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**SANDWICH BUILDING** — A pile of 13 concrete floors is shown here on its way up the pre-built 368-foot stairway and elevator towers to create a 12-story apt. bldg. at Pacific and Franklin in S.F. Atop the upper sandwich of 4 slabs you can see the hydraulic equipment, including 20 synchronized jacks, played like an organ, to lift each 600,000-lb. floor upward. This is the first lift-slab in N. Calif., and the tallest ever attempted. Small steel blocks welded to each of the 20 steel columns prevent the slabs from falling. The slabs contain all wiring and pipes and are much thinner than ordinary floors. Geo. Belcher is contractor with Prescon & Vagtborg Lift Slab Corp. The building will have 73 apts. and 82 auto spaces.

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

District Meetings Scheduled for May, 1960:

- MAY
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|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 5 (Thursday)   | Sacramento, C.E.L.T. Bldg.          |
| 9 (Monday)     | Stockton, Engineers' Bldg.          |
| 11 (Wednesday) | Oakland, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez. |
| 19 (Thursday)  | Salinas, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro.  |

## JUNE 30th IS DEADLINE FOR D.I. REFUNDS

Forms on which to apply for refund of excess contributions for disability insurance in 1959 are available at all local offices of the Department of Employment.

Persons who work for two or more employers during the year may contribute more than the statutory maximum of \$36

per cent of the first \$3,600 because each employer, in turn, makes the 1 per cent withholding as he is required to do by law. The amount in excess of \$36 will be refunded to the employee, but only if he applies for it.

The deadline for applying for 1959 excess contributions is June 30, 1960.

California's disability insurance and hospital benefit system for nonoccupational illness or injury, under either the state plan or a voluntary plan, is supported entirely by worker contributions. Employers pay all the costs of unemployment insurance.

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**CALIFORNIA'S BEAUTY** is revealed to tourist and resident on its fast-growing highway network. On a vacation trip you will find great improvements made and under way, north on the Redwood avenue of giants, in the Trinity Alps, south on coast and inland, and east in the mountains. The \$104 million double-tracking of No. 40 over Sierras is moving fast, speeded by the recent Olympics. This view shows new and old roads just east of Colfax.

FERD A. JOHNSON  
San Jose, Calif., Mar. 19, 1960  
EDWARD E. McHENRY  
Chico, Calif., Mar. 19, 1960

GEORGE W. JOHNSON  
Hayward, Calif., Mar. 21, 1960  
GEORGE SOUZA  
Hayward, Calif., Mar. 30, 1960





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## The City by the Golden Gate

# SAN FRANCISCO HAS BIG HOMES PROJECT

By JERRY DOWD and DAN MATTESON, Business Representatives

The Fifty-five Million Dollar Diamond Heights home project has finally gotten under way. Grading was started last week by Guy F. Atkinson to convert three hundred and thirty-one acres into a high-class residential area. Information we received at the pre-job conference was that Atkinson hoped to have the dirt moved sometime in October. The job will be on a one shift basis, forty-hours per week. At the peak of operations there will be between thirty-five and forty engineers employed. The job is set up as a rubble tire spread with DW 21 and 29 moving most of the material. At the present time there are four dozers, two cats, and a carryall pioneering the job, with the DW 21 scheduled to go to work this week.

The Diamond Heights project calls for 2200 dwellings; units to house between 6600 and 7000 persons. There will be a mixture of single family homes, duplexes and apartment houses.

You can see, Brothers that this is going to be quite a job and in turn, will furnish a great deal of employment for members of Local No. 3. This area has needed a good dirt job, and we believe we have one now!

### HILTON HOTEL SET

At this writing, Cahill Brothers have called for bids on the excavation work for the Hilton Hotel on Mason & Ellis. This will be a \$27,000,000 project of L-shaped design and will utilize approximately three quarters of a block. Among the unusual features will be automobile ramps enabling guests to drive up the center core of the structure to park their cars on the floor where their rooms are located. The hotel is to be eighteen stories high with a landscaped courtyard occupying the top four floors. It looks like there will be some good hoist jobs here, for the Brothers.

Cahill also have the American Trust Building on California Street in full operation. American Bridge are placing the structural steel now. We have quite a few members employed on this site at present.

The same Company's job in Chinatown is moving right along. We should see a tower going up in the near future.

There's a lot of activity on California & Kearney Streets where Dinwiddie Construction Company is in the process of erecting the American President Line Building. George F. Casey has four drill rigs working; two tugger hoists and a compressor. Dinwiddie has a truck crane, loader, cat and a compressor in operation. It's a pleasure to visit this job as one sees nothing but Local No. 3 buttons. The drill

rigs are on a two-shift basis.

We'd like to see this operation continue as is, for awhile, as it has helped our out of work list immensely. This job and the one at the Fairmont Hotel, which Casey is also doing, has finally depleted our list in driller classifications. However, the way the work is shaping up, it looks like we'll be short in many classifications by the time summer rolls around.

### HURRICANE ALLEOY

The demolition contractors are still hard at work in the Western Addition and in the area of Third and Howard Streets. When they start rebuilding these areas we doubt that we'll have enough hoist men to do the job. Bayshore Wrecking Company have both their cranes in the yard getting repair made between jobs. Cleveland Wrecking have only one crane operating on demolition as do KTK. Ballinger is busy on demolition work, with two cranes operating on Howard Street.

Buz Haskins is grading the Crocker-Amazon area for a new home area for about 1200 homes to go in, when the grading is completed. The Doublerock Housing project has not, at this time, been officially awarded but the low bid Contractor informs us they will be ready to start in about a month.

The Shipyard work has dropped off considerably. Bethlehem's yard are operating with only 40% of their normal crews. Triple A Shop have a Lifeboat Contract that is keeping one crew on a crane and the Pacific Ship Repair are only operating on an off and on basis. Hunters Point Naval Shipyard is on a short work week also. So the over all picture with regard to ship repair is not good.

Brothers, if you get a chance please make an appointment thru the Dispatcher in the San Francisco Office to donate blood. This is an important and worthy tribute . . . you never know when you or your family might have to make use of the Blood Bank.

Two rabbits were being chased vigorously by a pack of dogs when one yelled to the other: "Why are you running? Let's stop and outnumber them." "Keep running," the other yelled. "We're brothers."

## Field Survey Notes

# JOBS SLOW IN SURVEYING

Al Boardman & Art Pennebaker Business Representatives

Job dispatches have been very slow. There is a small out of work list, especially for Chainmen.

The Civil Engineering offices seem to be doing a good bit of design work on subdivisions for the future; although the tight money policy of the Eisenhower Administration is still holding up the actual start of construction. While there are many small jobs going on, one survey crew can take care of several.

Your representatives recently organized a firm which included both surveyors and inspectors. The employees were receiving \$3.00 per hour, straight time for overtime and nothing more. After several meetings your representatives were able to convince the Employer that he not only sign the agreement, but also pay our brother members approximately \$3500.00 in back pay, vacation, etc. These brothers are to be commended, especially since the organizing and the battle for the back pay took place with snow on the ground and little work going on. The boss even held a meeting with the men to try to get them to back off on their demands. Our brothers stood fast and together, with the aid of Brothers Boardman, Pennebaker and Minahan won what was rightfully theirs.

Again we remind you that it is becoming increasingly important that you obtain some method of getting to the job. The work is spreading out more and more into the country. Many of our brothers must pass up good jobs because they can't get to them.

There have been questions regarding the use of a car at work to haul men or equipment. The rate is 10c per mile, starting from the employers office until arrival back to the office at the end of the work day.



"I UNDERSTAND THE OLD MAN IS GOING TO PUT UP A REAL FIGHT WHEN THE UNION ASKS FOR THAT RAISE!" by Sturgill.

Texans are convinced that when all the snow and ice in Alaska melts it will be no bigger than Rhode Island.

For some of us roughing it means turning the electric blanket down to medium.

There is nothing wrong in having nothing to say unless you insist on saying it.

A true music lover is the man who puts his ear to the keyhole when he hears a soprano in the shower.

A honeymoon is sort of a vacation a man takes before going to work for a new boss.

## San Mateo -- Hub of the Peninsula

# The Outlook Is Good for a Busy Spring in the San Mateo Area

By BILL RANEY and GEORGE BAKER, Business Representatives

IT'S APRIL AGAIN! With the beautiful weather we have had on the Peninsula the last few days, it looks like we have left Old Man Winter far behind. The prospects for a good busy spring if the weather stays with us is exceptionally good.

The Healy-Granite breakwater job at Half Moon Bay has started again, and the company plans to extend their operation early this month. It is expected that there will be two shifts on the derrick and barges. They propose to load the core rock with the stiff leg derrick, then to unload these barges with dozers. Healy used this method a few years back on Mission Rock in San Francisco Bay with a great deal of success. One thing is for sure, one slip on the part of the dozer hand and he will have his laundry done without the necessity of removing his clothes. The water in this area is mighty cold at this time of the year.

The C. J. Woods Co. are still working on their job on Melendy Lane in San Carlos. We have been told that this company will move their shop and office to San Antonio Road in Palo Alto, in the very near future.

Willie Frank has been working on his Linda Mar job when weather permitted, keeping several of the brothers off the unemployment rolls.

The Utah Construction Co. have started building the new plant for the Armour Meat Co., putting a few men to work on the grading. They have used a few operators for short intervals. We have placed some heavy duty mechanics and welders in the shop to overhaul some large diesel motors that will probably go into use on one of their jobs back east.

Brother Bill Hickey is moving right along with his crew of men on Doelger's Unit 11 job. These brothers are busy grading, and doing foundation and cat work. This job has kept many of the brothers steadily employed.

"Buzz" Haskins has moved most of his rigs to another job. As soon as the P.G.&E. get the power line out of the way they will be able to move the rest of the yardage in this area. So far we have been unable to obtain a definite date as to when this company will start the big Sky-line Project.

### COAST JOB

Berger Coastwide have started their highway job down the Coast, and have hired some men. They are running the shovel off Ralston hauling to the project at the end of the Hillsdale overpass. They have also started the underground work on the Enchanted Hills job.

Wunderlich Co. is moving right along with their job at San Mateo College. It will be a short time before they have this job opened up to the extent that they can start the rest of the DW 20's. We have been informed that when they are running full crew they will have twelve 20's operating.

Tony Leone Co. have just started their fourteen acre site development in Linda Mar. When the grading is finished on the first seven acres of this site they will start the buildings. We were shown the plans for this development and when it is completed it will be exceptionally nice.

Oscar Holmes was low bidder, and has started the grading on the site for the San Carlos Elementary School, off Melendy Lane in San Carlos. Job bid was \$99,750. This company has

brought in some Eucs from Sacramento.

Excavation and trucking of 178,000 cubic yards of earth from the Summit Heights subdivision site in southwest San Mateo has started. This is a 12-acre parcel and the dirt will be removed from this subdivision to the Los Prados subdivision site east of Bayshore and the Hillsdale overpass. Fisk Firenz and McLean have bought a Northwest shovel, and will start the work on this project.

### PROPOSED NEW WORK

The initial step in the development of the San Carlos airport Marina has been taken with the awarding of the contract to the Dutra Dredging Co. for providing a deep water channel from the bay to the proposed three hundred berth Marina. This is scheduled to be a long term development, which will include a three hundred room motel, plus various other units.

Kaiser Foundation Hospital plans to build a \$250,000 clinic in South San Francisco. There will be some demolition work on this project for lot grading.

It has been announced that Federal Funds in the amount of \$17,860 have been granted to the Granada Sanitary District for construction of new sewer disposal treatment facilities for the coast side community of El Granada, with the total cost of the project estimated at \$406,080.

It will be interesting to see the outcome for an application for a permit to dredge 22,000,000 yards of sand out of the bay. More information will be forthcoming on this one when we have more to pass on to you.

Contract was awarded to the Payne Construction Co. of Oakland for improvements to San Mateo-Hayward Bridge on Brewer's Island.

Contract awarded to the O. C. Jones Co. of Berkeley, for the paving and site work at the Lakeshore School, San Mateo.

Bids are in for sewage line and septic tank work at Huddart Park, Memorial Park and Coyote Point Park. Contract awarded to Cortelyou & Cole of Palo Alto.

On street and road work calls are out for bids on highway and re-alignment work on Hillside Blvd. and a portion of Chestnut Ave. in South San Francisco.

Award was made to Leonetti Bros., Inc., of San Francisco, for site preparation at the Jefferson Elementary School, Daly City, as well as the George Washington Elementary School.

### BLOOD DONORS FOR MARCH

Hugh Meara.  
Joe Aguilar  
Frances Drosch  
James Simmons.

