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WARNING ON CRANE, POWER-LINE DANGERS

By P. E. VANDEWARK
Assistant Local Union Manager
According to statistics released by the Industrial Accident Commission of California on accidents caused by the operation of cranes of all types, it appears that more than a majority of the above-mentioned accidents are a direct result of carelessness on the part of the operator.

The majority of accidents, most of which were fatal, were those involving electric power lines. In each case the cranes were operated too close to high power electric lines. The State law provides: "That no equipment be operated in any manner within (6) six feet of any electric power line."

It is vitally important for each and every operator of cranes to exercise due care in the operation of their rigs, so that they do not come in contact with electric power lines, thereby not only endangering their lives but also the lives of others working with or about them.

If your employer, superintendent, or foreman insists that you operate your rig in violation of the law or in a hazardous manner in your own opinion, refuse to do so. You are protected by the State law in so refusing to operate your machine in a dangerous manner. Should you be discharged for such refusal to operate under dangerous conditions, the law provides that you shall be reinstated on the job with no loss of pay.

Your union is cooperating with the Industrial Accident Commission to make our trade a safer place to work, not only for ourselves but for other trades who work with us.

Let's Be Careful!

As this year's season of heavy work gets underway, the reports on accidents increase. This month's reports show a number of injuries. Let's make it a resolution to form a habit of carefulness this year!

About 100 engineers are employed on the Morrison-Knudsen S. F. airport job now.



- W. B. Adams March 8th, 1950
- Donald Myers March 17th, 1950
- Herman Baker March 20th, 1950
- George J. Fuller April 1st, 1950
- Edward Kelperis April 2nd, 1950
- Albert Mallegni April 2nd, 1950

Pat Brown Files for Attorney General



District Attorney Edmund G. (Pat) Brown of San Francisco is shown here with his family as he files his declaration of candidacy for Attorney General of California. Brown, a Democrat, filed on both the Republican and Democratic Party tickets, and pledges nonpartisan law enforcement, with emphasis on combating organized crime. Shown with Brown are his wife, Mrs. Bernice Brown, and their three children (left to right): Cynthia, 16, Kathleen, 4, and Jerry, 12.

Hazards on the Job, But Also at Home!

TO ALL HOISTING AND PORTABLE AND MIXED LOCAL UNIONS

Greetings:

As spring approaches activities will increase in and around the home. As these activities increase, so will the danger of accidents increase. Spring housecleaning, painting, home repairs and garden chores present many hazards. It is of utmost importance that each of you guard yourselves and your families against injuries and possible death.

The home presents many hazards. A report from one Coroner's office reads, "186 deaths from home accidents, while 176 met death on the highways." The most frequent cause of accidents in the home are falls from ladders, chairs, stools, etc.; 114 of the 186 deaths reported were from such falls.

As you begin your spring program let your watch-word be SAFETY.

CHAIRS, BOXES AND TABLES ARE DANGEROUS SUBSTITUTES FOR LADDERS.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

WM. E. MALONEY
General President

To Exhibit Crawler

A factory demonstration of a new TD 24 International 140 draw-bar horsepower Diesel Crawler will be given in the yards of the Bay Cities Equipment Co., 28th and Cypress St., Oakland, starting at 9:30 a.m. on April 22nd, according to word from Local 3's Oakland office. This will be of interest to operators, mechanics, and apprentices. Prizes will be given and refreshments will be served.

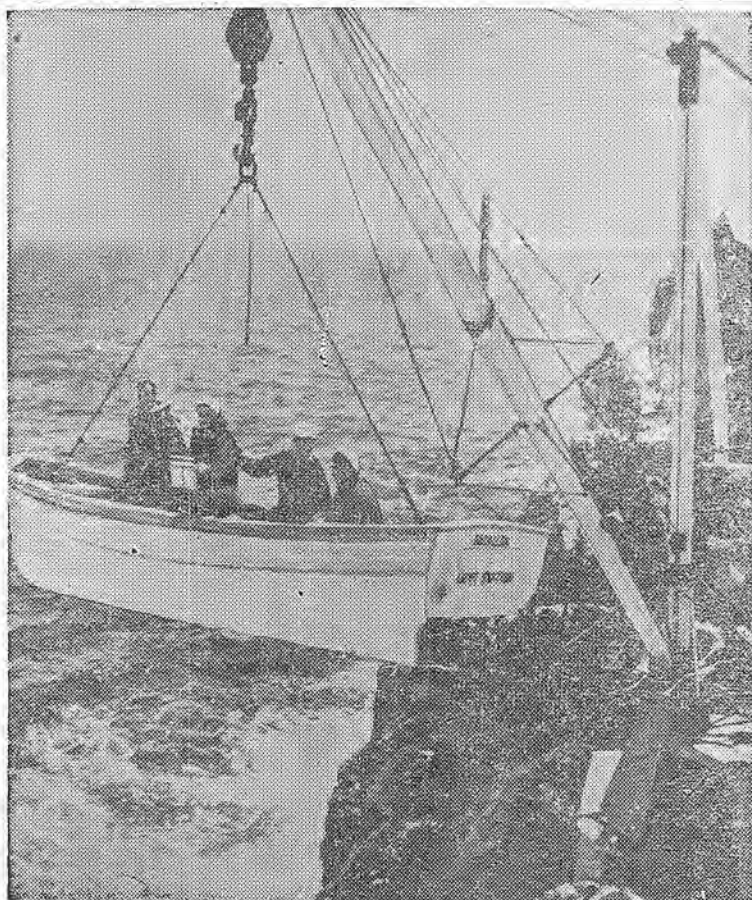
Keep Office Informed

Business agents will very much appreciate it if members who move or go to work will so notify the union office, so their names can be removed from the cut-of-work list.

Plane Crash Kills 2

Several members were killed in private plane crashes last year, and this year's first accident occurred in the Sacramento region. Killed were Brothers Albert Mallegni and Edward Kelperis, and a friend, Sam Casseri. Bro. Mallegni contributed to the union blood bank only two days before.

Spring season, as usual, gives us the bug to travel, so reports show an increasing number going overseas now.



NO ENGINEERS HERE — No union members, that is, because this is the Coast Guard station on the Farallon Islands, 22 miles out to sea from the Golden Gate. Rough seas prevent any other approach to the rocky cliffs. The occasion was taking of the census, and in the boat are S. F. Census Takers Helen Mabbott and John McCloskey. Didn't take them long to count the 17 people living on the main isle.

West Construction Boom— Heavy Schedule Gets Underway

Full impact of the historic post-war migration to California and sister western states is now being mirrored in a construction program that will this season surpass anything on record for the west—in dollar outlay, physical volume, manpower, and sheer immensity.

In the middle of each man-made cloud of dust you will find from one to 200 members of the I.U.O.E., key men in the construction game and typifying the unique, highly coordinated combination of brain and muscle that has pushed this industry to the top in world status.

An extensive check of reports coming in to Bro. Victor Swanson, business manager of Local 3, of construction publications, federal business surveys, labor papers, the daily press, and other media shows the picture shaping up into a major face-lifting for the continental shelf from the Rockies to Pacific beaches.

RECORD SEASON AHEAD

The dirt will really fly during a long, early-starting season. Around the cities, the emphasis is on buildings and city facilities. Stretching out from them come highways, unbelievable freeways of the future coming to life, and this spreads out into California's fine network of highways and byways. Beyond them the big hunt is for water—its control for irrigation, power, and flood-prevention.

Here's a summary:

Housing: S. F. has two big public projects under way downtown, with a dozen major subdivision on the outskirts. Every major city is bursting its bounds with suburban growth.

Highways: Huge freeways taking shape in Oakland, S. F., and Los Angeles, others in Sacramento and

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S.F. Members Note:

DON'T SIGN THIS PETITION!

All AFL unions in San Francisco are warned against signing petitions which would take away raises recently secured for San Francisco city employees. Secretary Mathews explains that this is purely an attempt by big business interests to rob city workers.

The following letter from S. F. Labor Council further explains the situation:

"The City Employees of San Francisco, who won well-deserved pay increases through a recent city ordinance, face a referendum instituted by certain downtown property interests to take away those salary increases.

"Petitions will be circulated by these downtown interests in an effort to get sufficient signatures to place on the June ballot a referendum measure which would eliminate the City Employees' hard-won raises.

"The San Francisco Labor Council urges that you warn your members and ask them to warn their families and friends, against signing any petition which might be presented to them in this attempt to take away the City Employees' pay increases."

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE W. JOHNS, Secretary,
San Francisco Labor Council.

Oriental Wage Cutting

Bro. J. K. Waiwaiole reports from Honolulu that contractors from Japan, Okinawa, and the Philippines, employing cheap native labor are beginning to undercut U. S. contractors on bids for Okinawa projects.

Babies, Vest Buttons

Lots of vest buttons popping these days on proud fathers as the Spring crop of babies starts coming. Many new offspring are being reported.

Ukiah district hopes for approval of the \$17 million Coyote valley dam on the Russian River. It is up before Congress this week.

Good rain this year assures plentiful crops in the valley districts.

Bids to be opened April 17 on 63 more miles of CVP canals.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

NOW TO VOTE! April 13 was the last day to register; now be prepared to cast your ballot at the very important primary election on June 6. Watch for the list of AFL-endorsed candidates. Vote for labor—vote for yourself!

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, Local No. 3-E meeting will be held in the Union Offices at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California, on Friday, April 28, 1950 at 8 P.M.

HOW THE NEW DEAL 'RUINED' BUSINESS

(Reprinted from "Labor" national railroad labor weekly paper)

WASHINGTON.—A simple ceremony at the White House recalled events which should reassure the American people, when, as now, they read and hear assertions that the government is "ruining business."

President Truman watched approvingly while a \$26 million HOLC check was presented to John W. Snyder, who presides over Uncle Sam's Treasury.

In the days of the "Hoover hunger," there was desperation among the mortgage companies, building and loan concerns, and bankers who had financed homes at inflated "values." Hundreds of thousands of jobless people could not keep up their mortgage payments. Real estate money lenders all over the country faced bankruptcy.

Then came the "New Deal," like the "Fair Deal" of today, a "bogyman" of business, Congress created the Home Owners Loan Corporation, gave it government money and orders to save the situation.

The HOLC got busy, saved a lot of distressed home owners, and literally "bailed out" the banks, mortgage, and building and loan firms. In return for their "sour" mortgages, they got billions in good government bonds from Uncle Sam.

As soon as they were saved, they turned around and tried to bite the hand that bailed them out. They pushed a bill which would force the HOLC to hand back to the money lenders all the mortgages which had become safe and sound, while Uncle Sam would keep all the mortgages which were still "sour."

The HOLC saved home owners, "bailed out" the mortgage men, and paid off \$3.5 billion government bonds provided for those purposes.

In the White House ceremony the HOLC made its first repayment, \$26 million on the "stock" which Uncle Sam bought in that agency to give it a start.

Now, Mr. Truman said, the HOLC has paid of 95 percent of the government's entire investment, and will soon pay the rest. Instead of the prediction \$1.5 billion loss, Uncle Sam will come out with a handsome profit.

It's a good thing to remember that "New Deal" story, when the "Tories" of today shout "ruin" and "socialism" at the "Fair Deal."



SIGHT FOR SICK EYES—Blind since birth, 2-year-old Gail Heyn reaches for her image in a mirror held by her mother in their Des Moines, Ia., home. Sight came after a cataract was removed from her right eye. A similar operation is planned on the left one shortly.

Ukiah— Mendocino is Slow to Start, Rains Resume

By A. R. McCaffrey
Business Representative, Local 3

A measure to authorize construction of the Coyote Valley dam on the Russian River will come before the Senate for approval this week.

The proposal calls for a 122,000 acre-foot reservoir on the east fork of the Russian River northeast of Ukiah as the first step in a flood control and water conservation project.

It is included in the house-approved omnibus water project authorization bill.

If the Senate approves the bill and it is signed by President Truman, next step will be to try and get federal funds for the individual projects.

Some groups are already discussing plans to send representatives to Washington in a bid for Coyote Valley Dam construction money if the omnibus bill is approved.

Total cost of the initial plan is estimated at \$17,150,000. Of this amount the federal government would pay the entire \$900,000 cost of channel stabilization.

It would also put up \$10,652,000 of the cost of the dam, with local interests paying \$5,598,000.

This will be an earth fill dam, so let's hope it goes through.

JOBS LET

There are quite a few jobs being let in this area. None of them are large jobs, but if we get enough of them it will keep the brothers busy this year. Arthur Siri Construction Co. from Santa Rosa has been awarded three jobs in this area in the last month, one at Cloverdale, one at Bacon Gulch, and one at Salmon Creek. He also has hopes of getting a few more jobs around here. The highway job at Tule Lake will be let by the time this goes to press April 12th, with more work proposed both in Lake County and Mendocino County to be let. Practically every contractor in this area has a job to start on just as soon as the weather permits. Although most of the contractors have their crews standing by, they will need a few more men which we will be able to supply off our out-of-work list.

Baldwin & Straub from San Rafael has a contract for a sewer disposal plant and reservoirs at Cloverdale.

Brother Les Crane from Healdsburg will keep several of the brothers busy on private work this year.

Al Moretti from Willits has two jobs ready to go, with other jobs ready to commence in the near future.

IN THE WOODS

Loggers Al Ferris, John Heriza, and Biester & Graziano have several 3D brothers busy in the woods with prospects of enlarging their crews when weather permits.

Up until a week ago we had approximately two weeks of good eather. Everybody in the area started to get ambitious and things fairly hummed for a few days. The activity didn't last long as we've had rain for the last five days. We are hoping this is our last major storm, so we can get back on the ball again.

We certainly were surprised to learn that Brother Pug Hastings of Lakeport was stricken with a heart attack. I visited him in the hospital and they were administering oxygen to him. He no sooner saw me and he wanted to get up and leave the hospital. No one but a construction stiff would attempt such a thing. Let's all wish Mr. Hastings a very speedy recovery.

Report of last meeting

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

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting of March 4 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of March 15 and of March 29 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from Robert L. Condon, State Assemblyman, announcing his candidacy for re-election as State Assemblyman from Contra Costa County. Received and filed.

A letter received from Congressman John F. Shelley requesting cooperation and support in his campaign for re-election. Regularly moved and seconded that this Local Union go on record as sponsoring John Shelley for Congress from the 5th District. Carried unanimously.

Letters were received from Congressman John Shelley and Congressman Franck B. Havenner acknowledging receipt of our letters to them requesting support of Bills H. R. 87 and S. 2246. Received and filed.

A letter was received from the San Francisco Labor Council regarding dispute between San Francisco Local Joint Board of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Workers and the anti-labor Town House Restaurant. Received and filed.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this Local Union go on record as sponsoring M. J. Donovan for County Assessor of San Mateo County. Carried.

A letter received from the General Secretary-Treasurer, F. A. Fitzgerald, enclosing financial data information as filed with the Secretary of Labor in compliance with the Taft-Hartley Act. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from the family of Perry T. Martin, Mrs. Jack Pickett, Elizabeth and Patricia O'Brien. Received and filed. The following resolution was read as the first reading:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Local Union No. 3 at the Regular Meeting of February 4, 1950, passed a Resolution authorizing the officers of Local Union No. 3 to form an Association with the Carpenters Local 586, Laborers Local 185 and Teamsters Local 150 of Sacramento, California, for the purpose of purchasing a site and erecting a much needed Labor Temple in Sacramento, and

WHEREAS, in compliance with said Resolution an Association known as the C. E. L. & T. Association, Inc., was formed and is now legally in order, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the officers of Local Union No. 3 be authorized to withdraw from the General Savings Fund Account a sum equal to one-fourth the cost of erecting the Labor Temple in Sacramento, California, but not to exceed \$65,000.

