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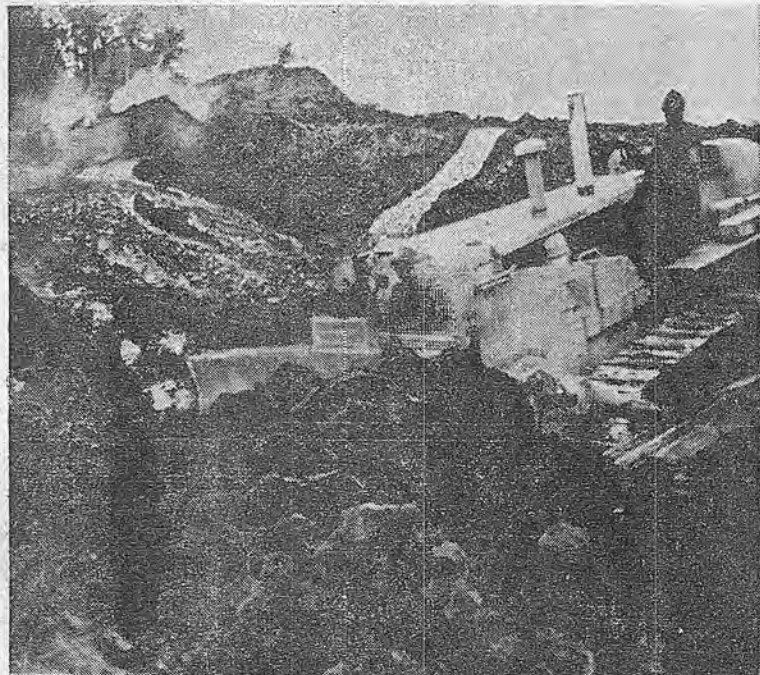
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"LAYING HOT STUFF" in Hawaii—Hot or cold, ice in the Rockies or red hot lava in Hawaii, members of Local 3 know how to handle it. This shows Cat operator seeking to divert molten lava flow from the village of Kapoho. With lava issue estimated at 5.1 million cu. yd. daily, this effort failed, but later dikes stemmed the flow.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

One District Meeting scheduled for April, 1960:

April 6 (Wednesday) San Francisco, 200 Guerrero Street.

BALANCE OF APRIL MEETINGS CANCELLED!!! District meetings previously scheduled for April 12th, 13th, and 14th in EUREKA, REDDING, and MARYSVILLE have been cancelled due to the fact that the Officers and Business Representatives will be attending the 26th International Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers in Miami, Florida.

IMPORTANT . . . SEE PAGE 2.

For the information of the membership we have printed the **RULES GOVERNING THE DEATH BENEFIT FUND OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS.**

This death benefit is contingent upon your membership record and is separate and apart from the Local Union's burial expense fund.

Honor Roll of Blood Donors

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O. A. SHOOPMAN
Castro Valley, Calif., Feb. 1, 1960

J. C. PARKINSON
Paradise, Calif., Feb. 2, 1960

DEAN A. HODGE
Concord, Calif., Feb. 3, 1960

ELZIE O'MARY
Vallejo, Calif., Feb. 5, 1960

WARREN B. ADAMS
Yuba City, Calif., Feb. 6, 1960

EUGENE D. TUCKER
Redding, Calif., Feb. 6, 1960

FRANK BOYLAN
Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 8, '60

JACK CAWOOD
Berry Creek, Calif., Feb. 11, '60

ELLIS GILLETTE
Campbell, Calif., Feb. 10, 1960

J. F. TROUT
Modesto, Calif., Feb. 10, 1960

LOREN M. LELAND
Santa Cruz, Calif., Feb. 13, 1960

LOUIS V. DOMINGUEZ
Pleasanton, Calif., Feb. 14, 1960

W. F. HALL
Oroville, Calif., Feb. 24, 1960

MERLE M. SMITH
Cedar City, Utah, Feb. 24, 1960

JOHN RAYMOND DELANEY
Watsonville, Calif., Feb. 26, 1960

T. J. SCHULTZ
Waterford, Calif., Feb. 29, 1960

Results Told in Election of Delegates, Alternates to IUOE 26th Convention

PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO.

120 Montgomery Street, San Francisco 4

March 10, 1960

Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 of the
International Union of Operating Engineers
474 Valencia Street, San Francisco 3, California

Dear Sirs:

We have completed our count of the ballots cast by members of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 in the election of delegates and alternates to the 26th International Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers and submit herewith a tabulation of the results of the election. The procedures followed in connection with the mailing, receipt and counting of ballots were in accordance with the provisions of section 7 and other pertinent sections of the list of procedures to be followed by Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 in the election of delegates and alternates to the 26th International Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers as published in the December 1959 issue of the "Engineers News".

A total of 7,603 ballots were received of which 139 were determined to be invalid because of the absence of the member's signature on the business reply envelope, or because the ballot contained more than 46 votes or was mutilated or otherwise illegible.

In our opinion, the accompanying tabulation accurately presents the results of the election.

Yours very truly,

PRICE WATERHOUSE & CO.

RESULTS OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE 26TH INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS

(Candidates are listed in sequence according to the total number of votes received by each. Where two candidates received the same number of votes the candidate who has been a member of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 for the longer period of time is listed first.)

NO.	CANDIDATE	No. of Votes	NO.	CANDIDATE	No. of Votes
1.	"Heinie" H. O. Foss	3,916	54.	George R. "Bud" Lester	2,921
2.	Al Ciem	3,876	55.	Robert L. "Bob" Wagnon	2,914
3.	Paul Edgecombe	3,865	56.	Harvey Edwards	2,907
4.	Frank A. Lawrence	3,787	57.	Everett H. Hibbard	2,899
5.	Al Boardman	3,643	58.	Nephi Nemelka	2,891
6.	Ken Brooks	3,574	59.	John A. Holmes	2,889
7.	H. T. "Pete" Petersen	3,510	60.	Barney Word	2,888
8.	F. E. "Sandy" Parks	3,508	61.	H. L. "Larry" Walker	2,884
9.	Floyd Greiner	3,490	62.	Berton K. Miller	2,878
10.	Robert L. "Bob" Christy	3,476	63.	Dale Marr	2,876
11.	Harold Huston	3,465	64.	Dale Garrison	2,876
12.	Jerry Dowd	3,453	65.	Vern H. Holmes	2,874
13.	H. L. "Curley" Spence	3,452	66.	Ira N. Jones	2,872
14.	A. J. "Buck" Hope	3,451	67.	John Hinote	2,851
15.	Sidney J. Jordan	3,442	68.	Frank "Cass" Shipe	2,841
16.	George Freeland	3,414	69.	Roy Stevens	2,828
17.	John L. "Tommy" Thompson	3,403	70.	Danny Furrer	2,819
18.	Denton Parker	3,391	71.	Roy Scarbrough	2,808
19.	W. V. Minhan	3,380	72.	Al E. Griffey	2,807
20.	B. R. "Renny" Burroughs	3,314	73.	Art Irwin	2,797
21.	Darrell Allen	3,268	74.	Sam Nettles	2,796
22.	Al "Bud" Dalton	3,262	75.	Guy B. Slack	2,747
23.	J. B. "Jim" Jennings	3,262	76.	Gerald E. "Jerry" Raver	2,736
24.	C. R. Van Winkle	3,248	77.	Bob McLelland	2,701
25.	Jack Lloyd	3,244	78.	J. A. "Jim" Hilliard	2,683
26.	F. L. "Les" Crane	3,230	79.	Harold G. Quigg	2,682
27.	Joe Miller	3,195	80.	R. S. "Bob" Lyons	2,670
28.	Lou V. Barnes	3,185	81.	Jack Lofton	2,662
29.	M. D. "Wingy" Cardoza	3,172	82.	Ken Shaffer	2,644
30.	Norris A. Casey	3,166	83.	Eugene "Little Gene" Vierra	2,640
31.	Walter M. Talbot	3,164	84.	Glenn Mallowney	2,619
32.	Don Kinchloe	3,164	85.	Bob Romiti	2,523
33.	Tom Stapleton	3,157	86.	Jack C. Hale	1,883
34.	Bill Raney	3,135	87.	William "Bill" Nelson	1,841
35.	Robert F. Boden	3,128	88.	Mike F. Day	1,792
36.	Ernie Nelson	3,103	89.	Ray J. Rutledge	1,382
37.	Bernard "Whitey" Campbell	3,100	90.	Fred Schleuter	1,373
38.	Al Rains	3,094	91.	E. A. "Red" Hester	1,324
39.	Sam P. Coburn	3,088	92.	Joe Riley	1,260
40.	Cliff Martin	3,075	93.	T. D. Bryson	1,180
41.	Coy Collins	3,075	94.	Jesse H. Dansie	1,180
42.	Lynn Moore	3,063	95.	Jake I. Young	1,163
43.	Clarence Bruner	3,046	96.	Jack R. Brown	1,158
44.	Wayne Coleman	3,034	97.	Tom L. Christy	1,131
45.	Lawrence "Larry" Chapman	3,004	98.	E. H. Ragsdale	1,113
46.	Harold Lewis	2,989	99.	Lloyd A. Wilcox	1,097
47.	Lee Hunter	2,978	100.	Paul N. Miles	1,043
48.	James "Red" Ivy	2,974	101.	Jimmie Dorris	990
49.	George C. "Mac" McFadden	2,964	102.	Harold L. Bowen	885
50.	Don C. Johnson	2,959	103.	Lawrence L. "Larry" Reno	850
51.	Henry "Hank" Pacheco	2,931	104.	L. S. "Mac" McClintock	839
52.	Bill Woodyard	2,925	105.	Henry Curb	816
53.	John M. Devine	2,923	106.	Allie "Curley" Brodose	785
			107.	Ned McColley	636

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The City by the Golden Gate

S.F. HAS DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS, HOUSING

By PAUL EDGEcombe, JERRY DOWD and DAN MATTESON,
Business Representatives.

The Diamond Heights Project contract was awarded to Guy F. Atkinson recently. At present we have very little information about the job with the exception of the yardage involved, which is a little over 1,700,000 and the expected completion date, the middle of October, 1960. We have a pre-job conference setup with the company and after this meeting we'll have the necessary information to answer most of the questions you Brothers might like to ask. We know one thing, that the job is going to employ quite a few engineers, with the amount of yardage involved and the expected October completion date. It's encouraging for our members to have a good dirt job in the area once again.

We still have quite a lot of work going on in the financial district, which has helped our employment problem this winter.

The American President Line's building at California and Kearney, which Dinwiddie has been constructing has been employing quite a few engineers. At one time we have sixteen (16) operators on the job and it's still very close to that many now. George F. Casey, the drilling company has five drill rigs operating with a compressor man, tugger operator, loader operator and foreman. Dinwiddie had two men, compressorman and loader operator. It's a very enlightening feeling to visit this job and to see so many Local 3 buttons.

DOUBLE ROCK HOUSING

The successful contractors are Nomelline Construction of Stockton County with Fruin-Conlen Company of St. Louis. This project will be 354 units located on Hawes Street, Gilman & Fitzgerald Ave. Total bid, \$4,685,000 to be completed in 1962.

The center guardrail on the Freeway is completed between Army Street and 3rd Street. This job was put in under heavy traffic conditions. Three engineers were employed on this job. Chicago Fence and Equipment were the contractors.

Western Pacific Railroad have completed the renewing of the Rail Ferry Ramp at the foot of Army Street. This was completed in fifteen (15) calendar days on a round the clock basis of two shifts.

Kelly Bros. 40 ton P & H truck crane handling the heavy and long reach lifts with 100 foot of boom on crane. A smaller truck crane was on the job for a few days doing some lighter work. Piledriving was placed by a floating barge crane. The brother engineers received some

nice checks on this job.

We have a new welding shop in the area with a Local 3 member of long standing doing the welding. (Chief the welder). This shop is known as "The 3 B's Welding Company" located at 2240 Revere Avenue, San Francisco 24, California.

CHINATOWN HOUSING

Cahill is just getting on their Housing Authority job in Chinatown, the Ping Yuen Annex located on Pacific Avenue near Grant Avenue. Devencenzi Bros. are doing the grading with Clem Gradall digging the footings. This is a twelve (12) story project with six hundred (600) working days to completion. There should be a couple of good hoist jobs for the brothers.

On Cahill's American Trust Company job, things have slowed down as far as employment for engineers. We have a compressor and pump combination man working just about all winter, and should have a hoistman employed in the near future.

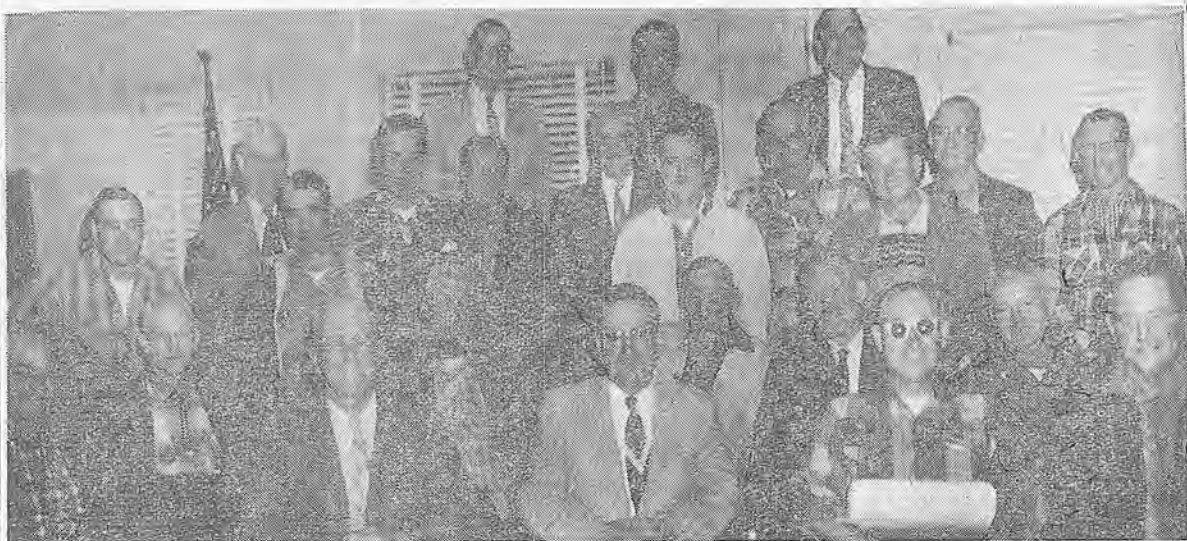
At the Bethlehem Building we have three (3) men on the inside elevators. They should be there for some time yet.

Flora Crane Service is making very good time on their wrecking of the garage at the Fairmont Hotel. This was a rough wrecking contract, but these Brother Engineers are getting it done in fine order. Once Flora finishes, Hass and Haynie will increase their production on the tower apartment. Should be a job or two here for the Brothers.

