Trainees Graduate at Roberts

Delegate List
For Convention
Now Complete

The official delegate list for the 27th Quadrennial International Operating Engineers' convention next month in San Francisco is complete, according to Business Manager Al Clem.

Price Waterhouse & Co., San Francisco, has tabulated the results of the election conducted by mail last month certified by Business Manager Al Clem, to which 900 ballots were returned. Of those 900, 883 were counted valid for rules instructions.

GOOD REPRESENTATION

Clem said local 3 will be well represented by the delegates and alternates elected to the convention which is being held in San Francisco for the first time. The Best Western Palace hotel will be the scene of the four-day convention which will be attended by delegates from all over the United States and Canada.

Price Waterhouse indicated that "where two candidates received the same number of votes, the candidate who has been a member for a longer period of time is listed first."

Below is the official letter certifying the election results and vote tally is listed below:

OFFICIAL TALLY

We have counted the ballots cast by members of the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 in the election of delegates and alternates to the 27th International Convention of Operating Engineers and submit herewith a tabulation of the results of the election. The procedures followed in connection with the mailing, receipt and counting of the ballots were in accordance with the applicable provisions of Articles XIII and Article XII (C) Section 1 of the Bylaws of Operating Engineers Local No. 3.

Local Union No. 3.
A total of 4,004 ballots were received of which 2,098 were determined to be invalid because of the absence of the member's signature on the return envelope, or because the ballot contained more than 50 votes or was mutilated or otherwise illegible. "In order to provide the accompanying tabulation accurately presents the results of the election."

Yours very truly,
Price Waterhouse & Co.

Cedna Union Notes

District Offices Available

The Credit Union of Operating Engineers, still only a little more than a month old, numbers over 400 share-holding members, and over $55,000 in invested values. Plans are now underway to extend the Credit Union advantage to Brother Engineers Utah, Northern Nevada and Hawaii. The union is currently only operating in the California area, according to Business Manager Al Clem.

Paul Edgecombe, treasurer and financial manager of the Credit Union, has been busy setting up district offices to receive investment shares and loan applications. In addition, he is readying the expansion program to the Bay Area Employment

Bay Area Employment

During February

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9, 1964 - Bay Area employment last month hit a new February high, and unemployment was down from a year ago, two State agencies reported today.

Civilian employment in the San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area established a February record of 1,993,000, reflecting an over-the-year increase of 31,900, or 2.7 percent, according to Em-}
First MDTA Graduates

By the time you are in receipt of this issue of your Engineer News, the first six-week course of the MDTA program at Camp Roberts will have been completed. Many of the Brothers who took the opportunity of participating in this advanced training course have returned to their respective homes and will be ready to face the coming work season much better equipped to perform their jobs in a workmanlike manner than they were prior to their attending this class.

During the past month I was able to visit the camp on two occasions. In addition to that, we have received communications from several of the Brothers, praising the program and expressing their thanks to our Local Union that it was able to provide them an opportunity to up-grade their skills that they may be able to provide a better way of life for themselves and their families.

Second Contingent Hits Camp

Starting Sunday, March 8th, there was a second group of trainees checking into the facilities at Camp Roberts. We know that, due to the efforts that the pilot group put in as in making this program a success, this second group may have it a little easier; however, as these were set up at two separate classes, we know that there will be no lack of interest in this second course.

Those who participated in the first six-weeks' training program and finished the course should be commended by the rest of the members of Local No. 3 for the way they conducted themselves and the high degree of esteem in which they were held by the army personnel in charge of the Camp Roberts installation. I would be remiss in my duties if I did not also express our appreciation to the Commander, Colonel Settle, who commanded the group of Operating Engineers who were on the base and the way they conveyed to us the fact that there is some question as to whether or not the splendid cooperation we are receiving this program will be a success for Local No. 3.

The second class will consist of members from Local No. 3, as well as Local No. 12. This was the original plan when working with the Business Manager of Local No. 12 and the officers in setting up this pilot training program.

Work Generally Good

In the areas of California it goes without saying that the work picture has been extremely good, due to the unusual weather we have had in those geographical areas. In the state of Utah, as most of you know, the winter has been more severe.

During the past month I had occasion to visit Honolulu in connection with the Baldwin Company of various crafts affiliated with the Honolulu Building Trades Council. We do not anticipate any troubles from the management and we are sure that with the splendid cooperation we are receiving this program will be a success for Local No. 3.

Delegate Election News

The returns of the officer election conducted to select delegates to the 27th International Convention were very satisfying. I am sure that this will benefit our members when the delegation attends the Convention, next month in San Francisco.

