Local 3 Holds First General Semi-Annual Meet in S.F.

Members Uphold Board On Pension Resolution

By AL CLEM, Business Manager

On January 13, the first official semi-annual meeting of the Operating Engineers Local 3 was held in the San Francisco Labor Temple, 16th and Capp Sts. It was attended by approximately 350 members.

The conference is scheduled for March 6, 7 and 8, in Washington, D.C.

Al E. Brown, secretary-treasurer of the United Papermakers and Paperworkers, AFL-CIO, will make one of the two principal addresses at the closing plenary session of the Conference on March 8. More than 100 other leaders of the labor movement are involved in Conference planning or will take part in workshop sessions.

NEWS

R. Arnold S. Smucker, president of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, will be paid in a workshop on safety of public employees.

Members of the Conference's Technical Advisory Committee include Wharton and Michael P., president of the Railway Employees Department; David J. McDonald, president of the United Steelworkers of America; Richard F. Walsh, president, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees; Modern Picture Machine Operators; and chairman of the AFL-CIO Committee on Safety and Occupational Health; and Elwood D.

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Big Political Show Starts in California

By AL BORDMAN, Director, Department of Education and Research

With the big political show about to go on the road in our state of California, it might be interesting to examine past performances in the political swamping of Governor Pat Brown and contender Dick Nixon.

In the Presidential race of 1960, Nixon was California by a paucity 55,000 votes. This was a very poor showing for a favorite son in a Presidential race, so the 14 big counties with more than 100,000 registered voters, Nixon was only able to carry two counties more than Kennedy. Thus, in the counties that control 88 percent of the State's total vote, Nixon was able to carry 8,000 votes mayoral.

This would indicate that two strong candidates can fight to a draw in the big counties, with the victory going to the candidate who carries the rural counties.

State-wide, Nixon won 32 counties; Kennedy in 26 counties. This is 14 counties with less than 100,000 voters apiece.

On the other hand, a candidate carrying a large percentage of the population can carry any results in the less populated counties meaning equally.

In comparing Governor Brown's numbers in 1962 and that of Nixon, it can be pointed out that in the past Nixon has carried enough Democratic votes to win. Registered Democrats now number 1 million, an increase of 2 million.

Many Republicans voted for Brown, who won over Knowland by more than a million votes.

All of this seems to indicate a close race, come next November, with the Lieutenant Governor's big stake in the re-election of the incumbent Governor.
Big Reservoir Contract Underway in San Jose Area

Job Calls for Moving 60,000 Cubic Yards

By A. J. Hope, WM. Harley Davidson, G. L. Mobile and Danny O'Beas

The recent rains and the extremely cold weather of the past two weeks has brought a new growth to all the land. However, the work continues as usual.

Curtis, Holmes, Inc., of Menlo Park, is currently engaged in the excavation phase of a contract with the City of Menlo Park. The contract is for clearing and grading of a new reservoir at the Columbia Drive Reservoir. This project involves the moving of a large amount of earth.

The earthwork specifications as established by the San Jose Water Works are of the strictest nature and require equipment, methods, and manpower of a caliber that Curtis Holmes, Inc., and the Operating Engineer are capable of providing. Personnel employed on this project are E. E. Tuttle, project manager; W. C. Jones, foreman; and W. W. Brown, P. H. Belk, R. Boger, L. Woloch, D. T. and A. L. B. Engineers.

L. C. Smith Company has been instrumental in keeping a large number of workers busy during this winter. In the hot plant, which was established a year ago, Brother O'Brien is the super, with Bob Huggins, foreman; Dick Moen, foreman and Jerry Mears, the other foreman.

In the screening plant, which was put into operation a year ago, the following Brothers are employed:

Pension Fund

Brother T. Sheets
Estes, B. T. Johnson

The Executive Board recommends that the Trustees continue their policy of providing the present pension plan, while keeping in mind any changes may be made on a sound economic basis so that the maximum benefits for all members will be secured.

The Executive Board meeting held on December 29, 1961, was moved, seconded and car- ried to adopt the above recommendation, and that this recommendation, together with the resolution, be mimeographed and distributed to the members at the semi-annual meeting on January 13, 1962.

REPORT

At the semi-annual meeting, P. H. McCarty, the attorney representing the union on the pension plan and Bert Jacobson representing the Martin E. Schwartz Company, who gave the membership a full report as to the legality of the trust as well as the actual benefits accruing to the union pension fund.

There was a question and answer period, in which every member was afforded an opportunity to ask questions regarding the pension plan and the resolution to amend the by-laws.

After the hearing the explanation and passed the recommendation of the Executive Board, keeping in mind the welfare of the "old timers," who have done so much to build the organization, the members voted 318 to 12 to concur with the recommendation of the Executive Board.

By this action, they demonstrated that they want to keep a sound pension plan, not one that merely looks good on paper, but one that will take care of all of our members as time goes on and be built on a sound foundation.

A General report of the Executive Board covering its activities during the past six months of 1961 was presented. The report was accepted with no dissenting votes.

Speaking for myself, the officers and the Executive Board, we are extremely glad to use the turnover at the meeting and we feel that it was conducted in the way the business was conducted in an orderly and business-like manner as it generally always is at meetings of the Engineers.

MEETINGS

During the past month, I attended meetings in Kauai, Red- ding and Marysville, as well as a quarterly meeting in San Francisco, where the grievance committee members were elected for the forthcoming year.

With one exception, all the grievance committee members in all the four districts were returned to office for another term.

We believe this is a healthy sign that actions speak better than any written words; it demonstrates that these men in their respective districts are a very great deal of faith and confidence in those who have served them so faithfully during the past 12 months.

There were more than 500 grievances issued over the entire jurisdictional territory of Local 3 during 1961.