In the Western Addition the demolition work is going on at a feverish pace. Every direction one looks he'll see a boom swinging. These Brothers have lost very little time this winter. Union Crane, Cleveland, Flora, K.T.K. Wreckers, G. W. Thomas rented to Cleveland.

Charley Harney's job on Geary Street is progressing very slowly. This is a type of job you do in phases, and consequently we've had very few men on the job.

Lowrie Paving has quite a few jobs going on around town along with Fay Improvement Company. Lowrie has the resurfacing contract on Sunset Blvd., and a few additional blocks in



Here are brother engineers in attendance at a meeting of the West Coast Conference of Federal employed engineers, held at the Engineers Hall, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, on March 7.



Officers chosen for the recently formed West Coast Conference of Federal Employed Operating Engineers are shown here, left to right: Harold Bolton, Local 731, trustee; Dee Steiner, Local 3, vice-president; Bob Neilsen, Local 3-D, secy.-treasurer; Ralph Neff, Local 731, president; Al Buffington, Local 3-D, trustee, and Stan Sipes, Local 3, trustee.

Field Survey Notes

SURVEY JOBS OFF TO AN EARLY START

By AL BOARDMAN,
ART PENNEBAKER
Business Representatives

Work has started early this year as far as survey parties are concerned. Many housing projects have started, as well as a considerable amount of construction jobs in the defense fields beginning to get underway. Among the jobs let were \$7,145,258 to Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc. and Ericksor Campbell, P. O. Box 311, Marysville, for group hangers 2, 3 and 4 utilities and paving at the Naval Air Station, Lemoore California.

A contract amounting to 1,261,127 has also been awarded to M. Malfitano & San, Inc. of Pittsburg, Calif., for the construction of a levee on the San Joaquin River between the Merced and Tuolumne rivers. Here in San Francisco, the Guy F. Atkinson Company picked off a \$2,417,297 site preparation

the Sunset District.

Lowrie has a new type of surface heater in the area working out in the Sunset. This heater really gets the job done, and it looks like we'll be seeing many more of these heaters operating in the area.

This is the time of year that it's especially hard to write a newspaper article of much interest to the members. This is brought about of course by the lack of employment caused by weather conditions; and the Employers skepticism on starting newly awarded contracts. We hope in the near future that work will be on the up-swing once again, weather permitting, and our out-of-town list will be greatly decreased.

That's about it for new brothers, and in closing don't forget our Blood Bank. We are in a sorry need for donors. Contact the Dispatcher for your appointment.

HERE IS DEATH BENEFIT SCHEDULE OF INTL. UNION

The following is the death benefit schedule of the International Union of Operating Engineers and the rules which govern payment of benefits to beneficiaries of members:

contract for the Diamond Heights approved redevelopment project. This includes grading, street improvements, curbs, gutters, walls, paving and drainage systems. The engineering and survey work on this project is being done by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency.

It is with mixed feelings that we received the news that Joseph Ralph Gillmette has worked his last day for Ed Smith Engineering firm. Gil first went to work for Ed Smith as an inspector in 1942 on the Richmond war housing project. He later worked on the Rollingwood and Stonestown developments in Colma. He spent considerable time representing Daly City on the Doelger Westlake project.

Now, at the ripe young age of 71 years he has decided it's time to take it easy! We have learned to respect Brother Gillmette as a fine gentleman and a good friend. He has been a loyal union member all through the years and we wish him many years of rest and peace. If any of the members would like to drop him a line and extend their own personal wishes, his address is 101 Buckingham, Redwood City, California. I know he would like to hear from his friends and those of us who will always remember and be grateful to him as being one of the men who made our Technical Engineers division, within this union, possible.

Before closing I want to acknowledge, with genuine appreciation the votes I received from the brothers; enabling me to represent our organization as a delegate to the coming international convention. I will do everything within my power to promote the interests of our members and the advancement of our local union.

Sincerely,
Al Boardman.

Death benefits shall be paid to beneficiaries of members in continuous good standing as follows:

Class I. Beneficiaries of members in good standing for a period of one (1) year to five (5) years shall receive Seventy-five (\$75.00) Dollars.

Class II. Beneficiaries of members in good standing from five (5) years to ten (10) years shall receive One Hundred Seventy-five (\$175.00) Dollars.

Class III. Beneficiaries of members in good standing from ten (10) years to fifteen (15) years shall receive Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars.

Class IV. Beneficiaries of members in good standing from fifteen (15) years to twenty (20) years shall receive Four Hundred (\$400.00) Dollars.

Class V. Beneficiaries of members in good standing twenty (20) years or more shall receive Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars.

For the purpose of establishing and maintaining a right to benefits, a member in good standing is a member who is not suspended by the operation of any section of this Article or of any other Article of this Constitution, and who also has paid his dues and all other obligations to the date of this death.

The beneficiaries of members who transfer from one Local Union to another, and who remain in continuous good standing, shall receive benefits the same as though the member had continuously remained a member of the same Local Union.

Any member who is suspended or expelled from a Local Union or by the General Executive Board, for any reason whatsoever, and later becomes reinstated, must be a member in good standing for one year after his reinstatement before his beneficiaries are entitled to death benefits, and then his beneficiaries shall be entitled to the amount only in his class according to the length of time that he is a member in good standing after such reinstatement.

Northbay Area Jobs Are Off and On

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

Since last month's report, most of the local contractors took advantage of good weather and many of the brothers returned to work. However, as this goes to press, we again find the weather the kind that makes it impossible for dirt movers to stay outdoors.

Brother "Heinie" Foss wishes to thank all who sent his get well wishes during his recent illness. He is now back on the job and glad to be back.

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held recently at the site of the new Marin County Civic Center, but as yet no sign of equipment moving in. Rothschild-Raffin-Weirick of San Francisco were awarded the contract.

The highway entrance to Terra Linda subdivision this past week resembled a battlefield as the first stage of construction of a one-million dollar traffic interchange was started by Fredrickson & Watson of Oakland. A 278-foot bridge across Hwy. 101 is included in the project. Brothers on this job are: Norman Cazassi, Wilford G. Anderson, Claude C. Jordan, J. Steadman and "Woody" Lievsay on the pulls; Roy R. Kemmitt, D. J. Poncia, S. F. Orchard, Frank Gardner on Dozers; Earl Stiles, Crane Operator; Sandy Mills Jr., Oiler on Crane; Wayne Stokes, Grade Checker; Burl Prince, Motor Patrol, C. W. Sherman, Compastor; Ray Cochrone, Master Mechanic. Bro. Elbert A. Hill is foreman and Brother "Tex" Strickland, Assistant Super. The rain has halted operations for the time being. Bill White is office manager.

The L. C. Smith job located at McNear's Road, better known as the Marin Riviera development with a very good crew of engineers is progressing nicely, running around 700,000 yards. This job has until May of 1960 to run, so says their foreman, Brother Phil. Dunn.

That was a fast job Ghilotti Bros. did the other day on a demolition job at 5th & Lincoln, no wonder—with no other than Bro. Jim Rowlette as their Operator and Bro. J. R. Sankland, Oiler. Two old houses were demolished to make way for an ultra-modern service station.

Neils Schultz of the Greenbrae subdivision (the better builders)—after a little hibernation, repairing rigs, etc., are back in operation.

Al. Haworth is in progress of clearing the dam site at Nicasio. So far, no word received on the awarding of the dam.

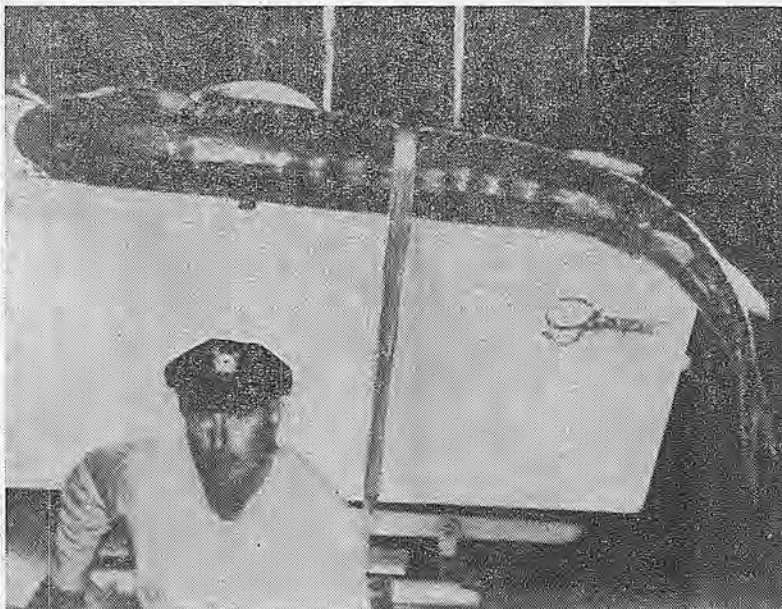
Paul Vincilione, we hear starting to light up the burners—something is cooking within next few days.

Hanna Grading of Napa has moved in on the A. G. Raisch job at the Marin Golf and Country Club Estates at Ignacio, road and subdivision work. Raisch is the prime contractor. The estimated length of the job for Hanna is about 2½ months and there will be 5 or 6 engineers on this project. Brother John Hinote is their foreman; Bro. Guy Simpson, Mechanic; Rosss Maynard, Motor Patrol Operator; Marcus McDowell, Pioneer man and Roy Harris on the rubber.

ROCK-SAND NOTE

Attention: Members in the Rock, Sand and Gravel plants: Your health and welfare coverage is now the same as those members under construction division. The benefits will be the same as those under construction. You may pick up your copy of the booklet explaining benefits, etc.

Remember—those members working under construction—it is vitally important that you keep an accurate record of all hours you have worked, particularly in reference to the 8c per hour vacation plan which was effective on Oct. 1, 1959.



ENGINEERED A BIG ONE—Bro. Bill Mougovan of the North Bay area argued with this 127½-pound, 88-inch sturgeon for two hours out in San Pablo Bay. He won the argument, and this is proof for all time that he was telling the truth.

We also have application forms for those who worked for two or more employers last year and received more than \$3600 in wages during the year for work in California. You may have money coming. This refund is made from the Department of Employment. However, in order to get the refund, a claim must be made before June 30, 1960.

Attention, members living in Marin County: FRED HORNER of Woodacre who does grading and paving is being placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list, as per our request to the Marin County Building Trades. We ask your cooperation in this matter.

Brother Bill Mougovan did it again. This time it was a 127½-pound sturgeon, 88 inches long. Bill says it gave him a good fight for 2 hours right in San Pablo Bay. We are submitting the proof (see picture).

Brother Frank Brooks dropping in to tell us of his new job. He is Harbor Master at the Corinthian Yacht Club—one of the very best of jobs. He also has a little side job in evenings—that of tending bar. We wish Bro. Brooks the best of luck.

Brother Elmer Lane who reported his loader as disappearing in the Marin Hills—was found right in Marin County—not too far from where he had parked it.

The following members have purchased their 1960 year cards since our last report: Brothers W. M. Green, Quin J. Ongaro, Edward C. Brown, J. C. Williams, Robert E. Linscott, Wm. R. Forde, J. D. O'Conner, F. Bobo, Paul Renati, Paul Vincilione.

VALLEJO NEWS:

Up for bids this month is 4.3 miles of freeway on U.S. 40 west of Fairfield. The project is budgeted at \$4,811,000 including a mile of four-lane divided highway on State Route 12 from U.S. 40 to Cordelia. The mile stretch of U.S. 40 between Cordelia and .3 mile west of Chadbourne Road west of Fairfield will be built six or eight lanes wide.

Granite Construction Company was low bidders on the Suisun Valley Irrigation Pre-cast pipe job approximately \$400,000. Granite underbid Darkenwald and Vinson by \$400.

Fredrickson and Watson has started both the Benicia Freeway job and the bridge job on Sears Point Road (Highway 48) across the Mare Island Straits. Foreman on the bridge job is Bro. John Owen, with Hank Railing on the N.W. 80, Grover Goldie, Oiler, and Mike Schumacher on the Cat. Bro. Wayne

Wilcoxon is foreman on the Benicia Freeway job and has Frank Cabral, Harry Carver, J. Everett, Ben Blackman and William Lyness on Dozers. Brothers L. M. Climer, Frank Collins, John Dennis, B. F. Potts, Paul Grenery and Ronald Campbell on DW 20's. Paul Stone on the blade, and Hugh Brookin, Mechanic with J. London on the Grease Truck.

Darkenwald and Vinson has started back to work at Dixon and Fairfield on the pipeline jobs for the irrigation district in full force.

G. G. Williamson is back to work with approximately a dozen Operating Engineers working.

R. A. Heintz is back to work on the canal job at Allendale with two Gradalls working at the present time.

Our thanks to the following Brothers for their donation to the Blood Bank this month: Vallejo—C. D. Nelson, Lewis J. Dexter, Robert M. Campbell, Willard Williams, Michael Gibney, Ken Roberts, Jimmie Moore. Napa—John R. Dennis.

We were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Bro. Otto Kriens who fell and cut his head, and died immediately at the Parish Bros. Quarry in Benicia, Friday, March 4th. Our condolences and deepest sympathy to his family.

Also our condolences to the family of Bro. M. F. Edwards, screening plant operator at the Basalt Rock, Napa plant, who died of a heart attack on Feb. 29th. Bro. Edwards was a member since 1941.

BE SURE YOU CAN VOTE. REGISTER. IF YOU AREN'T REGISTERED, YOUR VOTE CAN'T.

A number of union offices have deputy registrars present where you may sign up with no cost except five minutes of your time. Make it a point to attend to this without delay and urge unregistered citizens among your family and friends to do likewise.

Be sure you are registered prior to the April 14 deadline.

Brother Carlos Dunlap is now in the lumber business—direct mill shipment. He may be contacted at GLENWOOD 6-5902.

Everyone is talking about the latest miracle of medicine. It is a pill called "Span-Tran" and is composed of Spanish Fly and a tranquilizer. It makes you want to love like crazy, but if you are repulsed you don't give a damn.

San Mateo -- Hub of the Peninsula

Busy Spring Ahead for San Mateo

By BILL RANEY and GEORGE BAKER, Business Representatives

Work in the area has started, with a good outlook for Spring. Unfortunately it is raining at this writing, but in a couple of weeks we should see most of the wet weather behind us.

The L. C. Smith Co. have various grading and paving jobs going on in the area and have put quite a number of the brothers back to work, with a few new hires. We expect this company to get their share of the new work that will be coming up for bid this spring.

The batch plants and material and Hot Plants seem to be holding their own. The only layoff has been caused by the rain, the brothers are off for a few days at a time, then they are called back to work.

Leslie Salt have started using their dredge again. The other companies such as Pioneer Shell and Ideal Cement seem to keep their men busy most of the time. These are good jobs and the boys here seem to have very few problems.

At Pacific Heights, the Varwig Co. have a full crew working. This job, like many others in the area seems to have enough rock so that the time required to get under way, after a rain, is very short.

