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## Local 3 reports 22 gold dredge firms signed up; organizing to continue

By OTTO E. NEVER  
Business Representative

This work has now simmered down so that the business representative of each territory can do whatever organizing might be necessary. We have 22 dredges under closed shop agreement, nine under negotiation for agreement, and seven under process of organization. Further negotiations will be handled by the local business agent and the San Francisco office.

We now have approximately 700 members in the gold dredge division and more will be added as the remaining boats are signed on closed shop contracts. The boats are located from Siskiyou County in the northern part of the state to Merced County in the south central part.

### Low Wage Scale

The scale of wages is distinctly too low, and although we have made some headway in better wages and working conditions, we still have a long way to go. An increase that would bring the wage up to a satisfactory level could be secured if the price of gold were increased or if the operators were allowed to export gold.

The price of gold in the U. S. is \$35.00 per ounce, which nets the miner about \$29.00. The price in some foreign countries is as follows:

Argentina	\$ 51.00
Chile	43.00
Greece	110.00
Cairo, Egypt	81.00
Iraq	97.00 to 100.00
Bombay, India	66.00

### Hope From Congress

If the new Congress is inclined to give industry a break, then increasing the price of gold would surely be an indication of its willingness to give the West its just opportunity. No other industry is so handicapped as is the gold mining industry. If you would give your fellow worker a break, write or wire your Congressman to assist Congressman Clair Engle of California District One in his fight for free gold or the right to export gold.

Congressman Clair Engle is the only whole-hearted supporter that we have in the lower house. It only takes ten minutes of your time and a three-cent stamp to notify your congressman, so get busy and do your share to give our boys in the dredge division the break they deserve.

### Burnett on Job

Brother Dave Burnett, formerly winchman for Natomas Co. will be the business representative policing the dredgers from Folsom south. We know that Brother Burnett will do a thorough and sincere job of looking after the brothers' welfare, so give him a hand.

In closing, I wish to thank the Gold Dredge members for their help in organizing and to assure them that this organization is solidly behind them in their effort to secure better wages and working conditions.

## Dredger News

By T. D. BRYSON  
Business Representative

Since my last report, there has been very little new happening in the Dredging industry.

The Dredge Dwamish finished up at Pittsburg and moved into the Richmond yard. This was the last of the S. F. Bridge Co.'s dredges that was working, so they have five dredges tied up and have laid off most of their men except a few at their Richmond yard doing repair work. The American Dredging Co. has their three dredges tied up, and from last reports, they haven't anything in sight. From this report it looks like we would have a large surplus of dredgemen. We have been able to place all those who have reported in on other jobs with a few exceptions where the men will not accept the minor jobs on equipment.

### Clamshell Prospects

The clamshell dredges are all busy and the prospects seem to be much better for clamshell work than they are for suction dredge work.

The boys on the State Harbor dredges are happy now as they have just received their raise up to the Dredge Owners' scale, retroactive to June 1, 1946. This will mean quite a little dough for these Brothers. While it took quite a long time to get it, we were at no time in doubt of the final outcome.

It is a mystery where all the deckhands go. It doesn't seem to make any difference how many dredges shut down, we are nearly always looking for deckhands.

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## AFL TO STEP UP SOUTHERN UNION DRIVE

Chicago, Illinois.

Encouraged by its success in organizing southern workers, the AFL looked forward to a broad membership drive throughout the U.S. and its territories as it ended its 65th convention here.

As they drove toward adjournment one day earlier than scheduled, the delegates overwhelmingly indorsed an organizing committee recommendation that the executive council formulate plans to raise money for a national campaign similar to the Dixie drive.

"The outstanding successes of the southern organizing drive," the committee said, "are indicative of the unlimited potentialities awaiting the AFL in an extensive membership drive of a similar nature throughout the U.S. and its territories."

A like proposal introduced by delegates from the Intl. Handbag Luggage Belt & Novelty Workers Union, was indorsed but portions of the resolution calling for an organizing fund of \$10 million and establishment of a special organization department were referred to the executive council.

## AFL probe reveals huge rise in food cost over 7-year period in U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The almost unbelievable climb in living costs in the United States in the last seven years is thrown into bold relief by a comparison of food advertisements published in Washington newspapers in June, 1939, and those appearing November 1, 1946.

Increases as high as 500 and 600 per cent were noted in basic and routine items on the average American table.

In the field of meat an examination of the advertisements by the same chain store revealed that rib roast of beef on June 23, 1939, was being sold in Washington at 25 cents a pound and had soared by November 1, 1946, to 69 cents a pound.

Chuck roast, which seven years ago sold for 15 to 17 cents per pound, is being currently offered at 45 cents.

Leg o' lamb, which went begging at 27 cents a pound, now draws 55 cents, if and when it can be had.

Pork roast in the middle of 1939 was being advertised here at 11 cents a pound. Today it was listed at 63 cents a pound.

Hams, which sold seven years ago at 25 cents a pound, today bring 49 cents.

Veal cutlets, priced at 33 cents in 1939, today are 69 cents a pound.

Eggs were advertised in 1939 at two dozen for 35 cents. Today a single dozen sells for between 49 and 75 cents.

Peas back in 1939, in No. 2 cans, were being advertised two cans for 23 cents. Today they are being offered at from 13 to 29 cents for the same size can.

Coffee was being advertised in 1939 at two pounds for 35 cents. Today the same brand is being offered at two pounds for 61 cents.

Tuna fish, which seven years ago sold at two seven-ounce cans for 23 cents, today costs 34 cents per can.

Sliced peaches, which could be purchased in 1939 at two cans for 25 cents, now sell for 25 cents per can.

These are only a few typical examples of the enormous soaring in American living costs within the last seven years. Attention has been called repeatedly by labor leaders to these steadily increasing living costs as justification for requests for pay revisions. Speculation plays no part in these reports. They are taken solely from paid advertisements in daily papers.

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## Chemical Labor Gets Portal to Portal Contract

Midland, Michigan.

Six years portal-to-portal back pay and a veterans bonus, in addition to the regular contract were accepted by membership vote of Dow Chemical Co. local of Dist. 50, United Mine Workers (AFL). Back pay for 11,000 workers and \$10 a month bonus for vets, with a maximum of \$100, will total \$4,656,000. The back pay is retroactive to Sept. 9, 1940.

## New wage scale to Nevada boys bringing smiles

By H. L. SPENCE  
Business Representative

Reno—All the contractors are paying the new wage scale approved by the Wage Adjustment Board and all of the Dear Brothers are happy and really appreciate the raise in pay.

There is another State job advertised to be let on November 7th, 1946, between Elko and Lamoille.

Silver States Construction Co. has finished their job at Imlay with the exception of the seal coat which they will do next year.

I understand Andy Drumm's pulls are moving up to haul some select on Dodge Const. Co's job at Battle Mountain. Sounds like a good deal.

### Strong Jobs Perk

Both of Strong Company's jobs are going full blast with two shifts on both jobs. Brother Fisher is shifter. Brother James Bryson is boss, also Stewart, and he really keeps the boys in line from both ends.

Hunt and Frandsen have two blades left on the Elko job, but they are really going to town on their job at Eureka, Nevada, with five pulls, three or four cats and a Model 6, Northwest, with Chubby Lane as Operator on the North West, and Brother Heanon as foreman. Brother Ding Turner is also foreman on the same job at Eureka.

### Cram at Wells

Roy Cram has about three weeks or a month for his Terra Cobras on the job East of Wells, Nevada. Brother Al Jensen is still Heavy Duty Repairman, also Stewart on the job. It is getting awful cold in that part of the country for Al, but I think he can take it for a while longer.

W. W. Clyde Construction Company's road job at Valmy is going along O. K. with Brother Red Clark as foreman and Brother George Yukich as shovel operator and steward. They have a few ups and downs, but it is a darn good union job.

Barney Stoutenburg's job is progressing very nicely. He has a good steady union crew on his job. No trouble at all.

I would like to report that Brother Ernest Gressott dropped in to the Reno office to say hello. He is tops when it comes to deer hunting. He had "extra" good luck while hunting here.

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A sign in a western town reads: "4,076 people died last year of gas in this state, 29 inhaled it; 47 put a lighted match to it; and 4,000 stepped on it."

**Report of last meeting**

Meeting called to order at 8:05 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all of the officers present. President Clancy announced that the Executive Officers had chosen Brother Paul Edgecombe to fill the unexpired term of Brother Schattgen, deceased, as Guard. There were approximately 140 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of October 19 and of November 2 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A communication was received from the Community Chest. It was regularly moved and seconded that the members be instructed to contribute to the Community Chest in the districts in which they live. Carried.

A communication was received from the Fire and Police Campaign Committee on Propositions Nos. 1, 4 and 7. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Union endorse Propositions Nos. 1, 4 and 7 and that the members be requested to support these Propositions at the polls. Carried.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Alice Gringel, Rose Johnson and family, Mrs. Nell Parker and Jennie Jenkins, Mrs. G. G. Hood and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Jenkins.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Ramon P. Doyle, Leslie R. Gilbert, Benford Rippey, John Wall, Charles E. Clark, John L. Kugler, Earl J. Cazier, George Borsen, William Summers, John P. Coelho, A. E. Bigley, J. Cavaliere, G. Middelstadt, R. J. Maxey, H. R. Ford, T. K. Moore, Sam Scoville, Gus Woldberg, Alex Klemin, Al Gianinni, James A. Stark, Carl Kopf, A. Cleveland, G. B. Sawtelle, J. W. Leamaster, D. W. Larison, M. L. Utterback, David Stein, E. H. Ensminger, S. H. Meyer, H. E. Fitzgerald, R. Peterson, Paul Young, Bill Craig and Harry Michelsen.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Albert C. Gringle, James H. Clifton, Richard Eustice, Geo. G. Hood, Chas. L. Parkes, Robert Jenkins, Geo. J. Kern, Ralph L. Price and Manuel Maciel.

Brother Claude Fitch, Manager of Local No. 39, was introduced. His remarks were well received by the members.

The Business Agents gave their reports which were received by the members.

Under the Good of the Order, there was a general discussion in regard to the coming election. Several of the members spoke in regard to the Campaign of Senator Shelley, Will Rogers, Jr., and Edmund Brown, all concurring in the endorsement of these candidates.

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

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

**Stockton holds up well, but lack of housing is biggest fly in ointment**

By ED DORAN  
Business Representative

**Stockton**—Stockton has been good as far as work for members is concerned, but housing is still our big problem here.

There are at least ten housing projects under construction now, but it is not encouraging to the members who are not war veterans. These housing projects are being rushed to completion for the benefit of veterans and their families who are justly entitled to them. However, there should be housing available to other workers.

