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## Start Training Class For Local 3 Staff

Twenty-six Business Representatives and Dispatchers of Operating Engineers Local 3 started Feb. 15 on a training course designed to increase their effectiveness in dealing with rank-and-file union members, employers, non-union workers, other unions, government and the public.

They are participating in a training program worked out by Local 3 in conjunction with the Laney Trade School, a branch of Oakland Junior College, and the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California.

They are signed up for a 20-week course, with classes from 7 to 10 p.m. every Wednesday night at the Laney campus.

The instructor is Mr. William Friedland, who has 15 years' experience in the trade union movement as a rank-and-file member, union officer and worker education instructor. He is presently completing his Ph. D. dissertation for a degree of Sociology at the University of California. Mr. Friedland has just returned from Tanganyika, Africa, where he completed a study of trade unionism in that country under a two-year research grant from the Ford Foundation.

Assisting the Laney administrators in arranging this program was Associate Prof. Jack London of the University of California.

The course will explore the social psychology of the relationships engaged in by the union representatives, helping them understand how a job obligates the individual to act in certain ways. It will explore what is the "public image" the union presents to members, non-union workers, employers and the public, along with the image the union would like to present and how to present it.

The changing role of the business representative will be explored. This will focus on need for education and specialization arising out of the complexity of agreements and the impact of new laws. The last part of the course will deal with some prin-

## Hiring Modifications Up For Member Approval

By AL CLEM, Business Manager

The membership of Operating Engineers Local No. 3 will shortly be asked to approve modifications of the Hiring Procedures.

Back in 1957 the membership ratified the Master Agreement negotiated with the Northern and Central California chapters of the Associated General Contractors containing an exclusive hiring procedure. For some time these provisions were administered by the Business Representatives

and the Dispatchers, exercising their best judgment as to the qualifications of the various members to perform work as requested by the contractors with whom we deal.

This seemed to be a rather satisfactory method to run a Hiring Hall, whereby we received the minimum number of complaints, and the members were able to be sent to jobs closer to home as their names came up on the out-of-work list.

Then came two precedent-setting court decisions — one known as the Brown-Olds Remedy and the other as the Mountain Pacific Case. Effect of these decisions was that in order for our union to stay in business without spending all its treasury to defend against lawsuits it was necessary to adhere inflexibly to the letter of the hiring regulations as set forth in the 1957 agreement which, as all of you know, were based upon time worked in the industry in the jurisdiction of the contract. This was, in essence, an iron-clad "first in, first out" proposition.

Subsequently a committee from the Union met with a committee of the AGC and attempted to draft ground rules which would afford some relief from this iron-clad rule and still stay within the framework of the law. It seemed that we were successful in accomplishing this in the 1959-62 agreement which is currently in force.

But as often happens, your officers found that this modification still did not meet all of the requirements that the membership would like to have and

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## Members Give Testimonial to Local 3 Officers

Oakland area members of Engineers Local 3 and their ladies gave a testimonial of their appreciation for the work of the officers Feb. 25 and had a lot of fun doing it.

The occasion was a dinner-dance at the Claremont Hotel, Berkeley, given in appreciation of the contributions of Business Manager Al Clem and the other officers of the local since the new administration went in, three years ago.

Two hundred and eight attended the affair which was distinguished by a minimum of speech-making, a tasty dinner and dancing to the rhythms of Dick Deldine and his seven-man orchestra.

Among the honored guests were Lowell Nelson, chief, State Division of Housing; Engineers' International Vice Pres. Newell Carman and Lamar Childers, secretary, Alameda County Building Trades Council.

The members and wives agreed afterwards that it was a wonderful affair and that it might be a good idea to have a similar social get-together next year.

The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Joe Hammernick, chairman, Tom Kennedy, Carl Bickford, Tee Zhee Sanders, Clayton Hines, Lake Austin, Howard Wynn, Leonard Cunha and Ken Enos.



LABOR AND THE FREE SOCIETY was the topic of an invitational seminar for trade union leaders held by the Institute of Industrial Relations of the University of California on the Feb. 24-26 week-end at the Marine Cooks & Stewards Training School near Santa Rosa. Participating in the seminar were Operating Engineers Intl. Vice President Newell Carman (left) and Laddie Mathews (right) of the Local 3 staff. They are shown with one of the speakers, Ralph Retzlaff, Asst. Professor of Political Science, University of California.

ciples of trade unionism and the issues facing the local.

Interest in the course was unexpectedly great. It had been planned for a class of 22, but it had to accommodate 26 "students." The representatives enrolled in the course are coming from as far away as Sacramento, Stockton and San Jose.

Their willingness to put in a night of study a week and do

the other reading and "homework" that will be required indicates a desire to serve the union in a maximum way and awareness that no matter how great his competence in the various branches of our craft, a man serving the union as a representative has, in effect, a totally new job for which he has to acquire additional knowledge and sharpen up new skills.

## File Immediately for Supplemental Benefits

SACRAMENTO — An urgent notice to unemployed workers who may be eligible for extended unemployment insurance benefits was sent out this week by the California Labor Federation.

The essence of the message is to file as soon as possible, to insist that the application be accepted and protest and appeal if it is not, and to seek benefits retroactively if the filing is delayed for good reason.

The State Federation was able to issue its message immediately after passage Feb. 24 of Senate Bill 133, providing the extended unemployment insurance benefits, because it had met with the Department of Employment ahead of time for briefing on requirements and procedures.

Eligible to file for extended benefits is anyone who has exhausted his regular unemployment benefits and is unable to file a regular claim because of insufficient earnings.

If the individual is in doubt about his eligibility, the State Federation recommends that he go to a Dept. of Employment office and file a claim.

If the Department interviewer refuses to accept the claim, ask for a written determination and file an appeal.

Even a claimant who has been declared ineligible because of the so-called "lag quarter" or 75 per cent rule should file, since he may be entitled to the extended duration benefits.

The Department started processing claims Feb. 28 with an effective date of Feb. 25.

Unemployed persons should go to the Department on their regular reporting day, at the regular hour. Those who are not certain of their reporting time should go at the first opportunity.

In all cases they should claim the extended benefit back to the initial Feb. 25 date, and if this is denied they should immediately protest and appeal.

The Federation says: "... Due to lack of time to give advance publicity, the Department should be requested, in accordance with previously established regulations, to back date any claim made prior to March 11 for any individual otherwise eligible who delayed making his claim because of lack of tended benefits."

## Schedule of Special Meetings On Modification of Hiring Rules

San Francisco	8:00 P.M.	March 9, 1961, Thursday 2940-16th St., San Francisco
Oakland	8:00 P.M.	March 10, 1961, Friday Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez
Stockton	8:00 P.M.	March 13, 1961, Monday Engineers Building
Fresno	8:00 P.M.	March 14, 1961, Tuesday Engineers Bldg., 3121 East Olive
Marysville	8:00 P.M.	March 15, 1961, Wednesday Elk's Club, 920 D St., Marysville
Sacramento	8:00 P.M.	March 16, 1961, Thursday C.E.L.T. Building
San Jose	8:00 P.M.	March 17, 1961, Friday Labor Temple, 45 Teresa
Redding	8:00 P.M.	March 21, 1961, Tuesday Golden Eagle Hotel, 1449 Yuba St.
Eureka	8:00 P.M.	March 22, 1961, Wednesday 2806 Broadway
Santa Rosa	8:00 P.M.	March 23, 1961, Thursday Moose Lodge, 521 Third



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## San Mateo -- Hub of the Peninsula

# It's Weather, Not the Slump in San Mateo

By BILL RANEY and DAN MATTESON, Business Representatives

Construction work in San Mateo County, like most areas, is at a low ebb, but, we believe, for different reasons. The rest of the Nation is admittedly in an economic recession, and this of course has its effect on this area. It seems, however, that the primary reason for there being so little dirt moving is because of the late rainy season. Most contractors completed their small work before the rain started, which leaves available only the small work that is being let continuously.

As previously reported in earlier issues, there are many major construction projects to be starting this year. We again report that there is more money appropriated for Public Works in 1961, than ever before in San Mateo County. It is hoped that contracts for same will be let within the next two months, so until then many brothers will have to tighten up their belts a notch or two.

The large land reclamation project on Brewer Island has brought about some multi-million dollar bids that range from twelve million to thirty-seven million dollars for imported fill. The Construction Aggregate Corp. of Chicago submitted the lowest fringe of \$15,065,000 but qualified their bid so that it may not be acceptable. At this writing the qualifications are unknown, and no contract has been awarded. Utah Construction & Mining Co. and Granite Construction Co. bid the job as a joint venture at \$22,875,000 with apparently no qualifications. The Charles Harney Co. Inc., bid the job on a dry fill basis at a bid of \$37,771,400. With this wide a spread it is not likely that the latter system will be used. The entire Brewer Island projects will cost approximately a cool ONE HALF BILLION DOLLARS, before it is finished. Here again is a mammoth project that will employ a great many engineers.

The 19th Ave. extension is still just barely getting started with only the demolition of houses going on now.

The Linear Accelerator job at Stanford is not moving and there will probably be no activity there for the engineers for some months yet. Apparently there is far more planning to do before construction actually starts.

Charles Harney's airport job will no doubt be held up until Nick Ratkovich is finished with his dirt haul. The city of San Bruno will not allow any more additional trucks on the road to the airport, which means that Harney may not get going until next May or June.

Bids are in for the College

Heights Campus, and were a big surprise for all involved, as they were APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS UNDER THE ARCHITECT'S ESTIMATE. Theodore Meyer & Son of San Francisco were low bidders at \$7,403,754. The architect's estimate was \$8,539,160. Williams & Burrows were next in line with a bid of \$7,769,490. The contract will be awarded this week after all bids have been reviewed.

Bids are also in for the construction of Boy's Ranch, near La Honda, with the J. W. Mak Co. of Woodside a second runner up at \$317,826. Low bidder was Filo Corporation of Redwood City, with a low of \$313,750. Contract has not yet been awarded.

Government approval for the purchase of a 3½ acre site for San Mateo's new Post Office, which will be located at South Delaware and Garvey Sts., in San Mateo. More to follow on this one.

Plans for a \$1,500,000 center for St. Peter's Catholic Parish in Linda Mar were approved by the planning commissioner and will go out for bid in the very near future.

E. T. Haas awarded the contract for construction and improvements to domestic water system in Pacifica.

L. C. Smith awarded the contract for surfacing, curb and gutter work on Westlake Ave., Daly City.

J. W. Mak awarded the contract for remodeling the San Mateo County corporation yards in Redwood City.

State of California, Division of Highway is calling for bids on highway work involving curb and gutter, chanelization and island paving on El Camino Real, between Menlo and Patridge Aves. in Menlo Park. Bids are to be opened on March 8.

Plans are in the offing and contractors to be named later on a \$2.5 million construction project at Skylawn Memorial Gardens, a cemetery near the intersection of Skyline Blvd. and Half Moon Bay Road. More on this one for the next issue.

The Business Representatives in this area have been busy organizing new companies in associated fields, as well as handling disputes and enforcing contracts. The Fifth Avenue

## Safety News 'LOOK UP AND LIVE' IS WISE SLOGAN

By DALE MARR and  
GLEN DOBYNS,  
Business Representatives

In the past few months we have had several serious accidents from hitting high voltage lines. These accidents have needlessly killed several men and have caused thousands of dollars damage to equipment and property.

We want to call this to your attention and ask you to call us and let us know if your employer is asking you to work too close to these lines. If you are ordered to do so, we ask you to refuse and to call us at once.

As most of you know, there is a penal code that involves the operator of equipment who is working too close to these lines. We must go all out to stop these violations and we surely need your help in this.

In the past month we attended the Governor's Safety Conference in Los Angeles. We felt that there were many useful things discussed and acted on that will be of real benefit to all our members.

There are several changes in the State Safety Orders that we are working on and hope to have some progress to report to you soon. We know that all of you who work in tunnels will be interested to hear that there are several changes coming up, within the next 60 days, in the tunnel safety orders.

In the past month we have held safety meetings in several of the districts and have been able to inspect many of the jobs in the areas.

Once again, we want to say thanks to all of you who have called us on problems that you have noticed on your jobs. We have been able to correct many of these problems very soon after they were called in.

In closing, let's all of us remember "Look Up and Live," stay clear of high voltage wires.

Hental Co. in Redwood City is now under agreement and is open seven days a week. Here is the place to get your "do it yourself" tools if you live in the south county area.

In the North County area it will be Mario's Green Giant Rentals, also under agreement, where you may rent your rototiller, sander, skill-saw, Fergies, etc. These two equipment rental companies are the only ones that are now organized and the only ones enjoying operating engineers to serve you, so give them your exclusive support. It may create a job for you.

We have had many requests for information regarding the pay in lieu of vacation due some of the brothers from the Berger Coastwide Co. the matter is in the hands of the Labor Commissioner and is still in the process of investigation. No decision has been handed down as yet.

The out-of-work list in the San Mateo office is quite heavy at this writing. With the weather holding so good, many of the brothers are getting a little uneasy. REMEMBER THIS IS STILL FEBRUARY, a time of year when ordinarily you are out of work. All we can do is hold on, and very shortly we will be back in the running again.

Job injuries last year disabled 1,970,000 American workers.

