



# ENGINEERS NEWS

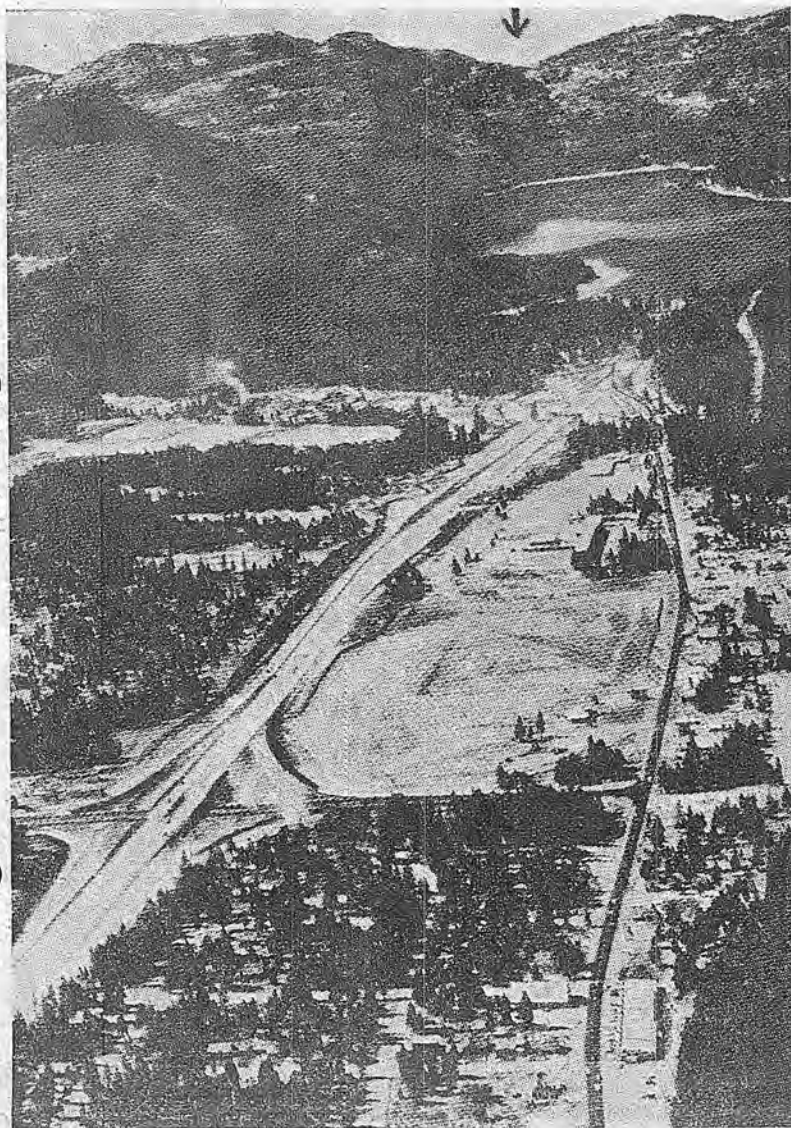
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**SQUAW VALLEY JUNCTION**—This panorama takes in several points of interest, beginning with Donner Pass (arrow). Last stretch of Highway 40 over the Sierras to go doubletrack will be the 10-mile section over the top, a \$16 million, 4-year job starting in '60. It will be 1½ miles north of the present crossing and slope gradually down to the new section shown here, to Donner Lake, at upper center. Present route, just west of Truckee, is at right. Junction with No. 89, running to Tahoe and Squaw is at lower left. Total cost of double-tracking No. 40 from Sacto to the Nevada state line will be \$104 million, with \$58 million spent thus far. In picture, S.P. railroad is at upper left.

## Nominations of Convention Delegates Is Set for January District Meetings

Dear Sir and Brother:

December 29, 1959

You are hereby notified that nomination of Delegates and Alternates to the 26th Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers will be held at a regular meeting, as a special order of business, or at specially called meetings, as follows, at 8:00 p.m.:

**SAN JOSE:** Monday, January 18, Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa.

**EUREKA:** Tuesday, January 19 (special order of business), 2806 Broadway.

**REDDING:** Wednesday, January 20 (special order of business), Eagles' Hall, 1005 Yuba.

**OROVILLE:** Thursday, January 21 (special order of business), Prospectors Village, Oroville Dam Blvd.

**SACRAMENTO:** Friday, January 22, Engineers' Bldg., 2525 Stockton Blvd.

**OAKLAND:** Saturday, January 23, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez.

**FRESNO:** Monday, January 25, Labor Temple, 631 Kearney Blvd.

**SALT LAKE CITY:** Tuesday, January 26, 151 S. 2nd East, Annex.

**RENO:** Wednesday, January 27, 290 North Arlington.

**STOCKTON:** Thursday, January 28, Engineers' Bldg., 2626 N. California.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Friday, January 29, Bldg. Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero Street.

**SANTA ROSA:** Saturday, January 30, Labor Temple, 636 Third.

**HONOLULU:** Friday, January 22, Y.W.C.A., Richard Street.

Election will be by referendum by mail. Ballots will be mailed on or before February 15, 1960 and must be returned to the Post Office Box on or before February 29, 1960 at 10 o'clock A.M. Consult your Engineers News for further details.

Fraternally yours,  
N. J. CARMAN,  
International Supervisor.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

District meetings scheduled for February, 1960:

#### FEBRUARY

- 3 (Wednesday) Stockton, Engineers' Bldg.
- 4 (Thursday) Sacramento, C.E.L.T. Bldg.
- 9 (Tuesday) San Jose, Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa.
- 11 (Thursday) Oakland, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez.

PLEASE FORWARD DUES PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE MAIN OFFICE. . . . In order to facilitate processing dues payments and issuing new membership cards we would appreciate it if, in the future, ALL MEMBERS would forward their dues payments directly to the Main Office of the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco 3, Calif.

### In Memoriam

**JAMES N. MILLS**  
San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 11, 1959

**VIRGIL G. JAMES**  
Martinez, Calif., Oct. 20, 1959

**IRA M. HAMILTON**  
Tabiona, Utah, Nov. 11, 1959

**THOMAS P. GRIFFITHS**  
Lewiston, Calif., Nov. 18, 1959

**JAKE KIEMELE**  
Lodi, Calif., Nov. 29, 1959

**FLOYD MORRIS**  
Santa Clara, Calif., Dec. 3, 1959

**CHAS. C. McKISSICK Jr.**  
El Cerrito, Calif., Dec. 10, 1959

**BOB ELLSWORTH TAYLOR**  
Oroville, Calif., Dec. 12, 1959

**RALPH CASTRO**  
Loomis, Calif., Dec. 12, 1959

**C. L. BRODERSON**  
Berkeley, Calif., Dec. 15, 1959

**CALLELLA T. SPENCE**  
San Jose, Calif., Dec. 15, 1959

**OWEN J. LLOYD**  
Central Valley, Calif., Dec. 15, 1959

**FRED SELL**  
San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 19, 1959

**TONY A. MACHADO**  
Oakley, Calif., Dec. 19, 1959

**FRANCIS J. WELSH**  
Lodi, Calif., Dec. 23, 1959

**JAMES D. WRIGHT**  
Fresno, Calif., Dec. 27, 1959

**WALTER C. KLEINEN**  
Pacifica, Calif., Dec. 28, 1959

**RAY L. PEDRICK**  
San Francisco, Calif., Dec. 28, 1959

**MARION GEO. ("MICKEY") MURPHY**  
San Jose, Calif., Dec. 29, 1959

### The City by the Golden Gate

## SAN FRANCISCO HAS THAT WINTER LULL

By PAUL EDGECOMBE, JERRY DOWD and DAN MATTESON,  
Business Representatives

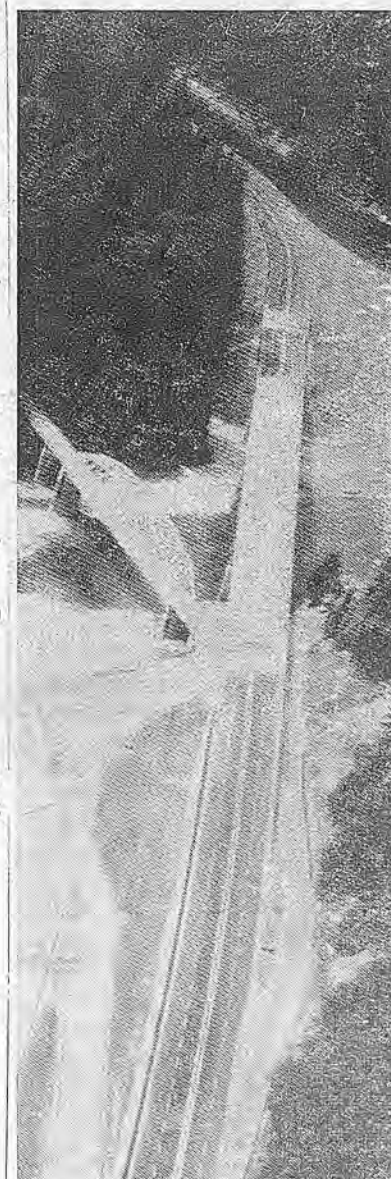
With the arrival of old man winter and the wet weather, our out-of-work list has increased considerably. However, the construction now going on throughout the area, and the proposed work scheduled to start in the near future should bring some relief to the growing list.

The Ten Million Dollar contract for the construction of a twenty-two story office building on the corner of California and Kearney streets was started last week by the Dinwiddie Construction Company. The building, located adjacent to the St. Mary's Square Park and underground garage, will house the American President Lines headquarters. Plans for the structure were announced a year ago and completion date is scheduled for August, 1961.

The design of this building will be unusual in that the upper stories of the building will overhang the base by fifteen feet on all four sides; also included is a park-like terrace extending around the building at the fourth floor level. There is no doubt that the completion of this building will enhance the beauty of our great City of San Francisco.

Devincenzi & Haskins moved one of their shovels in to do the

excavating. The same Company have a backhoe working off and on for Cahill, at the site of the new American Trust Building. Between the two locations, they are keeping some of our Brothers busy. Within this same (Continued from Page 2)



**REDWOOD ROADWAY**, the old and new on 101 are shown here, looking southward, with the new Leatherwood Memorial bridge on first unit of the Redwood Parks Freeway, at Dyer-ville, Humboldt county. Old highway and bridge at left.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Contract awarded to Dinwiddie Construction Co., 210 Crocker Bldg., S.F. for const. American President Lines Headquarters, a 22-story bldg., struc. steel frame, precast conc. const., loc. at corner of Kearny & California Sts., S.F. Est. Cost—\$7,500,000.

### HONOR ROLL OF BLOOD DONORS

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
Robert C Knapp  
Chas. Shafran  
Lloyd Sidebottom

**SAN MATEO**  
Hugh Meara  
James Simmons

**SAN RAFAEL**  
Richard T. Irwin

**STOCKTON**  
Roy Brawley

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## Vital to Family's Security Is Safety of Men at Work

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Safety Representative

At the very outset, I should like to raise this question:  
What more could a trade union have at stake than the lives  
of its members and the security of its families?

This is labor's stake in safety.

This stake is too high for the trade union movement to allow  
either management or government - separately or jointly to  
assert exclusive control over safety.

Oraginized labor can not stand  
by hat in hand—waiting upon  
management to provide working  
places which meet the require-  
ments of its legal responsibility  
designed to prevent accidents  
and industrial illnesses. Where  
the lives of our members are in  
jeopardy, we cannot be casual  
observers.

Moreover, the economic  
achievements of trade unions  
higher wages, shorter hours and  
better working conditions lose  
meaning to our families broken  
by accidental deaths, to mem-  
bers permanently handicapped  
by injuries and to former mem-  
bers now in grave yards.

The trade union movement  
has been and must continue to  
be active in safety.

In the past, we fought for  
safety before there were safety  
laws and before there was a  
safety movement. We fought  
through courts, through the halls  
of legislature and through the  
picket lines to achieve safe work-  
ing conditions. We helped place  
legal responsibility upon employ-  
ers to provide us with proper  
places in which to work.

Parenthetically, we are not  
convinced by declarations from  
some employers that since they  
bear legal responsibility for our  
safety, we have no right to chal-  
lenge their "prerogatives"! For-  
tunately this outmoded attitude  
is disappearing and the united  
interests of management and la-  
bor is moving ahead.

### Based on Cooperation

Just how successfully local union  
safety committees can operate  
depends upon one simple  
word: cooperation. Where co-  
operation is a fact and not a  
word for speech makers the  
goal of safety becomes a reality.  
But cooperation is a "many  
splendored thing." It produces  
joint labor management safety  
committees. It unifies labor and  
managements in their common  
safety objectives. It creates fa-  
vorable attitudes among not only  
the trade union men employed  
on the job, but within their fam-  
ilies and through out the com-  
munity. A better relationship  
in safety can mean a better re-  
lationship at the bargaining  
table and vice versa.

The administration of occupa-  
tional safety laws cannot and  
will not be effective without the  
cooperation of management, la-  
bor, supervisory personnel and  
individual employees.

The question is often asked:

"What is the ideal situation  
whereby the state safety agency  
can lend a hand to eliminate in-  
juries?" We think this ideal sit-  
uation can be accomplished by  
cooperation within the folds of  
the union, cooperation by the  
safety directors of the respec-  
tive companies, representation  
of union officials, safety commit-  
tee meetings, and the spelling  
out of obligations relative to  
compliance with safety rules by  
the working people.

### Non-Controversial

There is no question and I  
am quite sure there never will  
be any question relative to ac-  
ceptance of safety rules and  
administration of safety laws.  
One might wonder why. Why  
draw that conclusion? My  
answer is safety programs al-  
ways have been and always will  
be acceptable to union represen-  
tatives, because safety is one  
provision that no one will at-  
tempt to disturb. It is a non-  
controversial subject.

We believe that union offi-  
cials should be progressive  
enough to accept the safety  
rules promulgated by state ag-  
encies, and recognize that they are  
for their benefit.

We think the ideal working  
plan to assure cooperation is  
for each official safety director,  
whether he be state, federal to  
include union representatives on  
his safety committee.

With this arrangement, the  
worker, the one who soils his  
hands to produce, benefits by  
safety information given him, to  
preserve his well being.

We also suggest that safety  
committees which are unionized,  
from time to time reassign their  
union representatives, to pre-  
vent the labor individual being a  
"stand out." We know that  
interest in safety should be ev-  
eryone's job. Our past experi-  
ence also shows that the more  
representation of labor, manage-  
ment and the workers on these  
safety committees, the more  
complete the participation.

Our particular choice of union  
representation on the safety  
committee (if the choice was  
ours) would be the foreman, as  
we know he is imbued with the  
safety spirit, and can pass it  
along to all the workers under  
his supervision. He has that  
worker-contract, which no other  
official possesses.

### Demand Union Services

## Another First For Local 3 Construction Vacation Plan Approved

By AL CLEM, Assistant Local Union Manager

The proposed Vacation Plan providing for payments in lieu of a paid vacation was ratified by an overwhelming majority of the membership, in a series of ten District Meetings held throughout the territorial jurisdiction of Local No. 3 in Northern California.