The Hubert-Everest Co., which has the Prime Contract to build a section of the Delta-Mendota Canal, has moved in enough construction equipment to build ten canals. Although all this equipment is on the job, we have ten engineers employed on the project.

**Project on Canal**

Morrison & Knudsen Company have a large contract on the Delta Mendota Canal but have no equip-

ment or personnel on the job site at present. Their portion of this Canal lies between Byron and Westley with Tracy in the center of the job.

S. M. Gaw has a new truck crane which is being operated by Bill Johnson. Observers say that he is an expert considering the damn thing has no outriggers and a 60-ft. boom. The McGaw Com-

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**Krug's visit to Fresno peps up valley projects**

By H. T. PETERSEN  
Business Representative

**Fresno**—Probably the most important event of last month of interest to the engineers generally was the visit of Secretary of the Interior Krug to this District. Meetings were held with various irrigation districts and it was pointed out to these people that it was vitally important that they consolidate on a plan to assume payment of that portion of work of the Central Valley Project coming under canal construction and laterals in order to insure the continued appropriation of funds. Your representative attended one of these meetings and I feel that the farmers will get together now to assure the continued extension of these projects.

The Consolidated Steel Co. have moved into Friant and are starting to put up the cable ways for the placing of drum gates at the Dam site. This job is good for approximately 7 or 8 months.

The Kiewit Company have started their lining operation and most of the bugs worked out of the special equipment that is used for this work. They are now making fair progress in the operation.

**Canal Aggregate**

Geo. Pollack Co. still making aggregate for the Canal and there is some talk of an extension to their present contract.

Bechtel Bros. McCone are still working on Dry Creek Siphon.

Morrison & Knudsen & Hasler Companies have just about completed the erection of their new 10 yard monoghan. They expect to have same in operation about the 7th or 8th of November, at which time all their operations will work a 6-day week.

Arizona-Nevada Constructors have finally started working a 6-day week but they are still waiting for the government to assure them of right-of-way on the lower section of the job.

**Start Highway Job**

Gunner Corp. will start soon on their new highway job south of Fresno and have just started pouring cement on their Merced job.

Hanrahan Company is making excellent progress on the airport at Merced and will probably finish up in about six weeks.

There is plenty of land levelling going on with several outside outfits moving in on this work.

Clyde Woods Co. have about completed their work at Big Creek, Huntington Lake area. There is now talk of a new dam to be constructed for the Southern California Edison Co. Reports are that this will be a three season job.

The way it appears now there should be no let-up in the amount of jobs available throughout the winter, however, as always, we are having a lot of members moving in from the north.

Don't forget the next regular meeting is postponed due to the fact that it falls on Thanksgiving Day.

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**A LITTLE PRECAUTION**

After a well-known and popular midget died, his widow was receiving the mourners in the parlor below. All day long friends poured in and out, going up to take a look and coming down to say the usual consoling things. Around mid-afternoon the widow asked one of the guests if he had happened to shut the door after him upstairs.

"No, I didn't," answered the mourner. "Why do you ask?"

The widow replied, "Then you'd better go and shut it. The cat's had him downstairs three times this morning."

**Seasonal tapering off in San Jose area; freeway fast nearing completion**

By M. G. MURPHY  
Business Representative

**San Jose**—Work in this locality is beginning to taper off slightly but in no sense of the word has it created a major unemployment problem. We may have a brother out of work now and then but usually the period of unemployment is of short duration. Some of the larger jobs are finishing up, however, and with winter coming on we do not expect too much activity in this district for the next few months.

The Freeway job on which N. M. Ball is the principal contractor is rapidly nearing completion since they have been receiving a steady flow of aggregates from the old P. A. C. plant near Coyote. (This plant is under the operation of Marks Bros. from Tracy, who employ five or six of our brothers.) Frederickson and Watson have their work on the underpass about eighty percent completed. These two contractors having completed all of their excavations and finish grade are now transferring many of the brothers to jobs in other localities—principally Hester's territory, near Redding.

**At Moffett Field**

Pittsburg-De Moines are experiencing great difficulty in getting steel for their new tunnel which was let so many months ago, but I have been informed that they now expect a steady flow before long. Possibly we will have Brothers Billy Solden and Pless as steady employees there very shortly. J. H. Pomeroy Co., who have the contract for reinforcing and framing in hangar No. 2, are going right ahead but they expect to be there at least until after Christmas.

**San Jose Doings**

The J. C. Penney job at First and Santa Clara, which is being done by McDonald, Young and Nelson, is nearing completion. Kiss Crane Service are now right across the street busy demolishing the old Bean Building to make way for the new modern \$1,000,000 store building which is to be erected for Roos Bros. San Jose is moving right along and is fast developing into a real city. Stone and Webster are still going strong on their chemical plant (the American Bridge Co. are erecting the steel and will be there for several weeks yet). Brother Johnny Johnson, who is superintendent for Condict Crane Co. (a new contractor in these parts) is keeping a full gang busy on their many steel erecting jobs. No doubt a number of brothers will remember Johnny from O'Shaughnessy Dam, where he was a rigging foreman. Johnny informs me they expect to get another new crane, a Bay City, in the near future. San Jose Steel Co. are also quite busy on their many steel erecting jobs. Carl N. Swenson has just about completed the Beechnut plant on Sutter Road. The A. J. Raich Co. are still busy on their subdivisions off Los Gatos Road and their many small jobs—too numerous to mention. Union Paving Company have their Bascom Ave. and San Carlos job about fifty per cent complete. As I said before, there are many more small jobs in progress in and around San Jose but it would take up too much space to mention all of them.

I am pleased to be able to report that the Rye Tractor Company recently signed our shop agreement. This was accompanied through the insistence of myself and the assistance of Brother Joe Riley. These people have a very nice shop and are worthy of the engineer's support, so any business that you can throw their way will be appreciated by them.

**Some Other Areas**

These towns are all still busy in the home-building and sub-division business. Monterey Sand Company in Monterey, have signed our Rock, Sand and Gravel Agreement and

we have harmony at last. Stanley Ball, at Monterey, will start pouring concrete on their highway job this week. They still have quite a ways to go yet, nevertheless, before the job is completed. A. Teichert & Co., as you know, were the successful bidders on the extension to their other job (which is 101). However, they have not as yet started any major operations other than a little clearing but will be doing so in the immediate future. I forgot to mention previously that Dottenville Construction of Salinas also signed our agreement and I believe harmony does prevail. According to information that I received recently, the Spreckles Sugar Co. are going to erect a factory in the extreme southern end of Monterey county.

**Gilroy Road Jobs**

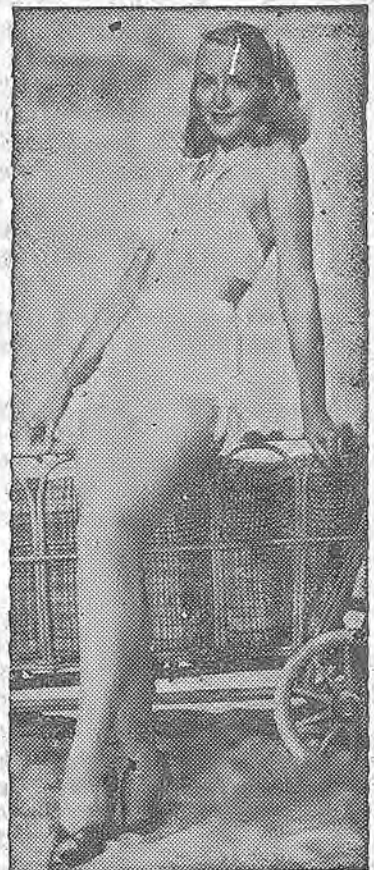
Granite Construction have started full operations on their Ferguson Road job under the supervision of Mr. Marks and are employing around eight or nine of our brothers. This job is a by-pass of Gilroy on the Pacheco Pass road to Los Banos and points east. The Bay Cities Engineering Co. have moved a new Lorraine truck crane in on the B. G. Manufacturing plant where they are erecting steel on the new structures which is an addition to this plant.

**Permanente Meeting**

For the information of members who are now employed at Permanente, there will be a meeting held December 7th between the representatives of the unions who are signatories to the agreement and the officials of the Permanente Corp. By the time the next issue of the "Engineers News" goes to press, I should have some definite information on our new agreement.

That is all, brothers, with the exception that I wish each and everyone of you A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

**Stand Back, Boys!**



Anglea Green, Hollywood beauty, wears this ultra-modern bathing suit fashioned with ultra-brief trunks. The beach should be crowded in her neighborhood. (Federated Pix)

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## Meeting in Oakland:

By T. J. ROBERTS  
Business Representative  
Oakland—The Oakland Section of Local 39 held its regular monthly meeting Monday evening, October 27, and it was a wonderful meeting, as over 200 members were present.

The different officers rendered very good reports of work accomplished in the past month. Bro. Swanson, an International trustee who has just returned from our head office in Washington, D. C., gave a very interesting report of conditions all over the entire country.

### Meet 3rd Monday

The members who did not attend this meeting missed something of interest, and we hope that all members who possibly can will attend our coming meetings, which will be held the third Monday of each month at the Oakland Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Many of the old-time members of Local 507 were skeptical of the present consolidated Local 39, but much good is being accomplished by the present local, as we are signing up new agreements giving our members more wages and shorter hours.

We have two members involved in the clerks' strike at Kala's Department Store, Oakland, and the entire labor movement is 100 per cent with the clerks. The officials of all the labor movement here are supporting the picket line, for, as we have five entrances to picket, it takes at least ten pickets. The public is with the unions, as very few people are going in the store.

## Report from Stockton:

By R. E. MCCARTHY  
Business Representative  
Stockton—New contracts have been signed with the National Union and Valley Ice Companies.

Golden State Milk Company is working under a contract negotiated and signed by a committee consisting of Brother Fitch, Brother Oughten, Brother Horrigan and Brother McCarthy. This contract will affect all Fluid Milk Plants in Northern California.

McCormack Baxter Crooseting Company are busy these days. They have two 10-hour crews going.

Our office secretary for this area is in the Stockton office at 805 East Weber Ave. each day except Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Come in and pay your dues and pass the time of day when you are around.

### Doings at Tracy

Tracy as an area of this triangle is moving along fast. Contracts have been negotiated and signed with a new industry, the Tracy Ice and Development Company. We have five engineers working in this plant at the Stockton scale of wages.

### Los Banos News

We have one plant in the Los Banos Dairymen's Association that is giving us a headache at the present time, but it won't be for long.

This report was written in a hurry, brothers, but next time I will spend more time and add a little humor. Even if we are just lowly business agents we try to look at the world through rose-colored glasses if possible.

### FR in Reverse

There's only a slight difference between Roosevelt and Truman, after all.

Roosevelt gave 'em hell, then started battling them.

Truman gives 'em hell, then gives them everything they want.