Brother Swanson explained about the building of the Labor Temple in Sacramento. It was regularly moved and seconded that the appointment of Brothers Swanson, Mathews and Park as directors, representing Local Union No. 3 in the C. E. L. & T. Association, Inc. be confirmed. Carried unanimously.

Charges preferred against Brother Lee Essley and signed by President Clancy were read. Brother Lee Essley being present, was notified by President Clancy that the date set for his trial would be May 6, 1950, at 9:00 a.m.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Miguel Archuelta, Clarence A. Albertoni, Geo. R. Benson, Geo. Bacus, Benj. F. Bowlin, Phillip Cardona, Glen W. Curry, Tom L. Clark, E. H. Carl, I. W. Carson, Leslie G. Caldwell, Thomas P. Cowen, Ray E. Cochrane, B. T. Elliott, Ivan C. Gardner, LaVerne L. Gottula, Henry Harding, Don C. Harnish, Sidney Jordan, James J. Lewis, G. C. Langford, Geo. Littlefield, Wm. McKinnon, James McGowen, Albert McKinney, C. J. Morrison, Geo. Marsha, Jack F. Murphy, Ed F. Murphy, Donald Myers, A. W. Maxwell, W. E. Meisenheimer, R. L. Napier, Joe S. Newell, Joe S. Maxwell, Joe Ostler, Max Pickard, W. T. Ryan, Arthur Sandoval, Donald Stoner, Van B. Spears, Geo. F. Sullivan, Robert J. Tanous, Wm. P. Walsh, Lester V. Wright, M. R. Weber, I. N. Williams.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Abraham Rubin, Wm. B. Tibbals, Jack Lee Pickett, P. T. Martin, Donald Myers, W. B. Adams, Herman Baker.

The Business Agents gave their usual reports which were accepted as given.

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

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

Congress is Still Infected

(State Fed. Release)

The League Reporter, official organ of Labor's League for Political Education, this week mourned and yet explained the failure of the 81st Congress to adopt middle-income housing legislation. Why did the housing effort fail? It's quite elementary, answers the LLPE journal—"There are not enough liberals in Congress!"

This sharp reminder came at a time when the American Federation of Labor throughout the nation prepared for the June primaries.

Now, this is an old story, but the fundamentals of political life never lose their sting.

The infamous Congressional bloc comprised of southern Democrats and reactionary Republicans today holds the balance of American political power.

This bloc has denied and spat upon the majority mind of the American people.

This bloc is deaf to morality. It is blind to principle. It is contemptuous of justice.

This bloc is like some terrible tumor in the body politic. It is a foul growth, and a strange one. It

is nourished only by the refuse waters of Big Business.

It is not indigenous to America, for you will find it wherever the workers ignore the demands of the ballot and think only of the

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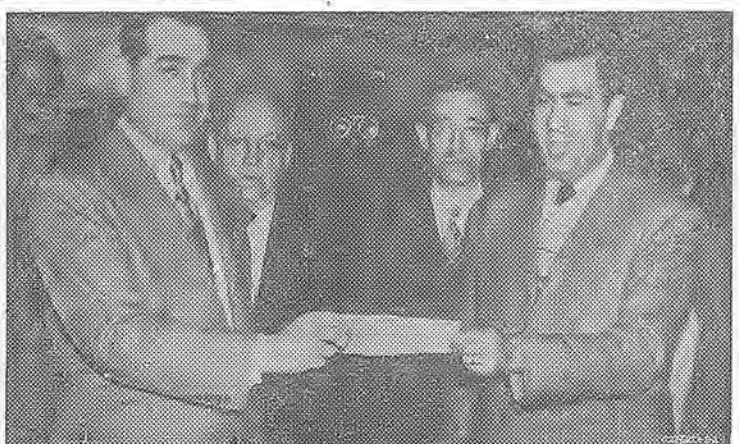
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Philadelphia.—Joseph Simone and Henry Segal hold check for \$1,163.30 contributed by Local 286 of the AFL Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers to help the organizing drive of the AFL National Farm Labor Union. Some other members of the local committee look on.

Stockton—

Farmers See Good Year; Water Control is Valley Goal

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

If all the world loves a winner, the farmers in Stockton have struck the jackpot! With two million dollar rains nicely spaced apart, they are assured of a good crop this season. We congratulate them upon their success by grasping up the bouquet.

However, we trust they are not the only ones to hit the winner's circle this season. William A. Ford, Democratic candidate for Congress in the Third District, is continuing to gain support. He has been endorsed by the Third Congressional District Political League of the A. F. of L. This candidate has pledged himself to fight for the outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, and other legislative reforms beneficial to labor. In order to reach the winning circle with our candidate, it is necessary to register and vote. See that your friends and neighbors also register and vote. Let us put Mr. Ford in the winning circle on November 7th.

Mun & Perkins have been awarded a State Highway job from Oakdale to Salina. Work will commence on this project shortly.

P. & J. Artukovich have finished pouring concrete on the Water Treating Plant in Oakdale. This job was connected with the San Francisco water system.

Beerman & Jones are going full swing. The Hot Plant is fired up for a short time. They look forward to a good season and will employ many engineers as summer progresses.

Chittenden & Chittenden have moved in on their job between Highway 120 and La Grange. They have five engineers at present, and will need more in a few days.

SONORA AIRPORT

The Sonora & Columbia Airport at Columbia is to be improved. Gordon Capps and C. V. Kenworthy have the contracts. They are moving in four cats and two DW-10s.

Miles & Bailey from Madera have moved in on their job between Mountain Ranch and Sheep Ranch. This small job has a few curves struck out and resurfaced. The Sheep Ranch Airport has not been advertised for bids. We understand bids will be called for shortly. This job will be small, but plenty rough and tough.

Johnson Rock Company have an unfinished road job on Highway 108, better known as the Sonora Pass, three miles above Strawberry Resort. Snow is still delaying operations up there, but they expect to get started in May. There is to be another extension to this project as soon as the snow melts. Brothers, please take note. This is the ideal spot for summer work.

The Sonora Marble Aggregate Plant is running along smoothly with everybody working and happy.

At San Andreas, the Calaveras Cement Plant is operating full capacity, 7 days a week. The last meeting with those working there was well attended. We hope the next meeting will be even larger, as it is largely through these meetings that we become acquainted with their problems. At this meeting there were a few complaints brought to our attention which we hope to have ironed out shortly.

Moore & Roberts Hospital job at San Andreas is progressing rapidly. This is primarily a carpenters' job. The excavations were small but were done by M. & R. themselves. There will be some back fill, landscaping and road work on this project later in the summer.

The Ferguson Bros. of Oakland are making good progress on their reservoir and water line at Columbia. This old, historic mining town had a minor revival of the Gold Rush last week, when the trencher started operating. All of the local prospectors turned out to pan the excavations. No large strike was made, but many did find gold-bearing souvenirs.

At Lodi, the Claude Woods Co. are working on numerous small jobs. The new grain elevator on Statton Island has called for Engineers and will pour continuously until the completion of the job.

FARMINGTON DAM

Over on the much talked about Farmington Dam the control towers have been completed. The bids on the dirt work were to be opened on April 13, but have been postponed until April 23. This job has created much talk, and apparently keen competition among the contractors. We sincerely hope this project will not be postponed again.

The State Hospital in Stockton is nearing completion. This was a large project, but as usual the building line did not furnish a great deal of work for Engineers.

Bids have been called for by College of the Pacific for their new stadium. They are going to try to stay inside the \$250,000 they have for this work. This will be a good job for Engineers as there are 200,000 yards of earth to be moved.

M. J. B. road job between Holt and McDonald Island is about half completed. The brothers work steadily on this job when rain does not interfere.

Tiechert & Sons are making good progress with their street work at Tracy. They should be laying hot stuff shortly.

Pacific Coast Aggregates, Tracy Plant, were forced to lay off a few of our members during the past month. They had completed the contract to furnish aggregates on the canal job, and other sales being slow was the cause of the reduction in force.

The Tracy Rock, Sand & Gravel Co. are moving right along. They purchased a new 39B dragline recently. Brother Hap Arbuthnot is at the controls.

Bids have been called for the first section of the Delta-Cross Channel portion of the Central Valley Project. This job will be a 3000-foot section of canal from Walnut Grove to Snodgrass Slough. They estimate it will be nearly 800,000 cubic yards of excavation. The time limit is 365 days, with bids to be opened April 26 at Tracy.

WATER PROJECTS

We have a few future jobs about which we are sure the members would like information. Congress has allotted \$3,580,000 for water projects in the Stockton area. This is the first money to be allotted on approximately \$70,000,000 worth of work. The projects listed are: 1. Bear Creek Channel Improvement in San Joaquin County. 2. A new dam to replace Hogan Dam and Reservoir on the Calaveras River in Calaveras County. 3. A new dam to replace Melones Dam and Reservoir on the Stanislaus River. 4. A new dam to replace Don Pedro Dam and Reservoir. Also included in this preliminary appropriation is the Cherry Valley Dam and Reservoir. 5. San Joaquin River and tributaries, levee and channel improvement. Also to be let are 14 miles of Hetch Hetchy Water Line running East from Oakdale.

We find in this district that the State and Counties have broken out in a rash. There are several road jobs consisting of realignment with surfacing to follow being reformed with by the Counties or by the State and Counties together. On some of these projects they do not have the necessary equipment of their own available, so they are hiring some outside equipment with non-union operators, working below our wage scale. We have interviewed these operators and find them to be very unhappy victims of circumstances. We wish our members to know that this matter has been taken up with State Building and Construction Trades Council, while we have not yet had an answer from the Council, we believe this matter will be straightened out very shortly.

In concluding this month's Newsletter, we look forward to seeing you in the winners' circle on November 7th. Register and vote!

Reno—

Winter Vacation Comes to an End In Nevada Region

By H. L. SPENCE Business Representative, Local 3

Wells Cargo Inc. is off to a good start on the highway job at Battle Mountain, Nevada, with the following brothers on the pulls: Jimmy Zunino, Bud Jacobson, E. H. (Spud) Allen and Marvin (Timber) Renken; cat operators, Al Henderson, R. J. Bell and Gordon (Skinny) Young is on the stomper cat. With a fine bunch of engineers like that it should be a go-ahead outfit.

Dodge Construction, Inc., has moved the crew back to the northern part of the great state of Nevada. Their winter vacation has come to an end. Bro. George Eckman and crew are running the gravel plant on the Gerlach job. Bros. I. J. Tobler and James Sigler are on the Northwest shovel, Bro. Warren Whitehead is on the blade, and Bro. T. J. Hickey is the head grease monkey. Dodge's whole crew will be moving to the Sod House job when they have put the finishing touches on the Gerlach job.

Silver State Construction Co., better known as Andy Drumm, Jr., has most of the dirt moved on the approach to the overpass at Fernley, Nevada, but he has a fast dirt-moving bunch of engineers on the job, such as Bros. Charles Melendy, Al Montrose, Leonard Ellis, Floyd Smith, Nathan George, Mike McCormick and Joseph Montrose, grade foreman.

Drumm's highway job at Ely, Nevada, is going along in fine shape with Bros. Richard Kingston and Clifford Carr on the shovel.

Isbell Construction Co. has started the Keitske Lane job and the two jobs on South Virginia Road, with Bro. George Conley on the shovel loading out the old pavement. Bros. Clarence Wibel, Chris Guldager and Bob Vicks are on the electric pulls. Bros. James Lambert and C. R. "Bud" Selover are on the blades, and Bro. A. Piretto is the grade foreman. Isbell's gravel plant is on a double shift, Bro. Bill Ponton and Clinton Green on the P.M. shift. Bros. Herman Petersen and Carl G. Hector are getting the two hot plants in tip-top shape for the big summer run of hot stuff.

George Miller has his new hot plant going along in fine shape, with Joe Anelli as operator and Ivan Woodford feeding the plant with the dozer. Bud Miller is on the skippy at the decomposed gravel pit. The rest of Miller's crew are on various jobs in Reno.

Clarence Dieterich is doing a couple of sewer jobs in Reno, with Bros. Tom Dean and Floyd Hittle on his new Lorain shovel. Bro. Rex Hittle is on the cat and Byron "Bud" Reynolds is boss or pipe man.

Something new has been added to the Earl Games outfit, a new truck crane. Bros. Bill Games and Frank Sbriglia have the honor of breaking the rig or knocking the first paint off. Bro. Frank E. Gillespie is making a few improvements on the boom of the new rig.

Part of John B. Powers Co.'s crew is up at Cedarville, Calif., on a sewer job; however, some of the good ones are in Reno, such as Dufch Hughes on the link belt shovel and J. W. Harcourt in the shop.

The Smith Petersen gravel plant crew is in fine shape after a tough winter. Louis Avansino, who is a very good crusher man, keeps things in fine shape, along with Bros. Orvis Eickbush and C. W. Eichbush. After all, that's a tough job for those boys.

Bro. Chris Petersen has a rough go on the link belt shovel out at the Smith Petersen pit in Sparks. Bro. Stanley Karlsen is well along with his jobs in Reno.

Golden Gate Fields is being readied for season opening there on May 3.

San Francisco

Jobs Pick Up in S.F., But Still Good Many Boys on Bench

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

As can be seen by the brothers now in San Francisco, it is not advisable at the present time to come into San Francisco and put your name on the out of work list. The conditions are not as good as we would like to see them, but there is certainly a lot more activity now than there has been for the past four months. Naturally, as the work comes in, we will do our best to clear those members who have been out of work for the longest time.

At the present time, San Francisco County is not in the least flooded with new work. Those contractors who have offices in San Francisco and have been doing most of the work in town, already have engineers for most of their equipment and it is unlikely that they will be hiring very many. There are not many big jobs to be let now, but as can be seen by other reports there is a lot of work throughout the jurisdiction of Local No. 3.

GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

The P.G.&E. Gas Tank at 23rd and Pennsylvania Streets, at the writing of this article, still has a few of our brothers on the payroll. For a point of information, this tank is 387 feet tall and has a capacity of 17 million cubic feet of gas. This tank, along with two other similar tanks located both in New York and Richmond, Calif., is the largest in the world.

After hearing of the proposed Broadway Tunnel for so many years it is hard to believe that the work will soon be going full blast with M & K being the contractors on the job. The preliminary work such as house moving for the right of way and drilling test holes is now under way.

M & K Corp. have been moving right along at their tunnel job at Lake Merced and are now approximately 900 feet in at their first heading and about 150 feet at the second heading while working around the clock.

C. Harney is now working on their Bryant Street track removal and resurfacing job. Harney also has equipment on the Freeway job, North Point pipe line job for the treating plant, and various other places.

Eaton & Smith also has rigs scattered throughout San Francisco. It won't be long before they will be moving to their new yard. By the way, Eaton & Smith have invested in a hydraulic jack which does wonders in breaking up concrete. This jack is about two feet long and has an approximate diameter of three inches. It is inserted into a hole drilled in the concrete and then after pumping the jack a short time the whole concrete slab cracks, thus enabling a shovel to finish the job. The main advantage is that no powder is needed, thus saving a few court cases which are always arising from the property owners who claim that blasting hurts their homes.

