**Safeguard 'Feed' Draws 631**

**Eureka Event Has Big Turnout**

The serious subject of safety was blended with good fellowship and excellent food as a throng of 631 — Operating Engineers, their wives, contractors and others — turned out for a big event in Eureka.

It was the first Crab Feed and Safety Meeting sponsored by the Humboldt-Del Norte Construction Safety Committee for Local Union No. 3, with construction firms serving as co-sponsors.

There were talks by union and management representatives, plus the showing of the safety film, "Knowing Is Not Enough" — all in the interest of advancing labor-employer efforts to cut back accidents and fatalities in highway construction and other projects.

And insurance companies showed their interest through the attendance of representatives from Northern California, Southern California and from as far away as Seattle, Wash.

**PREPARATIONS**
The wives who worked with the Operating Engineers in making arrangements and preparing the food deserved a full measure of credit for the success of the event, which was rounded out by five hours of dancing.

For example,

- More than 2,000 hours (man hours and woman hours) went into the preparation and serving activity.
- The crowd enjoyed 1,000 pounds of crab, 300 pounds of -Continued on Page 5

**Death Claims**

A. F. Mailloux

A. F. (Al) Mailloux, secretary-treasurer and business representative of the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council, died at Sierra Hospital in Sonora on March 8. He was 60.

Brother Mailloux was injured February 23 when a harrow fell on him at a ranch near Sonora.

He was a vice president of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council, a San Francisco Housing Authority commissioner and a former San Francisco Grand Jury member.

A member of the Ironworkers, he had been an officer of the San Francisco Building Trades Council since 1947.

Survivors include his wife, Constance, and two grandchildren. A son, William, an Air Force reserve officer, was killed in a jet plane accident in the Sierra foothills a few years ago.

**Emergency Call**

As co-sponsors, local Operating Engineers and contractors agreed to use the facilities of the Humboldt-Del Norte Construction Safety Committee for a Crab Feed and Safety Meeting.

**Local 3 Representatives At President's Conference**

Al Clem, Dale Marr

In Capital

Some 3000 leaders of labor, management, education and government were invited to participate in the President's Conference on Occupational Safety March 6 to 8 in Washington, D.C.

But Dale Marr, safety representative of Operating Engineers Local 3, and Business Manager Al Clem were among Californians who received invita
tions from President Kennedy.

Clem was in the nation's capital at the time for the eighth annual national legislative conference of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department. He joined Marr to give the union added representation in part of the safety program.

President Paul Edgecombe, Re
cord Secretary William V. Minahan, and District Representative Warren L. Meine also attended the legislative conference.

Each year nearly two million American workers are disabled for a day or more by injuries suffered on the job. In 1960, nearly 1,000 persons were killed. And it appears that work casualties will be as high or higher when the 1961 returns are in.

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**Carman on Farm Labor Commission**

Newell J. Carman, general vice president and regional director of the International Union of Operating Engineers, has been named to the new California State Agricultural Labor Commission.

Carman is one of four mem-
bers appointed by California's Gov. Edmund G. Brown. The Governor and he would ask the four to recommend a fifth mem-
ber to him.

The commission will study farm labor problems and then submit a report to the Governor and the State Legislature in January, 1963. Its creation was authorized by the 1961 L-egislature.

**OTHERS**

Carman's fellow members include Thomas L. Pitts, who holds the top job of secretary-treasurer of the California Labor Federation, AFL-CIO. Carman is a vice president of the federation. Both he and Pitts make their headquarters in San Francisco.

A general vice president of the Engineers since 1961, Carman began his service as the international's regional director in 1961. The region now in
cudes 15 western states.

**POSITION**

He now is secretary-treasurer.
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Employment Up In California

California employment in January was substantially higher than a year ago and unemployment was considerably lower, two State officials announced.

John F. Kennedy, Director of Industrial Relations, stated that the January total was 6,080,000 in January, up 143,000, or 2.4 per cent, from a year earlier.

Employment was reported at the highest January level ever.

On a year-to-year basis, largest gains were made in manufacturing, up 69,000; services, up 22,000; and trade, up 30,000.

In manufacturing, the year-to-year gain has widened each month since employment topped year-earlier levels in September, 1961.

AGRICULTURE

Employment in agriculture and transportation-communication-utilities continued below a year ago.

Between December and January, civilian employment dropped by 134,000, which is less than expected at this time of year. Montly-month declines included 21,000 drop in trade following curtailment of holiday peak activity, a 21,000 drop in construction and a 20,000 contraction in manufacturing.

Within manufacturing, seasonal losses in clothing, lumbering, and apparel, and slight decreases in ship repair and auto bodies were paralleled by a 1,000 gain in electronics and missiles.

Irving H. Perlman, Director of Employment, stated that unemployment in California was 458,500 in January, 67,000 below the year-ago figure of 525,000.

Similarly, the unemployment rate in January, 1961, was 6.2 per cent, was well under the 8.1 per cent rate in January, 1961.

Local 3 At Safety Conference

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Measures on Cuba Praised

The AFL-CIO Executive Council of the Organization of American States in expelling Cuba from its ranks but warned that "sterner measures" are needed to isolate completely that country's Communist regime.

The council called on all OAS members to put in effect as rapidly as possible diplomatic and economic sanctions against the Castro regime and expressed its firm support of U. S. action "in so far as it would be necessary Whichever trade was still being conducted with Cuba."

A SLIDE on Highway 1 near Fort Ross resulted in work for Carey Brothers, who put Bud Lancaster and Tom Rich to work "daylighting" the rigs. They worked side by side, with the ocean precariously near.

Santa Rosa Report

Dam Project Provides Jobs

By RUS SWANSON and LOU BARNES

At this writing, there has been noted only one call for bids in the area in which we are anticipating a good amount of work. This, a portion of the Santa Rosa dam job, was to be opened for bids on March 5. This portion will run in the amount of $400,000. This $1,000,000 dam job has not come up for bid as yet in roads and complete. Other bids for the $1,000,000 are expected shortly.

Argonaut has been doing a little work at Westgate, and various other sewer lines.

Tolling

Perlman noted that seasonal factors account for the rise in unemployment from 610,000 (6.2 percent of the labor force) in December to 640,000 for the period from December through January. In December, layoffs from holiday jobs in retail trade and other industries were the primary reason for this seasonal rise.