## The City by the Golden Gate SOME DEMOLITION IN S.F., BUT NOTHING GOING UP

By PAUL EDGEcombe, JERRY DOWD and GEORGE BAKER,  
Business Representatives

Construction work in the area for the Operating Engineers during the month of February has not increased enough to have any effect on our out-of-work list. No new jobs are under way and none are proposed to help relieve this situation for some time. Most of the work now going on or just started consists of job absorbing the contractor's regular employees.

Demolition firms have continued normal operations due to the numerous sites being cleared for proposed projects. Flora Crane are tearing down the old Fontana Building on North Point, site of a multi-story apartment house. Jos. Ballinger Co. and Jones Crane and Rigging scrapping the building at the site of the Golden Gate Gateway development program.

Bayshore Wreckers on various jobs for new building.

Aarons Wrecking Co. has just about completed work for the site of the new Federal Building.

Devincenzi and Haskins have recently started excavating on this huge project.

The grading on the Diamond Heights redevelopment program has changed the skyline of the Twin Peaks creating many suitable building sites for construction of apartment houses and homes which will be started soon.

Guy F. Atkinson has crews grading streets and sub-contractors putting in the streets and curbs.

Lowrie Paving Co. will install the five (5) miles of main water lines which should keep their crews busy for a while.

Sewer work is confined to the area on Third Street and Berry Street. M. J. Lynch has a \$150,000.00 job connecting this link—and Walter Lenkeit has the extension from 4th and Berry to vicinity of 7th Street. This is preparatory work that must be done before the proposed Potrero Hill Freeway can connect with the Embarcadero Freeway. The planning commission has approved the so-called P-11 route plan which must be approved by the street committee of the Board of Supervisors before the state highway department can give the go ahead for this portion of the freeway system.

Schools under construction are Lowell Senior Hi-School at 25th and Eucalyptus being constructed by Pacific Coast Builders, the Clarendon Elementary by Cahill Construction Co. Benjamin Franklin School at Daly City by Midstate Construction Co. M & K Corporation has a \$4,035,000.00 contract to build the new South East Hi-School on Mansell and Holyoke Streets.

### JOB AWARDS

MARYSVILLE, Contract was awarded to Carl N. Swenson Co., San Jose, \$2,900,400, for const. Yuba College, YUBA CO. Total sq. ft. 166,000 wood and steel frame bldgs., tilt-up conc. wall panels, built-up roofing, etc.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded to the following: (1) DEL NORTE CO. (D.N.I.E.) to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., Seattle, Wash. \$2,186,789, for 4.2 mi. two lane hwy. grade & surf. w/AC on cem. tr. base, etc., S. of Ore. State Line. (2) SAN JOAQUIN CO. To Nomellini Const. Co., Stockton, \$66,217, for two prefab. met. bldgs. construct and yd. area surf. w/AC on aggr. base, Stockton Maint. Sta.

work is now underway.

Since notification in the last issue of the Engineers News calling attention to the safety issues existing on the hazardous demolition work, the response and cooperation of the crews involved is very encouraging. We hope this continues. If any unsafe condition exists on your job—notify the business agent or get in touch with this office so it can be corrected before a serious accident may occur.

The San Francisco office is open every Monday night till 7 p.m. The Grievance Committee is for your convenience between the hours of 7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Before spring fever hits, make an appointment and donate a pint of blood to our blood bank.

## SMALL OUTFITS SAVE THE DAY FOR VALLEJO

By AARON SMITH, Bus. Rep.

The nice, sunny weather we have been having recently is making the unemployed engineers restless and anxious to get back on the job. If this weather holds on, things should be opening up in a couple of weeks.

Gordon Ball and Charles Harney are still tied up waiting for the ground to dry out, but by the time this paper is out Charles Harney should be rolling on their job at Fairfield again. We hope Wunderlich will also be rolling by that time on the Hunter Hill job. We have had quite a few boys asking about this job, but until the pre-job conference we aren't able to tell them much.

Fredrickson & Watson is still running a skeleton crew on account of the weather.

Granite Construction has started back to work with a small crew on the irrigation canal job they are doing for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Fisher Brothers have a small crew working on the Putah Creek Canal at Vacaville.

Syar & Harms are still working at the United Concrete Pipe plant that is being built at Napa Junction. They also have a subdivision above the Green Valley Country Club.

A. D. Stacy has the underground work on three subdivisions, one in Fairfield, and two in Vacaville, but it looks like they, too, are waiting to see what the weatherman has in store for us. Right now they are working a few engineers periodically.

If it wasn't for the small contractors in this area, we would have a lot more engineers on the out of work list.

We were glad to see Brother C. L. Robinson in the office this week, without his crutches. By the time the jobs break he should be ready to go back to work.

Brother Bill Castner is laid up quite ill at home. I am sure he would appreciate hearing from any of his old working buddies. He is at the Miller Brian Trailer Park in Napa.



# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By DON KINCHLOE, L. L. "TINY" LAUX, NORRIS CASEY, FRAN WALKER and TOM ECK, Business Representatives

Work in this area has improved somewhat in the last couple of weeks, although most of the jobs coming in are of short duration. The out-of-work list is still quite long.

If the present weather holds out it may be the construction work will have an earlier start than usual this year.

We want to welcome Brother Tom Eck, formerly with the Reno office, now working out of the Oakland office. He has the downtown Oakland area.

## RICHMOND AREA

Bechtel Corp. have started construction on the Para Zylene Plant for Standard Oil in Richmond. This is approximately a \$3,000,000 job and should last for approximately five months. At the present time we have two operators on the job and three technical engineers doing the layout work. George Wilcox is the project manager and Blair Excavators have one of their Hoptos on the job.

F. P. Lathrop Co. from Berkeley have started two pretty good jobs in the area. They have a Lucky Super Market to build in the White Cliff sub-division in El Sobrante. They have informed me that the O. C. Jones Co. from Berkeley have the grading and paving. So this will make some work for their men.

Lathrop also just started construction on a new job in Berkeley. It is Parking Structure D for the University of Calif. It is located in the full block between Channing and Haste on the east and west and College and Bowditch on the north and south. These structures are built so that cars can park underneath and then they leave playgrounds and recreation areas on the top. The Bob Mulloy Co. have the job of leveling the lot. There are approximately 50,000 yards of muck to be moved by truck. We have Bro. Owen Foster on a 977 loader and Bro. Rubin Stirton on a TD 24 dozer. Bro. John Castro is servicing this job with the grease truck.

Lathrop has Bros. Alfred Hunzinger and W. L. Mortimer doing the technical engineer work.

Branough Construction Company from Piedmont have just recently started a 3½ million dollar job in Albany for the University of California. This is at the Gill Tract which is a married student housing development. They will build 50 apartment buildings of 10 apartments each. This will take approximately one year to complete.

O. C. Jones has all the grading and paving with Bros. Roy Granlund as Foreman. He has the following brothers with him: Bro. Frank Macedo on a loader, Earl Savey on a TD 24 dozer, with Ernie Miller on a Lorain truck crane and Bill McClure as oiler. They have approximately 16,000 tons of material to impact. This they will bring from the old H & B Quarry in the El Cerrito hills by truck.

Prodanovich has the underground work and Bay Cities Excavators have the tree removal. Kister and Salvio have a 3-man survey party doing the layout. Bro. Kenneth Booth is party chief with Paul Quesenberry and Earl Kister helping him.

The John McCosker Co. have started another sewer job in Richmond. This is a 3 or 4 month job on Wright Avenue off Cutting. Bro. Mack Cole is foreman. Bro. Roy Epps on a loader, Bro. Bill Cole on a trencher and John Kennedy is oiler.

Bro. Charles Swindell, work-

ing for the Metals Disintegrating Co., has had another rough streak of luck. Three months ago he suffered a slight heart attack and was off work for a few weeks. He had just returned to work when he had a serious ulcer condition develop, and spent two weeks in the hospital. He is doing fine but has until April 1st before he can return to work. Bro. Swindell had to use 9 pints of blood in this operation. He and many more of our brothers need blood. Your blood bank is empty and has been for quite some time. It is hard for us to tell these brothers that we can't help them. The situation can be helped by any of you who can, call the Blood Bank at OLYmpic 4-2924 for an appointment and giving a pint of blood to your Union's Blood Bank.

## SOUTHERN ALAMEDA COUNTY CONTINUES TO GROW

Since July, 1950, a new sound has vibrated through the San Francisco Bay Area's San Ramon Valley. It is the organized reverberation of land development and engineering.

Twenty miles southeast of Oakland Volk-McLain Communities, Inc., one of the nation's largest community builders, is developing San Ramon Village.

The Village is a \$250 million residential, industrial, commercial, and recreational complex which will have an eventual population of more than 50,000 people living in 9200 three and four bedrooms homes. It is located on 4500 acres spreading into both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Last July 6th, construction began on the new "city." Volk-McLain officials, home building representatives, and civic leaders broke ground. The vibrating started. Bulldozers, earthmovers, trenchers, and other heavy equipment began inter-working back and forth preparing initial home sites.

Where eight months ago there was barren earth, there stands today hundreds of homes, and the community's first modern shopping center.

The Volk-McLain engineering department has estimated that since that first summer day over 280,000 yards of earth have been moved.

They stated that a construction force of 720 men working all daylight hours, and a task force of 164 pieces of heavy equipment have been required to do the job thus far.

A new community is being

## NOTICE

We have contacted Peck's Tire Center and have been informed that Brother Engineers can get good discounts on tires, batteries, relining etc. Tires can be bought at a 40% discount, and a battery with 2-year guarantee at a 30% discount. Pay on installments if you wish.

Membership cards may be had at no cost at this office or by asking the Business Agents in the area for one.

Brothers, if you are in need of any of these items it would be to your advantage to look into this. Their location is 5001 East 14th St., Oakland, Calif., phone KEllogg 2-2556.

## SPECIAL NOTICE

For anyone interested, the Blakemore Equipment Co. will hold classes on the maintenance of the electrical system in Letourneau-Westinghouse earth moving equipment each Tues. night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 9025 - G St., Oakland, Calif.

built. The slopes of San Ramon Valley are changing and the earth is being developed to accommodate suburban living.

Soon Volk-McLain will begin construction on the "Village's" first recreational facility. Before golfing enthusiasts can tee-off on the first of 18 holes, engineers have calculated that 150,000 yards of earth must be moved for the fairways and greens.

Volk-McLain's plans mandate that San Ramon Village streets will be sufficient to carry traffic burdens without congestion. Therefore, when the city is completed, it is estimated that over 60 miles of streets and roads will have been built.

As a flood control safeguard, the firm is building a 17-mile channel, plus miles of underground storm sewers. To accomplish this, over 300,000 yards of earth will have to be moved.

Along the Highway 21 approach bordering San Ramon Village. Volk-McLain is also constructing an attractive fence. When completed it will be the longest fence of its type in northern California. Nearly four miles of the fence, which is composed of brick posts joined by grape stakes, is being erected northward from the "Village's" main entrance. This type fence will line most of the arterial highways within the community.

Newcomers and "old timers" in San Ramon valley are very much aware of the hustling, bustling of the new construction sounds. And there is a feeling of discovery as you find this new "Village" of suburban living which is growing with such explosive force. There's the feeling of opportunity. There's the story of success.

And to touch slightly upon a number of subcontractors working on this project we have the P & E Construction Co. doing the grading, San Leandro Pipe, H. J. McCue, E. T. Haas and Roger Reed doing the underground work, Sykes Construction doing the curbs and gutters and Oliver De Silva doing the paving.

The latest bid, the building of a sewer treatment plant, went to Oscar Holmes. At an estimated cost of greater than \$1,377,000 dollars, this part of the Dublin project will build several tanks and ponds, after excavating approximately 60,000 yards of dirt.

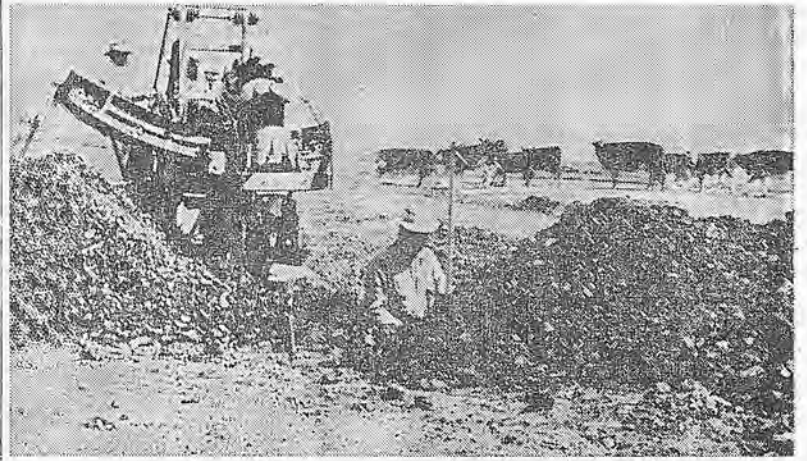
The brothers working on this important project are Bill Coats as foreman, Tony Latto is grade setter, 80D N.W. dragline operated by Bob Marr, with Bill Conn as oiler, Al Vesely on the D-8 dozer, on the DW-20s, are Bill Brown and Willie Mason, Joe Reinert on the cat 12 blade, Elton Requarth on the loader, George Rankin on the grease truck, Jess Arnett on the pull, Fred Haynes running the Bay Cities truck crane and G. Dewey oiling and Jerry Deal performing the never ending task as mechanic.