Salco Iron Works have a rig working at the Clement St. car barn tearing down and loading out some of the old street cars.

Peter Sorenson has pulled out after completing his job of tearing down and salvaging the Southern Pacific warehouses at 6th and Channel Streets.

Dinwiddie still employs a number of our brothers at the Metropolitan housing job.

Floyd Watson is keeping his rigs busy at Stoneson's projects and at the present time is leveling for the future business district which is slated to go in there.

We have a few brothers working behind U. C. Hospital leveling for the housing project with William & Burroughs the main contractors.

Fay Improvement has been doing a lot of grading work in the vicinity of Avalon & Moscow Streets.

PERSONAL TOUCH

The activity on the far away jobs is still pretty much at a standstill. Bill Lake and M. D. Cordoza are the only brothers we have information on as to going to work out of the states. Bill Lake has gone to Canada to work on a pipe-line job for Bechtel and our information on this job is limited. Cordoza

is now working in Okinawa for Vinnell Construction and from his letter is very well satisfied. Good luck, brothers, and don't forget to write occasionally.

Pat Callahan is once again on the mainland after being in Guam for quite a while. Thanks for dropping into the office, Pat.

Also back after being away from the states is Arnold Gottlieb. Arnold has been working in Arabia for Bechtel. Sure good to see you back.

If there are any brothers you know of who have either gone or returned recently, drop us a line so we, in turn, can put something in the Engineers News about them.

It seems as though more cooperation could be given from those of you who are in good physical health and have the time to go to Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and donate a pint of blood. As a reminder—our supply is practically depleted and it hurts us to say "No" to a brother or his family who have no one to turn to and need the blood.

If there is any doubt as to where you have to go, just contact the San Francisco office and we will be glad to make the arrangements for you.

"Heine" Toft dropped in the office last week... looking fine BUT tells use he suffered a heart attack while working for Eaton & Smith on the Pacheco Pass. He'll have to take it easy for awhile... however, if looks have anything to do with it, don't think Heine has much to worry about!

Received a letter from Yatin J. Dorris and he tells us he is going in to business at Madera, Calif. His new business enterprise will be known as DOC'S TEXACO SERVICE, located at North 99 and 4th Street in Madera. Brother Dorris tells us he will also continue the STARLITE SKATING RINK (half mile south of Madera on 99 Highway) during the summer season. Any of the brothers interested in keeping in condition can "gas" up at Doc's and ride out to the skating rink for a little exercise. Best of luck, Brother Dorris!

Congress Is Still Infected

(Continued from Preceding Page.) belly—like oxen chained to the plow.

The American Federation of Labor would slice that growth from the national body. Through Labor's League for Political Education, it would save the whole by removing a part.

But this tumor is rooted deep. It is founded in power, wealth, and privilege.

The remedial knife must slice hard. The cutter must not fail lest the patient expire, as his kind always have when the tumor of reaction has choked the cord of life.

We must nerve the arm of the cutter. We must give him sinew through the national and state LLPE. If we are not of the labor effort, if the cutter stands alone and abandoned, he will fall, the blade within his breast. And the tumor will advance through all the land.

If we would know a liberal Congress, labor must slice in June. There are no remedies for rigor mortis.

Man is that peculiar animal who gets many a hearty laugh out of an old family album and then looks in the mirror without so much as a grin.

What's doing in the Oakland office

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

Getting Around the Jobs

Since the announcement March 30, by the Atomic Energy Commission, that a new atom smashing project is to be installed at the abandoned Livermore Naval Air Station, we have received many calls inquiring about the project—when it will start and how much work there will be. Up to the present time we have no information other than that released to the papers, but will keep you up-to-date through these columns on any work that is to be done.

Work within the Oakland area still hasn't broken to any extent; but the out-of-work list is going down a bit. We notice that registrations for work seem to be easing up, and we hope this is an indication that jobs in other areas are helping to take up some of the slack. Incidentally, we receive many inquiries regarding work in Alaska. While we make no attempt to give up-to-the-minute information on work up there, we feel it would be timely to pass on an announcement made recently through the Dept. of Employment by Peter D. Kristich, manager of the Oakland industrial office. He stated that union officials and the Governor of Alaska wanted people to know that it is not advisable to go to Alaska seeking work, as there is enough help right on the ground to fill most of the jobs that will be available.

New housing, street development and pipeline work seems to be picking up somewhat out Contra Costa way. Tarman and Bechtel have started work on 600 houses near Concord. The grading and street work will be sublet on this project. In the past this company has subcontracted most of their ground work; but they are now buying equipment that will enable them to handle this phase of the operation on future projects.

Orinda Paving has three jeeps and one D-7 working on a new site for the Sun Valley Lumber Co., in Lafayette. There is approximately 15,000 yards of dirt to move and Bros. Don Stoner, George West, Les Maltsberger and Phil Allen are handling the equipment. A hill adjoining this project is to be moved to make room for 30 new homes. Cleverdon Construction is doing this work, which consists of removal of approximately 20,000 yards of dirt.

Out in Gregory Gardens, the E. E. Lowell Co. has several pieces of equipment working on grading and pipeline work, while down on St. Mary's Road, Manuel Smith is busy installing 3,000 feet of red tile sewer line.

In Pittsburg, Macal Improvement is doing the grading for a new housing project. There are 96 lots in the tract and 40 homes are scheduled to be built in the near future. Parrish Brothers are going full swing on their freeway job out there, and at present have about 40 engineers on the payroll. The equipment has been moved in from Benicia for this job, and the majority of the crew have been transferred in from other jobs. Bro. Bill Madson is superintendent, with Bro. Art Burch acting as foreman. The entire project is under the supervision of Bro. Mike Saporetto, general superintendent.

P. C. A. recently started a new operation in Concord when they purchased the concrete plant formerly operated by Globe Building Material, along with Martin Bros. hot plant. The new owners took over April 1, and it has been announced that the change of management will have no effect on engineers employed in the plants, as the old crews are to be retained.

In San Pablo, work is progressing on the Walter T. Helms Junior High School. Cairo and Muren are excavating on the footings and there will be approximately 9,000

cubic yards of concrete poured within a short time. Bro. Bob Malloy is handling the excavation and leveling work on this project.

Work on the Oakland freeway is getting off to a slow start this spring. C. B. Tuttle has started work on the bridge at 105th Ave. Transocean Engineering is handling the excavating for the footings on this job and Macco has started driving the piling. Fredrickson & Watson have about six engineers working out there, finishing up shoulders and access roads between 50th and 105th Aves.

The Pacific Turf Club has two engineers on its payroll at Golden Gate Fields, in Albany. The track is being readied for the spring meet which will start May 3.

Fessenden & Cook have several small jobs in operation and recently added two members to their payroll.

Pacific States Steel has opened up part of the new mill at Niles and rehired some of the old help.

The C. F. Braun Co. has completed its overhaul job in the high octane plant at Avon. This was a short go but the boys say it was good while it lasted. In the Union Oil plant at Oleum, Fluor is doing considerable work and we were able to get a few mechanics out there during the past month.

Work on the 30,000,000-gallon Seneca Reservoir at the head of 98th Ave. is more than 50 per cent complete. To be the third-largest distribution storage basin of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, the project is part of a \$50 million postwar expansion and rehabilitation program of the local water system. United Concrete Pipe has the contract for construction of a 900-foot tunnel and pipeline which will hook into the existing distribution system in the Mountain Blvd. area. At present there are two three-man shifts working in the tunnel and one shift operating on the pipeline.

Dredge work in this area has not improved any since our last report. There has been nothing new started with the exception of a small job that the Olympian Dredging Co. got at San Pablo. They do not expect to be there more than a week, however, unless they get some more work in that vicinity. The San Francisco Bridge Co. is going strong on the Grand Island job. The Duwamish is pumping approximately 40,000 yards each 24 hours, and at this rate the job won't last too long. There is nothing new coming up that we can be sure of. Has been some talk of work starting on the Sacramento deep water channel, but we are unable at this time to give any definite information on this job. The Pacific Portland Cement Co. is keeping two crews busy furnishing shell for their Redwood City cement plant.

Dutra is still keeping his two clams busy for Leslie Salt Co. They are now working off Belmont. The Hydraulic Dredging Co. has seven of our members on the payroll repairing the Papoose at Rio Vista. The San Francisco Bridge Co. has six members doing overhaul work at its Belaire yard. They also have a few men working cleaning up and bringing in the pipe from the Redwood City and Napa River jobs.

What the Brothers Are Doing

Traveling companions on a recent trip from Arabia were those two doughty engineers, Bros. Ray Purdy and Carl Strader. We asked Ray to tell us how things were over there, but all he would say was, "Let Carl tell you." After considerable twisting of Carl's arm we finally got him to talk. Seems

NOTICE

On Saturday, April 22, a demonstration will be held at the Bay Cities Equipment Co. which will be of considerable interest to operators, mechanics and apprentices. The factory representative for the International Harvester Co. will be on hand to demonstrate the new T.D. 24. Various parts will be explained thoroughly and operators will have an opportunity to go over the rig. The demonstration will start at 9:30 a.m. There will be door prizes and refreshments will be served. We urge all those interested in late developments in equipment to be on hand at the company yard, 28th and Cypress Sts., Oakland.

that there are two kinds of weather, hot and cold, the food is excellent and living conditions good. He stated further that the eye-for-eye stuff is really practiced by the natives, and the penalty for stealing is often the amputation of the right hand—generally without benefit of medical aid. At this point he held out BOTH hands for inspection—just for the record, he said! One of the highlights of Carl's stay was betting on a long-shot in a donkey race and having the little fellow come in to pay 16 to 1. Says that donkey racing is considerably different from the horse variety and it is a little bit nerve-racking to see them toddle around the track at a sort of fast meander—especially when you have good hard cash on an individualist who decides to take off in the opposite direction as they come into the home stretch. Bro. Strader spent seven months in Arabia. Hired to fill the job of master mechanic, he also took over the organizing and placement of spare parts for all equipment. He was forced to return home because of ill health, but hopes to go out on another job as soon as his condition will permit.

Having completed his 18-month contract, Bro. Charles H. Morrow was another recent returnee from Bechtel's Arabian job. He plans on buying a combine and figures that most of his work will be in the San Joaquin Valley. Says that by harvest time he'll be ready to thresh anything that looks seedy.

A request has been made for blood donations for Jack Call, the 17-year-old son of Bro. Joe Call, who was critically burned recently in a gasoline explosion at his home.

He is in Highland Hospital and plasma will be needed in large quantities over a period of months if he is to recover. An appeal has been made through the daily papers for donors, and we urgently request that any member who has not donated to Local 3's deposit recently contact this office as soon as possible. Call us at TWinoaks 3-2120 and we will be only too glad to arrange for an appointment for you.

Several brothers are reported on the sick list this month.

D. C. Reynolds will be laid up for some time with a broken leg and hip. He was injured when a rock fell on him while working for Blake Bros. Quarry in Richmond. . . . Bro. Earl Lentz, crane operator from Treasure Island, is confined to the Veterans Hospital in Oakland. Operated on recently for a stomach disorder, he is reported recovering rapidly at this time. . . . Bro. John E. "Red" Moore ran into some tough luck a short time ago. While working on a construction job near his home in Concord he fell from a blade, injuring his leg severely. Although no bones were broken, he suffered torn ligaments and cartilage and will be out of commission for some time.

Bro. Gene Yates, back from the Pacific Islands recently, has taken off again—this time due north. He will be located at Craig, Alaska, where he is associated with his brothers in a fish-buying business.

One of the prime requisites for selling a product is to be sold on it yourself—and therein lies a story. Bro. Gus Hotz, who has been operating shovels and draglines around these parts for the past 14 years, recently went into the selling game, and he is very emphatic about being sold on his product—and for good reason, he feels! Like so many other engineers, he has been plagued with stomach trouble, and for years has dieted and tried in many ways to improve his health. About six months ago he became interested in a new type of vitamin food and decided to give it a try. Results, he says, were so fine that he determined to find out just what this stuff was. Consequently, he became so completely sold on the product that he decided to give up operating and start selling it. Bro. Hotz emphasizes the fact that this is no crackpot cure-all, but a newly-developed aid for some of the disorders brought about by improper diet. If you think you are in this category, Gus would like

to have you give him a call at TRinidad 2-0791, and he will give you all the details.

Along last fall we received word from Bro. L. E. Gritman that he was going to winter up in Oregon, and from what he says WINTER was really the word for it. At any rate, he's back here now, in the land of paved streets and high prices, and says he's going to stay. Like Bro. Hotz, he is taking a whirl at the selling game and is very much enthused over his product. He has a waterless cleanser that he says cleans greasy hands in no time at all, and he thinks everyone who works with tools and grease should have a can at home and one at work—with another in the family car for good measure. He can be reached at Sweetwood 8-7974.

Received word from Bro. Ralph E. Davis from the southern part of the state. Says that, while he is still on the sick list, he thinks he is well on the road to recovery, and he wants to say hello to all his friends.

Bros. Jack Wardle and D. E. "Red" Williams have taken over the Lucerne Cafe at Lucerne, Lake County, Calif. Bro. Wardle, who has been a pile driver and derrick operator around these parts for many years, says he thinks he and "Red" are going to take to the tavern business like ducks to water. What with fishing and boating, the restaurant and cocktail lounge, they will probably be a couple of busy boys this summer. Oh, yes, Mrs. Wardle is going to supervise all cooking, so watch those waistlines, fellows!

We would like to thank the following brothers who donated their time to the Boy Scouts during the past month. These fellows, Bros. Bill Blaw, Ward Smith, A. L. Rose, Charles Stover, Donald James, Robert Trowbridge and Harold Lockett, helped get the Oakland camp near Livermore ready for the coming season.

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309,711 Deer Tags

Sacramento.—There was an all-time record number of deer hunters afield in California during 1949, according to reports from the Division of Fish and Game.

H. R. Dunbar, chief of the Bureau of Licenses, announced an annual sale of 309,711 deer tags, with 986 of the total sold to out-of-state residents. Revenue to the Division amounted to \$318,600.

the NEW INTERNATIONAL TD-24



THE NEW INTERNATIONAL TD-24 140 DRAWBAR HORSEPOWER DIESEL CRAWLER

This equipment will be on display and demonstrated at the Bay Cities Equipment Co., 28th & Cypress, Oakland, on April 22. Operators, Superintendents and Mechanics are invited to attend the showing, starting at 9 a.m. (Luncheon served.)

San Rafael— SUBURBS, TOWNS, HIGHWAYS KEEP NORTH BAY BOYS BUSY

H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 3

Asta & McCall, joint-venture Drive-In Theatre, Vallejo-Benicia Road, should be finishing as this comes off the press, weather permitting. . . . Road separating in addition where Brother A. E. Holly is foreman with Brothers Jerold Miller, Ken McCord and Swan make up the crew.

Parish Brothers, Benicia, recently installed a low-wave communication system. . . . will be a honey when the moths all run out. . . .

Brother Bill Forde of E. A. Forde & Sons, San Anselma contractor, reports they are getting back to work in joint-ventures with Brown-Ely Corporation, opening up on their Mill Valley, Madera Gardens and the Greenbrae High School paving projects. . . . looks like a good year, Bill says. . . .