As usual for this time of year, unemployment also increased in construction and in many manufacturing activities.

The California civilian labor force totaled this January was 6,514,000 compared with 6,483,000 in January, 1961.

ON THE Guy F. Atkinson job in Ukiah, Operator Pat Furnish and Oiler Bob Schuman stand beside their big crane. Heavy rains have kept the job bogged down in thick mud, as can be seen by the deep tire ricks, don't forget your time books so that you can keep accurate records this coming season.

We have plenty of forms in the office for those of you who have money coming due to over-payment of the disability insurance. If you are not sure about this contact us and we will explain.

Work Prospects Good In S. F.

By JERRY DOWD and GEORGE BAKER

Work in the San Francisco area has held up very well for this time of the year. Up to the last report any work in the area is comparable to what it was last summer. With the clearing of the weather we can see no reason why the work situation in the area cannot continue to be very good.

As has been reported in other issues of the Engineers News, the Federal Building is one of the better jobs in the area. This project, has furnished many hours of good employment for our Engineers, not only through the prime contractor, Rengr, Aja, Knickerbocker, but there are numerous other jobs on the job employing Engineers. To name a few of the jobs: Bethlehem Steel, Henry Robertson, Sheedy Dryage and Devine and Haskell.

SWEISH CANES

Haas and Haynie, with their cooperative apartment project on Sacramento Street, are going to use two Swedish cranes to do their buildings. They are remote control, hammer hand type cranes. At present they have one in operation, with the other to be erected very shortly.

The Pacific Company, which is erecting the Fortanita Apartments at North Point, has one of its cranes in operation, with a second one to be put to work in a week or so. These are the cranes which were used in the construction of the Army Engineers so that it will speed the start of construction.

We would like to remind the brothers at this time not to forget to renew their original sign-up on the "out of work" list. This is to be done at any time between the 7th and 23rd day of the original sign-up. Also, don't forget your time books so that you can keep accurate records this coming season.

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Costock Apartment Building. It seems that contractors are favoring this type of crane.

Charley Harsey's Alameda Freeway job has been inactive since the rains. Harsey's crew on the Bay Bridge is working steadily, and some of the cranes are making very good money on the night work. Would like to see more jobs like this in the area.

$100 MILLION

On information received in this office, San Francisco construction passed the $100 million mark in value of authorized projects for the third year in a row.

Among the largest projects authorized during 1961 were

120th California Street, $4,250,000; the Royal Towers, $4,011,000; the 8th Street, $3,7 million, and the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union-Pacific Maritime Association project and the Western Addition, $3.1 million.

Other major projects were the Woodrow Wilson High School, $4.3 million, and the Bay View Federal Savings and Loan Assn. office building, $6 million. Neary $300 million worth of construction was authorized, or under way at the end of last year.

You can tell from the above report that a lot of money is being spent on commercial construction in the area. If we had just half of this money being spent on dirt work, we wouldn't need an out-of-work list.
**Field Survey Notes**

**New Instrument Is Explained**

*BY ART PENNEBAKER AND HOWARD WYNN*

Another electronic survey instrument has come to our attention. It is called an electrotape.

How it works—An Electrotape system consists of two tripod-mounted instruments placed at opposite ends of a line to be measured. The system operates on an interrogator-responder electronic principle. Instruments are identical and can either be used as interrogator or responder. Thus, measurements can be made from each end of the baseline to provide an immediate check of the distance obtained.

In simplest terms, Electrotape operation is as follows: It takes for a radio wave to travel from one unit to the other and back again. Since the speed that radio waves travel is known, it is easy to calculate the distance. Ultra-precise phase measuring equipment is used to make the actual determining of distance.

**PUSH BUTTON**

This instrument weighs from 25 to 35 pounds and is powered by a twelve-volt battery. It requires two men to operate it; one as interrogator and one as responder.

So far these instruments will only measure distance, but the company that produces them claims to be developing an electronic instrument to turn verticals and vintages.

Push-button engineering is upon us!

During the last month your correspondent, with the Nevada State Labor Commission, and assurance that the Oker-Jepson engineers will be advertised as the prevailing rate of wages for Technical Engineers in bid proposals put out by the State of Nevada.

**CONTRACT LET**

As an experiment, the State of Nevada has let a complete Engineering-Design contract to a private Engineering firm. If this works, plans are being made to use private engineers to design major highways.

Applications are coming in at a rapid rate for the Apprenticeship program. It is anticipated that 30 copy time on training for applications will be set for the month of June.

If you are presently a Chief of Party, and want to be certified or if you are presently working at any classification in a survey party, send your application in immediately so that the Joint Apprenticeship Committee can begin processing it.

**Pensions**

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**Weather Hits Vallejo, Freejob Way Starts**

*By AARON SMITH*

The much needed rain has brought work in the Vallejo area to a standstill, according to Gordon Ball, McGuire and Hestor, and Wunderlich Company representatives.

The Frederick-Watson Freejob way at Vacaville and Alcosta to Dixon, four miles, is the Freeway seven miles between Vacaville and Dixon, construction work on and Dwight Company. Frederickson and Watson will do the structural work themselves. Pre-job conference was held February 12.

**MORE WORK**

Kaiser Steel has been awarded another contract, and is planning to call back part of the Engineers previously laid off due to a lack of work. There will start three shifts in the very near future.

Several miscellaneous jobs have been let in the past few weeks, which are as follows:

1. Vacaville High School at the Yountville Veterans Home—contractor is Napa Electric Company at a cost of $38,700.
2. Engineers Shelter at Travis Air Force Base—contractor is Underground Construction Company of Oakland, at a cost of $94,443.
3. The weed abatement program for the City of Napa—contractor Allen G. McDonald of Sather at a cost of $4,954.
4. Modification of Building 420 at Travis Air Force Base from an officers' open mess to a cocktail lounge with counters Kruhl and Kruhl of Vallejo and Archd. S. Smith of Vallejo, at a cost of $36,000.
5. COURT JOB

Resurfacing several tennis courts and three basketball courts in Vallejo. Contractor is Malloy & Peterson Grundy of San Francisco at a cost of $5,033.

Sewer construction at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo; contractor is Robert M. Oakley at a cost of $3,284.