JUST A REMINDER! The first Saturday of June is just around the corner. As you know, this day will be designated as our Blood Bank Day. Full details will appear in the next issue of the Engineers News. This year, more than ever, we are in need of donors for the Engineers Blood Bank. Keep the date in mind, and watch for the next issue of the paper for more information.



# ROSA-UKIAH AREA SLOW TO GET STARTED

by R. F. SWANSON

Yes, a lot of the brothers are working, but there are a very large number of the brothers who will still remain on the out of work list. There is some work anticipated so that eventually we will be able to put most of those who are not working to work, providing that they are able to eat until that time comes. **JOBS ARE ONCE AGAIN SHOWING SIGNS OF LIFE AFTER BEING SHUT DOWN BECAUSE OF WINTER.**

The Guy F. Atkinson Company who started to work last year on the Healdsburg by-pass have begun once again after a couple of tries in which some of the brothers received only one or two days work each week. (Those of you drawing unemployment insurance know what this means, — well anyway it didn't help.)

Atkinson has about completed half of the work, and should be going a greater part of the season. With all of the work that Atkinson has been a low bidder on lately, and so far with the lack of work in this area; we are kind of hopeful that a lot of the brothers of this area will be able to follow the equipment which they are presently running, to one of the other jobs which are out of this district but still within driving range. Frederickson and Watson still have a few months work and are working every dry day. Their job is located on Trenton Road which will eventually be one of the main routes to the Russian River area. Granite Construction has been working on winter maintenance on their Longvale job. As we understand it, there are a lot of slides and extra work, so the brothers should be fairly busy most of the season. There are a lot of small jobs in the area which provide work for the smaller contractor but the above mentioned jobs are the main ones for this area.

## NEW WORK

The main job which has been awarded so far this year is that which is located at the Navarro Bridge and continues 1½ miles south. Huntington Bros. of Napa were low bidders and are expected to start momentarily. (By the time you read this the job will have started. Their low bid was \$309,000. Dick Cunningham will have a number of rigs working on this project.

The bids will be opened for the Big River Bridge job on April 13th. This job should provide some much needed work for the brothers, especially those who live in that vicinity and have been out of work for so long. The job is estimated at \$735,000.

On April 27th the bids will be opened for an estimated \$102,000 of slide removal and road repair along the Boonville Road.

There is still no definite date for the Highway job between Santa Rosa, and Healdsburg which is due this year; but the un-official rumor is that the bids will be opened some time in June with the calling for bids being the month of May. This is the job we need for it amounts to a lot of work for the engineers and is estimated to go for around \$5,000.00.

After a conference with legislators and the Ukiah Representatives in Sacramento the Director of the Division of Highways ordered a review of the plans for the Ukiah Freeway by-pass. Construction of the first section

## NEW JOB AWARDS

San Bruno—Contract awarded Western Well Drilling Co., Ltd., P. O. Box 47, San Jose \$52,268 (plus \$4,146 add., \$56,414-total) for drill & dev. new wr. well, incl. pump hse., eqpt., wr. & elec. distrib. & appurt. wk. at Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno, San Mateo Co.

San Francisco —Contract was awarded to Payne Const. Co., 689 Louisiana, Oakland \$40,528 for const. field ofc. bldg. for impvts. to San Mateo-Hayward Bridge on Brewer Island, San Mateo County.

San Jose—Contract awarded to Ince Bros., \$31,325 for constr. Bollinger Road storm sewer system.

San Jose—Contract awarded to Petersen Bros., \$46,124 for instl. of small children's area & courts at Willow St. Park, William St. Park & River Glen Park.

Stockton —Contract awarded to Carvers Const. Co., \$56,200 (grandstand) \$1,450 (Storage Room) for constr. of grndstd. & extns. Billy Hebert Field, Oak Park, Stockton.

MENLO PARK, Contract awarded to Mid County Const. Co., Inc., San Mateo, \$201,228 (base) plus \$4,610 (alt) for constr. police bldg.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 174 San Bruno Rd., So. S.F., \$102,563 for pave & util. etc. of main entr. rd. area at S.F. International Airport.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., \$49,390 for pavement reconst. & curb raising on various streets in S.F.

San Francisco —Contract was awarded to Healy-Tibbitts Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., S. F. for \$37,126 for reconst. Southampton Shoal Light Station.

—about 12 million dollars worth is scheduled to start next year. Most of the right of way for the ten mile by-pass has already been purchased.

## BOYS CLUB

Those of you who have boys in the Santa Rosa area, and there are many of you—I have good news for you. Plans are under way to build a real Boys Club in the city of Santa Rosa; one that is affiliated with the National Organization of Boys Clubs. At this writing it may be news to you but I am sure that you will be reading a lot about it very soon in the local paper. Now comes the pitch—we are all expected to do our share, so when the pledge cards or whatever is requested comes along—please, for the sake of the boys, do your part. I'll have more to say on this subject at a later date. Those of the brothers who live in Santa Rosa, please send me a card stating that you are willing to support the Boys Club.

## NEW OFFICE GIRL

When you call into the Santa Rosa Office you will be answered by a new "cherry" voice, namely Elinor Jones, (providing I don't answer first). Elinor has been working in our San Francisco Office for the past nine years so she should have all the answers.

## NEW OFFICE

This is just a reminder for those of you who may not have been to the new office location in Santa Rosa, the address is: 1186 Yalupa Ave. If you get lost, just phone us and we will give you further directions. The phone number is still the same, Liberty 6-2487.

## BLOOD BANK

No new names on the blood donors list again from this area. This is not good; please do something about it.

# Northbay Jobs Are Getting Out of Low Gear

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

The weather is just right—the jobs have opened up good and in a few weeks should be going full blast. As you read this report, you can see how work has gotten started.

Piombo Construction have gotten under way on the site preparation for the new Marin County Civic Center. Jim Louis is the super, and Brothers Paul F. Bach, Paul Price, C. B. Cunningham and Howard Sampson are on the dozers.

Kirkwood-Bly Inc. of Santa Rosa have started their sewer construction job along 4th and 2nd Streets in San Rafael.

Valley Engineers have just started their pipeline job in Kentfield and Ross and coming in with equipment are Brothers LeRoy Dunigan, Side Boom Operator; Louis A. Bennett, Link Belt Operator, Tom Roach, Oil-er. Johnny Butler is the super. This contract was originally awarded to the Engineers Ltd. Pipeline last June, and due to the steel strike work was postponed, and at the present time Engineers Ltd. is doing large pipe jobs only. Contract price for the job, \$1,067,891. Estimated length of the job is approximately two months.

L. C. Smith going like mad clearing, etc., at McNear's Road, known as "Chinese Sunken Gardens." Quite a spread and making wonderful progress. Bro. Phil Dunn is very pleased with his help.

Marin Rock and Asphalt, after a winter's hibernation, getting the equipment in order to furnish the hot stuff for "Honest" Charles Harney, for the paving of run-ways at Hamilton Air Base.

Little "Clem" Clementino with his spread of "Nits & Lice"—we find him all over Marin County, particularly heavily involved at Hamilton Air Base, running quite a spread.

Bobo Construction at Ignacio also getting underway, calling back some of his old hands. Has as his foreman Bro. Bill Russell, and a balance of good crew.

A. G. Raich at Marin Golf & Country free-wheeling with two subs helping out at the present time. Tom Hanna and Paul Vincilione. This should be an all summer job.

Syar and Harms on the finish end of housing pad job at Marinwood with Bro. Jack Bean on the job.

We learn authentically that Carey Bros. have finally pinched off a big one in the deep south—in 12's area. They have a job to finish when the snows melt in the Sierras, and a job to finish on Lucas Valley Rd. in Marin County, besides other stuff they keep picking up in the area.

Carroll Madsen has now assumed complete control of his organization, and getting off to a good start—good prospects and many jobs in the bag.

Hutchinson Quarry at Greenbrae not in operation for quite some time, waiting for parts for their primary crusher—starting time indefinite. Hot plant in slow operations.

Basalt Rock at McNear's Point seem to find work for the boys, at least getting in four or five days a week. They have finally day-lighted the quarry so they can get in off the highway without tearing over the hill, which could make all truck drivers happy.

Pullman Bldrs. still in the process of working at Paradise Cay and are now selling off a few lots and building expensive homes. Members should not investigate owing to the price of lots, which would probably require five years' earnings.

E. A. Forde appears to be in hibernation and advises us nothing in the bag at the present time, but you can't tell when they might get a windfall.

Ghilotti Bros. recently award-

ed a few blocks in San Rafael for excavating, paving, etc., finishing up job in the Vallejo area. Between house wrecking and other various jobs, they seem to be going along very good, prospects are very good for the year.

Bids will be called soon for the big job making the three bridges over Greenbrae Creek which will run into a lot of money.

Bids will be received on April 13th for the construction of the Nicasio Dam Project, consisting of 115 foot high earth and rock fill dam, a reinforced concrete spillway, a reinforced concrete sloping inlet structure, a 36" diameter steel outlet pipe, approximately 3 miles of county highway, a reinforced concrete bridge, and other work required to construct the Nicasio Dam, complete and ready for operation. The jobsite is located approximately 14 miles west of the town of Novato and about 17 miles northwesterly of San Rafael. The damsite is located on Nicasio Creek. This project will require the relocation of a portion of the Petaluma-Pt. Reyes County Highway. This sounds like it will be a "hi-ball" job on account of the limited time and the amount of earth involved. Surely it will be at least a double shifter.

It appears that Brothers Lee Cox and Jess Hare doing a great job of demolishing. The writer watched them for a good hour—well forked out by the loader.

Frederickson & Watson are underway at Terra Linda and Hwy. 101 interchange with a good crew of Engineers. Bro. "Tex" Strickland is the Asst. Super. Weather conditions made it impossible for this job to get started as scheduled Feb. 1.

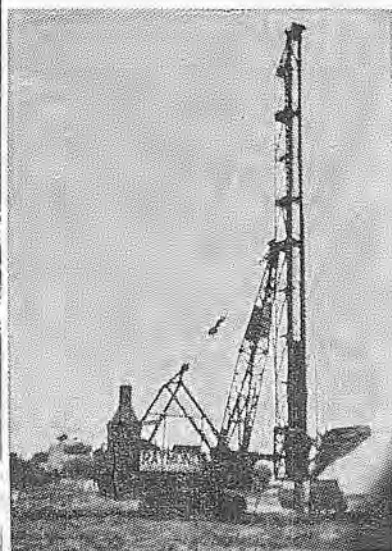
## THE VALLEJO AREA

Granite Construction Co. have started their job on the Suisun Valley Irrigation Pre-Cast pipe job near Fairfield. Darkenwald and Vinson is still working full blast on both their Fairfield and Dixon pipe line jobs.

Gordon H. Ball was low bidder on the Highway 40 job at Cordelia at \$3,812,194. We look for them to move in by the 1st of May.

Frederickson & Watson is still working full force on both the Benicia Freeway job and the Sears Point Road job.

Raymond Concrete have a sand drain rig working at the Northgate of Mare Island where



the new bridge across the Mare Island Straits is going to be. This sand drain rig drives a mandrel into the mud in the straits. This mandrel is 65 feet long and 18 inches in diameter, with a hinge gate at the bottom. The loader then fills the man-

drel with sand, withdraws the mandrel and the sand is forced out the hinge gate with air pressure. (See picture). The operators are Brothers Ira Jones and Vernon Bellah, Fireman Jack Pickard, and Loader Operator Clarence Weaver. Raymond Concrete plans to put down 2,800 such sand drains, which will make a solid foundation for both the bridge and the road that is to be build there.

The Momarc Missile Base at Dixon has been cut off by the government. At present time, we have no idea when or if it will be resumed. Apparently the Momarc Missile was obsolete before the base was even completed.

In the Napa area—O. C. Jones has four engineers working at present on their job at the Veteran's Home in Yountville.

George Slinsen has certainly done a lot of work to their yard, it doesn't look like the same place. They remodeled the yard and oil house, built a new shop and put in new gas pumps. It's one of the nicest yards around anywhere.

Talbot Bros. is busy on their Berryessa Marine Resort.

Basalt has just about finished their paving at the resort at Spanish Flats.

George Slinsen has completed excavations at Spanish Flats for C. E. Strotkamp, Inc.

**Personal notes about the Brothers:** Bro. Ted Hicks, operator at Ben C. Gerwick's Yard in Petaluma is laid up at the present time with a slipped disc—seems he stepped off his rig and stepped on a piece of concrete and twisted his leg. Best wishes, Ted.

Bro. Les Peterson just recently returned from South Carolina where he was driving for Ben C. Gerwick—and by the time this issue is released, he will be on the way to Arabia for Gerwick. Brother Peterson tells us how lucky our brothers are working under union conditions here—he tells us there are 150 men waiting on the banks on Monday morning for 10 men's work. Conditions are not good at all.