As of January 26, 1962, there had been 1,027 men dispatched for the month of January in Local 9. As of January 13, 1962, and agreements had been signed.

REPORT

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A new piece of legislation on the streets of the grading.

O. C. Jones & Sons have some pads to put in for the buildings. Rogers Enterprises have their batch plant running full blast. Faucon Bros. from San Jose are finishing up their underground work.

**BRIDGE**

There is nothing new on the San Mateo Bridge. Yuba Brees have set up an office but they haven't moved any rigs in yet. The dredging is still going on.

Oliver De Silva Inc is going strong on the college job in Hayward with 12 engines on this job under the supervision of brother Charles McPherson. Hein Bros. from Berkeley are doing the choring.

The Pacific States Steel Mill and the American Forge plant at Niles have started back up full blast, putting many of the Brothers east of work.

All of the rock, sand and gravel works are working fairly steadily. Most of them are working more than one shift and everyone is getting some time in each week.

The Case Bred job in Livermore has slowed up some, but there is still a lot of work to do. The Hay P. Atkinson dam job at Orinda is now in the process of closing down for the winter. The job will be down by March or April.

The Broadway Tunnel is just getting underway and at the present there are a few brothers working there.

American Pipe is going ahead with the pipeline in Orinda, Lafayette and Walnut Creek.

Rose and Matzke has some 600-000 yards to move in his job in Walnut Creek.

Peter Kiers is nearing the completion of the freeway job in Martinez and is now working on its new shop and office site near Concord.

The Fibrecord Company is putting up their new plant in Martinez. Ball Construction is the prime contractor. Biggs Crane is doing the placing of the steel and a number of small contractors are doing other small portions of this job.

The Bochel Corp. has the job in Associated Oil of adding on the new addition to the plant. They are just getting started. They have a new 4000 Maneuver Crane which was bought for this job. There are two truck cranes, a grader and a number of Austin Western Derricks and Harrellson are driving the trucks.

The Stoltz-Early tunnel at Orinda is still going although it is much shorter. County is taking care of the neighborhood.

The Young and Anderson job at Bisdler is moving along slowly with the quick sand problem which has become a very expensive problem. They are now putting down well points on the entire length of the line and have around the deck pumping operation on this job.

Consolidated Western Steel has just started a 10 mile section adjacent to the Young and Anderson job. At present there are four brothers on this job and more expected when the job comes up in full swing.

Although we have quite a number of brothers on the out of work list but it looks like this will be quite a profitable year to the brothers in this area.

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**Recap for Economy**
Marine Land
Planned in San Rafael

BY T. J. STAPLETON

As this goes to press, everyone in Marin County seems to be exicted over possibilities of a $4 million "Marine Land" to be developed in Mill Valley. This depends on the result of the city of Mill Valley. The proposed building site is in a desirable recreation area. The plans include a main building housing a dolphin tank and a reef tank, encircled by an area where seal and sea lions could see the marine life in the tanks.

On the basis of newspaper reports, this Marine World would be set in an identity area with the green light, the promoters say, construction should be under way in 1965.

Bid for the dredging of the San Rafael Creek Channel were opened on January 25—estimated cost $300,000.

Shellmaker, Bridge has started dredging the Petaluma River Channel. This job will cost $151,979. They are using 13 engineers at this time on three shifts. This will be about a two month job and starts 1/2 mile off Black Point and goes four miles into the main channel.

Underground Construction keeping three engineers busy by Tamalpais High School in Mill Valley.

Bridge
Mammoth Bridge is working on the north approach of Golden Gate Bridge with crane operating a results on a large scale. Pete Montoya, Miller Drilling is excavating fillings.

There is a beehive of activity on Canal Street area in San Rafael. Jack Kees, Glotter Bros., C. D. Madsen, Mert Bros. Brothers, Quinn J. Ono, busy making fillings in a fast developing area.

Plomo Bros. is anticipating a lot of work this spring and future. At present Brother Fran.

The following brothers has purchased their year 1962 cards.


Illegal to Use Automation to Break Union - NLRB

WASHINGTON (PAID)-Utilization of automation is a snubbing to blind union workers has been sharply reactical. A Bill panel of the National Labor Relations Board ruled that the Northern Virginia Sun, Arlington, Va., was guilty of unfair labor practice in laying off 24 union printers to make way for new mechanical processes, which could be operated by fewer and less skilled workers.

The paper recently bought out a non-union plant and hired new workers to operate it and then laid off its regular employees. The company has refused to get the education of some workers.

Some 106-union workers are on the job and, depending a little on the weather, this may turn out to be a good job for them. The company hopes to get the education.

The building of an aircraft, rocket and missile development is expected to good sized employment.

At the Robert Christy, Robert McFaul, and Steve Abbott, the project is expected to be completed in 1965.

Construction is expected to start in about six weeks and should take about five to six months to complete.

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Multi-Million Dollar Plant OK'd
Huge Paper Company
Builds in Redding Area

By J. B. JENNINGS and S. N. MCBRIDE

Kimberly-Clark officials and the health department have reached an agreement on the standards that have to be met with the California State Board of Health. Dithiocarbamates will be made in the Anderson-Cottonwood area.

Ralph Smith company merged with Kimberly-Clark Corporation. The huge corporation, with annual sales of $500 million, will add another 400-man payroll to the community by 1963.

Kimberly-Clark scientists were testing the five species of timber grown on Smith forest lands to determine whether the timber could be converted into Kimberly-Clark's products, which range from household items to top grade bond stations.

Kimberly-Clark came up with efficient treatment plans which please the community and also the state water pollution control authorities.