Construction of a Reflection Tower at Travis Air Force Base. Contractor is Richardson and Van Riel of Petaluma, at a cost of $8,577.

Construction of a Sports Arena at the Solano County Fair Grounds in Vallejo. The contractor is Built Right Construction Company of Martinez, at a cost of $289,798.

**State COPE to Convene April 11**

The official call to the pre-primary convention of the California Labor Council for Political Education has been sent out to all affiliated AFL-CIO organizations in the state, coupled with a warning by Secretary-Treasurer Thomas L. Pitts that organized labor's stakes in the outcome of the 1962 elections command "full mobilization of labor's political resources."

The one-day session will convene in San Francisco, Wednesday, April 11, 1962, at the Towne House to endorse candidates for Governor and other state constitutional offices, the United States House of Representatives and State Legislature in the June 5 statewide primary election.

Included, in addition to the statewide offices, are 38 Congressional seats, 90 State Assembly districts, and 20 of the 40 seats in the State Senate.

*ENGINEERS NEWS*

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AT THE LAST District meeting in Redding, local officers and newly-elected grievance committee members discussed district problems. Local officers are Manager Al Clem, President Paul Edgecombe, Recording Secretary W. V. Minahan, and Financial Secretary A. J. Hope. Grievance committee members are Wayne Coleman, Dale Bryant and Don Hart.

Redding Report:

Mountain Highway Project

BY J. B. JENNINGS and S. N. McROBIE

Highway 108, running between Weaverville and Etna, will open up the wilderness areas. This road will start at Weaverville and skirt the eastern slope of the Trinity Alps. The road will pass near Trinity Center, Coffee Creek and Carville. Two miles of this road will be mountainsides that have 70 per cent slopes.

When this road is completed the traveler will be able to leave Highway 89 at Redding, swing west on Highway 289, and be able to take Highway 108 at Weaverville, travel north to Etna in Siskiyou County and northeast until he finds Highway 89 again at Yreka.

At present, Highway 108 is a mixture of paved two-lane expressway and crooked, narrow, rough mountain road. But crews are pushing south from Calistoga in Siskiyou county and north from Carville in Trinity county. The material can travel the full 125-mile length of Highway 108 already. But the traveler must be prepared for rough going on the 25-mile unfinished section.

FREEWAY

Freeway plans call for ramps from Shasta and Tehama Streets to an on-ramp and off-ramp at the intersection of Highway 108. Eastbound traffic coming into Redding would exit at a ramp at the intersection of Tehama and Liberty Streets. This means that Shasta and Tehama Streets will be included in a one-way street pattern leading to and from a bridge planned across the Sacramento River.

BRIDGE

Osborn Construction Company of Redding received the contract to build a concrete bridge over the Railroad Avenue. Osborn's bid was $33,903, the lowest of 10 submitted. The bridge will eventually join east and west sections of Locust Streets near the Village Plaza shopping center.

Some compromising over the McClain Pit hydroelectric project appears to be developing between Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the State fish and game department. The $52 million project was set back from its approved starting date in June when the fish and game department protested to the Federal Power Commission that the hatchery question had not been resolved.

The State and the company are divided over which should build, operate and maintain a fish hatchery at Fishers Ferry on the Pit River. The hatchery would take care of displaced Kokanee salmon, and the PG&E holds a system of dam, power houses and tunnels to block water in the two rivers upstream from Shasta Lake.

Construction work of the Pit River bridge at Big Bend is expected to start as soon as weather permits. This job is part of the county's long-range highway capital investment bridge program.

BRIDGE JOB

Ray Kizer Construction Company was awarded the Pit River Bridge-Canby Meadow County Job. Kizer's bid was $325,822.00, a six-month job. This job is bridge and road clearing, pipe and grading. Approximately 20 Engineers Will be employed on this particular job.

Killer minerals flushed out of the mountains by pounding rains have now altered the banks of the Sacramento River with sand, gravel and silt. The Williamson River once more has the Spring Creek. As it drains heavy rains off the hills the water joins the Sacramento River north of Kawcak Dam, and it kills fish.

The 322 million Spring Creek Dam, to be built by 1960, will control entry of the troublesome minerals into the river. Until then fish will continue to die.

Winter rains bring work in the Redding District to a standstill. A few new jobs about to break are waiting for the weather to clear.

The total number of men dispatched during the month of February throughout our territorial jurisdiction was 10,631. It goes without saying that the cost-of-labor list is heavy due to the weather. We know that everybody is looking forward to a busy season.

With other officers of the union I attended the regular quarterly membership meetings in Oakland, Stockton, San Jose and Sacramento. At which Grievance Committee meetings were held. The Grievance Committee members are obtained to the membership of the Wells Cargo Company. It was accepted by an overwhelming majority. Present when the acceptance was voted were President Paul Edgecombe and Representatives Spencer and Eck.

A Safety Conference was held in San Francisco at the Fairmont Hotel on February 15. Dave Early, Safety Representative for Local 3, myself, and other representatives of Local 3 were in attendance. This conference was very interesting and informative. We can be proud of the safety program being conducted in our Local.

During the past month Paul Edgecombe, H. T. Petersen, A. J. Hope, John Kinchlo, Pete Miller, Bill Rogers, Tom Byard, Robert Romiti, and Don Kincloch, in Sacramento; Tom Eaton, John R. Moore, Glenn A. Moore, Bill Woodyard, and E. M. Nelson. I personally know all of these Grievance Committee members and I am sure they will perform their duties in a conscientious and upright manner.

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The number of contracts signed in the past month was 60.
Big Safety ‘Feed’ at Eureka

This is part of the throng which turned out for the highly-successful Crab Feed and Safety meeting at Eureka.

Engineer Carl Walden was salad-mixer.

MRS. KEN ROBINSON signs in with (from left) Mrs. George Bonville, Mrs. George Meacham and Mrs. Howard Nelson. Wives got a lot of credit for the success of the event.

Dale Marr Speaks

Speakers

The evening's speakers in Eureka's Shrine Park were John O'Brien, director of safety and labor relations representative for Bechtel Corp., San Francisco; Joe Roberts, labor liaison representative of the State Division of Industrial Safety; Al Clem, business manager of Operating Engineers Local 3; and Dale Marr, the union's safety representative.