As a result, Section 16-A of the Master Agreement has been revised to read as follows:

### Section No. 16A—VACATIONS

(a) Commencing October 1, 1959 each Individual Employer covered by this Agreement shall pay each Employee covered by this Agreement in addition to the Employee's "regular rate" or "basic hourly rate" eight (8) cents for each hour worked by such Employee for such Individual Employer under this Agreement and for each hour due such Employee as shift differential from each Individual Employer.

(b) The amount due such employee by such Individual Employer shall be payable upon termination of such Employee's employment by such Individual Employer and shall be shown on such Employee's termination check if the Employee is employed one week or less, and if more than one week, then within five (5) days after termination; provided, however, that if such Employee is employed by such Individual Employer for 12 or more consecutive calendar months from on or after October 1, 1959, the amount due such Employee by such Individual Employer shall be payable within five (5) days after demand on or after the twelfth consecutive month before the end of the next consecutive twelve month period or on termination of such Employee's employment within five (5) days after termination, whichever shall first occur.

(c) Commencing October 1, 1960 the eight (8) cents shall be increased to fifteen (15) cents.

(d) The parties agree that the Vacation Plan payments provided in this Section are in lieu of the Employee actually taking a vacation. Such payments shall not be considered part of the hourly wage rates for the purpose of computing overtime, either under the Fair Labor

Standards Act, the Walsh Healey Act or any other law, and no vacation payment shall be made on the basis of a premium rate of time and a half or double time.

(e) In the event that in connection with future negotiations between the parties, agreement is reached on any different Vacation Plan or vacation benefits, the payments herein provided shall be applied to the cost of such Vacation Plan or benefits.

Because pay in lieu of vacation is completely new, not only to the members of this Union but also to the Construction industry's management; there may be problems encountered in order to get the plan underway in a businesslike manner. The members employed in the

Construction industry can help to overcome problems which might arise by keeping an accurate record, and each hour due him as shift differential . . . then, if there should be any difference of opinion regarding the monies due under the plan, we will have the individuals time record to refer to.

The negotiating committee was extremely gratified by the members wholehearted acceptance of the vacation plan. It is further proof that the coordination and cooperation of the membership, officers, and business agents all working together in unity and as a team, enables your Union to achieve new goals and accomplish benefits which result in solid economic advantages for our members and their families!

## SAN FRANCISCO HAS THE WINTER LULL

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area, Cahill was awarded the contract by the San Francisco Housing Authorities to construct a low cost housing project at Pacific and Stockton. This project will be similar to the one that was erected in Chinatown a few years back.

Devincenzi & Haskins also have the excavation work on this job and will move in just as soon as Flora Crane Service complete their contract, demolishing the old Belfast Sparkling Water Building.

Theo. J. Myers started work on their Housing Authorities project at Turk & Webster a couple weeks ago. At present they have a truck crane, loader cat ad rubber tire loader on the job. This job, and the one mentioned above, will create employment for a few members on hoist and compressors.

Charley Harney started a dozer working on their Geary Street Expressway job last week. At this writing we've been unable to ascertain the amount of yardage to be moved. Whatever the yardage may be, it will be a fine winters job as the material to be moved is all sand. The amount of the award of this contract was \$981,889. Too bad this money's not all being spent on grading.

Del Webb Corporation is coming right along with their motel on Market Street. Rosendahl Construction Company of Oakland have two of their rigs on the job doing the excavating for the footings. With pressure put to bear on the Superintendent, we removed the carpenters who were doing the survey work and put two Technical Engineers on the job.

The demolition contractors are all busy with rigs working throughout the whole Western Addition area. The members working in this type of construction should be thankful as they will lose very little time due to wet weather.

We have a new type German Crane working in the area on the Comstock Apartment Building, going up at Clay and Jones Streets. Brothers who have the time should drive up to the job and look the rig over as we understand there's going to be several rigs of this type coming

into the area, and we'll have to have operators for them. Look it over, Brothers as it could well be the future type of equipment used in hoisting work on most of our future building construction.

We received an interesting letter from Brother D. J. Seymour who is working in Thailand for the Raymond Construction Corporation. Here are some of the highlights of his letter . . . "We are camped in the Pines about 100 kilometers from Pitsavulok and about 500 miles north of Bangkok. The natives are fairly good workers . . . a whole lot better than the rag heads I've worked with before. The jungle is all around us and the road is cut right thru the bamboo jungle. There's wild elephant, tigers, leopards, and water buffalo around here . . . we've seen some of their tracks. Also a lot of snakes, both the cobra and king cobra and pythons. They killed one here the other day and it was 17 feet long. The monkeys sure do bark at you in the mornings but when the motors start, they leave! It's cool here now but that won't last long as it will soon get up around 110 and 80 at night. There's one other Local No. 3 man on the job, by the name of Scott; and several men from Local No. 12. The cut I am working on now has about 100,000 yards of rock in it and with the rig I'm operating, I'll be there for sometime. . . . We are working six nine hour days now, but will get more hours in soon, as the rains have just about let up now. . . . All we can say, is that THINGS ARE TOUGH ALL OVER . . . eh? Our problem here at home is rain . . . but it looks as though the boys on these foreign jobs have a lot more serious problems . . . or maybe they're not bothered by the wild life!

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### ALL MEMBERS NOTE!

Brothers, our Blood Bank needs donors. Make an appointment thru the dispatcher and correct this problem. Recent needs for blood have increased so much that our bank has exhausted all the supply. Help a Brother Engineer by contributing to the Blood Bank program!



## San Mateo -- Hub of the Peninsula

# Weather Man Smiles on San Mateo

By BILL RANEY and GEORGE BAKER,  
Business Representatives

The number of Engineers working in San Mateo is far above average for this time of year in spite of the fact there are no really large jobs. We can no doubt attribute this, in part, to the lack of "mud." Because the weather has been holding, (in fact the weather in San Mateo has been that of an early spring) we find that in most cases the brothers have lost just one or two days of work because of rain. This is a situation that does not occur very often in the construction field. However, the dry weather also has its faults as it is also allowing the contractors more time to complete the jobs on which they are now working. As the jobs are completed, this will bring more and more of the brothers in to sign the "out of work list." Even though the list is not large at present, for this time of year, we have plenty of men to fill the orders that are coming in.

"Tight" money is beginning to show in the home building industry. When the banking institutions that agree to loan money to potential home buyers run low on money or are offered better interest rates, the builder can no longer be sure that people will be able to purchase the homes that they build. So—they just stop building. There still seems to be some money available for commercial building as is evidenced by the continued growth of industry in San Mateo County.

Since our last report your Business Representatives have been busy taking care of the many complaints brought to their attention by the brothers, such as contract violations on the jobs collecting wages, show up time, etc.; placing many operators and oilers on jobs where we find the contractors are running without the right people on the right job.

Berger Coastwide is still running with about the same crew as last month. We were informed that this will continue until such time as it gets real wet.

Our thirteen ready-mix plants in the area are all running with the same crew. There is very little turnover in these plants.

The Thomas Construction Co. at La Honda are moving right along with a good-sized crew of their own, plus several rental rigs from Oscar Holmes.

The school job at Pescadero is progressing nicely with the Long Co. doing the building. Piombo was the sub on the dirt work, and have finished their section. The Harry Lee Plumbing Co. have started the underground work at the location.

The Barrett job off Jefferson Ave. in Redwood City where they are constructing a new novitiate, is progressing nicely. There are also several sub-contractors working on this project.

### REPAIR SHOPS

The repair shops in the area inform us that things are not too busy, but so far they have been able to hang on to their crew, and unless weather conditions should change the condition should remain the same. We hope so as we have quite a number of mechanics and welders on the out of work list.

Brother Bill Hickey is in charge of the work on Henry Doelger's Unit 11, right behind "Buzz" Haskins' dirt spread. Street paving and underground work, foundations, etc. going right along on this project and many of the brothers working at top speed are really doing a job here.

We are beginning to think that Dale Williams and the weather man have a working agreement. "Dale" has several

jobs going in the area with a large crew, all working hard and trying to beat the wet weather.

Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick, with the aid of several subcontractors, are making good time on their Aragon School project.

The Meyers Bros. Home Development at Las Pedros in East Hillsdale is really doing a job getting those houses up — but fast! Sub-contractors Berger-Coastwide, Vanover & Wethington, E. T. Haas are all working on this project, with the Bastista Landscaping Co. doing the landscape work.

The Leonard Semas Co. have finished their grading job on Polhemas Road, and are well along with the buildings.

The Willie Frank Co. have a 400,000 yard job in Linda Mar, that is just getting started. This is a cat and can job and should be one of the better jobs this winter.

Irving Varwig Co. at Pacific Heights have a nice spread running. We were talking with Superintendent Lundberg the other day. He has plans to lay out his work and haul roads, in order to enable him to work as much as possible this winter. Grading is also underway for a large shopping center at the corner of Sharp's Park Road and Skyline.

### Half Moon Bay

We met the other day with a representative of the Alpine Realty Co. who informed us that they plan to develop approximately 200 acres just south of Black Mountain Road in Hillsborough. They have started to grade the lots with their own cats, but it is our understanding that the street work and underground work will go out for bid. This job should run well into the summer.

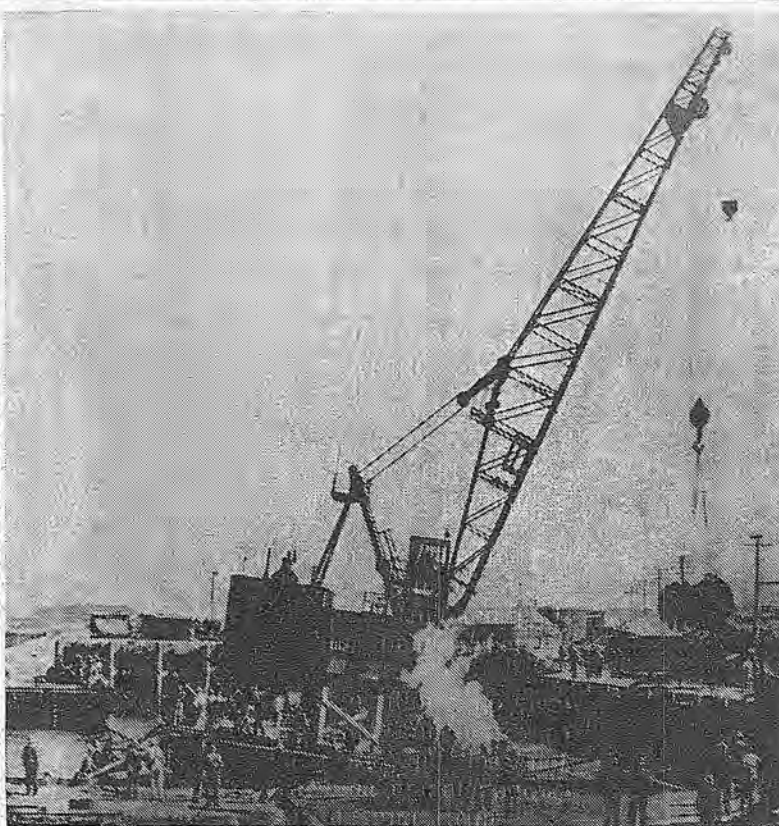
An interesting bit of engineering was successfully completed last month at Half Moon Bay, by the Oscar Holmes Co. This outfit welded up 1550 feet of steel cement coated sewer outfall line in an artichoke patch, and then, with the help of a floating rig of Haviside's, they winched the pipe out to sea with the help of 3 cats and 2 cranes. It took ten days to weld up the line and only 33 minutes of pulling to get it into the ocean. By the skillful operation of all rigs they were able to pull out the pipe, swing it about 100 ft. and then anchor it down, in about a half a shift.

When Operating Engineers can do a job of this kind in so short a time, it is a real tribute to our ability, and indeed proves that we are a highly skilled craft.

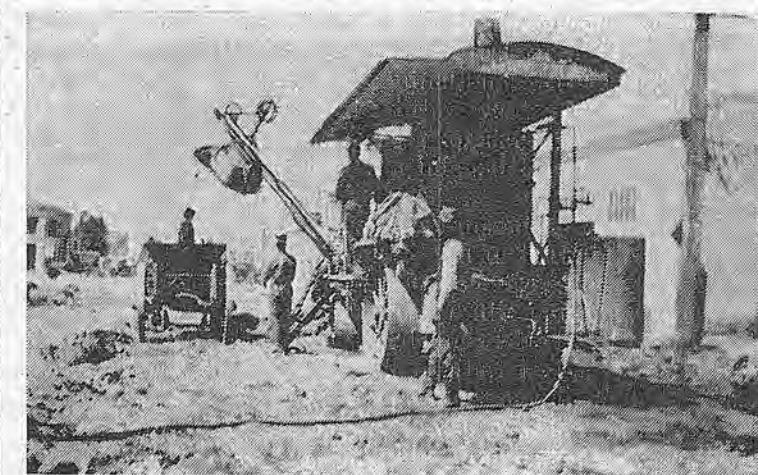
Right of way are now being purchased for the continuation of Junipero Serria Freeway and 19th Ave. extension, in San Mateo. This will assure that eventually these large road building projects will go through. The purchase of the property alone will cost in excess of \$8,000,000.

Blood Donors for the month:  
**HUGH MEARA**  
**JAMES SIMMONS**

Brother Craig Chisholm has gone into the Electrical Fixture Business, handling light fixtures, globes, Fluorescent and Indirect tubes, etc., and promises a good discount to any member of Local No. 3 desirous of purchasing any of these items. Good



**TWENTY SHORT YEARS** of progress for an Operating Engineer, Bro. Roy Stevens, at the controls of an experimental rig at Eureka Docks during the war, making an 80-ton test lift. Minor changes in the rig raised its capacity to well over 100 tons. The other picture shows Bro. Roy at the controls of a Keystone "skimmer" in the year of 1924 on street work in Eureka.



## WINTER HITS REDWOODS

By K. A. "KEN" BROOKS and W. L. "BILL" TOMBERLIN,  
Business Representatives

Judging from the weather we have had the last 2 or 3 weeks, Old Man Winter has come to us for sure. All of the hills or mountains, if you want to call them that, around Eureka have been well blessed with snow and ice, all of which has now rained off. The city of Eureka itself had some nice icy streets a couple of days, and they created some fun, to say the least, but as this article is being written the old rain is really coming down. All in all we were very lucky to be able to work so late. The last big job to shut down was Morrison Knudsen, at Weott, on Hiway 101 during the second week of December.

Now we are looking anxiously for some of these new jobs to be let in the area, but as of this date none have come out. Suppose we'll have to wait a couple of months. We will pass them on as they come along brothers.

Up in Crescent City area there seems to be all kinds of talk going on about the coming approach to the Oregon Mountain Tunnel on Hiway 199. We really don't have any doubt about this job, and when this tunnel has become a reality we are most certain there will be a great increase in the traffic on this road which will lead to better things, such as improving the Hiway to Crescent City, to cope with the increase. We all like this, more jobs for the Brothers.