President Paul Edgcombe and I, delegates by virtue of our office, know the men you selected as delegates to run this important election and I am sure these Brothers will exercise their best judgment in protecting the interests of the members of Local No. 3.

Eureka Dinner Outstanding

We, along with several business representatives, attended the annual dinner-dance sponsored by a committee of Operating Engineers and their wives in the Eureka area on February 29th. This is always an extremely auspicious occasion for the members and their wives in this area and we are extremely happy to attend. The feeling of all who were there was that we are looking forward to this next event next year. This was the third annual dinner-dance held in the Eureka area.

Report Jurisdictional Infractions

We still have a rash of jurisdictional disputes, caused by people having claim to the same job. I feel that strongly should be handled by the members of our Union. We are requiring our members to contact their steward or business representative, and we do not care to encroach upon the jurisdictional rights. -Continued on Page 10

Sacramento Area

6.2 Million Freeway Job Starts

By ERNIE NELSON, AL BALDWIN, WALTER D. CONSTON, ECK and DAVE REA

SACRAMENTO—Peter Kiewit was awarded the 29th-30th Freeway for the low bid of 6.2 million dollars. This job will be under way by the time this goes to press. This job will be part of the long and part concrete via­duct. The dirt will have to be imported. The project will run from A Street to 9th Street. We have not had the Pre-job conference at this time with Kiewit, so we do not know who they will have as sub-contractors or how many Engineers they will need on this job.

Richard Knap, West Coast Wrecker and Arms Wrecker are busy clearing a path through the houses between W-X Streets for that Freeway which will join the 29th-30th Freeway. The next contract on this Freeway will be laid in mid-April. This will be the bridge across the Sacramento River and the approaches on both sides of the River.

Demolition work for the 2nd & 3rd Street Freeway is schedu­led for the month of April. This will take the remainder of this year to complete so nothing else is scheduled on this project for 1948.

Continental-Heller Construction started a new building at 7th and 9th Streets on a heavy concrete job. This work is back on the job at Robbs House. Due to the heavy outfitting of the work the job was put down for a number of weeks, but most of the crew is back. They have built a dam around the power house site to hold out the water from the Union Valley Reservoir. Bill Kimishin, the Proj­ect Manager on this job, tells us that his company is going to stick it out and not put any more work on.

The White Rock tunnel was to have been let for February 13th, but the bids have held up until March 17th. We understand there will be a short road job let with this job. This is a 20' tunnel and will take about 3 years to complete. After it is complete there will be a power house built on the same location.

Walsh Construction on their job at the Chili Bar Dam are finishing the concrete pours and are cleaning up the mess in front of the dam with the same dredge, Herman Seth is oper­ator.

Bennett Morrey Construction has a small job in Folsom vicinity with the new Ford headquarters. This job, plus a few more he has in the area, will keep some of the Brothers through the Winter.
The Yuba Bear Project

A System of Diversion Tunnels, Dams

BY DAVE REA

Jackson Meadows Dam and Reservoir, high in the snow covered Northern Sierra Nevada, is a source of additional water for the marshy mountain meadow, will silver Reservoir, high in the snow project. It will impound the water of the Yuba and store 63,500 acre feet for release through tunnels, lakes, and reservoirs. The Dam, which will be 580 feet high, 900 feet long, and create a reservoir of 23,000 acres, will raise an impressive 220 feet and stretch over 1000 feet in width. The earliest project work, begun in 1961, will be taken in the Jackson Meadows area to compensate for the shorter work season, as in the mountains, trails, once the route of the silver stages from Virginia City to Nevada City. For example, Pass, were widened and improved to handle modern construction equipment and provide for increased future use.

BOCK, GRANITE SHELF

Almost the work was begun on the dam itself. Over 150,000 cubic yards of the hard granite and rock cut from the spillway on the left abutment, the right one was established on the right abutment was placed in the downstream rock fill, and the right face in mid-November, the shell was had 200,000 cubic yards of 9000 feet of metal alignment around “Windy Point.” which will be 4000 feet in length, will have an 11-foot modified horseshoe section and be in granite and will be limited for except poor condition.

DUTCH FLAT DAM

Dutch Flat is a source of additional water for the Bear River Dam. The plan, essentially intended to divert construction of the Bear River around the site during dam construction. After the dam is completed and diversion is no longer needed, necessary releases will be made through a 24 inch gate on the reservoir which will be installed in the tunnel. The pipes will be controlled by two 12 inch slide gates to permit reservoir drawdown in case of the entrance gates to the Bear River Flume. A 1 inch gate valve will be used for fish water release between the Dutch Flat Afterbay Dam and Rollins Reservoir. 341 rock excavation for the tunnel has been completed, and it will be concrete lined at the portals and in areas of poor rock.