Barrett & Hilp on their Fairfax Disposal Plant project where Brother Frank Jackson is superintendent going right along. . . . Brother Tony Leone is foreman with Brothers Jim Walker, Bill Taylor, Lloyd Guthrie, Orville Hubbard and Ned Bryant making up the crew.

Brother H. C. Phillips, owner of Point Reyes Gravel Company, in the office recently advising he is getting his share of work and not "beatin' his gums a bit" . . . anticipates a very good year . . . keeps three brothers steadily on his payroll . . . hoping to add more of the No. 3 boys. . . .

Carl Lee Cypher, Napa contractor, all over every place, with part of his equipment on the B. Miles Thomas sewer job, near Alpin Dam, Marin County, where Brother "Tiny" Haymart is the operator. . . . Brother Ernie Binstock working in the Napa area. . . . Carl has two new D-4's as well as a "72" available for rental any place and he can be reached at Napa 74-F-21. . . . 2088 Coombsville Road, Napa.

Johnny Meloni, superintendent of Basalt at McNear's Point advises that Brother "Max" Maxwell, recently recovered from a serious automobile accident, is now superintendent for Basalt at their Santa Barbara plant. . . . Congratula-

tions, Max. . . . Brother Pat Donohoe, recent benedict, says "Guess I'll now have to go to work." . . .

IN NEW LOCATION

Ghilotti Brothers are now in their new location at 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, with a new office and yard conveniently located (near Motor Vehicle Department), where they needs boats to get in the office. . . . James Ghilotti, one of the really old-time contractors of San Rafael, retired the first of the year and thinks it will stick this time, turning the business over to the four sons . . . and the boys seem to be doing alright with a new D-6 added last week available for rental . . . can be reached at San Rafael 1662 or 5350-W. . . . Brother Nick De La Montanya, Vineburg Road, Sonoma, telephone Sonoma 2385 adding to his spread with two new "6's" and an eight-yard carry-all . . . with contracts signed for Point Reyes, Nicasio and Sonoma area . . .

B. Miles Thomas started their pipe line job for the Marin Municipal Water District at Fairfax, Alpine Dam Road project, where Brother Larry Wooldridge is superintendent with Brothers Floyd Schroyer, Oroville Hubbard, Howard Chadwick and "Scarbelly" Ad-dington as the crew . . .

E. E. Lowell, Vallejo contractor, is happy now that Brother Ross Maynard is on his payroll.

Lots of vest buttons popping from the proud fathers. . . . Brother Joe Korteum with his John David weighing in at eight pounds . . . Brother Tom Hanna with his third daughter, Patricia . . . Brother Stew Orchard on his second daughter . . . and Brother Bob Stauff with his second oiler, Charles . . .

Our sincere thanks to the many brothers who took the time to drop a card upon obtaining clearance from another office . . . Brother Walter Waite, Bill Gutridge, Ray Shackelford and Walter Marei to name a few . . .

DIRT IS FLYING

Brother Sandy Feild writes from A.P.O. address that the dirt is really flying over there now that Joe "Shoeless" Jackson of the famed Ukiah spot has been made foreman . . . lots of "yak-yak" and waiting for New Year's Eve . . . Brother Benny Blecha on a P. & H. shovel, running in high gear . . . Brother Hollis "Slim" Dewing writes in from Guam that his contract is completed and expects to come home any time . . .

Brother Arthur Cereda, with Carl Cypher of apa, for a long time . . . taking off for Parker, Arizona, on a landlevelling deal . . .

Brother C. A. "Maggie" Magistretti going full "blast" on Santa Ventia for Carey Brothers of San Rafael project.

William E. Thomas Construction Company of Sacramento were low on the widening and surfacing concrete bridge across Conn Creek, northeast of Yountville . . .

Fredrickson Brothers of Emeryville were low on the two and a half mile highway improvement in Solano County between the junction of Vacaville County Road North . . . \$72,000 plus . . .

A. G. Raisch Company of Black Point were low on the \$17,000 plus grading and paving at the Sonoma State Home, Eldridge . . .

Arthur B. Siri of Santa Rosa were low on the \$98,000 highway improvement between Bacon Gulch and Signal Port Creek, in Mendocino County . . . as well as the \$104,000 highway improvement grading at Salmon Creek twenty miles south of Fort Bragg . . . nearly all equipment in the northern area and looks like outfit will be as busy as a fireman on a three-blast job . . .

Lew Jones Construction Company of San Jose were low on the

CONSTRUCTION

(Condensed from "Daily Pacific Builder")

Alaska, military housing at Fairbanks, low bid, Morrison-Knudsen and Peter Kiewit Sons, Seattle, \$3,113,113.

Alaska, military housing, near Anchorage, low bid, J. H. Pomeroy, S.F., \$2,695,000.

Walnut Creek, Acalanes high school, bond election, March 28, \$900,000.

Los Altos, dude ranch, plans up, \$750,000. Far West Enterprises.

Walnut Grove bridge over Sacramento R., bids due, \$1 million. San Francisco, Good Shepherd school, drawings up, \$750,000.

San Leandro freeway, plans up, \$4 million.

Stockton, school addns. planned, \$3,000,000.

San Bruno, new schools planned, \$1,000,000.

Vallejo, bond election April 27, schools, \$2,548,000.

Oroville bond election March 28, \$750,000, schools.

Redding, Mercy hosp., bids due Sept., \$1,267,000.

Santa Clara subdiv., plans OK, \$1,250,000.

Monterey sewage plant, bond vote this summer, \$806,000.

San Francisco Marine Hosp., 15th ave. and Lake, bids due, \$3,560,000.

Menlo Park, high school, bids due April, \$1,300,000.

Snake River Bridge, near Pasco, Wash., General Constr. Co., Seattle, \$1,244,545.

Camarillo state Hosp., Williams & Burrows, Burlingame, \$1,017,700.

Redwood City TB hospital, bids due, \$1,500,000.

Vets Hospital, 500-bed, Ft. Douglas, Salt Lake City, \$7,898,000. Wunderlich Construction Co. and Curlett Construction Co., Long Beach.

Ceres, hospital, bids due, \$1,000,000.

El Cerrito Jr. High, bids due, \$1,500,000.

\$60,000 bridge across White Slough east of Napa River Bridge, in Solano County.

SAUSALITO GRADING

Brown-Ely Company of Corte Madera were low at \$123,000 on the 20,000 yard grading project in Sausalito . . .

Piombo Construction Company on their Black Point project will finish grading this month, weather permitting . . . wish all jobs clicked as smoothly as jobs where Bro. Bill Pierce is foreman . . . business representative could then sleep in . . .

Tyson & Watters on their reclamation job at Mare Island are on the finishing end . . .

Jensen & Pitts of San Rafael on the finishing end of their sewer line job in San Rafael . . . a tough assignment with Brother Fred Jensen with his nose right in hole . . . he never admits to it, but think he made a few dimes on this one . . . then moving on into Vallejo to finish paving job left over from last year . . .

C. M. Syar should be done on street work in Vallejo area . . . with equipment and members moving to Eureka on a large road contract . . .

Robert Rapp Company of Santa Rosa have plenty to do on contracts . . . full crew running . . . buying new lead for pencils to figure few sleepers. . . .

Basalt at Healdsburg should have rig down river . . . going on two-shift basis . . . not too busy first part of year . . . but look for better balance of year . . .

A. G. Raisch Company of McNear's Point planning on completing 101 Highway soon as possible.

Smoking Less?

Washington.—U.S. smokers used three and one-half billion more cigarettes in 1949 than in 1948 but there was a decrease of about one package of cigarettes per capita. The Dept. of Agriculture suggested that the demand for cigarettes may be leveling off after a series of record-breaking years.

Oil burner sales in 1949 were 39% higher than the 1948 figure.

Eureka—

FAIR WEATHER BRINGS SMILES TO ALL IN THE REDWOOD EMPIRE

By OTTO E. NEVER

Business Representative, Local 3

Clearing weather in the Redwood Empire creates a smile on everybody's kisser. Even the fishermen act human.

The following jobs have been let: Resurfacing of highway from Klamath to Wilson Creek was let to Harms & Syar. The resurfacing of portions from two miles south of Del Norte County line down to Orick was awarded to Mercer Fraser Co. A. M. Ball and Son were low bidder on the 4.7 miles to be graded and bridge to be erected over Rowdy Creek.

The jetty job at Crescent City is still being held up because of the uncertainty of construction plans. It may be raised five feet and may be completed by using concrete instead of "A", "B" and "C" rock. Rumor has it that \$750,000 will be available for the jetty construction for this year.

On April 19th bids will be accepted for the surfacing of 3.8 miles at Freshwater Lagoon. This is the piece of road built by Piombo last summer with George Patterson's cats and jeeps.

This will be about all of the work slated for this year and there are ample members here to fill all jobs. At any rate, those who should know are ignorant of any other work. It seems to me that if ignorance is bliss, there ought to be a lot of happy people.

LOSES TWO TOES

Brother Bill Kuhel, who lost the first and second toes along with part of his right foot, is getting along as good as can be expected. Bill had a close call. He might have lost his entire right leg except for the presence of mind to reverse the cat and back his foot out. He forgot to leave the rig out of gear and his clutch in. When he climbed aboard, he grabbed the clutch and the track took him in.

Brother Aldo Giuntoli has been ill for a few weeks. His meanness gathered at one spot and he had it removed. He called it by some other name, but you've got the idea anyway.

Brother Maurice Edwards was taken to Trinity Hospital on April 3rd with a serious kidney ailment. Brother Edwards has not fully recovered and will not return to work for some time.

Politics is in our hair again. As far as national politics is concerned, you will no doubt find recommendations elsewhere in the News covering the National and State pictures. However, locally we would like to have you remember our friend, Wally Strong, incumbent, for Constable, and Marine Colonel Ralph West for Supervisor. We also have Ernest Lampella running for the Assembly. Ernest Lampella is a brother to member Otto Lampella.

We would like to call your attention to violations of your working rules that are being committed by members disregarding their brother members' welfare. That is the habit of some money hungry brothers who write to employers for a job and then attempt to go to work for that employer without a clearance and without their name being on the out-of-work list in that particular district. This tends to create distrust and lack of confidence between members and a lack of confidence in your business representative. We are all faced with a tough problem when winter rolls around, as well as a flock of anti-labor laws. To break down your working rules is to consort with our enemies. You can't love your enemies, but you can at least treat your fellow member a little better by living up to your working rules.

BOOMERS DRIFT IN

Conditions in the woods are about the same. There is a steady influx of boomers from Oregon and Washington drifting in. They are of course favored by the companies who previously logged in the North. With an already over-supply of loggers, the new influx tends to bring down the wage scale. Catskinning jobs that used to bring \$2.25 an hour are now down to \$1.72 and the strange part is that the sliver pickers (Lumber & Sawmill Workers to you) are not doing anything about it but scream that the Engineers are trespassing on their jurisdiction. This

doesn't help us in our fight to establish a unified wage scale. We in the labor movement should know that "money no longer talks—it just goes without saying."

With continued good weather, May 1st should see our out-of-work list down to where it becomes necessary to ring doorbells to find members.

Heavy Schedule Gets Under Way

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smaller cities. S.F. has plans for a subway. Plans for badly-needed new S.F. Bay crossings apparently stymied by local politics, though public indignation is mounting. U.S. highways getting extensive remodeling from border to border, and east into the Rockies; includes a number of bridges.

Water: Dams under way or set to go at San Jose (3), Ukiah, Folsom, Stockton, Fresno. CVP canals moving fast. PG&E winding up big power jobs. Public power to come from CVP dams, where PG&E doesn't grab it. Davis Dam is busy. Washington-Idaho projects expanding steadily.

Public Projects: Big hospital jobs in S.F. and Salt Lake City. Nearly every California city has a major school, sewer or hospital project.

Defense: Slowest aspect of the entire picture. Alaska starting on \$6 million in military housing. Labor and local government critical of great slack in coast defense expenditures, while foreign submarines show up and a super-Pearl Harbor is in the making.

Union Chiseler

He is the guy who wants the union to get him a top salary, double time for Sundays and holidays, and time and one-half for overtime.

Then he wants cheaper dues, the officers don't know their job, he feels the business agent is overpaid.

Everything is wrong with the union but him. He likes to brag about being a good union man. He smokes scab cigarettes the union-made ones make his throat sore.

He buys most all his groceries in some non-union grocery, same with his meats. He doesn't know where they put a union label in a suit of clothes. Union-made shoes hurt his feet. He didn't know the hat workers had a union.

If he happens to be a bakery driver, he has to come down 30 minutes early and stay out an extra half hour. It's just impossible to do it any quicker. He's a good man for the company, but soon he's looking for another job.

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OAKLAND OFFICE

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—S. G. PLUMMER.

Salt Lake City—

UTAH WEATHER IS GOOD BUT BIG JOBS SLOW IN STARTING

By Renny Burroughs, C. R. Van Winkle and Merlin F. Bowman
Business Representatives, Local 3

Spring weather: wind, short storms, and flurries of snow are rapidly passing us by as our construction season in Utah gets under way. Disappointing factors in the development of our 1950 work have been the delaying of several large projects. The Deer Creek Reservoir, the Utah Construction Company's Garfield Dike project, the low line tunnel into the bottom of the Bingham pit, and the diversion dam on the Duchesne River above Duchesne

tunnel have all been indefinitely delayed. These projects which had variously been planned or discussed for opening from Feb. 15 to June 1, are being held up. In addition, Grafe-Callaghan, Shofner, and Rhodes Bros. who have Duchesne tunnel job have reduced their operations to a skeleton crew while they drive a hurry up tunnel around a slide in the irrigation tunnel at Grand Junction. This will delay their reaching the heading on the Duchesne tunnel approximately 60 days with its consequent hiring of additional engineers.

W. W. Clyde Co. and Thorn Co. opened the first spring jobs a month ago with the start of their road jobs in the Scipio area. Next to break was Clyde's Price Airport job and Gibbons and Reed Salt Lake Airport, State Street, and Third Street Bridge jobs. Wunderlich-Curlett's Veterans Hospital job and Clyde's 10-mile road job at Knolls broke neck and neck on April first. On April 10 Murray-Vernal Sand and Gravel got set in on their Kamas road job. Gradually expanding throughout the last month have been the Bechtel jobs at Standard Oil and the Jordan Steam Plant and Leonard Construction at the Garfield Smelter. Utah Construction Company finally hit the St. Joe ore tunnel crossing and had a nice party to celebrate the holing through, on April 6. This project, as well as their British shaft job are both going high ball now in good rock and will last until the 1951 season. The Garfield refinery and Geneva Steel plant are tapering off gradually for Utah Construction Company and are hurrying to their completion dates. Some development of Utah Construction Company's mining properties at Cedar City is in the wind with considerable construction being hinted on that project. United Concrete is ready to start the week of April 10 to complete their Deer Creek work with Sam Rodgers and Brother Herman Duncan still at the helm.

APRIL JOBS

Work ahead, to be started during April includes Sumsion's job on the Utah-Nevada line in the south and Clyde's job on Parley's Canyon and Kimball junction to Silver Creek.

To be let April 18, 1950, is the job on which Ace Thorn was low bidder last fall, but which was never let, between Halistone and Francis; the surfacing of the road job on which Clyde is currently working at Scipio; and a road job in the Marysville area.

