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## Knights' Landing hairpin job done in 'sea of mud;' investigate tractor shops

By WM. C. WAACK  
Business Representative

**Marysville**—The success of many contractors often times has to do with the nerve, or just plain guts, or what some of the conservatives may call "Damn Foolishness," when it comes to getting a job done. In the case of the Earl Parker job at Knights Landing, a hairpin turn, or "Rough and Ready Bend" is being taken out of the river and the levee relocated, before the floods come in. Well, the water did come, two days of it and with some 15 cats wallowing through mud and water up to the radiator, the job was done, and a neat job it was. Said Parker, "the Engineers of Local 3, during the downpour, buttoned up the coat collars of their tin clothes and that was all there was to it." Some 15 rigs were used on the job double shifted with Brothers Ernie Mayfield handling one shift and Johnnie Brown the other.

With some 3000 ton of steel yet to go, Pomeroy buttoned up the Marysville bridge job for the winter. The stringers and deck of the temporary bridge are removed and until spring that's it.

### Yuba Consolidated

With Yuba Consolidated there seems to be many questions as to the grievance committee we proposed at the last meeting. To date this office has had no response from Biggs 1, Biggs 3, 14 or 18. This committee is an important one and once more, your representative requests your cooperation. By the time this Newsletter reaches you, I hope that these boats will have their representatives chosen, so that this committee can go into action.

Brother "Frick" Fredricks of the repair gang, aside to being umpire for the Hammonton Club, has taken on additional duties, namely that of a food dispenser. Frick and his wife took over the Hammonton Store. Yes, the back room went with it. Lots of luck, Brother.

### Probe Tractor Shops

A representative of the National Labor Relations Board came to this district to make an investigation of the tractor shops that we filed for. The necessary information for these cases is slow in coming in. We do know, however, that within the next few weeks a hearing will be held and the firms coming within the jurisdiction of this Government agency will be instructed as to an election and that is it.

Yuba Sand is again waiting for the heavy freshets to fill the hole they have been digging for the past year. Orders for sand from this firm are far from being filled.

## Several Nevada jobs on despite winter weather

By H. L. SPENCE  
Business Representative

**Reno**—Isbell Construction Co. is still beautifying the streets of Reno, by putting in curbs and gutters and putting on hot stuff. They have made quite a bit of improvement on their gravel plant on East Second Street by installing all electrical equipment, also new scales. It looks as if it means Big Business. I understand that their tractors and some other of their equipment has been moved in from their road job at Austin, Nevada. Of course their stripping job at Kimberly, Nevada, is still going along like clock work. There is very little change on the stripping job as they have a good bunch of faithful Engineers on the job and in the shop.

Hunt & Frandsens job at Eureka, Nevada, is about ready to shut down for the winter.

Dodge Construction Co. will be moving most of their crew and equipment from Battle Mountain on to their job in Smoke Valley near Austin, Nevada. I understand they are going to do some repair work on the rigs in their shop at Fallon, before going on to the new job.

W. W. Clyde has two or three weeks work left for their pulls at Galconda Summit. I suppose they will move in on their other job between Elko and Lamolille.

Strong Company's job is getting along better each day. They have a good crew now and the muck is really flying, and how—

George Miller has a new Busairs rig. The outfit is really branching out. He is doing a lot of work in and around Reno.

Powers and DeLagrange have moved their jacking pit just south of East 4th Street and they are jacking the street, putting storm drain pipe under East 4th Street, known as Highway 40. They are doing O.K. Pushing the pipe right along. They have one rig working up at Lake Tahoe. It looks as if Brother Toby Connors is good for all winter up there. (I hope.)

I was told that Guy F. Atkinson is to take over the maintenance of the B.M.I. plant at Gabbs Valley, Nevada.

I am very sorry to report the death of Brother Ben Hicks. Brother Hicks had been employed as roller man for many years by the Dodge Construction Co. at Fallon, Nevada.

## Rains delay dirt jobs in Stockton region, but lot of projects still moving

By ED DORAN  
Business Representative

**Stockton**—The rains have come to the Stockton area and dirt stiffs are catching up with a lot of unfinished business. Some are soaking up their old dry hides and still others are sitting at home wondering when the little woman will stop beefing about fixing the fence or painting the kitchen.

In the last issue of the Engineers News there was an announcement that the Stockton Office would remain closed on Monday nights for the winter months. Little did I know, at the time, so many of the worthy brothers took advantage of the office on these Monday nights (they never show around here). The complaints about closing are piling up high, so if you fellows want out on Monday nights, get in touch with me and I will cooperate as much as possible, Tsk! Tsk!

### Carpenter Dispute

For the information of the fellows working in the logging industry, the jurisdiction has been awarded to the Carpenters Union for organizing purposes, and at the present time there is very little that can be done about this work that rightfully belongs to the Engineers. Whoever heard of a carpenter running shovel or skinning a cat? However, we shall continue trying to get this work for our people.

Frederickson & Watson has 32 Engineers employed on the highway job between Stockton and Lodi. Barney Frederickson informed me that he intends to lay off until February 15th on account of wet weather.

The Stockton Construction Company has started work on the city sewer contracts south of the Fairgrounds. This work will continue through the winter months.

### Soule Opens Office

The Soule Equipment Company has opened a service office at 1718 Mariposa Road, one mile south of the city limits on Highway 99. The Stockton Plant will carry parts, and is equipped with welding machinery and a service truck for field repair work. This shop is on agreement with the Engineers Union, employing our men as heavy duty mechanics and welders.

Brother Jim Johnson has a low bed truck and is able to do most any kind of equipment hauling. He also is rigged up with large flat bed trucks with winches, so if you have any kind of heavy hauling, shoot it his way.

The gang at Biasotti's have been kept busy and from information received, this company had enough work lined up to keep the gang busy all through the winter months.

### Mossdale Bridge

Lord & Bishop, Sacramento contractors, were awarded a contract for building the substructure for the new Mossdale Bridge over San Joaquin River on the divided highway project on Highway 50. The Lord & Bishop Company bid was \$248,606.

The substructure contract includes work beneath the bridge deck, concrete abutments, piers and preparations of the site for construction of the bridge proper. The bridge, which will be used for eastbound traffic, is to be a movable span.

J. D. O'Brien Rigging Company has Bob Warnick running the Truck Crane, and have been busy all over the valley for the past several months.

Brother John Gehrig has been on the sick list for several months, also Brother Grady Harwell, Pat Azevedo, and Felix Lemley. Clarence Norwood is back at work after a long siege of a smashed thumb.

Manuel Smith, sewer contractor, is laying a sewer line for the town of Hughson. Brother Lewis Dannels and his son are operating the trenching machine.

Brother Jack Crum, one of the old time cat skimmers, was just married last month, maybe the bride can keep him on the job. Congratulations to both the bride and groom.

Herbert Everest Company. This job has finally started some activities. The batch plant is installed and ready for use. The crusher plant is under erection, the trimmer and slip form are on the job, two draglines of two-yard capacity and one four-yard Marion are working. Two blades and one cat are also working. Four dual drum mixers are ready to go. So this

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## Season's Greetings



National Labor Service



**Vets Can Get Burial Allowance**

By JOSEPH EDWARD RILEY

Dependents of veterans may collect \$150.00 from the Veterans Administration for the burial or cremation of ex-servicemen whose discharges were other than dishonorable or who were retired from service for disabilities incurred in the line of duty.

The claim for \$150.00 allowance must be made within two years after burial or cremation.

A veteran who dies within the United States while receiving V.A. hospital care may be transported at Government expense to any place of burial or interment selected by next of kin, within the United States. The veteran's dependents will also be entitled to the \$150.00 burial allowance.

A headstone or marker for the grave of any honorably discharged veteran will be furnished upon application at any Army Post or cemetery office.

Any veteran whose last period of service was honorable is entitled to burial in a National Cemetery.

If a veteran dies while in the care of the Veterans Administration, he may be buried in a V.A. hospital cemetery.

American flags are also given by the Government, upon application, to the nearest relative of honorably discharged deceased veterans.

Veterans! Be sure to renew your National Insurance policies before January 1, 1947.

**Future looks good in San Rafael vicinity, despite temporary soggy weather**

By H. O. FOSS

Business Representative

**San Rafael**—The firm of Madden & Lewis at Sausalito has a small piledriver driving a few sets for a movie outfit who are going to shoot some pictures in this vicinity. Brother Waich is in charge of the rig.

The Kiss-Crane Co. on their job at Upper Lake seem to be making fairly good progress and have approximately two more months work at this point and are doing very well on their job at Hacienda.

Brother Paul W. Frey has Bartolini's rigs up in Lake County and has a nice set-up there and a good job in the bag for Spring on a highway alignment. Ellis Demick seems to be getting along very well in the same vicinity. I understand he is getting many small dragline jobs in addition to his other equipment and seems like he will be doing okay.

F. E. Young has a land levelling job for the State Hospital at Yountville and will proceed as the weather permits, having a few rigs on the job at the present time.

Al Moretti of Petaluma seems to be busier than a bird dog with his crew working in this vicinity.

Healy-Tibbetts at the Net Depot down California City way have a few rigs in here to do a job for the government and seem to be making progress.

Basalt Rock Co. at McNear's Pt. are still putting out a small amount of rock on the Alameda Naval Air Base and have a small job up the river when the government authorities get the necessary money on the line.

**Big Highway Job**

It seems to be in the bag that the Black Point and Sears Point cutoff from Highway 101 to Vallejo will be rolling in the Spring, carrying something over a million dollars to make this four-lane divided highway.

Raisch & Harms are practically at a standstill on their highway widening job from Novato to Petaluma, Harms intending to keep the carryall running this winter and perhaps one piece of equipment to keep the new road in drainage and in shape for work in the Spring. Raisch, however, is not laying any cement at this point but is working on bridges and fairly busy on some of their subdivision projects in the Northern Bay area.

Brother McGee of the Vallejo territory has moved the majority of his equipment in on Tubbs Island on the land levelling project there. The Oil Fields Trucking and Phoenix Construction Company have one or two rigs clearing on their

job at Piercy, Mendocino County.

Syar & McEwen on their Willits job seem to be keeping rained out. Outside of McEwen doing a small amount of rock work, this job will be shut down until Spring.

Piamba Bros. are working as the weather will permit on their realignment job at Ankor Bay.

Brother Respini has a truck crane working up along the Coast on a few bridge and culvert jobs for the State and what private work he can pick up.

The Ball & Parker job on the Rector Dam is down to a very small crew as it is nearing completion and weather has them pretty well on the stop side of the picture.