## Report from San Jose:

By RICHARD CHRISTIANSEN  
Business Representative  
San Jose—Since Local No. 39 has been established, and territories assigned and re-assigned, the following events, negotiations, contracts consummated, and acts have taken place in this territory.

Shortly after amalgamation was voted for, I was reassigned to territory of 165 only. Upon the date I was reassigned all contracts, etc., bearing on territory of 171 and 734 were turned over to the respective representatives appointed to territories now assigned me. Amongst the incompleting contracts which were under negotiation were the Sunlite, Langendorf Bakeries, and the Bank of America of San Jose, Calif.

The contracts for the Bakeries were taken up by Brothers Claude C. Fitch, our present district manager, and Leo Derby, business representative assigned to territory of Local 171. Likewise that for the Bank of America.

### Bakery Contracts

The contracts with the bakeries were then expedited and signed. The contract was written on a 40 hour week against the former 48 hour week. The chief granted \$65.00 per week; watch engineer \$52.50 and junior engineer \$42.50, effective October 1, 1946. Mr. Fitch was present at all but the last meeting with the Employers Council who represented the bakeries, and endeavored to have them accept the San Francisco scale.

### Bank of America

The contract with the Bank of America, with a scale of \$235.00 per month, 40 hour week, effective July 1, 1946, to Dec. 31, 1946, thence \$250.00 per month, on a 40 hour week, has been agreed to and signatures awaited thereto. This against a 48 hour week and \$210.00 per month. Negotiations were commenced in June of 1946.

The Low Temp. Corp., 481 Lincoln St., San Jose, Calif., has been contacted, the men being members of the Stationary Engineers Union, and a contract presented to the management which contract is being held up due to the Cannery Union being desirous of doing the negotiating for our men, and presumably a desire to have them affiliated with their organization.

The Pratt-Low Preserving Co. have also requested that our engineers be employed in their Cold Storage plant, and a contract likewise is held in abeyance pending the settlement of future negotiations.

### Salinas Doings

At Salinas we have signed up six men, engineers and maintenance men, but pending the settlement of an election between the CIO and AFL Teamsters, no contract will be signed by the company.

All engineers and pullers at the new Shippers Development Co. plant have also been signed up and contract is now being negotiated.

While considerable disapproval was expressed to the ordered increase in monthly dues, members express hopes that better conditions and wages will be gained, and believe that the extra \$1.00 now charged will prove to be well spent. Meetings being held monthly since the amalgamation are being better attended so far as members present than prior thereto and it is appreciated that the restoration of meetings in the respective territories was granted by brother and now district manager, Mr. Claude C. Fitch.

### Apply to You?

"Two hundred dollars for this beautiful sedan?" demanded an outraged motorist of a secondhand dealer. "Do you realize I've owned this car for eight years and never had a wreck?"

"What you mean," corrected the dealer, "is that you've owned this wreck for eight years and never had a car."

## Report from Sacramento:

By A. R. OUGHTON  
Business Representative  
Sacramento—Brother Tom Douglas who has been working at McClellan Field during war period is retiring from active work and asking for withdrawal from the engineers local. Best of luck to him in the future.

Brother Leo Normington, Senator Theater, and Brother Ramey of Hippodrome Theater are in quite a dither these days, why, who knows?

Brother Dan Hollenbeck, formerly employed at Alhambra Laundry, is now enjoying a 40-hour-week job with the Consumers Ice and Cold Storage Company.

Brother Ole Skov, who has been up in the hills for his health for several months, is now back in the fold and doing a bang-up job at Palace Laundry.

Brother W. Hale Mohr, who has been very active in government work at the shipyards, is now back in the harness and doing a good job at the Woodbridge Winery as chief engineer. Brother Marengo is very happy to be with him again along with their new scale; and Brother Bill Mohr, who is chief at Bradford Cellars, also seems to be happy with his new setup. Brother August Linneman who has been helping Bill Mohr is now taking over duties at Swanston's Packing Plant.

Brother Joe Devlin is now working at the Signal Depot, also Brother Joe Cerar, who gets around quite a lot, is also taking over duties at Swanston's Packing Company.

Why, oh way, Brother Palmer, have you got such a worried look on your face? Everything is O. K., cheer up.

Notice Brothers Jimmie Jackson and Don Smith are getting their heads together again. What's cooking boys—going to buy somebody a Christmas present?

Brother Stu MacDonald, chief at Sacramento College, and Cliff Hulbert, his assistant, are wondering if they are going to keep Brother Jones out of mischief for the next eight months. Good luck, brothers.

Brother Ira Smith is back on the job at Golden State Laundry after a tussle with a shaft with his little toe coming out second best. Be careful, Brother Smith, those shafts are harder than your toes.

Brother Ray Lanagir is hoping for the day when he can wear a pair of coveralls a full day without changing. Cheer up, Ray, the plant will be in order soon.

Things are kind of quiet these days in the Hotel Senator. Contract is open and I wish to thank these brothers for their support in negotiating this contract. Mum is the word until the contract is signed. Thank you.

Notice: C. M. Peterson, chief engineer at Sutter Hospital who has just gone through a major operation, is now at home convalescing—so come on, brothers, get around and say hello to Pete. He will be glad to see all of you. Be seeing you.

## STRIKE ONE!

While glancing through an old scrap book, Mrs. Charles Powell, of Rutland, Vermont, the Rutland Herald reports, came across the following clipping:

"The first strike in the United States took place in New York City in 1741, when a number of journeymen bakers combined and refused to bake until their wages were raised."

### Pome of Pashun

A man stopped his girl friend in Brussels  
And charged, "You are wearing two bustles!"

She declared, "That's not true; It's a thing I don't do. You are merely observing my muscles."

## Advantages Of Merger

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chase stamps and send mail for the same price any place in the United States. Then oil, rubber, steel and many other large industries followed the same course to further their power in controlling the markets of their product. Labor is now beginning to see the benefits in consolidation to also increase the standard of living and conditions. We are the first to my knowledge (our International) to pioneer in this undertaking and are being watched by many other unions in this venture. The engineer must begin to realize he is the backbone of industry. Through his services he operates and maintains the nation's power plants which is the life line of this great nation and which every phase of our life depends on.

We have been cited by our War Department through our International Union that the Engineers' Union was one of the greatest contributors to the success of winning the war by being able to supply engineers to the most critical points where they were needed at the proper time and we still maintain we can be of equal importance in winning the peace.

### Enter New Field

We are now entering into a new field which is expanding to a great extent, known as the food preserving or low temperature plants. These plants employ many engineers and as they are located mostly in the rural districts, are pleasant places to work. By having full time business representatives in the field we are now able to contact these plants.

We are now, through the amalgamation, able to assist the representatives in the different localities to unionize and secure contracts in plants that could not be done before, and create a local that will be looked upon with pride and will be a benefit to all concerned.

## Oakland Report

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At the Paramount Theatre we have eliminated the split shift, and Brother Morris feels better, especially with the vacation period he so unexpectedly receives.

### Athens Club Beef

At the Athens Club we found a non-union man on the job as chief. It took a few hours to remove him and put Brother Johnny Walker in his place. We hear you are doing a good job, Johnny. No more non-union men work at our trade on this side of the Bay. Its true there are two men at Linde Air-Maloney and Dillon — but we think they will come along.

As for the other business agents, whom perhaps you have not met, it has been my privilege to sit with them many times and discuss this amalgamation. They feel as enthused as I do, and realize its possibilities. Take Brother Oughten, in the Sacramento area—his hobby is photography — perhaps we will see some of his work in our new Labor Paper, which will soon be in the mail. Then there is Brother Christiansen of the San Jose area—he too, is doing a fine job. Brother McCarthy of Stockton (an Irishman—one of the worst kind) has red hair. Then Secretary Carman, from the good fog area—however, it doesn't stop him from being right on the trigger. Leo Darby, another fog eater, has all the answers. Last, but not least, our Manager, Claude Fitch (generally known as Pop) very appropriate, I should say. When we call for help in dealing with some problem—he is on his bicycle and by our side — sure knows his stuff—sure does.

Well, I have already taken up too much room in this, our first bulletin, but wish to remind you brothers, when you want us, don't

## Cold weather in Redding doesn't stymie projects

By E. A. HESTER  
Business Representative  
Redding—There has been little change in this locality since my last report. About all I have to say is that things are going along well. Work is steadily increasing, only difficulty I have is trying to get men to fill the jobs.

Ball and Sons have started their Highway job between Shasta and Whiskeytown. This is a large job and will employ a number of our brothers for about one year. Brother Russell Webster is superintendent and Brother N. F. Beatty, Bill Pressly, Floyd Anderson and Loyall Ferdig are doing the pushing. So far we have cleared thirty engineers for this job and there will be room for about thirty more.

### Busy Despite Cold

It is not very cold in Cedarville now, but it does not seem to effect Brother Ribisi and his crew of Engineers. They are still going strong on this job.

Wixon and Crowe are employing several of our members on the right-of-way job in Trinity county. Ray Byers is also increasing his force on the same project.

The Phoenix Construction Company has finished the excavating on their job at Red Bluff. They will soon be moving to their new job on Highway 101, below Garberville.

### Add to Dam Crew

Morrison-Knudsen continues to increase their force on the Dam job at Fall River Mills.

We have had difficulty in supplying the Utah Construction Company with the men they call for.

Brother Bob Robertson recently moved three cats and three draglines into the Alturas district. He says he will have steady work for a number of our brothers for a long time to come.

Harms and Ball and N. W. Brown are continuing their Federal Road job in the Hayfork area.

Things seem to be going along nicely on the Proctor-Quhn job at Red Bluff.

### Scale for Dams

The Bureau of Reclamation is increasing their force on the Keswick and Shasta Dams and I have been assured that the operators on this job will soon be receiving our construction scale.

J. P. Brennan is well under way on his Sewage Disposal job with the city of Redding.

Brother Curley Duncan reports that everything is going well on George Stacey's job at Tule Lake. George was recently awarded another job in that district.

Brother John R. Archibald has turned in his Service Withdrawal Card and gone to work for Bill Jones.

The future in this area looks very bright with the Operating Engineers.

The former and so able Chief of Police John Balma, was elected Sheriff of Shasta County by a large majority.

### Over the Top

"I'll never forget the morning we first reached Niagara Falls," confided Mrs. O'Connor. "My husband's face dropped about a mile."

"You mean to say he was disappointed?" asked Mrs. Geis incredulously.

"Not at all," Mrs. O'Connor assured her. "He fell over the rim."

### Oh, Yeah! Department

Just let a wife say to an average husband: "You were so handsome tonight, dear. I was proud of you." Then watch his face light up with noble, unselfish joy because he has given pleasure to others.