The Ratkovich Co. has been shut down for quite some time, due to the fact that the fill area is very flat and therefore does not dry fast enough to get started before the next rain comes along; however, this company still has several months work left on the job.

The Utah Construction Co. called a crew for a few days. Although we hear there is more to be developed in this area, we have no information as to when the company will start any further work at the South San Francisco site.

The owner operators in the area have been busy doing various types of work such as lot grading, landscaping, underground, paving, foundation work, etc. There seems to be a trend to put many of the industrial buildings in the area on concrete piers and this has certainly created a lot of work for our drilling contractors and furnishes many days of employment for the drillers and their helpers.

There will be several improvement jobs at the San Francisco Airport this spring. We will keep you informed as the work is put out for bid.

FORKS, BOOM TRUCKS

We have been quite successful the last few months in placing our people on forklifts and boom trucks on the various roofing jobs in the Industrial Tracts.

Job Awards

Palo Alto—Contract awarded to Dinwiddie Const. Co., Crocker Bldg., S. F., \$429,300 for laboratory & mfg. plant addn. to Bldg. 2, Increment 2, Varian Assoc., 611 Hansen Way, Palo Alto.

Perkins — Contract awarded to Nemellini Const. Co., P. O. Box 1528, Stockton \$247,000 for construct dormitory, Northern Calif. Reception Center & Clinic, Perkins, Sacramento Co.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$217,452 for impvt. of Bond St., betw. Seminary Av. & 57th Av. & betw. 55th Av. & Fremont Av.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to V. C. Mendenhall, P.O. Box 1489, Las Vegas, \$320,469 for const. portion of PSH in LINCOLN & WHITE PINE COS., Nev., USR No. 93, betw. 42 mi. and 55 mi. N. of Pioche.

Occasionally this has created some problems, but most of the contractors are finding that the members from our local have the skill necessary to make this operation pay.

The Thomas Construction Co. at La Honda had high hopes of starting this job again on March 7, but the new rains will postpone this for awhile. It will take about a month to finish the heavy dirt on this job.

C. J. Wood have called back some of their men to work on two jobs they have working in the San Carlos area.

Douglas and Woodhouse also are calling back some of their crew that were on the out of work list.

The E. T. Haas Co. are continuing their work, and it seems they have a job going just about everywhere you look. Very little turnover of employees with this company.

The Wunderlich Co. are getting their San Mateo Junior College job under way. They have brought in all their steady hands and have called a few men from this office, so far they have not hit the hard rock.

"Buzz" Haskins has started some of his rigs back to work on Doelger's Unit No. 1, which will soon be completed. We have no further news on Haskins new job as yet.

At Linda Mar, Willie Frank is working, weather permitting. This job is on steep ground and is red rock so it does not take too long to dry after the rains.

ON THE BEACH

Ed Keeble Co. on the Oceana School at Pacifica, has this job under way. They have finished the stripping and the job will go two shifts as soon as they start the fill.

Healy Granite have started the loading dock at the breakwater but it will be awhile before they start using the water rigs. We hear the company does not intend to use the 120E on this job.

Our out of work list has been very large this winter. Due to the break in the weather, the last three weeks has been good, calling back many of the brothers who were drawing unemployment, plus a few new hires. It appears at this writing that we have enough men on the out of work list to take care of the work in sight.

Brothers, this is the slack season. When you are called back to work please don't let it be the slack season on safety. Always remember to let scrapers down, dozer blades, shovel buckets. Practice safety at all times—the life you save may be your own.

PERSONALS:

Our apologies to Richard Ackerman: We neglected to show you on the list of blood donors last month. Excuse, please!

Blood donors for February:

DAISY AVERY

RICHARD ACKERMAN

The Associated Dredge moved in to do an hourly rental job in Millbrae Channel. It will be a discharge job, so no leveemen will be needed. This will be a three shift (around the clock) operation.

By the next issue we hope to have more information regarding a two million cubic yard dredging job in the Redwood City Harbor.

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

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

The Oakland area has slowed down with only 225 men dispatched for the month of February. A lot of these jobs have been of three and four days or less duration. However, with the work coming up in the area this year we hope to surpass the last few years. The 'out of work' list is only about half of what it was at this time last year, and it will decrease all the faster if all the Brothers would call in to get off the list when they go back to their former employer.

A BRAND NEW TOWN FOR ALAMEDA COUNTY

The Volk-McClain Company of Los Angeles have announced a starting date of May 1st, 1960, in a development of 4200 acres in the San Ramon Valley which will be a complete development for a new city including homes (approximately 12,000 homes), schools, hospitals, parks, golf courses, commercial and industrial areas. The project is estimated to be completed within five to seven years at an approximate investment cost of two hundred million dollars. The Company is at the present time making up bid lists for grading, paving and underground development of the first unit and expect a continuous operation to completion of the project.

Gallagher & Burk was awarded the contract to remove 180,000 yards of dirt from the Broadway Tunnel to the MacArthur freeway in Oakland. All of this dirt is being transferred by dump trucks. We have four Brothers on this job at the present time.

The Equipment shops have been slow for the past three weeks. Peterson Tractor Co. have laid off a few heavy duty mechanics; also West Coast Engines have laid off a few but when work picks up again they will probably go back to work. Buran Equipment Co. is still going along good. They are building up loggers on their Michigan loaders and have their mechanics and welders working steady.

National Homes of California are starting to build a large building to manufacture prefabricated homes. When this plant is in operation they expect to put out about 15 pre-fab homes a day ready for erection. Bahr & Ledoyen of Palo Alto has the contract to move some 12,000 cubic yards of dirt. They will import some 15,000 cubic yards of rock and they have to grade 700,000 sq. ft. of this property. They will also prepare and grade for a railroad spur tract to service this plant. Bahr & Ledoyen also have the job to blacktop this whole area. This company also removed a large eucalyptus grove of some 300 trees. The foreman on this job is Clarence Den Dulk, Dewey Storey is on an Electric pull and Bill Jones is the Dozer operator. This job is getting under way and in the next week or so they will have considerable more equipment working. Pabco Co. will erect an all-steel building on this site which will cover about two acres.

437 NEW HOMES

Freeman Paving Co. out of Palo Alto have started their job on the Greenridge Housing project for the Eichler Homes, Inc., on Crow Canyon Rd. in Castro Valley. There will be some 437 homes in this tract. In the first unit the ywill move some 400,000 to 500,000 cubic yards of dirt this year. Three units of this tract will make some 1,500,000 yds. of dirt to be moved in about a two-year period. At the present time they only have the excavation work on this job but expect to have all the streets, curbs and gutter

Oakland Blood Donor

CLARENCE OLSON

work. Vincent Rodriguez has the contract to put in the drain pipe. The Freeman Paving Co. job is under the supervision of Brother Ray Morgan with the following Brothers working on this job: Harold Skaggs is mechanic, Dave Painter as grade checker, Eddie Ramos, Roscoe Frebeck and Joe Campos on cat & can, on push cat is Paul Shearer and Rollin Ridgeway and George Rogers, and Charlie May on sheepfoot. In the next several weeks they expect to move in a good-size rubber-tired crew.

Moseman & Son Construction Co. have started their job on the MacArthur freeway. Gallagher & Burk subbed the dirt work on this job and at present are cleaning up the right of way. They are removing concrete foundations and debris from the fill area. Moseman will do the structure work. This job will keep a few Brothers working for a while. The bid was \$2,926,500 for eight-tenths of a mile.

Utah Construction Co. has started to work on their job in El Sobrante. They have approximately 60,000 yds. to move and should be about another month's work left. At the present time there are 12 members working. There will be a lot of street paving and sidewalk and curb work to be done.

Collier Chemical Co. have started moving dirt on their job in Franklin Canyon. They are renting equipment from Lee J. Immel. There is at present about 15 operators and one mechanic on this job, it should last several days. They will probably start their building soon.

Underground Construction Co. was low bidder for a water line on Adeline Street in Oakland for EBMUD. The bid was for \$82,500.00. There will be approximately 8,000 ft. of mortar lined and coated pipe. This job will keep a few Brothers going for some time.

Badger Manufacturing Co. should start their job at Standard Oil soon. They are to build a chemical plant. We should be able to place a few Brothers on the job in the near future.

Piombo Construction Co. have approximately 70 days to complete their freeway in Albany. They have all the bridges poured and have the paving pretty well completed and have called back several operators. They should get rolling soon if the weather stays nice. Piombo's Santa Fe job has been a good job for this winter. They have about four weeks work left with their shovel at Ferry Point and probably about the same amount of time with the dirt spread at Cypress Point. This has been a good rock job and the weather did not slow the work down much.

Willamette Iron & Steel at yard No. 3 in Richmond are picking up a few bids from the Navy on ship repair. They have two ships in at present and we

hope they will get more soon. We have four operators and one oiler working.

SAN RAMON VALLEY

Projected plans for one of the most extensive community developments ever undertaken in the United States were formally announced by the Volk-McLain Co. to the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors. Ultimate program for the proposed development of San Ramon Estates in the San Ramon Valley, south of Danville on Hwy. 50, calls for an overall expenditure of approximately \$250 million. This development will require approximately 4,3200 acres and will be in both Alameda and Contra Costa counties, on either side of Wwy. 50.

Running lengthwise through the San Ramon Estates is Hwy. 21. The ultimate plan for San Ramon Estates provides for: Residential development of about 2,500 acres, which will provide a total of approximately \$150,000,000 in housing in a price range from about \$14,000 to \$30,000. Commercial properties development of about 235 acres, at a cost of approximately \$30,000,000 to include an 80-acre regional shopping center. Garden type industrial development of approximately 720 acres at a cost of about \$50,000,000. Ample educational facilities covering three levels of education—elementary, junior high and high school.

Community service sites to include ten church sites, a hospital, library facilities, heliport and two golf courses. Park and recreation facilities, ample for the entire community, will be provided for and developed. Multi-family dwellings to cover an estimated 50 acres, at an approximate cost of \$5,000,000.00. Hotel-motel site, providing top level accommodations on an approximately 25-acre site, at a cost of about \$2,500,000, to be located near the industrial area, north of Hwy. 50 on Hwy. 21.

Selection of the San Ramon Valley site followed lengthy research by the Volk-McLain Co., one of the nation's five leading community developers. Projected population studies show the Bay Area metropolitan sector will increase by more than one million within ten years, while that of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties will swell approximately 450,000. Phase one of the projected community development is scheduled to begin in early summer. In all a projected program of from five to ten years is contemplated to complete the developments of San Ramon Estates, which will include approximately 10,750 residents when finished.

The boys in Blakemore's equipment shop have survived a rather slow winter and are now looking forward to a busy spring and summer. Compliments are in order for the supervision in their efforts to maintain a school for the Heavy duty repairmen on all the latest type equipment being developed. The word "specialist" should be a word of warning to our people in the Equipment service field. Take advantage of any instruction offered. The fellow who keeps abreast of the latest is the fellow who works the longest. The following Brothers are working at Blakemore at this writing: E. A. Anson, Kelly Frazer, J. H. Fryar, Joack Kostelic, Jerry Wagner, D. E. "Pat" Patrick, John Sjostrand, Wm. "Bill" Wagner and Art Staras-

ser. In the Part department are Fred DuVall and James Bruner.

Rogers Materials have their Batch plant ready to go and will put out the concrete for the Pomeroy, Bates, Rogers & Gerwick job at the Alameda tube. The tube section is to be fabricated in the new basin now under construction and then floated into position in the estuary and submerged.

A new building site is being prepared at 19th and Harrison Sts. in Oakland as Raymond Concrete & Pile Co. moves in their Manitowac to drive the cans for the footings. Brothers Ira Jones and Bob Woods are teamed up to pound in over a hundred piles for this new bank building.

At Wunderlich's job on Mountain Blvd. in Oakland there is a little activity as Brother Kelley gets his spread underway for some new streets and a shopping center. There are about 50-odd working days for this job. According to the latest reports, the compaction is giving some trouble. Any of the Brothers interested in the latest gimmick in the way of equipment just ask Brother Jimmy Shore. Pushing a sheepfoot and pulling a rubber-tired compactor — Jim doesn't know whether he is coming or going, but he sure stays busy. The crew on this spread are as follows: W. W. Hall is the mechanic, Jimmy Shore, R. C. Rasmussen and Jim Kennimer are on cast, Martin Jarrell on blade, Leo Perry and Robert Findley on DW-20, Donald Ellis oiler, George W. Frias as grade checker and James E. Kelly as foreman.

Out on Foothill Blvd. on the addition to the telephone building being done by Christensen & Lyons is Forrest "Picnic" Trumbo all by himself running the material hoist. He should stay busy until this Spring.

ALAMEDA TUBE

The Olympian Dredging Co. has moved in on the Alameda tube site on the estuary to do the necessary excavation. It looks like approximately nine months to a year's work on a three-shift basis for the Dredge "Holland". The "Golden Gate" will move in at a later date to assist in the operations. With the dredging and other offshore operations the estuary should be a mighty busy place this Spring and Summer. The crews on the "Holland" are as follows: Jos. Brown, Albert Johnson, and John Cardoza are the operators. E. R. Carlin is the welder. Jos. Russa, Tony Lombardo, Bob Dias, Bob Dycus, Salvatore Lib-

erati and Jos. Busalacchi are deckhands. Jos. Miranda, Magnus Roseland, Wilfred Rist, John Farrier, Artes Andersen and Bill Gargile are the scow men.

The demolition crews are busy from Broadway to Hayward preparing the open site for the new MacArthur Blvd. Freeway in Oakland. According to information received a second contract will be awarded about the 15th of March for the freeway.

Gallagher & Burg are off to a good start with most of their equipment in the field, most of it working.

Williams & Burrows job on the reservoir near 24th and MacArthur Blvd. have put a number of our men to work and should keep them employed until the summer months. This job consists of overhauling the old reservoir and placing a roof structure over same. Gallagher & Burk are relocating the upper end to make way for the new freeway. On this project the following Brothers are busy with Williams & Burrows: Tom Craig, J. Von Salden, J. Tomberlin, Vern Beecroft, W. Baker, H. White, Bob Mann and Frank Winters.

News About The Brothers

Brother Egidius Bechtold is in the Eden Hospital in Castro Valley. At the present time he doesn't know just how long he will be in there as the doctor's aren't sure exactly what is wrong with Egidius. We are wishing him the best of luck and hope it is nothing serious.

Brother Bartlett Tucker and his wife are in business at Tucker's Jewelry located at 43491 Ellsworth St. in Mission San Jose. Brother Bartlett works mostly on Saturdays if any of the Brothers wish to go by and see him.

Brother "Bud" Rich has been in and out of the Concord Community Hospital a couple of times in the past month. It was nothing too serious for "Bud" except that he was next to the Maternity Ward and we hope that it didn't rub off on him.

One of our members, Marvin La Grone was seriously injured on the McGuire & Hester job in Alameda and was taken to the Alameda Hospital, A 25 N.W. Backhoe turned over on Marvin while working on Mats in the mud. Marvin has had his share of tough luck. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Death In the Trenches And in the Space Age

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Safety Representative

PLAY IT SAFE!