## TUNNEL ROAD FREEWAY

The new tunnel road freeway will result in the demolition of



**THE DIGGINGS AT SAN RAMON**—These pictures show Local 3 members working at utility pipeline jobs in the \$250 million San Ramon village project in Southern Alameda county. The "village" will have 50,000 people in it.



eight fashionable Claremont residential district homes per plans just released by the State Highway Officials.

These homes are on Tunnel Road and Roble Road. These homes are being demolished to make way for the Tunnel Road entrance to the four level complex interchange of the Warren and the Grove-Shafter freeways.

The detailed plans from the State Division of Highways show the creation of a four lane, two way roadway which would connect the interchange with Tunnel Road.

This new freeway will start near Roble Road and will lie SW of the now existing Tunnel Rd. In addition a single lane roadway will lie SW of this. It will rise into the air and veer north onto a concrete bridge which will cross over the four lane road and connect with the upper side of the present Tunnel Road.

The homes are located in the cities of Berkeley and Oakland on land destined to be buried under tons of fill. In addition the new road will take a small portion of several other lots in the area.

Al Simmon, State Design Engineer for the overall project said the plan was the best design developed for the new connection to the Temescal Interchange.

It will be about another two years before the complete detailed design will be completed and ready to go. This job already has the approval of virtually all interested Federal and State agencies. This project will compete with others, such as the MacArthur Freeway for financing. The indication is that it will be several years before actual construction begins.

## HIGHWAY 50 FREEWAY

The three chunks of freeway on Highway 50 thru Oakland are moving along in a normal pattern. Not too much dirt moving but plenty of structure work and everything that goes with it such as pile driving and crane booms "stuck up" in the air all

## Construction Awards

**OAKLAND**—Contract awarded to Beacon Const. Co., S. F. \$879,437, for const. of Oakland Cal of Justice, Broadway & Washington.

over the place like a porcupine. The three firms involved are Guy F. Atkinson, Peter Kiewit and the C. K. Moseman and Son Co., as well as all the firms they subbed work to, have kept a number of the brothers going thru the winter.

## NEW TUBE

The Pomeroy, Bates & Gerwich new tube project is quite an interesting sight especially if one has never been around or worked on a job similar to this one. From all indications it was quite a challenge to the Engineers who pioneered this system but now that it is in production it looks real simple to the average by-stander. From the dredging operation to the pre-fabbing of the tube sections, floating them to and placing in position. All in all a sight worthwhile seeing for any and all of the Brothers who may be visiting this area.

## BAY BRIDGE

The Independent Iron Co. & Wm. A. Smith Contracting Co. have started their job on the lower deck of the Bay Bridge, taking up the old rail and reinforcing the upper deck. This should keep a few of the Brothers busy for awhile.

## OAKLAND AIRPORT

Frederickson & Watson are moving right along with their portion of the airport improvement. Bro. "Tex" Strickland and his crackerjack crew performing in true Engineer form as they always do.

On the Utah side things are taking shape with a Bigge crane setting up a prime mover on track treads to move the pre-fabbed air tunnel ducts into position. Another good winter job for some Engineers.

## HERE AND THERE

The Rosendahl cranes keeping fairly busy with small, one-day stands here and there.

Redgewick and Banke keeping a small crew going.

The Rhodes and Jamison, Ltd. Oakland plant at normal production.

Bro. Herb Devine keeping up with the price of scrap out at National Iron.

Gallagher and Burk have crews busy all over the country side on a multitude of various and assorted types of projects.

**BLOOD DONOR, OAKLAND**  
**MR. RUBEN VIRGIL**



# March Should Bring Work Upturn in Fresno District

By JOSEPH MILLER, J. D. MONROE and B. F. HELLING,  
Business Representatives

Work in the Fresno area has continued to be scarce during the past month, and our out of work list is still heavy.

Beginning with the latter part of March, however, the situation will begin to change and become much more favorable, due to projects that will get under way during the month of March.

After the month of March it should continue to improve, as there are other projects scheduled for construction that will be advertised for bid, as well as other jobs that will resume operations again after being shut down for the past couple of months.

**ROCK PLANTS AND HOT PLANTS:** At the various rock and hot plants in this area work has been very slow during the past month and many virtually shutdown for a period of a couple of weeks. But, as of now, they are again beginning to work full schedule again. We believe that this will continue from now on into the summer and expect a good year for the members in this industry. We have three important meetings scheduled for this month and hope very sincerely to have a good attendance at all of them as they are of interest and benefit to the membership.

On Wednesday, March 1, our quarterly district meeting will be held at Kearney Blvd., at the Building Trades Hall.

On the following Wednesday, March 8, we will hold a safety meeting and show another film on this important subject. This meeting will be at our own hall at 3121 E. Olive at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, March 14 we will hold a special called meeting in the Engineers Building on 3121 E. Olive at 8 p.m. This meeting is for the purpose of presenting proposed modifications of the Hiring Regulations.

It is most important that we have attendance at these meetings. Please plan to attend and participate in the meetings. Tell your Brother members that you talk with to attend the meeting with you.

At the Lemoore Airbase the Williams & Burrows Co. have taken over the contract of the Aloha Construction Co. for building the additional 500 Capehart housing project at the base. The Williams & Burrows Co. plan to sub everything out. They have subbed the dirt and compaction to the Anderson Grading Co. from Garden Grove, Calif. All underground work and paving has been subbed to the W. S. Connor Co. from Austin, Texas.

The D. Gerald Bing Co. are shut down at present on their paving job on the base. They will resume operations as soon as they can get their mix approved by the Navy.

The Baldwin Co., W. A. Robertson Co. and Aldermatt & Frederick Co. have considerable underground work to complete on the base. The Griffith Co. and L. E. Diron Co. have quite a bit of work to complete on the base. The Baldwin Contracting Co. have moved in on their job at the Armstrong Rubber Plant at Hanford. There is approximately 300,000 yards of dirt to move on this job. The Cal Mobile Co. will move a plant in and supply the concrete for this job.

The Winston-Green Co. have laid off part of their crew at Terminus Dam due to difficulty in getting the go ahead on the west section of the dam. The Fresno Paving Co. are busy paving at the Lemoore Airbase, the Fresno Air Terminal and their Belmont Ave. job.

They have completed their

job on McMullin Grade. The L. D. Folsom Co. at Coalinga are keeping busy supplying aggregate for several contractors at Lemoore. Most of the rock plants are operating at the slowest pace in several years. However, this condition should improve as the weather becomes more favorable. Fresno County has called for bids "due in March" for improving Colorado Ave., west of Fresno. Cala Construction Co. will be starting on their Stone Corral irrigation job east of Visalia the first part of March.

The Westbrook and M & K Co. were low bidders at \$5,744,593.00 for 9.7 miles of the new Fresno freeway. This job will start at Highland Ave. near Selma and proceed northward. The job has not been awarded at this writing, therefore we cannot determine the actual starting date. The State Division of Highways has announced that they will let another section of this freeway in May. When completed it will be an all new freeway from Fresno to the Kings River. The new freeway runs about one-half mile west of the present 99 highway.

Thomas Construction has finished the last rock cut on their job at North Fork. They are putting base material down and should start black top some time in April.

H. Earl Parker has four D8 cats, two DW 21s and a blade working on his job at Mt. Bullion. This Company will have some more equipment in soon. Miles and Sierra have started loading with three do-mor's and have called all the crew back to work after being shut down for three weeks. This company has about four more months hauling fill on highway 99 at Merced. Lew Jones has two truck cranes and a grade-all working on structures. Raymond Concrete Pile has a sub-contract with Lew Jones to drive all the pile on this job. Or-Bet Construction at El Portal still has five Brothers working on underground pipe. This company also has a job on the Klamath River.

Granite Construction has shut down all work on highway 33 out of Mendota due to mud and one-way traffic, but this company has a contract for \$245,800 for levee seurfacing on the San Joaquin River and they started crushing aggregates February 13. Wright Brothers have a contract at Milerton Lake for \$177,841 to put in parking areas, roads and boat ramps. This co. has twelve Operating Engineers working at this time. Cherr Bros. and Sandkay have started their canal job out of Madera. At this time they have four of the Brothers working and will have some more equipment in about March 1.

We had four blood donors in the months of Jan. and Feb.: Leland Grover, William Harris, William Krajcirik and Martin Sumrall.

Thank you very much.

**SANTA ROSA, Contract** was awarded to Galbraith Const. Co. at 834 Blossom Way, Hayward, \$1,724,874 for const. water trans. pipeline in SONOMO Co.

## Field Survey Notes

# 'PROFL. ENGR.' GETS FACTS ABOUT LABOR

AL BOARDMAN and  
ART PENNEBAKER  
Business Representatives

Another noble experiment in organizing Professional Engineers into a collective bargaining unit, has fallen flat on its face. The only National Federation of Independent Unions for Professional Engineers is now going through the process of dissolution. The Professional Engineer has again sabotaged his own Union organization.

The first step down the road was taken in 1957 when the Engineers & Scientists of America expelled all affiliates who harbored sub-professional classifications. This, they felt, would make them "Super" professionals in the great world of Engineering. What actually happened was emasculation from the organization of the half of the membership that believed in collective bargaining with the Employer. The other half, composed of the so-called "Super" engineering men trained in the ways of management, actually felt no need to fight for improvement of wages and working conditions. Is it any surprise the membership and Union leaders fell to quarrelling among themselves. In truth there was no longer any need for an organization as a true "professional" always represents management and management never works against its own goal for bigger and better profits.

For many years the Professional Employee has generated a split personality. He has never been able to reconcile his low state in society with glowing promises of his educators and employers. His is the role of management they tell him . . . and as far as management is concerned the working man is merely a cost item. His role in society is to manage the affairs of the world, put the universe in order and above all to keep down the cost! So how can the "professional" justify belonging to an organization that is dedicated to the improvement of his own conditions, for this is a big cost item. He listens to the teachings of the boss and down goes the organization!

Long ago his European counterpart came to the conclusion that he, like the majority of us, was a working man. As a result, in Europe, they now have one of the strongest labor organizations in the world. The European professional engineer is one of the most respected member of that civilization. How long will it take his American brother to reach this conclusion, we do not know. What we do know is that if this nation is to survive the Professional Engineer must become the best paid and best trained leader in our society. We also know that this state of affairs can only come about through a strong, organized effort.

**DONATE \$1 TO COPE AND RECEIVE A TIME BOOK TO RECORD YOUR HOURS WORKED AND EARNINGS . . .** Article III Duties of Members—Section 1 (9) of Local Union No. 3's By-Laws read as follows: "EACH MEMBER SHALL KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF TIME WORKED AND WAGES EARNED AND RECEIVED."

It is extremely important that every Technical Engineer keep

# Hawaii Brothers Are Busy at Work Under the Tropical Sunny Skies

By HAROLD LEWIS, BUPERT TEVES and BERT NAKANO,  
Business Representatives

Brothers, we want to remind you that effective April 1, 1961, under the new by-laws, your new dues structure will go into effect. This means that if you pay your dues before the 10th of April, 1961, you will be credited \$5.00. If you pay after April 10, you will have to pay the full amount. If you don't fully understand the new dues structure, please refer to your by-laws or contact your business representative.

The representatives of the four basic crafts, Operating Engineers, the Laborers Union, the Carpenters Union, and the Cement Finishers Union, have held one meeting with the medical committee of the General Contractors Association. At this meeting, management and labor both agreed upon the procedures that would be followed in acquiring the necessary information to have on file and available to interested insurance agencies. When you receive a medical questionnaire from your employer, answer all questions and return it to him as soon as possible. This information is vitally important to us and the insurance agencies.

Brother Bert Nakano, business representative and Brother Satoru Okimoto have successfully completed negotiations with the Moses Company in Hilo. The brother members employed by this company will be enjoying the following benefits: Projective wage increases, paid holidays, medical coverage, sick leave, paid vacation, and retroactive pay to February 1, 1961; contract to run over a period of two years. Job well done, Bro. Bert and Bro. Satoru.

Once again the politicians are back at Iolani Palace beginning what we hope will be a 60 day session. All we can do is hope that the politicians, we supported, will remember Labor and give us a fair shake. We need more money allotted to our state

these records. Your employer contributions to Health & Welfare, Pension Funds, and your pay in lieu of vacation, are all based on hours worked. Six months, a year, even ten years from now you will have occasion to need this information. If an employer reports your hours worked incorrectly, OR your paycheck doesn't seem right, you have a method of checking your hours accurately from the record you keep.

Each year the Committee on Political Education for the CIO-AFL asks each member, through their Local Union, for a voluntary contribution toward a fund to be used for partisan political activities. This year we are providing a time book to be issued to members making a \$1 voluntary contribution. You can protect your future two ways; (1) Keeping a detailed account of your working hours, and wages received, for future reference and (2) by donating a dollar to help the friend of Labor in the various elective offices in the State and National government.