During the last month Brother Merlin Bowman has led the engineers in winning a closed shop at the Clarence Waterfall Ogden plants and organized the entire Operating Engineers personnel of Vernal Sand and Gravel at Kamas. Also, Brother C. R. Van Winkle has placed Jim Sumsion and Jack Lee Sand and Gravel under contract to the Operating Engineers. In the Salt Lake area Brother Renny Burroughs signed on contracts Heber W. Glenn and Anderson Construction Company.

Recent visits by your business representatives have been made to Reynolds Construction Company, Germer, Abbott & Waldron, Parsons and Fife, Floyd Whiting, Whiting and Haymond and the L. T. Johnson jobs. The Engineers on these jobs were happy to see the progress the local is making and our visits have generally been well received by the management of these non-union contractors. It is our sincere wish that through the skill of members of Local 3 and the service of our union, that these

Peninsula—

100 Engineers At Airport; Mateo Busy

By CHET ELLIOTT
Business Representative, Local 3

L. C. Smith Company of San Mateo has begun operation on the Junipero Serra Extension Highway Project. There is considerable clearing and paving on this job in addition to the moving of one-half million yards of dirt. This company has purchased new equipment, consisting of new cats and electric-controlled jeeps, which make the members of Local No. 3 operating this equipment very happy.

The San Francisco Airport job under construction by Morrison & Knudsen has been expanding daily. Close to one hundred engineers have been cleared from the S.F. office for this work, which will continue throughout the year.

The Henry Doelger Company at Colma has been adding to its fleet of cats and LaPlant Choate scrapers, resulting in the growth of their crew of operating engineers. This firm plans on doubling their production and extending the project over an area of 2,000 acres with continual construction activity for the coming five years.

Weber & McCann are busily engaged grading the streets on the Sterling Building Company project at South San Francisco. Several cats, blades, and Tournapulls are employed on this work, with Brother Lyle McCann in full charge of operations.

The Valley Trenching Company has moved their equipment and crew of engineers to Half Moon Bay, where they are busy finishing up their water distributing system for the Half Moon Bay Water District.

RED ROCK HILL

The so-called Red Rock Hill near the City of Belmont is the scene of much activity. . . Bragato Paving Company with two shovels and a fleet of trucks is busy digging dirt for the Shoreview Fill. The California Jockey Club has a shovel and trucks operating from this location, getting fill for the Bay Meadows race track and Songroth Brothers and J. O. Archibald with a large fleet of jeeps and cats are diminishing the remainder of this landmark at a rapid rate, from the best information obtainable in this office. This hill has been the scene of some activity for 30 years.

The officers of Operating Engineers Union Local No. 3 were successful in negotiating a new agreement with the Building Material Yards in this area during the past month. The new contract calls for a seven cents an hour increase in pay and a change in the vacation clause which calls for a two weeks' vacation at the end of three years instead of the present five-year clause.

A few words to the members of Local No. 3 who are registered voters in San Mateo County and who desire to have a fair assessed value placed on your properties in the county. . . Your representative and Local No. 3 are supporting former Chief Deputy Tax Appraiser, M. J. DONOVAN, for the office of San Mateo County Tax Assessor.

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By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

The decision rendered by Judge Byrl R. Salsman's court concerning the Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District's use of district employees on public works projects at maintenance pay is of paramount importance to all people in the engineering business. The Santa Clara Building and Construction Trades Council charged in their suit against the directors of the district that said directors have violated the Labor Code in paying below scale.

The district on its own has done exploratory ditching up of two mountains, "an extensive engineering project," and put in 14,000 feet of steel pipe, encased in concrete, at the base of the Anderson Dam site east of Madrone.

The court found in its decision rendered Wednesday, April 12th, that the Water District was in violation of the labor code in using its own employees at maintenance rates of pay in the installation of the 14,000 feet of steel pipe under the dam. The court also found that on all public works projects hourly rates of pay were to be paid public employees regardless of Civil Service rates of pay or monthly salary schedules. This decision can be looked upon as a victory by those faithful Civil Service members of this union who have been working for less than laborers rates of pay. Also those members who had courage enough to join the labor movement. Those Technical men have received a fifty dollars per month raise as a result of labor action and stand to make further gains in working conditions. Let those who feel that no added gains for those with Civil Service rating study the results of this court decision.

The Bay Counties Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association contract will be opened on May 1st with the first negotiation scheduled for the 15th. It should be of paramount interest to members of 3E that this new contract be a good one. I therefore urge all members to attend your regular meeting April 28 at 474 Valencia St. in San Francisco.

Housing construction in the Bay Area is at its peak with Tarmen and Bechtel, Doelger, and Harety leading the way in low cost housing. Many of the brothers are employed on this work.

Pine Flat Dam in Fresno is under way and many other projects in the starting stage.

Friends of W. Guy Burlingame will be glad to hear that he is on his way to recovery from a heart attack suffered several months ago.

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Sacramento—

3 DIE IN VALLEY PLANE CRASH; QUIET WINTER SPELL ENDING

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

A triple action tragedy snuffed out the lives of Brothers Albert Mallegni and Edward Kelperis and that of a friend, Sam Casseri, on Sunday, April 2, 1950. These two popular young members of Local No. 3 and their friend were killed when their light plane crashed within sight of the Kelperis home in the Florin district. Brother Mallegni had accompanied a group of us to the Blood Bank just two days before. We are left with the memory of this effort on his part to help sustain the life of someone else when time had so nearly run out for him. We join with the families and friends in mourning the untimely passing of these young men, all veterans of World War II.

An unseasonal storm slapped the brakes on most of the work during the past month but on the brighter side we have cleared a number of the brothers back to their old outfits which have begun to roll after a very quiet winter.

Notices have been received from three governmental agencies during the past month of intended work in this area. However, we are only going to mention those jobs which are actually being called for bids as we have been fooled before. The Bureau of Roads will open bids April 11 for 19 miles of surfacing on Mosquito Ridge. On the same date the Army Engineers open bids for additional work on the right wing dam and dikes at Folsom Dam. The County of Sacramento postponed the opening of bids on the estimated million-dollar bridge at Walnut Grove for two weeks. This was at the request of the contractors, who wanted additional time to figure the job. They are now scheduled for April 19.

Fredrickson Bros. were low on a contract in the amount of \$72,772 for two and one-half miles of State Highway improvement near Vacaville on bids opened April 5.

On April 19 bids are to be opened for State Highway improvement near Lotus, Eldorado County. This job consists of about one mile of road to be graded and resurfaced and a bridge to be constructed.

Bids for the resurfacing of three and four-tenths miles of the Pocket Road have been called for May 3.

At this writing Tom Conolly has moved one rig in on his small tunnel job at Folsom, with Bro. Bruce Ayres at the controls.

L. S. Hawley has five cats sitting on his job at Folsom but only two operators have been cleared to date. They are Bros. Jim Lewis and Ed Miller. Jim Hawley is the superintendent and is making the first order of business the fencing of that portion of the job which is on Folsom Prison property.

PLACERVILLE AREA

Up in the Placerville area, we found Joe Vicini getting his outfit ready to roll. Bros. William R. Borree, Howard Robinson, Clarence Burris and Josh Bassi were all working around the shop. Bro. Joe Eaton, also on the payroll for this outfit, had a cat working near Michigan Bar.

T. M. Montgomery is getting started on his highway job near Georgetown, with Bro. Pete Christian as superintendent and Bro. Dave Young doing the shifting. Members on the job are Bros. Ernie Flint, David Leland, G. W. Reinecke, David Bergquist, Richard Coast, Allen Tate, William Conner, George Thomsen, H. L. Williams and L. W. Winney.

F. T. Bastian is doing several small jobs in the vicinity of Grass Valley and Nevada City. They also have their gravel plant in operation. There is considerable work outlined for this section and the summer should be a pretty good one for the members in that area.

Richter, Darrough & Ruddy will resume operations on their Bear Valley job as soon as the weather permits but at this writing there is still lots of snow.

J. P. Breen is working on the Drive-In Theater job near Auburn, with Bro. Don Frazier on the blade. Bro. Bob Johnson was operating the Northwest 25. Bro. Vic Bonner is doing the bossing. San-

doe Hanna Welding Works is setting the screen on this project, with Bros. Hanna and Art Fiori doing the engineering.

Bro. Walter L. Thacker paid another visit to this territory as engineer for Johnson-Western on their gunite job near Auburn.

H. Earl Parker had a few of the boys on a small job out at Willow Slough. Bro. Perry Parker was in charge and Bros. "Slim" Story, Jim Ellison, Ernie Tarrell and Torkelson were on the equipment.

Over at Davis, the Fred J. Early Co. continues working on the sewage disposal plant, with Bros. Bob May, "Pop" May and Leo Wright working steadily on the project. This company has recently been awarded the contract for construction of an outfall sewer on the Davis campus. Their low bid was \$31,707.

At Winters, the Bryant Company school job is progressing nicely at this time, with Bros. Bud Smith and Bruno Lindsay doing the excavating with two International loaders. These boys really work in unison with these rigs.

FOLSOM DAM WORK

The Lentz Construction Co. has started on its grading job at the Folsom Dam site. They are leveling for buildings, which will be built by the Frye Company of Grass Valley. Marvin Reed is bossing this job for Lentz, with Henry Morretti on the blade and Bill Simpson on the cat—brothers, all of them.

On this same job is the A&K Trenching Co., with Bro. Pete Kavanaugh in the driver's seat and Bro. Keith Von Alvensleben doing the oiling. This is a newly-formed company and it is going along 100 per cent. They have recently signed an agreement with Local 3. We wish the best of luck to this brother in his new business venture.

The Casey & Case Drilling Co. is drilling foundation holes at 16th and N Sts. for the City School Administration Building. Two machines are on the job, with crews made up of Bros. Relder Scribner and Tom Jones and Bros. Jerry Dodson and Jimmie Lee. Bro. Scribner is working with an arm cast due to a broken thumb. It is somewhat damp down in those holes and the boys are busy bailing mud at this writing.

Landleveling in this area is practically at a standstill due to the recent rains. The landlevelers are ready to go as soon as the sun comes through again. Here's hoping for a busy season.

Cannell & Losch, pipeline contractors, have about completed the contract at Rio Linda. Bro. M. Dougan is the only engineer left on the job, doing the finishing.

The Van Valkenberg sewer job in North Sacramento continues to keep the following crew busy: Bros. Wm. Yoch, Ralph Kirpan, Francis Keithley, Leroy Kelso, Elmer Davis, Douglas Sickles, Joe Tillett and John Senechale. Bro. "Chuck" Keithley is doing the bossing on this job.

PERSONAL MENTION

Bro. Henry Curb is now doing business in the "Time" Service Station at Auburn Blvd. and Greback Lane, close to the Florida Inn. You can't miss it as it is done in "murals." Pretty fancy, Hank!

Bro. Otto Van Gorder is another of the members who have gone into business for themselves. This brother recently purchased a Ford Tractor with all the attachments—dozer, scraper, disc, posthole digger, scarifier. One of his specialties will be lawn work. Contact Bro. Van Gorder by calling HI 6-9131.

Bro. Grigsby of Rio Linda is also on his own with two Fordsons, a



TIPSTERS ON TIPS—A Washington waitress, Imogene Wright, gets ready to testify before the Senate finance committee, which is trying to figure out how social security taxes are to be assessed against tips.

dozer and scraper, and a ditching machine.

Bro. Jake Loewen is another of the brothers in business for himself. Bro. Loewen has a Roto Tiller for rent and can be contacted by calling HI 9-4085.

Bro. Harry Ford, who can be reached by calling IV 9-1713, has a Roto Tiller also and any work directed to these brothers will be greatly appreciated by them.

The best of luck to all of them in their new businesses.

Bro. Jack DeBenedetti has recently taken a job as salesman for the Growers' Supply Farm Equipment Co. The best of luck to you, Jack.

Bro. Willis Houston has asked that we express for him his thanks to the members of the Operating Engineers and employees of M&K for the thoughtful contributions made in his behalf at the time of his recent illness.

Bro. G. A. LaMontagne, a well-known member of Local No. 3C, is a patient in Mercy Hospital. It is expected that he will be there for some time and he would appreciate visits from his friends.

Bro. Orville Wright incurred a foot injury while working for Brighton Sand & Gravel and was laid up for several weeks.

Bro. Fountain Eldridge suffered a broken wrist while on the job for Randolph Parks and was unable to work for several weeks.

Bro. Ray Addison was confined to the Sutter Hospital recently, where he underwent an appendectomy. At this writing he is recuperating at home and anxious to get back to work.

Bro. Al Wyckoff was confined to Sutter Hospital with pneumonia and while he has recovered from that he is still unable to work due to arthritis.

Bro. "Red" Hicks, master mechanic for Dixon & Arundell at the Feather River, was passing through town recently and stopped in to say "hello."

Congratulations go to Bro. and Mrs. Paul Hull on the arrival of William David on March 28th.

We thank the following brothers for the cards they sent to let us know that they had gone to work elsewhere so that we could remove their names from our out-of-work list: Lee Hunter, Edward Donahue, Ray Shackelford and Frank Barnato.

Launch Southern Drive

Atlanta—International Chemical Workers have launched a strong organizing campaign in the southern territory and have directed their campaign to the workers in miscellaneous chemical plants. Vice Presidents Walter L. Mitchell and Ed R. Moffett are in charge of the campaign, maintaining permanent offices in Atlanta and in Houston, Texas.

Big Union 'Yes' Vote

Detroit—General Motors workers in the biggest NLRB union shop election on record voted YES 171,629; NO 21,950; CHALLENGED 5,774. Eligible to vote were 230,000.

Marysville—

BOYS GOING BACK TO WORK IN CANYONS, RIVERS, VALLEYS

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

It looks like spring has finally arrived in the Marysville area and that makes us happy for it gives us a chance to put men back on a payroll.

Kelley Bros. have started their levee job again near Colusa with Brother Jim Kelley as foreman and Brothers Buck Benton, Joe Freidman, Jimmy Flynn, Red Hicks and Ed McCoy on the cat spread. Brother Holman is on the grease truck.

L. Biasotti & Company have two dozers on the road job above Camptonville, with Brother Felz and Brother Ralph Wilson on the job so far. In a few days, barring bad weather, a few more operators will go to work on this job. The superintendent is Brother Al Veracruz, a long-time member of this local. The job is in rough country and will be no picnic.

H. Earl Parker Company will have two drag line rigs and four dozers on their clearing job on Butte Creek, west and north of Gridley as soon as the water recedes to permit work to start. Brother Charles Rowe is in charge of this project.

Ed Bell, landleveling superintendent for Parker Company, says things are at a standstill for his particular department at present but hopes for better things, and soon.

Rice Brothers have been unable to start their road job at Tudor on account of appropriations, but will be on the job by April 15, for sure. Rice Brothers sent Brother Charlie Lloyd to Bishop, California, on their blade and it is reported he is doing a swell job. This company continues to sell some concrete and keep a few men busy in their shops.

M-K FEATHER JOB

M-K Co., Inc., still have quite a shop crew in Feather River Canyon and will be there for a few days. Brother Bobby Halliburton was injured on the job sometime ago and is still on the sick list. We hope he will be okay soon.

Brother Roy Poe, heavy duty mechanic on this job, is leaving for a vacation and will pick up a new car in Detroit, Michigan and drive back. That is what we call doing it up right.

T. E. Connolly Company still keep a few men on the payroll with some clean-up work in the canyon and in their Oroville storage yard. Brother Ben Parrott and oiler Dean Hyder still on the dragline and Bruce Ayers on the cat with Johnny Hinote in charge.