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# News from the San Francisco office

By P. E. Vandewark, Pat Clancy and Chet Elliott, Business Representatives

**San Francisco**—Work in this area has been holding up remarkably well for this time of the year—numerous sewer jobs, down town construction of building, etc. We met with Chas. Harney Co. and straightened out the Consumers Rock (which is operated by Harney). Also straightened out some back pay for oilers and firemen on the asphalt plant. We went to Eureka to help Brother Bryson take care of a beef with the United Airlines on the fog experimental field at Arcata. Despite the red tape, we hope to have this matter straightened out this week.

We have attended special meetings in Folsom of members employed on the gold dredges, and a special meeting of the membership in the Sacramento area. We hope to have more meetings of the membership throughout the area in the near future.

We are still dealing with the Kenroyce Co. over our agreement. Mr. Kenroyce has raised the wages and we expect to have the agreement signed this week.

## Big Clinton Job

Clinton Construction has a large job increasing the capacity of the Richmond Sunset sewerage filtration plant. At this time there are three shifts on the pumps and compressors working around the clock seven days a week, also a clamshell rig busy on the job. M & K Corp. still has two large sewer jobs in progress, the Fifth and Market Street job and the 17th Street job, both of them being large concrete sewers furnishing considerable employment for our members, four crawler rigs, one piledriver and several compressors and pumps in operation.

Dinwiddle Construction Co. has two large buildings in progress, one at Fifth and Howard and the other at Stockton and Geary Streets. On this latter job there is quite a bit of steel erection which has just started. Both of these jobs will last for several months yet.

## Cahill Keeps Busy

Cahill Bros. have two large building jobs along with a number of smaller ones furnishing employment for hoist engineers and compressor operators. Rothchild, Harney and Haas and Barret and Hilp are still busy erecting a modern concrete and steel building. This project when finished will be one of the most modern clothing manufacturing plants that has ever been built anywhere in the United States. These buildings contain all of the latest lighting and ventilation features that it is possible for them to design. It will be a pleasure to view this project after it is completed, it will be almost a small city within itself.

Charles Harney Co. has several jobs in operation at this time, two of the largest being the street work and surfacing of the two old cemeteries, one on Calvary and the other on Post Street. These were famous landmarks for the past half century and in their place will be built multiple dwelling apartment houses and large stores. The remainder of his work is in the Sunset district levelling off the sand dunes for future home sites.

Standard Building Co. still has several rigs working on real estate development in the Lakeside district.

## Hunter's Point Jobs

At Hunter's Point there are sev-

eral contractors busy — American Bridge Co. still has several rigs working on their steel erection job; Macnson has a large number of utility jobs in laying sewers, steam lines and water lines. Peter Kiewit Co. has two large building jobs with hoists on both jobs along with compressors and pumps. J. I. Barnes Construction Co. are getting ready to make the concrete pours on the boiler and plate shop which will be one of the largest buildings at the Point. Erbenbraut and Summers have slowed up considerably on their construction of the six story reinforced concrete building on which they have two hoists and a crawler rig in operation. Eaton and Smith are still doing parking and street grading and paving work. Shovel and Truck Crane Service Co. have two rigs busy doing clamshell work within some of the buildings. Ben Gerwick will not be ready to start on his new building job until about the first of the year. They are still waiting for the remaining dredging work to be done and the fill to be completed.

Repair work at United Engineering, General Engineering and Bethlehem yards has been awfully slow caused mostly by the maritime strike which has been in progress now for several weeks. It doesn't look like this strike will be settled as soon as we had hoped for. Most of the ships needing repair work done upon them are either tied up in the bay or at ports and therefore are not available for ship repair.

Negotiations are on at present with the Civil Service Commission of the city and county of San Francisco to redraft certain classifications now under civil service to include the classifications to which our brothers are fully entitled.

Progress is being made in this respect.

## Peninsula District

Members of this union continue to enjoy the opportunity to obtain plenty of work in this area, at the present time one thousand brothers are working in the district.

The United Air Lines are busy on a large building project at the San Francisco airport, the Austin Co. are erecting the steel, Eaton and Smith doing the grading and the Raymond Concrete Pile Co. working two rigs driving the piling.

## Make the Dirt Fly

At the airport Macco M & K are doing very well with their fill job under the able management of O. H. Tucker, the project manager. This firm moves forty to forty-five thousand yards of dirt every twenty-four hours and this operation employs nearly 300 members of Local Union No. 3. During the past few weeks several of our brothers have been given promotions on this job. Brother Daley going on as day superintendent, Brother Buck Hope to night super, Brother Mayfield to shifter. The steward on the job is Brother Jim Arreger and he is handling his business in a first class manner.

Macco M & K have also started operations on the Bayshore Freeway, running this job in conjunction with the airport job and filling both directions from the airport haul job.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. are getting along very well on their project on the Bayshore Freeway. They are working long hours trying to finish ahead of the rainy season.

## Big Street Project

At San Mateo Brown & Keeble are busy on a half million dollar street and subdivision job, several

cats and tournapulls working there. Bro. Al Litton is in charge of these operations.

R. A. Farish has another grading job at the Buri Buri Ranch. Several catskinners and Bro. Boyd Gable as shifter are busy here.

Ralph Neff and Joe T. Allen are back from Guam and working somewhere in the territory, also S. A. Smith.

Leo Dehony, who was employed by J. H. Pomeroy, is now an expeditor for the U. S. Navy and is bringing his family out to Guam also.

## Our Sick List

Wm. G. Raney deposited his Service Withdrawal card and after a sojourn in the hospital, due to war-incurred injuries, is now back to work.

Charles Galloway, shovel operator, hurt on the Macco M & K job when a rock rolled off the top of the cut and rolled up into the machine, injuring his chest and arm, has not yet returned to work. Tex Strickland is doing fine back on the job. Angelo Pardini who burned his hands in an electrical explosion at Golden West quarry is now back at work with his partner, Jim Marritt, who is the plant engineer.

Stanley Meyers, injured on the Devincanzi job, is now working in San Mateo for L. C. Smith. Sammy Campbell is back to work for Healy-Tibbitts at Oyster Point in So. City. Jimmy Bourbin who is employed by the State Harbor Commission had the misfortune to break his elbow recently. Nick Thill and Leonard Winns recently injured at Hunters Point, are still at St. Mary's Hospital and would like to have any of the brothers who can drop in to visit.

# Daily report of awards for construction jobs

Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK  
October 11, 1946

**OAKLAND, CALIF., contract** awarded to Erickson, Phillips and Weisberg, \$156,530, by City Clerk for const. of the Elmhurst Drainage culvert, 84th and 87th Aves.

**OAKLAND, Calif., contr.** awarded to Edwin J. Tobin, \$19,984, by City Clerk, for const. of sewer in Mountain Blvd., between Sausal Creek and LaPuerta.

**OAKLAND, Calif., cont.** awarded to Edwin J. Tobin, \$7,182, by City Clerk, for const. of pipe conduit in Grand and Montecito Aves.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., cont.** awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., \$2,250, by Dept. of Public Works for asphalt conc. paving, etc. of De Haro St., betw. 16th St. and 200 feet north.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to Tyson and Watters Co., \$32,399 by State Div. of Architecture, for grading, roadwork and misc. work, Butte County.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract** awarded to Charles L. Harney, \$8,190, by Dept. of Public Works, for asphalt conc. paving, etc. of De Haro St., betw. 15th and Alameda.

**SAN MARINO, Calif., contract** awarded to S. Sarubica, \$14,957, by City Council, for installing sanitary sewer in Calif. and other streets in San Marino.

October 14, 1946

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to A. R. McEwen and C. M. Syar, \$136,870, by Calif. Div. of Highways, for 0.8 mi. grade cement treated base and plant-mix surf., betw. Northwestern Pac RR Grade and N. W. Pac. RR underpass.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., \$81,221, by City Clerk for grade, drain, surf, etc., Colma Terrace.

October 15, 1946

**DALY CITY, Calif., cont.** awarded to Chas. L. Harney, \$10,790, by City Clerk for grading, surf., etc. of Hillside Blvd., betw. Bismark St. and 250 ft. of Mission St.

**DALY CITY, Calif., cont.** awarded to Fay Improvement Co., \$2,358, by City Clerk for asphalt conc. paving, etc. of Niantic St., from Citrus to high school property.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., cont.** awarded to Lee L. Immel, \$17,150, by Dist. Eng. for 0.3 mi. in length, widened and paved with asphalt conc. on crusher base betw. 4th & 1st Sts., Rodeo, Contra Costa Co.

**STOCKTON, Calif., cont.** awarded to Fred T. Judd, \$692, by Dist. Engr. for painting and cleaning 1 truss span of steel bridge across the Mokelumne river, abt. 1 mi. N. of Clements, San Joaquin Co.

October 16, 1946

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to A. Teichert and Son, Inc., \$723,658, by Calif. Div. of Highways, for 6.7 miles grade, cr. run base and plant-mix surf. and seal coat, betw. 0.8 mi. N. of Crazy Horse Summit and Chittenden Rd.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to Bati Rocca, \$34,750, by Calif. Div. of Highways, for const., reinf. conc. slab bridge across Laguna Creek, 0.8 mi. N. of Elk Grove, in Sacramento Co.

**ALAMEDA, Calif., cont.** awarded to Heafey-Moore Co., \$15,865, by City Clerk for asphalt conc. surf, etc. on Maitland Dr. from Bay Farm Island Bridge to City Limits.

October 17, 1946

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to A. Teichert and Son, \$46,267, by County Sanitation Dist. for const. of steel force main from 1400 ft. east of Riverside Rd. to Sacramento river, located 2 miles south of Sacramento city limits.

**OAKLAND, Calif., cont.** awarded to Stolte, Inc., \$180,785, by East Bay Municipal Utility Dist. for const. of 2nd Mokelumne Aqueduct, from Walnut Cr. Tun. to Geary Rd.

October 18, 1946

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to Mercer, Fraser Co., \$39,392, by Calif. Div. of Highways, for const. pile and heavy stone rip-rap protection at Dyerville, Humboldt County.

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, cont.** awarded to Parson & Fife, \$105,235, State Road Comm. for 7.164 mi. gravel surf. road n. S. R. No. 3, betw. Ideal Beach & Laketown in Rich County.

October 22, 1946

**BERKELEY, Calif., cont.** awarded to Paris Bros., \$14,978, by City Clerk for const. of University Ave. reinf. conc. box storm sewer extension.

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, cont.** awarded to W. W. Clyde and Co., \$189,194, by State Rd. Comm. for approx. 5 mi. grade and drain Mt. Dell-Henefer Rd., betw. Mountain Dell and Big Mountain Summit.

**HAYWARD, Calif., cont.** awarded to Oakland Sewer Const. Co., \$15,330, by Oro Loma Sanitary Dist. for const. of conc. storm drain on

Hesperian Blvd. to Halcyon Dr. in the District.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to A. J. Peters & Sons, \$5,380, by State Div. of Arch. for water services and gas lines for Emergency Housing San Jose State College.