Brother Paul Matus, who has started in the contracting business in the vicinity of Napa, seems to be able to keep out of the poor-house.

Parish Bros. of Benicia don't seem to be very active over on this side of the Bay, picking up a few crumbs here and there—we hope to see them with some sharper pencils in the future.

**Linden Underpass**

We understand that the State has made appropriation of the necessary funds for the Linden Lane underpass in San Rafael. This will be quite a job.

In the Santa Rosa area we find Bechtel & McCone finished on their large sewer project that has been running all summer and taking off with most of their crew down in Local 12's territory.

John Rapp, local contractor, seems to keep his rig working at all times, weather permitting and this also goes for the other contractors in this vicinity.

The weather has been very adverse in this district and we find a good many of the members unemployed but the picture looks very good, with the weather clearing or waiting until the rains are over, for a very prosperous start for the new year.

I wish to extend the Season's Best Greetings to all the Brothers and their families.

**Warning about sick disability!**

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

The Unemployment Compensation Disability Benefits Bill, popularly known as the Disability Bill, became effective Dec. 1. Although the Act provides for voluntary plans of coverage by private carriers, nevertheless the state plan now applies, and all wage earners are covered by it.

Because of the number of inquiries made of the Federation at the last minute and the pressure exerted by certain carriers to get their plans approved by the unions involved, it is evident that some confusion exists about the new law. Many fear that unless workers subscribe to a voluntary disability plan, they will receive no benefits in case of disability from non-industrial causes. This is not true.

**Don't Be Misled**

The Federation wishes to make it emphatically clear that the great urgency of subscribing to voluntary plans does not exist, and that it is being over-emphasized by private insurance carriers, who apparently have not seen fit to consult with the Federation regarding the plans they are issuing.

The unions are again urged to check any voluntary disability plan with the Federation before they subscribe to it. These voluntary plans may be elected by a majority of employees, who will then be covered by insurance issued by an insurance carrier authorized to transact disability insurance in California, provided, however, that benefits to the insured under the voluntary plan are more favorable than those specified in the state law.

**78 Plans Approved**

A week before the law went into effect, 78 voluntary disability plans had been approved by the state. Only a very few of these plans have been submitted to the Federation for analysis by the companies involved. A number of the plans are being offered to the employers, disregarding the employees who are directly involved.

The Federation wishes to point out once again that it is up to the employees to approve of these plans, since they are the ones who are insured. There is no reason for any undue haste, even though the voluntary plans must offer better provisions than those contained in the state law. If the workers will be more critical and shop for the best plan that is available, the best benefits will be obtained.

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**PENTHOUSE LADY** (to girl friend): "I read of their divorce in Miami. She got the two children, and he got the maid."

**He's Peacemaker**



Sec. Joseph D. Keenan of the Chicago Federation of Labor has been selected to become labor arbitrator over jurisdiction in the motion picture industry at a salary of \$25,000 per year. (Federated Pictures)

**Report of last meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Treasurer Vandewark absent on business of the Union and Business Manager Swanson absent due to being in the hospital. There were approximately 114 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting minutes of November 2 and of the Executive Board minutes of December 7 was read and by motion approved as read.

President Clancy requested the members to stand one minute in silence in memory of our deceased Brothers.

A letter was received from the San Francisco Labor Council containing a resolution regarding the drive for funds for a boys' home to be called the Archbishop Hanna Center for Boys. This letter was referred to New Business.

Cards of thanks were received from Mr. and Mrs. Hogg and family; the family of Ben Hicks and Alma and Jacqueline Briscoe.

The following members were reported ill: Brothers Frank Roe, Benford Rippey, R. W. Keenan, Edwin J. Gooding, Fred L. Botts, Milton E. Green, Clyde L. Whatley, W. W. Whiting, Sam Ray, G. W. Botkins, Joe Medinas, C. J. Webber, Charlie D. Lewis, Elmer Constanz, J. Clifton, J. Hodges, David Lee, M. L. Utterback, J. W. Leamaster, R. L. Jilbert, Don W. Pogue, Ramon P. Doyle, Wm. Summers, L. W. Straight, L. W. Strickland, A. Locowski, Dan Forsyth, Ralph E. Pride, Erwin H. Ensminger, Robert Morgan, Fred W. Colver, A. W. Peterson, Anton Kreuz, G. Carter, L. W. Thomas, L. B. Wans, N. Thill, E. Beach, V. Teague, P. L. Young, T. Sullivan, Roy Neilsen, Charles W. Jewell, James Shippey, Frank Earhart, and Bill York.

The following members were reported deceased: Brothers Manuel Maciel, R. B. Goss, Theo. Monroe, Ben Hicks, Claud R. Hogg, Gerald Mathews, John Caetano, and William Briscoe.

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

Reverend Father Warner was admitted to the meeting and introduced to the members. He explained the purpose of the Archbishop Hanna Center for Boys which will be built at Danville, California, 100 acres having been acquired for this purpose. He requested support of labor unions since the school will be non-sectarian. His remarks were well received by the membership.

The report of the General Secretary-Treasurer was read by President Clancy.

A delegation of members from the Stationary Local No. 39 was present. Among those present were Business Manager Claude Fitch, President Frank Brantley and Business Representatives J. T. Rivers and Leo Derby. The remarks of President Brantley were well received.

Under New Business the resolution regarding the Archbishop Hanna Center for Boys was read again and it was referred to the Secretary to draw up the proper resolution.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MATHEWS,

Recording Secretary.

**That Explained It**

Then there's the one about the Scotchman who visited the Holy Land.

When he got to the Sea of Galilee where Jesus was supposed to have walked on the water, the natives offered him a ride across the "sea," which is really only a lake 13 miles long. The Scot was about to get in the boat when the Arab boatsman told him the fare would be \$10.

The Scotchman stepped back on the beach and shook his head. "Hoot mon!" he exclaimed. "No wonder Christ walked!"

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**GOT SOMETHING, ANYWAY**

Mrs. Jones—I understand you have got your divorce, Sally. Did you get any alimony from your husband?

Laundress—No, Mrs. Jones, but he done give me a first-class reference.

**Found a Backer**

On a fair day a decrepit-looking horse was being offered to the highest bidder. An old farmer watched as a young man in riding breeches bid for the animal. When the sale was completed, he turned to the young fellow. "Tell me," he inquired, "what on earth are ye going to do with that thing?"

"Oh," replied the cocky young sportsman, "I'm going to race him."

The farmer spat and had another look at the animal.

"Well, ye'll win," he said, and walked off.

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An economy that relies for its stimulation on waste and disaster is taking the road to oblivion as surely as the dinosaurs, those creatures that were all bulk and no brains. . .

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## Report of San Jose office

By RICHARD A. CHRISTIANSEN  
Business Representative

**San Jose**—For the information of brothers in the particular territories to which I am assigned, I respectfully submit the following information concerning activities therein.

Scheduled meetings of Local 39 were duly held at Salinas, Watsonville and San Jose, Calif., and a Special Meeting of Local 39, held at San Jose, Calif., Monday, December 2, 1946. The Special Meeting called for the purpose of enlightening members of former Local 171 relative to the purpose and progress being made by Local 39, since the amalgamation. For the information of anyone of the opinion that there is now the existence of a doubt that Local 39 will go forward be informed that although the offer was extended to the members of former Local 171 to the effect that if they were desirous of returning to their old system, and a desire to request the return to them of their old charter,—be advised that there were no votes cast in favor thereof but instead a vote of confidence given present officers of Local 39. Also, a determination shown to make a united front. This was very gratifying and I certainly wish to express my thanks and will put forth the best efforts to serve you well.

The executive officers present at the specially called meeting were Brother Vic Swanson, Brothers C. C. Fitch, N. J. Carman, and Brothers Murphy and Riley of Local No. 3 and Brother LeRoy Pette of the Central Labor Council, San Jose, Calif.

With respect to regular meetings I most respectfully ask that brothers not on duty, kindly attend. This is especially desired in order that we may be fully apprised of the desires of the brothers in conjunction with present contracts and those soon to be reopened. Also so that they may be kept informed of any action being taken by Local 39 and its Executive Board.

### Tervin Contract

I regret to have to report that to date it has not been possible to consummate a contract with the Tervin Products Company, Salinas, Calif., due to a pending election by the C.I.O. and A. F. of L. Teamsters. It has also been established that the representative of the Machinists has visited this plant in an endeavor to sign up men who are working as maintenance men under the Chief Engineer.

The plant of the "Shippers Development Company" has not been pressed for consummation of a contract, and will not be until after the first of the year chiefly to comply with the desire and request of the men employed at the plant. The employees were promised a "Bonus" and are particularly desirous of learning just how much, if any, they will receive.

One of our brothers was accidentally electrocuted on November 18, 1946. He was employed at the Monterey Ice & Development Company, Salinas, Calif.; Brother L. W. Riley.

### Union Ice Prospect

Frequent visits are being made to the plant of the Union Ice Company, at Watsonville Junction, Calif., in an effort to induce the members thereof not yet affiliated with us, to come into the Union. There are still some men there who apparently cannot or will not admit the benefits derived from having labor organized.

During this period the contract under negotiations with the Bank of America, San Jose, Calif., was consummated and signed, and put into effect. The raise given is \$25.00 per month from July 1st to Dec. 31, 1946, and an additional \$15.00 raise thereafter, or a monthly salary of \$250.00 on a 40 hour week.

Likewise contracts also consummated, signed and put into effect at the Crown-By-Products Company, and the Pacific Mfg. Co., San Jose, Calif. The brothers at the Crown-By-Products Company received a raise from \$1.20 to \$1.45 per hour, and likewise at the Pacific Mfg. Company.

Contracts presented to the St. Claire Building Company for consideration have not yet been acted upon by their executive board.

Contracts are also under consid-

## Rivers-Eisenhart send in report from Marysville

By J. T. RIVERS, Organizer  
M. G. EISENHART,  
Ass't. Int. Representative

**Marysville**—They call us the long and the short of it down at the office, as we go on long trips in such a short time.

At present we are in Marysville and other surrounding towns, contacting engineers and maintenance men, giving Brother Al Oughton a helping hand from Sacramento.

There are a number of Engineers employed around here in the low temperature plants, ice plants and creameries, with the canneries holding the lead. There are quite a few of those plants in this district.

There are two of the low temperature plants now with all the Engineers in our union and a contract in the making.

Previous to coming here, we were working in and around Oakland. We find there are numerous engineers that belong to other unions. Some of these men were forced to belong to these different unions when the plant was organized. We are making every effort to have them now become members of Local 39.