Incidentally we haven't heard anything new on the Ruth Dam, but we will repeat, it looks like a must for this year.

There is one thing for sure we are going to have all the work the Brothers can take care of in 1960.

Here is a couple little ones that we just heard about as this

luck in your new venture, Craig.

Brother Bob Hunt is presently in Sequoia with a knee injury. CAGEY WAY TO GET A REST, BOB.

article is being written:

Two forest highway projects, totaling \$761,000, have been approved by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads for northwestern California. The 1960 projects include \$600,000 for improvement of three and a half miles of Sign Route 36 west of Beegum toward Peanut.

The job is designed to eliminate one of the worst sections on the road east of Peanut. The state Division of Highways has allotted \$210,000 for a new bridge over Salt Creek in the same area.

The other project is \$161,000 for Sign Route 96 between Weitchpec and Orleans. The money is made available to the state because of the existence of National forests in the area.

One such project from forest highway funds was the recent realignment and improvement of Highway 299 from Berry Summit to Willow Creek.

The funds are allocated on the basis of use, especially by the forest product industry.

Four highways in the northwestern California area are designated forest highways. They are Highways 299 and 199, and Sign Routes 36 and 96.

Brothers don't forget the January 19th meeting, 2806 Broadway, Eureka. Let's have a big turn out.

**LINDSAY**, Contract awarded to Cen-Vi-Ro Corp., Box 1416, Shafter, \$1,208,662 for earthwork, pipelines & struc. incl. pump. plts. lat., 99.4 & sublat., Tea Dome Water Dist., Friant-Kern Canal Distrib. Sys. near Porterville, TULARE CO.

## Field Survey Notes

# APPLICANTS GIVEN TEST IN N.Y. PLAN

By AL BOARDMAN and  
ART PENNYBAKER, Bus. Reps.

An interesting program has been initiated in the State of New York by labor, and management, to help weed out unqualified workers.

The program incorporated into collective bargaining agreements, calls for testing and qualifying programs for men seeking work.

The program allows no preferential treatment of those who hold union cards and does not restrict the Management's prerogative of hiring and firing.

Under this plan a joint board is set up with members representing Labor and four members from Management. This Board sets up joint labor-management panels to conduct examinations in all craft classifications.

Those who fail the test are entitled to re-examination within 30 days and in the event of a second failure, may appeal the board's ruling to a non-partisan board.

The plan has been in operation since last June and in that time more than 70 applicants have been examined. Fifty per cent of them failed and, where appeals were taken, the decisions of the examining panels were upheld. Applicants who fail are not eligible for re-examination for a twelve month period.

Tradesmen, in applying for a job, are required by the agreement to show participating employers that they have passed the examination. Hiring is permitted without such proof, but an examination must be taken with 30 days after the hiring. Those who fail to qualify, after two tries, are discharged.

The panels may waive the requirement of examination in cases where the applicant shows proof of past performance with one of the participating employers.

The membership of this Union should give special thought to the foregoing provisions; for the main complaint has been that our members are not qualified to give top performance required in the survey field. We know that the truth sometimes hurts, but now is the time to take stock and to prepare yourself . . . if you are not as capable as you should be at your job, put some effort into educating yourself toward doing a better job. It may well be possible that in the near future we too may be forced to examine and qualify our members!

Now that the rain has set in it should be brought to the attention of all the Brothers that there is allowed, under the terms of the collective bargaining agreement covering Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, one (1) apprentice Field Assistant for each three (3) survey parties engaged by the individual employer.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Contract awarded to Cahill Bros., 350 Sansome St., S.F. \$2,228,279 for Annex to Ping Yuen Housing Proj., Broadway, Pacific & Cordelia Sts., San Francisco.

**FREMONT**, Contract awarded to F. P. Lathrop Const. Co., Inc., 800 University Ave., Berkeley for construction of a manufacturing plant for Trailmobile, Inc. to be located in Fremont. Estimated cost—\$2,500,000.



# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By H. T. "PETE" PETERSEN, BILL BARR, "TINY" LAUX, WARREN LE MOINE, TOMMY THOMPSON and JOHNNY SCALES, Business Representatives

Again we have arrived into another month of January. We are rather fortunate in having an unusual spell of good weather in the month of December. We find that in spite of this the "out of work" list grew considerably, due no doubt, to the fact that traditionally contractors are rushing to finish jobs in progress and are hesitant to open up new ones. Regardless of this we are looking forward to an exceptionally busy year in the coming months.

The main shop for the City of Oakland is located at 501-5th. Avenue. Brother Don Rousey is the foreman there and it keeps them real busy keeping all the equipment for the City, Park and Recreation Departments in top running order. Brothers Emmitt Horn, Morgan Parker, Bud Egelston and Merle Arsdale work there in the shop. These boys are all around combination heavy duty mechanics and welders. All of the repair work on the Civil Defense emergency equipment is also done by this shop. The Stormwater Pumping plant located at 34th. and Ettie Streets is fully operated and maintained by the shop mechanics. This plant which takes care of all the storm water north and west of Oakland has four sixty six inch pumps powered by 1200 horsepower Interprize diesel engines. The following Brothers operate the equipment doing all the general maintenance of streets and roads and the stabilizing of all slides and washouts due to bad weather: Al Klein, George Bartle, Tobbie Epperheimer, John Mc Caffeny, Jack Slevan and R. E. Swenson.

## PORT OF OAKLAND

Brother Don Sullivan is the shop foreman at the shop located at the end of Webster St. by the pier. All of the repairs on the pile driving barge, general maintenance of Port equipment is done there. Brother Fred Kennedy is the mechanic in the shop. Repair work done on the Port equipment at the Oakland Airport shop is being done by Brother W. E. Walker. Brother John Morrill is operating the truck crane working out of the Oakland Airport shop with Ira Newman doing the oiling for him. Brother Ernest Prado operates the Fordson tractor doing all the maintenance work for the Park Department.

Martin Bros. have finished their job at Terra hills in Pinole and have moved all their equipment out but one blade and one dozer. They are now doing some clean up work.

Utah Construction Co. have about 60,000 yards to move on their job at White Cliff homes in El Sobrante. They have cut down on the crew and now only have a few men on the job. They will probably be moving slower now as they can't use but two or three rigs.

Piombo Construction Co. has about 200,000 yds. to move on their Santa Fe job in Richmond. This is one job that will go all winter as the material is mostly all rock—so the weather won't slow down the work too much. At present we have eighteen engineers on the job and hope they will all be there through this winter. They also have a lot of rip-rap to load and haul. They are hauling rock from Ferry Point and have about two or three months to go on that job. They have a Northwest 80-D and one dozer working. Piombo freeway job in Albany is going along good, they have about 80 days left on this job. By the time this is in print their excavation work will be finished. They have about 7,000 yds. of paving and two more overpasses to do. This should be finished

in about three weeks.

C. & H. Construction Co. have their crusher set up and running out at Point Richmond. We have five members working there and they are making a lot of base material. They also have a cement treated plant set up on the job and are pretty busy there.

The Bechtel job at Standard Oil is about finished. They will be cutting down in force in the near future. We understand they will have some work out at Hercules in Pinole soon but we don't know the extent of the job. We hope it will be a long one.

Yuba Consolidated & Erectors have finished their tank job for Richfield at Point Richmond but they are prefabricating the piers for the bridge at Martinez. This work is being done at their yard in Richmond. They have nine piers to pour and float up to the job site and have 650 yards of concrete plus reinforcing steel in each pier.

Willamette Iron & Steel Co.'s yard No. 3 in Richmond is getting under way. They have three ships in for repair at present and are expecting to get another ship this week. We have four whirley operators, one compressor operator and one oiler in the yard at present and will be able to place a few more men there in the near future.

## SOUTH OAKLAND

From Broadway in Oakland south to 137th Avenue in San Leandro the construction industry is at a low ebb. Gallagher & Burk have wound up their job on Redwood Rd. for the time being—pending the installation of a sewer line. They will move back on location in about two weeks to finish up about 5,000 yds. of excavation. The scrap yards are now busy since the settlement of the steel strike. The one bright spot in the downtown area is the Alameda Tube being constructed by Pomeroy, Bates, Rogers & Gerwick. At this writing this project has created jobs for twenty five of our Brothers. There are two locations of activities for this job. The project at Stanford St. consists of a launching basin and the main shop. The sections of the tube to be submerged will be prefabricated at this basin and floated into position. At the present writing the first of two "bunker" foundations is being constructed. Upon completion of the Alameda footing the same type of structure will be put in on the Oakland side. The following Brothers are presently employed on the project: "Gus" Blumeth is master mechanic, Omer Rorner is mechanic foreman, John Jarvis is operator, John Munro on the service truck, Warren Curry as operator, W. B. Gibeson as operator, Emmet Kelly as operator, Paul Long is oiler, John "Whitey" Waddington is operator, Chas. Solway oiler and Bill Benning also as oiler. Ralph Acton and Art Vandenburg are mechanics, Ralph Trout is a welder, Bert McCulley and Frank Cain are operators, Guy Basile and Harry Craig are oilers, H. L. Webb is on a compressor, Guy Jones and Jack Blackwell are operators with

## NOTICE FROM OAKLAND OFFICE

For members who have worked recently for the M. G. M. Construction Company, we have vacation checks in the office for you to pick up anytime at your convenience.

Horace Herring as fireman, Paul Clinkenbeard is mechanic and Grady Jackson is mechanic's helper. This job should keep these and other Brothers busy for the rest of the winter and all of next summer.

The Kaiser Center is fast taking on that "finished look" but there is still some work to be done and should keep the following brothers busy the rest of

the winter, rain or shine. Warren Benner and Vilo Phillips on the Bay City Truck Crane. Pete A. Ceasri on the material tower, John Counter and Fred Parker on the elevators and Art Smith on the outside material hoist. Everyone seems to be happy as Oakland's tallest building becomes a reality.

The shops through out the area are busy as the equipment is rolled in out of the field to be repaired and made ready for the year ahead. Everyone anticipates a big year, lets all hope it becomes one.

There is reported a proposal for a \$16,700,000 capital expenditures program for Port of Oakland over the next two and one half years. Submitted for study

by the Board of Port Commissioners, the proposal includes \$10 million for Metropolitan Oakland International Airport; \$2,457,000 for Jack London Square and Marina development; \$2 million for Port of Oakland Industrial Park; \$1,462,000 for harbor work; and \$686,000 for further airport improvements.

A \$376,000 dredging job on the Pinole Shoal in the San Pablo Bay channel has just been completed by the sea-going hopper dredge "Biddle." Since October 18, 1959 some 3.75 million tons of silt have been removed from the waterway, which is used by more than 20,000 vessels each year.

Lord & Bishop won the bid in the amount of \$117,233 for the third and final stage of rehabilitation of Pier No. 2 at Concord Naval ammunition depot. This should be finished around July 1st. This third stage will bring the total cost of the pier project to \$947,233. The project will replace the hastily rebuilt pier that was improvised after the disastrous Port Chicago explosion in July, 1944.

## News About The Brothers

We received news recently from Brother A. D. Steede who is working in Abadan, Iran. He is working on a under water pipe line job for the International Marine Constructors and has been there about six months. Brother Steede says there is plenty of work in Iran with more starting later.

Brother Bill Williams was in the Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley over the holidays. This is his third Christmas in a row that he has spent in a hospital. We want to wish Bill a speedy recovery and better luck next Christmas.

We received a letter from another Brother who is working overseas. Brother W. A. Thomas has been working with Rivers Construction Co. in Argentina for seventeen months on a pipe line job of approximately 1900 Kms. He has been very fortunate in being able to have his wife and family with him.

## FRESNO AGENDA IS NOT TOO GOOD

By G. L. MOORE, J. D. MONROE and B. F. (TINY) HELLING, Business Representatives

As we start a New Year, the most important to all of us is what will the work prospects be for the coming season? As most of the Brothers know, jobs for those who follow the big projects will be much slower in this area in the coming season.

Water was turned into the Tunnel at Mammoth Pool on the 1st of January, winding up a project that has kept many Engineers busy the past two years.

Congressman B. F. Sisk was present at a recent Building Trades meet in Fresno. He explained that the prospects of getting approval of Federal portion of the San Luis project in the next session of Congress looked very promising, however, the State's portion of this multi-million dollar project cannot proceed until the Water Bond issue has been approved by the voters of California. We might point out at this time that it is more important than ever for the Brothers to see that they are properly registered so that you may exercise your right to vote at the many important elections coming up this year.

Congressman Sisk also pointed out that there was very little hope for getting money for the Hidden Dam and Buchanan Dam in Madera County this year.

The Merced Irrigation District has made a tentative agreement with Mariposa County in their water rights dispute, as it affects the Merced Irrigation District's proposed multi-million dollar expansion on the Merced river. This project, when finally approved, consists of dams at Snelling and Bagby and power installations.

Subdivision work and commercial building continues to hold up well. This work doesn't help the dirt mover too much, but it does keep many of the Brothers in the rock plants busy.

D. G. Bing and John B. Sooy of Los Angeles were low bidders for the parking aprons and taxiways at Lemoore Airbase. The bid was \$1,590,000.

Griffith Company has completed their contract at Lemoore Airbase and was second low bidder with \$1,656,000.00.

The State has awarded a contract to Gordon H. Ball for \$1,795,176.00 to build four structures converting 6.4 miles of highway 99 to full freeway in Tulare County.

Winston Green Construction Company, on Terminus Dam, are about thirty per cent completed. This job has had ideal weather and is keeping a number of the Brothers busy. This job is only one shift, forty hours

a week.

Guy F. Atkinson at Porterville on the Success Dam are busy trying to get all the materials out of the river bottom before high water. This job is ahead of schedule, due to good weather.

L. B. Wells Company has completed his job on Central Valley highway out of Hanford and has started his job on Alta Avenue east of Reedley, which consists of two miles of road grade and pave.

Isbell Construction Company, out of Lemon Cove, is moving lots of rock with three Northwest 80 shovels and one 150B shovel. This company, while excavating unearthed a dozen or more skeletons from an unknown Indian burial ground.

We have one blood donor: Brother Stanley Denny. Thank you very much. Members in the Fresno area, now that a lot of you are not working, why not go to the Blood Bank at 2155 Amador Street, Fresno, and donate to the Engineers' Blood Bank. DONATIONS ARE NEEDED.



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# STOCKTON AREA HITS LOW GEAR

By WALTER M. TALBOT, AL McNAMARA and C. L. CASEBOLT,  
Business Representatives

This is the time of year that writing the news report for this district becomes a difficult task. The prospects for employment between this date and the spring season are rather slim, but occasionally we are able to dispatch a man to jobs that were not contemplated, especially in the industrial building field. This of course, takes but a few engineers compared to the excavation and grading jobs that generally commence later in the year.