**STOCKTON, Calif., cont.** awarded to Fred J. Early, Jr., \$145,765, by County Clerk, for improvements to sewage system, San Joaquin General Hosp., involving 2,300 1-ft. of 8 inch. to 1 8 inch. intercepting trunk sewer lines.

**HAYWARD, Calif., cont.** awarded to Oakland Sewer Const. Co., \$87,000 by Oro Loma Sanitary Dist. for const. of vitrified sanitary sewers in the District.

October 23, 1946

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., cont.** awarded to S. J. Amoroso Const. Co., \$40,200, by Dept. of Public Wks. for const. of additional classrooms at School Cite No. 1, 2, 3, Ridge Point War Dwellings, S. F.

**SAN MATEO, Calif., cont.** awarded to Keeble & Brown, \$349,956, by City Clerk for grading, drainage and surfacing, etc., of Sunny Brae Unit No. 3, Subdiv. in San Mateo.

**SAN MATEO, Calif., cont.** awarded to Keeble & Brown, \$155,234, by City Clerk for grading, surf. const. of sew. etc., in Sts. in San Mateo Knolls and Laurelwood Subdiv.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., cont.** awarded to Cahill Brothers, Inc., \$2,180,000, by Pac. Gas & Elec. Co. for const. of a 13-story extension on the Beale St. side of the general offices at 245 Market St.

October 24, 1946

**SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, cont.** awarded to W. W. Clyde and Co., \$189,194, by State Road Comm. for approx. 5-mi. grade and drain Mountain Dell-Henefer Rd. betw. Mountain Dell and Big Mountain Summit in Salt Lake County.

**RICHMOND, Calif., cont.** awarded to Lee J. Immel, (1) \$12,012, (2) \$1,859, & to W. H. Larson (3) \$11,221, (4) \$9,873 by Bd. of Education for paving portions of playground areas, etc. at (1) Alvarado, (2) Pullman, (3) Belding and (4) Harbor Gate Schools.

October 24, 1946

**OAKLAND, Calif., cont.** awarded to the Key System, \$10,247, by City Clerk for removal of tracks and preparation of subgrade on Broadway and College Ave., betw. Piedmont and N. City Limits, Oakland.

**MONTEREY COUNTY PLUMBING CO., \$55,900** by State Div. of Architec. for const. of underground water and sewer lines at the Medium Security Prison, Soledad.

**SAN BRUNO, Calif., cont.** awarded to Electric Const. Co., \$13,400, by City Clerk for const. of the Mills Park Lighting System at San Bruno, Calif.

October 25, 1946

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., \$847,215, (adjusted price) by Calif. Div. of Highways, for realignment portion S. S. No. 1 & const. of struts at Mitchell and Hare Creeks and foundations of bridge across the Noyo river, betw. Bromely Creek and Ft. Bragg, Mendocino County.

**RICHMOND, Calif., cont.** awarded to J. Henry Harris, \$32,725, by Bd. of Educ. for grading, drain, & const. of track and sprinkler system, Athletic Field, El Cerrito Hills.

October 28, 1946

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Ind., \$19,441, by City Clerk for asphalt conc. paving, etc. in East Sacramento Terrace.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., \$10,315, by City Clerk for grading surf, etc., on 58th St. betw. Monte Vista Village and 5th Ave.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., \$3,167, by City Clerk for grading, surf, etc., on 8th Ave., betw. 56th and Conley Tract.

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to J. R. Reeves, \$38,718, by City Clerk, for asphalt conc. paving, etc. in Folsom Blvd. Tract.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., cont.** has been awarded to Austin Co., \$2,000,000, by United Air Lines, for const. of a 260 by 480 ft. 2-story steel and concrete building and three hangars, each 130 by 130 ft. for airplane repair and maintenance base at S. F. Airport.

**EAST ELY, Nevada, contract** awarded to Arne Oas by Board of Trustees, for General Const. \$6,300, fixed fee, of East Ely Grade school bldg.

October 29, 1946

**OAKLAND, Calif., cont.** awarded to Ransome Co., \$51,520 by City Clerk for surf., etc., on Broadway betw. Piedmont Av. & College Av. **SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., cont.** awarded to Fred T. Fairey, \$5,768, by Public Utilities Comm. for lay-

ing 8" cast iron water mains in Pennsylvania St. and Geneva Ave.

**OAKLAND, Calif., cont.** awarded to L. M. Clough Co., \$112,465, by Port of Oakland for tailgate delivery of 166,000 T rock fill of 2nd grade excavation, quarry waste or other suitable material for Doolittle Dr. Ext., Oak. Mun. Airport.

**FRESNO, Calif., cont.** awarded to Pac. Pipeline & Engrs., \$2,150, by Calif. State Div. of Arch. for const. of gas, water and sewer lines at Fresno State College.

**BERKELEY, Calif., contract** awarded to Malott & Peterson \$766 (1) \$887 (2) by City Purchas. Agt., for resurf. with Laykold surf. at (1) Codornices Tennis Court & (2) Grave St. Tennis Court.

November 4, 1946

**SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract** awarded to Steve Rados, \$147,820, for const. 30" & 42" outfall sewer line on Fruitridge Rd. & 30" line on Franklin Blvd., Sacramento.

November 6, 1946

**OAKLAND, Calif., Bonds** in the amount of \$12,000,000 have been voted by the electorate of East Bay Municipal Utility District in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, to finance const. of the second Mokelumne Aqueduct.

**OAKLAND, Calif., Bonds** in the amount of \$23,500,000 have been voted by electorate of Special Dist. No. 1, East Bay Mun. Utility Dist., for const. of the six-city sewage disposal project.

**SANTA CRUZ, Calif., Bonds** in the amount of \$400,000 were voted by City of Santa Cruz to finance const. of sewage treatment plant, outfall tunnel by-pass sewer line, lift station and siphons, reconstruct present sewer, new lateral and intercept-sewers and pumping equipment in Santa Cruz.

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## Super-Legerdemain

People used to pay to see a magician take a rabbit out of a hat. Recently—for nothing—they could see a butcher take a whole cow out of nowhere—as soon as ceiling prices were removed.

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## Conversation Unpreferred

**BARBER**—"Your hair is getting gray, sir."  
**CUSTOMER**—"I'm not surprised. Hurry up."

# What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, Joe Riley and Joe Walther, Business Representatives

**Oakland**—The report for the news letter will of necessity be brief inasmuch as the work has been of a routine nature. However, the number of men on the out of work list has been reduced considerably, due, no doubt, to the fact that several of the contractors seem to be putting forth considerable effort to clean up their jobs before the rainy season sets in.

We are still engaged in the trade dispute with the Blackwelder Manufacturing Company and Blackwelder Iron Works of Rio Vista. The Boiler-Welders and the Blacksmiths are working in conjunction with us in this fight and we are confident that it will be settled to the satisfaction of organized labor.

## San Pablo Widening

J. R. Armstrong is still engaged in his street widening project in San Pablo. This project is one which the community has been very badly in need of for a long time, and we are looking forward to the time when there will be a four lane highway all along this congested thoroughfare.

The C. Dudley De Veibiss Company have practically all of their

equipment out of the yard at the present time working on various jobs in this vicinity and other areas within the jurisdiction of Local No. 3.

## Buran Equipment Co.

In a community which is justly proud of its rapid development and industrial growth we have felt for some time that the strides made by the Tractor and Equipment firms in this area are worthy of special comment, not only because they are so closely allied with our work but also because they represent the up and coming type of organization that is doing much to make the East Bay one of the major industrial areas of the West. Therefore, we have been devoting space to the history of these companies in our monthly news letters. This month we have asked the Buran Equipment Company to

give us a brief resume of their development, and we wish to thank them for the time and effort which has been put forth in compiling a portion of the following article, which we take pleasure in passing on to you:

Buran Equipment Company has for several years been one of the leading distributors of construction, roadbuilding, and logging equipment in Northern California. The company started from scratch in July, 1942 as exclusive distributors for Allis-Chalmers industrial tractors; and during the war years, under the aggressive leadership of Mr. Louis F. Buran and Mr. Irving R. Kraemer, the company added numerous other lines of allied equipment. Today Buran Equipment Company stands as a fast-growing and well-diversified distributor with a large parts and service department and a substantial fleet of rental equipment.

## Offices in Oakland

The company maintains its principal office at 777 100th Ave., Oakland, with a modern shop and parts department adjacent to the execu-

tive and accounting offices. The company has a branch at 56 West Fifth St., Eureka, where a parts stock and service department are likewise maintained for the benefit of the logging and construction industries throughout the northwestern part of the State.

The parts and service department at Oakland is under the supervision of Mr. Laurence J. (Butch) Fontes and employs 10 heavy duty repair men and helpers, all of whom are members of Local No. 3 of the Operating Engineers. Relations between Buran Equipment Company and Local No. 3 have always been extremely cordial, and both the union and the management have benefitted from the mutual friendship and cooperation during their period of association. Shop work includes both the repair of heavy equipment and assembly of new units. The shop work is extremely varied, as the repair jobs cover a wide range of gasoline and diesel engines, truck cranes, tractors, bulldozers, winches, power shovels, pumps, compressors, etc.

The Eureka operation is at present under the direction of Mr. Harold A. (Curley) Hill and the work in that area is largely directed toward servicing of logging equipment such as heavy tractors, logging winches and arches, large diesel generator sets, and power units. The Eureka branch employs four mechanics and a parts man who cover a wide territory north of Santa Rosa.

## 7 On Sales Staff

Buran Equipment Company employs seven salesmen who cover most of the northern part of California, representing in addition to the Allis-Chalmers tractor line, such major manufacturers as Gar Wood Industries, Pacific Car & Foundry, Isaacson Iron Works, Joy Manufacturing Company, the Frank G. Hough Company, Quick-Way Truck Shovel Company, and many others. The company has always followed an aggressive, intelligent merchandising program, which has been amply backed by an able program of supplying its customers with necessary repair parts and service.

## Getting around the jobs

The Harms Brothers job out at Willow Pass is moving right along, with Brother Jim Henry, as foreman and Brother J. G. Burns acting as steward.

At the last report the Parrish Brothers' job at Martinez was going along about the same as usual.

Brother Jes Collett is operating crane for Bechtel Brothers, McCone at Avon, where they recently started a remodeling and repair job for the Associated Oil Company. There is considerable new construction work in conjunction with the contract but it has not been started yet.

The Ben C. Gerwick Company is working their new yard in Richmond. This company has three drivers working at the steel mill in Pittsburg and is employing about six members at the Salt Water Station at the Standard Oil Plant in Richmond.