The Pacific Gas and Electric Company has delayed plans to develop a $22 million hydro-electric project on the McCloud and Pit Rivers. This job consists of four dams, two tunnels and three power houses. An uncertain monthly report on this project will start this year.

A $22 million to enable the Trinity River Project to generate its first power in the coming year was asked by the President. Starting July 1, 1974, 60,000 will go for Lassen Park, 60,000 will go for a visitor center and $61,000 for roads and trails, $78,000 for construction of ski facilities.

Eleven million dollars will go for 250 kilowatt transmission lines to carry Trinity power to the Trinity switchyard. Work will also continue on the Trinity, Whiskeytown and Lewiston Dams and the Clear Creek and Spring Creek tunnels and pumping plants. Cow Creek irrigation facilities are being expanded in the Trinity Project. The Federal Program in the Central Valley includes the Red Bluff Reservoir Division D 8, $30,000,000, the Oregon Canal $100,000, the Corning Canal Distribution System, $400,000, the Tehama-Colusa Canal, $360,000.

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THE IRON GATE DAM

A $8 million project built by Morrison and Knudsen Company, which employed 110 men. The dam is located 28 miles from Yreka on the Klamath River. The crest of the dam will rise 173 feet above the river bed and stretches 685 feet from wall-to-wall.
Looks Like Busy Year at Santa Rosa

By E. F. SWANSON and LOU BARNES

We are fortunate this year that the work load for this area is anticipated to be very good. We base our assumption on previously published items from the state, federal and local agencies.

The main items are the figures which the state has released, showing about $140 million to be spent in freeway work in various sections from Santa Rosa to Ukiah.

These jobs have not come up for bids as of this writing, but they are expected to momentarily. Also anticipated is a sizable amount of money to be spent on various flood control projects in Sonoma County.

EIRDS

The Corps of Engineers plan to advertise for bids this spring of about $1 million dollars for federal stabilization work along the Russian River in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties.

All in all, with added subdivisions and building projects and various other types of work, the forecast is good.

We don't want to continue the issue by saying that work on the 42 million Warm Springs Dam will be started this year. Some newspaper articles have intimated such to be the case, but it is not so.

This project has been recommended by the District Engineer and it has not been expected to be reviewed until a later date. This is encouraging because the project must be passed by a large number of government agencies before being recommended.

The earlier date increases the chances of this item being included in the Commissions Bill.

WEATHER

Due to good weather the last few weeks, a good many broadcasters have been working on various projects in the Redwood Empire, and the outlook is still good for this writing.

Kirkwood-B Yi-Gargantua and Knight's Trenching all have been relocating water and sewer lines on the proposed Highway 12 Freeway right of way. We have nothing definite on this but from all indications there should be some action on it soon.

Roeheild and Jurkovich have been clearing and started their new Irvine Road Job. Arthur B. Siri has been busy on several small jobs and Stracco Company.

This being the off season, we have been doing very well.

Thanks to recent blood donors, Charles Thomason, Frank Webb and John Dawson.

We now have the 1962 time books available. These are a benefit to you and your union. Also, forms for refund of availability is available in the office.

Meeting Notice for Ukiah, March 8 at the Labor Temple (to elect, Grievance Committee).

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EUREKA REPORT

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ENGINEER Tries To Solve a Mystery

"I've seen a lot of Indian artifacts," said Mr. Bob Dodson, who has been with Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields for more than 60 years. "I've never seen another one with decorum like this."

Mr. Dodson was displaying, in the Marysville office, a granule mortar about eight inches in length and 10 inches in diameter, the outside of which bears engravings or carvings by some longdead tribesmen.

"Do these markings tell a story? Are they carvings of men, animals, or something hereabout? Was it perhaps the property of some tribal meeting, a funeral, or some long gone tribe or was it imported from other lands?"

"There is something I've been trying to find out ever since I found the mortar, while working on a gold dredge for the Consolidated Gold Fields," he said.

ON DREDGER BETH

Brother Dodson told how he had suddenly seen and grabbed the "lucky rock" coming off the dredger Beth. It had been brought up from some 25 feet below the surface, in one of the buckets in the ladder of the barge. This "sacred" soil was brought into storage.

That was in April, 1960. The markings on the mortar are interpreted by a mixture of pine trees and at one place there appear to be a figure of a man. The entire outside of the bowl is decorated.

Such bowls were used for the grinding of seeds, scorns and other foods.

"I've seen similar drawings on rocks in Sierra County," Brother Dodson continued. "These markings appear to me to have some meaning, as do the rock carvings or engravings.

DIGGER INDIANS

He is sure that this decorated mortar predates the Digger Indians who used to live in this area and in the mountains below the Gold Rush days.

They were so low in the scale of primitive culture that no Digger Indian would have gone to the trouble of fashioning the mortar with its deeply rounded inner bowl and decorated outside rim.

Brother Dodson said that since making his find, he has more than once written to the University of California to try and interest scientists in the markings. "He would even have an answer," he said.

Publication recently in the Marysville Appeal Division on the important archeological find near Coloma of diggings connected with natural gas explorations brought the matter to his attention.

In a field set far from the Sacramento River, human bones and artifacts of an Indian tribe thought to have lived in the Sacramento Valley centuries before Columbia discovered America, were brought to light. (See story on page 8)

STUDY UNDERWAY

The colossal discovery was reported by the Humble Oil and Refining Company to the Central California Archeological Foundation, John S. Clemmer of Sacramento, the foundation is now conducting explorations at the site which was sparsely from further digging in order that the scientific minds might have a chance to study the site.

Brother Dodson hopes to get a chance to assist in this effort to identify the stone mortar with its cryptic markings which may bury deep under ground some day.