Brother Charles Adkins, surveyor for Schultz for many years has gone into the Laundromat business in Novato—doing rugs, family wash, also dry cleaning. The address is: 1224 Grant Ave. We wish Bro. Adkins much success in his new venture.

Brother S. H. Cervantes, Sr. is displaying his right arm in a cast at the present time. Best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Attention members residing in Marin County and vicinity: The Monky-Ward's new store in Corte Madera is "non-union." Members please take note!

In conclusion, Brother "Heinie" Foss wishes to express his appreciation and thanks to the Brothers who supported him during the recent election, as a delegate to the International Convention.

## NEW JOB AWARDS

Berkeley—Contract awarded to Branagh Const. Co., 42 La Salle Ave., Piedmont, 351,500 for const. parking struc. "C" at the Univ. of Calif., Berkeley.

Daly City —Contract awarded to Leonetti Bros., Inc., 57 Lealand Ave., S. F. \$67,950 (base) for site prep. at George Washington Elem. School.



# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By DON KINCHLOE, BILL BARR, "TINY" LAUX, WARREN LE MOINE and TOMMY THOMPSON, Business Representatives

The Oakland Area is picking up. For the month of March there were 385 men cleared. On April 5th we had a pre-job with Guy F. Atkinson on the MacArthur Blvd. freeway. The freeway will start at Broadway and finish at Grand Avenue. There will be six overpasses and the total length of the freeway is 2.1 miles. Most of the work will be concrete and the most we will have on this job is ten engineers. The jobs in the Oakland area now are for short periods. We would like to make a request and ask all of the Brothers that can to donate to the Blood Bank. Our Blood Bank is now empty and we need blood very badly. The Bank is located at 6230 Claremont Avenue, Oakland. The telephone number is OLYmpic 4-2924. Please call and make reservations to donate.

The Badger Co. in Richmond have started their job at Standard Oil. Le Beouf and Dougherty are doing the piledriving as this job gets under way. We hope to see a lot of Brothers working on this project.

Martin Bros. was low bidder on the Royal Village in Concord where there are fifty-four new homes being built. Martin Bros. have all of the sewer contracts of 1700 ft. of 6" sewer pipe and 2,000 lateral. At the present time we have several Brothers working on this job.

Willamette Iron Co. at yard 3 have been very successful in receiving several ships on ship repair in the past three months. We hope to see several more ships come in to this yard. The Brothers on this job have had a little bit of difficulty—which we have straightened out very much to their satisfaction. And we hope that if there is any other difficulty they will get in touch with us immediately so that we may help them.

McGuire & Hester in Danville have the 24" water line from the center of Danville to the water tank by Castlewood Country Club. We have at this time about nine Engineers working on this job.

**NEW PETERBILT PLANT**  
Peterbilt Motors Co. is building a new \$1,500,000 plant at Newark, California. Bechtel Corp. of 220 Bush St. in San Francisco did the engineering and is the general contractor. Bechtel is represented in the field by L. T. Tuttle, Project Manager and Brother David E. Bourne, Field Engineer. Site preparation was done by Hayward Rock Co., Brother "Red" Russell, foreman. The site work was done in November of 1959. The area was stripped to a depth of 12" and then 50,000 yards of select fill material was imported. Construction started on February 1, 1960. Wm. Dutra Co., Vicil Engineering of New-

**NEW JOB AWARDS**  
SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to John H. McCosker, Inc., \$43,410 for instl 7,800 lft, RC wtr, pipe, Terra Linda subdivision.  
SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Consolidated Western Steel Div., 120 Mtgy., S.F. \$297,820 for furn & erect 25,000,000 gal, weld, stl, water tanks, L. S. bid.  
OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 66th ave., Oakland, \$1,081,081 for steel water mains, located in vicinity of Richmond, Contra Costa Co., Calif.  
SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Thomas Const., \$89,796 for Yosemite-Merced River Brdg. & approaches at Railroad Flat, Route 100, Sierra & Stanislaus National Forests, Mariposa County.  
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co. Inc., \$1,188,123 for 5.1 mi, 2-lane hwy., grade, pave, AC etc. 10 mi, E of Douglas City & Shasta Co. line Trinity Co.

ark, California had their survey party do the layout work. Brothers J. L. Duffner and Jos. Milani and Frank Mamone made up the survey party. The Hayward Concrete Construction Co. is putting in the foundations and slabs. They employed Brother Sam Davis operating the backhoe with Frank Lapacek as oiler. Brother Don Fargo was on the loader. Herrick Iron Works is doing the steel erecting.

Brother N. K. Jones is the oiler and Brother Lewis Eck is operator. Ross Peoples is taking care of the welding machines. Ransome Co. is going to do the paving. Brother Carl Prince is operating the blade preparing sub-grade for the railroad spur. Then he will start preparing sub-grade for the paving. The paving covering about 12 acres should start about June 15, 1960.

The factory building will have five feet high wainscoting pre-coat concrete wall. The balance of the 25 ft. of wall will be aluminum siding and ample windows. There will be four acres under the roof. The administra-

**NEW JOB AWARDS**  
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., P. O. Box 7538 Sacto. \$92,557 for Walnut Riviera Assess. Dist.  
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Frederickson Bros., \$447,829 for abt 9 mi, hwy. Interchange to be constr., grade, pave, AC ovr aggr, base & RC & prest, conc, bridge and instal, drain facils., & hwy. ligtg, sys, at Nimbus rd., 13 mi E of Sacramento. Sacramento Co.  
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton blvd., Sacto. \$55,791 for Park Woods Unit No. 3 assessment district. Sacramento Co.  
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Thomas Const Co., P. O. Mox 683, Fresno, \$146,536 for bridge & approach to be const on Watt Ave. Extens, near Fair Oaks Blvd., E of Sacto City limits. Sacramento Co.  
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to N. P. Valkenburgh Co. Inc & Gunther & Shirley Co., const, Whole Rock Conv.  
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Continental Const. Co., P. O. Box 2551, Sacto. \$2,250,000 for 160,000 sq. ft. 3-floor basement, penthouse, Dept. store for Weinstock Luben Dept. Stores, Sacramento.  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to V. C. Mendenhall Const. Co., P. O. Box 2551, Sacto. \$320,469 for constr, portion of PSH in Lincoln & White Pine Co's., Nevada, USR No. 93 between 42 mi & 55 mi N of Pioche.  
OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Ince Bros., 625 E. Taylor St., Sunnyvale, \$40,825 for constr., trunk sewer lines & appurt., strucs. & facils. in Alameda Co.  
MOUNTAIN VIEW, Contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., P. O. Box 95, Belmont, \$231,025 for water sys., impvts.  
SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., 10 W. Orange St., So. S.F. \$507,326 for San Jose Airport-Guadalupe River Bridge Parkway.

tion building will be steel frame with concrete block walls. The cafeteria will also be steel frame and concrete block with a large patio on the west side.

The F. P. Lathrop Construction Co. of Berkeley, California was awarded the contract to build the new Livermore-Pleasanton Hospital at a cost of \$1,126,000. This hospital is being built on a 12 acre piece of ground donated by the Henry J. Kaiser Corporation located on the edge of Livermore on the Livermore-Pleasanton Highway. George Hall Paving Co. has the sub-contract to do all of the excavation and paving. This hospital will be a multi-story reinforced concrete hospital with a separate boiler house. The hospital will have a floor area of approximately 30,500 sq. feet.

The negotiations for the American Forge plant at Niles, California has been completed. A meeting was held with the members of this plant on April 7th, at which time they approved the proposed agreement which was the result of long negotiations. This agreement was completely rewritten after an election was held in which Local 3 won. We wish at this time to express our thanks and gratitude to all of the Brothers who gave us so much help in this negotiation and election.

**News About the Brothers**  
Brother Fred Biven has been in the Eden Hospital in Castro Valley because of an operation on his knee. Brother Fred is doing nicely now and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Brother Don Meifert, a member of Local 3 for many years is selling tools of all types. Brother Don will be stopping by the jobs and if any of the Brothers need tools of any kind give Don your business. Brother Don can be reached at 2384 Lincoln Avenue, Richmond. The telephone number is BE 4-1118. We all wish the best of luck to Don.

**NEW JOB AWARDS**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Swinerton & Walberg, \$152,000 for United Airlines, S. F. for office bldg., remodel, invlg., elect. work, teleph., ducts, air conditioning & tile work.  
LEMOORE, Contract awarded to L. E. Dixon & W. E. Keir, Gabriel, \$7,612,000 for oper., person & admin., facils.  
OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Kaiser Steel Corporation, 1956 Webster St., Oakland, \$145,567 for breasting camels at Nav. Air Sta., Alameda.  
CARSON CITY, NEVADA — Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada \$278,525 for 0.404 mi., const., por., of PSH, ON SR No. 5C, etc. CLARK CO.  
CASTROVILLE, Contract awarded to Cecil Lightfoot, 71 Pesante Road, Salinas, \$36,845 for yard work, grade & pave, of Fire Sta. at Moss Landing.  
SAN LUIS OBISPO, Contract awarded to Baun Constr. Co., Box 4057, Fresno, \$77,000 for compl. of four lane divided Highway, MONTEREY CO., between Carpenter St. & South City Limits of Monterey.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Stenmark Const. Co. 2190 Folsom St., S.F., \$44,676 for exterior alterations & window installation at Bay View Elem. School, S.F.

## CAN YOU AFFORD TO BE 65? WRITE TODAY

Only hope for securing enactment of the Forand Bill, giving minimum health care for the aged under social security, is by a mass letter-writing campaign to show grassroots support for this vital measure.

The California Labor Federation urges every member to write a letter to his congressman asking a "yes" vote on H.R. 4700. This will help combat the American Medical Assn. drive to kill this bill and thus deprive our senior citizens of minimum health care under social security.

This measure is organized labor's number one legislative goal for this year. It may not succeed without your help. Write today!

Following is the text of an AFL-CIO leaflet entitled "Can You Afford to Be 65?"

... Are you retired, or near retirement?  
... Do you have aging parents whose health and happiness is your concern?  
... Do you agree that workers who have earned honorable retirement should be protected from the crushing costs of illness?  
Then you have a stake in the Forand Bill (HR 4700).

The Forand bill attacks the most tragic unsolved social welfare problem of our day—the human and financial disaster that illness imposes upon the aged.

This problem can no longer be brushed aside.

THIS CONGRESS must act.  
**THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TODAY:**

Let's see what a pensioner or a retired couple can do now to guard against "medical indigence," as the doctors call it.

BUY PRIVATE, COMMERCIAL HEALTH INSURANCE, says the insurance lobby.

It is true that such insurance is now available for the 65-plus group. But one fact stands out:

Where the cost of private insurance is within reason, the benefits are meager; where the benefits are adequate, the cost is out of reach.

This is bound to be true of a plan under which the aged are insuring themselves. To be workable, any insurance plan must be broad enough to include good risks as well as bad risks—the young as well as the old. Private insurance can supplement a federal program; it cannot replace it.

ASK FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, says the doctors' lobby.

Public assistance is the free care available to the poverty-stricken through state and federal funds. It is necessary, it is worthy and it should be improved. Many doctors, to their credit, donate heavily of their services to this work.

But public assistance is public relief. Those who get it must prove their poverty—often to the point of taking a pauper's oath. They must exhaust their savings and in many states sell their modest possessions—their cars, their TV sets, even their homes—to become eligible.

GET THE CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO PAY THE BILLS, say the reactionaries.

Unquestionably there are millions of emergencies solved in this way. But a medical catastrophe to the parents is in most cases beyond the means of willing children. At best, such help is a sorry reward for pensioners who have earned their independence.

Clearly, none of these alternatives is acceptable in a free society of free independent citizens.

BUT IT COULD BE LIKE THIS:

The Forand bill does not pretend to solve the whole prob-

lem of medical care for the aged. It does guard against total disaster.

The bill would:  
• Pay in full for 60 days of hospital care for all persons eligible for old-age and survivors benefits. (Note that this would include the dependent children of widows.)

• Meet the costs of combined nursing-home and hospital care up to 120 days a year and cover certain surgical expenses. Social security records would be used to establish the rights of applicants. The bill includes standard safeguards as to the quality of care, negotiation of rates and the freedom of cooperating institutions from government interference.

The program would cost about \$1 billion a year at the start. This would be met by a rise of only a quarter of one per cent in social security taxes on employers and employees, and 3/8 per cent on the self-employed. The most any worker would pay (if he makes \$4,800 or more) would be \$12 a year.

The Forand bill puts this program where it belongs—in the social security system.

**YOUR LETTER MAY DECIDE**

• Whether retired workers, now or later, must seek public relief or become burdens to their children when severe illness strikes.