The general committee was headed by Dan S. Mathes as chairman and included Howard Nelson and Ray Cooper.


They helped

Here are some of those whose time and effort contributed to the success of the event:

MRS. JOE (PAT) BIASCA, MRS. JOE (HAZEL) SWANER, JOE BIASCA, EARL HORN, BEN BINZONILL, JIM MONTEBETTI, MRS. GEORGE (MARIE) BONVILLE, MRS. HOWARD (ROSE) NELSON, MRS. GEORGE (LOIS) MEACHAM, MRS. OTTO (LUCELLA) SHERASK, MRS. NEWELL (KATHRYN) WATERS, MRS. CARLTON (EDIT) ROBERTSON, MRS. BILL (TEEN) TOMBERLIN, MRS. PAUL (VIRGINIA) MATHews, MRS. ARI (SUE) DORRIS, MRS. JOHN (ELISI) STERET, MRS. FRED (ALBERTA) CARD, MRS. WAY (MARI) HORN, MRS. RAY (EVELYN) COOPER, MRS. GAIL (FAY) WARREN, MRS. WARREN (WANDA) LANE, MRS. ALDO GUINTOLI, MRS. ALFRED (SUE) DORRIS, MRS. JOHN (GAIL) DORRIS, MRS. BILL (TEEN) TOMBERLIN, MRS. BILL (TEEN) TOMBERLIN.
Oakland Report

GM Makes Big Change in Plans

By DON KINCHLOE, L. L. "TINY" LAUX, NORRIS CASEY AND FRANK WALKER

The out of work list is quite long as the rain has put a stop to much of the work in this area. Once the rains are over we look forward to a good year for the brothers.

Southern Alameda County, like all others has received its share of rain in the past couple of weeks. At this writing just about all outside construction is shut down. About the only people that are happy about it are the farmers.

About the biggest news here now is that General Motors has changed its mind on the Fremont plant, and has stopped work on most of the construction at this time.

CHANGED

Originally this was planned — and the construction started early last fall — to be a Chevrolet assembly plant and a Fisher Body plant. It has all been changed now. There are no plans out as yet, but it is official that neither Chevrolet nor Fisher will be here. It will be an assembly plant for Buick, Pontiac, Oldsmobile and G.M. trucks. It was originally planned as two separate plants on the same 392 acres of land.

Now the building that is under construction, and was to be the Fisher Body plant, will be widened 120 feet and extended some 1,000 feet to make the complete plant under one roof plus office buildings. Of course, this causes many changes. It is our understanding that almost all the work that has been done up to now will have to be done over — even to the wiring of the new railroad spur. This will make much more work for the drilling companies, as there will be approximately another 1,000 feet to be dug. P&G Drilling Co. just completed 500 feet of the plan.

REPOSING

Many of the Danville boys will have to be taken out and reposed as they are now too light for the new work. All in all, it will be a big change, but it will also make a lot more work for our brothers.

Originally planned as a $35 million job plant equipment, and is now estimated as approximately $25 million plus equipment.

Activity has started on the San Mateo Bridge. Yuha has moved in one truck crane and one drisco barge at this time. Nothing has started as yet. By the next writing we should have a good report on this.

All the dirt jobs are down at this time. It has raised land and hard and will have to do a lot of drying before most of it can go. Olive Drives boys at the Alameda State College will go as soon as it stops raining — as the drainage is good up there.

The Rock, Sand and Gravel Industry is slow. Most of the fellows are getting some time in, but very few are making full wages. They did have a good year last year and from all indications this year will be better.

Petersen Tractor has been going exceptionally good this year. Last year at this time they had 1000 Carleton in under 3.500, but this year they have hired a few extra men. Which is a good indication for the equipment business.

REFINERY EXPANSION

The Bechtel Corp. has the Tidewater Oil job at Avon under way and at this time they are setting the vials in place with the new 6000 Manhattan. We now have 14 brothers on this job. They are C. H. Wilkins, F. Cabral, T. T. Perkins, K. W. Stinson, J. W. Bankhead, E. Phelps, J. B. Piper, C. H. Johnston, R. J. Prater, W. A. Rogers, L. W. Lyman, W. H. Spencer, and T. Martin. At the end of this job they expect to have 17 Operating Engineers on the payroll.

Yuba Constructors are nearing the completion of the steel erection of the Martinez-Benicia Bridge. Consolidated Western Steel on the pipeline along with Young and Anderson have showed to a walk, as of this writing, because of the rains.

American Pipe is also at a standstill because of the rains.

Some of the brothers have inquired about the freeway from Danville to Walnut Creek. The information is that a budget of $20,000,000 has been set aside for this project and it is the largest highway budget in the Bay area. The Broadway tunnel job is

Oakland

Ray Halmick has been a donor.

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Yuba Constructors are nearing the completion of the steel erection of the Martinez-Benicia Bridge. Consolidated Western Steel on the pipeline along with Young and Anderson have showed to a walk, as of this writing, because of the rains.

American Pipe is also at a standstill because of the rains.

Some of the brothers have inquired about the freeway from Danville to Walnut Creek. The information is that a budget of $20,000,000 has been set aside for this project and it is the largest highway budget in the Bay area. The Broadway tunnel job is
H. White; Gordon

Paul Edgecombe

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equipment for various construc-
tions on all types of construction
work. He was an Operating En-
geineer for the City and County of
San Francisco for 12 years.
He is married and has a son and
daughter.
As a business representative.
Brother Edgecombe worked out
of the San Francisco office from
1933 until 1935, when he was
transferred to the Sacramento
Office as District Representative.
During the period of super-
vision, he was appointed to the
Executive Board, and in Febra-
ury 1938 he became treasurer. 
In March, 1938, he was chosen
to serve as president. In Novem-
ber of 1940, the membership, by
majority vote, elected him our
president.
The office of President in-
cludes a multitude of duties and
responsibilities as indicated by the
following excerpt from the Con-
tinued on Page 7.
Team Effort—And A Strong Union

What makes a trade union strong and keeps it that way? The most important factor is teamwork.

Webster defines this as "work done by a number of associates, all subordinating personal prominence to the efficiency of the whole."

The definition emphasizes the essential feature of good unionism as practiced by Local 3.

A TRADE UNION is defined as "a voluntary association of wage earners organized to further or maintain their rights and interests through collective bargaining with the employer, especially for improving wages, hours and conditions of employment."