As you know, large corporations, contractors, manufacturers, etc., can raise large sums of money for political use. However, the working man can make his voice heard, a dollar at a time, which collectively can be the loudest voice of all! ALL LOCAL NO. 3 BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES & DISTRICT OFFICES HAVE A SUPPLY OF THESE TIME BOOKS . . . DONATE YOUR \$1 TODAY . . . AND DEVELOP THE HABIT OF RECORDING YOUR HOURS AND WAGES INTO A PERMANENT RECORD.

highway program than we have been receiving. More highway work means fewer brother members on the out-of-work list. Brothers, in order to accomplish our objectives in the legislature, COPE needs your support. We need your support not only in spirit, but your generous dollars. Please Kokual!

Harold Lewis, business representative in charge of the Hawaii office, attended the F. H. W. banquet-dinner at Kona on February 25. The banquet was held for the Kona District members in honor of their past affiliation with the F. H. W. and their new affiliation with the Operating Engineers. Brother members who attended from the Kona District were: Clarence Komo, chairman, Shogo Fujii, Roger Leong, Reynold Ako, Diego Padila, Robert Kamaka Jr., Frank Kamaka, Julian Ako, Mike Kalele, Tatsuo Nakayama, and Sodio Palacat. Brother members who attended from the Hilo District were: Gabriel Manning, Daniel Johnson, William Kaainoa, Ichiro Matsui, and Bert Nakano, Business Representative. Brother Clarence Komo acted as chairman and introduced Brother Lewis, Brother Gabriel Manning, who gave short speeches on various union topics.

Kaiser has done it again! He has just completed his new block plant and is now producing hollow block tile on an experimental basis. We filed a petition with the NLRB for an election at this plant. We will inform you of the results at our next writing.

M & K just completed a new shop at the Cambel Industrial area. This should mean more work for our nut-busters.

Bro. William Shodahl working for Hood-Thompson at the Kamuela job on the island of Hawaii, operating a blade, is doing a fine job. Harry Davis, project manager, informed us that Bro. Shodahl has the crew in high gear. Keep up the good work, gang!

J. M. Tanaka Company has just been awarded the excavation contract for the new subdivision in Aina Koa Valley. Bro. Mala Tamashiro has a job cut out for himself operating his backhoe around the "Pohakos" (rocks), but we know he can handle the job.

We are still hampered by wind and rain. The coming of March should bring back Hawaii's tropical sunny skies and the end of wind and rain; from then on, we can swing into high gear and enjoy some of our famous Hawaiian sunshine.

Brothers, you owe it to yourselves and your families to put away a small percentage of your earnings during these prosperous times, so that when you reach the end of this long hard trail, you can enjoy your retiring years with peace of mind and security. Don't wait until tomorrow to do what you can do today. Save Now! ALOHA.

## O. C. JONES & SONS GENERAL CONTRACTORS

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Landscape 6-3424  
Member A.G.C.



# By-Laws of Operating Engineers Local No. 3

## Third Installment

### Article VI (DUES) Continued Section 6

The dues of Sub-division D shall be and be payable as follows:

The Member of Sub-division D who pays his dues on or before the 10th day of the month following shall be given a credit of \$1.00 and shall pay \$5.00 for each month in the year except October for which month he shall pay \$12.00 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) provided, however, \$12.00 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) shall be the amount payable by a new Member (applicant, transferred or reinstated) as his first dues, regardless of the month.

The Local Union Executive Board may reduce the regular dues, less the credit, to not less than 13.00 and \$10.00 respectively in any bargaining unit and may allocate the same (other than such sums allocated to the Burial Expense and Good Standing Funds) to such funds or other purposes as in its opinion is necessary or advisable to secure or attain the purposes and principles or any of them of this Local Union.

The Member who pays his dues after the 10th day of the following month, and prior to his suspension, shall not be given the \$1.00 credit for payment of dues, and shall pay full dues which shall be \$6.00 for each month except October and \$13.00 for the month of October (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) unless reduced as in the paragraph last provided, in which case he shall pay the amount set by the Local Union Executive Board.

### Section 7

The dues of Sub-division E shall be and be payable as follows:

The Member of Sub-division E who pays his dues on or before the 10th day of the first month of the following quarter shall be given a \$5.00 credit and shall pay \$15.00 for the first, second and third quarters and \$22.00 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) for the fourth quarter provided, however, \$22.00 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) shall be the amount payable by a new Member (applicant, transferred or reinstated) as his first dues, regardless of the quarter.

The Member who pays his dues after the 10th day of the first month of the following quarter, and prior to his suspension, shall not be given the \$5.00 credit for payment of dues and shall pay the full dues which shall be \$20.00 for that quarter, and in case of the fourth quarter, \$27.00 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds).

### Section 8—State of Hawaii and Mid-Pacific Islands

The dues of the parent Local shall be and be payable as follows:

The Member who pays his dues on or before the 10th day of the first month of the following quarter shall be given a credit of \$5.00 and shall pay \$13.50 for the first, second and third quarters and \$20.50 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) for the fourth quarter, provided, however, \$20.50 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) shall be the

**"It shall be a duty of a member to become familiar with these By-Laws, the International Constitution and the Working Rules in the specific contract under which he is working."**

—from the By-Laws of Operating Engineers Local No. 3

amount payable by a new Member (applicant, transferred or reinstated) as his first dues, regardless of the quarter.

The Member who pays his dues after the 10th day of the first month of the following quarter, and prior to his suspension, shall not be given the \$5.00 credit for payment of dues and shall pay the full dues which shall be \$18.50 for that quarter, and in the case of the fourth quarter \$25.50 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds).

The dues of Sub-divisions A, B, C, D and E shall be and be payable as follows:

The Member of Sub-division A, B, C, D or E, as the case may be, who pays his dues on or before the 10th day of the first month of the following quarter shall be given a credit of \$5.00 and shall pay \$10.50 for the first, second and third quarters and \$17.50 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) for the fourth quarter, provided, however, \$17.50 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds) shall be the amount payable by a new Member (applicant, transferred or reinstated) of Sub-division A, B, C, D, or E, as the case may be, as his first dues regardless of the quarter.

The Member of Sub-division A, B, C, D, or E, as the case may be, who pays his dues after the 10th day of the first month of the following quarter, and prior to his suspension, shall not be given the \$5.00 credit for payment of dues and shall pay the full dues which shall be \$15.50 for that quarter, and in the case of the fourth quarter, \$22.50 (which includes sums allocated to the Death Benefit and Good Standing Funds).

### Section 9

All dues shall be distributed and deposited (except as otherwise provided) as follows:

(a) All dues for the first, second and third quarters and each calendar month, except October, shall be deposited in the General Fund.

(b) All dues for the fourth quarter and the month of October and the first dues paid by a new Member (applicant, transferred or reinstated) shall be deposited as follows:

(1) \$6.00 shall be deposited in Local Union No. 3 Burial Expense Fund, and

(2) \$1.00 shall be deposited in Local Union No. 3 Good Standing Fund, and

(3) The balance in the General Fund.

### Section 10

The approval of the Local Union Executive Board having

### Construction Awards

**SAN MATEO**—Contract was awarded to Theo. G. Meyer & Sons, S. F., \$7,570,854, for construction of College Heights Campus. **SAN MATEO.**

**TRAVIS AFB**—Contract was awarded to The Jordan Co., Omaha, Nebraska, \$2,087,762, for rehab. & impvt. of Wherry Hous., Travis AFB.

**NOVATO**, Contract awarded to Beasley Engr., 1234 Powell St., Emeryville, \$968,780, for 30" trans. line from Petaluma to Novato in MARIN & SONOMA COS.

been obtained, a Member who has reached the age of 65 years or more and who has retired, shall pay as dues, \$6.00 for each quarter except the fourth quarter, and \$13.00 for the fourth quarter. In hardship cases resulting from sickness or accident, the Local Union Executive Board shall have the power to grant the same privilege to Members who have not reached the age of 65 years. All such

dues shall be delinquent on the tenth day of the first month of the following quarter.

### Section II

This Article and any part thereof may be amended by a secret ballot vote taken at a semi-annual meeting as a special order of business, or at a specially called District meeting, in each District in any quarter, upon written notice to the membership in each District deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, at least 15 days prior to the date of the District meeting at which such vote is to be taken in a District. For the purpose of this section a Member's District is that in which his address as shown on the records of this Local Union is located

ten (10) days prior to the day on which the notices are mailed. A majority of all votes cast at a semi-annual meeting or in all Districts in any one quarter, as the case may be, shall determine whether the amendment is adopted or rejected.

### Section 12

In any specific organizing campaign the Local Union Executive Board shall have the authority, subject to the provisions of the International Constitution, to reduce the dues to a sum which in their opinion is necessary, proper or advisable under the circumstances to secure or attain the objects, purposes and principles or any of them of this Local Union.

(Continued in next issue)

## Early Spring Forecast — Redding Hopes for Jobs to Break Soon

By J. B. JENNINGS, S. N. McBROOME and K. A. BROOKS, Business Representatives

Major construction projects will start early this year according to long range weather forecasts. Although we have had an extremely mild winter in Northern California, it looks as if the work will start early this summer which will give the brothers a longer season.

### TRINITY PROJECT TO START

The latest contract to be let was awarded to Gibbons & Reed. Their bid of \$99,400 to improve two miles of Trinity river channel below Trinity dam was the lowest of the six bids opened. The Salt Lake City firm is already engaged in constructing the Whiskeytown dam and relocating Highway 299W on the Trinity River project. The second lowest bid, for \$138,450 was submitted by the George W. Lewis Co. of Kennewick (Washington). Highest bid was for \$155,670. It was entered by the Ransome Const. Co. of Redding. The bureau's estimate for the job was \$142,000. The contract calls for moving about 70,000 cubic yards of rock and earth to deepen the river channel to the Lewiston power plant. Work must be completed by July 1. The contract will be awarded some time in March.

The huge Trinity lake is starting to fill all the way back to Trinity Center near Coffee Creek. It would certainly be worth the time if in this part of the country to take a look at the job that members of Local 3 played a major role in building. If you recall the gold mining dredge near Trinity Center you will find the huge lake has completely covered it. There were something like 20 claims staked out in that area which are now under water. The owners will have to use aqua-lungs to continue working their claims now.

Guy F. Atkinson has just about completely cleared his equipment from the Trinity dam area and moved his operations to the Lewiston powerhouse job, down the Trinity river near Lewiston.

Gibbons & Reed will start their operations on the Lewiston dam soon. After the completion of this dam it will just about wind up the larger operations in that area. The Chamber of Commerce boasts that this will be one of the most beautiful resort areas in the state offering some of the best hunting, fishing and just plain looking. All this goes to prove the Operating Engineer plays a great role in any job he does.

The Whiskeytown project is the second largest part of the Trinity project. Gibbons & Reed will complete the relocation of Highway 299W this season

which they are in hopes of getting an early start on. They will also be working on the Whiskeytown dam. This project alone will employ approximately 150 brothers.

Lewis Const. Co. is well underway on the Whiskeytown powerhouse which is scheduled for completion in the early part of 1962.

Shea, Kaiser, Morrison is in full operation with their lining of the 11 mile tunnel which brings the water from Trinity to Shasta county. They have about another year before the project is completed.

The third stage of the project is the Winston, Green & Drake Spring Creek tunnel. They are approximately 2800 feet underground on the main portal with approximately 1½ years work left before completion.

Scheumann & Johnson has a good start on the Keswick powerhouse. They also have a 1½ years before completion date. From this stage the water will flow out into Keswick and will then be sent into the Sacramento river. There are two additional clearing contracts to be let in the Whiskeytown area that will probably be awarded sometime in February. The entire Trinity project will employ somewhere in the neighborhood of 750 Engineers this season.

### WORK IN AND AROUND REDDING

Work around Redding has been going at a normal pace with Osborn Const. well underway on the new bowling alley north of town. John Gist continues to move along on the Sacramento river bridge with Yuba Consolidated moving in to start setting the steel girders.

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The Caveras Cement plant located 10 miles out of Redding at Mt. Gate is really beginning to take shape with approximately 27 subcontractors on the job. This job has run throughout the winter with very few days lost due to weather.

Work on the Slate, Hall & Hamilton job has continued to hammer away at the slides with a few of the brothers working—weather permitting.

The COPCO job at Hornbrook on the Oregon state line is still moving along at a fair pace with approximately 25 Engineers employed

### PIPELINE JOB

The H. C. Price pipeline job from Malin to Antioch is still the top winter job for this area. The brothers have worked with very rough weather conditions but have been able to cope with them so far. The biggest part of the Price operation has been moved into Burney from Tulare lake with the office being scheduled to move down the first part of March. Operations will be maintained at Burney until such time as they move on down to Napa. The headquarters will then remain there until the job is completed. There have been 105 Engineers employed on this project. The article on the Alberta-California pipeline elsewhere in this paper will give you a pretty good picture of the entire line including some of the new techniques.

### WORK IN AND AROUND YREKA, ALTURAS

Work in this area still remains slow for the time being with work expected to break loose about the latter part of march.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Our annual blood drive is still on and our goal of 100 pints is close to accomplishment. The following members and their families have donated this month:

Ernest E. LaFond, Ray D. Robinson, Paul D. Dunn, John J. Lell, James N. Gordon, Hershel Krigbaum Jr., Edwin L. Webb, Robert J. Glover, Mrs. Patricia Boswell, Jim Darcy, Mrs. Rheta Dixon, John L. Nash.