• Whether those who have earned the right to independent retirement will lose that right because of illness.

• Whether you, in your turn, can look forward to retirement without fear of illness.

Will Congress vote it into law? The answer to that question is in your hands.

Your letters, to your Congressman and your two Senators, will decide the issue.

If YOU tell them that YOU want the Forand bill, it will pass.

To Your Congressman:  
House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

To Your Senators:  
Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

A girl doesn't have much choice these days—most of the eligible men are either old and bent or young and broke.

A Texan who owned a late model, small-sized sports car was asked if it were air conditioned. "No," he replied, "but I always keep a couple of cold ones in the refrigerator."

Advertisement by a young psychiatrist: "Satisfaction guaranteed or your mania back."



# UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

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

It's **SPRINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES** here in Utah, which is the most welcome phrase in many a month for our construction men. The wheels of machinery are starting to turn and with them our hope that each and every members will enjoy a busy and prosperous season.

As you all know, this is the year in which we must negotiate a new AGC Agreement. Negotiations will soon begin and much of the success depends on our unified effort. Whatever differences of opinions and petty grievances we may have had in the past, politically and otherwise, should all be forgotten in an endeavor to solidify our stand for better wages, benefits and conditions for the entire membership.

The negotiating committee who will be negotiating for you will need your help and confidence. We are open for suggestions and welcome your opinions. Again, **let's all join hands in the spirit of unity, which after all, is the true meaning of Unionism.**

We would like to stress, at this time, the importance of signing in with the various offices in which you wish to be dispatched from. If you are called back to work, please call the office and have your name removed from the out of work list. **Also, list only those classifications which you are qualified to do.** This is very important. —not only to you as an operator but to the whole organization. The Contractors are depending on us to send them a qualified man to operate their machines. If we fail, there will be much skepticism on calling on us for the next operator. **Protect yourself as well as your fellow member.**

## AROUND SALT LAKE

Thorn's river job is going two shifts with quite a few of the Brothers being called back.

W. W. Clyde Company is starting their job at 21st South and Wasatch Blvd. This job is just getting started; however in two or three weeks should be in full swing. This will help our Brothers considerably.

Tiago's Freeway job in North Salt Lake is going full blast. Several of the Brothers have been dispatched to the job along with a number of the old hands being called back.

L. A. Young has his crusher going with L. T. Johnson doing the hauling of the fill on the Cudahy Lane to Pages Lane job. This will be another good job as soon as it gets into full production. Following are some of the Brothers working on this job at the present time. Lloyd Hatch, dozer operator, Fred Draper, dozer, Kay Esplin, crusher, Lorin Jessen, mechanic, Dick Taylor dozer, Garn Jeffery, dozer, Dan Evans, Coleman loader, Cliff Jones, patrol, Barney Jeffery, dozer, Gordon Baker, greaser and Hal Seeley, front-end loader.

Things at Flaming Gorge should really get moving before long; however at this date we haven't received any additional orders for men. There was a good deal of excitement up at Dutch John and vicinity a few weeks ago when ice-burges jammed the river and destroyed several projects and bridges. Everything seems to be under control at this writing.

Bids were opened by the Utah State Road Commission on April 5th on the six-lane interstate bridge spanning the Provo River —a key feture in the state's metropolitan freeway plans. Bettilyon's Inc. of Salt Lake City was apparently low among 14 bidders with a \$151,036 proposal, \$3,800 under the estimate.

On another interstate 15 project in North Salt Lake, Gibbons & Reed Company, was lowest of 11 bidders with a \$69,790 offer for relocating a water line.

We are now in negotiations with the Rock, Sand & Gravel industry and it looks as though this will be a good year for this industry as at present they are all busy.

Down at the Lang Company, our truck shop is in full swing and seem to be busy. We have had our first negotiation meeting with this Company.

Up on the Bingham Stripping there is still no definite word as to which Company received the

award. Naturally we are all anxious to get the good word but it looks as though we will just have to be patient until such time the Company decides to release the news.

All the small contractors are active and our circumstances would be greatly improved if we had a hiring hall with this group.

## IN THE PROVO AREA

The outlook for this area is better this year than last. The road contractors are starting to call back the operators they turned loose last year. When all these hands get back to work on their old jobs it will help considerably; however, we will still have quite a few on the out of work list.

We are indeed hoping that the new jobs starting in the area will handle most of these men who are still out of work.

Out at Vernal, Western Knapp Company was awarded a job building a mill for San Francisco Chemical Company with Art Edson as superintendent. Art is not unknown in Utah and has been very cooperative with Local 3 in the past. He just completed a similar job on the Eresco Mill at Moab last fall with little or no problems. Vernal Sand & Gravel Company have the contract for building about a mile and one-half of road into the San Francisco Chemical project.

At the Stanaker Dam things should be getting into full swing by the end of the month and also the sub-contractor who is the Intermountain Concrete Pipe Co. They will be loading rock from a mile west of the dam project.

Strong Company has started their spread east of Vernal with most of their old hands back in the saddle.

Peterson Construction Company probably won't get started on their Red Creek job until May or June. All of their equipment is still in Phoenix.

Consolidated Western Steele at Geneva have laid off a few tugger and compressor operators and are nearing the process of jacking the furnace. We hope that when this is completed some of these operators will be called back.

Morrison Knudsen Company was the low bidder and was awarded the contract for the Orem to American Fork Freeway job, with Tuffey Jones moving in for the superintendent job. This contract calls for the fill to be hauled from the slag dump at Geneva. At this time we understand they will use Coleman loaders for load-

ing the slag and belly dumps for the haul. At any rate, they should employ a good number of operators.

We again urge all members of Operating Engineers to make sure that the Contractor for whom he is working is signatory to the AGC Agreement and is paying in to the Health and Welfare Fund. As members of the Union, you should be getting all the benefits the Union provides.

If you are not receiving these benefits, let us know and with your help we have a chance of getting them for you.

Brother Bob Ford broke his hand a few days ago, with a possible loss of his little finger; Bob was working for Ray Rider and we truly regret that he is to be laid up right at the time work is starting to boom. We hope it won't be too long before he will be back to work.

## NEW HOURS FOR THE PROVO OFFICE

The Provo Office will now be open on a part-time basis. Office hours, Monday thru Friday, will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. The office will be closed on Saturdays, until further notice.

## IN SOUTHERN UTAH

Work in the southern part of the State is looking a little better, with Floyd Whiting Company starting on his jobs at Helper and Thistle. These two jobs should take several good Brothers. Sumsion Construction Company got a small job at Blanding and have called back a few of their operators. It won't be long before they move to Mexican Hat to finish the oil job there.

There are several construction companies who have oil to finish this Spring. Olof Nelson, east of Price, L. A. Young, south of Price, General Contracting Corporation, Piute County, Strong Company, Hatch and Contracting Corporation at Zion's Park. These jobs should take several black top operators. Whiting and Haymond have called all their operators back to work who were working for them last Summer, on their job at Mt. Carmel. Fife Construction Company at Huntington started their job and have called most of their operators back. This job was only down sixty days all Winter.

Wheelwright Construction Company is putting the finishing touches on their job at St. George. This has been a good job for the Brothers this winter in that they lost very little time. Wells Cargo is running two shifts on their crusher at Beaver with the following Brothers piling up the rock. Jack Cyrus, mechanic, Cargent Shira, welder, Verl Scott and Don Scott on the Crusher, Charles Nelson, Herman Koger and Leland Beaumont on cats on the day shift. Ben Matice and Earl Clayton on Crusher, Henry Willesen and Powell Benson on cats on the swing shift. This Company is hoping to get the grade started about the 15th of April.

There is not too much to report on the Iron Mines other than that the Company is going to have to lay off some of their men due to the fact that the orders have slowed down till Geneva Steel gets the furnaces back in operation. We are glad to see June Hunter back on the job after a long illness.

## THE NORTHERN AREA

Almost one million dollars worth of highway construction

directly benefitting the Ogden area was approved by the Utah Road Commission yesterday. The work includes six projects at an estimated cost of \$968,00.

The projects will widen Harrison Blvd. between 20th and 30th, relieve traffic congestion along U. S. 91 in the vicinity of Hill Air Force Base, give Grant Avenue a new surface between 21st and 36th, resurface Patterson and 31st between Wall and Washington and resurface the inside lanes of U. S. 91 between Layton and Death Curve in Roy to relieve what has become a serious traffic congestion problem. \$610,000 is earmarked for this project.

The Air Force has allocated \$1,840,000 for the reconstructing of 27 miles of highway from Corinne to Thiokol Chemical Corporation west and north of Brigham City. This is to rebuild the road, modify some curves, install a heavier base for truck traffic and give it a heavy asphalt armor coat. Bids for the first nine miles section will be called for in about a week. The balance of the project will be let in two parts. Target date for completion of the entire highway is this Summer. Twenty-five miles of the route is from the Corinne to the Thiokol headquarters. The road extends two miles to the first stage engine production plant.

E. H. Knudsen Company of Ogden was awarded the contract by Roy City Council for the construction of water, sewer and storm drains in this community. Knudsen's bid of \$162,030 was considerably lower than the 10 other bids opened last week by the Council. The Company will use mortar-cast line steel pipe on the project, except for a 300 ft. extension under the railroad tracks to 2700 West. The extension will be of cast iron pipe.

General American Transportation Company, of Orem, received the contract for construction of a million gallon steel tank reservoir based on a bid of \$35,543, in Roy, Utah.

The Willard Bay job is slow in getting started. Brewster has called back a few men with H. V. Goedert on cat, James Brock on the Sauerman (slusher) as is Earl Beach. James Donovan is going to run a TC 12 starting Monday, Paul Mitchell has been running the crane for Yuba Construction erecting the towers for the slushers, Estes Chipman is back as mechanic and Jay Pentz is greaser.

Miles & Son have put on a small crew with L. T. Garrett and Derlin Murray on the Patrol, Ronald Monson and Willie Schuerer on cat, James Cologna, greaser, Earl Hardinger as mechanic and Leroy Dowdle on a Kolman loader.

## KENNECOTT COPPER

The contracts have now been signed and it is hoped that the Company will have them printed in booklet form before long. As soon as they are received by this office they will be distributed immediately.

In the last issue of the Engineers News, the grievance procedure was printed. At this time it may be well to point out that unless a violation of the contract is brought to either the steward's or business agent's attention, nothing can be done about it. Again we wish to point out that if any of our members feel they have a grievance get in touch with your steward.

Many of our members have asked about the new provisions of the Health and Welfare In-

## NEW JOB AWARDS

CORTE MADERA, Contract awarded to Lee Mac Paving Co. Inc., 5760 Paradise Dr., Corte Madera, \$30,856 for impv. Paradise Dr. Corte Madera.

EL CERRITO, Contract awarded to C. Overaa, 526 16th St., Richmond, \$87,551 for const., pub. library, addn. Stockton & Lexington Ave., El Cerrito.

MARYSVILLE, Contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co. Inc., P. O. Box 269, Marysville, \$145,765 (Grand Total) for City of Marysville Impvt. Dist. 42 storm drnge. sys. Street paving, curbs & gutters, etc.

MATHER AFB, Contract awarded to Sheridan & Murray, 236 No. Lake Ave. Pasadena, \$3,664,000 for const., 230 units Capehart Housing, Mather AFB.

OROVILLE, Contract awarded to Roads, Inc., 3353 Magowan Dr., Santa Rosa, \$102,635, for 0.43 mi., constr. & surf., road Waggr., base matl., & bldg., brdgs., acrs. Butte Creek & Butte Creek overflow on Nelson West R., BUTTE CO.

SAN LEANDRO, contract awarded to Glanville Pldg. Co., 2900 Barrett, Richmond, \$310,000 for const., domestic & industrial waste treatment works enlargement.

SAN CARLOS, Contract awarded to Oscar C. Holmes, Inc., P. O. Box 788, Menlo Park, \$99,750 for slide repr. work & site dev., etc. at San Carlos 7th Elem. School. Melendy Dr., San Carlos Estates.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Ransome Co., Emeryville, \$228,371 for impvt. West Grand Ave., Betw. Brush & Myrtle, Oakland.

insurance. The additional coverage is: Hospital Board and Room rates were increased from \$13.00 per day to \$15.00 per day. The remainder of new coverage is for dependants. We now have a \$300.00 supplemental accident coverage for dependants and \$50.00 per year X-Ray and Laboratory fees also for dependants.

Under the old provisions, the plan would only pay for the first 24 hours treatment of dependants on accidents. Now the plan will pay up to \$300.00 for any accident treatment within 90 days of the accident.

In many cases it may be necessary for dependants to go to a hospital for X-ray and laboratory diagnosis but if such services are rendered at the doctor's office the insurance will pay up to \$50.00 a year.