But officers and members of a healthy and efficient union must work as a team. The engineer who exercises his democratic right to cast a secret ballot, electing those who will carry out the policies and objectives of his organization, is an "organization man" in the best sense of the term.

He's an informed member of the team, a supporter of a continuing effort to build and improve.

The LEADERS he's selected are working for "the efficiency of the whole," their day-to-day endeavors charted within the framework of the union's constitution and by-laws, themselves a product of teamwork.

And this involves the rights of the individual — of each of us — a recognition whose strength is a matter of pride, in whose future there's no room for complacency.

The potential is great.

Your attendance at union meetings, with group discussion of problems, your talk on the job, your personal contact with your officers and representatives — all are part of the team effort.

Warren Doesn't Share Nixon View

Chief Justice Earl Warren doesn't share Richard Nixon's opinion that California is in "a mess."

Warren, who was Governor from 1951 until his appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1953, had this to say to The Sacramento Bee when he came home from Washington for the holidays:

"Every part of the state I've seen looks to be in wonderfully good shape."

It MAKES me feel good to see the way the State of California is moving forward, not only in private industry but in government. It is fine to see what good the state government is doing for the welfare of the people.

"I'm pleased to see the state so conservation-minded with the idea of preserving resources for the generations to follow."

"IT IS A THRILL to see what is happening statewide in the education field. The Sacramento State College is developing into a fine institution."

"Progress is being made at the University of California campuses in Davis and other UC campuses, and plans are being made for three or four new colleges and two more UC campuses."

"This is great confidence in the future of this state."

Senator Watches Costs

By SHIRLEY MAROULIS

Maurine Neuberger hasn't the slightest reluctance to wear 70-cent nylon hose on the floor of the U.S. Senate. And that gleam in her eye comes from no costly TV-advertised shampoo. The tall Idaho Senator from Oregon, who is certainly one of the most attractive legislators this country ever had, uses inexpensive tinctures of green soap, as well as unperformed theatrical cleansing cream that costs 40 cents a bottle. And when she gets back to her house in the evening, she makes her own corn-muffin mix. She knows from her own and other women's experiences how consumers often are overcharged, and she minces no words in telling about it.

In fact, recently Senator Neuberger candidly told New York Times reporter Charlotte Curtis that "advertising contributes to the cost of products" and that she herself is "so conscious of this that I deliberately try to buy things that are not highly advertised." To its credit, the Times printed this extremely biting comment, and also what must be some of the frankest statements on other selling practices ever uttered by a United States Senator.

For example, Senator Neuberger says: "The hardest thing to buy without being gingered is toothpaste. I don't like the salt-and-soda combination so I have to settle for something else. But I think toothpaste prices are ridiculous. No matter what the ads say, my dentist tells me you have to brush after every meal."

Two situations that Senator Neuberger is especially determined to help correct are the high prices of drugs, and deceptive credit fees. She recently told a public meeting in New York sponsored by Mid-Eastern Cooperatives that in a drug store one day she waited while a poorly-dressed woman in front of her had a prescription filled. "That will be seven dollars," the druggist said. The woman gave him a five dollar bill, and then silently fished in her handbag for her remaining nickels, dimes and quarters to make up the rest of the price.

"We never uttered a word of complaint or protest," Senator Neuberger recalls. "She just gave the man all the money she had to get that prescription."

The new oral drugs used by diabetes sufferers are a revealing example of the high charges for vital medicines. Senator Neuberger told the Consumer co-op representatives, Diabetics who can substitute the oral drug for insulin injections pay a list price of .14 cents a tablet, for which the druggist himself pays eight cents. But the cost of production, including tabletting, bottling and packaging, is only seventeenth of one cent. At three tablets a day, the typical patient may have to pay $150 a year for dosage which is actually manufactured at a total production cost of about $14.

The other immediate consumer legislation, which Senator Estes Kefauver has recommended that co-op, union and credit-union members support, is the Douglas "truth-in-lending" bill.

"Recently a girl on my staff wanted to buy a used car," the Senator reported. "She began to discuss the terms with the salesmen. Since she was working in my office where we often discuss consumer problems, she offered to pay cash if this would lower the price. The girl made real hard sales pitch about easy credit, simple weekly or monthly payments, how they would carry the insurance, etc., until it became evident that they didn't want cash — the real profit on this transaction would come from the carrying charges which figured at about 35 per cent.

Knowledge of what credit really costs could save untold hardships, Senator Neuberger believes. "When a man goes to buy an appliance, if the clerk says 'Cash or credit,' the customer simply replies, 'Cash, I can't afford credit.'"

A typical incident brought out by Senate hearings on credit practices concerned a Government employee who was moving and needed three small pieces of furniture which cost $56. But because of his moving expenses, he was strapped for cash. The salesman said: "Let's help you out. You pay $20 today and the other $36 next payday."

The salesman added, "There will be a small carrying charge."

The small carrying charge proved to be $11, and actually amounted to a true annual rate of 160 per cent.

Senator Neuberger feels that the single most important agency protecting consumers in the Food and Drug Administration is, but she says with characteristic candor, "The FDA's program is inadequate and it is unable to take action in many areas where it feels action is warranted, because its budget is too small, the laws under which it operates need clarification, and it can't hire enough enforcers."

Among recent protective actions taken by the FDA, Senator Neuberger cited a case of ocean water sold at $3.75 a gallon as a cure for arthritis and other illnesses and as a general pop-up tonic: orange "juice" which contained up to 50 per cent water and sugar, and many instances of short weights.
May
San Francisco — May 2, Thursday, Engineers Club, 229 Stockton.
Eureka — May 8, Wednesday, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez.
Watsonville — May 19, Thursday, Veteran’s Memorial Blvd., 293 Third Street.

June
San Francisco — June 2, Thursday, Engineers Club, 229 Stockton.
Salt Lake City — June 15, Friday, Teamster’s Hall, 443 S., 6th East.
Oakland — June 8, Thursday, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez.

July
San Francisco — July 1, Wednesday, San Francisco Labor Temple, 16th and Capp Streets.
Eureka — July 17, Tuesday, 2600 Broadway.
Redding — July 18, Wednesday, Retail Clerks Bldg., 900 Locust St.