### BROOKS IN REDDING

Ken Brooks has recently been assigned to work in the Redding area. At the present time he has been assigned to service the tunnels. We have five tunnel projects going and it is necessary to have one representative to service this area alone.

### VACATION CHECKS

We are still holding checks in this office for the following men and will be happy to mail them if you notify us of your present address:

Gibbons & Reed—M. A. Melton, W. R. McIntosh; T. E. Fisher.

Gibson & Roberts—Ray Price, J. W. Briggs—J. Ennis, H. Hampton, L. Toth, F. Mann, V. Rakick.

Sierra Const. — Robt. Montgomery.

Wright Bros.—John Geddes. Trinity Const.—Edward J. Curn.

Baldwin Const.—Robt. Howard.

Floyd Grubb — John McDonald, Ransome Reynolds, Kenneth Hanson, Clint Bently.



## Over 700 Out in San Jose

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

February has been a very slow month and the "Out-of-Work" list in the San Jose office is an extremely long one. At the present time we have over 700 "A" Operators and "A" Oilers on the "Out-of-Work" list.

A. J. Raisch Paving Co. are busy repairing their hot plants Hiway. They are also busy in the shop and are doing the stripping work for their rock plant on the Monterey Hiway. They recently were awarded two contracts in the amount of \$82,804, for the improvement of Hedding and Rosa Streets in San Jose.

L. C. Smith have a few jobs in progress in this area. At the present time they are using two cats in their pit on Stevens Creek Road and Brother John V. Borba is operating the Coleman-Loader. This firm is busy on a couple of sub-divisions in the area and have a paving job on the Monterey Hiway. At the present time they are employing about ten Engineers in their hot plant and rock crusher on Hamilton Avenue.

Santa Clara Sand & Gravel Co. have kept most of their crew busy all winter. At the present time they have three cats and three five-yard Michigan loaders working in the quarry on Stevens Creek Road and five engineers working on the rock plant at Coyote. They are also hauling material out of their city pit.

McCarthy & Spiesman are working in a sub-division off Highway No. 9, with the help of Bellicitti and Pellicciotti.

Williams & Burrows have started work on the reservoir, located in the hills above Saratoga. Doc Reynolds is doing the dirt work on this job under the supervision of Paul Mattos.

Piazza Paving Company were the low bidders on contracts totaling in excess of \$200,000 for street improvements. They are keeping quite a number of the brothers busy in the Shop and Crusher Plant on Downer Ave. They have a model 6 shovel in operation in their Crusher Plant on Berryessa Road.

Sondgroth Bros. have shut down their quarry on Stevens Creek Road due to lack of water. They are working in a sub-division off Highway No. 9.

Moonlitic Pipelines, Inc., of Palo Alto, were the low bidders on a \$39,940 contract for the installation of water mains for the city of Sunnyvale.

### SANTA CRUZ, SALINAS & MONTEREY

Work in the Southern area is slow at this time but it appears that Santa Cruz area will have another good year as soon as the spring work starts. The sand plants in this vicinity have been busier this winter than in previous years. Carmel Valley Builders Company of Monterey plan to build a shopping center on a ten acre site near Camp Evers. Construction on this shopping center is scheduled to start this summer.

Work in the Watsonville area has been slow for some time.

keeping several of the Brothers and crusher plant on Monterey

Granite Construction Co. do have several jobs under-way, just enough to keep their department men busy. Granite Rock have laid off a few men in the quarry.

The Kaiser plants at Moss Landing and Natividad are very busy and it looks like a good year for these men.

Thursday, February 23, bids will be opened on approximately 1.2 miles of a two lane road east of Watsonville.

Fisser, Inc. of Arizona were the low bidders on a sewer job in Aptos. The job went for \$1,081,355, which was \$750,000 below the Engineers' estimate. Work is expected to start on this job shortly.

Work has held up well in the Monterey area. Rains do not hamper work here due to the sandy soil. Alcon-Pacific have started building houses on the new housing project in Fort Ord. They have several of the brothers working on the Forklifts and generators.

Phil Calabrese is keeping his full crew busy on various jobs in and around Monterey. He just finished the grading on a sub-division in Marina. This small town is really growing.

Shawn Company are doing the landscaping on the Carmel Hill job. They expect to start landscaping on the Fort Ord Housing project in March.

Granite Construction Company were the low bidders on a \$61,374 contract for the paving of Ocean Avenue in Carmel, this bid was below the city estimate.

Phil Vinges has signed an agreement with the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, and employs several operators. His office is located in King City, and most of his work consists of oil well work around San Ardo, King City and Coal-inga.

### PERSONALS . . .

Brother Frank Anastasi of Monterey is very ill with a heart condition. Brother William Reiner suffered a badly sprained ankle and is unable to work. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

We received a very interesting letter from Brother Nebo Barbano, who is spending the winter in Arizona. He reports that the weather is wonderful but that work is slow.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following Brothers for their donation to the San Jose Blood Bank:

CRAIG E. LIGHTY

BILL DALTON

CLARENCE McMURRAY

COPE

(San Jose Engineers Committee on Political Education).

DON CLARK, Local Repre-

## Rigs Start to Move At San Rafael

By F. A. LAWRENCE, Business Representative

Since last month's report, there has been an improvement in the weather, and rigs are starting to move all over the area. However, the ground is still wet in certain parts. Our out-of-work list is still of considerable size.

Charles Harney at Miller Creek, Hwy. 101 progressing nicely with a very good crew of the following: Brothers Johnny Presley, Ben Thompson, Bill Evans, Ray Ransom on dozers; Oroville Schmidt, Domingo Ponce, Bill Hooks, Frank Gardner, Earl Lacey on D. W. 20's; Art Peterson on Motor Patrol; Ray Stover, Grade Checker; Foreman, L. H. Portlock; Super, Joe Seabury.

Granite Construction pipeline job delayed due to weather conditions. However, the clearing on this job is being done by sub-contractor Bro. Ollie Davis from Stockton, which should be finished in another month or so. This transmission line is to connect with the Nicasco Dam outlet pipe.

J. W. "Joe" Richards from Rio Vista has two cats and cans and 2 dozers working at present on the San Rafael Fairgrounds job at the site of the Civic Center, where they are getting the fill ready to haul the material.

A pre-job conference was held recently with C. Norman Peterson of Berkeley on a disposal plant, San Anselmo—contract awarded, \$326,783. This will be about an eight months job. Brother Bill McDonald will be on the Crane, Frank Whitmire, Oiler, and Tom Butterfield on Loader.

Beasley Engineering Co. of Emeryville has been awarded a pipeline job at a cost of \$968,780 which will bring supply from Sonoma to Novato by December 1. They are expected to start construction on an 11-mile water line in late May or early June on the 30-inch pipeline. The 10-miles of pipe will run from the Petaluma city limits, where construction is expected to start, and follow Hwy. 101 to Novato. North of the city, the line will cross under the highway and the Northwestern Pacific Railroad tracks, and follow the tracks to the old railroad

representative to the Santa Clara County COPE, met with the Grievance Committee and discussed the tentative formation of a POLITICAL EDUCATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, within the district of San Jose. The plan met with the unqualified sanction of the Grievance Committee and Officers present. The Committee hopes to arouse the interest of the Local members in Political Activity. For those interested the next meeting will be held Thursday, March 16th, at 7 p.m., in the Union Hall, located at 760 Emory St., San Jose, California. For further information contact the Dispatcher.

station (now the city police station) where the pipeline will end. The line will connect to the present system at Olive Ave. with the end near the railroad station planned for future extension some 2 miles south.

David Dredge sprung a leak in the San Rafael Canal at Lowrie's Yacht Harbor and sank about 6 or 7 feet to the bottom of the canal. The employees pumped out the water and got the dredger to dry land. The motors below the deck are in process of being overhauled at the present time, being done by our capable Brother Mechanics, Louie Giannini and Dick Gudel. However, Brother Giannini, the first day on the job banged his head, requiring three stitches. That's what the rented crane was for, Brother Louie!

The L. C. Smith job at Marin Bay is now working on the streets, with Brother Chuck Chandler on the Motor Patrol, and W. Rummel on the cat. Bro. Earnie Hartman, foreman on the job says they will start up the dragline on Monday, Feb. 27, with Bro. Harvey Freeland as Operator and Orville Cameron as Oiler. M.G.M. is starting to put in the pipe on this job.

Eaton & Smith at Marin Estates starting up again, reports Bro. Jacke Keating, foreman. Brother E. Crawford is on the Motor Patrol.

Attention Brothers: We have available forms for requesting your vacation pay to your employer.

Application forms for filing

for a refund from the Department of Employment if you worked for two or more employers last year and received more than \$600 in wages during the year for work in California for which total deductions for Disability Insurance (State or voluntary plan) exceeded \$36— are also available at this office. You must file your claim before June 30, 1961, in order to get the refund.

We have available to all the brothers a time book which sells at \$1.00 each. According to the local by-laws, Article III, Section I, paragraph (g), quote: "Each member shall keep an accurate record of time worked and wages earned and received." This is a very handy book. Pick up yours!

### Construction Awards

SACRAMENTO — Contract was awarded to R. A. Westbrook, Inc., & Morrison Knudsen Co., Inc., Sacto., \$5,744,593, for 9.7 mi grade, pave with PCC & bridges const. E. Highland Ave. near Selma, etc., FRESNO CO.

SACRAMENTO — Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto. \$927,504, for abt. 1.6 mi. exist frwy. wid. by grad. & pave., etc. a bridge to be const. & 3 retain. walls const., SACTO CO.

DUBLIN — Contract awarded to Oscar C. Holmes, Inc., Menlo Park, \$1,381,000, for Vly. Community Services Dist., for 2½ mgd activ. sludge-type sw treatment plant, ALAMEDA CO., near Dublin.

## More Local 39 News

### Apprentice News In Oakland Area

By JIMMY W. BROWN, Secretary, Alameda and Contra Costa County Joint Apprenticeship Committee

Many members of Local 39 have asked from time to time what is a Joint Apprenticeship Committee and what is its function. I will try and answer these questions in a Question-and-Answer fashion.

Q. What is a J.A.C.?

A. A J.A.C. is a committee composed of an equal number of employer and employee representatives. Our committee has three management members and three Local 39 members. Also on the committee is a Consultant from the State Division of Apprenticeship Standards, a Trade Coordinator from the School Department, and an Apprentice Class Representative. The last three mentioned cannot vote nor hold office.

Q. What are the functions of a J.A.C.?

A. A J.A.C. has many duties

and I will note a few of them:

1. To elect a chairman, a secretary and other such officers as it deems advisable, and fix their duties and terms of office.

2. To hold regular meetings and keep a record of the minutes.

3. To see that there is provided, if possible, continuous employment to all apprentices, as well as all around diversified training in all the job processes of our trade.

4. To administer discipline if the apprentice doesn't fulfill his obligations on the job or in classroom instruction.

5. To review and evaluate the progress of apprentices.

We have many other duties but our biggest job is to find employment for our apprentices. Any member of our Local who thinks that there is a possibility of his employer's hiring an apprentice, please contact your Local office. The training of apprentices is the key to industrial progress.

## Minutes of Executive Board

(Continued from Page 6)

Motion made, seconded and carried to have Brother Van der Lieth report on the Liquid Carbonic strike.

Motion made, seconded and carried to discharge the Committee on Engineers' News reports.

Motion made and seconded that the Board authorize prorated vacation pay for Brother Sims. The motion was amended that the prorated pay would constitute full and final money payable. The amendment carried.

Motion made, seconded and carried to admit the waiting brothers. The meeting was called to order.

Motion made, seconded and carried to approve strike action against American Cryogenics.

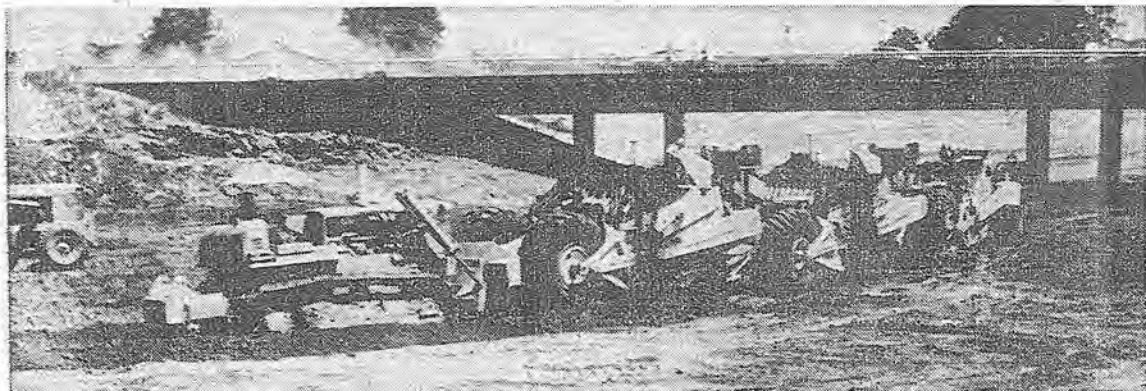
Motion made, seconded and lost to reconsider the previous action in regard to the termination of Brother Sims.

Motion made, seconded and carried to approve the minutes as corrected of the San Francisco meeting.