We, in Operating Engineers, endorse the Company Program on Safety and urge all members to avail themselves of safety glasses and other protective equipment.

We cannot be too emphatic in our drive to work safely. As many of you know, No. 6 shovel was badly damaged last month in a slide. Had Brother Don Allen been sitting in the back of this shovel he would have undoubtedly received more serious injuries than he did. All members are requested to think twice before sitting or lingering in the back of shovels, especially so with conditions of the bank as they are today.

Our last meeting was well attended and there was much interest. It is hoped that all future meetings will be even better.

Brother H. W. (Chick) Mitchell retired on the 1st of this month and we wish him much enjoyment in his leisure. Brother Leon Miller finished school this last quarter and is now employed in the Salt Lake office.

We have had several grievance meetings with the Company and are greatly encouraged by the results of these meetings.

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED MEETINGS.**



# Trained Volunteers, Heart Of Good Safety Program

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Safety Representative

One of the surest signs of decadence in any organization is its failure to continuously upgrade—to look for and make use of its opportunities. Certainly, we must explore what others have tried and proven beneficial. We must see where their successes can be fitted into our needs.

Certainly accidents happen to us where we live, where we work, where we play, and where we raise our families. To meet our growth challenge we must make our program there. To accomplish this effectively takes competence, cohesiveness and communications on the local

level—not haphazard and topsy-turvy spurts and starts.

Every local organization must be vitally interested in growth through the use of properly recruited and adequately indoctrinated volunteers. Without them and their help we can accomplish but a small portion of our responsibilities.

If it should ever become epidemic for all the people in the world to become concerned with the removable evils of the world, these evils would soon disappear.

It should be emphasized the use of proper volunteers—volunteers capable of giving stature and influence, volunteers able to do the job that needs being done and willing to tackle the job and carry it through.

Perhaps our reference to the term "Volunteer" is wrong. Maybe the term itself is wrong; maybe its connotation is wrong. At least, we have pointed to the need for people carefully selected or cultivated, properly trained and then used where their abilities fit the needs.

This must alert us to the need for planned recruiting and development of our volunteers and their integration into our programs.

It is pointed out we must train these volunteers and use them. Would like to add one note of caution here. In our work it seems important that we never expect our volunteers to become safety experts and duplicate the abilities of the experts that are available. Rather, we must provide experts as consultants and use the volunteers to do the job they are really capable of doing.

It does seem that one of the best advantages we in safety have is the wealth of safety in so many other organizations. Sure it is often raw and untrained—pointed toward low priority, or even non-priority, objectives—but it is there! Maybe one of our real challenges is to make effective use of this volunteer material in batches—the whole organization, with its own organizational mechanics. Through providing facts, priorities, programming and training. Selling of the entire organization and doing an adequate job of coordination.

Through all these implications can see a thread of doubt running. In this busy stage of our movement with all its crash demands, isn't it so often easier and quicker to go do the job ourselves than to take the time and effort to recruit and train and supervise volunteers?

This is certainly a unique age in which we are living. Today we are so filled with atoms and bombs, missiles and satellites, sputniks, explorers, super-science, super-brain, space and the stars.

We should be concerned with these things, but it is even better we are today concerned with first things—making our own communities safer places in which to live, to work, to play and to raise our families. We can only accomplish this through spreading our usefulness.

We must improve our guidelines and our tools to help make our safety organizations more effective in reducing accidents.

## REPORT FROM SAN JOSE, SALINAS & WATSONVILLE

by RICHARD A. CHRISTENSEN,  
Business Representative.

During the month of March several meetings with the employees of the Commercial Solvent Company, Agnew, Calif., have been held with a view to obtaining support at the pending N. L. R. B. election. To date matters seem to be progressing favorably. However, nothing can definitely be assured until such an election has been held. The management at the plant is not asleep and is endeavoring to discourage the members from unionizing the plant. Bros. Gordon MacDonald, and International Representative Frank Brantley have given the same much attention and our office all the support possible.

In addition we are striving to get matters going with the Western Forge & Flange Company of Santa Clara, Calif. To date no action toward a settlement has been advanced. The Crown By-Products has been settled and demands submitted to the dried fruit industry sent out. No action as yet. Notice for reopening have been sent to the Central Ice & Cold Storage, San Jose, Calif., and the Pacific Mfg. Co., Santa Clara, Calif. The latter company has been reported as contemplating closing. It is hoped the same will continue in effect or that a successor will come forth to keep this large plant in operation.

While it was hoped progress was being made with the Stanford—Palo Alto Hospital, it appears that there are still matters to be corrected, which seem to center about the supervisory staff. Things indicate an unhealthy situation there.

Plants in the Salinas-Watsonville area, ice industry, are ready to go full blast at any time. The hospitals have not indicated what increases will be made but some will be given. We desire a three step advance.

Have concluded the Community Service classes conducted for ten weeks and they have proved educational. I am on a committee of the Central Labor Council to screen applicants for the position of Business Representative for the Council. This is a bit trying. Happy to have had a fair attendance at our regular monthly meeting in San Jose at which Mr. Gilbert Hayes, the administrator for the pension plan addressed us. It is regretted that those really interested showed their interest by being absent. Remember — it's your Union and doesn't belong to any particular person or group. May I hope that you all had a Happy Easter. That is one day we should not forget and also visit the church of your choice. Do not forget your union dues are always due on the 1st of each month.



# THE NEVADA ROUND-UP...

By H. L. "Curley" SPENCE and TOM ECK, Business Representatives

What with the spring weather, some new work being awarded and the addition of new key personnel such as Ed Pine our former State Highway Engineer who resigned his post with the State to join the Isbell staff, things are beginning to look up for the brothers in Nevada. By the time this appears in print the Isbell Construction Company will have commenced work on their two new projects. They will have about seven or eight engineers on the small flood control dam N.W. of Reno on Peavine Mountain and their Highway job north of Hawthorne at Walker Lake will employ about thirty-five engineers on a two shift, five day basis with possibilities of some overtime. Arnold Blair is Project Manager on the road with Bro. Jim Blair as foreman and Bro. Tony Moline as master mechanic. Pierre LeGuire will be superintendent on the Peavine Dam Project. Meanwhile, back at Frenchman Dam are the brothers who were laid off last winter when this job was closed down due to weather conditions. NACON winds up and moves out from Peavine Dam.

## OUT FALLON WAY

Dodge Construction Company ready to go with the hot stuff on their Highway No. 50 relocation job east of Fallon. Judging from their bid on the Hawthorne job, this outfit really has sharpened their pencil and giving some competition to their competing competitors.

Silver State Construction Company winding up the two jobs they have in the Schlecker District just out of Fallon. This firm has a tough one facing them in Southern Nevada where they left Eighty thousand laying on the table on a three hundred and fifty thousand dollar job.

Nothing new except a bunch of rumors in respects to new work at the Fallon Naval Air Station.

## IN THE FAR NORTH

The Wells-Cargo State Highway No. 8A Project west of Denio still going strong considering. Seems as though somebody made off with all those shiny new DW-20's and left Jack and the other brothers some old 2-U's, etc. to finish up with. Although they did wind up with two of those new finger tip control 8 1/2's. Real nice piece of machine. No gear shift or master clutch to fool with also a foot accelerator in addition to hand throttle.

This job has been a good one in some respects, as it carried a number of the brothers through the winter, but it also has its bad points (as all jobs have some) location, weather conditions, living conditions, etc., etc. Some of the brothers will soon be transferred back to the Wells-Cargo job in Beaver, Utah, and the men who complete the Denio job will be transferred to the Owhyee Project. Wells-Cargo employees have a bright future as this firm has numerous projects to look forward to.

## ON THE IRON RANGE

A satisfactory agreement has been reached by all three firms, The Standard Slog Company operation at Wabuska and the Dodge and Mineral Materials operations out of Lovelock. The negotiating Committee presented the amendments to the brothers employed on this operation where it was accepted unanimously. These amendments are now in the process of being rewritten into the agreements, and as soon as they are signed by all parties involved, copies will be

printed and distributed to all the brothers concerned.

## OUT OF WORK LIST

A reminder to all the brothers who sign our Out of Work Lists—That any Person who while registered for employment, accepts employment in the highway, general building and heavy construction industry, other than under our Agreement, shall notify the Employment Office of the Union in Reno in writing within forty-eight (48) hours after such acceptance to strike his name from the list or lists on which he is registered.

Also be reminded that registration of Lists A and B shall be valid for 84 days (12 weeks) from the date of registration. Such registration can be renewed between the 76th and 85th day after re-registration and such renewal shall be valid for an additional 84 days from the original registration date. An employee may renew his registration as often as necessary until his name is stricken from the list by reason of dispatch, accepting employment in the highway, general building and heavy construction industry, or Failure To Renew His Registration Within The Time Provided. Quite a few of the brothers have been rather lax on renew-

ing their registration so we take this opportunity to inform you who have not done so, to renew as soon as possible, otherwise you may find your name stricken from the list and have to register fresh on the tail end of the Out of Work list. If you re-register within the 84 days you still retain your same position on the list.

## THE VACATION PLAN

Again we want to stress this point to all the brothers, to be sure and keep an accurate record of all your hours with all employers. Get a Daily Time Book (10c or 15c) and keep your own records. One never knows when this record will come in handy in reference to Health and Welfare, the Pension Plan or the Vacation Time.

## JOE MILLER MOVES

The Reno Office and all the brothers in the Northern Nevada District take this opportunity to congratulate Bro. Joe Miller on his transfer and promotion to District Representative in the Fresno area and wish him the best of luck and success, but meanwhile we regret the loss of his smiling face and I'm sure many of the local contractors will miss his antics and strategy. Our Loss—Fresno's Gain.

# ONLY TWO MOVING PARTS IN THIS NEW GAS ENGINE

Mechanics may have to forget a lot they have learned about gasoline engines.

That is the outlook if a revolutionary gasoline engine with only two moving parts does all that is claimed for it, according to talk in shops and factories across the continent.

Curtiss-Wright Corp. has announced it will start production of the new engine this year.

The man in the shop does not have enough facts yet to estimate the impact of the new engine on automotive, aircraft, farm equipment and other industries now using conventional internal combustion engines.

Application extends to all forms of transportation and to a wide range of industrial uses, according to the announcement when Curtiss-Wright took the wraps off the engine last week.

Important details on operation of the new engine are being withheld by Curtiss-Wright. The company has published this much information:

Fuel consumption is less than 45 pounds per brake horsepower. Diesels alone among conventional internal combustion engines have a lower fuel consumption. It does not need premium fuel.

Selling price of the new engine will be "low."

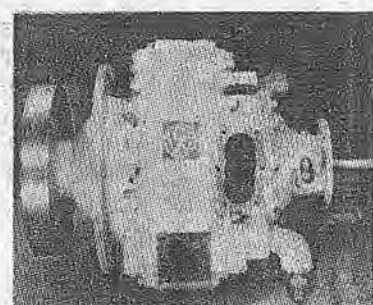
The new engine operates on a mixture of gasoline supplied by a carburetor and air taken in through a side wall port.

Turning of a rotor compresses the gasoline and air which is fired by a single spark plug. This propels the rotor whose movement allows exhaust fumes to escape through another port in the chamber wall.

Three such power sequences occur each revolution of the rotor. Curtiss-Wright claims this gives the new engine remarkable smoothness. This means almost continuous intake, compression, ignition, expansion and exhaust.

The engine's rotor moves on a crankshaft by means of a cam that gives the rotation an eccentric course.

The engine block consists of a four-sided chamber with rounded corners. The corners form compartments in which functions of the internal com-



bustion engines are carried on.

The new engine requires no valves, springs, camshafts, pistons or connecting rods.

Models in the range from 100 to 700 horsepower will be made next year at Curtiss-Wright's engine plant at Wood Ridge, N. J.

A model in the range from 750 to 5,000 horsepower is in development. Curtiss-Wright developed the engine jointly with NSU Werke of West Germany.

The German firm is expected to make it for automobiles and scooters. Curtiss-Wright has exclusive rights to make it for all purposes in the U. S. and for aircraft sold anywhere.

The new engine promises to be the most significant development of the internal combustion engine in this century. Gottlieb Daimler patented the original high speed internal combustion engine back in 1886. Rudolph Diesel demonstrated the first Diesel engine in 1898. ("The Machinist.")

## NEW JOB AWARDS

MONTEREY, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$232,834 for 334 berthing facils., for small boat harbor.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, 2832 9th St., Berkeley, \$189,900 for addn., to sewage trmt., plant, exist. Lift Station to be modified, etc.

# STOCKTON SLOW TO GET UNDERWAY

by WALTER M. TALBOT & AL. B. McNAMARA, Bus. Reps.