The work picture for the new year in this district presents a varied list of proposed projects with the controversial Hogan Dam heading the list, followed by the anticipated contracts to be let by the East Bay Municipal Utility District for an additional pipe line to be constructed beside the existing two lines that carry water from Pardee Dam, in Calaveras County, to a reservoir in Contra Costa County.

As stated in last month's report, M. Malfitano & Son, of Pittsburg, and Vega Engineering, low bidders on the levee job in Stanislaus County, have not as yet been awarded the job by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, but they are expecting to be notified to proceed this month.

The proposed Westside Freeway that will eventually run from Wheeler Ridge, below Bakersfield on the South, to Woodland on the North, has been receiving much publicity of late in the local newspapers.

The Freeway will be generally elevated through Stockton, due to the presence of high ground water and also to permit traffic to cross under the freeway. However, it will probably take two years after the route has been adopted before any construction will get underway as it would take some time to design and prepare contract plans.

Chalmers & Barton, of Hutchinson, Kansas, were low bidders on the twenty-two grain silos to be erected at the Port of Stockton. Raymond Concrete Pile Company are driving the piling for the footings and Larry Aksland and R. E. McCarthy are doing the excavation work.

Harris & Farman Company, of Sacramento, will install a sprinkling system for the City of Stockton at Van Buskirk Park, in the amount of \$88,543.

Stockton Construction Company have started the outfall sewer job in Manteca and should not be bothered too much with rainy weather due to the sandy condition of the soil, however, the water table is quite high in this area which could pose a water problem.

Holden & Gorham are still keeping a few engineers on the payroll on their grading job in Nightingale Manor.

Lee Stephens is busy on the extension of Albers Road, east of Modesto, with several of the brothers still hauling sand.

Outside of the few jobs mentioned above the general trend at this time is that either the miscellaneous work is about to be completed, or has been completed. Some exceptions to this being mechanical repairing and overhauling of construction equipment by many contractors and small day to day grading and paving jobs that make work for members who are fortunate enough to be old hands with contractors who specialize in this type of work.

It always affords us great pleasure to mention the Brothers who are sporting the year button. This list appears to be getting a little larger each year and this practice eliminates the

possibility of the Brother being late with his dues and assessments in cases of unforeseen circumstances. Those wearing the 1960 button in this area are:

D. L. Allen; Norlyn Amick; George Angerina; George Arbutnot; Ivan "Hap" Arbutnot; Dewey Basham; Leslie Baugness; F. W. Bedinger; Roy Brawley; E. B. Chamberlin; A. J. Clow; John Craft; Dutch Dowler; Edward Dutra; Jack Fereva; S. C. Haire; I. C. Haley; Othal Hardy; Arthur Hayes; M. E. Hayes; Kenneth Hatcher; Floyd C. Head; C. O. Hirschberg; James Inks; C. V. Kenworthy; Emil Leer; Richard Martin; Salvador Mauro; J. A. Meisenbach; Dan McKinzie; Alfred Niblock; Clifford Niblock; Thad O'Dell; Ira Perkins; Roy Pierce; Forrest Pritchard; A. H. Sahlman; Leslie Sarton; C. N. Sheffield; Merle Warner; Robert Warnick.

## BLOOD BANK CLUB:

Our thanks again to Brother Roy Brawley for his donation to the Operating Engineers Blood Bank Club. The new location of the Delta Blood Bank is on the corner of Acacia and Lincoln Streets, across from Dameron Hospital. Brothers it will only cost you a pint to visit this new bank.

## PERSONAL NOTES:

We regret to report the untimely passing of Brother Francis Welsh, well known to many in this district, and Brother Ed "Shorty" Zingelman, also an old timer, having joined the local here in Stockton in 1943. The members and office staff wish to express our sincere sympathies to the families of the departed brothers.

Brother C. E. "Harry" Herrington is recuperating from his recent operation.

Brother George McBride, former member of Local 3 and now a member of Local 12, stopped by to say "hello" as he has been employed in Southern California on the Salton City project as master mechanic for the past two years. Brother McBride is working for Kenneth E. Gigoux Company and would like to hear from the boys he has worked with from Local 3. His address is P.O. Box 296, Thermal, California.

# Northbay District Looks For a Good Year

By H. O. FOSS, F. A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI, A. S. SMITH, Business Representatives

As the year 1960 opens, it shows continuous progress, and finds many of the jobs still in full swing. We do look forward to a good year here in the north bay.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the many brothers who sent us the season's greetings, many of which came from our brothers overseas. Nice to hear from these boys, particularly

Brother Herman J. Zehnle who is in West Africa and Brother Stanley Krantz, who also spent his Christmas away from his family, in Pakistan with M. & K.

The year buttons for 1960 are available, cost to a 3 member is \$78 per year and for 3A, 3B, 3C, 3E: \$66: This includes the burial and good standing assessment.

The following brothers have joined the annual club: George Eridio, Sal. Bommarito, D. J. Poncia, Leon D. Muzzy, Allen Charney, Ken King (these two brothers have their employer, Shamrock Materials to thank for their year cards), Henry Ghilotti, J. F. Reynolds, H. J. Zehnle, Tony Rodriguez Thomas H. Bentley, B. C. Tallman, H. D. LaLonde, Louis C. Solari, Raymond Dillard Roy Hinkley Merrill Weekly, L. P. Meyers, Leon McKinney, H. O. Foss, Louis H. Payse Paul C. Hantzsch, Elmer Lane, John E. Lapp, Tom Shaw, Vincent Silva Frank H. Beck, Jack H. Hornby, E. Lowell Nelson, Aaron Smith, Richard Macy Clyde Plymell, O. A. Cooper, Ken. Shaffer (formerly with Shaffer & Madsen, now with the Marin County Sheriff's office.) Nice to have some one from that department who carries an engineers year card.

Now, if we could only get the same amount of brothers to donate to our blood bank, we would be in business! It would appear that the north bay members of Local 3 have more water in their veins than blood, for the reason that all other offices seem to be leading. Possibly the members don't realize what

ed with from Local 3. His address is P.O. Box 296, Thermal, California.

In closing this report we would like to again draw your attention to the Special Call meeting to be held in the Auditorium of the Stockton Labor Center, Thursday January 28, at 8 p.m., for the nomination of Delegates to the 26th International Convention, and the election of an Election Committee-man from this district. This Special Call meeting will be followed by our regular district meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, February 3, 1960, at 8 p.m. also in the Stockton Labor Center.

amount of money could be saved if they had more blood in the bank. As you know, brothers, your wives, sisters, etc. could contribute to the Blood Bank. Let's see if we can pep it up a little bit. Call our office and we will be happy to make the necessary appointments.

The settlement of the Inland Boatmen's strike seems to have helped the Basalt plant to pick up as all their crew is working, at least part time, on stuff starting up the river. Upon their acquiring the Marin Rock and Asphalt plant in Novato, leaves the Basalt setting pretty good as they now can get out a short haul distance on any hot stuff. It seems that the plant at Marin Rock and Asphalt has a little more capacity.

Frederickson & Watson from Oakland have been awarded the contract between Lucas Valley Road and 0.24 miles s. of San Pedro Road in San Rafael — frontage roads, 2.3 miles to be graded and surface on cement treated base. Cost of this award is \$1,024,444. A Pre-Job conference will be held shortly with the parties concerned.

Heim Bros. from Walnut Creek are in the process of taking out the trees at Terra Linda for future development. This will be a short job, at the rate they are going. Brothers Wm. Linn and Jim Wood are on the Loaders.

C. Norman Peterson is finishing up their job on San Pedro Road and heading for their yard. From there, they will move to Sacramento with Operator Bro. Wm. McDonald and Bro. Frank Whitmore, Oiler. This saves Bro. McDonald from going to sea, which is his usual procedure in the winter time.

We find Blair Bros. Excavators who are from the East Bay at McCarthy subdivision putting in gas tanks. These brothers looked half-naked without their union buttons. What is the matter with wearing your buttons, Brothers? Some of you we find on these jobs do look half-naked. What's Doing in Solano

January of 1960 shows Solano County still perking along—with an eye to the skies and an ear to the weather forecasts.

Gordon H. Ball on Vacaville and Winters Highway is still doing shoulder work and turn-out grading, with a handful of Engineers. Syar & Harms is busy laying black top on the frontage roads—no better time than January.

R. A. Heintz, on the Allendale Canal job, have four Gradalls going, trying to finish their part. G. G. Williamson is putting in structurals-hoping to finish it in three weeks.

A. Teichert & Son gave up lining the Canal with Gunite, says it's too damned costly so, we are pouring by hand.

Derkenwald & Vinson are putting in irrigation pipe all over the Dixon area, and have now also started their other job between Fairfield and Rockville, same kind of work.

Osborn Construction with two Engineers going steady, are putting up a disposal plant in Elmira, for the City of Vacaville.

All of the housing projects are still going full blast in Vacaville, Fairfield and Vallejo.

Frederickson & Watson were awarded the Vallejo - Benicia Freeway job. We are having a pre job conference within the next week.

A part of Highway 48 (Sears

Point Road) will be let on the 20th of January. All in all, it appears as if Solano County will have a very good year.

## IN NAPA COUNTY

George Slinen is finishing up the street work and housing projects in Napa County.

Young and Anderson have a water line job at St. Helena. They have 6 Engineers on the payroll with no time lost because of rain.

Kaiser Steel has started up again and has called back 27 Engineers and Oilers. It looks like the full force will be working around the clock in the near future.

Att'n BROS. LIVING — IN VALLEJO. WE ARE HAVING A BLOOD DRIVE THIS MONTH, hoping to build up our Bank. The brothers we miss contacting and who wish to donate blood, may do so by contacting the Vallejo office and we will arrange an appointment for you.

This is vital, let's not shirk on it — bear in mind that it may easily be you or one of your loved ones that will need to call for blood next. So, come on Brothers — let's keep our Blood Bank operating — your donation may save a life! A classic example of this is Brother Jerry Dorothy who had been a donor but had never drawn at the Blood Bank until this year when he needed and received 32 units of blood. Brother Dorothy also received a check from our Trust Fund office in excess of \$2,000 for his hospital and doctor bills accumulated during his 35 day stay in the hospital and 2 times in surgery. We are happy to hear that he has been released and is ready to go back to work. DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE AND CAN VOTE? ? ?

Be sure you and your family and friends are registered to vote. As you know, this is a vital year. We will need them all!

Some personal notes about the members: Received a letter from "Old Low Country" Les Peterson who is at the Isle of Palms, South Carolina driving pile for Ben C. Gerwick. Les says he will be through in March and sends his best wishes to all.

Attention: We suggest that you keep track of your hours, in particular on the vacation plan which came into effect October 1, 1959. If you have worked since that date, you have accumulated 8 cents per hour for each hour worked since October 1st, 1959. We do ask you to please keep track of all hours worked.

Brother Vincent Silva is doing repairing of heavy equipment, welding and hard facing. He can be reached at 191 Upland Drive, Petaluma where he has his own shop. The phone number is SWift 5-5030.

We would also like to call to your attention — those members who register on our out-of-work list. Please let this office know when you go back to work. This will keep our out-of-work register up to date. Thank you.

Our best wishes to Brother Gene Spagnoli who is entering the hospital.

Before we close our report for this month, we are happy to include the name of Brother Richard T. Irwin who is our only blood donor for this report. Many thanks. In addition, Bro. Irwin is a regular donor. Wish we had more like him!

See you next month!

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# SACRAMENTO AREA SLOWS DOWN

By DON KINCHLOE, ERNIE NELSON, ED HEARNE, BILL METTZ, HAROLD HUSTON, Business Representatives.

The Sacramento area has slowed down with only 123 men dispatched for the month of December.

The picket line has been removed from Squaw Valley Development Co., in Squaw Valley. The Operating Engineers and Squaw Valley Development Co. met with the National Labor Relations Board two weeks ago in San Francisco and went before a N.L.R.B. hearing officer. It will be a month before we hear of, or are given a decision on this case.

I would like, at this time, to thank all the brothers and their families for going down and donating blood in the blood bank. We need all the blood we can get, for if we have the blood, we can give it out to the brothers and their families when it is needed. **THE FOLLOWING GAVE BLOOD IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:** Alfonso Vercruyssen, Frank Kuhre, B. J. Elston, and William Woodyard.

## SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Bro. Joe Adams, who has worked at the Haggin Gravel Plant for some time, broke his leg just above the knee on Dec. 30, 1959. Brother Joe was getting a dozer when he slipped between the track and the dozer arm.

Bro. Stan Couch was also in the hospital. Both of these brothers were in and out of the hospital before we knew about it. We would appreciate someone notifying us when one of the brothers is hospitalized.

Bro. Mel Behney is in the Mercy Hospital. He is very ill. We just hope that by the time this is off the press, he is out and around again.

Bro. Jim Withrow has a Shell Service Station on Grand Ave. and old Marysville Rd. in No. Sacramento. He is open 24 hours a day. If any of you brothers are out that way, stop in and see him, and fill up with gas.

1960 looks like a good year. Sacramento County intends to do a lot of work. Here are some of the jobs that are planned: Widening Watt Avenue to four lanes, from Folsom Blvd. to Marconi Avenue. Widening Arden Way to four lanes, as far as Eastern Ave. El Camino Ave. should be widened as far east as Fair Oaks Blvd. by the end of 1961. Marconi Ave. should be widened to Carmichael by the end of 1961, too.

Fruitridge Road will be four lanes between Stockton Blvd. and Freeport Blvd.

All the buildings will be removed in 1960 on the block bounded by G, H, 7th and 8th Sts. The north half of the block bounded by G, H, and 7th and 8th Sts. The site will be used for county parking and enlargement of present garage facilities. Construction of trunk lines and treatment plants in the northeast sewer district is expected to get started in 1960.

The brothers at Teichert's Plant in Woodland saw an article in last month's paper where Teichert has a real good Michigan 275A in Bro. Pattey, up on the Baxters job. Now Bro. Claude Johnston at the Woodland Plant thinks he has a better one in Bro. Jack Santos, who can load 800 tons an hour any day of the week.

Teichert is still going on their freeway job at Davis. It looks like they might finish this job if the weather stays good.

Ralph Gilbreath is in the Sutter Hospital for a lung operation. He is in Room 220. Drop in and see him. Bro. Ralph, we all look for a speedy recovery, and hope to see you soon.

C. Norman Peterson Co. have started their sewage plant in No. Highlands. This job will keep a few brothers going this winter.

Baldwin Const. is still working underground job at the Davis College.

## HIGHWAY 40 DRAGS

On Highway 40, east, work is slow, and will get slower in the near future.

A. Teichert & Son have shut down completely at Emigrant Gap, but not entirely due to the weather. They can't tear up the old highway until spring. They have three lanes open, east bound, for part of the way and two lanes west bound. The two lanes west are the old roadway. This will help the traffic problem during the Olympics. Of course, if there isn't any more snow than there is now, there won't be any Olympics, unless they put wheels on the skis.

There are still three mechanics on the job and they are shipping out the equipment. They are Brothers Don McCoy, mechanic foreman, Norman Creech and Lyle Seward. They have most of the stuff moved out already.