We dig up all the information we can find and then turn it over to Professor Brother C. C. Fitch. In turn he ponders over his law books to find what action he can take and then proceeds with his findings, and to date he has found nothing too tough to handle.

When we chance to drop in on some of our own members, don't lock the doors, as we get a big kick out of talking to you, and a great many times you can be of important assistance to us in making contacts in other places, so a helping hand from you is appreciated. Organizer Jim Rivers put his vocal chords to such a great strain in the past week talking to Engineers that he came up Saturday with a bad case of sore throat, but he will be back on the ball in a day or two.

We wish to advise non-union Engineers and Engineers affiliated with other Unions that you can only be understood by people that talk your language, so affiliate with the International Union of Operating Engineers and become a man respected in your craft.

We will be dropping in on you any day now, look for us we will be seeing you.

eration by the De Anza Hotel, Montgomery Hotel, and definite assurance given by the management of the St. Claire Hotel, that as soon as the hotel opens on or about April 1st, the entire personnel will be A. F. of L. Union members.

Request has also been made that a contract be drawn and submitted to the O'Connor Sanitarium, W. San Carlos and Race Streets, which is receiving proper attention.

Contract submitted to the Central Ice Company has not yet been approved but it is believed will be completed shortly.

As your representative I would respectfully urge that members keep me apprised of your desires, any irregularities existing, etc., but also see to it that proper and efficient service is rendered at all times. By so doing business agents are furnished with bona fide facts upon which to base their requests for better conditions as well as increases in pay.

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The mix-up in the world comes from trying to mix right and wrong.

## Christmas Message

Christmas 1946

"Peace and Good Will to All"

Nineteen hundred years ago Jesus was born. He gave his life for the betterment of mankind and to teach mankind to love each his brother. Since then, down through the centuries, men have devoted and given their lives in an attempt to make this World a better place to live in.

In the Eighteenth Century Labor Unions began the fight for better wages and conditions. Many Union Leaders were jailed and others were shot for their part in this great movement. Unions have been broken time and again, only to come back stronger and better than before, many to grow into great International Unions.

The formation of the American Federation of Labor, the Metal Trades Department and the Building Trades has increased the power and security of the Labor Unions.

In 1939, by the amalgamation of the Hoisting and Portable Engineers and Shovel Runners of Northern California, Local 3 was created. The growth and strength of Local 3 has been little short of phenomenal; wages and conditions undreamed of a few years ago have been established.

For years, members of the Stationary Locals in California have felt that we should take the same road as our sister local, if we hoped to gain our rightful place in the industrial world. We have taken that step. Our officers, business representatives and many of our members know that we can look forward to becoming the largest and most powerful Stationary Local in our International. We will be in a position to protect our membership in good times, as well as bad, and to defeat all attempts to encroach on our jurisdiction.

Local 3 has rendered invaluable assistance during the process of our amalgamation, and the combined strength of both locals will be most beneficial in approaching employers on negotiations.

May I extend to the officers and members of Local 39, and the officers and members of Local 3, my very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

—CLAUDE C. FITCH,  
Manager Local 39.  
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## Meeting held by Fresno; work of stewards lauded

By MARK G. CAMPBELL  
Business Representative

**Fresno**—An important meeting of Fresno branch, Local 39, was scheduled for December 18 at 8 p.m. at 1035 Broadway, with Brother Bentley presiding. Brother Bentley is a regular fellow with a big job to do, and will report that he is measuring up in grand style.

Brother Ray Schlitz of Firebaugh, our steward, is doing a swell job. Keep up the good work, Ray. Tell Brother Brown I think I have a pair of nylons lined up for that friend of his, providing he will let me present them in person.

Brother Fred Rosa of Tulare is also doing a swell job as steward in that district. Keep up the good work, Fred.

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### ALL-ROUND REJECT

The brothers were interviewing applicants for the job of private secretary. One Amazonian creature had excellent references, but the brothers did not enthuse after she waddled out. "I don't think she'll do," said one. "There's too much of her in the first place." His brother added, "That goes for the second place, too!"

## Report of Oakland office

By WILLIAM HORGAN  
Business Representative

**Oakland**—At time of writing this report, the day is clear and warm. San Francisco is dimly seen in the distance; a blanket of fog has rolled in and settled in the 16th and Mission area.

We said Oakland was clear and warm, but a low rumbling can be heard. Organized Labor has just been dealt a low punch by our own police department. Some months ago they addressed our Union meeting, to let us know they needed our help to get a "decent wage." We listened and organized labor went to the polls. They got their "decent wage." At that time they came with cap in hand. Sunday morning they came 500 strong, with billy clubs, tear gas, sawed-off shotguns and arms sufficient to stop an invading army, to protect the Merchants' Association of Oakland and deliver (by the aid of Los Angeles scabs) to Kahn's and Hasting's stores (where the clerks only demand, is a living wage) a few truck loads of goods.

Well the fight was on, and Alameda County was at a standstill, and the so-called "loyal clerks" dared not go through the picket lines of thousands of men and women, who completely surrounded the area.

As for our own problems, Local No. 39 of Oakland is riding high. The Laundry Engineers are now getting San Francisco wage scale (about a 50 per cent increase).

I have had a meeting with both the Office Buildings' Association and the Hotel Association and progressing well with both parties, we expect to have a contract covering both those groups. We have succeeded in completing negotiations with Pure Carbonic of Oakland for \$1.50 an hour for a 40 hour week which now makes it the equivalent of San Francisco Liquid Carbonic contract.

### Hospitals "Help"

The wages of our engineers at the hospitals are too low, and a special meeting has been called to discuss the matter, give us your support boys—you belong to the top wage bracket, and not the bottom.

To the Air Reduction boys, progress is being made in your request for better wages. Will let you know immediately I have something definite.

To the boys of the creameries, we had another meeting with the Association since our last report and progress is good.

### Our Sick List

We hear Bro. J. E. Van Arsdale is on the sick list. We are pulling for you, Van. Hope you will soon be back on the job.

Al Tyler is still in the hospital but doing well. Keep smiling, Al. Bro. F. Warren of Union Ice Company is still off the job, but the doctor says, is coming along nicely. Good luck, Freeman.

Well, Bro. Vic Swanson says, "Our space is—because of the paper shortage—limited," so had better stop, but before doing so, would like to say to the San Francisco boys, THANKS SAN FRANCISCO FOR YOUR HELP, YOU SURE ARE A BIG BROTHER. On this side of the Bay we are pulling ourselves up by the bootstraps, and though this amalgamation may not immediately help you, give us (as well as the rest of Northern California) a little time. Then we can all step off together and get the wages and conditions our engineers should have gotten long ago.

When you need us, call TW 4404—Office hours 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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### PROMPT EFFICIENCY

After two years in the Pittsburgh office of a big organization, a girl was transferred to the New York headquarters. The morning she reported at her new post, the big chief called her into his sanctum and said:

"I hope you'll be happy here. The work will be practically the same as you were doing in the Pittsburgh office."

"Okay," she replied, "Kiss me, and let's get started."

## Sacramento gets bakery contract for major shops

By A. R. OUGHTON  
Business Representative

**Sacramento**—We have our first signed bakery contract covering all our major bakeries in Sacramento. All engineers involved are receiving our good working conditions and the prevailing scale. That includes Otto Fischer at the Old Home Bakery, Brother George Dougherty at the Wonder Bakery and Brothers Delmar Foster and Lindberg at the Butter Cream Bakery.

The H. C. Maddux Company which is being well taken care of by Brother McKinzie is also operating now on a first signed contract.

### Laundry Contract

We have just finished and signed a contract with the Sacramento Laundries for our new prevailing scale and it seems like Brothers A. E. Stevens and Ole Skov of the Palace Laundry, Arch Orr of Century, Brother Harry Bowman of Corfees, Brother Jack Taggart of the Herb Grow Laundry, Brothers James and Ochipinti of the Golden State Laundry and Brother Howard Shamp of Alhambra Laundry are well satisfied. Do we have to ask them what they will do with their increase?

Called at the Mercy Hospital to visit Brother Tom Sherlock and his boys and seems like Brothers Sherlock and Dewhurst need a pair of the Army's new "see in the dark" glasses as Brother Earl Sparks is always putting someone in the dark. He blames it on a shortage of fuses. Has anyone got a fuse?

For some of the brothers' information I would like to report the Air Reduction Sales Company is signed up 100 per cent and a contract is being negotiated to cover this plant.

Brother Odom who has held down the fort at the Insurance Building for the past 18 years and due to labor trouble at this building which is Lerner's Shop now, I convinced Brother Odom he could do better work on a better job so he took over duties as an operator at Swanston's Packing Plant and as of yesterday he seemed very happy with his new job.

While I am dictating this little note Brother Joe Cerar just walked into the office and gave me the impression of a rolling stone. Look out Derby, Brother Cerar just told me he is on his way to San Francisco for a job so when he shows up the first thing to do is pin his ears down and you will have a good man.

Just a reminder brothers that Brother C. M. Petersen, chief engineer of the Sutter Hospital, is still at home and will be very happy to talk to any of the brothers.

The cold weather is on now so keep those tea kettles boiling and remember to attend your local meetings the second Tuesday of each month.

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### You Said It!

The army has just announced the building of a plane that will take an atom bomb 10,000 miles, and come back.

What the world needs is a plane that will take an atom bomb 100,000 miles and never come back.

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How can the boss afford to give you a raise, silly boy? Didn't he drop a potful in Wall Street the day after election?



# Scheduled projects will provide lots of jobs in future in San Jose area

By M. G. MURPHY  
Business Representative

**San Jose**—Due to the recent rains, work in this district has slowed down considerably (a condition which no doubt prevails in all districts). To make matters worse, we expect this month or the early part of next month to see the completion of several of the larger projects in this district. No doubt things would really be slow here were it not for the many housing projects in progress at this time and the numerous gravel plants. Most of these jobs go on regardless of rain or shine.

Pouring of concrete on the N. M. Ball 101 job is expected to be finished not later than Christmas. (This information was received from such reliable sources as Wayne Morris, super., Walt Carson, chief accountant, and his reliable assistant, Thelma.) No doubt the completion of this job will be an occasion for another of N. M. Ball's famous parties for the boys.

## Start Widening

Work on the widening of South First Street, which will eliminate another traffic bottleneck, I understand, will be started by the city immediately. No doubt there will be some more work done on the Monterey Highway (connecting with South First Street) but to date we have not received any definite information as to just what is to be done.

The Kiss Crane Co. who recently employed a double shift on the demolition of the Bean Building are rapidly reducing the building to a heap of rubble. These people are really experts at the wrecking business.