August
San Francisco — Aug. 1, Wednesday, Engineers Club, 229 Stockton.
San Jose — Aug. 6, Monday, Labor Temple, 45 Santa Theresa.
Oakland — Aug. 9, Thursday, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez.

September
San Francisco — Sept. 4, Tuesday, 3120 East Olive St.

October
San Francisco — Oct. 3, Wednesday, San Francisco Labor Temple, 16th and Capp Streets.
Eureka — Oct. 9, Tuesday, 2000 Broadway.
Redding — Oct. 10, Wednesday, Retail Clerks Bldg., 900 Locust St.

November
Stockton — Nov. 1, Thursday, Engineers Club, 229 Stockton.
Oakland — Nov. 3, Thursday, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez.
San Francisco — Nov. 13, Tuesday, Engineers Club, 229 Stockton.

Swap Shop: Free want ads for Operating Engineers

Swap Shop: Registered 3-month old Shetland pony. 17 hands, well broken. Some training. Complete papers. $100.

Swap Shop: Registered 2-month old American Quarter Horse. $150.

Swap Shop: Registered 3-month old Arabian. $200.

Swap Shop: Registered 2-month old Morgan. $250.

Swap Shop: Registered 3-month old Palomino. $300.

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Pipe Job

ALL KINDS of rigs were in use on the Downer Avenue pipe job in the San Jose area, where Earl W. Heple, Inc., had a contract for 900 feet of 30-inch pipe. A basket rigged on a crane (above) carried a worker up to the pipe that was suspended some 15 feet in the area across a creek bed. At another time, workers climbed into a bucket to work on the pipe. Brother Tony Oliver is the foreman, Brother Harold Ficke operates the Northwest crane, and Brother Rudy Rivas is off duty. Brother Michael Albanese is the welder and Brother Robert Conn operates the loader.

Union Member In Congressional Race

William J. Keller, union member, newspaper editor and member of the San Mateo County Democratic Central Committee, has been endorsed as the official Democratic candidate for Congress in 1962.

Keller, who branded the Republican incumbent as "inapt, ineffectual and indefatigable," said the people of San Mateo County "too long have suffered from a hoarse whisper in the roar of Congress. "We now desperately need a firm voice of leadership," he said.

The 39-year-old editor charged that the incumbent has acted "consistently contrary to the will and best interest of the people, often in contrast to the moderates in his own party, and remarkably in agreement with the renegade extremists."

Thus the challenge was issued for what could be the most heated campaign in San Mateo County.

Keller, a World War II veteran, pledged "an unending fight against those who would destroy us. Contrary to the expressed opinions of the extremists," he said, "I believe in my fellow Americans — I believe they are loyal and love their country."

Keller brings to the campaign a wide background in newspaper reporting, editing and management, in government service, in teaching and trade unionism.

He first came to San Mateo County in 1947 after service in the infantry and field artillery, from which he was discharged as a sergeant.

UNIVERSITY

He graduated from the University of California in 1950 and was immediately employed by the Hayward Daily Review. In 1955, he was hired by the United States Information Agency and, after a training program in Washington, D.C., was sent with his family to Baghdad, Iraq. As Assistant Information Officer there he worked closely in formation of the Baghdad Post, an alliance of nations against Soviet aggression, and he traveled extensively throughout the Middle East.

TRAVEL

In 1956, Keller and his family traveled through Southern Europe before he accepted a position with the Rome, Italy, Daily American.

He joined the San Francisco Chronicle in 1957 and within a year had won a coveted State Bar of California award for outstanding achievement. He was Assistant City Editor at The Chronicle.

Keller has written for numerous national publications and is a lecturer in journalism at the University of California.

With their children, Lisa Kay, 10; Krista Leigh, 8; and Michele Ann, 2, they reside at 1635 Parrot Drive in Hillsborough.

Labor Dept. Cites Work Hours Cut

The spendable earnings and buying power of factory production workers in January were down almost 2 per cent from the month before, but were still 11 per cent above a year earlier, and $76.38 for the worker with no dependents, and $76.58 for the worker with one dependent. These figures were approximately a dollar and a half lower than in December. The decline was primarily caused by the reduction in the work week (shorter by seven-tenths of an hour). Only a small part of this drop resulted from the increase in the unemployment or secu­rity benefit allowance from 3 to 5 per cent, effective in January 1962.

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Injured Member Says 'Thank You'

This is a thank you note. It comes through the San Jose office at the request of Harold Dodd.

Dodd, a man with a family, was severely injured when the crane he was operating went off a bridge.

There wasn't much money. And Christmas was coming. The San Jose office had a milk bottle on the counter. The engineers gave liberally — so the kids could have a merry Christmas.

The money was given to Dodd, who says thanks to the brothers for what they did for his family.

San Jose Report

Rains Hit, Jobs Shut Down

BY A. J. HOPE, Wh. HARLEY DAVIDSON and G. L. MOORE

The rains have shut down almost all of the jobs in the San Jose area. Our "roll-of-the-list" has doubled, but as soon as the weather permits these new additions will return to their jobs.

O. R. Anderson Company has been kept busy this winter and has plenty of work lined up for 1962. They recently purchased a new MESS Lorraine 20 Ton Truck Crane. Brother Gordon Melton is operating this new piece of equipment with Brother John Keller, his brother.

Bob Raynor operates the - loader.

This firm was the low bidder on a $175,000 contract for the Santa Clara University for a student center and commons.

They have made good progress on their four story Education Building at the San Jose State College. They expect completion of the $3,000,000 job at Fremont High School in about three months.

Earl W. Hope, Inc., has jobs under way on Davis Avenue, Piedmont Road, Brannan Village and Branham Lane. Brother John Kapal assuming is operating the Cleveland trolleyer on the underground job on Branham Lane with Brother Robert Harris oli

ing. During 1961, Heple, Inc., was responsible for the laying of over 500,000 feet of pipe in Santa Clara County. Brother Harold Binkley is the superintendent for Earl W. Heple, Inc., with Edgar O. Wilson, assistant super.

E. A. Hathaway have completed three stories of the garage they are building for the San Jose State College and have one floor to go. Brother Herschel Myers is the Operator on this job, with Brother Dave McClelland doing the filing. This firm is also building a new building at Stanford.