At Rollins Dam a 16 foot modified horseshoe tunnel has been provided for the construction fall 360 feet apart for the remaining 650 feet to be concrete lined. During construction, diversion will be accomplished through the upper 230 feet and by the 16 feet right hand branch. When the dam is completed the left hand branch will serve as permanent outlet for release of water. Tunnels are connected by a cross passage downstream of the plug in the outlet tunnel, afford access for construction work and re- losses from Rollins Reservoir will be made through the outlet controlled by a 1 inch Howell-Sumner valve and a 24 inch gate valve providing for the tunnel invert, with all concreting in the tunnel schedules continuing during the coming period.

PROJECT HIGHLITES

Rafting and snow brought an end to construction operations at Jackson Meadows, Paucherie, Fauscherie and Miller-Boman-Conway Dam improvements in November. Equipment was moved to other project sites at lower elevations work can continue. The total of 2300 feet of wood slabs were replaced by new 10 inch concrete pipe, 1300 feet has been repaired. Work repair in the Miller-Boman tunnel has been suspended for the winter and water turned back into the system.

Ponderosa Contractors

To closing down for the winter at Fauscherie Dam, excavation for the foundation of the dam and spillway had been completed and approximately one-half of the rockfill for the dam had been placed. Clearing and stripping of the brush and pancake lines and excavation for the powerhouse was started. The access road from Highway 40 to the Chicago Park powerhouse site including the bridge bear the River was completed.

SCOTTS FLAT DAM

Raising the main dam to the final crest elevation has been accomplished, placing of concrete for the spillway dam started and replacement of the 24 inch outlet was completed. With the right abutment. Continues.

For the project in Fall Hardeman, Inc., and Beddord Construction Co. in joint venture. Principal subcontractors are Gates and Fox, Piedmont Granite Co., and Ponderosa Contractors.

Fauscherie Dam

The prime contractor for the project is Paul Hardeman, Inc., and Beldon and Construction Co. in joint venture. Principal subcontractors are Gates and Fox, Piedmont Granite Co., and Ponderosa Contractors.

DeLUXE TRUCKING

The report showed that of the projects, 85 per cent were administered by the Department’s Division of Research.

By worker organizations this was the highest percentage of all workers and no

PRIVATE WELFARE PENSION ASSETS $66 BILLION


Trends in accumulation in present rates of growth and plans held by the General Accounting Office. More than 23 million pension plans were available in the plan, not including family members covered by those plans, was $66,000 in 1961. The previous post-war low occurred in 1958, when 72,000 workers were involved in wage stoppages.

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Postwar Losses in Strikes

"Fewer California workers were involved in disputes in 1962 than in any year since the end of World War II," Emer. R. Walsh, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced today.

About 50,000 workers were affected by the 251 strikes and 210 stoppages in 1962, according to preliminary estimates by Department’s Division of Statistics and Research.

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Work Awaits Spring Thaw
Utah Contractors, Engineers Poised for Biggest Expansion

By ED HARRN, JAY NEELEY, MELVIN BOWMAN, JOHN THORNTON, VANCE ARBOTT, LAKE AND HUGH BODAM

Construction in Utah will start at a record pace this spring, with a number of projects due to get underway as soon as the weather breaks. We are sincerely hoping that the weather will cooperate with our forecast of an early spring this year.

The public construction companies will continue to move more than two million cubic yards of earth per year, the Department of Highways saying that this figure will be maintained for another year. By ED "Ed" Bowman.

While the weather bureau is forecasting plenty of showers, we only wish sometimes that they would be sprinkled out a little more and maybe we could enjoy a few sunny days with a few dry spells. Last year's weather was quite a project in itself even though there was a period of time when there was no agreement as yet, and we should have some kind of weather program in this area. From the viewpoint of contractor's work, the weather is the number one factor affecting the construction business, and the weather bureau is forecasting plenty of showers this year.

The problem is how to get the work done, since the state continues to let more highway contracts and highway work, increasing the small diameter milling to just over 300 feet long and are making some progress. When finished these buildings will definitely have an effect on future salt production in metropolitan Salt Lake.