Walsh Construction Company have a small bridge out of Oroville for P. G. & E. Co. and Brother Bob Harles, Brother Orville Allen and Brother Buck Blankenship on the equipment.

Richter Bros. of Oroville, have been doing a little land leveling as weather permits.

J. Harold Shaver has two rigs running west of town with Leon Bagley and Alabam Simpson running them.

Walsh & Puccetti have been overhauling their rigs in their shop out of Yuba City.

A. Till Construction Company are still going ahead with their tunnel at Dobbins, California. Brother Joe Halvorstadt is night walker.

M. O'Hair Construction Company of Colusa have just about finished their new office building in their yard in Colusa, California. Young Mike said I'd have to wear my dress suit when I called on them now. This company has some very fine rigs and keep them in good shape.

E. Baker Company has a rice drier north of Colusa, and they're building on another one at Richvale, California.

Butte Creek Rock Company of Chico have a new truck loader at their plant and Brother Al Montford is running it. He says it is a fine and fast rig to operate.

Kaiser Gravel Plant is keeping the same crew busy in Oroville and Brother Ed Neff is still on the shovel. I oiled for Ed in Palo Alto, California, when I was serving my apprenticeship, and he can make a shovel hum, too.

There has been several small jobs

around the area and they have given your business agent a lot of trouble chasing them down. Most of them have been good for only a day or so. We appreciate any calls concerning these jobs.

Chicago Bridge & Iron Company are putting up a water tower for the California Water Company in Chico, and Brother C. W. Myers is running the basket boom.

Brother Bill Clark of M-K Co., Inc., came by the office and was being transferred to the Seattle district. We wish Bill a lot of luck on his new job.

Brother Harry Shields also stopped by on his way to a job in Oregon, and we also wish him a lot of success.

Brother Bill Weeks, of Walsh Construction Company, just returned from a vacation in Nebraska and went in to see his dad for the first time in 18 years. Bill said it was a happy reunion.

Dredge 18 of Yuba Consolidated is being overhauled and readied for a new digging operation in the Hammonton field.

Harry Bond, transplanted bay district shovel runner, is now located at Durham. Harry's business is deep-well pumps and is doing all right for himself.

Brother Charles Moore drops a note from Nome, Alaska—will stay there for 7 or 8 months—then back to Natomas. Brother Walter Bradley is working there also.

Dredge 6 is rapidly being re-assembled. The old diggings at Blue Ravine will become a part of the new construction of the Folsom dam site.

Our second meeting on negotiations at Natomas will have taken place by the time this letter goes to press. Progress in this business should be the word.

Ed Park of Sacramento, visited dredges Capital No. 3 and No. 4 this month. Both Walter Heflin and Andy Baranek showed Ed just how complicated gold digging can be.

In discussing the blood bank at Sacramento arrange to donate a pint now and then. This is a stream-lined proposition and a pleasure to give. Engineers blood credits to the bank are available to Engineers and their families and our credit at the blood bank is at a low ebb. Remember, any serious injury or serious operation in this day of modern medicine, if the patient is to get a fair chance at recovery, invariably is given a shot of your blood. In this respect too often "a pint means a life."

Guess this will cover the report for this month and hope by the time this is in print everyone will be on the payroll.

Cincinnati LLPE Maps 3-Point Plan

Labor's League for Political Education in Cincinnati has mapped out a three-point program for this year:

1. Register. The central LLPE office is checking rosters at the request of local unions to determine who is and who is not registered.

2. Educate. Read up on the facts and volunteer for LLPE work. The campaign this year will require not only active local union committees but countywide ward and precinct workers.

3. Contribute. Every man and woman who depends on wages for a livelihood should be willing, and is urged, to make a voluntary LLPE donation as an investment and as insurance against another 1929.

San Jose—

3 LOS GATOS DAMS GET UNDERWAY; HIGHWAY MOVES

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

Bids for the relocation of the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz Highway around the future Lexington Dam reservoir site will be advertised April 17th and opened May 17th, according to the latest information. Scheduled completion date for the road moving is August, 1951. About two miles of the road must be moved further up the side of Los Gatos Creek canyon. The present road will be under water in Lexington Reservoir.

ANDERSON DAM

Guy F. Atkinson at this writing is still not in full swing on the Anderson Dam. At present they have one 80 N. W. in operation cleaning out for the base of the dam and are moving in a 120B. It will be a few days before it is assembled and in operation, however. They should double shift in about two weeks and add another 80 or 88 or possibly another 120B. They do have about all the Cats in operation they will need in their phase of construction with the exception of maybe a Tamper Cat or so. We understand Brothers Bill McGuire and Harry Sanson will be on one 120 when it goes into operation. Brother Don Mahiot is now on the 80 with Brother Alvin Ford as oiler.

As for the "Cat" operators on the clearing (which is a tough proposition), we have some old-timers, namely: John Sharpe, Walter Lake, Bob Shannon, J. G. Clark, Sherman Harris and Ernie Shaven. Brother Barnett is shovel foreman and Brother Joseph Cato, excavation superintendent. At the next writing two shifts will probably be going full swing and it is possible that we may get a couple of good pictures for that issue. Crowe Brothers of Los Angeles, who have 1,000,000 yards to move between now and November 15th (the completion date), are still on a one-shift basis with about nine Cats operating. Brother Les Pettit, who is shifting for Crowe, informs us the company will have more rolling in about ten days and then double shift everything from the water boy, up.

AUSTRIAN DAM

As you no doubt know, the Austrian Dam is about eight miles south of Los Gatos and off the Soquel road. It is now under full swing but is on a one-shift basis at present with nine or ten Cats in operation (wallowing in the mud, due to recent rains). Brother Paul Mattus and Brother Harley Davidson are shifting on this job and making good progress with the help of many old-time operators, such as Brothers Shortie Mathes, W. E. Phillips, Fred Rearman, Lee Larson, Don Shirts, Big "Open Shirt" Mike Glage, Harry Brown, Wayne Wilcoxon, G. A. Sams, V. Christianson and Brother Cleon Anderson. These brothers are battling and overcoming many obstacles, such as the cold, rain, mud, rock, and the narrow canyon in which they have to work, and are doing a fine job. We are not sure as to when they will double shift on this job, but one thing about which we are sure is that the brothers working on both the Anderson and the Austrian Dam would feel more at ease if the unemployed members would observe the progress of these dams through field glasses or at least from a reasonable distance.

As usual, most of the equipment being used on these projects have arrived on the site with operators. This is one of the contributing factors to our large unemployment list. We are in hopes, though, that when the companies with contracts on these dams double-shift, that we can get some of the local brothers out. We don't believe it will be too long before most of the brothers on the list will be going to work—especially if some of the local contractors are low bidders on some of the work coming up.

SAN FRANCISCO WATER LINE
Steve Rados & Artucovitch Bros., who grabbed the San Francisco City and County's 72" water line from Palo Alto to Milpitas, have been delayed on their starting date due to litigation over the right-of-way through Stanford. We have been informed by Brother Cliff

Pelland that if said legal difficulties are not settled within 10 days with Stanford, they will start operation on this side of said property.

Barrett & Hilp, we understand, will soon open up another subdivision not too far from their present tract in Palo Alto. This new project is to be in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. It seems no matter in which way you look these days, you see new subdivisions under construction. . . . At present, L. C. Smith has a nice sewerline paralleling Alma street, and Brother Cliff Kent, the old-time shovel operator, tells us they expect another job equally as large very soon in the same neighborhood. We anticipate some action at Moffett Field soon, but are not certain at this writing, just when.

There is quite a little work going on in and around San Jose in the way of pipeline and sewer work, paving and subdivision work. A \$3,000,000 subdivision is planned on the Santa Clara -Los Gatos road by the McKeon Construction Company and another large subdivision is planned for W. San Carlos street—site of the old DiFlori cannery. Leo Piazza was awarded the \$100,000 contract to improve the area and will start work almost immediately. . . . Pisano Bros. Co., of San Jose, and Charles J. Dorfman of Los Angeles were low bidders recently on a contract to construct the first two units of trunk sewer lines in Santa Clara County Sanitation District No. 4. Pisano Bros. bid \$82,845 on Unit 2, sanitary sewer line, and Dorfman bid \$79,993 on Unit 4.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

The Pacheco Pass State Highway project, under construction by Eaton & Smith, has the usual number of operators on the job and seem to be working on schedule. . .

F. E. Young's race track and parking area, at Bolado Park, south of Tres Pinos, is now in the finishing stage. George Renz still has a few men working on the grandstand. . . . Buzz Hart has a sub contract for Martin Bros. in connection with their pipeline contract at Hollister. This is preliminary work prior to the proposed highway widening and relocation from Gilroy to Hollister. . . . Stolte has Al Williams moving the dirt on their new sewer disposal plant at Gilroy. Al manages to keep himself and two other members busy most of the time. His Dragline and Dozer are fairly new, and that helps considerably. Al has requested this office to say "Hello" to the guys in Oakland and Sacramento. . . . Rice Bros., lucky bidders on a new road surfacing job at Chular and Soledad. Al Regalia is their superintendent. Here's hoping they get an early start. . . . Soledad prison contract keeps about 10 of the brothers employed. As we mentioned before, Herrick Iron and Granite are doing the work. . . . Ted Baun's street job at King City is really under way. Rudy & Son of Modesto are furnishing the crusher run material. Vincenz Bros. are doing the excavating with two Cobras and a Pushercat. Ray Robles & Sons are delivering all concrete in connection with curbs, gutters and sidewalks and Ted Baun's crew will complete all street finishing with blades and roller. The four above-mentioned contractors are working under signed agreements and keeping many of our brothers busy. . .

As usual, many subdivisions, schools, sewage disposal plants, street contracts and pipelines are being constructed but space does not permit us to mention them. . . . The brothers who work and live around Felton, Santa Cruz and Watsonville will be happy to learn

High Food Cost Caused by Profits

Some notes on the high cost of food:

General Foods Corp., which makes Post Toasties among other packaged foods, had a net profit of \$27.4 million in 1949. That's \$2.8 million more than it earned in 1948.

Standard Brands Inc., which sells Maxwell House Coffee, Fleischmann's Yeast and other packaged foods, made a net profit of \$8.2 million last year compared with \$7.3 million in 1948.

And how are the farmers doing? In 1949 their net income was \$13.8 billion—17 per cent less than in 1948.—(LLPE)

that the following contractors are now working 100% union; Roberson Bros., Jolly & Sons, Scott's Valley, Jim Evans and Wendall Batt of Santa Cruz. Hull Plumbing, also hires Local 3 members over at Watsonville. In the last few months there have been many small contractors go into business in the area of Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas and Monterey and we hope in the near future to get ALL of them signed up.

The last rain shut down the stripping operation at Davenport Cement Quarry, at Davenport, a 200,000-yard job. Schools and subdivisions are under way in Santa Cruz and Peter's has a pipeline job at Capitola which is going full blast. . . . Watsonville as usual, has its share of subdivisions, streets and pipeline work. Monterey, Carmel Valley, and Carmel also have their share of the same type of work with two road jobs in addition. Granite Construction Company and Johnny Mehren have the two latter contracts. . . . The Natividad plant of Salinas, Refractories plant at Moss Landing, Monterey Sand Co., Granite Rock Aromas Quarry, Granite Plant of Monterey, Central Supply of Santa Cruz, Watsonville and Monterey P. C. A., Rhodes & Robinson of Felton, P. C. A., Felton, Kaiser of Felton, Central Supply, Felton, Granite Plant and Talcott's plant of Salinas, Anderson Bros., etc., employ many of our brothers the year 'round. There are many more aggregate plants in the neighborhood of San Jose, but we will not take the space to mention them. They, too, employ many of the brothers the year 'round and at present are running to capacity.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

Brother J. A. Price has returned from Arabia where he served a 15-month stretch. Bro. Price is happy to be home. . . . Bro. Eugene Williams informs us he is going into the trucking business. Best of luck, Brother Williams. . . . Brother Jack McGuire is impatiently awaiting a call from the Philippines. . . . Brother Phil Cardona is home after a series of treatments in a San Francisco hospital for an injured knee. . . . Brother Robin C. Wildey is the proud "Poppa" of a fine baby boy. . . . Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brother Andy Robertson, whose son Henry, was recently stricken with polio and passed away. At the time of his death he was serving with the U.S. Navy. . . . Our thanks to the following brothers who so kindly took time out to advise us either by telephone or postcard that they had gone to work elsewhere and therefore to remove their names from the out-of-work list: Brothers Pyles, F. E. Deakins, W. E. Kimbley, Sam Clark, Darrel Wilson, W. H. White, George D. Smith, George M. Gayward, Larry Ewing, Ernest Bartels, L. H. Inman, Ernest E. Henriques, R. J. Landrum, W. C. Smith, Robert H. Johnson and L. R. Moulster. Sorry, but we may have missed a couple of the names of the brothers who called in. Nevertheless, we do appreciate the courtesy and it saves time and money. . . . No doubt some of the brothers have discovered that we have a new telephone number in the San Jose office. For those who have not as yet discovered the fact and may need the number in the future, it is CYpress 5-8788.

The shorthorn is a widely distributed breed of cattle.

Redding— Highway and Power-line Jobs In North Valley

By E. A. HESTER,
Business Representative, Local 3

Draper and Adams of Red Bluff signed with the Associated General Contractors. They have "subbed" the clearing of right-of-way and concrete work to be done on the Don L. Cooney powerline reaching from Cottonwood to a point near Willows. This is a Bureau of Reclamation job. They have 320 days to complete the project. After a little straightening out everything seems to be going well.

In the same vicinity bids will be opened April 19 on a 21-mile highway project near Proberta. The work consists of resurfacing and shoulders to be widened. There is quite a lot of muck to be moved and two bridges to be built.

The opening of bids on the Anderson highway project have been postponed until May 3, 1950.

April 10, 1950, bids will be opened on a good size bridge crossing the Sacramento river near Anderson, Calif. This will be a county, state and federal project. Frederickson & Watson have resumed operations on their highway project near Anderson.

Malfitano & Son have also resumed operations on their road job near Susanville.

Due to weather conditions R. B. Guerin are having a little difficulty in getting underway on the Cedarville highway project. However, the equipment is on the job, 6 cats and 5 DW-10's. This also applies to M. W. Brown airport at Adin.

Rand Construction Co. of Bakersfield was the low bidders on the highway project situated between Weed and Mt. Shasta. This firm was also low bidder on the paving of the Cedarville job. Both of these are good sized jobs and will employ a good many of our men throughout this year.

Elliott & Gist will soon complete this work on the Weswick Dam. All construction work on both the Keswick and Shasta Dams will soon be completed, both powerhouses are now in full operation. It might be interesting to know that there has been a labor council formed for the employees of the Bureau of Reclamation. This will be a great help to the employees there. Progress is being made in organizing the workers. This council will be known as the "Central Valley Trades Council—Shasta Dam Division. Its officers are made up by the representatives of the various unions.

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Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark)
MARCH 13, 1950

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Wells Cargo, Inc., 177 E. 4th St., Reno, Nev., \$167,321 for 11.19 mi. const. portion of secondary hwy. system from a point 11 mi. S.W. of Battle Mountain, to Battle Mountain, LANDER CO., NEV.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Kevry Const., Inc., 705 San Leandro Blvd., \$4,331 for grade, surf. and const. storm drain in Saratoga Ave., Subv. Dist. No. 5, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, Contr. awarded to San Francisco Bridge Co., 503 Market St., San Francisco, \$0.44 per cy., for redredging 11,000 cy. channel in front of Wharf No. 2, at the Port of Redwood City.