J. H. Pomeroy is adding to the crew from time to time on their job at Pittsburg.

In the Rio Vista area Brother Norm Brown of the Delta Construction Company and Manuel Asta of the Asta Construction Company have several of the members busy on various small jobs in the surrounding district.

## Finish Grading Job

Fredrickson and Watson are finishing the grading job at the Hercules Powder Plant in Pinole and are moving their equipment from the job.

Harvey Russell has approximately 18 men working two shifts leveling land out at Fontana Farms. A. A. Murphy, who is also engaged in land leveling, has five men working for him out in the Farrar Park area.

## Beefs Ironed Out

During the past month we have had considerable difficulty with the Pacific Pipeline Construction Company on their job at Rio Vista. However, all these minor beefs have been straightened out to the satisfaction of our members.

Brother Mickey Morgan, who is now head of the M.G.M. Construction Company, recently purchased considerable equipment and is engaged in laying water mains and digging cesspools for new housing installations around Concord and Walnut Creek.

Stolte Harrelson have about 18 members working on the Overpass job at Fifth Avenue, at this time. Brother Percy Hauck is acting as steward on this job.

## Ransome Contract

The Ransome Company was recently awarded a contract for construction of a four-foot center strip on Broadway between College and Piedmont Avenues. The Key System will remove the tracks and Ransome will get started on their portion of the job as soon as the rails are taken up. Provisions will be made for the eventual installation of electroliners and it is expected that the whole project will take between three and four months to complete.

Excavators, Inc. recently announced that aside from their major project at the Columbia Steel Mill in Pittsburg, they have 16 other jobs in operation. The majority of these are in the Lafayette, Walnut Creek and Orinda area. The company has one Master Mechanic, seven Heavy Duty Mechanics, three Welders, ten Oilers, twenty-five Cat Skinners and four Foremen in their employ.

Although work is practically at a standstill at the Fairfield-Suisun Airbase, M. K. Stolte still has a few of our members out there.

## Many Agreements

During the past month we have signed agreements with the following companies: Bechtel Brothers, Dave and J. E. Conklin, Earth Movers, Inc., Guinn and McNamara, Perry A. Hadden Construction Co., Lacey Trucking Company, M.G.M. Construction Co., Osborne Engineering Co., F. Stamm and Son and Fred Waybright. Within the past three months we have either renewed or signed agreements with 29 contractors employing engineers in this area.

Things are very quiet in the yards along the Estuary at this time. General Engineering has curtailed forces once again and there now are only three of our members working in this yard. Graham is still marking time, while Brother "Tiny" Wallace is holding down the only engineer's job at Master Builders. Right now United and Moore Drydock seem to be about the busiest yards around Oakland.

## Many on Small Jobs

Quite a number of the brothers are employed by local contractors on various small jobs around the East Bay. J. H. Fitzmaurice has Brothers Phil Perrin, Bob Kessell, D. H. Mastin and Dominic Arata on his payroll. Brothers Carl Anderson and Albert Plahn are with Peerless Iron of Alameda, while R. C. King is keeping one member busy on a loader. George Peres, who has a considerable amount of work for the Standard Oil Company, has four members, Brothers

Manuel Gomez, Sid Martin, W. W. Morgan and Joe Gava, working in the plant at Point Richmond.

Bechtel Brothers McCone have 25 members working on their project at the Standard Oil Plant at Point Richmond, where they are engaged in doing repair work and building additions to the plant. This work is not of a very steady nature, due to the fact that it consists of numerous small jobs which must be done in a hurry to insure orderly and unimpaird operation of the plant.

## Heavy Jobs Stall

Due to the fact that it is the policy of the Government is to concentrate their efforts on the building

## News about the brothers:

We recently received word from the Van Houten family of Lemmon, South Dakota. These boys started in the contracting business around Oakland some time ago and since leaving this state they have continued in this same line of work. At the present time they own two carryalls and have two 'puls on order. They are engaged in a program of soil conservation and are moving about 30,000 yards weekly. They are doing very well on this work and report that they are the only union outfit operating in the territory.

## Mourn George Hood

It is with the deepest regret that we report the passing of Brother George Hood, who had been a member of the Operating Engineers for many years. Brother Hood was always a very ardent union worker and we feel that his passing is a great loss to the organization as whole. Aside from his capabilities which commanded the respect of his employers, he was by nature a kind and understanding man, which endeared him to the hearts of his fellow workers. The many buildings, docks and wharfs that he worked upon stand as visible monuments to his memory while the love and respect that he left in the hearts of his fellow men will live as a tribute to him as a man. He leaves his wife Marie, a son George and a daughter, Muriel Kerchen, to whom we extend our deepest sympathy. We can only hope that they will receive some comfort from the thought that though he has gone he has left an indelible impression of true brotherliness upon the hearts of the men who knew him.

Brother Gerald Prince, who got home from Japan on October 29th, dropped in at the office the other day to say hello and see what has been cookin' while he was away. In the Army for 20 months, he was overseas for the past 13 months

of additional homes for veterans, the heavy construction in this area has practically come to a standstill and we therefore do not anticipate any great amount of new construction work during the coming winter months. However, several companies have been able to go ahead with building and expansion programs. While this will not involve much work for members of our craft we will all benefit by it indirectly as it all indicates a step forward for our community as a whole. The Civilian Production Administration recently approved a group of 18 commercial and industrial building projects for the metropolitan area at an estimated cost of \$355,520. Along with this

with the Army Engineers. Most of this time was spent at Kakura on the island of Kyushu, Japan, where his outfit was engaged in construction of housing units for dependents of the servicemen stationed on the island. At the present time he is on terminal leave and will receive his discharge on December 6th.

## Several Sick

Several of the Brothers have been on the sick list during the past month. Brother Paul Young has been in the Alameda Hospital recovering from a broken leg, while Brother Bill Craig is in the East Oakland Hospital as the result of injuries received in a fall through the dock while working on the Pacific Pipeline job near Pittsburg. Brother Clarence Walker has been doing a stint in the Richmond Hospital recently—his being an emergency appendectomy. However, he is up and around now and will be ready to go back to work soon. Brother Harry Michaelson is confined to the Oakland Army Hospital. He has been ill for the past month and at the present time doesn't know how soon he will be released. Brother E. W. Cooper is in the Navy Hospital out at Oak Knoll undergoing treatment for malaria.

## Charles Parkes Dies

We regret to report the recent passing of Brother Charles Parkes. Stricken while on the job, Brother Parkes died very suddenly and his death came as a great shock to his family and many friends. He is survived by his widow, Nellie, and one daughter, Johnnie. To them we extend our deepest sympathy.

Brother Robert Jinkins is another of our members who passed away during the month of October. He, too, died after a short illness on the 9th of the month. We offer our sincere condolences to his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Jinkins.

group it was announced that a new steel fabrication plant will be erected in Oakland by Donald F. Gohl; and the Alameda Forge Company announced an industrial expansion program at their plant in Alameda. They expect to get the job under way within a very short time with Peerless Iron handling the steel erection on the project.

## Activity normal in Humboldt Co.; Never to return

By T. D. BRYSON  
Business Representative

**Eureka**—There is not much news from the Eureka district this month. Everything is going along nicely with just a slight shortage of cat-skinners at times.

The Basalt job at Crescent City is still going. It seems that the Engineers find more work to do after everyone thinks the job is finished. Brother Williams, who has been Steward on the job, left to go to work for Ray Byers at Snow Camp. Brother Ivan W. Barnes took over his duties as Steward.

## Piledriving Job

Mercer Fraser is going strong on their piledriving job for the Humboldt Plywood Mill at Arcata. They also have several other jobs running and are keeping a number of our members busy.

## Clams Are Busy

Mauer & Sons have two clams working at the C. B. I. yard in Eureka dredging out a place to park the power ship that the P. G. & E. has Eureka dredging out a place to park the power ship that the P. G. & E. has bought from the Government to use as a power house to help supply power for Eureka and vicinity. The air port job has not yet been settled after promising Brother Clancy and myself two weeks ago that they would have it all straight in a week. After waiting a week, went back to the job and found that nothing had been done, so it was decided that the best thing to do was to take it up with the United Air Lines officials in San Francisco, which we will do at the earliest possible date.

This will be the last report that I will make from the Eureka territory as Brother Never has finished the organizing work on the gold dredges and is going back to Eureka to take over his old territory on November 1, 1946.

# Round-up of the news from Utah

By C. L. Casebolt, T. L. Clark, C. R. Van Winkle and L. G. Ostler, Business Representatives

**Salt Lake—Weather conditions throughout the State of Utah recently have taken a turn for the worse and this has had a bad effect upon the work. One storm has followed another in close rapidity, culminating in a fifty-two hour continuous storm, which was a record of some sort or other. This stormy condition has forced many jobs to curtail operations or to close down completely. Despite this, registration of our unemployed remains small but the end of the hunting season may change this picture. We can only hope that the weather will clear up and remain clear for the next month or so. If this should happen, most of the jobs will continue to go until the weather stops them so we are informed by the contractors.**

On the whole, the cooperation of the contractors, under the agreement, is continuing successfully. Some trouble has been met with one or two of the contractors but these matters have usually been ironed out with little difficulty. In the majority of these cases the Association General Contractors have proven especially cooperative and have worked with us to see that the agreement is complied with. At the present time we are working on some needed changes in the agreement and present indications are that a number of improvements can be worked out this winter when negotiations commence. Most of our difficulties to date have been caused mostly by the inexperience of the contractors in working under written agreements and the inexperience of our own members. This will, of course, gradually eliminate itself as both parties become better acquainted with the advantages of working under written agreements.

## Hints to Members

In line with our remarks in the preceding paragraph, here are a few hints to our membership that will greatly help in our future relations with the contractors. These hints are written for your information and, if followed, will greatly assist your representatives in the advancement of your interests and the interests of your local union.

1. Be sure you're properly cleared to the job. Failure to be cleared will subject you to being ruled off the job and to having charges filed against you.
2. Before going to work, report to the steward. If there isn't one, get the gang together and elect one. If you are the first member on the job, you are the steward until there are three members. Then the three of you choose one of you as steward.
3. When you have chosen your steward, notify the nearest office of your union. Stewards must be approved by your Representatives and the Company notified. It is a good idea, also, every now and then, to hold short meeting with your steward and discuss the job.
4. Back up your steward. Report all violations of the agreement to him and see that he takes proper care of any violations in accordance with the agreement, but, whatever you do, abide by the agreement yourself.
5. Don't get mad and quit. Remember there is something wrong with every job and the next one may not be as satisfactory as this one—and it is hard for your union to make an adjustment for an employee. If, for some personal reason, you must quit, notify your

foreman or superintendent as soon as possible and arrange through them and your Business Representative for a suitable replacement. Remember, we are key men on the job—our leaving suddenly and without notice may cost other workers work and money, which they can ill afford to lose.