It was noted that the property of the Pension Fund misused by Brother Sims before he was replaced was the mailing list.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
JAMES T. RIVERS, Secretary.



**CENTIPEDE OR TANDEM?** No matter what you call it this unit is a real production machine! This mammoth tri-scraper operated by Brother Jim "Ragshead" Parrish hauled 76 pay yards at 42 miles per hour after being loaded with only one large pusher. This unusual piece of equipment astonished even the most experienced dirt-mover with its superior ability.



# Stockton-Modesto Slow

By WALTER M. TALBOT, AL McNAMARA and GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representatives

The report from this district for February is rather limited. With most of the jobs having been completed prior to this month and with very little new work commencing during the month it leaves little to report in the way of news events. However, in view of the customary lull that we experience every year at this time, and in addition to the callbacks, both by letter and last employer, we dispatched members to the following contractors from the out-of-work list:

Green-Winston-Tecon, Hogan Dam.

Munn & Perkins, South San Joaquin Irrigation District.

J. M. Foster Co., Pipe Plant, Lockeford.

Stolte-Stephens, El Dorado Overpass.

A. Teichert & Son, Naval Supply Depot.

Eastern Pipeline Contractors, Jet Fuel Line.

D. A. Parrish & Son, various jobs.

Ed Burke, Redevelopment Project.

W. M. Lyles, Sewer job.

Eastern Pipeline Contractors led the group in the number of men hired, but they have reached the peak of their job now and we anticipate a reduction in force will be in effect as they near the job deadline of April 1st.

On the other hand Green-Winston-Tecon, who were second in the placement of engineers this past month, have not as yet reached the peak of employment for Hogan Dam, and will employ more men, with the expectation of reaching their employment peak around the first of May.

J. M. Foster Company, of the joint venture of C.K., F.-M. & Graver Tank Manufacturing Co., are now installing machinery in the companies' pipe fabricating plant near Lockeford. This, of course, does not require the services of many engineers but the latest information we have been able to obtain on the actual excavation work for the pipeline is that it should commence in March, if the weather stays good.

On conjunction with the steel pipe plant we have the Cen Vi Ro Centrline Corp., a sub contractor of C. K., F.-M. & Graver Tank, who are busy erecting their plant which will line and coat the pipe with concrete as it comes from the steel pipe fabricating plant.

Jobs that have been let since our last report are: Leedham & Roebbelen, of Carmichael, low bidders on the Turner Road Underpass in Lodi, for \$271,475.

A four-level parking structure of reinforced concrete on Chan-Street, Stockton. Low bidder was Nomellini Construction Co., for \$584,000.

Building alterations at Site 300 to Ralph Larsen & Son, of San Francisco, for \$198,713.

The joint venture of Empire Construction and A. J. "Pat" Clow were low bidders on the demolition of the San Joaquin County Court House for \$27,875. However, at this writing, the bid award is pending due to lack of experience of the joint venture in this type of work. Apparently the bid sheet requires three previous jobs of this nature and the joint venture only listed one.

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# Nevada Round-up

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE

The George E. Miller Construction Company was low bidder on the job at Hubbard Field near Reno, Nevada. Miller has the landscaping, grading and street work for the new housing project near the Fallon Air Base, also they have the water line from the Base to the new Housing Project. Brother Dan Brunner is the Big Wheel on the job. Brother Tracy Horne is on the blade, Bro. S. P. "Dusty" Bush is operating the Dozer. Brother Charlie Scott is around Reno for Miller on different jobs. Brother Howard Johnston and Brother Frank McVitty seem to like it up around Lake Tahoe or at least they are up there for keeps, it looks like.

Dodge Construction, Inc., has begun to move in on their highway job east of Frenchman Station on Highway No. 50. They are having some water problems and pipe delay; however, they will be going good real soon.

Jack Parson Construction Company from Smithfield, Utah, hope to move in on their highway job south of Montella, Nevada, in the near future, weather permitting. He will bring some of his operators with him.

Ready-Mix Paving Company of Reno, Nevada, has most of the gravel on their highway job at Orvada, Nevada, next is the black-top, weather permitting. Mr. F. G. "Big" Riley really built a good highway out there, but that should be understandable as Ole Rile is quite the road builder. He has had lots of experience around these parts.

By the way, there is another highway job advertised for March 16, 1961, for a length of 14 miles just north of Orvada, Nevada. Riley may help build that one too.

Wells-Cargo, Inc., has really got lined out on their highway job at 20 mile hill on Highway No. 40 west of Lovelock, Nev., with two shifts. It's beginning to look like a real four lane Freeway out across the old Nevada Desert. One of these days there will be a four lane Freeway from Reno to Wendover, Nevada, we hope.

Andy Drumm has most of the dirt moved on his job at Golconda Summit on Highway No. 40, except the big rock cut and they are well along with that. He has most of the gravel on. The detours are in good shape, no delays for the winter tourists.

A few of Drumm's dirt hands are laid off, but there is a fair size crew out there still.

The Vista Rock Products out at Vista, Nevada, has been going all winter keeping some of the brothers busy. Brother Bob Vulgamore is on the Northwest Shovel.

The Helms Construction Company seems to have lots of work; they have kept most of their operators working all winter. However, Helms has a real good crew of Engineers and he likes to keep them busy if there is work to be had.

Pittsburgh Des Moine Steel has a job at the Tank Farm in Sparks, Nevada, putting up three tanks for Time Oil Company. Brother Jack Crane is on the Tugger Hoist. That Jack is quite a Tugger man on the job as well as off the job.

P. W. Burge Company has the pipe line job for Time Oil Company at the Tank Farm in Sparks. Brother Ed Gnadig is in charge of the job.

Following is a list of names of men whose Vacation Checks

# Good Crowd for Safety Film in the Redwoods

By WARREN LeMOINE and W. L. (BILL) TOMBERLIN, Business Representatives

The weatherman is having quite a time making up his mind in this part of the country—rain on the coast with snow in the high mountains.

The Eureka office is more than pleased with the large turnout we had for the safety meeting and film presented by Brother Dale Marr, our safety man, on February 16th.

Friday the 17th, this film was presented to the members at Ruth Dam. We had 22 members present at Dinsmore Lodge.

We were pleased with the turnout as most of the job was down on account of snow and bad weather. It is hoped to have a real turnout at our next meeting with the brothers on the Fadel & Granite joint venture at Ruth Dam.

The Clifford C. Bong Co. at Fortuna is working their bridge crews driving pile and doing their cement work. Their rubber rigs are all down at this time, waiting for the sun to shine then, "Boy, look out, we will get with it," says John Reed the Superintendent. One day it was raining like all get-out when a 21 skinner stopped at John's pickup and wanted to know how hard it had to rain before he would stop work. (Answer): "When the top of this pickup starts to leak."

Mercer Fraser Co. is keeping

are being held in the Trust Fund office due to lack of addresses. Write or telephone your current address if your name is listed below to Northern Nevada Vacation Trust Fund, 140 North Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada, telephone Fairview 9-0380. J. R. Armistead, Nathan B. Barlow, John Beasley, Rulon Black, Loyd Broady, Ralph Collins, Charles M. Connor, Walter Crooks, Frank Dodd, James Fergoda, Mike Gabiola, Clifford Glasgow, Roy C. Glasgow, Kenneth Goodrich, Herry C. Green, Delbert R. Haddax, Eugene A. Hamdorf, Lawrence Harrison, Oluf W. Hartvigsen, Edward Higgins, Robert Horsely, Henry C. Houck, Hubert Johns, John Guiting, Mack H. Hunter, Bud Jacobsen, Ronald W. Jeakins, Lewis E. Jones, Joseph J. Kakuk, Williard P. Kelly, Richard Key, Robert Koepnick, James F. Lambert, Dell W. Latham, Ted Lenzora, E. E. McDaniel, Harold H. McQueen, Francis C. Maneth, George Marshall, Freeman Mason, Wilbur W. Meier, Dick Merritt, Clarence J. Michaud, A. E. Montrose, James Montrose, Claude E. Morris, Oscar D. Moser, James Mott, Manuel Joe Munoz, O. Murphy, Fred Nevins, Hugh Noble, Joseph Papez, Al Parlanti, Charles A. Patrick, Robert A. Pearce, Kenneth Rawley, Nels S. Rawley, A. C. Rose, Mike Saporetto, Glenn Scobie, Jack W. Seeley, Wm. H. Sherman, William A. Sigglin, Howard Stefans, Chas. L. Stewart, James Street, Jr., Loren W. Streeter, Aldo Teglia, William W. Tholke, Marc E. Thomas, John E. Thomson, Guy E. Tietjen, Leo Tucori, Michael T. Turner, Warren Vaughn, Edward C. Vondrcek, D. Wagele, Robert A. Waller, James R. Walsh, H. H. Welch, Jube Whelchel, Richard Whiting, Wm. P. Whitworth, Glenn Gillson, Elmer Rider, Elmer Strange, Clinton Hurlbert, Gilbert Redmer, David Carter, Ray Kissick, Frank G. Jackson, Alfred Rains, James Zunino, James R. Thompson.

busy at the quarry getting out rock for their North Jetty project, storing the rock on the job site for placement in the spring. This company has a few mechanics in their shop getting the rigs ready for this next season's work.

We have a new company over at the Roddicraft Mill doing their extension work, from Tacoma, Wash., known as Robert G. Earley, Inc. We signed them on a one page construction agreement. Arthur B. Siri Co. have three rigs on this job doing the fill and excavation as the subcontractor.

The Or-Bet Corp. plan returning to work on their bridge and approaches at Pecwan when the Klamath River goes down so they can get in there to do so.

Slate Hall & Hamilton are moving slides on their road job at Orleans. The mountain just doesn't want to stand still, it's on the move all the time.

Things are moving real good at the PG&E plant with three cranes on the job at this time, one small backhoe, a hand crane and one compressor man. The prime contractor being Bechtel Corp. and the sub-contractor is Ben C. Gerwick Co.

Grafe & Callahan Co. have holed in on the Oregon Mountain tunnel project with seven engineers working only one shift up to date. Gene Tufts, Gen. Super. didn't know just when he would start the other shift.

Morrison Knudsen Co. was the low bidder on the south side of the tunnel at Oregon Mountain. We are all set for a pre-job conference with them on Tuesday, Feb. 28th. We'll have more on this at the next writing.

Over in the Arcata district we have several small plants working part time, in the winter months it is pretty slow for them.

Brother Warren LeMoine, our new District Representative, invites the members in the district to come in and say hello and get to know him. If you have anything on your mind speak right up, you will get an answer. The door is open at all times.

**Wins the Kentucky Bourbon.** A Kentucky stable owner admitted to friends that he was so anxious for his new 2 year old to win his first race that he spiked his food with six mint juleps.

"Did the horse win?" asked one friend, "no," said the owner. "But he was the happiest horse in the race."

We in the Eureka office wish a speedy recovery to the following members who have been and still are in the hospital: Glade Campbell, Chas. Higgins, John L. James, Ed Dye and Ed Hobson. Hope to see you all back to work before long.

It is our sad duty to inform you of the passing of Tom Hull, a long time member of Local 3, and a local contractor in our area; services were held at Pierce Mortuary, Feb. 20th. We extend our most heartfelt sympathies to his loved ones.

## PARISH BROS.

General Contractors — Highway and Public Works

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# Sacramento Is Keeping Fingers Crossed for Good Weather

By ERNIE NELSON, AL DALTON, EDWARD G. HEARNE, WM. E. METTZ and CHARLIE COCKAYNE, Business Representatives

Brothers, we are keeping our fingers crossed in hopes that the good weather will continue. The ground has dried out quite a bit and several of the contractors have started their jobs again. If the rain will hold off for a while we will be able to get quite a few men off of the out of work list and on the jobs.

There is quite a lot of work in the downtown area of Sacramento at the present time. Erickson Construction Co. has a hoist man on their state job at Eleventh and O Streets. On the Bank and Park building at Eighth and Jay Streets they are still pouring with a truck crane and do not have a hoist set up yet.

Raymond Concrete Pile have had a rig working on foundations for a new addition to one of the state buildings. This job is down an alley and behind one building and between two others and seems a bit cramped for space at times.

Yuba Erectors have two truck cranes hanging steel on the new Department of Motor Vehicles building at Twenty-fourth Street and First Avenue. The company will probably lose money on this job for it seems that there are a lot of things to take the men's minds off of the job. These distractions are employed as office help in the Department's other office across the street. Compared to these girls, Little Red Riding Hood had it easy. According to the story she only had one wolf to fight off.

Teichert & Son has started their job on Highway 40 from Arden Way to Marconi. They are going to widen this section to eight lanes from Arden to El Camino and six lanes from there to Marconi. Due to heavy traffic on this section work will go rather slowly.

Teichert has a crew back on the Jefferson Boulevard realignment in West Sacramento. There is not much dirt on this job for the ground is very flat in the area. When completed, traffic will be carried across the barge canal on the new cascade bridge that was put in by Lockbridge Construction.

Yuba Manufacturing Co. has finisher the swinging gates at each end of the locks and they are now being painted by Klass Bros.

Klass Bros. have sprayed a lot of paint and done a lot of sand blasting on this entire job. Tending compressor for them is Brother Earl Allen.