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

SALT LAKE CITY, Contract awarded to Wunderlich Constr. Co., Curlett Const. Co. & Chas. H. Tompkins Co., 820 West Esther St., Long Beach, \$7,898,000 for general construction of 500-bed Veterans Administration Hospital.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Healy-Tibbitts Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., San Francisco, \$439,825 for const. Sec. 1 of So. Interceptor Sewer, under S.D. No. 41, involv. 10,700 ft. lay. precast conc. lines from Hegenberger Rd. and San Leandro Creek to Eastshore Highway and 50th Avenue.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lawrence Const. Co. & E. J. Mackey, 3020 "V" St., Sacramento, \$1,157,813 for const. two 6-story wings and 4-story addn. to the County Hospital.

CARSON CITY, Contr. awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 2351, Reno, Nev., \$108,840 for 2.238 mi. const. portion of Secondary Hwy. Sys. Kietzke Lane, from Airport Rd. to 2nd St., WASHOE COUNTY.

MARCH 14, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Rite Way Wrecking Co., 1459 Octavia St., San Francisco, \$1500 for wrecking and removing remnants of timber shed west of bulkhead wharf, south of Pier 54.

REDWOOD CITY, Contr. awarded to Associated Dredging Co., Box 470, Pittsburg, \$3,869, for dredging areas "A" and "B" at Coyote Point Yacht Harbor, Point San Mateo, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contr. awarded to H. Earl Parker, Inc., 12th & "F" Sts., Marysville, \$49,000 for clear. Putah Creek Channel.

VISALIA, Contract awarded to Rexroth & Rexroth, P.O. Box 1138, Bakersfield, \$20,835 for grade and oil runway, taxiway, and access Road, Pixley Airport, TULARE COUNTY.

DALY CITY, Contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, \$101,911 for grade, drain and asph. conc. pave. on Bellevue Ave., Frankfurt St. to Edgmar Ave., Lowell St., Whittier St. and Olive St.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$5,123 for install. 6" and 8" cast iron water mains in Colby, Dwight and University Streets.

MARCH 16, 1950

PALO ALTO, Contract awarded to Freeman Paving Co., 220 Lambert, Palo Alto, \$14,881 for const. curbs, gutters and A. C. pave. California Avenue, Dist. Alleys, etc.

EL CERRITO, Contract awarded to Contra Costa Concrete Co., 729 Kearny, El Cerrito, \$5,430 for const. curb. & gutter on Ashbury Ave., betw. Fairmont and Albany city limits.

MARCH 17, 1950

FOLSOM, Contract awarded to T. E. Connolly, Inc., 461 Market St., San Francisco, \$61,617 for const. temporary bypass tunnel, Natoma Canal, Folsom Resv. Proj.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to J. M. Sumsion & Sons, Springville, Utah, \$308,223 for 10.544 mi. grade and roadmix surf. betw. 10 mi. east of Panaca and Nev.-Utah State Line, LINCOLN COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Dodge Constr. Inc., Fallon, Nev., \$219,997 for 3.403 mi. grade

and roadmix surf. Nelson to Lake Mead National Recreational Area Boundary, CLARK COUNTY.

MARCH 20, 1950

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to M. J. B. Const. Co., 322 Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$10,982 for surf. inland Drive at crossing of A. T. & S. F. RR., loc. in Sec. 4, Township 1 N., Range 5 E., M.D.B.M., SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

MARCH 21, 1950

SAN JOSE, Contr. awarded to A. J. Peters & Son., P.O. Box 632, San Jose, \$167,074 for const. 57,000 ft. 4" to " vitr. sanit. sewers, between Sunset Ave. & White Rd., So. of Alum Rock Avenue, Local Improv. Dist. No. 3.

BURLINGAME, Contr. awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$1,817 for paving parking lot on Primrose Rd., behind Police Garage.

SOLEIDAD, Contract awarded (General Construction) to R. Pedersen & Son, 446 Clark Street, Fresno, \$597,441 for reinf. conc. addition to main prison group, Med. Security Prison.

TRACY, Contract awarded to Western Well Drilling Co., 522 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose, \$8,062 for drill and test 2 water wells at Calif. Vocational Institution, near Tracy, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

FRIANT, Contract awarded to United Concrete Pipe Corp., Box 425, Baldwin Park, \$1,572,639 for const. earthwork, pipelines and strucs., laterals, 124.5W, 126.7W, 128.3W and 129.8W, & sublaterals Unit 2, South San Joaquin Muni. Util. Dist., Friant Kern Canal Dist. Sys., Central Valley Project.

MENLO PARK, Contract awarded to S. & Q. Const. Co., 248-9th St., San Francisco, \$110,426 for const. Belle Haven Elm. School-1949, Unit No. 2, at Menlo Park.

MARCH 22, 1950

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Dodge Construction, Inc., Fallon, Nev., \$219,997 for 3.403 mi. grade and roadmix surf., Nelson to Lake Mead Natl. Recreation Area Boundary, CLARK COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., San Francisco, \$16,926 for grade, drain & asph. conc. pave on Summit St., betw. Thrift & Margaret streets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgomery St., San Francisco, \$372,981 for const. Lake St. Sewer, Sec. "C," Contract 1, includ. track removal.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., San Francisco, \$4,914 for asph. conc. pave on Madera St., betw. Wisconsin & Arkansas Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$90,681 for track removal and repav. on San Jose Ave., betw. Diamond and Ocean Avenue.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to M. J. B. Const. Co., 322 Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$10,990 for surf. inland Dr. at crossing of A. T. & S. F. RR., loc. in Sec. 4, Township 1N., Range 5E., M.D.B.M., SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to J. M. Sumsion & Sons, Springville, Utah, \$308,223 for 10.544 mi. grade and roadmix surf. betw. 10 Mi. E. of Panaga & Nev.-Utah state line, in LINCOLN COUNTY.

NAPA, Contract awarded to Central State Const. Co., 593 Market St., San Francisco, \$132,777 for const. classroom and Music Bldgs., Westwood elem. school.

MARCH 23, 1950

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded as follows:

(1) WASHOE COUNTY (F-003-2) (2) - to Isbell Const., Inc., P.O. Box 2351, Reno, Nev., \$312,569 for 2.5 mi. plantmix surf. betw. Huffakers & Hash Lane, 1.62 mi. S. Reno Limits.

(2) PERSHING CO. (S-699(1) & S-698(1) - to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nev., \$79,587 for 1.239 mi. roadmix surf. and bridge N. of Lovelock.

ARCATA, Contract awarded to Brennan Const. Co., 8011 N. Washburn, Portland, Ore., \$16,965 for inst. instrument landing system at Humboldt county Airport (Landing aids experiment station).

TURLOCK, Contract awarded to Mencey - Nichols, 585 Mandana Blvd., Oakland, \$159,965 for const. industrial waste sewage disposal plant.

MARCH 24, 1950

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Lee Const. Co., 1575 Lake Chabot Rd., San Leandro, \$58,265 for 0.6 mi. plantmix surf. on Parsons Ave., Williams Street to Seven Hills Road in Castro Valley, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

MARCH 27, 1950

SALT LAKE CITY, Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) TOOELE CO. (FAP FI-51) (10 - to W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, Utah, \$359,357 for 10.338 mi. plantmix surf. U.S. No. 40 & 50, betw. Low adn. Knolls, Utah.

(2) SUMMITT CO. (FAP FI-76) (14) - to W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, Utah, \$232,246 for 4.14 mi. plantmix surf. Kimball's Junction to Silver Creek Canyon, Utah.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to California Dredging Co. 6234 Outlook Ave., Oakland, \$1,257 for 5,900 cy. dredging and depositing matl. at U.S. Coast Guard Dock, Government Island, Oakland Inner Harbor, California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Le Boeuf-Dougherty Contr. and Erickson & Pierson, 3rd and Cutting, Richmond, \$39,755 for removal & disposal of sunken barge, "Redondo" at Point San Pablo, Richmond.

FORT MASON, Contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 807-75th Ave., Oakland, \$4,523 for furn. & inst. five fire hydrants & appurts. to New City Manifold at Bay Street & Van Ness Avenue.

MARCH 28, 1950

Carmel, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$26,348 for const. outfall sewer line, Sec. 11.

SANTA ROSA, Contract recommended to Robert M. Rapp, 705 Bennett Ave., Santa Rosa, \$74,605 for 0.5 mi. widen, grade, pave, widen bridge, const. storm sewers, walks, curbs and gutters and water mains on S. "E" St., betw. Sonoma Avenue and Bennett Avenue.

SANTA CRUZ, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$12,969 for const. cast iron main acr. Old Santa Cruz Hwy., opp. Atkinson Lane; vitr. pipe mains in Corralitos Creek; and in Packard Avenue, betw. Atkinson Lane & Corralitos Creek, Freedom Sewer Dist.

MARCH 29, 1950

FAIRFIELD, Contract awarded to San Jose Steel Co., Inc., 195 N. 30th street, San Jose, \$7,921 for const. 100,000 gal. steel water tank.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$98,457 for 4.2 mi. pltmx. surf. on Cem. tr. imp. borrow & exist. pave., betw. Rt. 125 & Kern Co. Line, SAN LUIS OBISPO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 150 N. 28th Street, San Jose, \$3,409 for repair bridge with new reinf. conc. floor slab across Vallecitos Creek 9 mi. SW of Livermore, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Lowrie Paving Co. Inc., 1755 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, \$10,895 for resurfacing Masonic Ave. between Fell and Anza Streets.

MARCH 30, 1950

CARSON CITY, Cont. awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$261,800 for 11.416 mi. pltmx. surf. & widen overpass struc., betw. Fernley & ¼ mi. north of Fernley overpass; & betw. Jct. with this section and Hazen, incl. addnl. connection toward Fernley, in LYON & CHURCHILL COUNTIES.

RENO, Contract awarded to Stanley Karlson, P.O. Box 1465, Reno, \$24,702 for const. storm drain, Belmont-Nixon Resid. Dist.

CLOVERDALE, Cont. awarded to Arthur B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$75,345 for laying new water mains.

MARTINEZ, Contract awarded to Edwin J. Tobin, 100 Carleton St., Berkeley, \$35,398 for const. sanitary sewer system.

CARSON CITY, Cont. awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$79,587 for 1.239 mi. roadmix surf. & const. bridge, from Jctn. with U.S. No. 40 north of

Lovelock, & Lovelock Airport & betw. U.S. 40 & Imlay, PERSHING COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P.O. Box 2351, Reno, Nevada, \$312,569 for 2.5 mi. plantmix surf. betw. Huffakers & Hash Lane, 1.62 mi. south of Reno City Limits, WASHOE COUNTY.

MARCH 31, 1950

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & "F" Sts., Marysville, \$122,009 for clearing & channel improv. in Lower Butte Creek, near Butte City, on Gridley Road.

MODESTO, Contract awarded to J. Harvey Brizendine, Rt. 7, Box 1751, Modesto for const. pipelines & canal laterals:

I.D. No. 287—Jacobsen Branch of Lateral No. 4, \$5,596; I.D. No. 303—Pacific Grape Branch of Highline Lateral, \$5,638; I.D. No. 305—Luckinsinger Branch of Lateral No. 1, \$1,161; I.D. No. 306—Bishop Branch of Luckinsinger Pipeline, \$4,602.

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to Dan Caputo, Rt. 1, Box 397, San Jose, \$27,590 for const. full traf. actuated signal system & highway lighting, and channelization, on Bayshore Highway, at North First St., SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

McCLELLAN AIR FORCE BASE, Contract awarded to Automatic Sprinkler Corp. of America, Box 360, Youngstown, Ohio, \$162,285 for const. water tank, pipe, etc. for sprinkler system.

APRIL 3, 1950

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) AMADOR CO. (X-Ama-65-Ply): To P. J. Moore & Son, P.O. Box 504, North Sacramento, \$16,396 for 0.9 mi. excav. & place import. base matl. on exist. shldr. & exist. surf. & surf. with roadmix surf., betw. North & South City limits of Plymouth.

(2) BUTTE CO. (111-But-3-D): To Minton & Kubon, 1045 Sansome St., San Francisco, \$27,361 for extend. exist. strucs. & widen roadbed, betw. Chico & Tehama County Line.

(3) CONTRA COSTA CO. (IV-CC-69-Rel, Hoffman Blvd.): To Lee J. Immel, P.O. 175, San Pablo, \$28,817 for const. reinf. conc. culv. & grade & surf. detour, in City of Richmond at Hust Drain.

(4) DEL NORTE CO. (I-DN-1-A): To Harms Bros. & C. M. Syar, 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$247,230 for 6.7 mi. surf. with plantmix surf. on sem. treat. base, betw. Klamath River Bridge & Wilson Creek.

(5) GLENN & BUTTE COS. (X11-Gle, But-45-C-A): To Trans-Ocean Engrg. Co., Muni. Airport, Oakland, \$73,575 for const. bridge & apprs., 6.5 mi. east of Butte City at Big Butte Creek.

(6) HUMBOLDT CO. (1-Hum-1K): To Mercer-Fraser Co. Inc., 2nd & Commercial Streets, Eureka, \$119,803 for 5.2 mi. surf. with plantmix surf. on cem. treated base, betw. one mi. south of Orick & two mi. south of Del Norte County Line.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows:

(2) KINGS CO. (VI-Kin-125-C): To Westbrook & Pope, 2331 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, \$98,468 for 5 mi. const. graded roadbed, place import. base matl. & borrow, & apply bitum. surf. treat. & sealcoats, betw. 0.2 mi. & 5.2 mi. N. of Kettleman City.

(3) MENDOCINO CO. (1-Men-56-D): To Arthur B. Siri, Inc., P.O. Box 497, Santa Rosa, \$104,198 for 1.0 mi. grade, roadmix surf. on cem. treat. import. base matl. — apply sealcoats, at Salmon Creek, 20 mi. S. of Fort Bragg.

(4) MERCED CO. (X-Mer-32-C): To Valley Paving & Const. Co. Inc., P.O. Box 6, Pismo Beach, \$153,595 for 5.3 mi. plantmix surf. on untr. rock base, betw. 10.4 mi. east of Los Banos & San Joaquin River.

(5) MONTEREY CO. (V-Mon-2-C): To Rice Bros. Inc., P.O. Box 1489, Marysville, \$84,865 for 4.9 mi. plantmix surf. & apply sealcoat, between Gonzales & Chular.

(6) MENDOCINO CO. (1-Men-56-A): To Arthur B. Siri, Inc., P.O. Box 497, Santa Rosa, \$97,905 for 0.8 mi. grade & surf. with roadmix surf. on imported base matl., betw. Bacon Gulch & 1/3 mi. north of

Signal Port Creek.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) SANTA CLARA CO. (IV-SCI-2-B): To Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 S. Montgomery Street, San Jose, \$100,406 for 5.8 mi. resurf. with plantmix surf. at various locations betw. 3.3 mi. south of San Jose & Madrone.

(2) SOLANO CO. (X-Sol-203-B): To Lew Jones Const. Co., 150 N. 28th Street, San Jose, \$58,171 for const. reinf. conc slab bridge & widen apprs. with untr. rock base, & surf. exist. pave. with plantmix surf., acr. White Slough, 1.2 mi. east of Napa River Bridge.