6. Obey orders and do a day's work. Remember you are as much a representative of your Union as your Business Representative and your future wages and conditions depend as much on you as on him. If the boss gives you an order that is wrong or in violation of your agreement, courteously point this out to him, if he insists, call in your steward and in the meantime do as he says. In this way proper adjustments can be made and conditions improved.

7. Don't take a brother member's place. Remember our laws prohibit this and seniority on construction jobs follows the equipment you operate.

8. Be sure to wear your button. Failure to have on your person in plain view the current quarterly working button will be sufficient reason for ruling you off the job. If you lose yours—get another one. Don't give away or lend your button to anyone else. To do so will only cost you a fine.

9. Check the other men on the job. Whether engineers or of other trades, and if any of them are not union members, report this fact to your steward and have him report it to your Business Representative.

10. Watch the jurisdiction of your Union. Report any violation of our jurisdiction to your Business Representative. Remember it is your jurisdiction and your means of earning a livelihood. Guard it like you would your property.

11. Read the agreement you are working under and understand it. If you are in doubt consult your Business Representative. Remember ignorance of the law will not excuse you.

12. Don't make any private or personal agreement with your employer that violates your agreements. To do so will only cost you a fine, suspension or expulsion, or both, from your Union.

13. Keep a record of the time you work. If you should have a dispute over your pay, your social security, unemployment compensation or industrial accident compensation, such records may be the only way that an accurate check can be made.

14. Keep your quarterly dues paid. Failure to do so may bar you from the benefits of your Union when most needed.

15. Read the By-Laws of your Union and the Constitution of your International. So that you will know your rights, privileges and duties. In this case knowledge may be golden.

16. Attend the meetings of your Union. In this way you can keep informed and we can build up a strong Union capable of protecting the membership.

17. Vote in the elections of your Union. Have your say as to who the officers shall be.

## Steel Negotiations

Considerable time has been spent during the past month in negotiations and conferences with the Geneva Steel Company. As many of you know, an agreement exists between that Company and the American Federation of Labor, an agreement which, by the way, by all standards of comparison is the best in the steel industry. Notice was served to the Company some time ago of the desire of the American Federation of Labor to negotiate a new agreement under the new directive issued June 26th.

The Company objected to the negotiation of a new agreement as long as the old agreement remained in effect and requested that the old agreement be cancelled. At the present time, this wasn't felt advisable. However, a number of difficulties with the Company were called to the Company's attention and some five days were spent in discussing the old agreement and attempting to reach mutually satisfactory interpretations. As this is written, some time is being spent in analyzing the interpretations of the old agreement arrived at in order that an intelligent approach can be made to the problem of whether or not it will be necessary to cancel the present existing agreement. As near as can be determined, a number of good advances were made in the interpretations and it may not be necessary to take any other action.

## AFL Sends Taylor

Due to the assignment of Brother Irvan J. Cary to other work in another part of the country, the American Federation of Labor sent Brother W. D. Taylor, Regional Director of the American Federation of Labor for the States of New Mexico and Arizona, into this area to assist us. Brother Taylor proved an able negotiator and a man thoroughly grounded in industrial problems but unfortunately was unable to remain, due to the press of business elsewhere. Pending the assignment of a permanent representative of the American Federation of Labor, Brother Van Winkle has been authorized by President Green to represent the American Federation of Labor with the Geneva Steel Company. As this has taken up considerable of his time, it was felt advisable to pass this information on to the membership so they can understand why he hasn't been on the jobs as much as usual of late.

## Help in Wyoming

Brothers Casebolt and Van Winkle were recently requested by Local Union No. 326 of Casper, Wyoming to assist that local in a matter of extreme importance in southwestern Wyoming. While there they succeeded in working out with the representatives of Local Union No. 326 a cooperative agreement that will mean much for the future welfare of our membership in this area. Any member desiring to work in Wyoming should first consult one of our offices in Utah before going there to work and such information as is needed will be gladly given to you. In passing, it should be noted that Local Union No. 326 is making rapid progress in the State of Wyoming, have succeeded in negotiating an A. G. C. agreement and getting most of the contractors of the state signed to it.

## Weather Threatens

The aforementioned weather has made the present outlook for employment rather uncertain and it is hard, at this time, to give much of a forecast of what will happen in the near future. Information received from a good reliable source indicates that the construction work at the Geneva Steel Co., due to lack of material, the supply of machinery and drawings, will not start before spring.

## To Members If They Become Unemployed

The minute you become unemployed, you should register that fact with the nearest office of your local union. Members registered unemployed will be called out in the order in which they register, as far as possible. You should also immediately register at the closest State Employment Office for your unemployment insurance. In this,

a word of caution: Some unemployment insurance office employees may attempt to prevent you from registering by telling you that you are not eligible unless you will accept employment as a laborer or other employment below your usual skill. If this should occur, insist that they accept your registration and report the fact immediately to your business repre-

sentative and he will see that your legal rights under the law are protected.

We will close this month's News Letter in memory of Brother Ralph E. Price. Brother Price passed away as a result of injuries received while working for the Utah Copper Company at Bingham Canyon. Our sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

## Contractors in North Bay area keeping fairly busy with variety of projects

By H. O. FOSS

Business Representative

**San Rafael—**Kenneth Shaffer, one of our old-time operators of Marinship, (some of you boys remember him as the famous lunch stealer) has started a restaurant at 879 Fourth St., San Rafael. We hope he gives them enough to eat. We can recommend this place to any brothers passing through. Particularly, if they are customers when his wife is doing the cooking. I found his dishrag on one of my pancakes while he was on shift, so I hope the brothers will be governed accordingly.

Pomery Sinnick have a small driving job on the Creek, Petaluma, and should be finished at this writing.

J. A. Bryant has a FPMA project in Santa Rosa, recently moving down from Winters, having several rigs on the job.

Helwig of Sebastopol have a sub under him out Sebastopol way with Brother Donald Dowd in charge.

## Finishing Sewers

Bechtel & McCone with the Underground Contractors, Wm. Rapp, in the Santa Rosa district, should be right on the finished end at this time on their big sewer projects in Santa Rosa.

Pete Onsrod, local contractor at this point, with Brother Jimmie Grant as superintendent, keep a few rigs moving around in this vicinity.

Brother Les Crane in the Healdsburg area was uncrating two new sevens when I passed through recently. Brother Crane is getting a nice set-up. Seems to be very busy with a wonderful program lined out for Spring.

The Kiss-Crane Company on their jobs at Upper Lake and Guerneville seem to be making progress.

## Wind Up in Lake Co.

Biasotti with Brother Hill as foreman, should be out of Lake County on both of their projects and moving down Stockton area.

M & K with Superintendent Burgen are working all around the lake putting up PHA installations.

Pacific Pipeline Constructors on their job at Novato should also be heading back down in Local 12's territory with their crew.

Brother N. W. Stroup is over in the San Rafael area with one of Powroy's rigs doing some subdividing work for Paoli & Co.

## Fort Bragg Job

In a recent conversation Mr. Hawkins, superintendent for Guy Atkinson, advises me that they are going to start on the structures on their big job at Fort Bragg, the Noyo Bridge and alignment.

The Oil Fields Trucking & Phoenix Construction Company are low bidders on the realignment at Piercy, Humboldt County. This is a 4.7 mile new construction project.

Ball & Parker on the Rector Dam have a very few feet left to go. Understand they are going over on their job above Rio Vista with most of their crew and equipment. Brother J. L. Hinote is night superintendent, Dick Zimmerman, shifter, and Merrill Laughlin, plant foreman.

McEwen & Syar have a joint venture of new alignment from the railroad overpass to the underpass, four miles south of Willits and are getting strung out with a few rigs. Brother Curley Williams is in charge.

McEwen has other separate ventures in this vicinity.

## Bell Gets Agency

Brother Barney Bell dropped in the office recently and tells me he is taking on the agency in Marin County for the boosters to go on the cats. Barney tells me this beats hell out of working.

Brother A. R. Chism, oiling for Chas. Hoyer at Tiburon, was severely burned recently on the job, but it appears he will be back in about thirty days.

Healey & Tibbets on their Net Depot Job, have a few rigs and are going right along.

## Opens Pumice Pit

Brother O'Malley of the Napa district, is opening a Pumice Pit on the Monticello Road and expects to be in operation the last of November with many orders ahead.

The Piombo Brothers' job above Ankor Bay, with Brother A. W. Pierce as foreman, seem to be making very good progress and should have their job ready before the rains. The same goes for Guerin Brothers at Pt. Arena.

Mr. Paul Stroub of Petaluma, is a recent signed of contracts for Local 3. He has a few rigs in this vicinity and keeps pretty busy.

Al Moretti also keeps his spread running trying to catch up on his contracts.

## Close Cement Plant

I am advised that Raisch is shutting down the cement plant on 101 Highway as they have caught up on the paving and will use their equipment on various other contracts in this vicinity; Harms will continue, weather permitting, to get more sub-grade prepared for Spring operations.

John Spalletta's Hot Plant, Santa Rosa, should be in operation at this date, if not, we will have to blame Brother John Clarity, who has been erecting foreman. We hope the brothers will have no ill effects of their overstuffing with turkey Thanksgiving day.

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## THE PENALTY

An intrepid hunter was asked by one of the boys round the cracker barrel to recount his most hair-raising experience.

"It was deep in the woods back yonder," he began with no particular reluctance. "I was plodding along minding my own business when suddenly a huge grizzly bear sneaked up behind me. He pinned my arms to my sides and started to squeeze the breath out of me. My gun fell out of my hands. First thing you know the bear had stooped down, picked up the gun, and was pressing it into my back."

"What did you do?" chorused the audience on cue.

"What could I do?" sighed the hunter. "I married his daughter."

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Locusts are reported as having traveled from Africa to England.

## Windup of large jobs in Sacramento area may cut employment list a while

By F. A. LAWRENCE, ED PARK and DAVE BURNETT  
Business Representatives

**Sacramento**—Completion of several large jobs within the month may affect, temporarily, the high level of employment we have enjoyed in this area during the summer months.

First among these is the H. E. Parker job at Pollock Pines where most of the dirt moving equipment has been shipped down the hill—some with disastrous effects, we hear. After a short visit to the shop, it should be rolling again on one of the numerous projects their company has been awarded.

Clements Company are to complete their job by laying the hot stuff. Brother "Whitey" Hokanson has deposited his withdrawal card and is in charge of the finish work for this firm. Brother Bud Young continues as superintendent.

### Utah to Finish

Utah Construction Company also looks forward to complete their job at Shingle Springs in the near future. Brother Al Bodie is doing a good job as steward here. Brother Otis McDonald has deposited his withdrawal card and is running things down around the hot plant.