Jacobson Construction Co. is working on some progress on the disposal plant. Three water plants in Salt Lake area contractors are hammering at the start to get their contracts, and the firm is about only four inches of front left in the ground and just a couple of good weather weeks and the state will let these jobs go. With the work to be done out west, work won't last long.

A few of these contractors have started cutting the broccoli box and they are scratching around trying to get ready for the good weather. We have a few on the list of some kind of work that is waiting to get underway.

The pile driving has started around town again and within a couple of weeks should be well on its way to full capacity. On Gibbons & Ross, the company has put in the dirt to Barhon Brothers and they have been working on this project a few weeks. As of yet we have no answers to some of the jobs but in the next "Engineers News" we will present some kind of a report on the Hearing. At present almost all the Union on Jobs will have some kind of work, and if the outcome should be interesting.

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Atthis writing we are in Utah, the Salt Lake City on the jobs in the trucking business. We are having our first drop in quite a while and we are soon to be encountering and sub-zero temperatures. They are having their difficult period and is showing outlast the elements.

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Brother Urvin "Tuck" Williams suffered a heat attack while working for Lowdermilk Company. Tuck will be re- cupering at home in Vallejo.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Brother Don Paulson who died suddenly from a heart attack.

In memory of the family of Brother William Miller goes our heartfelt sympathy. Bill died the latter part of January as the result of a heart condition.

Brother EdColebrooke of the St. Marks Hospital suffering from a heart ailment. We know Ed would appreciate some of the Brothers visiting him.

STOCKTON

Brother Al "Monk" Williamson was able to talk his wife into opening Jackie Drive-In Restaurant on East Main Street in Stockton. Al invites the brothers to drop by and watch him do the dishes.

Retired Brother William Hoffman is in Fort Miles Veterans Hospital undergoing eye surgery.

We wish to extend our sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Brother Robert F. Patterson, who was killed in a pickup-truck collision near Chinese Camp.

SANTA ROSA

The following Brothers are out of hospital confinement and recuperating, Leo Beers, W. M. Hooge, and Rolland Newell from Santa Rosa.

Once again, our congratulations are extended to Brother Lester Thill who recently acquired another baby girl.

It is sad to note that two of our members were too late to get in last month issue Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Fleming of our many thanks. For this month we also had two donors from Brother George & Mrs. Paul Carlin.

This office and some of our members who have been on the receiving end wish to express our gratitude. These donations have helped many.

SACRAMENTO

Brothers Harry Welch and Otto Van Gorder were in the Sutter Hospital for surgery, but are home now and doing fine.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Brothers and their wives for a fine response for our request for blood donations. Thomas M. Barney, Alred J. Brown, Chester Bryan, Edna M. Crabtree, Mrs. Dorothy Enenga, Walter Gane, Miss. Clare Harding, J. Harding and Helen J. Harding.

The following members have mail which they may pick up at our office: Charles A. Johnson, Lloyd H. Conner, Roy J. Deere, Eddie Hayes, Lawrence P. Fieldman, Wiltred F. Hooley, Melvin E. Jinks, Gary Laddie, Louis B. McGee, E. J. Siguehre, Julian D. Stevens, James T. Sullivan, Paul F. Tate, Emery I. Williams.

VALLEJO

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and children of Brother Harell Ashley. Brother Ashley and his wife Martha were killed in an auto accident on Rindler Hill in Vallejo in February. The Ashley's leave behind 3 small children, who are currently being cared for by Contractor Brother Drew Ashley of Vallejo.

Thanks to Brother Henry Franz for his blood donation on February 26, 1964.

Brother Grover Goldie retired operating Engineers for many years a fireman, stopped by the Vallejo office to see hello, Goldie and his wife have been on a 3 months cross country tour. According to Goldie he had a wonderful trip with many interesting tales to tell and be remembered. Stop by more often when you are in the area.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers and their wives who attended the Credit Union Meeting in Vallejo February 14, 1964.

SAN RAFAEL

Brothers Kirby Mitchell and Joe Wilson have formed a new construction company. The company, known as Kelley Bros. present have a few backhoe men by Brothers Dean Coen, Charlie D. Drinan, Lee, Frank and Ray Williams.

Our condolences to the families of our late Brothers John Joseph Fisher and J. H. Rider, both on Local 5 pension—who recently passed away. Brother Fisher was with Charles Har- ney for over 20 years, and had been on pension since 1960. Brother Rider worked for C. D. Madsen and had been on Local 5 since 1959.

Our thanks to Brother Ray Schunk for his blood donation.