Occupational accidents—in a factory, office, or at home in the kitchen cause more than 13,000 deaths and 2 million injuries every year.

Will this toll climb even higher as industry, now plunging into the Space Age, becomes ever more complex? While man is the world's most adaptable creature, can he keep pace with the products of his own ingenuity? Can he overcome those age-old faults of carelessness, taking chances, and cutting corners that seem so deeply rooted in human nature?

Occupational Safety will tackle one of the greatest challenges of the soaring '60's: How to keep Americans safe while they are at work.

While they will discuss better buildings and foolproof equipment, safety must depend in the end on the human factor.

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REDDING SET FOR GOOD CONSTRUCTION YEAR

By J. B. JENNINGS, SID McBROOME, Business Representatives

Highway 299-W Project: Additional highway job was awarded to J. W. Briggs and Baldwin Constructors on a joint venture. This project begins just west of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation road to Lewiston and terminates at the Shasta County line on Buckhorn Summit. It is 5 miles in length and generally follows the existing road. A 32 foot all paved section is to be constructed with a 3 foot widening area for putting on and removing snow chains just west of the Buckhorn Maintenance Station, and the construction of a 40' x 80' sand storage building about one-half mile east of the maintenance station.

One and seven tenth miles of climbing lane is provided on the easterly portion of the project approaching the summit where the grade is in excess of 5 per cent. The major items of work in constructing the roadway are 690,000 cubic yards of excavation, 48,300 tons of cement-treated base and 21,700 tons of asphalt concrete. The time limit for the project is 145 working days which should result in completion of the contract in the fall of 1960.

The Trinity Dam Project, the world's highest earthfill dam is about two-thirds completed. So far this season the project is at a standstill with very few men at work. Weather permitting the project will again start up about April. Shea, Kaiser, Morrison Clear Creek is still in full swing. Water not needed in the Trinity River Basin will be diverted through the Clear Creek tunnel to the 130,000 kilowatt Clear Creek Powerplant and into the 250,000 acre-foot Whiskeytown Reservoir on Clear Creek, a tributary of the Sacramento River. From this

point the water from Trinity River and surplus flows from Clear Creek will flow through the Spring Creek tunnel to the Spring Creek Powerplant and into Keswick Reservoir on the Sacramento River.

Work on Highway 97N: Bids will be opened March 9 for grading and paving of a portion of Highway U.S. 97 between 4 miles and 5 miles northeast of Weed. This project is a relocation of 1 mile of this route which is known as the Weed-Klamath Falls road. This road is an important link between California and Oregon and over 20 per cent of the traffic is accounted for by trucks. The proposed highway will have a 40 foot roadbed with 24 foot pavement and 8 foot paved shoulders. Passing lanes are provided on steep grades. In addition, the new location will be north of the lava bluff so that better exposure will result and eliminate road icing. The 1000 foot radius curve will be replaced by one of 1500 foot radius.

U.S. 99N: Bids are to be opened on March 9, 1960, for a project at the intersection of U.S. 99 and the road to Bridge Bay. The present road at this intersection consists of two 11 foot lanes and has seen no improvement since 1951 when this portion was resurfaced with a one-inch blanket. A 600 foot transition from a 4 lane divided highway end approximately 200 feet south of the intersection. The

existing alignment from the Bridge Bay intersection south will be shifted 12 feet to the east in order to provide two south bound lanes, and to the north of the intersection it will tie into the existing centerline with a compound curve to provide clearance from a solid rock cut right and north of the intersection. Reports from M. & K. on their COPE job out of Hornbrook reports that some of the contracts are to break the latter part of April. A total of 2½ years of work on the California side and approximately 2½ years on the Oregon side to complete this job.

H. P. Edwards is winding up their excavating for the Calveres Cement Plant. According to a spokesman for Calveres bids for construction should be called for in March.

U.S. 99W: Morgan Construction Company of Redding submitted the low bid of \$18,369 for a job involving widening and channelization on U.S. 99W at Diamond Avenue near the south city limits of Red Bluff. This project consists of widening the traveled way to provide for a declaration and left-turn storage lane with 14-foot through lanes on each side.

Recently we have signed a new agreement with Rock, Sand and Gravel employers in the six northern counties. We have gained for the employees a 40 cents an hour wage increase, Pension Plan, five additional paid holidays and numerous changes in the agreement.

We are still holding checks in the Redding Office for the fol-

FRESNO IS OFF TO AN EARLY START

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

The weather has favored the Valley for the last few weeks. With the rainy spell over, most of the jobs are rolling again.

The Fredrickson & Kasler Company have called back a small crew and have rented four rigs from the John Delphia Company to finish up on the San Joaquin Levee job.

The Ted Baun Company have called back their crew on their Firebaugh job. Sub-division work has picked up some. The Fortier Company, O. D. Frost Company, Kovcik Bros., William Lyles Company and Fresno Paving Company keep quite a few of the Brothers busy on this type of work.

The Fresno Paving Company is busy paving for the City of Fresno. They are using a new cedar rapids spreader for this work. This new type spreader really gets the job done. The Fresno Paving Company has completed excavation for the new Kings River Power house. They still have the excavation for the Penstocks. The contract

lowing named brothers:

Albert Steffenson, Edwin Lowry, James Gordon, J. C. McFarland, Robert Montgomery, Robert Howard, John Geddes, C. C. Osborn, Galen Storey.

We would like to wish a speedy recovery to Brothers Hank Wells and Howard Arnold. We are sorry to hear of the death of Brother Charles Yarnell who was a member of Local No. 3 for a number of years.

Blood Donors from Redding District: A. O. MOULDEN, EDIE DARVELL.

for this power house has not been let.

The Winston-Green Company are making good progress on the Kings River Tunnel. They have also started work on the surge chamber.

The Schallock Company and Jack Cambell Construction Co. were awarded a contract to build a sewage plant and install sewers for the city of Laton. There has been no word to this date when additional contracts for the San Joaquin Levee work will be let. Likewise, there is no word as to when the Merced Freeway will be let.

The Griffith Company has finished paving the 99 freeway from Fresno to Herndon, except for tie ins at both ends. There is lots of final grading to be done on this job before final completion about June 1.

Guy F. Atkinson of Porterville on Success Dam, have stopped all fill material on the east end of the dam due to the haul roads getting too steep, and having to leave the west end open for spring run off. This company will have about five cats clearing timber and will also keep two shifts of mechanics busy. They will start fill material on the west end of the dam about April 1.

40 ON TERMINUS DAM

Winston-Green Company on Terminus Dam out of Lemon Cove have about forty operating Engineers working one shift.

Isbell Construction Company on Highway 198 south of Terminus Dam is about forty per cent complete. This job went two shifts in the shop and on two of the shovels. L. B. Wells has started hauling base material on Alta Avenue out of Reedley. This company has a sub-contract with Gordon Ball for the black top on Highway 99 and will start black topping a few detours about the 10th of March.

Gordon Ball has been moving dirt on and off due to the rains. At Lemoore Airbase, Baldwin Construction Company have moved in a few more cats and carryalls and are working on the roads and streets.

Isaac Construction is moving in a batch plant and will start putting up houses for Yosum about the 15th of March.

D. G. Bing and John B. Sooy have a DW 15, one cat and a blade working on their job.

This office has one job that is 280 miles from Fresno. Clyde Woods has a contract for ten miles of Forrest service road, 46 miles from Inyo-Kern back in the Sierras. The only way to this job, at this time, of year, is down to Bakersfield over Highway 466 to Mojave then north on Highway 6—10 miles past Inyo-Kern and 26 miles back in the Sierras to Tulare County. This company has two carryalls hauling dirt, five dozer pioneering and one blade.

We have three blood donors—B. F. Helling, J. D. Monroe, and Henry Elias, thank you very much.

We have a vacation pay check for C. E. Kizer, L. L. Phillips, W2 forms for Devon J. Carter, Frank Sanders, Thomas G. Beathe; and mail for Sam Bryant.

STOCKTON WORK OUTLOOK BETTER

By WALTER M. TALBOT and AL McNAMARA, Business Representatives.

The prospect for employment in the Stockton-Modesto district is much better than at this time last year. Although the work will no be great enough to require outside help, we have hopes that those brothers who have been forced to leave the area the past few years to seek employment will be able to work nearer to home this season.

In the northern half of this district with the Stockton office doing the dispatching we find that the State of California is calling for bids on March 23rd for grading and surfacing approximately four and one-half miles of road on Highway 88, between the Mokelumne River Bridge and the Amador County line.

The latest information we have been able to obtain from the East Bay Municipal Utility District concerning the pipeline contracts to be let in this district from Bacon Island to Pardee Dam, is that they will be let about the first of June. The district has already awarded contracts in Contra Costa County on the proposed new line and the jobs have been started.

New Hogan Dam, a controversial issue for many years, for the residents of Stockton as it will afford flood protection for this city, has finally become a reality. The present schedule, as issued by the Army Engineers, is to advertise to bidders for relocation of Calaveras County roads to the dam site by March 30th, bid opening is slated for April 28th, and awarding of the contract is set for May 5th. Notices are expected to be sent to bidders will begin August 15th, bid opening is set for September 29th, and the contract is expected to be awarded October 7th.

\$19 Million Dam

The estimated cost of the dam is approximately nineteen mil-

lion dollars, with only a million, two hundred thousand (\$1,200,000) dollars having been allocated by Congress to date. However the State of California has entered into an agreement with the Federal Government on repaying the money required for construction so the balance due to complete the dam should be forthcoming.

Jefferson-Lakes Sulphur Co., owners of the asbestos deposit near Copperopolis, have no one employed on the site at this time. The plans for the mill and its appurtenances are in the hands of a Texas engineering firm to be drawn to specifications and then advertised for bid after the 1st of April. However, the latest word is that the company plans to call for bids on the access road to the site within a month.

Another project proposed for this district, but with no official date of commencement as yet, is the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's new hydro-electric plant on the North Fork of the Stanislaus River in Tuolumne and Calaveras Counties. The estimated cost of this dam, conduits, penstock and powerhouse is \$10,700,000. The new plant will replace the obsolete 50 year old Stanislaus power station near Vallecitos.

The City of Stockton is now purchasing property needed for the right of way for the El Dorado-Center twin overpasses at Mormon Channel. The contract for constructing the overpass is expected to be awarded by September 23rd in order to qualify for a State grant of \$1,653,000 toward the estimated \$4,000,000

project.

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors will be opening bids March 28th on construction of a new out-patient and administrative wing at the County Hospital at an estimated cost of one and three-quarters million (\$1,750,000) dollars.

These projects, along with the interchanges on Highway 99 at Cherokee Lane, Fremont Street, and railroad separations which were mentioned in the last issue of the Engineers News, plus the various jobs that are let from time to time, should afford more work to Stockton residents than they have had in the past few years.

In the southern half of this district with the dispatching being done from the Modesto office the same working opportunities should be available to members who reside there.

Already out for bid is approximately seven miles of grading and surfacing on Highway 120 between the Cider House and Yosemite Junction. Bids will be opened March 23rd and the job should start in April.

Other contracts to be let by the State on Highway 120 later this summer will be between Buck Meadows and the Yosemite Junction. Bids will be opened March 23rd and the job should start in April.

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M. Malfitano and Son and Vega Engineering Company, joint venture, on the San Joaquin River job near Crows Landing, are now in high gear. The report as made by us in our last issue of the News was incorrect in that we reported that the bid was under review by the Corps of Engineers. Brother

Tom Gunter, project manager for Malfitano, states that they were never in doubt about being awarded the job and that the delay in starting was due to the seventy-five day clause the Corp invoked in the contract. Also the correct bid for the job was \$1,387,127.84. N. D. Plant, Jr., of Marysville, is the subcontractor on the clearing and grubbing. This company plans to use three A C and one D-6 on their job.

The Modesto Board of Education has awarded to Fred S. Macomber, of Fresno, the contract to build a new one story concrete High School in the amount of \$809,000.

Jay Tanner, of Turlock, was low bidder at \$49,324, on the storm drain and outfall spillway at Empire, along Santa Fe Avenue to the Tuolumne River.

BLOOD BANK CLUB—

No donors this past month.

PERSONAL NOTES—

The passing of Brothers Riley Crenshaw, T. J. Schultz and J. F. Trout, all of Modesto, has saddened what otherwise could be considered an optimistic report this month. The members and office staff wish to express our sincerest sympathies to the departed brothers families.

Many brothers are still on the sick list but we are happy to report the number is decreasing.

Brother C. L. "Spike" Casebolt, who has been a member of Operating Engineers since 1925 and a business representative for Local Union No. 3 the past eighteen and one-half years, has retired. Brother Casebolt plans to do a little prospecting down Arizona way and to take life easy away from the pressures of the working world. We wish Brother Spike a full and enjoyable retirement and feel that he has many years to take advantage of his new venture.



FLOOD VICTIM—This portable crusher, owned by E. A. Ford, was within a foot of being completely submerged during the Russian river's high water a month ago. Location is just above Cloverdale.

ROSA-UKIAH AREA WAITS ON \$5 MILLION 101 JOB

By RUSSELL SWANSON, Business Representative.

One of the main hopes of the coming season is the highway job on Highway 101 between Healdsburg and Santa Rosa. On talking to a number of state officials I have been able to obtain only a casual answer. My interpretation of the indirect answers which I received is that the call for bids will be some time during the month of May. I sure hope so because this area needs a booster shot and a job of this size (the estimate is \$5,200,000) has been a long time in coming to this area.

On March 16 the bids will be opened for a highway job located from the Navarro Bridge to a distance of about a mile and a half south. The estimate for this job is \$410,000 and from what I hear the pencils will be pretty sharp for this one. By the time you read this article we will know who the successful bidder is.

A big boost in the morale of the people in the vicinity of Cotati is the decision to build a 4 year state college. The site picked is a 215 acre tract located about 1½ miles northeast of Cotati. As we understand it—the entire project will entail an expenditure of about \$25,000,000. The reason for picking this location is that it will provide service for a greater number than the other proposed sites because of its central location namely between Santa Rosa-Cotati-Sebastopol and Petaluma. Already there is much talk of enlarging the proposed Santa Rosa-Petaluma aqueduct to service the college. The proposed pipeline will be built parallel to the North-Western Pacific Railroad tracks in the area and then run about 3000 feet from the college site. It's a sure thing that a lot of work will be created from this wonderful development.

NEW ADDRESS FOR SANTA ROSA OFFICE

The new address is 1186 Yulupa Avenue but we still have the same phone number which is Liberty 6-2487. We moved in our new office on March 7 and so far the brothers have had very little trouble in finding it. Simple directions as follows: Find Sonoma Avenue—follow Sonoma Avenue past Farmers Lane (the street that we were formally located at) and continue on past Hahman Drive and Franquette and then turn right on the next street which is Yulupa. Proceed on Yulupa to Mayette Ave. Just before you reach the Mayette intersection you will see a sign on your left pointing to the new office. If you can't find the office by these directions please call and we will give you further directions.