It looks as if San Jose will at last have a decent-sized airport. The General Airport Company of Stamford, Conn., which was hired by the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to make an impartial study of a Master Airport Plan for the entire county recently reported that San Jose should immediately develop its Municipal Airport as a class four airport. So we may have something doing on that project before very long.

Mr. Weaver, project manager for Stone and Webster on the International Chemical job says they hope to have this plant completed in the latter part of April. I understand they are very anxious to dispose of this job as they have another large project in San Francisco which they intend to start immediately.

The Pittsburgh-Des. Moines Steele Company recently purchased a 70-acre site on the northwest corner of Bayshore Highway and Santa Clara-Alviso Road on which they intend to erect a fabricating plant. Building will depend on release of materials and priorities. This company is reportedly one of the country's foremost fabricators of pipeline bridges and, as you know, fabricated the world's largest wind tunnel at Moffett.

The Basalt Rock Company have also purchased a large tract of land west of Moffett but to date I do not have any details as to what they intend to do. I presume it will be a material yard or distributing point for this locality.

## Permanente Contract

The meeting regarding wage adjustments which I mentioned in my last report was held at the De Anza Hotel, Saturday, December 7th. All crafts signatory to the agreement were present, also Brother Frye, and Brother Grey of the Building Trades and Metal Trades Department of Washington, D. C., respectively. Local 3 was represented by Brother Vandewark and myself. After much discussion, we unanimously agreed to accept an increase of 12½¢ per hour, retroactive to September 1, 1946. So, brothers, don't forget to collect your back pay and if there are any questions, get in touch with me.

## Soledad Prison Farm

The State has started construction operations on their new Prison Farm which is on Highway 101 between Gonzales and Soledad. This project, as I understand it, will consist of about, or in the

neighborhood of, 1800 acres of vegetable land and will be devoted entirely to the production of produce and livestock for consumption of State institutions. Furthermore, it will be operated by wards of the State much like the honor system they now employ in highway construction camps. . . . F. C. Stolte Company is now placing sewerage and drain systems and Brother Bill Mathews is the "Pusher." (Brother Harley Davidson take note. Bill's address is 462 5th St., Richmond.) Bill is on Old Timer and would like to hear from some of the old "Skinners."

## King City Report

This little city has been dormant for quite some time but just recently has sprung into the active list again and Shell Oil is responsible. At present they are building a road through four miles of heavy cutting up the mountain to a drilling site which is hoped will produce a gusher. The site is about ten miles northwest of King City and the terrain is pretty rugged and when it rains up there it's like Mortons and Leslie Salt—it pours. The job is being done by a contractor whose name is Rest from Bakersfield and the "Pusher" is Joe Anderson. At present they have five cats on the job and expect to get more equipment in, soon.

## Monterey Doings

Stanley Ball is still occupied with his highway job and to date has poured quite a strip of concrete. Dutch Haggood is the Super. on this pouring job and I guess from what the boys tell me, he knows all the answers when it comes to pouring concrete. . . . My recent trip to Monterey yielded information that they plan on starting dredging operations there quite soon on the Harbor Improvement Program. I was told that the money has been appropriated and everything is all set, so let's see how long before action takes place. . . . The Navy program (converting Del Monte Hotel into a Naval Officer's Training School), which I mentioned in one of my previous articles is also on the shelf for the time being but we still have hopes of getting a favorable report on that in the near future. Monterey really reminds me of a morgue now since the fishing is lousy and most of the army has moved out of town. . . . Calabrese and Martin (Tex), are still quite busy in and around the town, but the recent rains have slowed up their operations to some extent.

## Santa Cruz News

Herrick Iron Works of Oakland has just about completed their present contract at Davenport Cement Plant for the present but will move back in the spring for a major job as there is much rebuilding and remodeling yet to be done at the plant. . . . Granite are still working on the Waddell Creek bridge, north of Davenport, but for the past few days have been held up due to the heavy rains and material shortage. . . . I understand there is to be a big highway job let in this vicinity shortly which will link the two counties—Santa Cruz and San Mateo. Many of you know where this spot is.

## Hollister Report

Pacific Pipeline Company have quite a job just out of Tres Pinos which is near Hollister but have been held up considerably on account of the recent rains. They have resumed operations for the time being but according to the predictions of the weatherman there is going to be another period

# Heavy rains in Humboldt slow down projects

By OTTO E. NEVER  
Business Representative

**Eureka**—With the rainy season now in full swing in the Redwood Empire, work is more or less at a standstill.

Basalt has finished the job on the inner breakwater at Crescent City harbor, and shipped all of their equipment back to Napa. How soon the balance of money for this job will be available is hard to tell. There should be approximately an equal amount of one million dollars available before the end of this fiscal year for the building of another new breakwater and dredging of the harbor. There is also a possibility that a fish dock will be built in the new fish harbor to accommodate about four fish companies. There is a great deal of building scheduled for this locality, if and when the harbor is started.

John Burman and Son have finished their rip-rap job at Gasquet and are moving some dirt in a slide area above there for the State.

Railing's job south of Crescent City was finished some two months ago and he has his equipment at Blue Lake and Redwood Summit. He has about 4.6 miles of resurfacing to do there.

## Dock at Trinidad

Hallmark Fisheries plan on adding a "T" to their dock at Trinidad. Brother Tom Hull will do the driving.

Mercer, Fraser is still working on the Mad River bridge. Big hold-up is lack of steel.

Byers has moved his camp down from Snow Camp at Maple Creek and has started clearing the right-of-way for the P. G. & E. Co. below the present snow line. How much longer they can keep on working is problematical.

Mercer, Fraser keeps most of their crew on a part-time basis. Brother Fritz Domenghini has left them to go into the lumber business. We wish him success. Fritz has always done a good job on anything he ever tackled. Brother Jack Thompson, formerly with Farralone Fisheries, has taken his job.

We have signed a new contract with the Eureka Ice & Cold Storage. We received a 10¢ increase and a 40-hour week instead of 48 hours. Farralone Fisheries' contract comes up for renewal and modification in January.

## Dredge Operations

The S. F. Bridge Co. have started the suction dredge, Oscar McGee, and have the contract to dredge the new city fishing boat basin.

The Associated dredge, Jupiter, is working in the bay near Arcata. Brother Gus Laskowsky suffered a broken ankle when he tried to step from the upper deck to the galley on the lower deck in one stride. He stubbed his toe on the aft spud. Brother Gus is still staying on board inasmuch as the hospital was pressed for room and anyway, Gus said the nurses didn't talk Polish.

Rain is holding up the work at Piercy and Willits, but the access road west of Laytonville is still proceeding. McEwen has the job of furnishing the equipment. Brother Ray Anderson is steward. The job really needs four stewards.

Our next meeting in Eureka will be held at 8 p.m. in the Labor Temple on December 14th. A meeting of the Stationary Engineers will be held at 7 p.m. in the Labor Temple on the same evening. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Please be there.

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Always cut flower stems at a slant, so that they can absorb as much water as possible.

put on their program very shortly. I hope I'm wrong, though.

Well, brothers, this is about all and as this is my last report for 1946, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member for the splendid cooperation given me during the past year in maintaining harmony and good will on the various jobs in this locality and to wish each and all of you A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

# Two hundred clear office in Sacramento, but rainy weather cuts operations

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

**Sacramento**—Approximately 200 members were cleared through this office during the past month, but the outlook for the winter months is not as bright. Rain has come to the Capital City and as a result most of the construction jobs in this area have suffered at least a temporary "shut-down." To some this will extend into the spring, while others can be continued between storms.

Some new work is to be started in this area in the future—weather permitting.

Steve Rados of Los Angeles expects to get under way on his job around the 9th of the month. This company has 23,000 feet of 42-inch sewer pipe to lay in and around the city of Sacramento.

Pacific Pipeline and Engineers Ltd. contemplates starting their job about the same date. This is the El Cerrito Branch of this company under the managership of Bob Wilson and has a contract for laying a 24-inch water line from 56th and D Streets to Folsom Blvd. and 59th to R in the city of Sacramento.

## Land Leveling Jobs

H. C. Russell has moved both his spreads back into this area and between showers is keeping a number of Engineers busy on his land leveling jobs. One spread with Brother Bob Ingersoll in charge of the day shift and Brother Barnes at night is working near Walnut Grove. The other spread is busy near Courtland with Brother F. Selze as day shifter and Brother Glenn Decker running the night shift.

River Pines Company has two rigs working near Courtland also and is keeping four of our members busy.

Look Chong is also landleveling down in this area and Brother Bob Killip is head man on this job.

H. E. Parker's levee job at Walnut Grove still isn't showing much activity as far as Engineers are concerned. Other than the two dredges in the river, there are only two cats and one dragline on the job at the present time.

Clements and Company are still trying to put the finishing touches on Parkers' job at Pollock Pines. They had three or four hundred feet of paving left to do last week and it was doubtful if the weather would permit completion.

E. W. Elliott has moved all his equipment off the hill into Placerville and laid off his crew. He will be moving back again next spring.

The L. G. Lynch and W. C. Thompson Construction Companies still continue to keep a number of men busy around Foresthill. Also, a number of men are still working on the Fredrickson-Watson job at Auburn.

Only three members remain on the Guy F. Atkinson Freeway job in North Sacramento and Fredrickson Brothers have closed their jobs near Dixon.

Negotiations are still under way with Gladding & McBean at Ione where the employees voted unanimously for Local 3.

## P. G. and E. Agreement

Pacific Gas and Electric and labor have reached a working agreement after a series of meetings by and between Electrical Workers B-1245, Sacramento and Yolo County Building and Construction Trades Council, affiliated Unions, and newly created Sacramento Municipal Utility District. An agreement has been reached whereby the various crafts will do their own work at the prevailing wage scales. Negotiations are still on trying to reach an agreement with B-1245 to cover P. G. & E. contract the same.

Some progress with the dredges has been made since the last edition. The majority of the employees of Snelling Gold Dredging Company have signed up and a consent election has been set for December 10. We have also filed for an election with the Gold Hill Dredging Company. The men here are very anxious to be organized. Progress is being made with LaGrange & Merced Dredges at the present time.

## Travel Time Pay

Retroactive travel time pay for

the following brothers has been adjusted with Natomas Dredging Company at Natoma: Andres Gayaldo, D. O. Hass, James P. Dodson, Joseph E. Serpa, Carl Thompson, B. H. Quick, W. W. Goodman, L. F. Pool, L. D. Boekman, Elmore Dougherty, Wm C. Haugan, Keith W. Falu, R. B. Davis, and Ray Westbrook.