NEVADA REPORT

Work Grinds to a Standstill

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE and TOM ECK

At this writing, most of Northern Nevada is covered with snow and the temperature is registering below zero. At the present time, there is only one highway project active in the State. This is a $3.8 mile stretch of Nevada State Route 18A between Minden and the Truckee and North Battle Mountain.

The Highway Department has been working on the Truckee Dam Project since 1961, with Washoe County getting in $4.6 million dollar in matches of Interstate 80. (U.S. Highway 40) will be built in all along the Washteve and the speech in this year's budget at Pershing County. Latest word from Carson City is the construction will be delayed somewhat until the State line to Verdi will come out this month.

EAST

Silver State Construction Company got off to a good start on its Clear Canyon Project Fund of Lovelock until the snow hit, but that didn’t stop them from having a crew of Engineers very long.

The Dodge Iron Mines is running in its usual systematic route, only occasionally closing the haul from the mine to the plant due to the winding because of slick haul roads.

Dodge Construction Company highway 49 project east of Lovelock is in the wind-up stage as the dirt is just about moved.

The Wells-Carson Highway 40 project east of Lovelock is also slowed down due to weather, with the east end of the dirt road not having been moved, but there is still a quite a lot of dirt to be moved.

VACATION CHECKS

A number of Operating Engineer’s vacation checks have been returned because of incorrect mailing addresses and another group have never been mailed due to an error on file. The following list of Brothers have checks available if they will contact the office to get this material.

Name
Martin, Rene A. 8/20/61
McCauley, C. E. 8/20/61
McElvain, John 9/4/61
McElvain, R. D. 8/4/61
Moore, W. L. 8/20/61
Pepper, L. 8/10/61
Perry, D. 8/20/61
R. S. 8/4/61
Smith, J. S. 8/20/61
Swartwood, S. 8/20/61
White, G. W. 8/20/61

PENSIONS

NORMAAL PENSIONS

 ident Date Name of Entitlement
Machl, Michael 6/2/61 Terrafera Peter 2/6/61
Roehefer, G. F. 2/6/61 Vehm, Herman M. 1/6/61

REDUCED PENSIONS

Bowles, Henry C. 12/6/61 Strange, Elmer 12/6/61
Colombo, Henry 12/6/61 Thomasen, George A. 2/6/61
Hoover, Herbert J. 12/6/61 Vehm, Edward D. 12/6/61
Moller, Fred W. 1/6/61

EARLY RETIREMENT PENSIONS

Eikerenkotter, G. S. 8/1/61 Lema, William 10/6/61

DISABILITY PENSIONS

Alexander, Ernest 2/6/61 Murray, Kenneth 12/6/61
Grahl, Adam 6/61 McNutt, William H. 6/61
Terry, Robert L. 6/61

BASE PENSIONS

Brace, Alfred J. 3/6/61 Hester, Edgar A. 2/6/61
How to Maintain A Strong Union

We feel that all the members of our union are interested in their local and are at all times seeking to gather more information so that they can be better informed in that respect.

In order to have a strong trade union, it is necessary to have the full and active cooperation and support of every member. It has often been said that the union is only as good as its officers and the officers are only as good as the members who select them.

In the day-to-day operation of our organization, the actions of the officers and representatives are affected to a large degree by the wishes of the membership as conveyed to them through union meeting discussions, on-the-job discussions, and as they intermingled socially.

In this way, your officers and representatives gather thoughts and ideas with which they endeavor to build a better and stronger union.

Your officers and representatives are governed by the constitution and by-laws, which were adopted by the membership in a referendum vote. The by-laws are a result of almost two years' work by the by-laws committee and are considered a good set of by-laws. This is evidenced by the fact that your officers have received many requests for copies of them from different unions throughout the United States.

In a democratic union such as ours, it is the responsibility of the members, when making a selection of officers and representatives, to study the past record of those who are seeking office.

In this way, a more effective and proper selection of men will be made—men who will maintain the high standards that reflect the different officers of their union with respect, and, most important, men who have a high regard for the membership as a whole.

Look for the Label

Over a Century Ago a noted Englishman, John Fitch, said:

"Price? There is hardly anything in the world that some men cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper and the people who consider price only are the most failure-prone people."

This sage statement could well be remembered in our minds to remind us to give a great deal of thought to the way we spend our union money.

As part of the proud tradition of the American trade union movement—special group of citizens noted for their understanding of the true spirit of brotherhood—an evolution which has far outstripped the expectations of all who tell us that they are not necessary for the labor movement of the men and their families—demand that the products they buy and the services they purchase meet the requirements of their beliefs and convictions.

This Means that the workers who produce the product or perform the services must be armed—the share of the media made possible by his hand—so that those who purchase the product and services which make our society the greatest in the history of mankind can be able to turn back the fruits of their labor.

This means that the products and services for which you pay are unions worth wages must be identified by their union labels as distinctive as the historical symbols of red and white—The Union Label, The Shop Card and the Service Button.

CONSUMER ADVICE

February Home Sales

By Sidney Marquand

Furniture and rugs are the big shopping opportunity in February. Reductions of 10 to 25 per cent are available on most furnishings, including those of well-known designers and manufacturers which are price-maintained, by one dealer or another, most of the rest of the year.

Other home sales this month include china, glassware, housewares and curtains.

In food, beef, pork and lamb are still relatively reasonable, but turkeys, broilers and eggs are the outstanding buys this month. Canned salmon is especially abundant this winter, marketing committee report. Fruits available is scarce and costly at this season, and value-wise, fresh fruits will look for values in canned vegetables. Canned corn is in heavy supply and an especially good buy this year. Winter is also the season for citrus fruits—in heavy supply this year past last year.

Furniture Sales

Some furniture manufacturers seem to be trying to set back furniture styles instead of advancing them.