The next blood donation will be held on Feb. 24th at 24th St. was well attended by members and some of the wives. Applications are now being taken at our office, and brochures explaining the operation are available. Brothers interested in serving on the education Committee, set up to indoctrinate the member-

SACRAMENTO LANDSCAPE Inc. of Salinas, started their beautification job in Vallejo, which in- cludes shrubs, trees and irrigation system on the Benicia Freeway, 6.5 miles between Laurel and Vista Avenue. Mr. Charles Mart- ines Bridge, costing $44,901.

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by AARON SMITH

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Balmy Winter Weather

San Jose Prospect for Good Year Waits Spring

By A. J. HOPE, G. L. HOOKE, J. E. RUSSELL, and H. T. PETERSON

The brothers in the San Jose Area have certainly been enjoying spring weather since the rain started, and they are still waiting for the heat. This has meant that the new work will be let, things will be a little slow in this area.

Prospects are for a real good year in the spring, which will start with the new work. A few Contractors are working on jobs which they feel they can make some head way, enough anyhow that they can wash out if more heavy rains come.

Bilardi Construction has started work on their White Bowl project in East San Jose, with Den Pearson as Superintendent, and the project is already beginning to get a little slow. They will be starting a new job in Belmont soon with Jack Black doing the supervising.

Steve Eames has started his schedule for the Watsonville bypass job, with the Wettin Construction Co. doing the work. They will start working on the Wettin job whenever they can get started.

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The most important thing to know about this writing, is that PW Bro. have also started another sewer job, the new sewer work for the north of the IBM plant, consisting of about 4,000 ft. This one went out at $0.50.

A. J. Rainich are still working on their subdivision job on King St. and will be for another three weeks.

Erie Eber is working on his project of 3,000 ft. of 12 inch water line for 17th and Rockridge and Wright, in Sunnyvale.

A. J. Rainich is also busy cutting the new sewer work for the division bounded by Bayshore, ML Cullen, and Santa Clara. They are already going to the rain sewer.

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PAUSE FOR PICTURES . . . Business Manager Al Clem, white shirt, chats with instructor Lou Jones and unidentified Brother Engineer while latter 'takes five.'

COMING THROUGH . . . This Caterpillar scraper gets a good workout at Camp Roberts. Men rotate every 20 minutes on equipment.

CHECKING . . . Business Manager Al Clem checks food bill with members of Marine Cooks and Steward officials. From left: Jerry Posner, bookkeeper; Clem and Ed Turner, business manager for Steward's Union in San Francisco.

HANDICAPPED? . . . Not according to ex-army veteran B. B. Gilbert of Groveland. Gilbert lost his hand on a remote Pacific island during WWII, but has been an engineer all his life. He's down at Camp Roberts learning to run a bulldozer.

CHECKING GRADE . . . Instructor Ray Austin, of Sacramento, right, points out the finer points of running this blade to six Brother Engineers training at Camp Roberts.

Instructor Honored By His 'Students'

Brother Ray Austin, of Sacramento, an instructor at the On-the-Job Training Program at Camp Roberts received a note of gratitude from members of his class learning the Blade.

The trainees paid Austin high tribute in a letter as follows: "We the undersigned of OJT contractors, Operating Engineers, Local 3 do hereby state that Ray Austin, our Blade instructor, is one of the finest gentlemen which no one can beat. We promise to never let you down and will always take our job seriously."

It was signed by Robert Barker, Wendell Phillips, Sam Noble, George Millikan, Jim Worthy, Earl Higginbotham, P. W. Mal- tock, Chuck Smith, Harvey Huey, Rolland Smith, Ray Jank and Arnold Baker.
BRAINTRUST . . MDTA Project Manager Harley Davidson, left, reviews records of trainees at Camp Roberts with Bruce Stark, center and Morris Skinner, both with Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprentice Standards. Skinner is director.

BIG MAN, BIG EQUIPMENT . . Louis "Big Red" Fink, of Redding, just picked out the biggest rubber tire scraper he could find and before his six weeks training was operating his rig like an old hand. Fink enjoyed the cooking by Marine Cooks and Steward's Union, too.

PAPER WORK . . Assistant Project Manager Norm Yassary and Safetyman Sandy Van Valkenburg, from left to right, take care of detail work at Camp Roberts MDTA project.

GETTING THE LOWDOWN . . Instructor J. C. Doyal, fifth from right, is giving trainees a lecture while Jim Riddle, of North Sacramento takes his turn on this Blade operation.