The retroactive pay for the following members has been collected from Leo Lentz, local contractor, and checks were forwarded to various offices and members. Any member listed below who has not received his check, please notify this office: O. J. Pickartz, V. C. Stromer, L. C. Norman, Mark Foster, William Dishman, Jack Crummi, P. O. Christy, J. D. Riggins, Vassel Coleman, Henry Goodwin, E. A. Milliron, H. S. Clark, S. E. Elledge, R. O. Smith, E. H. Welcher, A. J. Wycoff and E. H. Fitzgerald

The rates in mixing plants have also been adjusted by accepting \$1.45 per hour, retroactive to November 1, 1946, with two weeks vacation. This affects all mixing plants in this territory.

Brother J. S. Hunter is able to be out and around after being hospitalized due to being shot while deer hunting.

We visited Brother Omar Hill who has been in the Sutter Hospital. He is to be released from the hospital soon, but will have to remain in a cast for some time yet.

Members will be sorry to learn that Brother Roy B. Martin has requested a withdrawal card inasmuch as he is in a private hospital in Oklahoma City and is likely to be on the convalescent list for a year or more.

Any member going through Bryte can find food and refreshments at Brother Fred Wagner's Log Cabin Cafe.

NOTICE: This office will discontinue to remain open Wednesday nights until further notice.

In closing, we all join in wishing the members all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## Notice, Dredgemen!

The next meeting of Natomas employees will be held Friday, December 20th in Eagles Hall at Folsom, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. All members are requested to be present.

# California State Conf. organized

Recently the State Branch, International Union of Operating Engineers, composed only of Stationary Locals, was reorganized into the California State Conference—combining with the Hoisting and Portable Locals. Together they now represent a membership of 25,000, constituting the largest State Branch in the I.U.O.E.

The rivalry that formerly existed between these different Locals has now been evolved into harmony and uniformity of purpose, one of the vital issues of which is the raising of standards for operating engineers throughout the entire State.

The newly elected officers of the California State Conference of Operating Engineers are: President, Pat Clancy, Local 3, San Francisco; Vice-President, Fred W. Bierig, Local 526, San Diego; Secy-Treas., Kevin A. Walsh, Local 39, San Francisco; Trustees, Earl Smith, Local 63, Los Angeles; Newell Carman, Local 39, San Francisco; Chas. Evans, Local 12, Los Angeles.



# What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, T. D. Bryson, and Joe Walther, Business Representatives

**Oakland**—Inasmuch as this will be the last issue of the Engineers News to reach you before the holidays, the Business Agents and the Office Force wish to take the opportunity to thank the members who have worked out of the Oakland office during the past year for the splendid cooperation they have given us, and also, without further fanfare or ado to wish that each and every member and their families will have a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

During the past month we have devoted considerable time and activity to the department store strike in the City of Oakland, in which the Clerks Union has been waging a battle for its very existence.

While this beef does not necessarily affect the Engineers directly, it affects indirectly all those who work for a living.

## Open Shop Fight

During this strike we have been confronted with the spectacle of the employers trying to enforce open shop conditions on all the employees in various department stores in Oakland. While many of these clerks receive the magnificent sum of \$32 per week, and we are reliably informed, in some instances even less, members of the employer groups are resisting the organization of these people to the utmost, going so far as to import strikebreakers to transport merchandise into the two struck stores through legitimate picket lines, aided and abetted by the Police Department of the City of Oakland.

It was a culmination of these acts and the fascist-like actions of some in the government of the City of Oakland that caused the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council, as well as several organizations not affiliated with either group, to declare a Labor Holiday.

## 'Labor Holiday'

On Tuesday, December 3rd, all transportation was stopped and most of the shops and stores in the cities of Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro and Hayward closed their doors in protest of the action of Oakland's city government.

The holiday continued until the morning of Thursday, December 5th, when, upon the recommendation of the Steering Committee, which had been meeting in continuous session with the more responsible officials connected with the city government, a meeting was held at the Labor Temple in Oakland. The attendance at this meeting consisted of all paid officers and executive board members of the various A. F. of L. unions affiliated with the Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council of Alameda County. A vote was taken and it was the unanimous opinion of all those present that, having accomplished their major aims, they would in the interest of the citizenry of this county, all return to their positions and performance of the duties they had been doing prior to this vicious and unwarranted attack upon the rights of the working people.

## Thank Local 3

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Local 3 for their support in this matter. We realize that with the nearness of the holiday season many of the Brothers made sacrifices which they could ill afford; but we feel that they have gained a sense of satisfaction in knowing that by joining so many of their fellow workers in this demonstration of strength they may have helped to awaken the employers in this area to the solidarity of the labor movement in our community and to the realization that those who toil for a livelihood are determined to obtain or maintain, as the case may be, a living wage. They also can feel assured that by adding their voices to the chor-

us of protests that arose against the faint of totalitarianism within our midst, that each has done his bit to further and better the conditions of his fellow workers.

## Rio Vista Beef

Within the past month we have been successful in negotiating and signing agreements with Heringer and Co., Fisher Brothers and River Motors, all of Rio Vista. However, we are still faced with the fact that there is no alternative than to keep pickets posted at the Blackwelder Manufacturing Co. and the Blackwelder Iron Works of this same city. The beef has been dragging along until it is now a question of who wears out whom. We would like to take this opportunity to state that we have received 100 per cent cooperation from the labor movement in Solano County, and we wish to commend Brother Lowell Nelson, secretary of the Solano Building Trades Council, for the fine cooperation and assistance shown Local 3 in this matter.

On Friday evening, November 29th, a meeting was held in the office with members employed by the J. Henry Harris Co., to discuss various problems with which they have found themselves confronted. We are sorry to say that apparently some of the Brothers who are acting as foremen for this company are not familiar with the working rules of our organization; but we feel confident that in due time this will be straightened out to the satisfaction of all concerned. At this meeting Brother Ray De Witt was elected to the position of steward and we feel sure that he will put forth every effort to keep things running smoothly.

Prior to the relaxation of wage controls and price stabilization the Buran Equipment Co. had signed an agreement with this union granting the employees a substantial increase in wages. Immediately following the issuance of Executive Order No. 9801, removing controls over wages and salaries, the company fulfilled its obligations and put into effect the scales called for in our agreement.

After considerable negotiation we have been successful in signing an agreement with the Tractor and Equipment Co. of East Oakland. This company is engaged in the sale and service of Cle-Trac equipment as well as various types of farm machinery.

## Bryson in Oakland

Brother Tom Bryson is now working out of the Oakland office looking after the dredges and the gravel plants as well as various other work in this area.

Some time ago we announced the construction of a new ferry slip at Point Castro, Richmond, to handle the increased traffic going to Marin County and the Redwood Empire. This job, consisting of over 1,000 piles and a reinforced concrete deck is being handled by the Johnson Western Co., which is employing seven engineers at the present time.

While everything is going along in good order at this time, during the past month we have encountered considerable difficulty on this project. It was here we were forced to place a picket line to uphold a decision which had been handed down by the Building Trades Department of the A. F. of L., awarding the work in question to the members of Local 3. It was here also we were forced to witness the spectacle of members of the Piledrivers, Local 34, crossing a picket line established by Local 3. The crossing of this line was not done with a thought of bettering their conditions but rather, we think, as part of a plan to aid and abet the company to circumvent this decision and to tear down the conditions of the members of Local 3. We feel that the members of the aforementioned organization did not commit this act of their own volition but rather at the insistence of

some ill-advised leader. We only hope that never again will we be compelled to witness such a spectacle and we sincerely believe that these two groups should in the future be able to cooperate as they have so many times in the past, working together for the common good of the membership of the two organizations.

## New Home Announced

Before the next copy of the paper comes out we hope to be settled in our new home at 1444 Webster St. Of course, if the contractor experiences too much difficulty in getting essential materials we may not be able to make it that soon. However, we will endeavor to notify as many of the members as possible through the stewards on the jobs as to the exact time we will be moving.

## Jurisdiction Beefs

A word to the members dealing with jurisdictional disputes in the labor movement. There have been volumes written and spoken and reams of paper used to try to put forth the views of various people on this, the most controversial issue with which labor has to deal.

As the members of Local 3 well know, we are fortunate that in the craft to which we belong, the jurisdictional lines are so plainly drawn that seldom are we molested by others wanting to do our work. This is not difficult to understand, inasmuch as our title, "Operating Engineers," in itself plainly indicates the type of work we do, to those sane Americans who read and are capable of absorbing the English language.

It is not with these people, whose minds are not cluttered with ulterior motives, that we have difficulty, however, but with those few who have in their weaker moments dreamed up rosy visions of themselves or a few individuals, occupying a spot in the labor picture where they will be in a position comparable to that of the feudal lords of old, or more recently, to the dictators who held sway in their high-handed way over those peoples unfortunate enough to be cursed with that form of government which is so despicable to freedom-loving people.

But fortunately those in the American Federation of Labor who have built this structure along the lines of democratic procedure have evolved a time-proven method whereby all jurisdictional disputes which arise within the structure of those crafts affiliated with the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor can be settled in an amicable way. All those of the labor movement who believe in the democratic form of procedure and understand the judicial branch of the government have found it to their advantage to abide by these decisions as handed down by the parent body of all the crafts engaged in the building construction industry.

## Pointed Criticism

But again we would like to stress that from time to time we find certain self-styled rugged individualists among the employers, and also we believe among certain so-called labor leaders, who find it to their convenience to stoop so low as to perhaps collaborate with these employers to find ways and means to circumvent the decisions and by the use of one snide trick or another to by-pass the rulings. By this they are not only attempting to override the authority of those who make the decisions, and tear down the conditions of those who toil for a livelihood; but by the very nature of their maneuvering, force the crafts which have been awarded the work in question to use tactics which they dislike; but which are necessarily used to preserve the very foundations of their organization. This in turn furnishes the reactionary press and the labor baiters with more fuel to add to the fire which is raging in our country at the present time. These individuals are trying in this underhand way to pit worker against worker, when by virtue of their position they should be devoting

their efforts and what abilities they possess toward bettering conditions of their fellow man, as well as to forwarding the principles and ideals of the American Federation of Labor.

During the past month we were forced into a situation where, we regret to say, we witnessed a spectacle of men whom we heretofore had held in very high esteem, crashing a picket line which had been established by this local to protect the very foundations of its existence.

These men did not pass through this line to better their working conditions or that of their fellow man; but rather, we think, at the insistence of one of these irresponsible, so-called labor leaders. Taking this into consideration, we can in no way condone the actions of these men in committing an act so completely foreign to the principles of the working class.

We trust that never again will we be compelled to witness such a spectacle, and we fervently hope that the individuals responsible for such an act may have seen the error in their ways and in the future conduct themselves as true Americans should.