UKIAH MEETING

The regular district meeting for this area was held in Ukiah on March 3rd. It was a stormy night and most of the engineers stayed home and in doing so

missed an excellent and very informative meeting with the officers of the local answering all of the questions put to them in a very capable manner. If you missed this meeting, as most of you did—please—next time try and be there. Many thanks to those of you who were there.

BLOOD

Brothers, in the last issue of this paper I noticed a number of offices had done real well so far as blood donations were concerned. This office was an exception—we did not even have one single name on the blood donors list and from all indications the same is true for this month. Brothers, please donate. This is one cause which is a must. Contact us and we will make an appointment for you.

PERSONAL

Brother Ralph O'Hara was in the office and looked real good after having suffered a heart attack a few months ago. Sure nice to see you looking so well.

Vern Motely has recuperated to a point where he is able to go back to work after being burned quite badly some months ago. The doctors must be given credit but I think mainly that Vern should be given the credit for having the determination to completely recover.

Brother Dan Bigcraft has opened an automobile repair shop on Pacific Avenue in Santa Rosa. We wish you a lot of luck, Dan.

REMINDER

The new Santa Rosa address is 1186 Yulupa Avenue.

Job Awards

Lemoore—Contract awarded to Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc. & Erickson Campbell, P. O. Box 311, Marysville \$7,145,258 for group hangars 2, 3 & 4, ails. & paving at Naval Air Sta., Lemoore.

Sacramento—Contract was awarded to M. Malfitano & Son, Inc., & Vega Engrg. & Grading Co., P. O. Box 750, Pittsburg, Calif., \$1,261,127 for levee const. San Joaquin Riv. betw. Merced & Tuolumne Rivers, Merced and Stanislaus Cos.

Auburn—Contract awarded to Gordon H. Ball, Inc., P. O. Box 1115, Concord \$2,249,999 for const. various bldg. for Sierra Jr. College.

BEN LOMOND, Contract awarded to Williams & Barrows, Inc., 500 Harbor Blvd., Belmont, \$1,576,776 (Alt. A) for const. Newell Dam Project in SANTA CRUZ CO.

Death in The Trench

(Continued from page 4)

1. **STAY ALERT** and stay alive—the more wide-awake a worker is the less likely he is to get hurt. If you don't understand how to operate a tool or perform a task, ask. Don't just guess and muddle through. Make sure you know in advance the correct, safe way to do it.

2. **WEAR THE RIGHT CLOTHES**—work clothes should fit snugly. Anything that can catch in machinery or trip you up is taboo. Where protective clothing or equipment is provided, use it.

3. **USE THE RIGHT TOOLS**—if you need a hammer, get a hammer. It may be handier to use a pair of pliers, wrench, or screwdriver—or even your fist. But you will have only yourself to blame if you break your fingers.

4. **LEARN HOW TO LIFT**—lifting takes more than muscle; it is an art. Don't try to show how strong you are; you may end in a hospital. Get help to handle anything that is too heavy or cumbersome for you.

5. **DON'T BE A PRANKSTER**—practical jokes and horseplay can be dangerous around machinery. If you feel the urge to frolic, resist it until after work.

6. **BE TIDY**—good housekeeping reduces hazards in the factory or home. Always put away tools when they are not in use. Keep floors swept, pick up scraps, wipe up spilled liquids. A slip or a trip can be fatal.

7. **REPORTING IS IMPORTANT**—never fail to report all accidents, defective equipment, and unsafe conditions. Keeping a machine going with bailing wire might seem ingenious at the time. But it might cost somebody's life.

8. **GET FIRST AID AT ONCE** if you're hurt—even if it is just a scratch. Have an injury treated. Neglect may lead to serious infection, weeks of lost time, even permanent injury.

9. **BACK YOUR SAFETY PROGRAM**—if you have an idea you believe will reduce accidents, tell your boss about it. Set an example by obeying all safety rules. Cooperate with the safety committee where you work.

10. **NEVER TAKE A CHANCE**—next to sheer carelessness, the short cut is probably the biggest killer of all. To save a minute or two, you may lose a lifetime. Whatever you are doing, if you are not doing it safely, you are not doing it right!

SAFETY DEVICES IN TRENCHING OPERATIONS—for better protection of workers in trenching operations have proved their worth.

One device is a large steel housing, or shield, to protect workers from cave-ins while they stand on the trench floor and do fine grading with hand shovels.

Each shield, weighing about 4 tons, is about 35 feet long and 7 feet wide being composed of seven 5-foot sections bolted together and covered with 1/4-inch steel plate. The shields cost about \$5,000 each. With the shield sides containing several men performing fine grading can shovel excess earth through 24-inch square openings, work the openings to the side of the trench.

The steel shields provide protection to workmen against cave-ins without the need for conventional shoring and bracing.

They also reduce the amount of soil that would otherwise have to be removed and stored—thus

MARYSVILLE SEES A GOOD SEASON

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

WYANDOTTE BID DATE DISCUSSED

March 15th has been set as the tentative date for advertising for bids on the South Fork Feather River Project according to the best information obtainable by the Marysville Office. According to this information the District Directors recently took the preliminary legal steps to this end.

We have also been informed that the project apparently has much better chance of going this year because the P.G.&E., who is to purchase the power, has offered additional financial assistance to further guarantee the project will be carried through to completion.

We are holding our fingers crossed on this project because whether or not it goes will make, as last year, the difference between a good year for the brothers in this area or a poor one. If advertised as now planned preliminary work could be starting by June, or so we hope.

WORK STARTED ON MISSILE BASES

Murphy, Cherf and Sandkay, a joint venture composed of Murphy Brothers and Cherf Brothers and Sandkay of Spokane, Washington, who are subcontracting from Peter Kiewit Sons have made a good start on the preliminary excavation on the Missile Bases at the Buttes and at Chico.

This work, which involves some road work and around a million yards of excavation, has supplied work for about 70 of the brothers. The job is a high ball one with the Army Engineers setting a tight schedule and has proceeded rather smoothly or so we thought until recently. Then the company decided to do some weeding out and the "weedeeds" didn't seem to like it.

CHEROKEE CANAL

Bids on the completion of the levee work along the Cherokee Canal in west central Butte County will be opened in Sacramento on March 29th according to the recent advertisement. The work is under the direction of Army Engineers who estimate the job will cost \$950,000.

Involved in the work is 25,000 yards of unclassified excavation and 750,000 yards levee embankment and it is to be completed in 210 calendar days. We hope that no obstacles appear and that we are clearing the brothers out to the job around the 10th or 15th of April.

BLACK BUTTE DAM PROJECT

The State and Federal Governments recently signed contracts to pave the way for the Black Butte Dam near Orland. Under the contract the state is underwriting irrigation water costs, while the federal govern-

ment pays for flood control.

This dam which will be located on Stony Creek above Orland will store 160,000 acre feet of water and is estimated to cost \$18,000,000 and should be getting nearer and nearer the construction stage as its is scheduled for completion in 1963.

OTHER WORK
In addition to the above additional work has been let or will be let in the near future on the Beale Air Force Base. Robert W. Wilson of Oakland has been awarded the Officers Open Mess Building located near the Capehart Housing Project at (\$664,521. In addition to several other smaller projects, there is to be an additional 224 houses to be contracted for in the near future, so we are informed.

March 15th the Army Corps of Engineers will open bids in Sacramento for four small levee jobs in and north of Yuba City and which are estimated at \$95,000. In Yuba City two shopping centers are to be built, one of which is estimated at 5 million.

Also the state division of highways is beginning to show signs of activity by advertising for bds for resurfacing jobs, one of which is estimated at \$145,000 and is in Colusa County. And also while at this writing we can add nothing to what has been previously said, there is still the additional by-pass work around the proposed Oroville Dam for which the legislature is being asked to appropriate money in the proposed budget being considered by the legislators.

In the last issue we reported on the picket line placed on the Gates and Fox job by the Electrical Workers. Right after we went to press last month the Electrical Workers apparently composed their differences with the contractor and removed the picket line.

This was done after that Union, by telegram, had assured the contractor and other unions that they were not claiming any work assigned to other crafts. And now as this is being prepared news has come to us that maybe the whole thing is starting all over again. So we don't know and can only hope that nothing occurs that will cause the job to shut down.

The recent storms in this area and the resultant high water on the Yuba River actually put Dredge No. 18 of the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields out of business for a time, at least. As the dredge was digging near the river channel when the high water hit it nearly beached the dredge. Some lay-offs resulted from the shutting down of this boat. Other than this gold dredging is about the same.

We noticed recently an item that may be of some interest to our gold mining brothers and that is the plan of the Western Mining Council to ask the State of California to buy gold at \$55 per ounce and to have the gold struck in commemorative gold medallions of one ounce and to be sold at \$60.

These would be acceptable as legal tender in the state and for taxes. The only trouble we can see with the idea is that the federal government might frown upon the idea because if we remember correctly the Constitution of the United States says something about the coining of money being the prerogative of the Congress.

The idea has merit in that it might create interest by the public in the sad situation the gold mining industry finds itself in this country. And that it is being forced out of business by inflation of costs and the freezing of the price paid for its product.

In this regard we note that there is being introduced in the Senate a bill to set up a Committee to make a study of the gold price situation, the gold reserve question and, incidentally, the condition of the gold mining industry. We hope that it passes as such a committee might be the cause of legislation that would lead to the revival of the gold mining industry.

GLADDING, McBEAN AND COMPANY
Production at this plant has slowed down considerably from the peak of production last fall and even a bit since our last report. Things around the plant look rather dull, the yards are stock piled to capacity with not much moving out and with the result that additional brothers have been laid off.

However, the management informs us that the lull is only expected to be temporary and men will be called back to work around the time the stormy weather is over and the sun lets us go back to work.

Job Awards
SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873 - 81st Ave., Oakland, \$396,534 for bridge app., embkmt., & overload, betw. Walnut St. & Napa River, about 1 mi. W. of Vallejo, SO-LANO CO.

MEETING NOTICES
Regular Quarterly District Meeting: This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, 1960 at 8 p.m. in the Acapulco Dance Hall, 323 E St., Marysville. However, due to the fact that this is the week of the General Convention this meeting will probably either be moved up or back so watch for the notice of the date on which this important meeting will be held.

Grievance Committee: Meets every Thursday (except on the Quarterly District Meeting Night) at 7 p.m. in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville.

Rock, Sand and Gravel Membership: Meets Friday, March 25, 1960 at 8 p.m. in the Teamsters Hall, 818 Wall Street, Chico.

Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields Membership: Meets Monday, March 28, 1960 in the Engineers Hall, Marysville at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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Natomas Company Membership: Meets Monday, April 4, 1960 at the Veteran's Hall, Folsom at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Gladding, McBean & Co.: Lincoln Industrial Council Joint Board meets Tuesday, April 5, 1960 at 4:15 p.m. in the Council Office. General Membership meets Tuesday, April 12, 1960 at 2:30 p.m. in the Council office and 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln City Auditorium.

Concrete Pipe Industry Membership: Meets Monday, April 18, 1960 in Engineers Hall Marysville.

Peterson Tractor & New York Machine Shop: Subject to call.

A Word of Thanks

I have just been informed, unofficially, that you by your votes have elected me a delegate to the coming 26th General Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers. As it is impossible to know or thank those that voted for me I am taking this way of thanking all of you for the confidence expressed and to assure you that I will do my very best to represent you in a way that I hope meets your approval.

C. R. Van Winkle

MISCELLANEOUS

The concrete pipe plants are still going along at a surprising pace and there has been no reduction in the work week as last year. Peterson Tractor Company slacked off some, which caused a small reduction in forces, but it is expected to improve right away as the missile bases get really in gear.

The New York Machine Shop reports that it is in the best shape in months. The rock, sand and gravel plants have slacked off generally with the plants being reconditioned (patched up) for the 1960 season. At the Kaiser plant in Oroville new steel bunkers are expected. A worthy project in our opinion.

PERSONAL NOTES

During the past month Brother Jack Cawood passed away. Brother Cawood who was 74 was retired and is survived by his sister a Mrs. McClure of Oroville. Bro. Wilbur F. (Brandy) Hall, was found dead in his home Sunday, Feb. 21 by Butte County Sheriff's deputies. He had apparently died of a bullet wound in his right temple. At this time we have not been informed as to whether it has been determined if his death was accidental or a suicide. He was 48 and is survived by three minor children and one sister that we know of. He was divorced. We wish to take this means of extending to the families and friends of our departed brothers the most sincere sympathy of the officers and members of this Local Union.

As we prepared this Brother "Bob" Younce called the office and let us know that he is home from the hospital in San Francisco. Brother Younce was seriously injured, you will recall, when a falling tree hit his pick-up while employed by Wright Bros. near Greenville. While he is confined to a wheel chair he is cheerful and expects to eventually regain the use of his legs. We are glad to see Brother Art McFarland of Gladding, McBean and Co. back on the job after lengthy absence due to a serious back injury. We would like to congratulate Brother "Ernie" Sutton on his new job with Hal B. Hayes and Associates. Brother Sutton was superintendent for C. O. Brand at Beale Air Force Base and was a very fine and cooperative superintendent to work with. "Ernie" says he South Dakota for the first three will be assigned to Rapid City, or four months on his new job. Good luck "Ernie," we'll miss you.

Aloha From Hawaii, The Volcano State

HAWAII RAINY SEASON IS ON

By HAROLD LEWIS and
RUPERT TEVIS, Bus. Reps.

Aloha from Hawaii, the newest transfer from the tropical to temperate zone. This transfer was made possible by Secretary Merter's money saving decision: while we were in the tropical zone the government paid its employees a 20 per cent cost of living expense, but since Herter has moved us into the temperate zone the government can cut expenses. We hope Congress will demand we be put in the frigid zone because Hawaii is home-base for antartic naval movements and we also have snow here; then maybe we can rightfully demand and receive wages received by men working there.

New construction is slow moving for the lack of equipment. Our out of work list has been between 70 and 30 for the last two months, and no change is expected till work picks up about the end of March.

For those of you who haven't attended any meetings here is a list of shop stewards and their respective companies: Brother John Amaral, Hood-Thompson Construction Co.; Brother Wilfred Brown, G. Kobatake, Inc.; Brother Ed Ulmer, N.A.S. Barber's Point; Brother Shoichi "Mala" Tamashiro, J. M. Tanaka; Brother Hiroshi Uejio, Permanente Cement Co.; Brother Lawrence Kapanui, Grading Development Co.; Brother Cyrus Beck, State Tile, Ltd.; Brother Leonard Chow, Highway Transportation; Brother William Karatti, Kaiser Hawaii-Kai Project; Brother Peter Wong, Kaiser Dredge; Brother Lionel Sequin, Bechtel Corp. We want to remind you brother members that the stewards are not authorized to collect any money. Their authority extends only to being sure every man on the job is union, and to be sure the company lives up to the contract with the union and to settle differences on the job.