'TINY' TAKES A TRIP

A DOG'S LIFE . . "Tiny," 12-year old Fox Terrier, has been Brother Everett "Wimpy" Myers' constant companion since a pup. "Tiny" also likes to fly with his master, who has been a pilot since his early days in Iowa. "Wimpy" works out of Oakland.

BULLDOZER CLASS . . Trainees here are gathered around to receive instruction on this D-8 Cat dozer at Camp Roberts. Instructor Mel Gelenski, top left, goes over operating and safety procedures with seven of his trainees.
Major Projects Breaking For Alameda, Contra Costa

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last month and the work looks very good for the future.

Right now the contractors are about finished on their site preparation job for three dormitories at the University College. O'Keefe and Chandler out of Long Beach and the General Contractors on the construction.

Allstate Equipment is under-

way on their dam job for Ala-

meda. Price engineering out of

Hayward. It is a $23,000 job that will take about six months with about 15 engineers employed. Turner and Sons are moving right along on the clearing of the dam job. All-

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Billionaire Defends Honest Labor Unions

One of the richest men in the world, billionaire oil magnate and industrialist J. Paul Getty struck a refreshing note recently when he was asked about his views on labor unions. "Unlike some businessmen, I’ve never objected to the activities of labor unions," said Mr. Getty. "I recognize that labor has a right to organize and bargain with management, because I recognize the innate human urge to a better life."

So said a man who also recognizes that management and labor must engage in give-and-take skirmishing for the benefit of both parties. He points out another salient fact: "I’ve usually found organized labor to be fundamentally fair in their dealings, but they do keep track of the facts. He adds he has no real point of contention with them, who habitually and indiscriminately denounce organized labor.

He cited that free and honest labor unions have helped raise the living standards of not only the American worker, but every American citizen through responsible management of America’s free enterprise economy and power and contributes to the country’s growth.

BILLY JOHNSON, the president of the administration of Local 3 to be vitally concerned with the economic well-being of its members. The officers have been keenly "attuned": to financial upturns and downturns. He cited that America’s free enterprise economy has burgeoned during the period labor unions gained their greatest strength. While the unions have gained, the American worker has also risen.

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VANCE ABBOTT

Joining the Marine Corps in 1941. After boot camp he went into the 2nd Engineers Battalion, 2nd Division. His dream of running heavy equipment came true. Ultimately he became Division Heavy Equipment Instructors and went through several campaigns in the Pacific.

He was furloughed back home in January 1945 and then went on leave, married his high school sweetheart. The Abbotts have four sons and a daughter who are married and presented with their first grandson, a boy, in July 1960.

After returning for his high school diploma, Vance opened his own repair shop and operated it for two years until the call of the machine got too strong and he went back to work on a desk in 1948.

Convinced of the importance of labor unions, he determined then to get into the union but had to boom around for years until he found his job in 1952 and was initiated into Local 3. After working throughout Nebraska, Vance moved to Idaho, in just about every classification of the industry and has been doing this for over 23 years.

He was appointed to the Local 3 staff in August 1961 as Locals 5, 7, and 24.

He is one of Local 3’s delegates to the Southern Utah Labor Council.

Profiles

Vance Abbott, Local 3 Business Representative in the Southern Utah area, belongs to that breed of men who dream their own dreams and then realize them.

As a lad growing up on a farm in Utah he dreamed of running a power shovel, and gave up to do so.

Later in life, when the chance to work on a union job and get into the trade was not easy to find in Utah, he persevered until he realized that ambition too.

When the war interrupted his schooling, he went back six years later, a 24-year-old married man, to get his high school diploma.

Clearly, a determined man.

Vance was born Oct. 16, 1923, in Delta, Utah. With an innate love of machinery, he got a mechanic's training.

His summers were spent working on the job what they have learned at Camp Roberts and the MDTA program. ’

TAX CUT ON PAYCHECK

President Johnson has requested that the tax cut be applied to paychecks this year and not only in 1964 as the tax legislation provides. The President feels that the more people who are working, the better the placement of the economy.

The average working man it amounts to about seven and one-half cents an hour on the average paycheck, according to Administration expert, who knows the economics of the trade, however, it won’t solve the nation’s number one problem—American unemployment.

This problem, which consists between five and six per cent of the nation’s labor force to be idle, must be met with further industrial programs. American industry, public works, extension of the minimum wage law, stepped-up housing and urban redevelopment legislation and a massive attack on poverty.

Now it’s up to Congress to show as much speed and perception about these matters as it demonstrated recently on the tax cut bill.

 Apprentice Corner

Class Materials Need Research

We have 27 in class, 15 working out these in the Los Banos area, working on the San Luis Dam and Canal projects.