Lockbridge has finished the dirt moving on the job and except for cleanup with the cats and scrapers this phase of the job is completed. They hope to have the job completed and sold by the first of July.

Elmer Wendt had a short job cleaning the debris out from under the Tower Bridge on the Sacramento River. They have to pick the logs and oil drums and assorted junk up with a clam and load it on barges. When a barge is loaded they take it downstream to a spot across from Miller Park and burn it. The clam rig is also on a barge.

Ben C. Gerwick has completed the pile driving in the television relay tower footings at Walnut Grove. These footings will support a steel tower that will rise to a height of 1425 feet. This tower will be used by Channels Three, Ten and Thirteen to improve reception to their viewers. The steel will probably not be set until after the spring winds die down.

The Sacramento area has a group that we believe is unique in labor anywhere. This group is

known as the Excavating Tractor Owners Association and is composed of all members of Local No. 3 or men who hire our members. The E.T.O.A.'s by-laws say that no owner operator or company can be accepted as members unless they are members in good standing in Local No. 3. This can certainly go a way toward keeping the area clean of non-union owner operators. We wish to take this opportunity to salute the officers and members of E.T.O.A. The present officers are Elmer Self, Pres.; Chet Ball, Vice-Pres.; and Bob Daniels, Secretary-treasurer. Keep up the good work fellows.

On the South Sacramento Freeway, Gordon H. Ball, Inc., is anticipating a start back to work on the first of April if the weather permits. We have contacted the office of Ball and they assured us that there would be no possibility of starting any sooner. This job is due for completion by September 1, 1961.

Work has been suspended on the Yolo Causeway until it dries up. Frederickson & Watsons equipment and Lee Stephens rigs are standing knee deep in a big lake of rain water. It looks like it will be some time before they can get back to work.

## HIGHWAY 50 READY TO GO

Work is expected to start within six weeks on the U. S. Highway 50 freeway construction between Citrus Road about 10 miles east of Sacramento to about one mile east of Alder Creek near the Folsom Road turn off. Granite Construction Co. was the low bidder at a price of \$3,460,487. We are looking forward to the start of this project as it will mean putting some of Granite's engineers back to work, who have been laid off for the winter. There will also be an increase of brother engineers working at Granite Plant.

Stockton Construction Co. has added another underground crew on the south east assessment district's sewerage disposal main lines and laterals. A. Tiechert has started on their recent contract to widening the Sacramento Roseville freeway between Arden Way and Marconi Ave. from six to eight lanes. This is going to be a nightmare for the supervisor in regards to traffic. A 23 foot lane must be open at all times to maintain an even flow of traffic at peak hours.

Work in general is holding its own with most of the contractors keeping an eye on the weather. The sub divisions are showing some activity with a few new starts but mostly side walk and gutter work on last year's jobs. We are hoping for an increase in the volume of this type of construction for the coming year and from all indications it should be above normal.

The plant at Douglas is coming along with extra work and we have Western Consolidated Steel, Chicago Bridge & Iron and A Tiechert with contracts at this time. This is an expansion program so will be short live.

Aero Jet is keeping a few

contractors going on new work as well as old stand by time and material. Baldwin Construction Co., Triangle Construction and Roeblen have the building in line nine, line four and line one respectively. A. Tiechert is the main excavating contractor and have a good bunch of go-ahead brothers on the payroll.

The gravel slants have been able to hold onto a full crew of engineers during the winter. We look forward to a good season for these brothers in '61.

The batch plants have maintained steady production despite the incimate weather.

Report all unsafe working conditions to the Business Agent immediately Teach safety to your brothers, they may be able to protect your life.

## BUSY ON 40, TOO

The sunshine of the past couple of weeks is the cause of renewed activity on the jobs east on Highway No. 40.

The Madonna Construction Company has reactivated their job at Monte Vista and as of this date has about sixteen operating engineers back to work and has indicated they are going to take full advantage of the good weather.

At the Briggs Conley and Dennis project over at Donner Lake the situation is bogged down by the Highway Department. Weather's fine, very little frost—if any—very little snow but they are hopeful of getting started shortly after March 6th if the weather stays anywhere near decent.

Guy F. Atkinson Construction Co. was low bidder on the Soda Springs job with a bid of \$2,377,704.00. The project starts at a little west of Soda Springs and will connect up with the Briggs Conley and Dennis project on the east end about three miles.

The word is that they will get going clearing brush and with some Pioneer dozer work in early April, hope so anyway. Shame to let the good weather waste.

No activity north of Highway 40 on Highway 89. Isbell's project could be going full blast if the state would cut them loose, very little snow in that area.

At the Lincoln Missile Site, jobs for operating Engineers are tapering off. Several cranes and other hoisting equipment have left the project during the past couple of weeks. Several members are engaged in the back filling operation and a few more are scheduled to be put to work in the near future on that phase of the project.

There seems to be a little more optimism displayed by the owners of the various equipment shops around the areas. They say that some equipment is being sold and serious inquiries about prices and deliveries being made which could be a good sign.

During the past thirty days we have brought negotiations to conclusion at Weaver Tractor Co. and Northern Euclid Inc. At Weaver Tractor the increase is 10 cents per hour across the board and 5 cents an hour additional pension. At Euclid the rates there were brought up to the Bay Area Equipment dealer rates.

Guy F. Atkinson purchased a sizeable order of Euclid Equipment there recently which brightened the picture there somewhat.

In other areas of endeavor some Rock Sand & Gravel plants are hard at it; when the plant isn't busy crushing, the men are

used to repair the equipment. Madison Sand & Gravel, Joe Chevreux, Miles and several others figure it pays to keep the crew on the pay roll.

Hope that the next thirty days gives us more to build up on optimism.

## POLLOCK PINES JOB STARTS

Brothers, the work on Hwy. No. 50 is still pretty slow but there is quite a bit of work to do when the weather will permit. J. W. Briggs Hwy. job below Pollock Pines is getting started after the nice weather we have had. They are in the process of setting up a new crusher and it should be in operation in the near future.

Walsh Construction Co. have increased their footage at Camino Tunnel after getting the water in the downstream heading under control. They still have 5800 feet to go downstream and 8,000 feet upstream. From all indications they should hole through in about 7 months. The bids for Camino Power Plant will be let on February 28th. This bid is expected to be in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000 and should keep a few of the brothers working for a while.

The Gibbon & Reed job at Camino Dam is shaping up pretty good and the job is about completed.

Peter Kiewit has quite a few Engineers working on Union Valley dam and most of the boys are getting good time. They have ordered several new scrapers but have not moved them on the job as yet. I guess they don't want to get that red mud on that pretty green paint. This job has quite a bit to be done on it yet and should prove to be a good one for a lot of the brothers this year.

Piombo Construction Co. has got a start on their pipeline job and as soon as they get it cleared they should be off in a cloud of dust. This job is located at Camino and will run from Camino to Gold Hill. Their highway job at Placerville is keeping quite a few of the brothers busy and they are making good progress.

The weather has made the roads to Robbs Peak Tunnel very bad and it has been necessary to use Peter Kiewits road to get in and out of the job. However these roads are being put in good shape and for safety reasons they will be maintained. Brother Dale Marr, the Safety representative for Local No. 3 has spent quite a few days visiting the jobs on the S.M.U.

D. project and Pollock Pines area and talking to the representatives of the companies doing the work in this area trying to improve on the safety.

The Lake Tahoe area is at a standstill but there should be enough work around the lake to keep most of the brothers who live around there busy this coming season.

Brother Dalton is new in this area, and would like to re-join you that he will be at the Labor Hall in Pollock Pines every Monday night from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and would appreciate seeing any brothers who may have any questions.

## BLOOD DONORS

The following people have donated blood to the Operating Engineers, January and February:

Glenn W. Knor, George H. Gray, Joseph F. Lucero, Wm. S. Edwards, Wm. Woodyard, Joe Kortuem, Mrs. Josephine M. Apted, Fred E. Lacert, Edward Carr, Earl Beasley, George Youngs, Edward McQuillan, Joe Boune.

## CALL FOR YOUR MAIL

The following people have mail and checks in the Sacramento office:

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# Marysville Report

## Black Butte Dam Project Moving Along

By HAROLD HUSTON, C. R. VAN WINKLE and W. R. WEEKS, Business Representatives

Brothers, we are happy to report the last two weeks of February the weatherman has given us beautiful sunny weather in this area. This makes us especially happy because we know this means some of our jobs will be starting up, thus putting some of you brothers back to work.

There have been 71 men cleared from this office so far this month and there are still approximately 825 of our brothers on the "out-of-work" list.

In the past two weeks we have been remodeling and enlarging your Marysville District office. We hope this will give the brothers working in the area much faster and more efficient service.

### HERE AND THERE ON CONSTRUCTION JOBS

At the start of 1961, E. W. Smith, Project Engineer for the George M. Brewster & Son firm, estimates the "Black Butte Project" to be 25 per cent completed.

Congress appropriated 2 1/4 million dollars a year ago, but \$1.5 million being withheld until a repayment contract between the State and Federal governments was completed and signed.

The contract was signed in March, awarded in May, and the actual work began in June, 1960. Since that time many of our brothers have been employed on various phases of the flood control — water conservation project, and the appearance of a large area around the old South Diversion Dam of the Orland Project has been radically changed. The dam itself will cover the old diversion structure.

Aside from some of the bad storms we've had, work has been going on without interference, and all advantage possible is being taken of good weather to push the job on or ahead of schedule.

Brush and timber have been cleared from the creekbed from which fill material for the dam is being taken. The buttes on both sides of the creek have been denuded and loose rock gouged out for the anchors of the dam.

Already over 360,000 cubic yards of material have been placed and compacted to form the base of the dam. About one-fifth of this is impervious material to form the core of the structure.

Continental Drilling Co. of Los Angeles, a Brewster subcontractor, has been drilling and grouting the rock bluffs to further secure the abutments of the dam. Cement will be pumped down the holes under pressure to grout the whole mass into two solid rock bulwarks.

Case, Hood & Foster, joint venture subcontractors on the outlet tunnel, have been making steady progress boring through the butte at the south end of the dam. After a rockfall at the downstream end of the 28 foot bore, plans had to be revised and a new start was made on the tunnel on the upstream side. About 140 feet of hole have been made so far.

Meanwhile, some of what had been intended as tunnel at the downstream end has been changed to open trench and two shifts are being run on that part of the job. The channel forks, with one arm leading back into the creek for flood control releases, and the other into the Orland Project's south-side canal.

Several miles of the old Newville Road will be under the waters of the reservoir when the Black Butte Dam is completed. Fredrickson & Watson have the contract for rerouting this section around the north side of the reservoir. This new link will take off from the present road at the Graves cemetery

### MEETING NOTICES

**Regular Quarterly District Meeting:** This very important meeting for all members will be Thursday, April 13, 1961, at 8 p.m. in the Marysville Elks Lodge, 920 D Street, Marysville. Your attention is again called to the fact that the meeting place has been changed and that we are sure that the new meeting place will prove more satisfactory.

**Grievance Committee:** Meets every Thursday evening, 7 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, Marysville.

**Concrete Pipe Plant:** This will be a joint meeting between the members of the Laborers, Operating Engineers and Teamsters employed in this industry and will be held Monday, March 20, 1961 at 7:30 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, Marysville.

**Rock, Sand, Gravel and Ready Mixed Plants:** This unit meets Friday, March 24, 1961 at 8 p.m. in the Teamsters' Hall, 818 Wall Street, Chico.

**Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields:** Meets next on Monday, March 27, 1961 at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "I" Street, Marysville.

**Natomas Company:** This group will meet on Monday, April 3, 1961 in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom and at the following times:

10:30 a.m. for those members working night

4:00 p.m. for all others.

**Gladding, McBean and Company:** Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council will meet Tuesday, April 4, 1961 at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, 668 Fifth St., Lincoln.

The General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11, 1961 at 8 p.m. for the swing shift in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council and at 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln City Auditorium.

**Peterson Tractor, New York Machine Shop and Concrete Pipe Installation,** and all other meetings subject to call.

and pass the Black Butte Ranch and the Black Butte Dam administration buildings. It will cross the project canal on one bridge now being built by Brewster & Son and cross on another to be built by Fredrickson & Watson.

A new bridge across Stony Creek just below the dam has been completed by Fredrickson & Watson and another, over the north fork of Stony Creek, is nearly completed, near where the west end of the new road ties into the existing Newville Road on the Masterson Ranch.

During the heavy winter storm, work had to be stopped on the road relocation and some of the equipment at the bridge under construction was nearly lost when the north fork of Stony came up suddenly. One of the tractors was washed downstream, but was later pulled out.

Before that happened, however, the road had been graded, ready for blacktopping and only one small canal bridge was left to be built by the road building contractor. Work was suspended until spring.

Black Butte Dam is being

built as an Army Engineers' project, with James Chadick as resident engineer in charge. Funds are supplied by Congress, part an outright federal expense for flood control, and the balance charged to water conservation and repayable. The State of California, in the first such action by any state, is underwriting the repayments, and taking rights on the stored water sale as its security. We hope this job will employ many more of our brothers as soon as the weather will let them shift into high gear.