The work for this district is slow in getting under way due largely to the fact that the only hold-over jobs from last year are the work at Cherry Valley—Powerhouse and Tunnel—and the I. L. Croft job at Luther Pass. This creates a springtime lag until new work can be bid and let to provide jobs for the unemployed engineers.

The I. L. Croft & Son, Inc. job, near Luther Pass, is getting an early start for that elevation, and should be going at full blast by the time this article reaches the press, barring adverse weather in the mountains.

Claude C. Wood Co., of Lodi, was the successful bidder, at \$340,568, on approximately five miles of road grading and paving on Highway 88 from a point north of the Mokelumne River Bridge to the Amador County line.

John Delphia and Fred Early, Jr., of Patterson, were low bidders on four miles of new road and realignment on Highway 120, from the Cider House to Yosemite Junction, for \$729,638. This job, although shorter in length than the Wood job mentioned above, is over twice the cost due to the additional yardage to be moved plus a rocky ground formation which is common to this area. M. J. Ruddy & Son will do the paving for Delphia-Early.

A. Teichert & Son, of Stockton, will resurface Mathews Road from Highway 99 to the County Honor Farm for a bid of \$42,000.

Chalmers & Borton, of Hutchinson, Kansas, who are erecting twenty-two grain silos at the Port of Stockton Grain Terminal, have 10 engineers manning the material hoists on an around the clock basis.

Stanfield & Moody, of Tracy, are busy crushing 17,000 tons of road rock for San Joaquin County at their pit south of Tracy.

Pittsburgh - Des Moines Steel Company have a truck crane at the Heinz Plant in Tracy on the catsup cannery enlargement job.

## MODESTO WORK

In the Modesto area the Malfitano and Vega Engineering levee job, near Crows Landing, have approximately 18 engineers and oilers on the job at this time, with more to be employed as the company intends to subcontract more of the levee construction to other contractors. The report in the last issue of the News from this district was erroneous in that the Macomber Company, of Fresno, was low bidder on the new high school in Modesto. The Harris Construction Company, of Fresno, was awarded the job for \$980,300 (base plus alternate). A. Turrin & Sons, of Concord, have the grading contract on this job.

George Reed, of Modesto, is busy on the small grading and surfacing job on Yosemite Blvd., between South Santa Cruz and La Loma Avenue.

The rock plants in Stanislaus County are busier than those in San Joaquin County with no reduction in force as they continue to grind out sized rock, sand and gravel.

The Bob Long Construction Company, of Fresno, was low bidder to the Board of Supervisors for the new wing to be constructed at the County Hospital at French Camp for \$1,457,600. However, at this writing a controversy exists as the second low bidder, Gordon H. Ball Company, is protesting the Long Company bid because it was delivered two minutes past the bid time deadline.

Paul E. Woof, of Fresno, was low bidder on 8 miles of road paving in Tuolumne County be-

tween Jones Point and Mather, in the amount of \$86,535.

## 99 OVERPASSES

Proposed jobs for this district that will be let soon are the \$1,700,000 overpasses on Highway 99 at Fremont St. and Waterloo Road. Bids for this project will be opened in Sacramento on May 11th. The work also includes a bridge to carry the Stockton Terminal and Eastern Railroad tracks, between the two intersections, over the highway.

The Patterson City Council hopes to advertise for bids for construction on the Patterson \$360,000 sewer project. Tentative date of bid opening has been set for April 26th.

Another section of the Sonora-Tuolumne Road has been scheduled for this summer. The new 1 1/2 mile stretch will be extended east from Ralph Station to the Turnback Creek bridge, west of Tuolumne City. Estimated cost of the project is \$250,000.

San Joaquin County is going ahead with plans to widen and improve the Jack Tone Road for six miles south of the Eight Mile Road. This is estimated to cost \$400,000. Progress was halted on this project when the question of right-of-way width showed a discrepancy of 20 feet between what the property owners claimed and that claimed by the County. However, the County has ben instructed to proceed and settle the right-of-way question later.

The road job to be let in conjunction with the new Asbestos plant near Copperopolis will probably be before this item is printed, as the bids have been submitted to the Engineering firm in Texas and the bidders are anxiously awaiting notification of the award.

Last, but not least, is the relocation of county roads in the vicinity of Hogan Dam. As previously reported in last month's issue of the News, the Dam proper is scheduled to be let this fall. The new Dam will necessitate the relocating of existing roads, due to high water, and Calaveras County is taking bids to be opened April 28th for this work. The budget allocation is \$600,000.

## BLOOD BANK CLUB:

Brother Lloyd A. Herring donated a pint of blood for the use of any Operating Engineer, or his immediate family. Our thanks to Brother Herring.

## PERSONAL NOTES:

Received a letter from Brother Coy Sanders, who is presently working for Morrison-Knudsen Company near Williams, Arizona. Coy asked us to say "Hello" to his friends.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 985 Downer Ave., San Jose, \$203,190 for impvt. of Hillsdale Ave. from Ross Road to Almaden Rd.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Fairbanks Morse Co., 630 3rd Ct., San Francisco, \$33,397 for furn. and install. 2 ea. 24' mixed-flow pumping units for San Jose sewage treat. plant.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Silva Bros., 26775 Castro St., Hayward, \$88,005 for imvt., of portion of County Rd. (Blossom Way) from Central Pacific RR Co. (SPRR) to Western Blvd., So., Eden Township.



# Spring Work Is Slow in the San Jose Area

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

We are sorry to report that contrary to our expectations, work has not picked up this spring as we had anticipated. We had predicted that the demand for men this year would be greater than ever, but for some reason the work is slow in opening up. Several good-sized jobs have been let in this area and maybe when these jobs get going, our long "out-of-work" list will begin to shorten.

**Santa Clara Sand & Gravel** now have plants at three locations. Brother George Dorsa is the General Superintendent of the three plants located on Stevens Creek Road, Coyote and Guadalupe Mine. Brother Al Dalton has been transferred by this firm to Lake County, where they are enlarging their plant.

Guy F. Atkinson Company of San Francisco have started their canal job on Guadalupe Creek. This job must be completed by September, 1960. This job went for \$570,326. Hines of Berkeley are doing the clearing on this project.

A. J. Raisch Paving Company are working on several Sub-Divisions, in addition to street work for the City of San Jose. This firm is working on a school job off Cypress Ave., and also doing the grading and paving near the Almaden Golf Course. They were the low bidders on a \$121,880 contract for the improvement of a portion of Coleman Ave. in San Jose.

Piazza Paving have called back most of their former employees and are working on various jobs throughout the city. They were the low bidder on a contract in the amount of \$203,190 for the improvement of a section of Hillsdale Ave. They expect to start very shortly on the widening of Alum Rock Ave. in San Jose. Their Rock Crushing Plant on Penitencia Creek will furnish the material for this job. The material needed for the approaches on Almaden Road will come from their pit on Downer Ave. Dan Caputo is doing the structural work on this job.

J. C. Bateman Company are working in several sub-divisions in this area.

Contractors have been named to build United Technology Corp's. new Sunnyvale Engineering center and its Rocket Fuel Test site near Coyote. Construction costs were not made public. Carl Swenson & Sons was awarded the research center job. It will be built on a 25 acre Sunnyvale site at Lawrence Station and Arques road. Completion of the three buildings is expected in September.

**ROCKET STATION**  
Contract to build a Rocket Propellant Mixer Station on a 3,200 acre mountain test site of Coyote went to Swinerton & Wallberg of San Francisco. The Mixer Station is the first of 60 buildings projected for the site.

**SANTA CLARA, MT. VIEW & PALO ALTO**  
E. T. Haas were the low bidders on a \$231,025 contract for underground improvements for the City of Mt. View.

Bragotta Paving are showing good progress on their street job on North Bailey Extension in Mt. View. Monolithic Pipe Company are doing the underground work on this job.

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

Barrett & Hilp are showing good progress on the El Camino Hospital on Grant Road in Mt. View.

Bahr & Ledoyen are busy on about 1½ miles of street work for the City of Palo Alto.

McGuire & Hester of Oakland were the low bidders on a \$183,207 contract for construction of water lines for the City of Palo Alto.

Pisano Bros. have completed their work on the Curtner Es-

tates in Milpitas. A. J. Raisch Paving Company are working in this vicinity on Sub-divisions, with Tony Reis doing the landscape work and P&E Construction have the underground work. Cupertino Gravel are doing the grading and paving on the Curtner Estates.

**SANTA CRUZ, SALINAS & MONTEREY**  
Work in the Santa Cruz area is still slow but the future looks promising for this area. Williams & Burrows have started work on the Newell Dam at Ben Lomond. Haddock Construction Company of Pasadena will do the dirt work on this job. This job when it gets going should keep quite a number of the Brothers busy.

M. J. B. Construction Company are trying to get started on their Hiway No. 1 job north of Santa Cruz underway.

Granite-Healy have shut down their two-shift Cat-spread at Davenport Quarry. They have moved the machines and men on various jobs scattered around Santa Cruz and Watsonville.

A 10 million dollar sub-division is proposed for the Boulder Creek area. This may develop soon. Bids amounting to more than 5 million dollars for developments in the San Lorenzo Park Renewal project were opened by the Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency, but at this writing we do not know to whom the bids were let.

Work is slow in the Watsonville area. Valley Engineers have started work on their out-fall job at the mouth of the Pajara River. Ed Keeble has started work on their road job but are hampered by the dampness.

Ted Baun Construction Company have started to make a showing on their Carmel Hill job. Good luck to all concerned.

A check for back pay claims totaling \$20,436 believed to be the largest single payment ever received by the State Labor Commissioner's Office in this area will be distributed to the men this week. This amount will be distributed to approximately 37 former employees of Fisher & Stokes for unpaid wages during the construction of the Carmel Hill job.

A \$1,270,586.60 government contract for the construction of aviation facilities at Fort Ord has been awarded to John Delphia of Patterson and Fred J. Early of San Francisco, a joint venture. Work on this project is expected to start in a couple of weeks and is scheduled for completion by Spring 1961. Granite Construction Company was the low bidder on the cement pavement contract in the amount of \$1,334,097.64.

We would like to advise the Brothers living in the Southern area that we are trying to establish a Blood Bank in the area of Salinas, Watsonville and Monterey. We have contacted the Blood Center in Monterey, which is located at the U. S. O. Center. The Brothers living in the area around San Jose have responded satisfactorily to our appeal for blood donations and we hope that the members living in the Southern area will do likewise. Please remember when donating blood to mention that you are giving it to the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3's Blood Bank. The following were Blood Donors during the past month: Leonard Whitmire—(second donor), Charles Bray, J.

**NEW JOB AWARDS**  
**SANTA ROSA**, Contract awarded to Ray Anderson, 450 Kawana Spgs. Rd., Santa Rosa, \$35,985 for const. pumping sta. 10A, Sect. 3, So. Park Co. Sanit. Dist.

**SANTA ROSA**, Contract awarded to McClure Const. Co., 11375 Elvessa St., Oakland, \$32,778 for const. portion of reinf. conc. bridge on Warm Springs Road, Co. Rd. No. 6602-A, across Sonoma Creek in SONOMA CO.

**CHICO**, Contract awarded to Butte Creek Rock Co., P.O. Box 512, Chico, \$41,763 for install storm drainage system.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., \$2,417,297 for Diamond Heights approved redevelop. proj. area B-IUR Calif. 2-1 site prep., incl. grading, street impvts., curbs, gutters, stairs, walls, paving, drainage sys., etc.

Agnew—Contract awarded to Bragato Paving Co., \$38,500 for constr. entrance road east area Agnew's State Hospital, Agnew, Santa Clara Co.

Oakland — Contract awarded to Elmer J. Freethy, 1432 Kearney St., El Cerrito \$25,117 for const. outdoor type pumping plant 3 submersible pumps and controls furnished by the District & located approx. 2 mi N. E. of Danville.

Sacramento—Contract awarded to Marwart Const. Co., 4801 24th St., Sacramento, \$32,188 for const. 25,600 sq. ft. parking lot, for Crocker-Anglo Natl. Bk., Sacramento.

Kentfield—Contract awarded to Zoellner Const. Co., Ivy Dr., Ross \$122,441 (base, plus \$13,544-add.) for 1st addn. to Wolfe Grade Elem. School on Sir Francis Drake Blvd., Kentfield.

Pleasanton—Contract awarded to H. K. Ferguson Co., 120 Montgomery St., S. F. (no amt. given) for const. metallurgy, chem. bldg. at So. 1st St. & Stone Ave., Pleasanton for General Elec. Co., involving abt. 25,000 sq. ft. of lab facils. for chemical & general research.

San Jose—Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 985 Downer Ave., San Jose \$63,546 for impvt. of Happy Hollow, Kelley Park, etc.