Rains have been a little late coming, but they are here at this writing and we expect more rain until about the end of May.

Kaiser's Hawaii-Kai project has been operating on a week to week basis because the State Highway Department and the land owners can't seem to get together on proposed highway alignments. It is hoped that something will have settled at this publication. Your union has 87 members working out there and with the jobs opening as slow as they have been, it will be a long time between jobs for most of the members.

Hood-Thompson Construction has picked up a sizeable amount of work developing Kaiser's Koko-Head area. They will be doing lot grading and the roads with M. Miller Co. on the utilities. Hood-Thompson Construction Co. has purchased a total of four DW-21 and a Cat 647 pull to move most of the dirt on an estimated \$10 million of work for this year.

J. M. Tanaka was awarded the contract to complete Matson Navigations' freight marshaling yard at pier two in Honolulu.

The Hawaiian Dredge—Local 3 squabble over our claim of dredgmen within the company claims the work load does not warrant a separate union agreement to cover the dredge crew. Another formal N.L.R.B. hearing is to be held on March 10th in Honolulu to settle this and

Sacramento Still Slow; Outlook Is Good

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

The Sacramento area has picked up very little. The weather had been good for some time and the jobs were expected to start when the rains came. The outlook this year for the Sacramento area is very good.

February 16, 17, 18, Blakemore Equipment Company held a show at the Erickson Gravel Pit and furnished Westinghouse blades, Tournapulls, DW20, cat 12 Q 14 blades. Ralph Call from the State Department of Motor Vehicles was there to issue licenses to the operators who operate the equipment on the highways. The operators will have to be licensed to operate anything that is over-weight and over-width. During the three days there was a very good turnout of Operating Engineers and 135 received licenses.

In the past two months we have given nearly all of our blood to Brothers and their families who needed it. At the present time we do not have enough blood in our bank to help anyone. We have given 44 pints of blood in the past two months and are badly in need of blood. So, Brothers, stop by and donate blood to the Operating Engineers blood bank. This blood is for you and your families and Brother engineers and their families. Please give.

AROUND TOWN

Things in the Sacramento area have picked up in the last two weeks.

Brighton Sand and Gravel is doing the underground work for C. Norman Peterson Construction on the sewage plant in North Highlands.

McGuire & Hester have a good sized job for the phone company on underground on Rio Linda Blvd. in Del Paso Heights.

The State has asked for bids on the steel work for the start of construction on the \$11,955,200 Department of Motor Vehicles building. The six-story building will be bounded by 24th and 25th Streets and Burnett Way and 1st Avenue. Funds available for the steel will total \$2,000,000. The bids will be opened March 29, 1960. Lentz Construction has been doing the underground for this building. They have been getting a lot of underground work lately.

There are going to be some more large buildings let this year, but it looks like there will be very little work on the airports, outside of housing.

Hydraulic Dredge Company is going along very well outside of the Brothers being sick with the flu. Brother Charles Wells lost a finger on the job and Brother Jim Wood was going to work when he was lighting a cigarette with a book of matches and ran off the road into a tree. He has been in the Woodland hospital for a week or so. He is out and around now.

Brother Morris Walgreave is

LATE JOB REPORTS

FRESNO, Contract awarded to Guho Corp., 8335 Atlantic Blvd., Bell, \$248,443 for replc. sanit. sewer lm. on "H" St. from Merced to Kern & on Kern St. from "H" to "U" Sts., Fresno.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, Berkeley, \$437,591 for const. Mole Hwy. so. side in reconstr. S.F.-Oakland Bay Bridge, ALAMEDA CO.

SALINAS, Contract awarded to Tombleson & Huck, Inc., P.O. Box 1388, Salinas, \$158,724 (base plus alts.) for erect. & const. nine classroo maddn. to Mission Park School at West Acacia St., Salinas.

we will win.

We are still organizing the construction division of Hawaiian Dredge and making progress. A reminder to all stewards to attend the next meeting on April 6th at the office. Mahalo.

still in the Antioch hospital. No one seems to know what is the matter with him or how long he will be in there.

The Pacific Dredge is working in the turning basin now. This crew seems to be a little healthier, for Jay Anderson is the only one that has lost much time but he is back on the job again now.

Lebough & Dougherty is back driving piles on the Lockbridge job. They have about three months work left.

The rest of the jobs are very slow. Teichert & Son have most of their men back working in the Woodland area on small jobs. They are going to enlarge their plant in Woodland. They also have a few men back on the Davis freeway job.

DREDGE IS BUSY

Pomeroy's Dredge, "THE SKOOKUM", has been very busy this winter keeping a lot of our brothers employed around the lake. The heavy snow and rainy weather has not hurt this operation, but just made it miserable for the boys to get their shifts in.

The dredge has placed over one million cubic yards of material on the 94 acres of land of the first unit of the development called "Tahoe Keys".

There will be 296 lots in this first unit and will sell for \$8,200 to \$25,000 per lot, depending on their location near the beautiful Lake Tahoe.

Geo. Turner is the project manager on this job and Carl Olds is the superintendent under him.

John LaGrange Construction Company has moved their equipment on to the "Tahoe Keys" project and has subbed from Pomeroy approximately 200,000 cubic yards of material to put to grade which they had stockpiled. They also have to cut the keys into grade so that sewer contractors can get started.

George Miller Construction Company was the low bidder of \$138,000 to dig and lay 20,000 feet of mains, services, laterals and sewer lines on the "Tahoe Keys" project.

MOUNTAINS STILL WET

Brothers, it looks like the same thing to report this month as last month on Highway 40. When the mountain area starts to dry out it looks like the work might get started, it starts to rain again and shuts down the work.

Fred J. Early moved in at the Auburn sewage disposal plant and worked one day before the rain shut them down. Granite Construction Company has been doing test boring along the right-of-way to find out where the rock is. They should be starting before long with the underground work unless the rain continues.

Madonna started the rubber-tired rigs up after a long layoff and they got to work two days before the weather shut them down again.

A. Teichert & Son have not started anything up at all at Emigrant Gap. They have had two or three mechanics working on the shovel, putting it back together. There should be quite a bit of work on this job this spring just repairing the damage done during the winter.

The Grass Valley-Nevada City area is very quiet at the present time but work will pick up there

in the near future. The Nevada Irrigation District is working on plans for several dams in the mountains east of Grass Valley. We have no information on them at the present but we hope to be able to report something to you in the near future. These dams should furnish jobs for quite a few brothers and we hope that they start some of them this summer or fall.

Carl Woods has a little work left at the new Nevada Union High School site but he won't do anything until the ground dries out.

At Lincoln, Parrish Bros. has a pretty good crew going at this time and they are going full blast to prepare the missile sites. The Brothers are getting in some good hours for this time of year.

We had a near tragedy a short time back on this job when one of the DW-20s broke in two at the yoke where the gooseneck hooks onto the tractor. It was very fortunate that the rig broke when it was pulling uphill out of the cut area. All that happened was that the nose of the tractor sat down on the road nice and easy. Had it been going downhill or out on the flat and moving at a fast clip, it would have piled up and quite possibly killed the operator.

Peter Kiewit Sons have moved in quite a bit of equipment but have started nothing yet. By the time you read this, they will probably be mucking out one of the shafts at least. They have a 40-ton American truck crane and a 3900-B Manitowac crawler on the job. They are both nice rigs and the American is almost new. Kiewit always seems to have good rigs.

Gordon H. Ball was low bidder on the new Sierra College at Rocklin. Their bid was about \$2,250,000. All of the underground work will be subbed out and Ball will have only the building. At this time we do not know how many engineers they will employ themselves, if any.

We are very sorry to report the untimely passing of an old friend and brother this month, Brother George Stewart. It was our pleasure to have worked alongside of George on the Friant-Kern Canal in 1946, and to have been a friend of his ever since. Although unable to work at the trade for about the past five years, he continued to pay his dues and was a strong advocate of Local No. 3. It is with deep regrets that we say goodbye.

HOUSING SLOW

Subdivision work is getting off to a slow start. Krpan Bros. are keeping a crew busy repairing equipment in the yard and finishing some of their work, held over from last year.

McGouran Bros. keep their loaders busy excavating for building sites. These are old-timers with Local No. 3 and they do good work wherever they go.

Teichert has the underground crew on several jobs, but working close in with no open ditch when the shift ends. Their shop crew at Perkins are happy with lots of equipment to repair.

Out at the Folsom Blvd. Welding Shop, Houk and his crew are re-building the portable crushing plant with a lot of advanced technical ideas for more production.

Brighton Sand and Gravel have all but shut down their operation. They hold on to a skeleton crew to service the gravel customers.

Lentz have kept their crew going steady through the winter with only a few of the dirt crew

laid off.

McGillivray are showing signs of starting, no layoffs in the shop and are now calling back the cat operators. Neil has the hot-plant renovated and ready to go.

Richard Cox has started his pipeline job for the Carmichael Irrigation District with his regular crew.

Suburban Sanitation have all of their steady employees back on the rigs now, with lots of work lined up for this season.

Clark's Welding have been busy with no let-up in sight.

The brothers at Granite Const. are getting full paychecks each week with no layoffs. This spread will have all the equipment in top shape by spring and ready for the dirt.

Cal-West Equipment have two engineers getting the equipment ready for sale or rental.

Stan Gilbert has expanded to the extent of giving some of the bigger contractors competition.

Larry Green is also getting into heavier construction and taking on some good-sized jobs. George Brown has his two blades back on jobs throughout the area.

Trammel Bros. have cornered the swimming pool excavating business and have another loader ordered.

Sacramento Trenching is finishing up the water-main job at Wherry Housing at Mather Field, with a go-ahead crew of engineers.

Graven Const. Co. have called back a few brothers to get started on new work.

Gordon Ball has the building for crewman all but finished at Mather Field.

Asta Const. are ready to go now on a small job at Mather Field.

Wisner and Becker are going with three brothers on the machines. This work varies from day to day because of the nature of the contract.

The Callahan Const. Co. are holding tight with a two-man crew doing maintenance and repair work.

The Delta Const. Co. have a three-man operation of engineers repairing streets and parking areas.

Teichert keeps the biggest spread going with three to ten brothers on the equipment. Baldwin Const. Co. have finished the mixing plant and test-lab on line four and no new work to go to.

D. W. Nicholson are out of the area now. This company was on a time and material basis for a year and we had good relations with them.

P.C.A. are Fair Oaks have started an extensive remodeling job on the crushing plant and have all of their operators busy repairing the equipment getting ready for another good year.

Teichert's plant at Perkins keep going on crushing rock and making hot stuff.

The plant on the American River is going steady with a crew of engineers moving the hot plant to a new location.

Fair Oaks Sand and Gravel have their crew of four brothers steadily employed with a large backlog of orders.

Arden Rock Products have resumed crushing, batching concrete and hot stuff after a brief layoff.

Granite Const. also keep their plants going on a full week schedule.

Sacramento Ready Mix have lots of work going with the plant in first class condition.

Andy, at Brighton's Perkins Plant, is batching every day for all comers.

UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

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

Everyone has their weather eye peeled this month, for tradition has it that we can expect a happy ending if we experience an unhappy beginning. No one can deny the fact that we started out with a deep, deep freeze. In fact, the coldest spell of winter clamped its icy fingers around everything here in Utah, including the wheels of construction. Regarduess, the first day of Spring is authentically declared this month and from here on things just have to improve.

We have plenty of highway work which will start as soon as the weather permits. L. A. Young Company were the lucky bidders on the oil for the Freeway from Cudahy Lane to Pages Lane in North Salt Lake City. Of course this job won't amount to much

The small contractors seem to be the only ones who are moving at all around the city. We are still having trouble with oilers. Several machines have had to be shut down because of this. We would like to repeat that all of the operators including the non-members haven't given us any static about getting off the machines when approached for not having oilers. This would indicate that the Brothers are becoming more conscious of the terms of our agreement. We have signed several more small contractors to our agreement the past few weeks.

Up on the Bingham Stripping job we do know that this job will be ready to get underway within the next two months, and we hope Western Contractors will be the lucky bidders. Whoever gets the bid, it is bound to be a good one. Besides the work on top there are around three million yards in the bottom of the pit where they will spiral down to the mouth of the new tunnel, plus some additional work around the 6190 yards. This will go as one bid.

2260 FEET DEEP

We are wondering how many of our members realize the magnitude of the operations at the Bingham Cooper Mine. We Utahns should all know that it has been labeled as the world's largest open pit copper mine. However, going back, did you know that it was begun as a small hole in the ground in 1904? Today, its magnitude is hard to comprehend, even to the eyewitness. Its depth is 2,260 feet and a mile and three-quarters wide at the top. One billion tons of waste has been removed from its depth along with 856 million tons of low grade copper ore. Annually it yields up to 30 per cent of all copper mined in the nation. From the magazine BIG, we quote the following: "If the Bingham Canyon pit could be likened to a football bowl it would be possible to seat the entire populations of Texas and Utah on its 65-foot high benches . . . with enough room left for all the people in Nevada to hawk soft drinks and hot dogs. And as a further gauge of its depth, if the Empire State Building was transplanted to the pit floor, a viewer standing on the uppermost rim would have to look down 1,000 feet to view the top of the world's tallest building."

Day after day, the pit will grow deeper and wider and contracts will be let out year after year. Naturally, Kennecott is anxious to let the bids to the contractors who can furnish more maneuverable trucks and shovels. Just such a contractor was Western Contractors. When they first brought their ideas to the huge project they were told it couldn't be done. However, the project manager, Tom Speight decided the job called for employment of spectacular tactics, in keeping with the spectacular nature of the site. So orders were placed for shipping in bigger equipment and

in greater amount than had ever before been used at Bingham. The results were amazing. Much credit must be given to Tom Speight for his foresight and ability to follow through on plans which he carefully made and executed. He had a terrific amount of drive, but was well liked by his employees. This means a great deal on any project. This is one of the big reasons we are hoping Western comes back along with Tom Speight.

Out at Flaming Gorge, they have been severely handicapped by the sub-zero weather; however, we haven't had many layoffs which is gratifying. One of the shovels is down at this time but we understand they will go back to work on the 7th of March. This was due to the fact that there wasn't enough muck to keep the shovels going. Come Spring, this job should really boom. We understand Neil Anderson will soon be able to get back to work on the compressor crew.

Contract for the new Hillcrest High School in Sandy was let to Christiansen Brothers Construction Company. Total cost will be \$4,336,552.

We finally settled our dispute with Hurst Ready Mix. On October 3, 1959, we won an election conducted by the State Labor Board; however, we had difficulty in getting together on the signing of the agreement. Hurst failed to abide by the decision of the State Board so it was necessary to pursue the issue with Provo District Court. We were fortunate to get a decision in our favor without going through court procedure.

The San Francisco Chemical Company is about ready to start their stripping and open mine operations north of Vernal. We are hoping we can get this plant organized in our favor as soon as they get into full production.