STOCKTON: We have 17 apprentices, we have three more in the works. Only 7 are working due to the wet weather, etc. There are not too many positions available.

SAN JOSE: We have 33 in class. Employment in San Jose is looking up. There are three more in the works. We’ll see what happens in the future.

OAKLAND: We have apprenticeship. We’ll have to see what happens at the present time. There has been some let-down in this area, but it looks very good for this spring. We hope to have all of our apprentices working in the very near future.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS. Our apprenticeship program is moving along pretty well. It is not as fast as we would like, but can expect to see a great increase in this program in the future. We have several classes in San Jose, San Francisco and San Francisco. We hope to have all of them working.

One of the increasingly important things in the apprenticeship field pointed out to us is to find people who are working in the industry and have the capability of writing curriculum matter. We have been doing extra research in the educational field to see if there is any written material that would cover the subject matters that we would like to teach. We have found there is no known curriculum material that we can use from our years of experience in this industry that they could learn from. It is true that there are some who could do a fine job in the curriculum material.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for any of this work or to express your thoughts, or even a special type of equipment should be taught, or the specific classification of the equipment, please contact the apprenticeship office. Do not worry about your inability to spell or to properly phrase any expression or give any information we are interested in anywhere where they belong. As long as you have the ability to put your thoughts on paper, all materials for educational purposes are eagerly awaited by people who have the ability to do this.

We have made this plea in the hope that people who have the ability to do this kind of work will step forward so we can get this curriculum material. We need do have some writers doing a very fine job, but more writers will mean a greater variety of ways of training people in this industry and the more people we can get a cross section to arrive at a proper curriculum. As a whole the apprenticeship program is moving forward at a very rapid pace. We have had a slowdown in our ten districts in the placement of apprentices as well as having the apprentices laid off because of bad weather conditions. Our classes are continuing and all the instructors are doing a very fine job.
Marysville Talks Safety
New Jobs Starting in Area
by HAROLD HUSTON, W. R. WEXSN, CLAUDE L. BARTLETT

We are proud to report in this article the real effort of the Marysville Brothers to continue as they have been doing. This is the first time in the very near future.

These brothers should be given a standing applause. Company of engineers from this district are working through from March 9 through April 17, to and from various points. Our brothers are included at the Marysville District office.

We feel with the enthusiasm the Marysville District office.

We are proud to report

We wish to express our thanks

Twenty-six of our brothers

The new shops will be located at the same time and will be used for the job they are included.

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Fresno Work 'Booming', San Luis Dam is Bulwark

BY JOE MILLER
TINY HELLING
GLEN MARR

FRESNO—Work in the Fresno district is booming with jobs of all kinds—roads, canals, power plants, and the like—sprouting up all over the area. We have everything from the San Luis Dam at Los Banos, to the new facilities on the direction in the Yosemite Park area.

For this time and season of the year our output of work is larger than it has been for several years.

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TO ACCELERATE PUBLIC WORKS

Due to the accelerated Government and Public Works Program, we have an increased local as well as mountain jobs now starting and more to come. We expect to employ many of our members. We have been advised that several projects in the mountains during 1964 and 1965 will be in the works, which has been slow for quite some time.

ORGANIZING PROGRESS

We have been attempting to organize the employees, who are working in the mining industry as well as employees of various companies and industries. We will have the support of many of our members. We have been successful in many of our efforts.

Recently we have excellent progress in organizing the Fresno area.

We have now a large majority of the employees in operation and have requested formal bargainings

Sanitary Aids
Redding Workload

BY WARREN LAHOINE

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FRESNO COURTHOUSE

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Hawaiian Workers in NLRB Election Victory

A National Labor Relations Board election at E. E. Black, Ltd. resulted in a victory for Operating Engineers recently.

One of the issues in the election was the right of the workers to vote for union representatives. There have been instances where employees were not allowed to vote.

The workers were allowed to vote and elect their union representatives. The vote was 11 votes to 20 for the employees.

The election was conducted under the direction of the National Labor Relations Board and was supervised by a Federal judge.

Blackfield Corporation in Knoxville has just added a third section to their housing development.

The execution work is being done by J. A. Thompson & Sons. The company is working to finish the work before any work can start.

The project is under the direction of the Construction Manager for the company.

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Santa Rosa Is Gearing for Summer Work
By R. F. SWANSON and LOU BARNES
SANTA ROSA — At this present time the report of work in this area is not too favorable. Many of the local contractors have been recalling some of their men temporarily because of the excellent weather conditions which have prevailed in the area. Several very few orders have been received in the dispatch office for new employees.