Eureka—Contract awarded to James O. Johnson, Box 356, Garberville \$40,975 for const. Vets Memorial Bldg., Phase 1, at Garberville, Calif., Humboldt Co.

COLOMA, Contract awarded to Briggs & Weston, \$127,444 for Museum at Gold Discovery Site, Div. of BCHS & PARKS, Coloma. EL DORADO CO.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to Manuel Silva, P. O. Box 403, Hayward, \$47,925 for pave, curbs, gutters, etc. on Grove Development.

W. McFarland, Henry Zamzow, Roscoe Pounds and Ruby Pounds. Mrs. Ruby Pounds, wife of Brother Roscoe Pounds, has the distinction of being the first lady to donate to the Blood Bank.

May we call your attention that you must re-register for work between the 76th and 85th day or your name will be dropped from the "Out-of-Work" list.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sympathy to the family of Chas. Edsinger, who passed away on April 3rd of a heart attack. Bro. Edsinger was a Foreman for Rose-Matoza.

# SUNSHINE IN THE REDWOODS

by KEN BROOKS & BILL TOMBERLIN, Business Representatives.

Brothers the sunshine is here for the moment anyway but for how long we are not sure. We would all be real happy if it were here to stay, let's hope it is. Not only the brothers are itching to go but the contractors also. Bill Hudson, Project Manager for Morrison Knudson at Weott on their Hiway 101 job is pawing the ground like a bull, wanting to get going, in fact as this article is being written he called back four of his old hands, we would like to see him call the rest, which will be about sixty or so. This company sure has a dilley of a slide to take care of on the south end when it let go it took the whole right-of-way, about sixty feet of fill and a nice lot of big Redwoods below the road. Well it all pays the same, the brothers will make that dirt fit some place.

"Babe" Crow of Delphia-Early & Crow back in the area looking over the situation so he can get his job at Trinidad sold so Mercer-Fraser can get at the base and paving.

We had a pre-job conference the other day with Slate-Hall & Hamilton of Portland, Oregon, the low bidder on the road job at Orleans. Their bid was \$940,000 which includes three bridges. This job is mostly a rock show which is going to mean at least 2 shovels and maybe more. It really is a tough one, all sliver cuts, there is only about 500,000 yards but they all come hard and take time to handle.

We recently got a pleasant surprise on the Fortuna by-pass, originally we were only allocated money for the structure, but the State dug into another pocket and came up with an additional 2.3 million so we will get four lanes from Alton to tie into the four lanes north of Fortuna. We are not only happy to have the work, but are glad to see this much needed improvement on Hiway 101.

The State seems to be taking their time in calling for bids on the big structure and approaches at Myers Flat which crosses the Eel river, also on the Beatrice bridge and grading and paving south of Fields Landing. They will come this year but no dope yet as to when. Well brothers here is one we have been waiting for a long time.

**Bay Jetties**  
Bids for a \$2.5 million repair job to the Humboldt Bay jetties will be advertised by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Opening of the bids will be sometime in May, work would begin this summer.

Beginning of the job will be financed by a \$243,750 appropriation voted by Congress last fall, Congressman Miller said the funds for beginning the job had not been included in the President's budget last year, but was added by Congress after he told House and Senate appropriation committees that the work was his number one priority public works project in the entire North Coast district.

The Corps has reported last winter's storms caused \$500,000 additional major damage to both jetties. Previous estimate of cost for the entire job was \$2 million.

The first district lawmaker is expected to testify before the House appropriations committee urging sufficient funds to keep the work moving at top speed during the 1961 fiscal year beginning July 1.

New photographs of the latest storm damage to the jetties were sent Miller by the Humboldt Board of Trade, according to George Cole, chairman.

The pictures, sent as an aid to Miller in his testimony, were taken by James Shaw, local representative of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Brothers here is another one that makes us all real happy.

**Mad River Job**  
The road relocation plan for the Ruth reservoir area has been approved by the Trinity county board of supervisors, thus clearing one of the biggest hurdles to realization of the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District's Mad river project. The board approved the relocation plan with the statement it is "as good or better than that originally asked by the county."

The district must replace and reroute roads in the reservoir area. Details were worked out among Trinity officials, district engineers and the U. S. Forest Service.

Original specifications asked by Trinity were altered somewhat at negotiational meetings.

Directors of the district hailed the action as one that will clear the way to calling for bids on the reservoir section of the \$10.7 million project.

Letting of bids to enable the start of construction of the entire project is envisioned by the water board. Construction of the entire project is expected to take two seasons.

It will include the dam at Ruth, road and airport relocation, construction of a diversion dam at Essex near Blue Lake and a pipeline to pulp mill sits on Samoa peninsula.

The district has contracts to supply water to two pulp mills and is nearing completion of a contract to supply water to the city of Eureka. Negotiations also are underway with Arcata.

Concerning action of the Trinity supervisors, district directors commented the road plan approval demonstrates the cooperation being given by the Trinity board.

Another relocation still to be put into final form is moving of the Ruth airport.

The location has been determined and the water board is expected to make a decision soon on whether the district will do the actual construction or whether funds will be turned over to Trinity county for them to do the work. The latter has been favored in board meetings.

Something new. A low bid of \$118,875 has been submitted by Arthur B. Siri Inc., Santa Rosa, for construction of an all-weather quarter mile out-door running track and related facilities at Humboldt State College.

Work, in addition to the track, includes widening the football field installation of a sprinkler system, installation of conduits for a future automatically controlled scoreboard, a public address system and field telephones, bank excavation, fencing and landscaping, installation of a drainage system, a flag pole and removable goal posts.

Construction of a retaining wall is also provided, and several jumping pits with approach runways.

The track, believed to be the first of its kind, will be created from a rubberized, resilient asphalt composition consisting of nearly equal parts of asphalt, rubber and sand. There will be 150 tons of rubber buffing particles from tire recapping processes used in the mixture.

**OAKLAND**, Contract awarded to Underground Const. Co. for inst. 8,000 lft. 8" mort. Ind. wald. stl. water main & appurts. in Berkeley.



*Aloha to You!***HAWAII PACE QUICKENS WITH INFLUX**

By HAROLD LEWIS and RUPERT H. TEVES

Aloha from Hawaii, the new American State.

Hawaii is slowly but steadily losing its well known spirit of "slow and easy" living. This, however, is speaking of the island of Oahu only. The islands of Kauai, Molokai, Lanai, Maui and Hawaii are still "unspoiled." Honolulu has, because of all the construction, influx of new building methods and thousand of visitors a week, become a fast moving city that has lost a lot of its much advertised hospitality. The beauty of our low hills is mared by new subdivisions for the rapidly increasing population. The highways that were built eight or ten years ago are already overcrowded. The hotels that were built last year, to take care of anticipated visitors, are already inadequate. Victims of peptic ulcers are increasing in number. When we had only the propeller driven airplane nobody was nervous but, with the addition of jet aircraft flying all over the place, we are always looking upward hoping the plane is climbing steadily and not descending too fast. With all these frustrating conditions, who has time to "take it easy?"

Kaiser's Hawaii-Kai project will be back in full swing at the time of this publication now that the land owners and the government are of the same mind regarding the proposed highway route. Kaiser's Permanente Cement Plant in Nanakuli is running a neck and neck race with its future competitor, the Hawaiian Cement Co. at Barber's Point. Construction of Kaiser's new hotel building at the Hawaiian Village is being speeded up with the importation of a German built crane, (the same as was shown in the February issue of the Local 3 paper). Bro. Silver Piliwale has a hard time walking straight after putting in eight hours on the pitching and rolling "floating" rig. Kaiser's dredge "Judah" is back in service after extensive repairs and it is hoped that it will hold up thru the five million yard job without too many breakdowns.

Speaking of dredges, our union has won a very long sought "unit" at the Hawaiian Dredge & Construction Co. The N.L.R.B. election was won by a vote of 42 to 7, after many months of hard work by many brother members of our dredge division and also by Brother Dan Molles, International Representative of I.U.O.E. whose expert maneuvering and knowledge of labor law, convinced the N. L. R. B. that there is always a crew of dredgemen employed by the company and that they should be represented by your union. It is with regret we cannot, at this time, mention those brother members who worked day and night helping your representatives organize the company's dredge division. Mahalo Brothers, Mahalo Nui Loa!

Organizing of Lakeside Development Co. in Kailua has been hindered by the anti-labor attitude of the company and several of its employees. Unfair labor practices on the part of the company should be bared by the time of this publication. These practices have been revealed thru the unselfish efforts of Bro. C. H. "Bob" Elrod of California who accepted a job as truck spotter to gain the information we needed. The unity of

**SACTO AREA IS OFF TO A GOOD START**

by ERNIE NELSON, HAROLD HUSTON, EDW. HEARNE and

BILL METTZ, Business Representatives.

The work in the Sacramento area has started in good shape for this time of year. The Sacramento office dispatched 241 men in March, and there have been a number of men called back to their last employers. The subdivision work has opened up all over town.

Pacific Dredge Company had some bad luck. They lost a transformer and will be down for about a month for repairs.

Hydraulic Dredge is making good headway on their part of the chanel. The next bid on the chanel should be coming up soon.

Teichert & Son has been enlarging their rock plant in Woodland.

The following donated blood during the months of February and March:

Walter Gano, Sophie Billebault, Eugene T. O'Neill, Alonza R. Allen, Opal J. Allen, Jack B. Hutcheson, Stanley R. Hansen, W. J. Shelton, Carl Stine, Ruth Oswald, Frank Kuhre, Claude D. Griffith, Alfonse Vercruyssen.

**HIGHWAY 40 SLOWS UP**

Brothers, we have had quite a few inquiries about the Prosser Creek Dam to be constructed by R. A. Heintz of Portland, Oregon. This job will be serviced by the Sacramento office but to date we have had no information as to the starting date but we believe that it will be around the middle of April.

Bid opening date for the relocation of Hiway 89 around the Prosser Creek reservoir is April 20, 1960. This will be a two lane hiway, 6.6 miles long with 1 bridge to be built. It should be a good job for the brothers in the area.

We have heard nothing at all about any more work coming up on Hiway 40 in the near future. Nothing that is, except a flock of rumors that don't seem to add up. Now that the Olympics is over the pressure is off so they might not be in any hurry to complete the four lane hiway. We sincerely hope this is not the case.

Teichert is slowly getting started at Emigrant Gap and should have a fair sized crew going by the time you read this. They expect to have no rubber at all until June 1 or thereabouts. There is not much dirt left on the job this year so most

your local has been brought about by such members as Elrod and it is hoped that many more of you will develop into, and gain the title of, "A Good Union Man."

We want to remind all brother members, especially those with poor memories, that your second quarter dues are overdue. Many members have been suspended for non payment of dues and it was not because they are not working. If we do not get to you because of your frequent changes of jobs, you can always have someone in the family bring the dues in or have it mailed. We also want to remind you of the fact that the constitution states that a member must be up to date with his dues to be covered by benefits at the time of death or illness. Don't wait till it's too late.

Mahalo to you brothers who have been convincing the unorganized to organize. Many potential groups are asking for representation and it is regretful that your representatives cannot contact all of these groups all at the same time.

Don't forget to attend the regular meeting on Friday, May the 20th. Aloah!

of the season will be spent laying rock and paving.

Madonna Construction has opened the detour from Monte Vista to Alta and are working on the rock cuts again with the Cobras. They started up about the first of March but have been off and on again due to the weather. Maybe they will get going good soon.

Fred J. Early Company has gotten started on the sewage disposal plant at Auburn and should be pouring concrete soon. They have their own cat loader on the job and have a backhoe rented from G. S. Herrington.

Granite Construction has made a good start on the underground portion of the job and have about eight or nine Engineers working steady. They should be going strong until about November.

Roads, Inc., has not started yet on Colfax Street in Grass Valley and we have not heard from them yet.

Parrish Brothers are digging in the last hole at the Titan Base and should be finished with it about the end of this month. The Brothers who worked on this job have had a real good spring season as they worked six nine hour shifts, rain or shine.

Peter Kiewit has three shifts going at present and they are mucking in one of the shafts all the time. They have enough of the shafts opened up so that the mucker operator is muck bound on all three shifts. They will probably put on at least one more rig before long.

Harms Brothers have been making rock at the Bear River plant east of Sheridan for a couple of months now. They have the same crew working that was on the job last year and they have quite a few tons of material to turn out.

Lowrie Paving Company is about wound up on their sewer job at Rocklin and will be moving out soon. This has been one of the fairest outfits that has ever been in the area and we want to give our special thanks to Gordon Wynn, the job superintendent and we hope to see him back soon. This was a mean project and the company dropped quite a bundle but they never tried to take it out on the men as so often is the case on a losing job.