A construction combine from San Francisco was named low bidder for the huge San Jose Clara sewage treatment, the award went to Fred J. Early and the San Francisco Dredging Corporation.

A. J. Raisch Company are re-

Genth Hot Plants and Crusher Plants.

Due to the heavy rains, work has come to a complete standstill in the San Jose area, especially in the southern end of the city. Only Kaiser, P.C.A. and Olympic Sand Plants are still running.

Construction have all their equipment in the shops being repaired.

In the Monterey area, most of the jobs are not hampered by rains due to the sandy soil. Alcon & Pardini have put on the Army Air Field at Fort Ord.

Labor Dept.

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**SAFETY MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 28, is the date, 8:30 a.m. and the Engineers' Hall, 1100 Washington Street, Marysville, in the place.**

All members of Operating Engineering: This notice is not sent to every where employed, and their wives and any of your friends or school crafts are invited to attend a safety meeting. There will be a good program and a new safety film.

That a few days of sunshine will start this one up at full blast. Baldwin Contracting Co., info, that they are only waiting for some dry weather to start up that company's job at Wiche's Corner and at Karube Grouse into the big bridge and Harvard Bros. et al. This should put a few of the brothers back to work.

Prater and Davis is very busy driving away on the diversion tunnel for the project at Groves Dam after having to overcome a serious high water problem, Mur¬

Most of the outside work on the Wynndotte project being done by the Oswvale Project Con¬

The highway should be open to traffic about April 12 for the construc¬

**Fresno Report**

It's a Muddy Situation

By JOSEPH MILLER and B. F. HEILLING

During the past month the work in Fresno has almost come to a standstill. Heavy and con¬
tinuous rains have made lakes out of puddles and excavation work is slow.

Most of the building and con¬

SITE READY

At the Sun Milk Raisin Plant near Selma the site preparation and most of the water and sewer lines are in.

**On YOUR Job...**

Where you work, you are doing work to be done and several Op¬

EDWARD R. BACHMANN COMPANY

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT

Faulk at 17th Street, San Francisco 10, California

When you need equipment, supplies, parts and service on YOUR JOB... get it from
Medical Care Bill Defended

San Francisco Congressman John P. Shelley has charged opponents of hospital care for the aged with using "scare labels" to fight the administration's proposals.

"The administration bill is a far cry from the scare label 'socialized medicine,'" the congressman declared, "and provides complete freedom for the patient in selecting both the hospital and the physician of his choice."

Shelley said his support for the measure is based on the fact that the expense of medical care has "jumped a giant 49 per cent over the 1947 figures" and hospital room charges have increased 105 per cent in the same period.

"These higher costs must be faced particularly and most frequently by our elderly citizens," Shelley declared, "those whose incomes are lowest and those who because of their very age require more and longer medical care and hospitalization."

Hospital care, he said, is the "senior citizen's most haunting problem," since "millions of our older citizens have medical bills twice those of persons under 65, when their annual income is less than half as much."

Corporate Profits Zoom

Zooming corporate profits in the construction industry to join the administration's "overly timid" economic policies in order to achieve full recovery from the 1960-61 recession and avert a new depression.

Governor's Conference in S.F.

By DALE MARR

The Twelfth Annual Governor's Safety Conference was held February 8 and 9 at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco, with more than 1600 people representing all areas of labor and management in California.

Most in attendance felt that this was the best conference ever held to date.

We were pleased to see labor take a very important part in the program. It is safe to say that labor was represented more than we have been in the past.

The overall spirit of the conference was one of cooperation between labor and management.

Of particular interest to the Operating Engineers was Governor Pat Brown's charge to the construction industry to join hands in an all out drive to cut down our accident frequency rate. Governor Brown pointed out that again this past year the construction industry led all employment in accident frequency.

AFL-CIO Council Has Economic Policy Study

The Federation's Executive Council took a close look at the nation's economic health in mid-February, found it "alarming," and declared "we must reexamine and correct many policies that we would not have known about if it were not for your calls."

We are expecting to have the public hearings on the turned safety order revision sometime in March or April. We will get the word out on the date as soon as it is announced.

A Long Safety Record Is Broken

A record of almost four years without a lost time accident was spoiled on February 8 at the Kaiser Steel and Grain plant in Oroville. On that date Brother Rosenda (Shorty) Berennan had his arm badly cut and broken in two places.

In the June issue of last year we ran a picture of the crew of the plant receiving a plaque for the outstanding safety record of the entire far North Division, of not having a lost time accident for three years.

Brother Berennan and the superintendent, according to reports, were making a routine inspection of a small conveyer belt when the conveyor, the supports apparently having been weakened by the recent rainfall, gave way causing it to collapse.

Berennan received the injuries mentioned above. However, the superintendent Marvin Larson escaped with painful bruises and scratches.

Larson who but recently took charge of the plant after the death of Stanley Ford, who served as its superintendent for years, expressed himself as very disappointed that this accident occurred, especially in light of the former safety record and that a very serious effort was being made to rebuild the plant and to eliminate unsafe conditions.

He also expressed himself as very appreciative of the cooperation of the officers of Local 3 and the safety Engineer and representatives of Local 3 and the membership employed at the plant.

"All," he said, "have cooperated and worked together and it is unfortunate that this accident should have occurred to spoil a perfect record, especially under the circumstances that the Company, as well as all others mentioned, were making a strenuous effort to rebuild the plant and to eliminate any hazardous conditions."

A SAFETY BELT may have saved the life of Brother Bob Shields, who was operator of this L.W. 35-yard scraper when such equipment and has encouraged their use.

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San Mateo Report
Apprentice Class Now Underway

By BILL BANEY and DAN MATTESON

After 60 years of speculating, 20 years of indecision, and too many years of hard work by the officers and members of Local 3, an official Apprenticeship Program was brought off the shelf at Coyote Point Campus of the College of San Mateo on February 15.

At this writing, the class Chet Green, has made three rounds under the able guidance of Brother Joe Brown, Brother Brown's ability at a journeyman is well known in the San Mateo area. He has followed the game for more years than most apprentices and is ready for HD Reapirman Foreman and Master Mechanic, and is presently working as HD Repairman foreman for Piemonte Construction. Brother Harmon, Eckes and Frun are watching the program and are said to act as alternate instructors. Space does not permit to list all of the hundreds of meetings by the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and the school as well as with State and Federal Agencies, with various school districts, the Employers Group, and Mechanics, and the like.