## Dredger News

Suction dredge work has slowed up noticeably since the last report and we are now able to furnish men for all the jobs that come in.

The clamshells are still busy with the exception of the Associated Dredging Company's Dredge Liberty and Lipstrue's Dredge, Solano. Both of these are undergoing some much needed repairs.

The Monarch and the Neptune are both working on the Sacramento River in the vicinity of Walnut Grove and Courtland and the Golden Gate has finished at the Naval Supply Depot and moved to Point Richmond where they have a job for the Standard Oil Company.

Dutra's Dredges are both busy with the Mallard working up on the Mokelumne River near Thornton and the Edwards being used at Belmont.

Down in the vicinity of Redwood

City the Standard Dredging Company's Dredge Belmont is still keeping busy.

The Papoose is still working at Hunters Point and the barge Long Beach is on the same job using a clamshell bucket, fishing for rock. The Seattle No. 4, dipper dredge, has finished the job at Hunters Point and moved up the river to Howard Lauritzen's graving yard above the Antioch Bridge.

The Johnson Western Company has just about finished their job with the Alamitos at Fort Bragg and expect to be moving out about December 12th.

The dredge Sucker, owned by the Associated Dredging Company has just about finished at San Rafael and it is expected that it will be moved into Sausalito yard for a general overhauling.

The San Francisco Bridge Company has bought the dredge Oscar Magee and it is being used to do the Eureka Boat Harbor job.

The Olympian Dredging Company is sending the Trojan out to do a small job at the new yacht harbor at the Antioch bridge.

The Pacific Portland Cement Company is still keeping busy with two crews working at the present time.

The only dredging job in prospect for the near future is a small job at Monterey. We understand that bids will be opened for this job on December 17th.

Brother August Laskowski sustained a broken foot while working on the Dredge Jupiter for the Associated Dredging Company at Arcata.

Brother Daniel Forsyth has been in the St. Francis Hospital in San Francisco recovering from a leg injury received while working on the dredge Monarch.

Another of the boys who has been sick is Brother Grover "Buck" Lamontagne, who has been confined to his home in Antioch. While he has been away Brother Paul Erickson has been taking his place on the Dredge Neptune.

—T. D. BRYSON

## Getting Around the jobs

### Fairfield Operations

Morrison Knudsen have resumed operations at the Fairfield-Suisun Airbase where they have co-bras and cats working leveling the top of the hill for the proposed hospital site. When we go out to this job now it looks like old times as many of the members have returned from the job at Burney and they are really making the dirt fly. Some of the brothers working out there are: Grover Ross, L. L. Wright, Harry Leighton, Merle Ross and Willard Coldiron. It is rumored that work on the hospital structure itself will not be started until some time in February and this portion of the job will be handled by Stolte, Inc.

Brother Kenneth Corning, who has been employed by the Stolte Harrelson Co. on the Fifth Ave. overpass job, has been laid up with a bum leg for the past few weeks. Brother Johnny Johnston, who has been recuperating from an automobile accident, is taking his place. This job is coming along in good shape at the present time with Brother Percy Hauck acting as job steward.

### Pittsburg Excavating

Excavators, Inc., are still busy in the Pittsburg area, with jobs on various housing projects as well as at the Columbia Steel Mill and the Dow Chemical Plant. Brother Vic Nelson is acting as steward over equipment and Brother G. A. Torbert is looking out for the interests of the members of Local 3 in the shop.

The Ben Gerwick Co. is driving piles for the dock while Pomeroy is building the structures for the new plant at Columbia Steel.

Brother George Germain is acting as job steward for the latter company at the present time.

There is still quite a large crew employed by Bechtel Brothers McCone at the Standard Oil plant at Point Richmond.

### 'Pres. Wilson' Launched

On Sunday, November 24th, the S.S. President Wilson was launched at the Bethlehem Alameda Shipyard in ceremonies attended by 2500 spectators. The launching of the 22,900-ton luxury liner was no mean feat, as the problem of easing the huge bulk into the 900-foot estuary constituted a complicated operation. This vessel, along with her sister ship the President Cleveland, which was launched last June, are the two largest merchant vessels ever built on the Pacific Coast. They will be operated by the American President Lines between California ports and Manila, Honolulu, Japan and China. Combining the latest design in passenger accommodations, the 610-foot President Wilson will carry 522 passengers and a crew of 338, and will be equipped to handle mail, refrigerator and express cargo.

It was also announced recently that the Matson Navigation Company's Monterey will be moved to the United Engineering Yard in Alameda where reconversion is to be started soon. It is expected that the job will take approximately six months to complete, and while this will make considerable work for men in some of the crafts it is not anticipated that there will be any noticeable increase in the number of engineers hired in the yard. Things continue to be very quiet along the estuary, but since the

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# 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 City**—The big issue, as this is written, is the coal strike. Coal is a big factor in the economy of the State of Utah, a bigger factor than most people realize. In Utah there are approximately 5,000 coal miners, mostly employed in one county, Carbon County, which is estimated to contain 17 2/3 per cent of the world's coal.

Consequently the State burns coal for all purposes and the strike has hit Utah particularly hard, the greatest part of industry burning coal as it does. This is particularly true of the Provo area, where a large part of the heat is supplied by gas, supplied from the coke ovens at the Ironton Steel Plant. The strike being 100 per cent effective, no coal has been available and the gas supply in that area has gradually been curtailed until there has been some reports of actual hardship.

## Hits Geneva Plant

Coal also is a major factor at the Geneva Plant, it being used to produce coke and gas for the plant. A long strike will eventually close

that plant down, although at this writing, only a few men have been laid off. Completely closing the plant will be disastrous as coke ovens are ruined when they become cold and take months to rebuild. In order to prevent this the company is planning on shipping in liquid gas to keep the ovens warm so the immediate threat of a serious disaster is not too great.

The American Federation of Labor Unions in Utah are backing up the coal miners 100 per cent in their fight. We are close enough to them to know from investigating their agreements that they did not violate their agreement when it was cancelled. The daily press does not tell you these things, being more interested in discrediting the United Mine Workers than they are in reporting the truth. But the truth of the matter is that the mine workers followed their agreement to a "T" in serving cancellation notice.

## Rock, Sand Opened

The agreement your organization has with the Rock, Sand and Gravel Industry, and the Ready-Mixed Concrete Industry has been reopened by your officials, (the agreement expires January 1, 1947) and negotiations are in progress at the present time on an agree-

ment covering those industries for the coming year. The present outlook is good for the strengthening of the agreement, the gaining of better conditions and of bettering the wage scales, of course, a great deal will depend on the National picture on how much of a gain can be made.

The agreements covering the construction industry, the permanent plants and shops, are due to expire March 26, 1947. Under the terms of these agreements the employers must be notified by December 26, 1946, as to any desired changes. At the present writing such a notification is being prepared, along the lines of our experience during the past year, and it is to be hoped (depending on the National picture), that a greatly strengthened and better agreement will be the result. If any of the members have any suggestions to make that you believe will help make a better agreement, contact one of the Business Representatives.

As this is being prepared for the press the jobs are holding up better than anticipated, the weather having been very mild for the past two or three weeks. Some of the jobs in the higher altitudes have, of course, as was expected, been

closed down by the weather. However, the number of unemployed still remain low, the laid-off members either leaving the state or being placed on going jobs in the state.

## Good Spring Prospect

The work outlook for next spring still looks good. There will be a number of jobs to complete when the season opens up next year, for one thing, and the recent release of funds by the U. S. Government to the Bureau of Reclamation, for another thing, will mean the letting of additional work on the Salt Lake aqueduct and other projects. Also the State Railroad Commission is advertising bids for new road jobs and, we hope, will have let a number before spring.

Also along these lines Provo City has let over \$300,000 of work to the Utah-Idaho Concrete Pipe Company on the million dollars worth of work on the water system of that city. The construction work on the Geneva Steel Plant should also be going by spring which should, provide work for a number of members. The improvement in the material situation should also provide a number of jobs in new building construction.

## Election Aftermath

The recent elections has thrown some of our members into a tail-spin (especially those that failed to vote), the results having been unsatisfactory to many and the statements of some of our politicians in the newspapers having created a feeling of uncertainty in many members' minds. It must be remembered that your organization, has rode through many an election and has come out a stronger union. All we have to do is to realize that during this trying period that to come out on top, all we have to do is to be better union men. We can't be destroyed by laws, the only way that we can be destroyed is to lose our confidence in our Union and to fail to be true to our union principles. If we stick together now, we won't have to worry about laws or actions of legislators or congressmen, as an organization we will be here when they are gone and forgotten.

Another year has rolled around (my how fast they go, of late) and again we are approaching that period devoted to celebrating the Birth of the Prince of Peace, and so we take this means of extending to each of you and your families, our sincerest wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

# Daily report of awards for construction jobs

Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK  
November 7, 1946

SAN JOSE, Calif., contract awarded to Stuart Equipment Co., \$13,067, by City Clerk for asphalt surf. on Newhall St., betw. Coleman Ave. & Walnut St., Airport Village Subdivision.

ALAMEDA, Calif., contract awarded to A. J. Hopper, \$16,358, by City Clerk, for const. of a storm sewer on East Side of Broadway from Eagle Ave. to Estuary.

November 8, 1946

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to O'Mara & Stewart, \$95,662, by Dept. of Public Works for replacement of water piping system for Nurse Home, etc., San Francisco Hospital.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to Dodge Const., \$184,932, by Dept. of Hwys. for 21.678 mi. const. portion of State Hwy. system from Round Mt. Jct. to Millette's.

November 12, 1946

MODESTO, Calif., contract awarded to Standard Mats. Co., \$48,808, for const. of reinf. conc. siphon, Lateral No. 4, from Hwy. No. 99 to 8th St. under S. P. Railroad.

BERKELEY, Calif., contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, \$2.64 cy., by Purchasing Agent for hauling 2000 cy. quarry fill from San Francisco Bay to City of Berkeley Pier.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., \$9027, by City Clerk for asphalt paving etc. of 50th St. betw. "M," Lardmont and "N," 48th-51st Sts.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., \$4312, by City Clerk for asphalt paving, etc. of 43rd St. betw. "B" and "C" Sts.

SAN JOSE, Calif., contract awarded to Piazza & Huntley, \$40,552, by Co. Clerk for asphalt surf. etc. of Pheland Ave., Alma St., S. 7th and 10th Sts.

ANTIOCH, Calif., contract awarded to Morrison-Knudson Inc., \$3,025,181, by Bureau of Reclamation for earthwork, conc. lining and structures, Central Valley Project.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, \$1846, by Dept. of Public Works, for const. of Ellis St. sewer from Broderick to St. Joseph Ave.