In shopping the furniture sales this month, you'll find stores this year offering some massive, over-calorific styles. Some look like the "modern" furniture that first came out a generation ago. This bulky furniture means extra cost and housekeeping work.

Truly modern furniture, or "contemporary" as it is sometimes called, is compact in size and light in weight. In fact, it is being advertised as a "casual" good for this season. In the past, furniture manufacturers have only competed with other manufacturers in making a certain piece of furniture. In this season, there is a move towards "casual" goods. Contemporary furniture is a good idea for the present economy.

In upholstered furniture, the curvilinear chairs and sofas are usually made with deep spiral cushions. Less-expensive but still satisfactory pieces are made with crimped, zigzag steel webbing. The signing construction does not have quite the deep-seating comfort of coil-springs. But it is moderate in price, durable and enables lighter-weight, more compact styles.

Quality of coil-spring construction varies considerably. Some upholstered pieces have as many as three or four springs to a seat section, others as few as six. Both the number of springs and the number of coils each spring has, affect springiness.

In better-grade coil-spring construction, the spring sides are bent to keep them from shifting.

Latex-Foam

Genuine latex foam cushioning is cothier than the synthetic urethane and considered preferable for shape retention and durability. Urethane, however, is satisfactory if it has sufficient "density." Observe the comparative resiliency of fillings when you sit on chairs or sofas, or compress a cushion in your hand, and let it to see if it is very lightweight urethane or the more dense grades.

The best, but also most costly type of foam cushioning is latex wrapped in a layer of Dacron for a combination of softness (the Dacron) and support (the latex). Some all-foam cushions achieve this combination of softness and buoyancy by a surface layer of poly foam bonded to a core of load-bearing buoyant foam. Such laminates, as well as the Dacron-foam combination also enable easier cleaning of the covering material.

In buying plastic-covered chairs, which are increasing in popularity, you need to be especially careful of the quality of the plastic. Some chairs have only this lightweight plastic which wears through quickly and tends to tear more easily. One leading manufacturer recently even changed its foam furnishings Daily that the furniture industry is selling "phony value" in some chairs of this type. He said some mass retailers are representing chairs worth only $10 as $60 chairs. These have 21-gauge plastic coverings which will last only a few years compared to the 80-gauge plastic which would last perhaps 18 years.

In bedroom and other "casual" furniture, there's at least one worthwhile trend to "chunky" pieces. These are chunks, vests, dressers, etc., with trim, squared-off lines so they can be leaned aside by side for more storage room in less space.

TV Prices

Television sets manufacturers have become concerned over current public reactions against the quality of TV shows—what has become known in the industry as the "lookbook" image. The effect of the lack of interest in TV programs is that set manufacturers are keeping their prices down, and in fact are offering some excellent values. Several manufacturers recently introduced 19-inch sets starting at $140. Thus with discounts they are available around $115-$120.
March

San Francisco—March 4, 7th, 11th, and 25th, Labor Temple, State Street.

Eureka—March 1, 8th, and 22nd, Elks Club, 900 Locust St.

Maryville—March 9, Thursday, Labor Temple, State Street.

April

San Francisco—April 4, 7th, 11th, and 25th, Labor Temple, State Street.

Eureka—April 10, Tuesday, 2906 Broadway.

Redding—April 11, Wednesday, Retail Clerks Bldg., 900 Locust St.

Maryville—April 15, Thursday, Elks Club, 920 D Street.

May


Stockton—May 7, Monday, Engineers Bldg.

Oakland—May 8, Wednesday, Labor Temple, State Street.

SWAP SHOP: free want ads for Operating Engineers

FEBRUARY

Stockton—Feb. 1, Thursday, Engineers Bldg.

Grievance Committee Election

San Francisco—Feb. 3, Sunday, Labor Temple, 45 Santa Theresa.

Grievance Committee Election


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Sacramento—Feb. 12, Tuesday, C.E.L.T., 2252 Stockton.

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JUNE

San Francisco—June 1, Monday, Labor Temple, State Street.

Eureka—June 7, Tuesday, 2906 Broadway.

Redding—June 14, Wednesday, Retail Clerks Bldg., 900 Locust St.

Oroville—June 19, Thursday, Prospectors Village.

AUGUST

San Francisco—Aug. 1, Wednesday, Engineers Bldg.

San Jose—Aug. 6, Monday, Labor Temple, 45 Santa Theresa.

Oakland—Aug. 9, Thursday, C.E.L.T., 2252 Stockton.


SEPTEMBER

San Francisco—Sept. 4, Tuesday, 2906 Broadway.

Redding—Sept. 7, Thursday, Retail Clerks Bldg., 900 Locust St.

Oroville—Sept. 12, Thursday, Prospectors Village.

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ENGINEERS NEWS

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Meeting Notices

Employment vs. Union Growth: 1930-1945

Employment vs. Union Growth: 1945-1960

CHARTS TELL STORY of comparative growth in employment and in union membership during two periods. Between 1930 and 1945 (top) they ran neck-and-neck, although the increase in union membership was caused from those already in the work force rather than among new workers. In the 1945-1966 postwar period, employment outran union membership by 10 million. The top is considered by the AFL-CIO Dept. of Research, which prepared the chart, to indicate a substantial shift of workers to the white-collar field and the importance of helping these workers improve their conditions and dignity.

SWAP SHOP: free want ads for Operating Engineers

FOR SALE

UPFRONT HOUSE, Sonora, on the 3rd Street extension, 4 bds., 2.5 ba., modern, fireplace, yard, fruit, views. Phone: 6-3419. Price: $12,000.

FREE PORTION OF HOUSE, 1 bedroom, 1 1/2 baths, garage, modern, fireplace, views. Phone: 6-3419. Price: $8,500.