Madonna Const. Co. is still going full speed at this writing and have missed almost no time due to weather. They have ten rubber tire rigs going, about 12 dozers, two clamshells, and their brand new "80D" with shovel front. Bro. Walt Gavrilko is operating the "80" and Bro. Hober Kelley is handling the oiling chores. There is a small, but efficient, mechanical crew that keeps the rigs running for the rest of the Brothers. Handling these mechanical chores are Brothers "Jack" Laughton, Alex Gray, Frank Martin, and "Chet" Wagon. Brothers Ray Piersall and Wilber Goesch are running the compressors. Brother F. D. Lamberg is on the blade and he is as busy as a cranberry merchant all the time.

At Truckee there is very little to report at the present. Clements Rock is busy loading out sand for the State to sand the highways with. Due to the weather at this time, freezing at night and thawing during the day, the sand is being used up as fast as it is supplied.

There will be quite a bit of work in the Truckee area. R. A. Hientz will be going at the Prosser Creek Dam, and at least one section of the Donner Pass freeway is supposed to start. It is our understanding that bids will be called for in February. We certainly hope so!

Squaw Valley is almost wound up as far as the Operating Engineers work is concerned. Very little activity at this time.

Eeichert still has a small crew working at Loomis on clean-up work around the free-

way. They should be out of there any time now.

Lowrie Paving Co. is still going on their underground work around Rocklin and Loomis. They have kept several engineers busy all summer and fall and still have quite a bit of work left to do.

Brothers, if you know of any Brother who is ill, or in the hospital, please let us know right away, will you? Thank you!

Brother Bryce Simpson was in the office the other night and we are very happy to report that he is making a good recovery from his near fatal accident. He is very lucky to be with us. A mountain goat would be afraid to climb up the side of the canyon where his pickup went off. We repeat, luck!

## DREDGE WORK

Pomeroy's dredge is going around the clock in order to keep the water from freezing in the discharge pipes on the Tahoe-Keys project. This will eventually be the "Riviera of the West." We are fortunate to have skilled brothers here, and all good union men to keep the job going.

The Tahoe Redwoods Co. are going 100 per cent union now, and we anticipate good relations in the future. We recently organized the Nevada Lumber and Supply Co. to our Building Material agreement, with substantial wage increases for our members.

Our Brother Engineers working for Johnny De LaGrange on the south Tahoe sewer project must work close in to keep the frost from forming in the open ditch. This is a go-ahead crew and they don't mind the sub-zero weather, which goes to prove that when things get tough, the engineers get tough right back and always come out on top.

The Norman C. Peterson sewerage plant job goes with weather permitting, and at present is all but complete.

Marin Rock keeps working when they can. The specifications for the 6 inch rock were hard to meet so an additional amount of material was required to furnish the contractors with their share.

Marms Bros. has their hot plant and crusher set up now to furnish the panning for the Piombo job at Pacific House. Piombo is trying to finish up as they can. This section of freeway will be a blessing for the engineers working on the SMUD project, as this has been a traffic bottleneck.

Gibbons & Reed are finishing the brush rock on the Ice-House Dam and anticipate an early start on the Camino Dam. This is a joint venture with Jones & A.E.C.

Archie Till's access road into the Camino Powerhouse site is at the clean-up stage. This was a rough job with the natural terrain built straight up and down. We lost one dozer in a canyon here, and if it wasn't for a good agile brother, he would have ended at the bottom, too. This calls us to the attention of practicing safety at all times. Any unsafe conditions should be reported to the business agent immediately.

Walsh Const. is off to a slow start on their tunnel job. Looks like some time now before they will be going.

Kiewit is holding tight with a small crew and shop force, waiting until the weather breaks before they do some hiring. The tunnel is going three shifts and should be holed thru in a couple of weeks.

The Frazier-Davis job is going three shifts on the Jaybird

Tunnel. This job will be completed by early summer. This is one of the first projects to go into operation for SMUD. We have had good relations with this company, thanks to our brother engineers. Pacific Bridge is well along on the Jaybird Powerhouse job, and the pen stock. This is another job that has needed top operators. The penstock goes down the side of the mountain on a quarter-to-one slope.

Fruin & Colnon are well under way on the Junction Dam with the batch plant working intermittently. There is approximately four thousand yards of concrete to be poured before high water in the spring. Here is another job that requires the skilled engineer and we have a crew of the best working here.

Joe Vicini has a few brothers busy in the shop, with an occasional operator out on jobs. Our shops in Placerville are all 100 per cent union, which includes Hunter Welding Works, M&M Welding and Portable Welding. These shops do grade A work, so if you have welding to do, take it to our union shops.

Henningsen Bros. and Cold Springs Gravel are using our engineers to move the equipment and plants. If you are in the market for concrete products, remember these firms. Cameron El Dorado Developers at Shingle Springs keep going with four engineers building roads and clearing brush for future home sites.

Work is slow at Aerojet, with no new construction in sight for the near future. Teichert keeps a few brothers in the cobble piles.

D. W. Nicholson have their regular crew of seven operators on fire-watch.

Baldwin holds on to amechanic with the truck crane rentals doing the heavy work.

A.E.C. has kept three operators getting pay checks.

Calahan Const. is up and down from one to three engineers.

## SACRAMENTO

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his ordeal the following Monday afternoon.

## The Year 1959 saw:

A lot of promotions for Engineers. The Air Products Company sent Phil Bunnell to Sicily. The Company made a good choice, Phil was very happy to receive the promotion.

The Made-Rite Sausage Company promoted Kenny Thomas to the Chief Engineer's job.

The Gas Industries promoted Loren Thorson to assistant supervisor.

We have organized and completed a contract with the Vinnell Company at Reno.

All contracts this year incorporate 8 holidays with time and one-half in addition to regular base pay, and pension coverage and health and welfare in most contracts.

## Education:

At the Sacramento City College there are several courses available for Engineers welding, refrigeration and controls. Let us not forget the biggest class—Engineering Technology. 39 per cent of the graduates are working as journeyman engineers. They are, in some cases, holding down chief and assistant chief engineer's positions. Bunnell, of whom I spoke earlier, came from this class.

## YOUR UNION:

YOU ARE THE UNION. ATTEND YOUR MEETINGS. VOTE AT EVERY ELECTION. NOW IS THE TIME TO BE SURE

## Aloha to You!

# ISLANDS SEE THEIR BIGGEST YEAR EVER

By HAROLD LEWIS and RUPERT TEVES, Bus. Reps.

Aloha from Hawaii, the proposed cultural center of the world. Plans are now being formulated to establish an institution to teach all peoples from all nations anything they want to learn. Those of us who are interested in such a program feel certain that such a center of learning in the world's only true "melting pot" will help ease international tension and bring the days of world peace much closer.

Hawaii has realized its most prosperous year in 1959 with record tourist travel, record construction and record personal gains which come with greater monetary income. Hawaii visualizes a better year in 1960. Henry J. Kaiser has barely touched the surface in his \$350 million Koho Head development. Richard Smart, owner of Parker Ranch on the island of Hawaii, has not yet started his proposed \$300 million development. The Hotel King Kamehameha is the first of such hotels to be erected on the Kona coast of the big island.

A million dollar reservoir is the start of proposed development of the island of Maui.

The half-completed \$5 million water tunnel on the island of Molokai will bring much needed irrigation and drinking water to the barren waste lands to make that island the state's proposed agricultural center.

The building boom on the island of Oahu is not expected to stop until the island turns over into the depths of the Pacific; then will develop the underside of it.

Kauai is the only island of the 50th State where no real building is expected for another year or two, outside of a couple of guided missile bases. Even the privately owned island of Niihau where only pure blooded Hawaiians live, will evidence a "building boom"; type and amount dependent on the outcome of sanitary and educational investigations by our State Department.

By the time of this publication, negotiations should be underway for a dredge agreement with Hawaiian Dredging and Construction.

We will again ask for your cooperation in organizing the unorganized. We will try to sew up the industry by the end of the year, but without your help we might not be able to, Aloha.

## AND STAY UNITED. UNION MEETINGS:

Monday, January 18, 1960, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Center at 2525 Stockton Blvd. There will be nominations of delegates to the International Convention.

Monday, February 8, 1960, at 8 p.m. in the Labor Center at 2525 Stockton Blvd. There will be an election of delegates to attend the International Union Convention to be held in April 1960 at Miami, Florida.

During December, I had eleven meetings on contract negotiations. I made thirty-seven plant calls. I have made nine visits at new plants to organize them. I attended the business agents' meeting and the Executive meeting in San Francisco.

May 1960 be a Happy and Prosperous New Year for you all.

## Small People



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# MARYSVILLE HOPES FOR A GOOD YEAR

By C. R. VAN WINKLE, C. E. COCKAYNE, W. R. WEEKS and IRA BASHAW,  
Business Representatives

## WATER MATTERS:

A construction program of \$34,054,500 for 1960-61, most of it for Feather River project items, is proposed by the State Department of Water Resources. The budget to the Legislature, so we are informed, Passage of this item should be the go ahead signal on more of the relocation work around the proposed Oroville Dam.

The proposed Oroville Dam will depend upon the approval at the polls by the people of California of the proposed \$1,750,000,000 water bond issue. Passage of this bond issue is far from an assured fact, in our opinion, and will depend, we believe, upon the clarification by the Governor and the Department of Water Resources on their position on the following items:

1. The 160 acre limitation controversy.
2. Terms of contracts.
3. Pricing formula.

In making inquiry regarding the above, and we are rather anxious to know, we are informed that the Governor is undecided about the date for his policy statements, except that it will be before the water bond issue goes before the voters next November, which is rather vague we have to admit.

**IN THE MEANTIME DON'T COME INTO THIS AREA EXPECTING TO GO TO WORK ON THE OROVILLE DAM. IT ISN'T EVEN STARTED AND IF THE BOND ISSUE PASSES IT PROBABLY WON'T START FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS AFTER THAT EVENT.**

International Engineering Co., a subsidiary of Morrison-Knudsen, has been chosen by the Directors of the Yuba County Water Agency, which is also the Board of Supervisors of Yuba County, to prepare the feasibility report on the proposed Yuba River Project.

According to reports to us there will not be much field work involved in preparing this report, but the work will consist mostly in evaluating present available information, in the planning of fiscal requirements negotiations with bonding institutions, preparation of cost estimates, construction schedules, etc., but will not include plans and specifications for actual construction. Perhaps the start has been made for the future construction of another much needed water project.

As reported last month Bechtel Corp. has again reactivated the engineering work on the Wyandotte Project and we are told that present plans are that the work be completed so that by March 1st. the project may be advertised for bids. We are also informed that everyone concerned is very determined that the project get under way this year. We sure hope so as this falling through of this project sure harpooned our work prospects last year.

**EAST, WEST, ALL AROUND THE VALLEY:**  
We hope that when this is in your hands we'll know who is to build or at least who was the low bidder on the proposed Missile Bases. The reason we are not able to tell you the low bidder is that bidding was postponed from Jan. 5th. to Jan. 12th. We also hope that we will have some idea of the construction methods and number of men needed, so that we can answer some of the many questions that have been asked. All we can tell you at the present time is that the Army Corps of Engineers have

opened a field office on the site in the Sutter Buttes.

Baun Construction Co. won't start that company's road job between Maxwell and Colusa until spring so we are told by Ted Baun. Sierra Pipeline Construction Co. from Bakersfield has finished their pipeline job near Arbuckle.

Outlook is good for the future in the gas fields on the west side in the coming year as 200 gas wells are planned. These gas fields provide quite a bit more work for our people than is generally realized as several outfits such as Butte Creek Rock Co. do considerable work there building rig sites, across roads, etc.

So far the only work of any size that we have heard of is that the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has budgeted for in our area is the erection of a sub-station at the cost of \$1,077,000 about three miles north of Yuba City. Anticipated work in the Feather River Canyon by this company apparently isn't to go this year.

There are also a number of sub-divisions around Yuba City, Marysville, Chico, Oroville and some of the other towns that are pretty definite to go sometime this spring. As some of these will contain as high as 350 homes as well as shopping centers, etc., and will be built from the ground up, considerable work is in prospect in this line.

As we said we don't know who is going to buy these homes or what they are going to do for a living, but they must figure they will sell or they wouldn't be building them and as the present sub-divisions being built are filling up, they must know what they are doing. We hope it doesn't come down to where we have to take in each others washing to make a living.

Work at Beale Air Force Base is proceeding right along with little or no lost time for the brothers and with only the usual difficulties. On the Capehart Housing Project we are always faced with a crisis or emergency, the routine type.

H. F. Hudson Co., of Castro Valley has started a small hazard removal job. An officers club, a boy club, 240 more houses and additional facilities are planned at the Air Force Base in the coming months. All of which should keep the present number of brothers going for quite a spell this year.

Up in the canyon Ball and Simpson on the grading on the W.P.R.R. relocation are down to one shift. They tell us that they will maintain this pace as long as the weather permits. The slow down is caused so we are told to lack of stakes, changes in the work and material.

Gates and Fox on the same job which is about twenty miles north or Oroville, are about ready to turn under on the two tunnels. They are going to use 105 Eimco Muckers and Dumpies, all of which darn it, will cut down on the number of brothers on the job. The company is to use a new type of chemical scrubber at least it is new to us, which they claim, and we have heard there is good grounds for their claims, is much more efficient than the straight water type scrubber.

In closing our report on construction this month we are pleased to report that after a number of years of decided coolness between your Union and the Butte County Building Trades Council we have patched up our differences, buried the hatchet and affiliated with them. From the look of things we ex-

pect the finest of cooperation from all the other crafts, something, we are sure, that will work out of the benefit of all the Labor Movement as well as ourselves in Butte County.

## INDUSTRIAL REPORT:

We are happy to report that, as the year 1959 came to a close, that most of the plants, shops and other industrial units, with hardly an exception, finished the year with full crews and that there wasn't too great a loss in employment. The loss, actually, being less than anticipated.

In the gold dredging field at Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields as previously reported we had expected the Dredge No. 18 to be tied up and shut down for the winter some time ago. But the dredge is still operating and the prospects look pretty good for some time to come.

As this is being prepared we were informed that Yuba notified the brothers as of January First the company was switching the California Unemployment Disability Insurance from the previous voluntary plan to the State Plan. This is to inform those that may not have heard that your Union and representatives have taken, and will take, the necessary steps to see that there is no loss of benefits to our membership.

We are also quite happy to be able to report that the Henry Kaiser plant in Oroville that folded up on us for a while is back into operation, has called back the brothers off the bench and that they were able to get in a few licks for Christmas money. Like we said last month probably because of the more than usual activity in home building the rest of the rock, sand and gravel plants have kept pretty busy.

The concrete pipe plants are still working full time, which hasn't seemed to make anyone mad, especially us, and this can probably be blamed on the good construction weather. The weather may have not made the farmers happy, but it sure hasn't hurt as far as these plants are concerned.