November 13, 1946

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to Dodge Const., \$184,932, by Dept. of Hwys. for 21.678 mi. const. portion of State Hwy. system from Round Mountain Junction to Millette's.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, \$69,

979, by Co. Clerk for const. of curbs, gutters, drains, sewers and paving, Arden Park Vista Unit No. 4, Sacramento County.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Johnson Western Co., \$14,763, by Board of State Harbor Comm., for repairs etc. damaged corner Piers No. 31 and No. 29.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., \$264,165, by Dept. of Hwys. for 19.052 mi. const. portion of State Hwy. system.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., sub-contract awarded to M. B. McGowan, by Dinwiddie Const. Co., for furnishing and driving untreated piles for extension to export warehouse at Paraffine Co., Inc.

November 14, 1946

MODESTO, Calif., contract awarded to Standard Materials Co., \$15,760, by City Clerk for reconst. of taxi lanes and aprons at Municipal Airport.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Basich Bros. Const. Co., \$316,444, by Calif. Div. of Hwys., for 4.0 mi. grade and asphalt conc. pave on cr. run base, betw. Shields Ave. and Herdon Ave.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to L. Biasotti & Son, \$156,420, by Calif. Div. of Hwys., for 8.6 mi. grade, imported borrow and bitum. surf., on Fresno-Coalinga Rd.

November 15, 1946

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Adam Arras & Son, \$28,537, by Dept. of Public Works, for const. of alterations to 460 McAllister St. Building.

November 19, 1946

BERKELEY, Calif., contract awarded to A. J. McCosker, \$1125, total (\$2.25 per 4-cy. load) by City Purchasing Agent, for moving 2000 cu. yd. quarry fill from garbage dump to the Berkeley Pier.

November 21, 1946

OAKLAND, Calif., contract awarded to E. J. Freethy, \$203,826, by East Bay Munic. Util. Dist., for const. of Baseline, Castro Valley and Terkebury Reservoirs.

OAKLAND, Calif., sub-contract awarded to M. B. McGowan Inc., by M & K Corp., for furn. and driving creos. piles for addn. to Butler Packing Co plant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to De Luca & Son Inc., \$46,824, by Hous. Auth. of S. F. for grading, surf. and utils., for Vet Housing Proj. at S. F. Jr. College site, Balboa Park.

FRESNO, Calif., contract awarded to Ted F. Baun, \$4176, by State Office Bldg., for grading and paving at Fresno State College.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to R. Flatland, \$10,293, by Dept. of Public Works, for const. of channelization on traffic of Portola Dr., betw. Evelyn Way and Twin Peaks Blvd.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to MacDonald Young & Nelson, by Pac. Gas and Elec. Co., for const. of bldgs. and switchyard fnds., Moraga Substation, Contra Costa Co.

November 25, 1946

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Con Inc., \$2849, by City Clerk, for 5 1/2 inch asphalt conc. pavement, curbs, gutters, etc. on "M" St. from 57th to 58th Sts.

November 26, 1946

BERKELEY, Calif., contract awarded to E. J. Tobin, \$15,972, by City Engr., for const. of a storm sewer in 7th St. betw. Jones and Gilman.

November 27, 1946

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to J. G. Grattan, \$4553, by Dept. of Public Works, for proposed sewer tunnel under Fort Funston.

WALNUT CREEK, Calif., contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, \$1925, by City Clerk for const. of vitr. sewer in the City Park.

December 2, 1946

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, \$72,798, County Clerk for asphalt paving, etc., on Wright and Kimbrough in Sutterville Park.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., \$9956, by City Clerk for A. C. surf., etc. of Sts. in Lynch & Hazel Subdivision.

HOLLISTER, Calif., contract awarded to Wm. R. Radke, \$4508, by County Clerk for const. R. C. bridge over Bitterwater Creek on Paicines-Panoche Rd. in Dist. No. 4, San Benito Co.

PROVO, Utah, contract awarded to the Utah-Idaho Conc. Pipe Co., \$301,842, by City Recorder for furn. and laying approx. 17,210 ft. 48-inch pipe line and laying of 1160 ft. 20-inch pipe line and erection of two weir houses at Provo.

December 3, 1946

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to J. N. Pitcher, \$2800, by Board of State Harbor Commrs., for drilling test borings and testing sub-soils underlying site of proposed Grain Elevator.

SAN MATEO, Calif. (Unit bids submitted, taken under advisement), L. C. Smith, \$13,244, low to City Clerk for grading, paving, curbs, etc. in Ventura Ave., Cottrell Subdivision.

RICHMOND, Calif., contract

awarded to Lee J. Immel, \$26,230, by C. A. Pritchford, for resurf. 13th St. and Kearney St. from 10th St. to N. City Limits.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., \$2550, by Dept. of Public Wks. for asphalt conc. surf., etc., of Grey-stone Terrace betw. Copper and Iron Alleys, north half S. F.

CHICO, Calif., contract awarded to Morrice W. Evans, \$1495, by City Clerk for const. of stool foot bridge across Big Chico Creek.

SAUSALITO, Calif., contract awarded to Kenny Const. Co., \$2556, by City Clerk for redecking boardwalk on bridgeway betw. Richardson and Main Sts.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., \$3364, by City Clerk for asphalt conc. surf. of San Carlos Way, 8th Ave. to Stanford High School.

December 6, 1946

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Mallott & Peterson, \$1824, by U. S. Engr. Office for resurf. of tennis, basketball and volleyball courts at Funston Playground.

MOSS LANDING, Calif., contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., \$286,838, by U. S. Engr. Office, for jetty protective works at Moss Landing Harbor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Adam Arras & Son, \$17,392, by Dept. of Public Works, for alterations to Hospitality House, Civic Center.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, \$41,232, by City Clerk for const. of sewer at Bruns Slough, 31st St. to S. P. RR in N.E. section of Sacramento.

SAN MATEO, Calif., contracts awarded to Pac. Coast Bldrs., (1) \$131,769, Carrico & Gautier, 2) \$198,601, by Board of Trustees, San Mateo Elementary School District, for const. of classroom bldg. at 1) Sunnybrae Elementary School site, S. Delaware St. and 2) at Broet Elementary School site, in San Mateo.

December 9, 1946

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to S. J. Amoroso Const. Co., \$387,032, by Calif. Div. of Hwys., for const. of substructure for overhead structure over tracks of S. P. RR and const. of portion of outer highway at Fruitvale Ave. in City of Oakland in Alameda County, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Basalt Rock Co., \$120,720, by U. S. Engineer Office for quarry stone bank protection at 17 sites along the Sacramento

River, Miner Slough and Steamboat Slough.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., informal contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, \$12,980, by U. S. Engr. Office, for removal of revetment at Sacramento Air Depot under Specification No. 1261.

December 10, 1946

BERKELEY, Calif., contract awarded to Paris Bros., \$14,999, by City Engr. for const. of a storm sewer on Harrison St. betw. 3rd and Front Sts. and on Front St. betw. Harrison and Filman Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Unit and Total Bids Submitted, Taken Under Advisement) Charles L. Harney, \$183,266, low to Public Utilities Comm. for reconstructing the inner tracks on Market St. betw. Fremont and Eddy Sts.

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## Rains delay Stockton job

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job should give employment to a good many members of Local 3 in the very near future.

## Bird 100% Union

The W. W. Bird Development Company are going along 100 per cent with the Engineers Union. The fellows that crossed our picket lines have all been fired and replaced by our members and Bird stated that he is well satisfied with the union, and has been sorry for not going along with us from the start, as he has received the best skimmers he has ever hired.

I want to take this opportunity to wish the brothers and their families a Merry Christmas and a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thanks be that there is more variety of cheer and some of our favorite brands back on the market says Brother Renny Burroughs who holds down the front office for Brother Doran, and a Merry Christmas to you too.

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## Haste Makes Waste

A young man had picked out the material for a new suit.

"I can't make it for at least 30 days," the overworked tailor told him.

"Thirty days," protested the customer, "why the whole world was made in six days."

"True," replied the tailor. "But have you taken a good look at it lately?"



# News from the San Francisco office

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

**San Francisco**—Work in the San Francisco area has slowed down due to weather conditions but it has held up better than we anticipated. Since our last report we have attended meetings of the State Conference of Engineers at San Luis Obispo where matters regarding engineers throughout the state were discussed and problems regarding our work and what could be done through the State Legislature.

Also attended the Western Conference of Engineers in San Francisco. There were delegates present from the nine Western states and the principal topics discussed were highways, dams, levee work, and airports. This was a hoisting and portable conference which has done much in the past to make for a better relationship between the local unions scattered from Montana to San Diego and Phoenix. We meet, get together, know each other, find that their problems are identical with our own. Also, we know whom to contact and are on friendly relations with them when our members go into these various other territories, and this makes it easier for our members who work in these territories.

## P.G.&E. Parleys

Considerable time has been spent with the representatives of the building trades councils and the P.G.&E. officials trying to iron out the difficulties with that company over the different bid construction

## Another leveler concern signed in Fresno Area

By H. T. PETERSEN and GLEN DOBYNS

Business Representatives

**Fresno**—During the past month we have been successful in signing up the Lloyd Watson Co. of Los Banos to both the construction and land leveling agreements. Lloyd is now working on a private canal job in the Dos Palos area and has the Phoenix Construction Co. and Kreitzer Co.'s equipment on the job as well as his own.

Also signed up River Rock Co. of Merced, Nelson Materials of Merced and Rogers Materials of Madera to the rock and gravel agreement.

## Dredge Election

In the gold dredging district, Snelling and Lagrange, a consent election will be held with the Snelling Gold Dredging Co., to determine whether or not the employees are in favor of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local No. 3 as their bargaining representative. We feel that the outcome of this election will act favorably to the Union to the effect that the employees of other dredging companies in that area will see fit to sign applications for membership.

Three new highway jobs were let in this area. L. Biasotti of Stockton was low bidder on a highway job west of town, should start right away. Basich Bros. of Los Angeles have moved in and started a highway job on Blackstone Avenue. The Rand Construction Co. of Bakersfield was low bidder on a 14-mile job in the southern part of Tulare County.

Canal work is proceeding at a steady pace working one shift except on shovel excavation work. There have been several complaints during the month on this job and they have all been satisfactorily adjusted.

We can certainly tell in this office when the rain has started in the northern part of the state. The boys are drifting in from all over and consequently there is no shortage of men.

The next regular meeting in the Fresno area will be held Thursday, January 23rd at 8 p.m. from the Fresno office.