UNDERPUPPY HOUSE, Sonora, on the 3rd Street extension, 3 beds., 2.5 ba., modern, fireplace, yard, fruit, views. Phone: 6-3419. Price: $12,000.

UNFURNISHED HOUSE, Sonora, on the 3rd Street extension, 3 beds., 2 ba., modern, fireplace, yard, fruit, views. Phone: 6-3419. Price: $12,000.

ZAMBROZA BUNGALOW, 1 good bungalow, fireplace, yard, fruit, views. Phone: 6-3419. Price: $12,000.

RENTAL HOME, Sonora, on the 3rd Street extension, 3 beds., 2.5 ba., modern, fireplace, yard, fruit, views. Phone: 6-3419. Price: $12,000.

1967 CHEVY, pickup, four wheel drive, low miles, fully loaded, 1 ton truck, $6,000. Phone: 6-3419.

CAHILL-CHAPPEL MD.

PERFECT VACATION HOME IN SOUTHERN N. CALIF., 3 beds., 2 ba., modern, fireplace, yard, fruit, views. Phone: 6-3419. Price: $12,000.

RULERS FOR SUBMITTING ADS

Any Operating Engineer may advertise in these columns without charge any PERSONAL PROPERTY to sell, swap or purchase. Ads will not be accepted for real estate, personal services or a like line.

ADDENT TO TYPE, the wording you want in your advertisement on a separate sheet of paper, and return your property to 20 words or less, our name and address and money to cover any overages in word count.

HOLIDAY SALE at both Elks Shop, 1063 4th Street, San Francisco, and LAKE TAHOE, Bldg., 900 Locust St., San Francisco.

TO SWAP

HOLLANDERS. Will swap tools and equipment for similar tools and equipment. Phone: 6-3419.

GLASS COUNTERS. Will exchange quality bathroom fixtures for similar. Phone: 6-3419.

HOLLAND'S. Will swap iron, tools, and equipment for similar tools and equipment. Phone: 6-3419.
By AARON S. SMITH

The work picture for 1962 in the Valley Area looks good. The Wunderlich Company at Valley on Highway 49 will have its traffic change made in the Spring, leaving it free to run full blast on the East side with up to 650 Engineer, for the summer. At the present, the fillin work and rock laying is underway with a skeleton crew.

Ball and Vickery at Fairfield is putting the Travis boulevard overpass over Highway 49 using eight Engineers.

Gordon Ball at Vasins is about done with the clearing and will start the structural work for the overpasses on their Freeway Job just as soon as they finish the clearing.

BAD WEATHER

McClure and Hester have been working all winter on the Delta Canal Job, but had some hand back at mid season due to freeze, and winter with 17 degrees weather on January 3rd played the devil with the contractors on several DW 20's and April.

Oliver DeSilva will start a job on Solano Avenue March 1, weather permitting.

Fredrickson and Wetten has shut the freeway job down at Benicia for the winter. However, they were the low bidder on the softball fields from Vacaville to Dixon, at an estimated cost of $2.6 million.

The reservoirs for the mission school at La Honda are being done by the Jordan Company of Georgia. Total buildings to be converted are 13, on an estimated cost of $3 million plus. The job is to be completed in 270 days.

The Marina Vista project now under way, has been amended to cover 24 square block area rather than the 9 square block bounded by York Street, Mare and Pennsylvania Street, and 15 acres on the Mare Island Channel.

This will create approximately 2500 new homes in the fill area behind the seawall, for the future. For this is to be moved from the hazardous hillside outside the seawall.

The amount of earth to be moved is 20,000 cubic yards will fill the area behind the seawall. This exhaust of the project will be used for a public fishing park on the newly constructed flood wall.

Total cost of the Marina Vista project is $7,318,000.

The State has called for bids on the construction of the new golfinker span which will replace the existing two draw bridges over the Napa River at Mare Island. The new bridge will be 100 feet high with 66 feet of roadway. The bids will be opened February 26 and work will start April 1.

First Group of Applicants Tested for Apprenticeships

(Continued from Page 1) school boards, and the Department of Employment.

The program calls for a four-year apprenticeship with a written test and a personal interview with each applicant in order to properly evaluate and place each individual or certified person.

SUBCOMMITTEES

To facilitate this testing and interviewing, four subcommittees of applicants to work in separate areas. Other subcommittees will be formed from time to time as the need arises.

The subcommittees meet at the following times and places:

San Francisco-Marin, 793 Mission Avenue, San Rafael, Second Wednesday of month, 7 p.m.; San Mateo, 505 West Second Street, San Mateo, First Thursday of the month, 7 p.m. Oakland, 1414 Webster Street, Oakland, Fourth Thursday of month, 8 p.m.; San Jose, 760 Emy Street, San Jose, Fourth Thursday, 7 p.m.

These subcommittees have been provided in the areas of the heaviest concentration of field draft, they are for your use, if you have questions, objections or suggestions on. Applications are available at your nearest union field office. When there are sufficient number of applicants, the testing will proceed. In the testing, the above three examinations will be started. Don't wait until tomorrow to get started. You cannot afford to be left behind in the certification.
An Explanation of the New Dues Card

Period for which you are in good standing

Amount due if not paid by date indicated and prior to suspension

Current Billing

Date indicated

Amount due if paid by date indicated

Hiring Classification

Date of Receipt

Classification

Date due for current billing

Retain the left hand portion. This is your membership identification card and receipt

Tear off here and return right hand portion with remittance

Do not tear here as this is for office use only

Left hand portion

Right hand portion

Back

This portion of the card explains why you should be in good standing

Dispatch office identification
San Mateo Preparers for Start of Project 'M'

BY BILL RANEY AND DAN MATTESON

Project 'M', the linear acceler- ator, of which the work on the San Mateo site has been idle, will be given new life with the start of a new project in February. Although the exact date of this new project is not yet known, sources say that it will be sometime in February.