At the Stanaker Dam, things are still at a standstill pending Spring. We should have additional men on this project when it starts up again.

Peterson has given up at Red Creek and moved his equipment to a warmer climate in Phoenix.

AROUND PROVO

In the Provo office, before dispatching around 20 members to Consolidated, we had 196 operators and 34 oilers out of work. Consolidated has started on the overhaul of their No. 2 blast furnace. We know that many of the members would like to get on this job, but the only thing we can do is take the men in turn, which we are doing. Just wish there were enough jobs for all.

United Concrete Pipe has started on their Colorado pipe contract and within a month we expect them to call back their full crew.

Shurtleff and Andrews have three rigs and an A-Frame working at Consolidated with some of our good members on them, which we are grateful for.

There has been quite a bit of controversy among the Utah County residents relative to

west of the lake truck route. We would like to point out that this would create a lot of work for our members. If the matter hasn't been settled before you read this article, we would suggest that if you are interested in getting this project through, you might contact the Utah County Commissioners and express your viewpoint to them.

On the 8th of March a section of Freeway between Geneva and American Fork will be let which should relieve the out of work situation considerably.

Morrison - Knudsen is still waiting for the weather to improve so they can get started again on their Provo Canyon job.

To the far South, work has been very slow but we hope that by the time this article reaches you, some of the jobs will be getting started. Floyd Whiting has two good jobs that should be going about the 15th of March. Olof Nelson's job southeast of Price will be much later as all he has left to do is the oil. L. A. Young Company still has the oil left on their job at Price.

Whiting & Haymond have started their job at Mt. Carmal. This job has taken about sixteen good operators off the out of work list and if weather permits the company wants to start a swing shift. Contracting Corporation's job at Zion Park is one of the jobs which was able to work most of the winter with the grading almost completed. Wheelwright Construction Company's job at St. George should be completed about the 15th of the month but most of the operators of this job will go to Salt Lake City on a waterline job which the company was awarded.

Wells Cargo is running two shifts on their crushes at Beaver but it will be some time before they can start on the grading. There is about two feet of snow on this job. Strong Company is still waiting for Spring so they can finish the job at Hatch. W. W. Clyde Company, Sumison Company, Whiting & Haymond and Strong Company still have their shops full of engineers getting the machinery ready for the Spring work.

Utah Construction Company's Iron mines is still taking a few more operators to their operations, and things look very good for the Brothers. Following are a few of the Brothers who have been working at these mines for a good number of years: Otis McCall, Stanley Bryan, Blaine Jones, Arvin Stratton, Douglas Hunter, Harry Rhodes, James Stevenson, Tracy Blood, John E. Walker, Eddie Miller, Dan MacFarlane, Gordon Heyborne, Aril Stratton, Renford Talbot, George Ramsey, Ray Simkins, June Hunter, Orton Nelson, Howard Arns, Tone Fife, Julius Dennis, Albert Felstead, Alvin Iverson, Lester Gower, Max Getz, M. V. Beckstead, Carlyle Hills, Benjamin Batty, Harris Nelson, James Johnson, William Garner, Thorey J. Cox, Theron Foster, Edwin Kelsey, Joseph Leeder, Ross Williams, Horace Adams, David Skougard, Wilmer Anderson, Douglas Ence, Boyd Walker, Dare Skougard, Merrill Memmott, Don B. Orton, Joseph Anderson, William Barton, Geo. Vandenberghe, Fred Leigh, Spencer Roberts, Owen Guilford, Raymond Laird, Ronald Burns, Jess Naegle, James Sargent, David Williams, Carlos DeLong.

IN THE NORTH

To the North, there just isn't much moving. We have had fireside weather around here; however, the men are really getting restless at this point as are the contractors, who have their jobs shut down because of the weather.

Up Williard Way, the contractor and the Bureau of Reclamation are getting ready to resume work on the Williard reservoir as soon as the weather permits. As part of its preparation to resume activities, the Bureau called yesterday for bids on an estimated \$40,000 project to stabilize the west side of the railroad right of way that skirts the eastern slope of the reservoir. Bids on this project will be opened on March 17th in Ogden. Work includes realigning about 5,300 feet of open drain, enclosing the lower drain with 5,500 feet of 12 to 18 inch sewer pipe, connecting upper and lower drains. George R. Brewster & Sons of Bogota, N. J. are doing the second phase of the work and expect to complete it by the end of 1961.

Bids were opened by the Utah State Department of Highways on Tuesday, Feb. 16th on four projects; Jack B. Parson, Smithfield was the low bidder on the Interstate Highway 15 between Honeyville and Elwood, Box Elder County; Wheelwright Construction Company was apparent low bidder with a \$365,570 offer for moving water and sewer lines on the Salt Lake Freeway Interstate 15, from South Temple to 13th South.

Tiago at the 33rd Street Freeway job in Ogden have attempted three or four times to complete their dirt moving this Winter; but after three or four days each time, the weather has forced them to shut down again. At least they can't blame this on to the business representatives, (thank goodness.)

Devil's Slide is still moving a four or five concrete pour every three weeks apart. UBA Consolidated Steel Erectors are erecting the four 100 ft. head towers which will be a part of the sourman slusher which will be used to drag the muck in for the Williard Bay Dyke. It may be two or three weeks before they are ready for operation (trial operation, that is). All in all the work picture here in the Northern Area looks much brighter this year than last.

The Air Force has agreed to participate in a 2 million dollar, 25 mile road building project between Corinne and the new Thiokol Chemical Corp. rocket engine production plant to be built near Lampo. State Road officials said, however, current plans for AF participation may not be sufficient to assure completion of the project this year.

KENNECOTT COPPER

It took five weeks for Kennecott to reach full production after the longest shutdown in the history of this giant operation. The company has encountered many problems in their operations. Many of these problems are created by the arbitrary position that the company is taking towards their labor relations.

At the mine the company has conducted classes for their supervisors to instruct them on the interpretation of all union contracts. These interpretations are their own and in many instances do not conform with the written contract or the understanding that was reached in negotiations.

During negotiations, on De-

cember 16, 1960, it was agreed that no employees in our unit would be required to do any work that was not formerly done by such employees. It is impossible to write an agreement that will cover every situation that may arise. Therefore, many situations have to be covered by understandings that are reached during negotiations. Certain officials at Kennecott have misinterpreted some of these situations and are therefore causing much concern among our membership. In other instances the company has said that your stewards have given them permission to do many things that are contrary to the agreement and understandings. This is not true and we will not stand still for such lies.

In once instance a Company foreman accused a steward of usurping a company prerogative in giving orders to the men. No business agent or steward has given any orders to the members to either do or not do certain things. They have, on many occasions informed members of their rights under the contract. They will continue to give this service.

We have had several meetings with the company since returning to work to iron out some differences of opinion as well as some grievance meetings. These meetings have been satisfactory thus far. The grievances are being handled promptly and will continue to be processed in a prompt and efficient manner.

All employees in our unit have the right to representation by their stewards or business agent in all grievances from the very first step of the grievance procedure. If anyone feels that he has a grievance with his immediate foreman, he can request that his representative be present to investigate and discuss the grievance from the very beginning. Under the law (Taft-Hartley) before any supervisor can adjust a grievance, he must notify the representative and allow him to be present at such meeting.

If, at any time, you have a problem be sure to contact your steward or business representative. If you are unable to contact your steward, you can call the union office between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and leave a message for the steward to get in touch with you. For your convenience following are the telephone numbers of the stewards, business agents and office.

Chief Steward—Everett Hibbard—IN 7-5054.

Dozer Steward—Joe Badovinatz—AM 6-5250.

Pump Steward—Alma Moulton—AM 6-4286.

Crane Steward—K. V. Stewart—CY 8-4802.

Shovel Steward—Reed Erickson—CR 7-3206.

Bus. Representative — James Hall—HU 5-8551 (office) Magna 6438 (home).

We believe you should all become acquainted with the Grievance Procedure and following is the exact procedure as printed in the agreement.

(D) (1) All grievances shall be heard, reviewed and disposed of in the following manner:

Step 1. Any employee or group of employees having a grievance shall alone, or with Union representation, first present the grievance to the immediate supervisor, who shall attempt to adjust it; but in adjusting it, shall give Union representatives a chance to be present at the adjustment. The grievance shall be presented within ten (10) days after the cause for grievance is known to exist, except that any grievance arising over the discipline, suspension or discharge of any employee shall be taken up within five (5) days

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(Continued from preceding page) from the date of such occurrence.

Step 2. If the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted by the immediate supervisor within twenty-four (24) hours after presentation, the committee shall properly reduce it to writing on forms provided for that purpose and present it within five (5) days to the General Foreman, or Superintendent, who shall hear the grievance within three (3) days after its submission at his level, and shall record his decision on the grievance within forty-eight (48) hours after such hearing.

Step 3. If the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted at Step 2, it shall be submitted to the Superintendent of Mines, or his representative, within five (5) days of the written submission at this level, and shall record his decision on the grievance form within forty-eight (48) hours after each hearing.

Step 4. If the grievance is not satisfactorily adjusted at Step 3, it shall be submitted to the Director of Industrial Relations, representing the General Manager, within five (5) days after its submission at this level, and shall record his decision on the grievance form within three (3) days after such hearing.

COPE REPORT

We believe we have made quite a bit of progress this last month in the furthering of COPE. In the Salt Lake area a permanent COPE chairman has been elected with George Ipson, member of the Cement Finishers, as chairman. Quite a number of labor people were elected as delegates.

In the Ogden area, we are endeavoring to get the names of the unregistered people so that they can be contacted and urged to register.

In Provo, the Machinists 1966, have given us the use of their hall without charge, which we greatly appreciate. We held a meeting in Cedar City with all unions attending. We set up a temporary committee and were very encouraged over the enthusiasm and results obtained.

Contacts have also been made in Cache County and Boxelder County for committees to be set up there.

The month of April has been

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designated as the COPE Dollar Drive. We urge all members to contribute their dollars to their various representatives for this COPE education.

Also, we need help wherever we can get it. We have 570 volumes of registered voters to copy. So far we have completed 60 volumes. These books cannot be touched after June, so it is necessary that we complete this work before then. We can find a job for any of you ladies who can contribute a few hours of your time. Anyone who is interested, please call EL 9-4766 or come direct to the Labor Temple, 151 South 2nd East, Salt Lake City, Utah.

PERSONAL NOTES

It was with regret that we heard of the death of Brother Frank Boylan. Frank was a very capable operator and the son of one of our older members, Art Boylan, who has worked for Engineers Limited for a number of years. Our sympathy to you and your family, Art.

Brother Don Wilcox has gone back to the hospital. Don broke his leg in a number of places several months ago; however, his latest illness is due to other complications. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Brother Walter Mishork is still quite ill in the Veterans' Hospital, and we are hoping he will recover soon.

Following is an interesting statement made from Boyd Leedom, chairman, National Labor Relations Board. "To berate union leaders for taking a firm stand on work rules that protect their members' jobs is no answer at all to the problem. For, to make charges of featherbedding and quit there, is the unfair, superficial approach that sees only the effect and not the cause. When machines displace thousands of workers who have no place to turn for a livelihood, not only their unions should be striving to protect their interests, but so should the industries that utilized their labor over the years; and so should all of society."

All meetings will be called meetings.

NEW JOB REPORTS

LEMOORE, Contract awarded to Midway Drilling & Pump Co., \$306,927 for production wells, No. 3 to No. 7 & pumps at Naval Air Sta., Lemoore.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to W. Vernon Bernard, 276 Hegenberger Road, Oakland, \$232,948, for reconditioning Hoover Jr. High School in Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Engstrom & Nourse, \$327,000 (base & alts) for impvts. to athletic field at Abraham Lincoln High School, S.F.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$102,858 for Pasadena Estates Assessment Dist. in SACRAMENTO CO.

GRASS VALLEY, Contract awarded to Roads, Inc., 3353 Magowan Drive, Santa Rosa, \$197,926 for grade & pave Colfax Av. SH No. 25, betw. S.E. City limits & Auburn St. in Grass Valley.

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP

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

ON THE IRON RANGE: At the present time we are in negotiations with Dodge Iron Mines, Mineral Materials and The Standard Slag Company. We have met twice with the brothers working for these firms and once with the employers with a second meeting scheduled soon and hope to come up with a fair agreement for the brothers. All three of these operations are still producing in their usual systematic ways and meanwhile Boyle Brothers Drilling Company of Salt Lake City are still prospecting the hills around the Mineral Material Mine while the Utah Construction Company have their drills searching the area around Dayton, Silver Springs and Silver City area. Then there was Isbell who did some more or less assessment work for Kennicott Copper Company out of Mason, Nevada, which started rumors galore in the Yerington area. Actually the wheels of these firms are the only ones who really know what the plans for these operations hold for the future and they are not parting with any information at this time. Seems as though its always too many ifs, ands or buts. This office sure would like to see these mines develop and expand as it would be one big shot in the arm for the brothers in this area as well as the communities neighboring the operations, as well as the state.

IN THE BOONDOCKS: The Wells-Cargo Highway 8A project west of Denio coming along in fine shape, setting up their crusher now. A little confusion with equipment juggling as this company has more jobs in their hip pocket than they have equipment to cover at present, as this is the firm's first time in the area since the new hiring procedure went into effect, there was some misunderstanding but this has all been straightened out and things are smooth for all the brothers concerned.

Dodge Construction Company Highway 50 relocation job east of Fallon is in the graveling stage now and most of the dirt movers are resting up for the next ? ? ? big push. This office sure will keep an eye peeled for Dodge's next job so we can catch up with that A-Boom truck and that operator-foreman right for the start. Silver State Construction Company has a few rigs leveling land around Fallon and also on their Schekler Project.

Trans-Universal's job is wound up insofar as the earthmoving is concerned.

Brother Berl Johnson, the superintendent for Paul Tholl Paving Company who is doing a real good job for the company spends part of his time down in Death Valley for the company. Brother Don McGowen the HDRM for Tholl has found himself a home and he really keeps all of the equipment in good running order. That Don is quite the HDRM.

Brother Bob Williams, the sandman is branching out along with the sand business. He is doing some wrecking jobs around Reno, also some blade work and back filling. That Bob is quite the man around town.

Brother Sam Wauchope, the shop manager for Pyramid C. C. North of Reno has most of Pyramid's equipment scattered all over the shop, but I think Carson Frazzini will help Sam get it back in running order real soon.

Some of the best of Geo. E.

Miller's outstanding men like Bro. Howard Johnson and Brother Dale Morlan are up at the Tahoe Keys job at Lake Tahoe. Th Bush Brothers are real busy around the Miller Company Reno shop.

Bro. A. E. Colip is out in Lovelock and Imlay, Nevada, on some of G.E.M. Company's pipe and sewer jobs.

Out at Geo. Griffall's Company the real go ahead company in Reno. Bro. Don "Whitey" Wood, Bro. Cal Scolari and Bro. Pete Ferretto really keep those Bucyrus backhoes of Griffall's really digging around Reno. Those three brothers are really diggers when it comes to backhoe work.