With fear of early snows, W. E. Elliott has shut down most of his job at Meyers with intention of using operators in the Spring. However, still on the job is a Northwest 80 with Brother George Westburg at the controls and Brother Cliff White doing the "bossing."

There is still some activity around the lake, but it also will be discontinued as soon as the snow falls. There is considerable work planned for this area next summer.

### Big Winter Job

On the brighter side of the ledger we can look toward the jobs starting or due to run all through the winter. L. J. Lynch is under way at Michigan Bluff with approximately ten engineers on his payroll. This is rugged country, deep in the backwoods and the one accessible road is in poor shape. Taking advantage of an old CCC camp, Lynch has fixed up a pretty decent place for the boys to live. With women to do the cooking and room and board \$1.75 a day, the fellows are able to save a dollar or two.

The W. C. Thompson job at Foresthill still grinds along, but due to poor living conditions, the labor turnover is high.

### Auburn Job O. K.

Fredrickson-Watson job at Auburn is going along very well with approximately 20 members on the payroll. Also at Auburn, Ruby is keeping a couple of engineers busy on his bridge job. The bulk of the work on this job will be done next spring after the high water recede.

Fredrickson Bros. have their new job from Vacaville to Winters under way with Brothers Bishop and Butler shifting. Brother Ray Austin is back from Dunnigan and helping to put the finishing touches on the Vacaville-Dixon job. Although near completion this job still keeps a number of engineers busy.

Biasotti and Son have moved in three rigs and started their levee job at Freeport with Brother Cooper in charge. They are contemplating moving three more rigs in and double shifting. This job will last about three months.

### Winter "Cat" Work

H. E. Parker, with two dredges working the river, prepares for winter "cat work" on his levee job at Walnut Grove. Brother Perry Parker is in charge. This should be a good job for some of the boys off the "hill."

Contractors Reeves and Breen have a lot of the boys on the payroll with small jobs here and there around town. American River Sand and Gravel Wilkins Draying, C. C. Steele and the Austin Company keep approximately 20 members of Local 3 busy at the Campbell Soup job on Franklin Blvd. Stolte, Inc. has three jobs in this area, the largest being the Naval Broadcasting Station at Dixon. Brother Alex Gray is doing a good job as steward here. Don Johnson on the Atkinson Freeway job, is still keeping things in line.

## Stockton region holds up well

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pany has the same gang working the year round. Brother George Gibson is operating the Clam Shell feeding the Hot-Plant. Vern Eutsler is plant engineer.

### Get New Shovel

Stockton Construction Co. has taken delivery on a new Bay City shovel. "Buck" Merritt is master mechanic. Buck has recently been discharged from the armed forces. Eddie Bonham has been working as shifter.

### Woods Given Job

Claude Woods Company of Lodi has a job for the P. G. & E. Co. at Salt Springs Dam. Brother Morris Hayes is running the north-west shovel and Brother Ray Monk is plant engineer. This job is 75 miles off the main highway. The gang is working two weeks straight and then taking three days off every two weeks. Ralph Wigle is superintendent on this job.

Fredrickson & Watson Company is finished with the sub-grade on the Stockton-Lodi highway job and are now paving with concrete. Brother Archie Edmonds and Les Nedrow are foremen with Brother Stephenson, master mechanic. Brother George Babb is back to work after almost a year layoff due to illness.

### Tracy Plant Opens

The Pacific Coast Aggregates plant at Tracy has been completed enough to go into production. Earl Williams, superintendent, has been on a month's vacation but should be back soon.

M. J. Ruddy of Modesto has his "cat" spread working for Everest on the Delta-Mendota Canal. "Frenchy" Crotteau is foreman. Ruddy also has his jeeps on a land levelling job at Tracy.

M. J. B. Construction Company is putting the finishing touches on the Mossdale highway job. Brother "Rip" Edwards has been added to the payroll as boss, while superintendent "Hank" Linkert was on his vacation. Jess Willingham is back at work after a layoff due to illness.

### Many Local Jobs

Standard Materials Company of Modesto is kept busy with local work. Everything must be in order as I haven't heard from Brother Stooksbury for a long time. We have three H. D. mechanics in the shop.

### Bird Signs Up

It took a delegation of Engineers to convince W. W. Bird of the Bird Development Company that we were serious when we informed him that we were going to organize the land levelling industry. Bird held out for almost three months, but when he saw the thirty pickets at his job one morning, he signed our agreement, and everything is rosy now. Brother Joe Walters and Glenn Dobyns deserve the credit for signing the gentlemen.

The Stockton office will remain closed at nights until further notice. If you have any beefs or information, call me at home—the telephone number is 2-7797.

Once again I appeal to our members who are working for land levelling contractors that are not signed to a union contract to contact the Stockton office.

### OBJECTIVE—TIMELESS

MOE: "Did you hear about Mary?"

ZOE: "What was that?"

MOE: "Well, it seems she accidentally swallowed her Ingersoll and rushed to get some Epsom salts."

ZOE: "What in the world for?"

MOE: "Oh, just to pass the time away."

### CLEVER SOLUTION

Then there was one time when the millionaire lost his sang froid. He came home unexpectedly and found his pin-up bride making violent love to a total stranger on the divan. For days he was wild with distraction. He loved his wife far too much to contemplate divorce. Suddenly he found the perfect solution. He threw out the divan.

## Feather River crew will guard roadways as heavy winter snows approaching

By WM. C. WAACK  
Business Representative

**Marysville**—Every winter, early in December, the passerby notices leaving Oroville a fourteen car train, slow on the schedule starting up the Feather River Canyon, a community in itself, prepared for the worst with everything from the grub, water, and bull cook, to a 2 yard Northwest Shovel, D-8 Cats, and compressors. Throughout the heavy winter this group of workers are ready for most anything. A slide in the Canyon or a heavy runoff of water may in a few minutes start this crew in motion, for this is the Western Pacific Main line and the outfit is the Bechtel Bros. and McCone maintenance crew.

The right of way must be kept clear and open. As the summer comes on and as the hazards of the canyon lessen the crew moves on. Proctor, Nevada, close to the Utah state line, was as far east as they got this summer and at that point they were serviced by a Local No. 3 representative, for I saw Casebolt's business card tacked on the wall in the timekeepers office.

Brothers Bill and Gage Swinger, together with George Gregory are among the three men that accompany this group. Mr. E. E. Jacobson handles the business end of the operation, with J. L. Dunn foreman of the equipment.

Brother Omar Hill got himself in a hell of a jam on the Echo Summit job. He is in the Sutter General Hospital in Sacramento with a broken pelvis and spinal injuries. He will be there for several months.

A. Teichert and Son at Camptonville are keeping up on their road job.

### Trouble With Witt

Andrew Witt, the Live Oak farmer, who has more equipment on land levelling than the average operator, is strictly against any of our men getting on his jobs. "Alabam" Simpson got the gate for talking Local No. 3, also Brother Billebault. So we don't operate Witt's equipment, or any equipment that Witt hauls on his low-bed. The drivers of Witt's trucks are also non-union. Once more, we don't operate Witt's equipment or any that he hauls.

The repairs and replacement of the Simpson Lane Bridge crossing the Yuba river, was immediately brought to a stop on Monday morning. The contractor, Gildersleeve (not the great one) suddenly realized that union craftsmen were necessary to do a good job.

### Yuba Starts Up

Dredge No. 19 of Yuba Consolidated is again ready to start digging. A complete overhaul, including the installation of a jig, gives this old timer a new lease on life. With rumors as to gold raising to \$52.00 an ounce, a terrific activity is expected even in the lower grade fields. Some predictions as to opening new dredging grounds are already in the wind, and many old timers with proven properties are sitting tight. Where the manpower will come from with the prevailing wage structure is something else. Either the gold dredge industries raise their wages comparable with the increases given other industries with the relation to the cost of living, or no gold. That is my prediction.

Aside from taking a bead on the ducks at his nickel-plated gun club with "Spike" Ellison and Cliff Anderson, Earl Parker keeps a few cats operating in the district. Brother George Williams has five rigs working on the levee at Meridian while Charlie Roe runs eight at Knights Landing. In addition to this there are some 14 rigs levelling land at various locations in this district, some that are rather difficult to locate, but one at a time we find the lane or alley that they work in. So much for Parker.

### Rice Going Well

Lester Rice is going along in good fashion on his "B" street job. Parker's Yuba City approach that tied in with Rice's contract, delayed a portion of this contract,

but everything now seems to be clear for an uninterrupted completion. There were many unusual complications that slowed this job up, but they are now straightened out. Rice also has a land levelling job at Live Oak, that will keep going until it rains them out.

Schlegal and Lewis are still going strong in the Sutter Basin, near Robbins.

Fredrickson and Watson are going right along at the Greenville-Westwood job. They have established their camp and cook-house and seem to have overcome their particular housing problem. With the terrific prices being asked in these mountain counties for meals and rooms, it looks as though the matter of housing a construction crew is as important as getting the dirt moved and the job done, if the contractor wishes to keep his crew intact.

Floyd Foutch brought one of Parker's draglines down from Yreka and Scotts Valley and is starting on the ditches again at Meridian. Out of the rocks into the mud.

Valley Construction, together with Red King, have taken on some logging back of Camptonville.

### Observe Picket Lines!

These employers' associations are starting to dish out the misery wherever they get their fingers in the pie. At Grass Valley they have got the culinary workers with picket lines out. In Marysville, the Chinese owned stores, Jays and the Captain Dollar, fired their women clerks for joining a union. They both have pickets in front of them and now the Tractor Shops. And now the phoney party that backs them and their anti-labor policies slide in. Well, Ho-Hum, don't go through these picket lines, and tell your wives not to.

### NOT FOXY ENOUGH

Everybody was very nice to the American gentleman before the fox hunt began, but back at the manor house that evening they cut him dead. Baffled, the American sought an explanation from his host. That worthy, with an expression of acute distaste on his face, unbent sufficiently to say:

"In this part of Sussex, my good man, when we are hunting, and corner the fox, the expression used is 'Tally-ho'—not 'There goes the little son of a b—now!'"

### ENOUGH FOR PROTECTION

A manufacturer inspected his wife's new bathing suit, and remarked caustically, "Shirley, it is just big enough to prevent your being tanned where you ought to be."

### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

GOITIE: "Say, I've cut out this ice skating and hung up my skates for good."

MOITIE: "Yeah? Why'd you do that?"

GOITIE: "I'm afraid my \*"

### NATURAL REACTION

GOITIE: "Say, Moit, do you know what the little stream said when the elephant sat down in it?"

MOITIE: "Uh-uh. What did it say?"

GOITIE: "Well, I'm damned!"

### NO WAY OF KNOWING

INVETERATE AD READER (to friend): "She laughed when I sat down to play, but how was I to know she was ticklish?"