REGISTRATION

This historic occasion was heralded by the registration of the first group of applicants for indenture to the program. Warren Amrine, Wendell Burda, Bever Cook, Len Caturell, Howard Culver, John Edmonson, Lowell Johnson, Stanley Milam, Jim Pifer, Chuck Schindler, Jim Whitall, Dale Armstrong, Jim Bryan, John Carmack, Billy Coates.


Mark these names well, brothers. In years to come most of them will no doubt be master mechanics, foremen, superintendent and superintendents of other companies. It will be an easy road, however, they will be required to take two mornings a week for two or three weeks of each month of classroom instruction and a minimum of 6,000 hours of on-the-job training. This, 6,000 hours of training is broken down into specific minimums for each track that a journeyman must know. Each apprentice must master each section before graduation.

Every brother in Local 3 is urged to help these apprentices in every possible way they can. Help them to get the value out of them and give them what he has acquired through his years of work at our trade.

Youth Committee of the JAC, composed of two management and two union representatives is running the apprentices constantly.

CHANNELS

Your representatives have had a pre-job conference with the officials of the Pacific Bonding Co. It is presently digging channels preparing for the big job of bringing in about 21,000,000 cubic yards of sand to start with. This project should have a total of 60,000 feet of engineering work before summer.

Negotiations are nearly complete with Stanford University and the Personnel Placement Agency for commencement of Project. Another River Tower is being started to be part of the San Francisco Airport system. There are changes in the work of the 900 men on the river dryer project that the contract calls for.

A 60-acre industrial project is now ready to be let out for the first time, will be run by northwest of Coyote Point. This job will be managed bya man who is being run by a new company, not the old one, but that west by northwest of Coyote Point. This job will be run by Northwest Airlines.

La Grange Construction Company, better known as Johnny (the Wrench) Rebario, has moved most of his equipment down from Lake Tahoe to his old home in the Sierra Nevada. He is running his equipment, and he can be seen down at Mammoth Mountain in Renon. Johnny has quite a bit of work to do while he is there.

The extension of the Nugget in Sparks is shaping up. Some of the workers who are on the job there are home on the mountain. It will be a real nice place when it is finished and will seat 800 people.

The Sierra Engineering Inc., agreement was finally signed on February 9, after a long draw-out negotiation.
Sacramento Report

Work Pickup With Spring

By E. M. NELSON, EDG. W. HEARN, BILL KETTLE, C. W. COCKAYNE, and AL DALTON

In the Sacramento area, it has been the worst month we have had since February. The work is at a standstill but it looks like we will have a good year when spring gets here. Contractors are sitting around.

Brighton Sand and Gravel has been moving dirt in the plant area, it last time only when it rained the hardest.

Teichert’s plant at Perkins is in operation after being down for extensive repairs. The portrait plant, popularly known as the “Green Hornet,” is in the Manlove pit at Perkins but has been shut down for a while due to water rising in the pit.

Arden Ready Mix has been crushing rock all winter and will be going straight on without stopping.

The shop crew at Granite Construction on Power Inn Road has been hard at it getting the equipment back in shape for the next work season.

SNOW PROBLEM

Snow has virtually stopped all work on Highway 49 and the Lake Tahoe Area, Briggs-Cedery-Dennis are moving the equipment into Nevada but will have it back on the Donner Summit for an early start.

R. J. Miles has renovated its plant on the Bear River to comply with the state safety requirements.

Also on the Bear River at Colfax Sierra Mill Co. keeps three bridges busy producing quarts rock for processing at the Colfax mill, where we have five Engineers at the controls, Joe Cheveraux has eight brothers busy at the plant on the Bear River and in the shop at Auburn.

This is a good go-ahead crew of engineers.

Big “Red” Simpson is still going strong along with the agreement turn over on several jobs located in Placer and El Dorado counties.

Roseville Dry Mix Products, a recently organized concern, has been moving along with the agreement 100 per cent and has seven engineers on the pay roll. Pacific Ready Mix has taken over the Roseville Ready Mix plant and employed an Engineer to operate it on expense.

On Monday morning, February 13, an era in gold dredging in the Folsom area and on the Feather River which began at the turn of the century, ended for the Nevada Company when it closed down Dodge No. 6, its last operating dredge.

Natomas Co. has had as many as five hundred operating engineers employed on the dredges over the years. Several have spent their entire working life working there and are in their early sixties.

Hawaii Report

Interesting State Budget

By HAROLD LEWIS, RUPERT RIVES, and BERT NAKANO

The largest topic of public conversation and concern in Hawaii is the Governor’s proposed State Budget. In the past, the Royalty Department sent the job schedules and proposed salary increases for government workers, someone forgot all about the estimated income for the State treasury.

The smiles of anticipation turned to frowns when the public was informed that the State would be short by about $6 million if the Governor’s proposals were accepted.

The Hawaii O.C.P. offices has informed us that, because of the overload of work due to the sessions of the State Senate and Legislature, there will not be a O.C.P. Bulletin in February, but the March issue will be filled.

Construction is still slow, J. M. Takaoka was low bidder on the Mt. Raiali, job, but has not yet been given the contract. Subdivisions Treadwell has lost his battle to subdivide the Kawani Swamp into home sites and the city will condemn the area for a park, knowing how the mayor’s office works, this will take another two years to start.

The Parsons Ranch project will not start for another five or six months. The last report from the company, Haas and Haynie, is that the detail drawings have not been started on as of this writing.

Your guess is as good as ours as to when the highway jobs will start. Your Central Labor Council is doing everything in their power to get the contractors to employ the unemployed. It is still going to take another two years to start.

There is a move on by the plantation managers to lower the tax rate on sugar and pineapple.

Their argument is that the present tax structure is gradually taking their products off the market. If this proposed tax reduction goes through, all the taxpayers in the State will have to pay extra to move to the $3 million dollar loss. If you have any friends in the State Senate or House, contact them and tell them to fight against such a tax cut.

The water system improvement projects for Kona Hawaii are finally going to start. After being awarded the contracts months ago, A. O. Chock, Ltd. and J. M. Tanks have been told to start on this much needed system for this dry area of the island.

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