As far as the shops are concerned the work has held up well with Peterson Tractor actually increasing the crew. And when writing about the shops we would like to hand Brother John Gilbert of the New Cork Machine Shop a bouquet for his fine efforts to keep his crew working and busy despite the fact that business has been slow.

**PERSONAL NOTES:**  
Brother "Bob" E. Taylor who many of you were acquainted with, we are sorry to report met his death by being struck by an automobile in Chilcot on Dec. 12th. We do not know of any immediate relatives of Brother Taylor except that he was very close to Brother and Mrs. Bruce Ayers. To all his friends and relatives we offer our most sincere condolences.— Brother Leslie Smith who was working on the Trinity Dam out of the Redding Office reported to us that on Oct. 16th. he suffered a heart attack which kept him in the hospital for 16 days and after his return home he had a relapse, but at present is doing fine.— Brother Willis Wardlaw suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on New Years Day and as this is being prepared is in the Rideout Hospital in Marysville in serious condition. He was working at the Beale Air Force Base because at 2:00 a.m. the morning of Jan. 6th Brother Johnny Ray Haase, who was also working at Beale, suffered a

## A Few Thoughts For the New Year

We extend to each and every member and his family the best wishes from all in the Marysville Office for a Happy and a Prosperous New Year. And in doing so we sincerely hope that the work in this area is better, much better than last year, which we realize was pretty rough on many of you, especially those who for one reason or the other couldn't leave the district.

As the coming year is liable to be one of the most important and crucial ever faced by the Labor Movement we thought we would pass on a few thoughts for New Years Resolutions that won't cost much in time, money and effort and if followed by all will, we believe, do much in bettering our Union and protecting and promoting the Trade Union Movement. Let us all resolve as follows:

1. To register to vote and see that all eligible members of our families who are eligible are registered to vote.
2. To study and become acquainted with the issues and candidates and in doing so become acquainted with and to take in consideration the view points and policies of the Labor Movement as expressed by its conventions its other meetings and by its leaders and then to be sure to vote.
3. To buy Union Labeled Goods and use Union Services when they are available.
4. To wear our Union Button in plain sight on the job and by such action show our pride in our Union (you'd be surprised what a good show of union buttons will do to the bosses' inclination to violate the agreement).
5. To report all violations of the Union Agreement that comes to our attention promptly to the Business Representative service.

heart attack. The last report was that he was resting easy in the Rideout Hospital.— Brother Frank Mortice of Paradise has had a rather rough go of it. He was operated upon for a gall bladder condition, developed pneumonia and then had a heart attack. It was touch and go for a time we were told.— Brother Robert Younce while working for Wright Brothers at Sinica was the victim of a freak accident. A tree failed to fall the way it was supposed to and hit the pickup he and another man were in, killing the other man and severely injuring Brother Younce. At the last report Bro. Younce was doing much better.— Brother E. W. "Bill" Parker dropped in the office the other day. He had just returned from Iran via London and Ireland and was quite interesting as he told us his experiences in Iran and in Ireland where he visited the place where his folks hailed from.— Some of you may have missed Mrs. Theresa Crosby around the office lately and may be interested, but probably not too surprised that she had a baby girl on Sunday, January 3rd. Both mother and child are doing fine and if the baby turns out to be as fine a person as Theresa she's really going to be tops.

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ing the job and thus give him a chance to nip it in the bud before it gets too big or goes too far.

6. To attend all Union Meetings possible and keep ourselves informed as to the business and affairs of our Union because an informed member is a better member.

## Meeting Notices

**REGULAR QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 21, 1960 at the Prospectors Village, Oroville Dam Blvd., Oroville. This will be a very important meeting as at this meeting nominations will be made for delegates to the General Conventions and for a district member of the Election Committee. Please make every effort to be present.

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:** Meets every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville.

**YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS:** Meets Monday, Jan. 25th 1960 at 10:30 a.m. for Swing Shift and 7:30 p.m. for all others at the Engineers Hall, Marysville.

**NATOMAS CO:** Meets Monday, Feb. 1, 1960 at 10:30 a.m. for Swing Shift and 3:30 p.m. for all others in the Veterans Hall, Folsom.

**GLADDING, McBEAN & CO.** The Joint-Board will meet Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, 1960 at 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln Industrial Council Office. General Membership Meetings Tuesday Feb. 9th, 1960 at 2:30 p.m. & 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln City Auditorium.

**CONCRETE PIPE INDUSTRY:** Meets Monday Feb. 15th, 1960 at 7:30 p.m. in the Teamsters Hall at Chico.

**ROCK, SAND & GRAVEL:** Meets Friday, Jan. 22, 1960 at 8:00 p.m. in the Teamsters Hall, Chico.

**NEW YORK MACHINE SHOP & PETERSON TRACTOR SHOP:** Meetings subject to call.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 985 Downer Av., San Jose \$369,573 for 0.5 mi. 4-lane hwy. w/ramps, city streets & connections to be graded & surf. w/PTMX. surf. on cem. tr. base & untr. base & brdg. to be const. Almaden Road, betw. Curtener Av. & Redbird Dr., city limits of San Jose in SANTA CLARA CO.

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# UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

By TOM J. STAPLETON, MERLIN BOWMAN, JIM HALL, JOHN THORNTON and NEPI NEMELKA, Business Representatives

We here in Utah are feeling the icy grip of winter after the first real snow storm falling on New Year's Eve Day. Since then we have been in a deep freeze more or less with temperatures hitting the zero mark and below. This, of course, has slowed production down considerably and in most cases it means hibernating until the warm wind and rain of Spring thaws out the good old earth.

There are a few days of sunshine coming through, however, and we are glad to report that there is some action up at Bingham with Western Contracting calling back about twenty of our Brothers who are heavy duty mechanics and welders to overhaul and repair their equipment. We are hoping this Company will get another big contract soon so that the rest of the Brothers who were laid off can get back to work.

At Flaming Gorge Dam, things are still moving rather slowly but with the first signs of Spring should really get in high gear. We might mention at this time that several of our Brothers have received Supervisory Manhour Awards from the Company for manhours supervised without lost time injuries. These members are S. D. Rust, R. E. McCarty, R. Davis and E. L. Colebrook. This Safety Program is planned by the Company and monthly meetings are held with top job supervision and Bureau of Reclamation representatives present. The Safety Program and Policies are discussed with all crews working on the job at weekly "tool box" meetings. Suggestions and ideas are turned in to the Safety Engineer in a weekly report as a result of this program. C. O. "Danny" Dannenfelser is safety supervisor for the Company, or companies involved in the joint venture. May we add that we have had very good relations with Danny and find his pleasant disposition and understanding of the men who man the machines very remarkable. Congratulations to all for a job well done.

## HERE'S ABOUT COPE

We have a few facts pertaining to COPE which we would like to pass on to you members. During the last election campaign we received a great deal of publicity and some criticism over the money we contributed to this worthwhile cause. Following are FACTS on WHO SPENDS THE MONEY ON POLITICS THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

More than \$3,000,000 was spent on politics by 43 political groups during the first eight months of the year, according to financial reports filed with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives. Of the exact total of \$3,023,705.50 in political expenditures, the Republicans spent \$1,575,329.42 — or 52.1 per cent of the total; Democrats spent \$957,764.80 — or 31.7 per cent; COPE spent \$78,941.52 — or 2.6 per cent.

Four extreme reactionary groups consisting chiefly of a few very wealthy men spent more than two and a half times as much as COPE did. They were Americans for Constitutional Action, Christian Nationalist Crusade, For America, And Pro-America. Their expenditures amounted to \$201,764.93.

The Republicans, as expected, also led the parade in receipts during the January 1-August 31 period. They took in a total of \$1,494,449.45 — or 45.7 per cent of the total of \$3,271,866.85 that all groups reported in receipts. The Democrats were given \$1,002,368.85 — or 30.6 per cent of the total. COPE collected in voluntary dollars, \$132,654.39 — or 4 per cent.

COPE receives its contributions from donations made by members.

## PROVO AREA

As mentioned at the beginning of the news, the most talked about subject around these parts is the weather. The South has really been taking a beating, what with temperatures dipping to 18 degrees below zero at some points. This has forced many of the jobs, which ordinarily would have operated all winter, to shut down. This includes Morrison Knudsen's job at Provo Canyon and many Rock, Sand and Gravel plants.

With the steel strike finally settled, Consolidated Western at Geneva seems to be the spot where most of the activity is going on. Steel is coming in for the fabrication of the second blast furnace with the first one

90 per cent fabricated. February 28, is the tentative date scheduled for No. 2 furnace to be rebuilt, but it could go down before that. Following are the brothers on the job now: Jim Lewis, foreman, Bill Terry, mechanic, Lionel (Junior) Wall, mechanic, Ed Holliman mechanic, Charles (Rick) Bridgett, mechanic helper, ReVerl Davis, greaser (and starter upper on cold mornings), LaVar Loveless, general flunkie.

Fred (White Eye) Harding, A-frame, Leon (Pee Wee) Rees, tugger, Leonard Allen and Leon (Nigger) Lees on the Bay City motorcrane, Ralph (Tiny) Peay on the guy derrick in the yard, Vic Bronson and Duane Allman on the 1201 Lima, Armond (Ham) Hawley and Arnold Bredesen on the Lorraine Motorcrane, Doyle Barney and Andy Frandsen on the Lima Motorcrane, and Roy Lewis and Rueben Black on the Lorraine Crawler. We hope that in another month or so, the operators at C.W.S. will be doubled or better.

Davis & Butler's water treatment plant at Cottonwood Canyon is nearing completion with only a few operators left. Dale and Don Barney are still on the job and some of the other brothers have moved to the other job in Colorado.

Oakland Construction Company was low bidder on some utility tunnels and pipe line work on the B.Y.U. campus but have subbed the excavation and pipe work to Plant & Dartnell Co. Two D.W. 10's and a 25 Northwest have been moved on the job. A larger rig will be needed later on because of the depth of some of the tunnels. As soon as the temperature comes up there will be activity there.

The Provo Out-of-Work List is bulging with the last count being 175 operators and 30 oilers out of work. However, with the strikes settled and Spring not too far off, we look forward to a lot of dispatching and a good season ahead.

## GLEN CANYON

Most of our people who were working on July 6th have now returned to work; however, it doesn't look as though there will be any hiring for several months. At this time, we have our quota of men, and we are now waiting for the completion of the gravel plants.

Whiting & Haymond at Car-

mel Junction were forced to shut down Monday.

Floyd Whiting has only a few small crews left at Price. Mendenhall moved his equipment out of Black Ridge, some to Nevada and some to Leeds. He hopes to get the Leeds job when it warms up.

At the Cedar City Iron Mines they are continuing to put men back to work and we have heard that there will be no layoffs due to the steel strike.

## NORTHERN AREA

This is the time of year when operator brothers are terminated and the foreman and superintendents take over the operating.

Miles & Son are down at Willard; W. W. Clyde is down at Morgan and Tiago is down at Ogden, Utah. Although they are setting up crushers and are going to let the four cat skimmers take turns and work every other week feeding the crushed, two one week and two the next. Very fair of Jim Case in doing this.

Olson Const. Co. was awarded a \$500,000 contract at Thiokol (I hear) and work here in the Northern area looks good, comes Spring. However, we have a real sad picture here concerning non-union men in the AGC shops and on AGC jobs. We have a tremendous job ahead of us in getting this area organized but with the help of the members I am certain we can accomplish this.

Ryberg, Garff and Gibbons & Reed job at Devil's Slide is very small Felix Maes, Cal Withers, Bob Hillman and Wayne Barnes were the hoist operators on this job working around the clock two shifts hoisting concrete for the nine silos being erected for the Devil's Slide Cement Company. It took 13 days of continuous pouring to complete the first part. I heard it would take 12 days of pouring to complete the project.

For Gibbons & Reed, Frank Hoester and Son operate an oil batch plant on one shift with Max Slaughter on the second shift. Lynn Robinson takes care of the Michigan loader.

## IN THE SHOPS

Utah Sand & Gravel have shut their cottonwood plant down for the winter. Also their Garfield Slang operation has slowed down and a good number of the Brothers have been laid off.

At the Lang Company Construction Equipment shop two-thirds of our Brothers were laid off. So you can see things are really tight and we can only hope for an early Spring for things to start rolling again as a good number of the dear brothers are getting rather restless.

We have two brothers who are hospitalized. Brother Joseph J. Solmons and Joseph A. Sterner. We wish you a speedy recovery.

## KENNECOTT COPPER

As we enter into the New Year, we are all hopeful that the members of Local No. 3, who have been forced from their jobs by the longest strike in the history of the Copper industry, will never have to go through another such strike in the coming year or in the years to come.

Had there not been a strike this past year, Kennecott Copper may have been forced to curtail its production, but this would have been much better from an overall economic standpoint, than this strike.

While Local No. 3 believes

that strike action is the only economic weapon that members of organized labor have in the collective bargaining process by which they can achieve their goal, it should be used only as a last resort to gain their objective.

The members of Local No. 3 at Kennecott were not asked by the negotiating committee during the past negotiations for strike sanction because the committee did not feel at any time that such action was necessary. If at the ratification meeting which was held on December 30, 1959, the proposed new agreement had been rejected, then perhaps a strike vote would have been in order.

The new agreement that was ratified by the members has many new articles and many of the old articles were changed considerably. One of the most notable changes is in the new grievance procedure. This article was re-written in its entirety, and in the opinion of the stewards and business representatives it is one of the best in any union contract. If the members will use the grievance machinery that this article provides, whenever they have a grievance, our Local Union will not have to take a back seat to anyone. Don't forget your stewards and business representatives are here to serve you in the best interest of this Local and the International and remember, it is the members who make up a good Union.

During the negotiations, the Company was very insistent on doing away with the pitmen and angle dozer helpers, and as was stated many times at our membership meetings, the negotiating committee was just as firm as the Company in their position of retaining these men. Now that we have reached an agreement with the Company in regards to retaining all men who are presently in these classifications and all who hold seniority either as pitmen or angle dozer helpers, it is up to the members in the Shovel and Angle Dozer Departments to prove that the studies that were made by the Company were erroneous. It is our conclusion that very often plans look good on paper, but in the practical just won't work.

During the next 18 months there is bound to be many problems arise over the duties that the Company will expect the various crews to do. If at any time any employee in this bargaining unit has any doubt as to whether a foreman is correct in ordering him to do certain work, it is the advice of the business representatives and the stewards, for the employee to do the work as ordered and to immediately file a grievance. Don't forget you are entitled to be represented by your union representative (business agent or steward) at the first step of the grievance procedure, which is between you and your immediate supervisor.

In regards to the Work Stoppages and Lockout Article in the new agreement, we feel that it is not really essential to have such a clause in the agreement because of the Grievance and Arbitration Articles, but this Article does reiterate the Local Union's position that we are opposed to slow downs.

