will be in direct competition with the Pomology Building.

A small contract for wicking off the abutments on the Abdon Dun Bridge over the North Fork of the American River, was awarded to George H. Marshall & rumius and it is expected that they will be underway within the next few weeks.

General Dynamic cement was used in the concreting of the bottom fills and the retaining walls of the new Pomology Building on December 27th. The concrete was placed after the water level was dropped 18 feet to make the flowable concrete possible. The concrete was placed using the front end of a 20-ton truck, 30 yard units, and was placed underground. The concrete was allowed to rest for 24 hrs after the placement. The work on the diaphragm wall was completed on the 27th of December and the excavation for the building was started on the 28th of December. The work was completed on the 31st of December and the building was started on January 1st. The building was started on January 1st. The completion of the work is expected to be completed by April 1st.

The Pomology Building will be a three-story building, with a basement and an attic, with a total of 16,000 square feet of floor space. The building will be used for research and teaching purposes. The building will be completed by April 1st.

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Engineers

South Valley Dam Jobs Underway; Canal Work Moves
H. T. Petersen and Lynn Moore, Business Representatives, Local 3

The Pine Brooke and Salinas Dam projects received a new push this morning as 171 more men to work on pioneer work excavating for the canal runways and will soon start on the abutment cleanup work. As soon as the canal is completed the gravel plant and other heavy equipment is due to arrive at the job site, so the company will start construction soon on six miles of railroad tracks. The project also limits the widest of existing roads to the dam site, so the general outlook is good on this end.

The Kansas-Colorado Co., still continuing the pouring of the dam at Power House No. 2, reported excellent work this morning. The company is still in the process of pouring the dam on the headwaters of the South Fork of the Kaw, and the company is now pouring concrete into the masonry between the units. This spring, which will consist of round vibrating operations and the construction of housing units at Power House No. 2. We expect either March or April will see the completion of the dam.

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ENGINEERING NEWS

Salt Lake City—

EARLY SPRING THAW TO BOOM JOBS IN THE ROCKIES

BY PENNY BERROEHS, C. R. VAN WINKLE

Business Representatives, Local 3

Hopes for a good start in 1950 are materializing as Bechtel President Frank F. Adamec announces that Job No. 1 from Field Office at Ogden—"The last part of the preceding report is important to members.

To vote you must be registered, to vote in Utah you must appear at one of the registration places on the days set aside for registration or you may register at the County Clerk of your county on any business day up to 6:00 p.m., 16 days before an election.

Our union in Utah as many of you will be enabled to try and secure a larger number of jobs than in the regular registration days. So, if you aren't registered, find out the number of your voting district and call your local Union Secretary to see when the next regular registration days are.

The election laws of Utah require you to be enrolled to vote and also require you to be registered in the State, 95 days in the County, and 60 days in the Precinct before a primary, or general, or special election. This makes 2 for the Building Trades office in Ogden.

If you get to register and if you are not registered, this month. Merlin is an old hand in the State of Utah, a speedy clip.

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