The new project is expected to bring new life to the San Mateo site, which has been dormant for several months. The work on the site has been suspended due to the lack of funds, but the start of Project 'M' is expected to provide the necessary funding to continue the work.

The project is expected to involve the construction of a new building on the site, which will house the accelerators and other equipment. The building will be constructed in stages, with the first phase expected to be completed in late February.

The project is expected to create new jobs for the area, with the potential for up to 200 new jobs. The project is expected to bring new life to the area, which has been struggling with high unemployment rates.

The project is expected to be completed in late 2020, with the full facility operational by early 2021. The facility is expected to be a significant asset to the region, with the potential to attract new businesses and investors.
STOCKTON AREA

Snow in Valley--First in 30 Years

By WALTER T. TALBOT, AL McNAMARA and GLEN L. DOBINS

The weather brought much to the valley for the first time in over 30 years, bringing a sharp decline in job placement.

The Loys job, scheduled to be let January 16, was delayed to permit revision of bid forms. Bids will now be opened on February 14, according to the State Division of Highways. The project entails about five miles of new freeways with part of it depressed.

Heyde, C.K.M. Graver, los holders on the river crossings, the San Joaquin, Middle River and Old River, have completed the excavation for the small waste building, or valve house, and should be driving pilings before long.

NEW RIGS

This joint venture recently purchased a Kershing 545 sprayer and a 3000 Manitowoc. These, in addition to Heyde-Teal-bert's derrick barges, will be required to complete the river crossings.

C.K.M. & Graver tank has moved the 71-B up to Wallace to dig the six mile stretch from Wallace to Tully Road. The backhoe (71-B) is on a three-shift job and the laying machine (3000) is on one shift.

Morrison-Knudsen does not plan to commence its excavation on the U.S. Steel contract for the remaining four miles of the same segment until June.

The Clancy M. O'Dell Construction Company tunnel job, near Cherry Valley, has four of Brother Bud Hooper's cats punching in access roads at this time.

TUNNEL

According to Project Manager John Hanger, it will probably be March before the tunnel work is actually under way. The company now has some mechanized machines working on the concrete muck machines in Club Construc-

tion Company yard in South San Francisco, under the guidance of Brother Paul "Slim" Edwards, mechanical foreman, Brother P. McGaw is the master mechanic.

The Stalo-Stephens overpass job and the Stotie, Inc. San Joaquin County Courthouse job have been moving along at a good clip. Myron Drilling Company of Sacramento has the drilling and caisson work on the new courthouse with two rigs on the job.

Proposed new work that was omitted from last month's report, which gave an optimistic view for 1962, is the tentative bid call on February 18 by the U.S. Army Engineers, for the stream protection along the right and left banks of the San Joaquin River from the head of Old River to the Stockton deep water channel. This job consists of the construction of levee embankment, slapping, capping and surfacing levee crown and furnishing and placing quarry rock on prepared slopes. Estimated cost is $600,000.

Other projects scheduled by the Corp. of Engineers for this area include levee construction, navigation gates and pumping plant in the vicinity of Wallah Slough, with bids to be called around July 1, approximating cost about $500,000; bank protection along Old River and Paradise Cut, at a cost of $400,000, with bids to be called for about April 1. Still another project will be the construction of recreation facilities at New Hogan Dam, with bids called around February 1, approximate cost $260,000.

The City of Stockton is planning a sewage collection plant for the area in order to expand the present treatment plant and the extension and expansion of sewer trunk lines.

STEW & LOU

WORKS NEVER FELT BETTER

LOOK FOR THE UNION LABEL, SHOP CARD AND SERVICE

Workers, Employers Jointly Interested in Safety Program

By DALE MARR

In recent months, there has been an apparent increase in interest toward the safety effort, both by our members and by our employers.

We are happy to report that the number of calls we are getting from the field has increased considerably in past months. We have been able to get our employers to correct most of the problems in a very short time, and what is also important, the employers has appreciated our suggestions in most instances. If we can step up this action, I am positive we will have a better industry to work in. We hope to hear from more of you as time goes by.

We can also report that we have been informed by our employers that they are starting a safety program and many are setting up their own safety programs to help them.

We would appreciate any of you who work for an employer who doesn’t have a safety program either suggesting that they contact us or let us know who they are and we will contact them and offer our help.

ACCIDENTS

We are constantly faced with accidents that point out the necessity for being on guard at all times. A number of our people have been injured already this year and several have been killed on the job. One accident in which one man was killed and another injured, was of a type that no one has been able to figure out what happened. But most other accidents were caused by someone letting their guard down for a second.

We realize it is hard for many of you to get to a safety meeting during the busy work season, so we are scheduling as many meetings as time permits during the rainy season with the hope that we can discuss our mutual safety problems with you.

Safety Talks

This Month

In San Francisco

Governor Edmund G. Brown will be the featured speaker during a luncheon at the opening day of the Governor's Industrial Safety Conference, which will be held at the Fairview Park, San Francisco on February 8 & 9.

John P. Henning, Director of the State Department of Industrial Relations, and President of the chairman of the conference, issued the conference announcement.

Some 1,400 representatives of management and labor, and other individuals and organizations concerned with occupational safety in California, will attend the annual two-day session.

The conference, which represents every occupation and industry in California, meets annually to achieve possible reduction of work injuries and deaths.

A Moment's Mistake

--It Cost Him an Arm

It was only a moment’s distraction.

Brother Floyd Parker was working on the Highway 404-A road construction job when it happened.

He was oiling a pulley on a slipping conveyor belt. For an instant his attention was distracted from his work.