The Oroville-Wyandotte job is doing a lot of work. They have six tunnel headings going, three shifts around the clock, with approximately 150 engineers working in them. The main shop is also working three shifts now. The equipment outside is working one shift, clearing and pioneering for powerhouse sites, dams and canals right-of-way, also barrow pits. We hope the sun keeps shining so a lot more of the brothers can get to work soon.

Beale Air Force Base has quite a bit of work going now, and a lot more to start soon. There is still work tied up on account of law suits, and etc. with Hal B. Hayes.

Hertel Co. is still doing some work on their bridge job across the Bear River at Rio Oso, although the weather has slowed them down for the past month.

The Bear River Construction Co. have kept a small crew busy most of the time putting in sewer pipe and water lines in their four different housing projects.

Boyles Brothers at Oroville are moving right along with their tunnel. All in all things seem to be shaping up for a good year for a lot of the brothers. This will be a welcome change after some of the lean years we've had in the past.

### INDUSTRIAL REPORT

**Gladding, McBean & Company:**

The lay-off reported last month and which we optimistically hoped was not the beginning of a nose dive has developed into just that. Since that time not a week has gone by without lay-offs and cut-backs.

The yard, which is stock piled to the hilt, has and is, showing very little shipping activity and on some days you could almost shoot off the well known cannon and not hit anyone.

Prospects, so the company officials and others inform us, are good for the clay business the coming year. The question seems to be mainly one of when! In the meantime we have been kept busy sorting out the usual seniority beefs that arise at these times.

**Sand, Gravel and Ready-Mixed Concrete:**

In our travels around the area have been surprised at the satisfaction being expressed as to last year's business and the present level of business. There is also a quiet and confident attitude that this year's business will be good.

There seems to be (and this goes for the concrete pipe industry) a quiet confidence that the growth, industrially and residential, in the Central Sacramento Valley, will continue. Nothing big or dramatic is being expected, just a slow, steady

## Thornsberry Family Is Grateful

To the Friends and Brothers of Otis Thornsberry:

We, Mrs. Otis Thornsberry and Family, would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all the various union organizations for the floral pieces, donations and show of brotherly love which has contributed such a great deal toward easing the burden of our loss.

We regret that we are unable to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you personally, our hope is that all of you will be reached by this message and will understand that we are helpless to do justice to our feeling of thankfulness and pride that Otis was associated with so many warm hearted people. It is at times like these that one realizes the meaning of unions and their extended hands in time of need.

We are so happy to have been a part of this for so many years and will treasure always the friendships with the delegates and officers at the various conventions throughout the years.

In ending, may we leave this thought with you: We had grown accustomed, through the years, to our daddy leaving us frequently to attend union meetings. When God took him so suddenly we were at a loss to explain why. One of us suggested that perhaps God needed him, at one of HIS union meetings:

and continuing expansion.

### Gold Dredging:

We have often said in this column that this is one industry that goes on day after day, week after week, and year after year, with no change. Yet this is hardly the case because in the past few years a dramatic change has occurred in this industry.

And that change is diversification. Where these companies a few years ago were solely mining companies and only interested in mining, today they have expanded their operations until mining has become almost a sideline.

Natomas Company, for instance, today owns or controls a shipping company, is a partner in a construction company, etc., and in the Folsom area they operate a water company which originally was organized as a subsidiary to supply water to the dredging operations, and which now has become more important to the company than the dredging operations.

And Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields has changed its name to Yuba Consolidated Industries and has bought up or into almost every type of industry, until today they can supply almost any manufactured or fabricated article or service desired. Yet these companies remain basically mining companies and would be back into the game in a big way if the price of gold should be raised to where it is economically feasible to expand their mining operations.

### Concrete Pipe Industry:

Like we said last month, the fall rush is over and the companies are on short work weeks, or have asked the brothers to take their vacations at this time. However, (and we admit we are a little surprised and pleased) the various managements are looking forward with considerable confidence to a good season.

### SHOPS:

The various shops such as Peterson Tractor and New York Machine Shop are not as optimistic as some of the reports above. Peterson Tractor is, so we are told, faced with a slowdown in sales, which is, of course, the foundation of their business and is felt immediately in the shops in a lesser amount of service, and rebuilding of older equipment turned in on new. Also, large jobs such as the Wyandotte project do not usually bring this type of shop as much business as might be thought. Companies building such projects almost always install their own repair facilities and farm very little work out. It takes the smaller jobs to bring in the work needed to keep them busy.

### PERSONAL NOTES:

Brother Arthur "Haybug" Wallace was operated upon recently at the Woodland Clinic

### SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS ON CHECK-OFF ONLY, WHO ARE EMPLOYED AT GLADDING, McBEAN AND CO., NATOMAS CO., OR YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS:

We had hoped that by now everyone understood the new membership card system, however, as there is apparently still some confusion among our members employed by the above companies and whose dues are checked-off by the company, we are addressing these remarks to them and them only in the hope that the matter can be cleared up.

You receive through the mail in a window envelope a chrome yellow colored card which is divided into thirds. Remove and retain the left hand third, this is your union card. Throw the other two-thirds away. As your dues are checked-off out of your pay you do not need this part. The only reason it is sent to you is to carry your address. Carry the above mentioned union card on your person at all times while on the job. This is your proof of membership and of dues paid and is subject to checking at any time by a representative of your Union. If you have any question regarding your standing be sure and call it to the attention of your representative so that the matter may be straightened out.

As with the new card system, you no longer will need your membership book, nor will dues stamps be sent to you as in the past, it will be appreciated very much if you who still retain your book would turn it into the office or to the representative. It will be kept for you and dues stamps inserted in the main office in San Francisco.

and when we saw him right after the operation he was doing fine and feeling better, although he was complaining about the drain in his nose. Since that time he has phoned the office and said he is feeling much better as the drain has been removed. As we know "Art" has been feeling poorly for some time, we hope this fixes him up and he enjoys nothing but the best of health from now on out.

Perhaps some of you may remember Bro. Robert Younce's accident a little over a year ago. Bro. Younce was employed by Souza and Wright as a foreman and was struck by a falling tree and was very seriously injured. Recently we visited him at his home and while he still is confined to a wheel chair he is optimistic that with time he will at least be able to get around with the use of braces.



## Santa Rosa-Ukiah

# Sun Shines, But Ground Is Still Saturated

By R. F. SWANSON, Bus. Rep.

Santa Rosa-Ukiah—Sunny but still "saturated."

Brothers, the sun (at this writing) is shining and there is quite a bit of activity expected for this area, "but" it is still too soon. One solid week of sunshine is not enough to dry up ground which has become fairly well saturated even though it may appear workable on the surface. All we can do is hope that this good weather holds.

### OUT OF WORK LIST

The only activity so far is registration on the out of work list. Calls for operators have been at a standstill so far this year. May we call the Brothers attention to the fact that they must register on the out-of-work list if they wish to hold their place. According to the "hiring regulations," re-registration can take place any time from the 76th to the 85th day after their original registration. So please send us a card so that your name is not dropped from the out-of-work list.

In the last issue we mentioned a couple of jobs that were due for bid. One project was that of dredging a channel at Bodega Bay. The Shellmaker Co. from San Francisco was the low bidder at approximately \$175,000, which was about \$65,000 under the estimate. The Aqueduct job was also bid, and the Galbraith Construction Co. of Hayward was the low bidder at \$1,724,824.

As of this date we have not had a pre-job conference with either of the above mentioned companies, but it is expected most any time. More next month on this particular project.

Kirkwood-Bly were low bidders at \$23,000 for road work located at Napa. This coming month a lot of subdivisions and small jobs are expected to be bid on, so there is quite a bit of activity among the engineering staffs of the local contractors.

### DISABILITY REFUND

Brothers, there are many of you who have worked for more than one contractor during the year 1960 and have made more than \$3,600. If more than \$36.00 S. D. I. was withheld, then you have a refund coming; but you must request it. We have the necessary forms in the office, but you can also obtain these forms at the employment office. The deadline for claiming this refund is June 30, 1961.

We are happy to report that just about everyone on our sick list is now on the road to recovery and getting "spring fever."

### BLOOD DONORS

May we congratulate Brothers Charles Thomason and John Dawson for their donation of blood to our blood bank this month. The supply is low and winter is just about over, so in the extra time that you have, please make an effort to make an appointment with the Blood Bank. It will certainly be appreciated.

### SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

There will be a special meeting at Moose Hall, 521 - 3rd St., Santa Rosa, for the presentation of the Modifications of the Hiring Regulations. This meeting will be at 8 p.m., March 23, 1961.



**LONGVALE "FLOOD":** Highway 101 was closed for a while recently when the entire side of a mountain slid down and dammed Longvale Creek at a point 15 miles north of Willits. The photos above show (1) Highway 101 diving into the flood; (2) submerged buildings (fortunately unoccupied), and (3) highway crew clearing away the slide. The highway has since been reopened.

# Members to Vote On Hiring Changes

(Continued from Page 1) still be able to operate a legal hiring hall.

So during the past six months, your Negotiating Committee has met from time to time with the committee from the AGC. We sought to bring about further modifications of the Hiring Procedures and also to change the 31-day rule. This rule allowed an employee to take a free ride for 31 days before joining the Union. It was agreed to cut this down to 8 days, the minimum allowed by the law.

Now we have achieved some of the goal, we set out to accomplish. The latest modifications have been approved by the Executive Board, subject to ratification by the membership. They will be submitted and explained during this month at a series of area meetings. You will find a list of these meetings elsewhere in this issue of *Engineer's News*. Take note of the meeting in your area, and please make every effort to attend. The negotiating committee of the employers will also submit these modifications to the board of directors of the Associated General Contractors for their approval.

During the past month I had the opportunity to attend the General Executive Board meeting in Miami, and while there met the representatives of Engineers locals from all over the United States and Canada. It was plain from talking with them that perhaps we are not as badly off as many of them are. Many reported that they have as much as one-half of the Local Union membership out of

work due to the weather. In fact, many areas said they had no work at all scheduled for the present time.

Also during the past month I attended meetings in Stockton, Sacramento and Oakland (unfortunately I was at the General Executive Board meeting at the time of the San Jose meeting.) Listening to the Representatives report at these various meetings, it was plain that they are very optimistic about the coming season.

These meetings also elected members to the District Grievance Committee, and it is of interest to note that in all cases where the incumbents ran, they were re-elected with practically no opposition. In the meetings at Oakland and San Francisco, there were three to be elected from each of the two areas, and in each case only three were nominated.

**IN THE COMING MONTH** a very important meeting is being held in Washington, D. C. Two of the officers of Local 3 will participate in this meeting, which will be a legislative mobilization sponsored by the AFL-CIO Building Trades Dept.

After a general briefing session for all delegates on the Building Trades legislative program, our delegates will be contacting the Congressmen and Senators representing the territorial jurisdiction of Local 3. They will be asked to support the President's program of public works, the on-site picketing bill and other measures which will be beneficial to the build-

## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

District meetings scheduled for April, 1961:

### APRIL

- 5 (Wednesday) SAN FRANCISCO, Memorial Auditorium, S.F. Labor Council, 2940 - 16th Street.
- 11 (Tuesday) EUREKA, 9th & E Street, Labor Temple.
- 12 (Wednesday) REDDING, New Elk's Hall, Benton Drive.
- 13 (Thursday) MARYSVILLE, Elk's Club, 920 D St., Marysville.

**IMPORTANT . . .** Please make sure you are sending in the right portion of the card when mailing in your next dues payment. If you will retain the left hand side of the card, which serves as your "Membership Identification Card" and receipts . . . **SEND IN THAT PORTION WITH THE RED LETTERING ACROSS THE TOP** it will facilitate prompt and accurate posting of dues payments. Many members are not returning the correct portion which causes delay, and errors in recording your payment. If you will remember to return the **WHOLE RIGHT HAND PORTION OF THE CARD . . . WITH THE RED LETTERING . . .** the new system will work to your advantage. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

## Al Rains Is Elected as District 11 Member of the Executive Board

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Dear Sirs:

We have completed our count of the ballots cast by members in District Eleven of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 and its subdivisions in the election of District Executive Board Member of District Eleven and submit herewith a tabulation of the results of the election. The procedures followed in connection with the mailing, receipt and counting of the ballots were in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Notice of Nomination and Election, dated December 21, 1960, to all members of the local union and its subdivisions, district eleven, from N. J. Carman, Supervisor of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

The results of the election are as follows:

Candidate	Number of votes
Al Rains	108

In our opinion, the foregoing accurately presents the results of the election.

Yours very truly,  
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Edward McQuillan  
Joe Boune

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**THOMAS F. HINDS**  
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**WESLEY E. MORGAN**  
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**L. B. CANNON**  
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**ROY D. COX**  
Campbell, Calif., Feb. 11, 1961

**TOM N. HULL**  
Eureka, Calif., Feb. 23, 1961

**CHAS. MORGAN**  
Crescent City, Cal., Feb. 23, 1961

ing tradesmen generally and hence to our members.

**SAFETY PROGRAM:** You have been reading the reports of our Safety Representatives, Dale Marr and Glen Dobyns. We have been receiving compliments from our members and many of the large contractors in the State of California for putting through this Safety Program. It is very gratifying that this program is being recognized and apparently is bringing good results. We intend to develop and extend this program.

**DURING THE MONTH** of February we signed 52 short-form agreements and 14 regular contracts.