In closing, don't forget the District Meeting which will be held in Salt Lake City, January 26, 1960 at the Labor Temple Annex to nominate delegates to

## Job Awards

SACRAMENTO, Contract was awarded to Gordon H. Ball, Inc., Camille Ave., Danville, \$1,795,176 for about 6.4 mi. lgth. 4 lane divided hwy. together w/ frontage roads, ramps, & connects to be graded & paved with concrete paving on cem. treated subgr. & PTMX surf. on untreated base & 5 bridges to be constructed or modified, north of Tulare & Visalia Airport interchange, TULARE CO.

MANTECA, Contract awarded to Stockton Construction Co., \$314,000 (Base) for construction of outfall sewer, approx. 9,150 ft, of 33" reinf. conc. pipe, lift station, irrigation system & earth reservoir.

CARSON CITY, NEV., Contract awarded for HUMBOLDT CO. to Wells Cargo, Inc., P. O. Box 430, Las Vegas \$286,730 for 10.649 mi. const. por. of secondary hwy. sys. on SR No. 8A betw. 11 mi. S.E. & 21 mi. S.E. of Oregon-Nevada State line.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to E. A. Hathaway, 1098 So. 5th St. San Jose \$364,500 for Music Bldg. addn. at San Jose State College, San Jose.

LEMOORE, Contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co. Inc. Marysville \$605,607 for 3d increment at Nav. Air Sta., Lemoore — roads, walks, parking, etc.

BEALE AFB, Contract awarded to Robert L. Wilson, 850-29th St., Oakland \$664,521 (Base) for const. Officers' open mess at the Base.

the 26th International Convention of the Operating Engineers. The members at Kennecott and all other members, should avail themselves of the opportunity to take part in the nomination and election of these delegates.

## THE LIGHTER SIDE

Andrew Carnegie, the multi-millionaire steelmaker and philanthropist, started his working life as a bobbin boy, messenger boy and telegraph operator. In later years he remained convinced that early training in manual labor was the best springboard to success. In founding a technical institute in Pittsburgh, Mr. Carnegie wrote "It is really astonishing how many of the world's foremost men have begun as manual laborers. The greatest of all Shakespeare, was a woodcarver; Burns, a plowman; Columbus, sailor; Hannibal, a blacksmith; Lincoln, a railsplitter; Grant, tanner. I no of no better foundation from which as ascend to manual labor in youth."

A soldier went to his colonel and asked for leave to go home to help his wife with the spring house cleaning. "I don't like to refuse you," said the colonel, "but I've just received a letter from your wife saying that you are no use around the house. The soldier saluted and turned to go. At the door he stopped. "Colonel, there are two persons in this regiment who handle the truth loosely, and I am one of them. I'm not married."

THINK BUT WHERE... The fellow next door says that if I have a problem, he thinks it is on a riverbank. He can sit there all day long with a fish pole in his hand and get things so of straightened up in his mind. He never catches fish, but when he comes home, folks speak him as a patient fisherman. He sits in the back yard at home all day thinking things over and putting his mind at ease. People speak of him as that fellow down the street.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED MEETINGS!



# Nevada Round-Up

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE,  
JOSEPH "JOE" MILLER and  
THOMAS "TOMMY" ECK,  
Business Representatives

**ANACONDA:** At the Anaconda Company properties at Weed Heights, Nevada, the men are working six days per week and the production has been increased since the company settled the strikes at their Mill and Smelter in Butte, Montana. They have stock piled about 8 million dollars worth of copper ore concentrates at Yerington and are shipping to the Butte, Montana, mill at present. It will take about four months to move this stock pile. Local No. 3 has been in negotiations with the Company since September, 1959, and have another meeting scheduled for January 12, 1960, at which time the Company is submitting what they consider to be a settlement offer. We hope that a just offer is made at this January meeting and that it is one that will be satisfactory to the Committee and membership involved so that we will not have to take economic action against the Company. Our Agreement with the Anaconda Company expired September 1, 1959; however, we kept our membership on the job and continued the negotiations because of many factors and allowed the company to stockpile their material. We hope sincerely that the issues involved are met with real sincerity by all concerned and that a settlement is reached during the early part of January.

## IN AND ABOUT THE MINES:

Standard Slag's "Minnesota Mine" at Wabuska going along in fine shape with the following brothers getting that Iron out of them thar hills: G. Banta, E. Brandon, K. Burgess, E. Coplin, G. Clemmons, H. R. Dodge, R. Hovermake, D. D. Howard, J. Jackowatz, L. Luna, C. E. Lee, B. E. Mason, J. Olson, Smith, W. Springman, and O. T. Wilson.

Dodge Construction Company, Inc. Iron Mines at Lovelock still shipping in normal procedure. Mineral Materials Iron Mines at Lovelock are faced with a shutdown unless they receive another ore contract.

John Pedro doing some stripping and mining in the Lovelock area.

**SEEN AROUND THE OUTSKIRTS:** The Trans-Universal Construction, Inc., of San Jose, California, have moved in on their Navy rehabilitation of weapons training area project east of Highway No. 95, approximately 25 miles south of Fallon, using Silver State Construction Company equipment. This job will keep some of the brothers busy during the toughest part of the winter.

Silver State Construction Company have just about all the dirt moved on their Highway No. 8A road job at Denio and really going to town on the gravel. No doubt this firm will now start their road projects in the Schekler district just west of Fallon as the equipment comes back to town.

Wells-Cargo has not moved into their new road project on Highway No. 8A west of Denio at the time of this writing. So we have this job to look forward to.

Dodge Construction Company highway No. 50 relocation job east of Fallon coming along in good shape despite the cold spell, holiday, etc.

Geo. Probasco's Greenbrae project keeping the regular flow of skippy men, blades and backhoe operators, etc., busy as more and more houses go up.

NACON'S Peavine Dam project came to a screeching halt due to deep frost. The Company

has proclaimed their desire to take some of the brothers from this project to their Highway No. 3 job at Lida, which will help keep the bean pot full through the winter.

Nevada Contractors on Kingsbury grade at Stateline got the project cleared and grubbed but not too much dirt moved with all the snow at that altitude.

Brother Wayne Straight from Reno Iron Works has gone to Florida for an extended, well-earned vacation. He is lying on the beach, shooting the breeze and enjoying the beautiful sunshine. His oiler, Brother Lester Olson, is real lonesome. However, Brother Jube Whelchel, who took Wayne's place, is trying to keep Olson busy around the truck crane they are on. They are working on the County Jail job today and not in yet.

Brother Howard Johnston from George E. Miller Company has just returned from a long vacation. Now he has to take a couple of days off to rest up before going back to work.

Brother A. E. Colip has quite a problem trying to get the work done and keeping out of sight of G.E.M. The Bush Brothers have everything under control in the G. E. Miller Company shop. There is no problems or overhaul jobs too big for the Bush brothers. Brother Vernon "Peewee" Galleron keeps the welding truck going from job to job. That Galleron boy burns and welds most any old thing.

Mr. Harold Imelli out at the LaGrange Construction Company office keeps his eye on Johnny's money and the new girl. Harold is planning on a vacation to the old country in the near future when he gets a little more money saved up and someone to go with him.

Brother Leland Eckley has some street and road work out in Washoe Valley. Brother Hank Kiechler on the Super C, Brother Don Gorden on the Blade. Eckley has some work up around the Lake. Brother Johnny Arvin is on that job.

Isbell Construction Company has a few of the brothers in Washoe Valley on a housing project. Isbell has quite a large crew working in the main shop getting everything overhauled for a big summer. Isbell's Vista Reef's job on the Truckee River east of Reno also folded up temporarily due to weather conditions.

**VACATIONS:** Your Negotiating Committee of Local No. 3 has a meeting scheduled with the Nevada Associated General Contractors Committee on January 14, 1960. We are very confident that the procedures for the vacations pay for all you brothers will be worked out at that time. We will notify everyone of the outcome of our meetings and of the system to be used toward your getting your pay. We would very much appreciate if you brothers would please follow our instructions after we get the information to you and also that you all keep close check on your hours so that you will be paid the correct amount. Please feel free to check in the office any time you can and ask about the above-mentioned information. We will be glad to assist you in any manner that we can.

**PENSION:** The final draft of your pension plan and the benefits of the same will be forthcoming in the near future. The officers of Local Union No. 3 have been putting a great deal of time and effort on the pension plan and expect to have the same complete in the near future unless some unexpected technicality holds it up for a

# San Jose Mourns Death of Mickey Murphy

By A. J. HOPE, DANNY O. DEES and WM. HARLEY DAVIDSON, Business Representatives

Brother Mickey Murphy, Business Representative of the San Jose Office for more than fifteen years, passed away on December 29, 1959. Brother Murphy suffered from a heart condition for several years; this condition made it necessary for him to retire in 1955. In spite of his illness Brother Murphy kept an active interest in the welfare of the Brothers and the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, of which he was a member and Representative for many years.

Work in all sections of the San Jose area is slow. Our "Out-of-Work" list is long and now that the rainy season is here, it is growing rapidly.

Ball & Simpson have discontinued their concrete work on Route No. 5 until the rains are over. We would like to take this opportunity to comment on the complete cooperation of this firm on this job, with the Operating Engineers, Local No. 3. Little problems that arise on every job were easily taken care of, with complete understanding by every one. Doesn't look like we will have this cooperation on the job just starting on the over-pass on De La Cruz Blvd. Work was complete on Route No. 5 at noon on Dec. 31. The Brothers were paid for a full day and treated to a huge luncheon by the firm.

Piazza Paving Company have been awarded a \$369,573 contract to construct a half-mile of four lane Almaden road expressway; it will include construction of a bridge to carry Almaden Road over Curtner Ave.

Pisano Brothers are still working on their project in Milpitas and also have a job in the East foothills.

P & E Construction Company are working on a 72 inch storm drain line on First Street in San Jose. They also have a 3 mile sewer line near Saratoga.

## MT. VIEW & PALO ALTO

A new Trailer Park is being built by Finer Homes who are also building some stores near the Trailer Park—the Pads are shaping up and that work is being done by Oliver De Silva and the underground work by Pisano Bros. has the underground work well along on the new sub-division off Oakland Highway in Milpitas, where all dirt, fill and street work is being done by Cupertino Gravel.

Lomac Development Company are adding a new section to their sub-division, dirt work and streets by A. J. Raisch and the underground work by P & E Construction. P & E Construction are about half through with their sewer line from the outfall plant of Sunnyvale to Bayshore on Alviso and Mt. View Road.

Cotherman & Judd has the Intersection job on Lawrence Station Road and Kifer Road in Sunnyvale.

Chicago Bridge and Iron are installing two steel water tanks—one about 500,000 gallons on Wolfe & Kifer and 2,000,000 gallons on Wright off Homestead, for the City of Sunnyvale.

L. C. Smith has various jobs located in Mt. View on parking lots and also, some street work for the City of Mt. View. They also have opened up about four miles of Bayshore Highway and the San Antonio overpass section to traffic.

Freeman Paving have about thirty jobs going in Palo Alto, Freeman Hills, Sunnyvale, Mt. View and Los Altos, which consists of streets, sub-divisions and parking lots.

North State Builders have ten floors of concrete poured on their 14 story Apartment on Alma St., in Palo Alto.

## SANTA CRUZ, SALINAS AND MONTEREY

We are very happy to report most of our Brothers are still trying to accomplish all they can

short period of time.

O. C. McDonald Plumbing. before the rains.

Healy-Granite are still on a double shift. M. J. B. are shut down at this writing, but if the weather stays good, they will continue with their Highway work.

P & E Construction and Fredrickson & Watson have their jobs well in hand so when it does storm they will not be hurt.

Ed Keeble on the Green Valley Road and Granite Construction on their sewer job in Watsonville are still going strong.

John Matus, Superintendent, on the Liquid Ice job in Salinas. Ed Keeble is moving the dirt said they would be through in about a week and was moving his spread to Pacifica in San Mateo County.

Work is still holding up good in the Monterey Area. Granite are keeping their men busy, Phil Calabrese is starting Excavation on the School job in Fort Ord—wonderful rainy weather job—other Contractors in this area also busy.

In the Hollister Area, we have several Brothers working at the new Hollister Rock, Sand & Gravel Company. They say they are going to enlarge their plant by adding a crusher and that will put more men to work in the spring.

## PERSONALS

We would like to extend our sympathy to the families of Bro. Murphy, Bro. Calella Spence and Bro. Howard, who passed away this past month.

We are still trying to get a Blood Bank established for the benefit of the Brothers in this district. During the month of November we had one donor—Johnny Munoz. The month of December we had two donors. Chester Johnson and Leonard Whitmire. This is an increase of 50 per cent but scarcely enough to be considered a Blood Bank. Now that so many of the Brothers are idle due to the rains, we hope that many will see fit to help this worthy cause.

May we remind the Brothers living in the areas of Santa Cruz, Salinas, Monterey and Watsonville, that when you register for Out-of-Work, by mail, please give us your phone number and state what work you do, so that you can be registered properly.

Brother Charles Scales, who we reported last month in the hospital as a result of a serious accident, is home and recuperating nicely.

Brother Joe Harkness, who was confined to the O'Connor Hospital with a heart condition, is at home and we hope that soon he will be well enough to resume his work with Pisano Brothers.

Brother Wemmer, who owns his own Cement Batch Plant in Watsonville, fell and broke both ankles. We wish him the best of luck and a speedy recovery.

**SACRAMENTO, Contract** was awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 373 81st Ave., Oakland, \$1,024,444 for 2.3 mi. frontage roads, ramps & conn. to be granted & surf. w/PTMX surf. on cem. tr. base & a brdg. & 2 stairways to be const. betw. Lucas Vly. Rd. & 0.24 mi. S. of San Pedro Rd., San Rafael, MARIN CO.

**BERKELEY, Contract** awarded to William & Burrows, Inc., Belmont, \$1,867,860 for RC & stl. bldg. at Telegraph Ave., between Oregon & Russell Sts., Berkeley.

# ROSA-UKIAH SHUT DOWN, BUT NO RAIN

By R. F. SWANSON,  
Business Representative

Here it is January and the jack rabbits are still carrying their canteens on their back, we have had three rains so far this year and that is all, if this keeps up, those who like water for drinking purposes will have to go elsewhere to get it or change their drinking habits. We sure hope the rains will come and go just as soon as possible so work can begin once again.

All work in this area has come to a creaking halt, Guy F. Atkinson at Healdsburg has shut down for the winter. Fredrickson and Watson are still going as the weather permits, and from this point on, nothing.

It was with a sigh of relief that we saw 1959 leave, as far as work for the Operating Engineers in this area was concerned it has been something less than what is needed to take care of the Brothers living in this area. We are all hoping for better things in 1960. We have the Santa Rosa - Healdsburg Freeway coming up, this is a \$5,200,000 job and if it gets started before the middle of the summer will really be worth while. There are several other jobs supposed to break this spring, not this large but nice little plums if they don't come too late.

I see where Fredrickson and Watson got two nice jobs down in Hienie's area, the Terra Linda Over-pass and a section of freeway just west of Benecia. Then there is the 5 miles of highway up by Whiskeytown that Gibbons and Reed have, this was over \$4,000,000 so we know they al haven't gone fishing in Sacramento. Maybe they will get around to us one of these days.