In the long range projected these conditions are somewhat questionable. Most of the major jobs which were to begin in this area in the past few years are slowly coming to an end.

NEW WORK

The Corps of Engineers has given its OK on an expenditure of $173 million dollars for flood control on Scott’s Creek in Glen Ellen and the project near Larkspur would get an additional $1,000,000 supplemental under plans approved to date.

The City of Santa Rosa will be letting out to bid eleven projects consisting mostly of street improvement work with some paving, curb and gutter, but most important there will be considerable excavation—Sub base will be time treated and rock imported and placed in base.

The water improvement program is set to go at the City of Larkspur in Lake County. There is something like $100,000 approved for the project originating from the Information I can get this will yet to be let out for bid in full. Reliance Enterprise have been doing great work this year.

There were reports on emergency power facilities at the Two Rock Army Base. Bid price was $157,760. This company also has work going at the State home in Glen Ellen and they keep three of our brothers busy. The City of Lakeport is to get a new swimming pool. It will be three miles and lift stations. We have no information as to the monies involved but work will be let in June of this year.

Phil Gravell is a member of a Union is spending another $500,000 on Kernini Harbor facilities in the form of a concrete block building house for recreation, also a swimming pool, Christenson & Foster with Larkspur furnishing the concrete products. Frederick Broshears million dollar project near of Geyserville has started with work on clearing and culverts.

CREDIT UNION

Many of you who attended the meeting held in Santa Rosa in regards to the Operationers Credit Union. To those of you who did not attend, the purpose of the meeting was to bring the concept of a credit union to you for your information how it can save you considerably on your investing money, please contact us or Paul Edgcomb in San Francisco for further information there are several credit unions in the area which you can join for your own investment needs.

We are sure that this will work and also will start some other credit unions in the area.

REGISTRATION

We are happy to report that subject is being registered. It is of the utmost importance that you become registered so that people who are friendly to labor can obtain your

San Rafael Reports Slow Winter Work
By Al HANSEN
SAN RAFAEL — Work in the north bay area is holding out fairly well—considering the time of year, no big jobs starting up as yet. With this decent weather, it does manage to keep quite a few of the brothers gainfully employed. However, none of the major projects are under way yet.

Peter Giardano & Sons started up the Nicasio Road job with a few Bobcat Scrapers and Dowers— and hope to move right along, taking advantage of good winter weather.

Brown-Ely of Greenbrae, is running a crew busy on the Lomas Verde job; also a small job in Court Maderas south of Tamalpais and Twelve Oaks in Lomas Val- bred.

Gonzalez Bros. has equipment and men scattered on various localities in the county. The most noticeable one is the Bayview Dr. in San Rafael grading and paving job.

R. M. D. Malone has been doing much in the county, but they are working right along on the Tamalpais job located in Benicia.

Granite Construction was recently awarded a sewer construction job in Pacifica at a cost of $189,763.

Lombroso Bros. of San Rafael was awarded a sewer job at Mill Valley Shoreline Highway. Bill Sewell's is awarded a small paving job at San Quentin.

Wm. Radovich Co. Inc. has taken over Malabar-Arata-Long job at San Marin subdivision. In addition to this job, there are two other jobs going in the Napa area.

Lombroso Company is using a good-sized crew of workers at the Terra Linda Meadows job and a block job at Cottage Hill around Mill Valley.

Ed Riddle Construction who has been working at Emporium site at Northgate Shopping Center has a large job doing excess work at the Crocker-Gill-Hermit Park Bank Building in San Ra-

Warken & Sibbald, Lanspace Construction, are doing work at Emporium at Northgate and on the freeway nearby.

We heard Phil Gravell has big things in the works for the time being, shut down operations at the end of CAN while making repairs to the Drainage "Sandpiper".

It appears that Frank Mobley Excavating, of San Jose, will be in the county for a while. They are setting up a yard near Smith Brothers Ranch, off Lomita Valley Road.

M. W. Finley probably will not do much in the winter time of the first part of May, according to Ray Bemell. At the present time, they are working on a road in Key with a $1,500,000 surveying, Lake/Wendt started up a few rags on this project and the first shift starts at 5:30 a.m.

Vole, right now there is no home rickety stories on the front page of the paper. This is an academic issue as it pertains to the construction of a library building on the campus on the Committee’s charge who will give an estimate of the cost of the project and his first shift starts at 5:30 a.m.

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