Bro. Ed Gnadig and Bro. Ray Williams has everything in high gear around the P. W. Burge Company outfit. These brothers really get the job finished up in short order.

PENSION FUND: Negotiations regarding the Pension Fund for the members of Local 3 in Nevada have been recently completed and the Pension Plan is now in effect. The first payments from the fund to retired brothers of Local Union 3 will be made in about six weeks. The fund for the members in Nevada has been combined with the California Funds and the Pension Plan is all one Plan.

We are very confident that the so-called "Old Timers" of Local Union 3 will be very proud to know that their long years of service have not gone by the wayside in regard to this benefit and will be pleased with receiving a pension check from their Local Union Pension Fund with their Social Security check upon their retirement from active service.

Not overlooking the many other benefits that have been gained for the membership during the past few years, we sincerely believe that the Pension Fund is one of the greatest and most beneficial gains that we have achieved in our negotiations.

We look back now to a few short years ago when many of the brothers were getting close to their retirement age and had nothing to look forward to except their Social Security Retirement and how they wondered about how they were going to get by on this amount of money. It is very gratifying to al of us in Local 3 to know that

we have helped to relieve the burden on our brothers and that now they have additional money to help them enjoy their years of retirement.

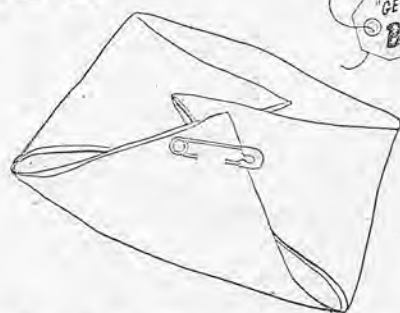
Many of the brothers who are about to retire this year have been anxiously waiting for the Pension Plan to get underway and are very pleased with the progress that Local Union 3 has made in this respect. The booklets regarding the Pension Fund operating procedures and qualifications for retirement are now being printed and will be distributed to the brothers as soon as we receive them from the printing company.

HEALTH & WELFARE: The annual audit of the Nevada Health & Welfare Plan for the first year of operation under the bank of hours system has been completed. The trustees report on the operation of the Health & Welfare Fund is also being printed now and copies of this report will be given to the membership so that you can all see how the plan has been working during the last year and also see the many benefits and claims that were paid. As you will see in this report there was an average of 636 employees insured during the year and in addition to this 1900 dependents were also insured. The information in our report to you will show you the value of our Health & Welfare Plan, as over \$90,000 was paid out in benefits for 860 claims. The real factor in this figure is that 70% of these claims were paid for medical and hospital care for your dependent wives and children during their time of need.

It was only with the support and cooperation that the membership gave to the officers and representatives of Local 3 that this fund and its benefits were accomplished. We hope that we can continue the same service of health and welfare benefits for all members and their families in the future years ahead, as successfully as we have done in the past.

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to Brother R. J. "Slim" Cubberness on the loss of his wife, Virginia. It was a very sudden illness and we were all shocked at his loss. Words can't express our feelings, but al of our thoughts were with you, Brother Slim.

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REDWOOD EMPIRE PROUD OF ALBIN GRUHN, NEW CLF PRES.

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

Brothers, insofar as that we are all waiting for the mud and rain to go away, and no new jobs have developed since our last article, we want to take the only opportunity we most likely will ever have to eulogize the greatest man the Redwood country of the Northwest of California has ever produced. When we say greatest we are not using the Redwood Yard Stick we are using a yard stick of State, National and International Magnitude.

There really isn't enough space in this entire publication to tell the whole story of this man and his wonderful wife and family who have for some 25 years faced poverty, heartache and disappointments, but never have given up the fight for the downtrodden and suppressed. No one can say this man is only a champion of labor although his entire life has been devoted to the laboring man and woman, he is more than that, he is without any doubt one of the most outstanding and unsung humanitarians the world has ever produced. We want to take this opportunity to say to Albin G. Gruhn, newly-elected President California Labor Federation AFL-CIO, Good Luck and God Bless you, it couldn't happen to a greater or more qualified man.

Brothers we want to present to you this man's background for your study.

BIOGRAPHY

Albin J. Gruhn
2035 B Street
Eureka, California

Born January 3, 1915 at Eureka, California.

Graduate of Eureka High School.

Married—Wife Dorothy eight children: Jeremy, Dennis, Thomas, Janice, Katherine, Robert, Mary and Anthony.

Labor Background:

1934—Joined a Federal Union of Lumber and Sawmill Workers at the age of 19 while employed at Hammond Lumber Company, Eureka, Calif.

1935—Became affiliated with Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners Lumber & Sawmill Workers by action of 1934 AFL Convention. Participated in organizing activity and went on strike in May 1935 against Lumber industry. Member of strike committee—Three workers killed in historic June 21, 1935 picket line action in Eureka during strike. After unsuccessful strike helped to dissolve local which had become communist dominated and obtained new charter. Subjected to full scale black list by lumber operators and other employer groups in area. Received Honorable Withdrawal Card from Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners.

1936—Joined Laborers Union Local No. 181, elected treasurer, elected delegate to the Central Labor Council—appointed to Central Labor Council Organizing Committee. Now oldest member in years of membership in Local No. 181—an officer for 24 years.

1937—At age 22 elected as Secretary of the Eureka Federated Trades and Labor Council, now known as the Central Labor Council of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties AFL-CIO—Has been re-elected every year since. Active in organizing the Northern California District Council of Laborers and was one of its original delegates. Elected Vice-President Northern California District Council of Laborers in 1939—Served until 1941—Elected in 1945 to the Executive Board of the Northern California District Council



ALBIN J. GRUHN

of Laborers and continues to hold that office.

1940—Elected District Vice-President California State Federation of Labor (now the California Labor Federation AFL-CIO). Has been reelected at each convention since that date.

1942—Elected Secretary of the Humboldt County Metal Trades Council to fill unexpired term.

1943—Assisted in organizing Northern California A.F. of L. Political League, now known as the Humboldt County Labor League for Political Education. Elected as its Secretary and has served in that position to this date.

1948—Assisted in organizing and was elected President of the Laborers' League for Political Education—First Congressional District.

1957—Elected Secretary-Treasurer Building and Construction Trades Council of Humboldt County and Vicinity and presently holds this position. Elected Secretary-Treasurer Union Labor Temple Association of Humboldt County.

1960—Elected President California Labor Federation AFL-CIO.

General Union Background:

Laborers' Local No. 181—Served as Treasurer from 1936-1958—Now serving as Recording and Corresponding Secretary—Elected as delegate to various affiliated bodies since 1936.

District Council of Laborers—served as member negotiating committee and Health and Welfare Plan committee.

California State Federation of Labor (California Labor Federation AFL-CIO). Served 15 years as member of Resolutions Committee, member Education Committee, Chairman Health and Welfare Plan Study Committee, Member Merger Committee and Chairman Civil Rights Committee, Principal drafter of resolutions and policy statement on International Affairs attacking communism and fascism.

Central Labor Council assisted and represented many local unions in organizing and negotiations such as Retail Clerks, Butchers, Laundry Workers, Hospital and Institutional Workers, Moving Picture Machine Operators, Fish Cannery Work-

San Jose Area Looks Forward to Good Year

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

Work has picked up considerably during the past two weeks. The lack of rain has caused jobs to start up earlier this spring. Many of the contractors have called back most of their regular employees and with the new jobs being let, the Brothers should have a record year.

Start of construction is expected within a few weeks on the final link of the Bayshore Freeway between San Jose and San Francisco. Target date for completion of the \$10½ million project is the fall of 1961. It will widen the Bayshore to six lanes. This project will be divided into two parts. One part will widen Bayshore from Brokaw Road in San Jose to Morse Ave. in Sunnyvale. The other extends from Morse Ave. to Charleston Road in Mt. View.

Piazza Paving have been doing repair work in their Hot Plants and Gravel Plants during

ers and others.

Has honorable withdrawal cards from Brewery Workers, Teamsters. Also held honorary membership in L.A.T.S.E. and M.P.O. Local 430.

Member Board of Directors Union Labor Hospital Association which has operated a 75-bed community hospital in Eureka since 1906.

PRESENT CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

1959—Member and Chairman State Commission of Housing—Appointed by Governor Edmund G. Brown. Originally appointed to commission in 1955 by Governor Goodwin J. Knight.

1946—Appointed by Mayor as member of Eureka Recreation Commission. Has been reappointed by succeeding mayors. Served as President of Commission for past 8 years.

Labor member—Northern Humboldt Vocational Education Council—served as chairman on several occasions.

Invited by President Eisenhower to participate in Golden Anniversary White House Conference on Children and Youth to be held in Washington, D.C. March 26-April 1st, 1960.

Past Activities:

1942—Secretary, Humboldt County Grand Jury.

1947—Appointed as member of original State Recreation Commission by Governor Earl Warren. Term expired 1952.

1949—Elected member Board of Directors Shoreline Planning Association of California—Elected its Northern Vice President.

1956—Elected Stevenson delegate to Democratic National Convention.

Misc.: Member Board of Directors Humboldt County War Chest and Humboldt County Chapter Red Cross. Member Mayor's War Housing Committee; Member Northern California War Manpower Appeals Board (Humboldt area); Member Mayor's Water Committee; Substitute; Editor Redwood Empire Labor Journal; Member Humboldt Apprenticeship Council. Attacked by West Coast Communist Daily Peoples World as reactionary labor leader, because of the unrelenting campaign against communism since 1935.

Two oldest sons are members of Bakers and Retail Clerks unions respectively.

Praternal Service Club Affiliations: Knights of Columbus, Eureka Lions Club.

Personal:

Brothers, I want to express my most sincere thanks to you for the honor you have bestowed on my be electing me by such a large vote to serve you as delegate to the National Convention.—Ken Brooks.

We want to express our sympathies to the loved ones of Brother Frank Purdy who recently passed away.

the rainy season, so they have kept most of their men busy. They wear the low bidders on a \$63,546 contract for the improvement of Kelley Park. At the present time they are using three jeeps and two cats on their job in Alum Rock Park.

A. J. Raisch Paving Company are working on the Del Webb sub-division near the Almaden Golf Course. P & E Construction are installing three miles of 6-inch water lines on this project. James Engineering are putting in 2½ miles of sewer lines on this same project.

J. C. Bateman have started work on their sub-division on Balney Ave., off Stevens Creek Road, and they are busy on the surfacing of the parking lot on the El Camino.

E. T. Haas are busy on a sewer job on King Road. At the present time they are using eight Engineers and they expect completion in about six weeks. A. G. Lantz are working on this same project, and Ed Keeble is doing the grading and paving.

SANTA CLARA, MT. VIEW AND PALO ALTO

Ball & Simpson are making good progress on their De La Cruz job in Santa Clara. They have called back most of their men that worked on the Freeway job.

On the Rose-Matoza project in the Idlewild sub-division, Oliver Rousseau are doing the paving work. San Leandro Pipeline Co. are testing the underline and Kincanon Excavation Company are doing the grading.

Chicago Bridge and Iron have completed the erection of the tank on Wright Road and D. E. Burgess are painting it. They have also finished the tank on Wolfe and Kiefer Road.

Willie Frank Construction Company have cleared more ground of fruit trees making ready for a new sub-division called the Altmont Park. Braggotta Paving will do the grading on this job.

Sondgroth Bros. are busy on various jobs scattered throughout the area.

L. C. Smith are working on Bayshore and Embarcadero Rd. extension and expect completion by the middle of April, if the weather permits.

Braggotta Paving have started their job on the extension of North Barclay Street, with Monolithic Pipe Company doing the underground work.

Cupertino Gravel and Pisano Brothers are still working on their sub-division in Milpitas.

SANTA CRUZ, SALINAS & MONTEREY

Work in the Southern area looks very promising for this year. Williams & Burrows were the low bidders on the Newell Dam over Newell Creek in Ben Lomond. The bid went for \$1,006,752. This should keep the Brothers living in the Santa Cruz area busy when the job gets underway.

The smaller Contractors around Santa Cruz, namely, Jim Evans, Jolley & Cons, Roberson Bros., and Virgil Kester are keeping quite a number of the brothers busy this winter.

Granite-Healy have started their second shift at Ben Lomond, with Brother Rockwell running the first shift and Brother Les Young in command on the second.

Utah Mining Company have lost very little time on their sewer disposal plant in Watsonville. Granite Construction is doing the grading on this job and

also have the underground work. Valley Engineering Company were awarded the contract for putting in the outfall and they hope to start very shortly on this project.

Ted Baun Construction Company were the low bidders on the Carmel Hill job near Monterey. The bid went for \$77,000, plus whatever was left of the Fisher & Stokes contract, which was over \$500,000. We hope that this job will have a good ending.

Alcon Pacific Company, a coast-wide general construction company, were the low bidders on the construction of a luxury retirement cooperative community rest home project. The home will be called the Hacienda Carmel and will be located near Carmel. The bid went for \$4,000,000.

Work in the Salinas area is still very slow. The John Delpia job at Soledad has been at a standstill due to the heavy rains. They hope to resume operations as soon as the weather permits.

C. B. Tuttle have four Engineers working on their bridge job at Soledad. They have been working steady with overtime.

Haas & Haynie are building the Nestle's Chocolate Factory in Salinas. Brothers McGrady, Bosworth & Dawson are operating the Forklifts. They all agree that it is fine to work under a roof in the winter. This same firm has moved in on the Experimental Station, four miles east of Coyote. Ed Keeble is doing the excavation work. Lloyd Rodoni of Saratoga are also working on this same job and at the present time are using three jeeps and two cats.

PERSONALS

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sympathy to the families of Brother John Ray Delaney and Brother Al Grandy, who recently passed away. Brother Delaney lived in Watsonville and for many years worked in that area. Brother Al Grandy worked as an Oiler for the Permanete Cement Company.

We are happy to learn that Brother Joe Harknes, who was laid up this winter with a heart condition, has been able to return to his work with Pisano Brothers.

Brother Paul Russo is at home recovering from a recent operation. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Brother H. B. Parr is still alid up wit ha broken hip as a result of an accident last November.

Brother Stanley Reinert, an Oiler, suffered the loss of a finger while working for San Jose Steel.

We are still seven pints short of establishing a Blood Bank. We are very happy to report that eleven brothers donated blood during the past month. Dan S. Landes, Lewis E. Landes, Ray Herrera, Robert Spieser, Elzie Cypert, John Sweeney, Lawrence S. Floyd, Ralph Plake, Thomas Crane, Roy Davis, and Chester Johnson. We would like to add that Brother Chester Johnson has donated twice. IT ONLY TAKES SEVEN BROTHERS MORE TO ESTABLISH A BLOOD BANK. HOW ABOUT YOU?

San Jose—Contract awarded to Oscar W. Meyer, 1681 Dry Creek Rd., San Jose \$379,000 for const. Juvenile Boys' Ranch No. 2, E. of Morgan Hill.