In that instant, his right arm was caught. Despite the excruciating pain, Brother Parker was able to pull away, turn off the switch and stop the belt.

But his arm was mangled. At the hospital, doctors had to amputate the arm between the elbow and the shoulder.

It was the second serious accident on the job within 20 days. On December 22, Brother Her-

man Bonham was fatally injured.

Brother Parker is the brother of Mrs. Earl Parker, who was constructing the job from Harris brothers and Lord and Bishop.

Seabees Seek Journeymen

San Jose construction battalion 13-14 reserve unit of the Seabees has openings now for journeyman construction workers as they also can accept recruit construction men. For information about the reserve program and retirement benefits, contact the U.S. Recruiting Office, 181 Mission St., San Jose, C.C. 71024. The office is open Wednesday nights.

This was a fatal accident in the Sacramento area. The operator of the cat was killed by a falling tree—because the cat did not have a strong cab over his head. Any work in clearing should be done with equipment that will protect operators from this danger.


FRESNO REPORT

Only the Cashes Were Busy

By JOE MILLER and B. E. HILLING

Work was stopped, traffic was suspended, and ships were loaded as snow fell in Fresno last month. This was a strange sight to the residents of the San Joaquin Valley, as it occurs about once every 15 or 20 years. This time it snowed twice in two weeks, which residents say they can’t remember ever happening.

The San Maid Raisin Plant at Delisa is progressing very well. Most of the underground piping is in, and the building pads are ready. The forms are being placed for concrete footings and we should see some steel in the air before too long. C. E. Dixon Company is doing this job for San Maid. Fresno Paving Company has the paving and Kovich Brothers have the storm and sewer piping.

Baldwin, Erickson and Campbell has completed a lot of the contract at the Armstrong Tubber Company plant at Hanford and is rapidly getting more of it done.

Pomroy-Nettle-Flahback and Moore is installing machinery in the buildings at present and are completing some of the structure that they have. At the Spradlakes Sugar Company plant near Mendota, all of the necessary work is complete and the first load of steel arrived on the job by January 15.

Sharp and Fellows Construction Company have completed the railroad spur lines and have started to complete the railroad spur lines and will continue with work at Los Banos as well as the jobs on Belmont Avenue in Fresno and the bridge job on Sycamore Avenue out of Fresno in the mountains.

Sands and Ramon have completed about 15 of the underground fittings and are doing very well. This was the first time in two months. Griffith Company on Highway 99 at Tupman is getting ready for lime and concrete.

Beegum Rock Company at the first time trying to stock pile the material for Griffith Company’s job. Jelly and Jurkovich has sold the thirtieth ton on Construction on Trenton Avenue and has placed six more. Thomas has six of the brothers busy on this job.

Mills and Sierra has started the job out of Lemoore Airports on Highway 128. This will be about two miles long and will consist of three miles of widening. This fall will be all good for about 30 operators.

Harry Whitcomb has finished the job at the Armstrong plant, and has started another out of San Joa. Winslow-Green have about completion on the Tenderfoot Tees.

Fresno Paving is moving a lot of dirt on their Ochrewaya dam job. This has about three months with underground springs, but has done a lot of grading and compacting on the earth filled dam. This company also has a couple of McAllister Grader’s on the dam at Ocean, which is making a lot of dirt.

Minnie and Wright have the booster pumps and camp areas for half completed on Tenderfoot Lake. This company has ten brothers working at this time.

Sacramento

(Continued from Page 10) and is keeping a small crew on the job.

A. G. Mood & Son has most of the pipe in on its storm drain job between the American River and Jotham Annex.

ROCK PLANTS

The rock plants are going but are doing a good job. They are about half a lot of time on repair work.

L. A. at Fair Oaks has cut down to one shift in usual after tying up the plant for a bit, but only the Fair Oaks gravel is being seen to the truck. Work is going at the Fair Oaks gravel but the plant keeps the same capacity the year around. Brighton Sand and gravel has been out of work for all this time. Their two plants in the Sacramento area are slow and one of them is doing some repair work.

Brighton recently wound up a contract on two miles of road in length along the west end of Aera, and has not been off the right of way and the John Lumas Co. had the track. There is a small road going on at Aera although the work was driven last year, and no work on the weather to any great extent. When there is work to be done they don’t hesitate to give the men the work.

Leeds Construction Co. has had a crew of operators at work on the excavation for the American River bridge that is being constructed by Fruit-Celton Inc. It is the first time in progress on the river’s cutline. When completed, these two plants will handle about one million gallons of fresh water daily into the water system and will make it possible to discontinue pumping from wells.

Deaths

Name       City       Date of Death
James E. Miller, Sacramento       2/12/63
Gleeson A. Robertson, Santa Cruz       2/17/63
Arthur G. Leakey, Fresno       2/19/63
W. S. Allen, Sacramento       2/21/63
R. M. Hatten, San Francisco       2/22/63
Robert C. Miller, St. Paul       2/21/63
Edgar E. Hellin, Provo, Utah       2/22/63
Hartley G. Bardhie, San Jose       2/21/63
E. C. McDowell, San Francisco       2/23/63
D. F. McNeil, Watsonville       2/26/63
George E. Helton, San Francisco       2/26/63
E. S. Pfeiffer, Salinas       2/27/63
Virgil Levy, Turlock       2/24/63
William E. Caste, Oakland       2/28/63
George D. Brooks, Oakland       2/28/63
J. F. Conlin, Los Angeles       2/28/63
Cecil W. Edwards, Costa      2/30/63
R. H. Jack Moody, Fairfield      2/28/63
Charles Edgar Potter, Fresno       2/28/63

Moving

So you will not miss the listing of Engineers News, this week, we have changed the address.

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