(3) SOLANO CO. (X-Sol-203-A): To Payne Const. Co., 876 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$15,699 for repair deck of Exist. Bascule span, with open steel floor; & misc. repairs below bridge deck, acr. Napa River, at West City Limits of Vallejo.

(4) STANISLAUS CO. (X-Sta-13-A, RvbK, A, Okd, B): To Munn & Perkins, P.O. Box 1437, Modesto, \$197,800 for 11.2 mi. surf. with plantmix surf. on untr. rock base, betw. Jctn. with Route No. 109 & one mi. east of Oakdale.

(5) SUTTER CO. (111-Sut-87-B): To Rice Bros. Inc., P.O. Box 1489, Marysville, \$94,473 for 5.6 mi. surf. with plantmix surf. on cr. run base & const. borders, betw. Tudor Road & Lincoln Road.

ELDRIDGE, Contract awarded to A. G. Raisch Co., Box 458, San Rafael, \$17,400 for grade & pave. at Laundry Bldg., Sonoma State Home.

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to Fredericksen & Kasler, P.O. Box 432, Calimesa, \$14,448 for clear. resrv. & dam site, Big Basin State Park, in SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

FAIRFIELD, Contract awarded to Bos Const. Co., 2515 Willow St., Oakland, \$3,802 for const. timber conc. composite Chadbourne Bridge acr. Wells Slough on Co. Road No. 480.

BERKELEY, Contract awarded (GENERAL) to Barrett & Hilp, 918 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$2,015,957 for const. classroom & office building at Berkeley.

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STOCKTON, Contract awarded to E. J. Solomon, P.O. Box 131, San Andreas, \$13,075 for const. prefab. metal truck shed at Fairfield Maintenance Station, SOLANO COUNTY.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$8,751 for grade, drain, surf. etc., 4th Avenue, between Ellsworth & "B" Streets.

CARSON CITY, Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$261,800 for 11.416 mi. plantmix surf. & widen overpass struc., betw. Fernley & ¼ mi. north of Fernley overpass; & betw. Jctn. with this section & Hazen, incl. addnl. connection toward Fernley, LYON & CHURCHILL COUNTIES.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, \$147,333 for grade, drain & surf. etc. in Alameda de Las Pulgas, betw. 31st Avenue & Borel Estate.

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DIXON, Contract awarded to P. J. Moore & Son, P.O. Box 504, No. Sacramento, \$3,910 for grade, drain, & surf. on "C" Street, betw. 4th & 5th Streets. A Gas Tax Job.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cont. awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, \$14,272 for asph. resurf. Fell St. betw. Baker & Franklin Streets.

SONORA, Contract awarded to Gordon L. Capps, P.O. Box 583, Stockton, \$16,986 for N-S landing strip at Columbia Airport, TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Royal R. Randall, 7016 Shirley Dr., Oakland, \$11,196 for const. bulkhead wall on Embarcadero, Foot of 14th Avenue.

APRIL 6, 1950

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, 2832 - 9th Street, Berkeley, \$57,453 for alts. to sewage pump. stat., near Linden & Tanforan Avenues.

MODESTO, Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$927,035 for const. 2-story reinf. conc. Hospital building.

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Doctor Dispels Fog On Insurance Plan

By IRA DEAN McCOY, M.D.

Washington.—A continuous smokescreen has been laid down by special interests to befog the public's mind on what National Health Insurance is and what it would mean to the doctor and the patient.

Proponents of National Health Insurance cherish the freedom and intimacy of the doctor-patient relationship as much as our die-hard opponents. Patients, as now, would select their own doctors; doctors, as now, would accept or reject patients. National Health Insurance is just a method of paying for medical care.

The only change proposed by advocates of National Health Insurance is that, instead of the patient paying when and if he has money available, the doctor or the hospital of his choice would be paid by the insurance system at a rate and by a method to which the doctor had agreed.

Those who support National Health Insurance are keenly aware that our nation has fewer physicians and hospital beds than we need, and these so poorly distributed that in some rural counties there are no resident physicians at all, and little or no hospitalization accessible.

Nevertheless, it is unrealistic to argue that National Health Insurance should be delayed for the years required to train many more doctors and build many more hospitals. The supply of medical personnel and facilities will expand only when, through insurance, the money to pay for them is guaranteed. This demand depends on families' purchasing power for medical care. This is the simple principle of supply and demand which operates throughout our economy.

OLD CRY OF "COST"

Opponents claim that National Health Insurance will cost too much, that national expenditure for medical and health services would be greater under this plan, and that the administrative costs would be excessive.

The first answer to this objection is that the nation needs to spend more for health. Too many of us have been doing without for too long. Moreover, a large part of the expenditures under National Health Insurance would not be new or added expenditures. Money now expended in direct payments for medical care by sick persons would be distributed under the plan in small regular payments from all people. Consequently, the costs of sickness—ordinarily concentrated upon a small part of the population in any given year—would be spread over the whole year and over all the people.

As for administrative costs, it is worth noting that expenses of voluntary, non-profit plans run to 12 per cent or more in comparison with the premiums collected. An important part of these administrative expenses is the cost of soliciting and retaining members, a task that would be eliminated by National Health Insurance.

CUTS MANY COSTS

Many other costs would also be eliminated by National Health Insurance. It might at this time be interesting to note that the Blue Cross of Michigan has approximately 1,500,000 policyholders, or subscribers, as they choose to call the people who are buying Blue Cross insurance.

From January 1 until June 30, 1949, the Blue Cross of Michigan had a total earned income of \$12,399,566.37. But during that same period of time their operating expense was \$1,135,477.46. Of that \$1,135,477.46, here are some interesting items of expense: \$711,990.07 was paid out in salaries; \$47,547.09 was paid out in travel and other expenses; and \$79,783.54 was paid out in "sundry" expenses (on which no explanation is made).

By these few figures I have given, it is very plain to be seen that the administrative costs of the Michigan Blue Cross are tremendous in comparison to the amount of money collected from their policyholders. It is, however, a non-

profit corporation! A great many patrons who are using the Blue Cross learn to their sorrow its services are limited. This could be due to the huge expenses I have already cited.

As a result of the very cunning, insidious, and extremely expensive propaganda campaign carried on by the medical lobby, the American Medical Assn. and the National Physicians' Committee, most people think that all doctors, or nearly all, unqualifiedly follow the AMA "party line" in opposition to National Health Insurance.

The dictatorial, undemocratic rule of the AMA's House of Delegates imposes its policies practically by fiat on a hapless and helpless membership. Serious disagreement by an individual doctor with the policies laid down by the House of Delegates or by his local medical society may result in unpleasant economic and professional consequences for that doctor. Few doctors dare risk these consequences.

FIGHT AMA DICTATORS

But the opposition to AMA reaction has been growing and has expressed itself in several organizations of doctors who are in favor of National Health Insurance and who say so openly. These organizations—the Committee of Physicians for the Improvement of Medical Care, the Physician's Forum, and the Committee for the Nation's Health, composed of both laymen and doctors—are becoming growing spearheads of opposition to the entrenched leaders of the AMA.

HERE'S WHAT YOU GET!

The American Medical Association has been spoon-feeding the American people a terrific amount of propaganda against National Health Insurance; but I can cite the bill itself and tell you as well as anyone just what it is and what it will do for you.

1. It would make available to you and all other employed and self-employed persons (with few exceptions) all the care you need from physicians, both family doctors and specialists, hospital, laboratory and X-ray services, unusually expensive medicines, eyeglasses, and appliances; and dental care and home nursing to a limited degree.

2. It would also cover the dependent members of your family.

3. You would be free to choose your own doctor, hospital, etc., and to change your selection. Actually, countless individuals would have greater freedom of choice than they have now, because the pre-paid plan of health insurance would help assure a better supply of physicians in many areas where there are not now enough doctors, and because the prepayment plan would enable millions who cannot now pay, to have the services of a doctor of their choice for the first time.

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4. Your doctor's professional freedom would be fully protected. He would not become a government employee. He would remain a practitioner, free to accept or reject patients, to locate wherever he wishes, to participate in, or stay outside, the insurance plan. He would be paid by the insurance funds in amounts and methods which he or his own representative would negotiate.

5. It would cost you 1½ percent of your earnings (up to \$4,800 of income). Your employer would pay an equal amount. You would pay 3 percent (up to \$4,800) if you are self-employed.

6. If you are a member of a

M. D. Hits AMA



Bad Axe, Mich.—Dr. Ira D. McCoy calls the American Medical Association "dictatorial" in imposing \$25 annual fee to fight President Truman's public health insurance program which is supported by the AFL.

Dr. McCoy, who favors enactment of the program, was born on a farm near Emlenton, Pa.; graduated from Grove City (Pa.) College and University of Michigan Medical School. He has taken further work at Harvard University and the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn. He was a captain in the Army Medical Corps.

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AWARDS

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HOLLISTER, Contract awarded to George C. Renz, 555 - 5th St., Gilroy, \$28,790 for const. track & arena fences, corrals, announcer's stands & roping chutes at Bolado Park, SAN BENITO CO.

APRIL 7, 1950

DAVIS, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 - 37th Street, Sacramento, \$32,357 for 2800 ft. 25" pipe outfall sewer const. at Davis Campus.

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$191,842 for 2.4 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on cement tr. base betw. Spence Underpass & 2 mi. S. of Salinas, MONTEREY COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Cont. awarded to H. A. Anderson, 4600 Freeman Way, Sacramento, \$2,380 for conc. pave alley betw. "T" & "U", 25th & 26th Streets.

TRACY, Contracts awarded as follows for const. conc. pipe foundations & steel water tank, Calif. Vocational & Agric. Institution, near Tracy:

(1) Underground Const. Co., 75th Avenue & San Leandro Blvd., Oakland, \$15,147 for const. foundations.

voluntary health plan that meets minimum standards, this plan could continue to provide you with services and your premiums would be paid from the national insurance fund.

7. Health insurance would not be run from Washington. It would be managed by local areas under a plan adopted by each state.

BASIC RIGHT!

In the view of the above-mentioned facts it is almost impossible to understand the American Medical Association's bitter opposition especially when the AMA House of Delegates in 1916 petitioned the Congress to spread a universal health insurance over all the American people. This petition was recalled or withdrawn in 1920.

Many of us fear the threat of Communism but do we all realize the best way to combat the scourge of Communism is to increase the opportunities of the ordinary individual? America is great enough and rich enough that we should have no slums, we should have equal opportunity insofar as public school education is concerned in this country for all our children whatever their color or creed. All children have a right in this great country of ours to healthy and sound bodies insofar as our medical science can give it to them.

These are not visionary ideals. We can and must find a way for their fulfillment. "He stands straight who stoops to help a child."

Fresno—

Early Spring Gets the Ball Rolling in So. Valley Area

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

The exceptional spring weather enjoyed down here the latter part of March and the first of April has started the ball rolling to the extent that we have several small jobs getting under way and as a consequence we have cleared quite a few men from the out of work list.

Hawaii—

ORIENTAL BIDS CUT YANKS' ISLAND JOBS

By J. K. WAIWAILOE Business Representative, Local 3

This week our Constitutional Convention convenes. Likewise, the un-American Activities Committee here will also begin its hearings. Both these functions will be held in the Iolani Palace Building.

With all this excitement going on, there is still no definite answer to the unemployment situation in the Territory of Hawaii, especially here in the city of Honolulu, Oahu. I have just returned from a visit to the Island of Kauai about 100 miles north of Oahu, where unemployment is lower than all of the other islands in the Territory. There are three projects to begin soon that would only take a few men from Honolulu.

The Mahelona Hospital project to cost \$900,000 is just beginning to break ground. The Koloa to Lihue Road project by E. E. Black, Ltd., to cost \$310,000 is also slated to break ground in about a week. The Nawiliwili Bulk Sugar Storage is just about completed. Another project will be the extension of the Kauai Airport mat which will begin in May. Most of these projects will be using men from the unemployed list on the island. Most of the key men will be recruited from Honolulu. We will be having a few of our members on these projects and I intend to check into these projects as they progress.

For the city of Honolulu there is still no work of any magnitude to assist the Operating Engineers and likewise all other crafts at this time. There are only reiterations of possible hire in the forward areas in our daily press which we in labor know that most of this work depends on the successful contractor bidding for these large projects.

We find that American contractors will not be as successful as heretofore in the bids for the Okinawa projects as contractors from Japan, Okinawa and the Philippine Islands have been accorded the same privilege and their wage scale is very much lower than the American standard.

This writer also knows that four of the large contractors here in the Territory of Hawaii have also put in bids for work in Okinawa.

People in official capacities here have presented our problem to Congress and the State Department and various other agencies of our government to assist the Territory of Hawaii as we have been designated an "E Area" by returning the Filipino aliens numbering about 15,000 who are now doing all types of work on the island of Guam to their homeland, the Philippines. However, word has been received that although it would assist this area greatly with its unemployment problems it would still be a matter for the State Department to decide whether they would alter their good neighbor policy.

There is very little recruiting for the A. E. C. project for Eniwetok at this time through this area. Likewise, the Byrne Organization with work in Kwajalein and Majuro.

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In addition, Pine Flat Contractors, on the Pine Flat Dam project, decided to bring in outside equipment and contractors, including H. Earl Parker, Geo. France, Inc., Grover Rogers, and Haddock Company, to complete preliminary excavation work for the cableway sites and plant locations at the dam site. We have cleared a large number of men on this setup, which will last approximately 30 days. After that the construction progress will depend entirely on how soon the plant, cableways and other special equipment is received at the dam site.

On the Bechtel Corp.-Morrison-Knudsen Co.'s job at Power House No. 3, we are very glad to report after the controversy over the signalmen on cableways, that engineer signalmen have broken all previous pouring records on this job, something some of the company officials told us we could not do. The job is progressing in fair shape, with several members being cleared to the Power House site below the dam, where pouring operations have begun on foundations for the Power House itself.

YEAR ON POWER JOBS

The grapevine has it that Bechtel Corp. has additional work, approximately one year of constructing housing and roads at Power Houses No. 1 and No. 3, from the Southern California Edison Co.

The Concrete Conduit Co. of Colton, Calif., in conjunction with Pollard Bros., of Fresno, have begun their job on the first three-mile section of the Lindmore Irrigation District and at the present time have on the job one dragline and one large trencher. This equipment will be supplemented as the job progresses.

Bureau of Reclamation reports that on an additional 63 miles, bids will be opened April 17.

The Central Valley Concrete Pipe Co., which has a supply contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, is still figuring on locating at the Peter Kiewit Co. yard at Porterville. We have not heard from the company as yet; however, they must start operations shortly.

At this writing the Peter Kiewit Co. has moved the bulk of its operations into Kern County and of course a large number of Local 3 men have been laid off, which again adds to our out-of-work list.

Geo. France, Inc., is still working on the Lovers Lane highway job near Visalia, and Griffith Co., of Los Angeles, will move in right away on a resurfacing job on Mineral King.

There are several small joint State, County and Federal road jobs coming up within the near future in various parts of the district.

Relative to our out-of-work list, may we again make the same request as we did last month to members who may be on this list and are not now available for work: We would consider it a favor if you would kindly send us a postcard notifying us as to whether or not you are working.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 27, 8 p.m., at 631 Kearney Blvd., Fresno.

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