From the Fresno office: We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the members **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

and maintenance work. Progress has been made in these negotiations but no definite program has been laid down by the company as yet.

**Despite the inevitable slowing up due to rainy weather, several large projects are still in operation. American Bridge Co. at Hunter's Point are still busy with their steel erection job which should continue for several weeks yet before completion.**

Erbenraut and Summers still have their large building under construction although they are now on their last floor so this job should not last too much longer.

## Barnes Finishes Up

J. I. Barnes Construction Co. building project at the Point is also rapidly nearing completion, concrete floor laying being about the only thing left to be done. The dredging work is about completed on the Ben C. Gerwig job and Construction Aggregates Inc. have started in with the sand back fill which is all underwater work. This back fill must be complete before the piledriving on Gerwig's new job can be started. Right now it looks like about the first of February before any actual piledriving will start.

M & K Corp. still have three rigs in operation on the Seventeenth Street sewer job along with compressors and pumps necessary for such a job.

Eaton and Smith are still working on the Guerrero Street widening job. Barrett and Hilp have several members still employed on the Federal Public Housing job on the Crocker Amazon playgrounds. They are also working on one section of the Apparel City project.

Charles Harney Co. has several jobs in operation including the street work for the new cork factory in Visitation Valley and of course has started his old standby of real estate development in the Sunset district. He always moves his rigs into this work this time of the year because of the sandy condition. Therefore the brothers working for Harney are always assured of a winter's job.

Dinwiddie Construction Co. have several brothers employed on their two large building jobs, one at Fifth and Howard and the other at Stockton and Geary. Both jobs will continue for a considerable length of time.

Cahill Bros. have two large building jobs in progress, material hoists and compressors busy on both jobs. Swinnerton and Walberg have two large building jobs in progress, one for the Matson Navigation Co. at Market and Main Streets and the other at 115 Battery Street. There is quite a bit of cement and steel erection work on both these buildings and it will furnish employment for a number of brothers.

Lowrey Paving Co. is still doing a good deal of work for both the P.G.&E. and the telephone company keeping their trenching machines busy on excavation work for underground cables and their hot plant crew busy repaving the streets afterwards. Healy Tibbetts has several rigs busy on the Mission route job and the Army Street sewer job and both jobs should continue for some time yet.

Ken Royce, Evans Tractor, and other repair shops around town that are using our men are doing all types of repair work on construction machinery. These are nice spots for our brothers because no time is lost because of rain and it is pleasant to work inside in this weather!

The ship repair companies such as General Engineering, United Engineering, and Bethlehem are still continuing to maintain about the same level of employment as they have over the past period of four or five months and there seems no immediate prospect of any great increase in ship repair work.

## Peninsula District

The Macco M & K Co. have discontinued the graveyard shift on their airport job, also on the Bayshore Freeway and are now operating on a two shift basis of eight hours each.

Guy F. Atkinson Company are getting along very well on their unit of the Bayshore Freeway, working all the days the weather will permit.

At South San Francisco Pionabo Bros. are nearly finished on their approach job to the overpass. The State Highway Department has allotted another \$800,000.00 for grading and paving adjoining this project. It is our understanding that bids will be advertised soon for this work.

Henry Doelger is still busy on subdivision work at Colma. Several of our members are employed on this job. Brother Floyd Steffy is in charge. Stoneson Bros. are also still operating in this area under the supervision of Brother Watson. The general opinion is that these jobs will run for a long time.

At South San Francisco the Ken Royce Co. have completed their concrete plant and are now in full operation.

Quite a number of contractors are at work on subdivision and

## Plenty of snow, rain bogs down jobs in Redding

By E. A. HESTER

Business Representative

**Redding**—With a greatly increased and "unusual" supply of snow, rain, dark clouds and lashing winds, there is not a great deal to report. I do regret to report that our good brother, Ralph Worley, let his tractor get away from him on the Shasta job and was fatally injured. Another good brother, Fred H. Jackson met with a serious accident with 220,000 volt line. Three fingers on his left hand are lost and all his toes on both feet. The brother is now in the Mercy Hospital in Red Bluff, so far holding his own.

At this time we are having a lot of brothers reporting in. Several of our major jobs in this district have shut down for the winter. It seems that we are well supplied to fill the orders that come in. The Utah Construction Company had about sixty of our brothers employed. M. W. Brown and Wixon and Crowe are also buttoned up for the winter.

## Byers to Eureka

Ray Byers has moved his equipment to Eureka. Phoenix Construction Company are moving part of their equipment to their new job below Carville on Highway 101. They still have a lot of highway work to complete on their Cottonwood job.

On Morrison-Knudsen job at Fall River Mills, the force has been decreased to a small bunch of Mechanics and Concrete men.

They are still struggling along on the E. B. Bishop job at Cedarville.

Activity keeps up pretty well on the Proctor job at Red Bluff.

J. B. Brennan is looking for more equipment for his sewage disposal job in Redding.

The boys are marooned in on the N. M. Ball job at Hayfork.

## Future Looks Good

We have good prospects for the future in this district. \$600,000.00 has been appropriated for the Hayfork Trinity County Highway.

We are steadily making progress in the Gold Mine Industry. Recently got things straightened out at Carville. Everything is working pretty now. The dredge at Calahan is still down. But it seems that they will be open before long. We have a full crew on the doodlebug at Trinity Center. There are a few more adjustments to be made in the Gold Mine Industry in this district and we hope to get this cleared up by early spring.

street work including R. A. Farish at Buri Buri Ranch; C. Dudley De-Vilbis at Millbrae; L. C. Smith and Keeble and Brown at San Mateo; California Paving Co. at Belmont and Redwood City; and the California Constructors at Sharps Park.

At Redwood City J. O. Archibald has just about completed the grading of Redwood Terrace. Brother Frank Archibald of the A & B Quarry is furnishing the rock for this project. Peter Sorenson is also busy on street work in this vicinity.

R. J. Dunlap Company continue to operate at the Port of Redwood. Several brothers are still employed there. Brother Ray Dove, who has done a fine job as steward at this yard for the past year, is leaving and Brother Don Bugna has been

appointed to take his place.

We Extend our wishes for a speedy recovery to the following: Wm. G. Dowd, Ed Bullivant, Julius Cable, Roy Hail, Leo Stewart, George Carter, King Grange, Leonard Wans is now out of the hospital but Nick Thill is still at St. Mary's.

Paul Harper, Ray Robinson, Doran E. Baker, Harvey Freeland are working in Guam, Lester Brundege in Arabia, and Jack Taylor in Liberia.

As this has been a happy and prosperous year for the members and personnel of Local 3, may we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## News from Oakland office

### Getting around the jobs

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termination of the waterfront strike things are picking up somewhat.

Construction on a \$405,000 warehouse at 1801 Hibbard St., Alameda, is now under way. This

building, a one-story steel frame structure, is being built by the Kieckhefer Container Co. on Alaska Packers property. The prime contract is being handled by Cahill Brothers of San Francisco, and it is expected that the work will be completed by April 1st.

## News about the brothers:

The Almighty in His divine wisdom, has during the past month seen fit to call several of the members from our midst. Among them was Brother Ralph B. Goss, who was stricken and died very suddenly at his home in Oakland on November 3rd, one week to the day after the death of his wife, Mamie. His passing closes the last chapter in the life of one of the most interesting and best loved oldtimers in our organization. Born in Logan, Ohio in 1883, he resided in the Bay Area for the major part of his life. In 1898 at the age of 21, he went to work for Healy Tibbetts Construction Co. and at the time of his death he was still with this same organization. He joined the Operating Engineers in 1911 and down through the years he remained a loyal and sincere supporter of organized labor—always proud of his union affiliation and doing all in his power to forward the aims and purposes of his union.

Another in this group who passed away during the month of November was Brother Jim Ward, one of the promising young contractors of this area. While out on a withdrawal card, we have always looked upon Jim as one of us for he always was very fair in his dealings with the members of Local 3 and it seems that his motto was to treat others as he would like to have been treated had he been the employed rather than the employer.

Brother John Caetano succumbed to a long illness on November 11th. Although he had been unable to work for some time he was well known and highly regarded by all.

Death came to Brother Mason Williams on November 30th. One of our younger members, Brother Williams died suddenly, and his passing came as a great shock to his many friends and relatives.

Brother Henry J. Stockel died as the result of a heart attack on December 3rd. A member of Local 59 before the amalgamation, Brother Stockel had been in the employ of the Heafey-Moore Co. for over 20 years.

To the families of all these men we extend our deep and sincere sympathy.

## Gets Parking Lot

Brother S. L. Cramer, who has been a member of the Engineers for a number of years, has taken over a parking lot on Franklin and Hobart Streets in downtown Oakland. He says he can park between 50 and 60 cars at a time, and while he expects to be pretty busy during the holiday season, he will always try to squeeze one more car in—especially if it belongs to one of the brothers.

Brother Clarence Laughlin had a close call not long ago when the car in which he was riding was side-swiped while traveling along the Eastshore Highway. Sitting in the back seat, Brother Laughlin was nearly scalped by flying glass and it took 23 stitches to fasten his scalp back together again. However, the man must have wonderful recuperative powers as he was up and around again within a short time and seems to be feeling right in the pink now.

Brother Denzil Patterson, who not so long ago returned from Arabia where he had been employed by Bechtel McCone, recently signed up for another 18-month stretch with the same outfit and has once more returned to the land of the raghead and hot sand.

## Back from Guam

At about the same time Patterson was taking off for Arabia, Brother Albert J. Hill was arriving home after nine months spent on Guam, where he was employed by the J. H. Pomeroy Co. At the present time he is spending some time with Brother Curley Midgett at his Lovelock Club, near Magalia, up in the Feather River country.

Congratulations are in order for Brother Jim Huse, who was married to Miss Violet Ohlhausen on November 23rd in the Methodist Church of Hayward.

After an absence of a year and a half Brother Harry Drew dropped into the hall the other day. When Harry left here he joined the Seabees and it seems that they put him right to work running crane on a floating drydock. He says that operating on a rough sea is rather tricky work and that when the waves are rolling high it takes a bit of maneuvering to make a lift. Released a couple of months ago, he has been taking an extended vacation but now he says he is about ready to start in doing a little dry land operating again.

Brother Carl Haley and son, Sam, who is also a member, have opened a shoe repair shop at 1175 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Sam is in the shop all week and his dad comes in over Saturday and Sunday. This way they are able to keep well up on the work and to give good fast service.

Brother Stan Sipes was just in passing out the cigars and candy—the occasion, a new six-pound, 11-ounce son born November 7th at the Berkeley Hospital.