**PERSONAL**—At this writing we want to wish a speedy recovery for Morley Roberts who has a bad infection and is in the Palm Drive Hospital in Sebastopol.

Brother Vern Motley is out of the hospital and is slowly but surely recovering from the burns he received.

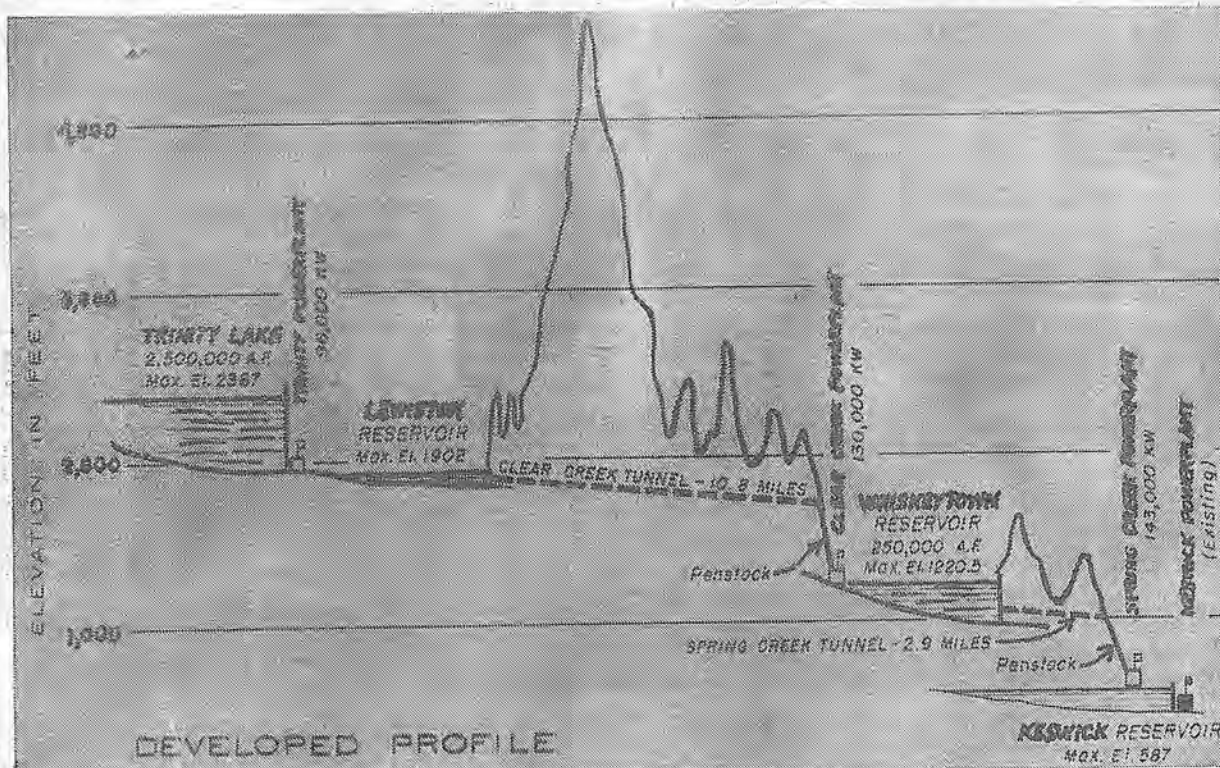
Brother Clyde Butler also is out of the hospital and doing real well recovering from a broken leg.

Floyd Perkins hobbled into the office last week, his ankle is still in a cast but probably not for long—speedy recovery Floyd.

Brothers don't forget the meeting in which you make nominations for delegates to attend the Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers which will be held in Miami. Also you will elect a member of the Election Committee. Please be sure and attend—You really have no excuse because it is being held at 8:00 p.m. at the Labor Temple on a Saturday evening. We will see you there—I hope.

**SAN JOSE, Contract** awarded to M & K Corp., 519 California St., San Francisco \$1,148,000 (General) for constr. of Library Bldg. addition at San Jose State College, San Jose, SANTA CLARA CO.





## Construction to Boom in Redding in 1960

By J. B. JENNINGS and SID McBRÖOME, Business Representatives

1959 was an excellent year for construction in Northern California, but according to the Division of Highways and the Bureau of Reclamation, work will practically double in the coming year.

### New Highway Projects Planned:

Traffic coming to Redding after 1960 will travel on new highways and bridges when new construction jobs are completed this year by the state division of highways. Improved access to a city is a solid sign of progress, and here are some of the major projects north and west of Redding planned by the state. Bids will be opened Wednesday for the \$6 million relocation of U.S. 299W at Whiskeytown. The job will move five miles of the existing highway because of construction of the Trinity project. Whiskeytown reservoir. The new highway will include a bridge across the Whiskey Creek arm of the reservoir. Farther west on U.S. 299, the existing highway will be straightened out from Buckhorn summit for a distance of five miles into Trinity county. This is a \$1.5 million project. The state is buying right-of-way for a four-lane road and freeway access rights for future development of both Buckhorn and Whiskeytown jobs. Bids for the summit project will be opened late in January. A parallel bridge on north Market Street across the Sacramento River will be under construction in the spring. Bids on the \$800,000 job are to be opened in May. And an \$8 million project will "close the gap" on U.S. 99 north of Redding. This job should be under way before the end of 1960. Bids on the seven-mile section of U.S. 99 from Shotgun Creek to Castella will be opened some time after the middle of the year.

### Work on Highway 99N:

Gibbons & Reed are still in operation on their freeway job at Castella. Some time in the month of February, Morrison & Knudsen will start the preliminary work on the construction of a dam for the Copco Co. on the Klamath River at the California and Oregon State line. According to M & K, this job will run approximately two years. We will have more information on this operation in February.

### Work on 99S:

There is additional highway work proposed for 1960 between Redding and Orland. At the present time the only work in that particular area is the Hood & Case pumping job which is in full operation. To date the brothers working on that job have not lost any time due to weather. Work in and around Redding has tapered off, though Jess Hogg is still busy on a sewage line for the city of Redding and the Shea-Kaiser-Morrison Gravel Plant is back in full

swing after a two-week Holiday vacation. Also, Shea-Kaiser-Morrison has solved the problem of water at the Intake on the Clear Creek tunnel project and anticipate getting back into full operation very shortly.

That just about gives you the work picture for Northern California for this month. Shasta and Siskiyou Counties have a number of county road jobs to be awarded later in the spring and there will be highway work in and around Susanville in 1960.

### TRINITY DAM PROJECT

This is the first time that we have been able to gather the complete story of the history of the construction of the entire Trinity Dam Project and the following are the facts as compiled by the Bureau of Reclamation.

**Purpose:** The Trinity River Division will be a major feature of the Central Valley Project. It is designed to provide irrigation, power, recreation and fish and wildlife conservation. Surplus water from the Trinity River Basin will be stored, regulated and diverted through a system of dams, reservoirs, powerplants, tunnels and conduits into water deficient areas of the Central Valley Basin.

**Location:** The Trinity River Division features are located in Trinity and Shasta Counties of California. The Trinity River is 1,500 feet above and 20 miles west of the Upper Sacramento Valley.

**Plan:** Trinity River water will be stored in the 2,500,000 acre-foot Trinity Reservoir behind Trinity Dam. Releases from this reservoir will be utilized by a 96,000 kilowatt powerplant and reregulated in Lewiston Reservoir about 7 miles downstream. Lewiston dam will contain outlets to release adequate water to meet the downstream requirements of the Trinity River Basin, including those of the important Trinity River fishery.

Water not needed in the Trinity River Basin will be diverted through the Clear Creek tunnel to the 130,000 kilowatt Clear Creek Powerplant and into the 250,000 acre-foot Whiskeytown Reservoir on Clear Creek, a tributary of the Sacramento River. From this point the water from Trinity River and surplus flows from Clear Creek will flow through the Spring Creek tunnel to the Spring Creek Powerplant and into Keswick Reservoir on the Sacramento River. By proper distribution of the Trinity Division water supply usable for irrigation, and making

maximum use of return flows and available surplus flows, a yield of 1,422,000 acre-feet per year would be provided to serve ultimate requirements of the Sacramento Canals Unit, lands in the Delta-Mendota Canal service area, Shasta County and other areas of the Central Valley Project.

**Main Features:** Trinity Dam, Reservoir and Powerplant. Located about 9 miles upstream from the town of Lewiston on the Trinity River.

#### (1) Statistics Trinity Dam:

Type, earth, sand, gravel & cobblefill. Height above streambed, 465 feet. Crest elevation, 2,395 feet. Crest length, 2,440 feet. Volume of embankment, 33,180,000 cubic yards. Spillway glory hole 20 foot diameter. Spillway capacity, 24,000 cubic feet per second. Outlet works capacity, 4,970 cubic feet per second.

#### (2) Statistics Trinity Reservoir:

Gross storage capacity, 2,500,000 acre-feet. Active storage capacity, 2,160,000 acre-feet. Inactive storage capacity, 340,000 acre-feet. Normal water surface elevation, 2,370 feet at gross storage cap. Maximum water surface elevation, 2,387 feet. Area at gross storage capacity, about 16,400 acres.

#### (3) Statistics Trinity Powerplant:

Number of Units—2. Capacity of units, 48,000 kilowatts each. Turbine ratings, 66,800 horsepower each. Design head, 375 feet. Discharge per turbine, 1,850 cubic feet per second.

#### (4) Statistics Lewiston Dam and Reservoir:

Type, earth, rock and gravel fill. Height above streambed, 70 feet. Crest elevation, 1,910 feet. Crest length (incl. spillway), 715 feet. Volume of embankment, 320,000 cubic yards. Spillway capacity, 31,000 cubic feet per second. Outlet works capacity (max.w.s.el. 1902), 210 cubic feet per second.

#### (5) Statistics Lewiston Reservoir:

Gross storage capacity, 14,600 acre-feet. Active storage capacity, 2,600 acre-feet. Inactive storage capacity, 12,000 acre-feet. Maximum water surface elevation, 1,902. Area at gross storage capacity, 610 acres.

#### (6) Statistics Clear Creek Tunnel:

Length, 10.8 miles. Diameter, 17 feet 6 inches. Maximum flow, 17,000 cfs.

#### (8) Statistics Whiskeytown Dam:

Type, earth and rock fill. Height above streambed, 278 ft. Crest elevation, 1,228 ft. Crest length, 2,150 ft. Volume of embankment, 4,143,000 cubic feet. Spillway capacity, 30,250 cubic feet per second. Outlet works capacity, 260 cubic feet per sec-

**STEEL LACEWORK**—A high network of steel reinforcing rods indicates the concrete walls still to be poured for the Bureau of Reclamation's \$823,082 pumping station being built near Red Bluff. A half mile canal will carry Sacramento River water to the pump station, which will lift it at the rate of 500 cubic feet a second up 70 feet to the Bureau's westside irrigation canal through the six big pipes at right.

3,200 cu. ft. per second. Effective flow, 2,900 cu. ft. per second.

#### (7) Statistics Clear Creek Powerplant:

Number of units, 2. Capacity of units, 65,000 kilowatts each. Turbine ratings, 89,000 horsepower each. Design head, 561 feet. Discharge per turbine, 1,600 cubic feet per second. Outlet at el. 1,100 feet.

#### (9) Statistics Whiskeytown Reservoir:

Gross storage capacity, 250,000 acre-feet. Active storage capacity, 217,000 acre-feet. Inactive storage capacity, 33,000 acrefeet. Maximum water surface elevation, 1,220.5 feet. Normal water surface elevation, 1,210 feet. Area at gross storage capacity, about 3,250 acres.

#### (10) Statistics Spring Creek Tunnel:

Length, 2.9 miles. Diameter, 18 ft. 6 inches. Maximum flow, 3,600 cu. ft. per sec.

#### (11) Statistics Spring Creek Powerplant:

Number of units, 2. Capacity of units, 71,500 kilowatts each. Turbine ratings, 98,700 horsepower each. Design head, 569 ft. Discharge per turbine, 1,800 cu. ft. per sec.

We have recently signed one-page agreements with the following named companies:

Ralph LeMasters  
Herbert McWilliams  
Joe Ames

Brother Joe Ames has been a member of Local No. 3 for a number of years and has now ventured into the field of con-

## Job Awards

**OAKLAND,** Contract awarded to Williams & Burrows, Inc. 500 Harbor Blvd., Belmont, \$2,278,882 for reconstr. District's Central Resrv. loc. nr. 23rd Av. & MacArthur Blvd., Oakland.

**SACRAMENTO,** Contract was awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873 81st Ave., Oakland, \$1,697,777 for 2.9 mi. lgth. of four lane divided highway together w/ramps frontage roads, & conn. graded & paved with PTMX surf. on cement treated base, 3 bridges & highway lighting installed, betw. 0.4 miles of Route 6 and 0.1 mile west of Benicia City limits, SO-LANO CO.

**LEMOORE,** Contract awarded to D. Gerald Bing & John B. Sooy, P.O. Box 237, Adolanto, \$1,590,000 for const. Part "U" aircraft parking apron at Naval Air Sta., Lemoore.

## Heed Safety Regulations

tracting. Joe has a Cat-12 Blade and will travel anywhere in Northern California. He can be reached at Rt. 2, Box 5698, Anderson, California, and his phone number is CHestnut 1-4209.

### HONOR ROLL OF BLOOD DONORS FROM REDDING DISTRICT

Percy M. McCollom, William P. Gregory, Jim Crawford, Orville Yarnell, George W. Cla, W. A. Feusi, James R. Durkee, Henry Franz, Ollie M. Adkinson, Charles Robertson, Carl Warner, Selmer Ossness, Mrs. Mildred Feusi, William E. Smith.

Once again we would like to make the plea for blood. We will refer back to our January issue of 1959 where the brothers and their families in the Redding District donated a total of 75 pints of blood within 60 days. This was definitely a record set in this district. The blood bank was created for you and is available at any time for you and your families, so what do you say, let's really get out and try to make our goal in Redding 100 pints this year. If you wish to donate blood, please call our office at CHestnut 1-0158 and Jeanne will take your name and tell you where and when we will meet to make the donation. Since our last major drive for blood we have released approximately 42 pints to various members and their families. Let's make two New Year's resolutions: (1) That we will work safely and (2) that we will donate a pint of blood.

We are still holding checks in the Redding Office for the following named brothers: John Geddes, Robert Howard, C. C. Osborn, C. K. Stephenson, Willie Hogue, Robert G. Montgomery, J. M. Roth, O. C. Taylor.

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Brothers Howard Arnold and Ervin Walker who are at present hospitalized and we are most happy to report that Brother Claude Brown, who was injured in an automobile accident over a year ago, is at last back to work and getting along very well. We are sorry to hear of the death of Brother Jack Lloyd who was a member of Local No. 3 for a number of years.

Again we would like to remind the brothers in the Redding District that we have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 20, 1960, at the Eagle's Hall so please try to attend. The Grievance Committee meets in the Redding Office on Thursday nights between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. and the office is open during that time for your convenience.