Gordon H. Ball is getting a good start on the Sierra College job at Rocklin and they have Sutherland Construction on the job doing some foundation excavations for them.

**PLACERVILLE AREA**

Larry Green Paving was the successful bidder on the new Placerville Elementary School. This consists of 70,000 cubic yards of rock and dirt excavation and quite a bit of blacktopping when the weather permits. Brother Joe Romel is the foreman on the job and has approximately twelve engineers working with him. Completion date is sometime in June.

Joe Vicini Construction has a lot of small jobs going in and around Placerville. He just recently finished all the grading and excavation work for Davis Construction on the new muffler factory being built in Placerville. Four-Way Inc. has moved one of their Lorain truck cranes in to set all the pre-fab walls. Brother Wally Arnall is doing the operating with Marvin Fox doing the oiling for him.

**UPPER AMERICAN RIVER**

Archie Till Construction is about 52% completed on their 11 miles of road in Pollock Pines starting at the end of the paved Forebay Road and extending to the addit of the Camino tunnel.

This has been a rough job pioneering with a lot of it having to be shot.

The bid on this job was around \$700,00 and completion date should be about the first of June. There are presently 16 of our brothers working on this job.

Walsh Construction Company has 20 of our brothers working on the Camino tunnel. All the heavy rains and snows have really put this job to almost a standstill. The bid on this job was over 6½ million dollars and consists of 26,500 feet of tunnel 14' by 15' in size. The last 2,000 feet of tunnel will be made larger for the outlet portal. They don't know just how large this will have to be as yet. They also have started construction of the 266 feet steel girder, wood decked bridge, which will be a permanent bridge going to the tunnel. Completion date of this job is scheduled for January, 1962.

For the first time in history, run off water from the snow covered range of the Sierra Nevada is being harnessed for the benefit of California residents. The water already is backing up behind the 150 foot high Ice House Dam on the South Fork of the Silver Creek North of Riverton, El Dorado County, signaling the operational start of the Sacramento Municipal Utility Districts Upper American River Hydroelectric Project.

Later this year additional water will be stored behind the Junction Dam below the confluence of Silver Creek and the South Fork of the creek, eight miles northeast of Pollock Pines, El Dorado County. Water from these storage reservoirs will begin to produce power at the Jaybird Powerhouse by the end of 1960.

At the same time a vast recreational area is in the making in El Dorado County to increase fishing and camping facilities. When completed in the mid 1960's, the project will have created eight new lakes and enlarged the size of two existing lakes.

As more units of the project go into operation within the next few years, more of the flood run-off water will be stored, thus creating the recreational lakes and turning the turbines in a series of five powerhouses to produce more than 400,000 kilowatts of low-cost electricity. This stored water also can augment water supply systems at lower elevations.

The project covers many miles of waterways from upper Desolation Valley at the 6500 foot level, east of Wentworth Springs down to Chili Bar Powerhouse, below 1,000 feet and a few miles north of Placerville, El Dorado County. The area lies north and west of U. S. Highway 50.

**ROCK & SAND PLANTS**

A. Teichert's Perkins plant is on a two shift operation now and will be, we're told, the rest of the year. Brighton Sand and Gravel has all their plant men on the payroll again and it looks like a good year ahead. P.C.A. at Fair Oaks, finished an extensive repair job on the plant and added one more Simons cone crusher. They are on a two shift basis with all the old timers at the controls. Fair Oaks Gravel on the American River have the same crew of capable engineers going at a fast clip. Teichert's Del Paso plant on Watt Avenue is on and off with brothers on the loaders getting in full time. H. A. Anderson at Folsom has completed their remodeling job and the plant is ready to go. Tritan Products Company on Blue Ravine Road have started to

produce concrete mix for their own use at Folsom and Roseville. This is a new plant and will take time to get everything adjusted right.

**READY MIX PLANTS**

Sacramento Ready Mix is one of the top producers with an able operator at the controls working long hours. Teichert's plant on 67th Street has a full crew of engineers producing top quality mix. The Brothers here go to different plants throughout the area when needed for special orders. They have plants at Perkins, Mississippi Bar, Del Paso, West Sacramento and Woodland. Granite Construction keeps both of their plants going—one at Fair Oaks and the other on Power Inn Road. Folsom Ready Mix is getting more work by the day with a competent crew of operators. Roseville Ready Mix keeps their engineers at the controls on a full scale basis.

**AEROJET, MATHER FIELD**

There is not much work in new construction at these places. Teichert has a small crew punching a new road thru the cobbles. Asta Construction at Mather is finishing building site pads for Gordon Ball. Robert E. L. Parker has sold most of his equipment but keeps a mechanic, blade, roller, and dozer man on the payroll. D. W. Nicholson has two operators going now with nothing new in sight. Calahan Construction is bidding for work at a firm price with Aerojet and has a couple of hands getting checks each week. Granite Construction has the street repair and maintenance in Aerojet with one operator. Luppen & Hawley and Sacramento Trenching have finished their job installing water mains and services at Wherry Housing.

**UNDERGROUND**

Krpan Brothers have a full crew of operators off Antelope Road in Citrus Heights on a storm drain job. These men practice safety to the hundredth degree. A. Teichert's top no engineers are getting good footage on Arden Way with traffic creating some hazards. Richard Cox lost a plumber due to faulty shoring on the Carmichael Irrigation job. The engineers on this project are old hands at the game and putting out good work. Capital and Sacramento Trenching are scattered all over the county getting their share of the work. K. & W. Excavators are going along steady with engineering needs at the controls.

**SUBURBAN SACRAMENTO**

Harms Brothers are well under way at Lincoln Village with the grading and street work. They plan to do all underground and paving. Teichert has three crews going now in several locations. These are fast movers and hard to keep up with. Lentz have their dirt men going with some overtime each week. Brighton Sand and Gravel is getting off to a slow start this season with the excavating crew, but as of now have all of the equipment rolling. Granite Construction Company has a go ahead crew in the shop and rock plant trying to keep up with the operators working in the outside area. McGillivray Construction is starting off with a complete new paint and overhaul job on all of the equipment. Looks like a good season for the brothers. Brandon Equipment has a fast moving crew of engineers on their job off Folsom Blvd. They plan to finish ten houses a day when they get in full production.

Safety First comes first. Practice safety every day and teach others to do the same—they may save your life!



# Marysville Faces a Big Year But It Hasn't Started Yet

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

**BIGGEST YEAR IN SIGHT:**  
Although the following report is our most optimistic one in years and one that we are very pleased to be able to make, it should be read cautiously. We say this advisedly as the great portion of the work has not started, not all of it has been advertised for bids although the major part has been, and it is still possible that portions may not be let, especially if the bids submitted, like last year, are not satisfactory.

The reason that we say the above is because most of the bigger jobs as near as we can tell at the present time will not be getting a good start until the last part of June or the first part of July. As this is being prepared for the press the out of work list in Marysville will supply any immediate demand for men. If at any time a shortage develops word will be sent out. So if you are not told that your services are definitely needed please, again we say please, don't come rushing into the district and expect to be sent right out to work.

With the work already let and going and with the work that there is every indication will be let and started it looks like the Marysville area will have under construction or darn close to that stage by July of around a 120 million dollars of work. This is work, incidentally brothers, that will employ engineers as the basic craft. We haven't figured housing projects and the like into this figure as we just don't get a very large share of these jobs.

**RECENT LET WORK**  
During the past month and since our last report about two million dollars of work has been let, a partial report of which follows: Eugene Luhr & Co., Cherokee Canal, improvement of channel and levee work, \$656,350. They will have a good start on this one about the time you first read this. Frederick and Watson, 11.9 miles grading and surfacing highway near Ravendale, \$938,449. As we prepare this we haven't been able to find out much about the start of this one. While the above two are the biggest there are a number of smaller ones, such as Baldwin's \$146,000 job in East Marysville. A \$102,000 road and bridge job in Butte County

picked up by Roads, Inc., etc., all of which are going to use engineers and help reduce the out of work list.

**APRIL BID OPENINGS**  
During the month of April work is being advertised to be bid and let for this area in excess of three million dollars. Which may not sound like much, but stick with us until the next item and we will start coming to the big money. Bigger jobs among this work is a State Highway job between Cordora Four Corners and the Sacramento River in Glenn County, \$1,150,000. Another State road job, Blairsden and Willow Creek, Plumas County, \$1,450,000. A number of smaller jobs and around 30 miles of resurfacing in various locations make up the balance.

**MAY ADVERTISEMENTS**  
At 2:00 p.m. on May 10th, the Army Corps of Engineers have advertised that they will open bids on the Black Butte Project, Stony Creek. This job consists of a main earthfill dam, six dikes, a tunnel and various other structures and appurtenances to such jobs and is estimated to cost around ten and a half million dollars. In addition there is a \$600,000 road job, but it is in Tehama County. Greatest portion of this job lies in Glenn County about 10 miles from Orland.

Then at the same time on May 12th, the Wyandotte Irrigation District has advertised for bids on the Wyandotte or South Fork Project. This consists of four earthfill dams, three concrete dams and minor re-construction of an existing concrete dam, 17 miles of tunnels, 11,000 feet of penstocks, three power houses, around 64,000 linear feet of canals, roads and other structures and appurtenances to such a job. The estimated cost is \$60,000,000. Although the failure of the project to start last year threw us in this district in a terrible tailspin and that could happen again, we are pretty sure from all we can hear that that won't happen this year and this project will go.

**OROVILLE DAM WORK**  
The budget session of the legislature approved in the recently passed budget an item of around \$21,500,000 for relocation work around the proposed Oroville Dam. Of this amount \$14,804,000 is for finishing of the Western Pacific Railroad grade and Tunnel No. 1. Bids on this work is slated to be advertised for about May 20th, so we have been informed by the Water Resources Board. \$4,054,000 is slated for another bridge east of the proposed dam site and will be advertised as soon as the exact site

## Meeting Notices

**REGULAR QUARTERLY DISTRICT MEETING:** Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 1960 at 8:00 P. M. in the Prospectors Village, Oroville Dam Blvd., Oroville.

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:** Meets every Thursday at 7:00 P. M. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville.

**YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS:** Meets Monday, April 25, 1960 in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville at 10:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.

**ROCK, SAND & GRAVEL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** Friday, April 29, 1960 at 7:30 P. M. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" St., Marysville.

**NATOMAS CO.** Meets Monday, May 2, 1960 at 10:30 A. M. and 3:30 P. M. in the Veteran's Hall, Folsom.

**GLADDING, McBEAN & CO.** Lincoln Industrial Council Joint Board meets Tuesday, May 3, 1960 at 4:15 P. M. in the Lincoln Office. General membership meets Tuesday, May 10, 1960 at 2:30 P. M. in the Council Office and 4:15 P. M. in the Lincoln City Auditorium.

**CONCRETE PIPE MEMBERSHIP:** Meets Monday, May 16, 1960 at 8:00 P. M. in the Teamsters Hall, 818 Wall St., Chico.

**NEW YORK MACHINE SHOP AND PETERSON TRACTOR SHOP:** Subject to call.

is selected. \$1,500,000 is for re-locating of the Feather River Railroad and the balance is for supervision and clearing.

**OTHER WORK**  
In addition to the above work the Linda Sewer District is slated to advertise and let a \$2,150,000 plus sewer job in June. Then there is apartment buildings, housing projects, additional work at Beale, etc. to help fill out the picture. Also the Browns Valley Irrigation District has announced that they have requested a \$4,804,000 loan from the Federal Government for the construction of a 147 foot dam at French Dry Creek, 3855 feet of tunnel and fourteen miles of canals. All of which when summed up sounds like a good summer is ahead of us if nothing happens.

**INDUSTRIAL REPORT**  
There are some indications in the industrial units that spring is about to burst forth. Some of these signs are present at the Gladding, McBean & Co. plant at Lincoln where there is a lot of shipping activity in the yard, which has lead to a number of rehires. The crews at Concrete Conduit (formerly Valley Concrete Pipe Co.) are back to full time schedules both at the Yuba City and Chico plants after a cutback to a four day schedule for about three weeks.

The rock, sand and gravel plants are in most cases perking up and getting back into gear for the spring work. Kaiser Sand and Gravel at Oroville has installed some new steel bunkers and has most of the old crew back to work.

In the old dredging business the Natomas Co. has been given a shot in the arm. Number 5 dredge has been sold and is being dismantled and prepared for shipping to South America or some such place and this made jobs for a dozen or so of the brothers who were idled when No. 8 was shut down last August. Yuba Consolidated is preparing to start Dredge No. 18 back to digging. The shutting down of this dredge was the cause of a lay off about the first of March and now these laid-off brothers are being recalled to work.

In the contractors shops, Baldwin Contracting Co. shop crew



OTIS THORNSBERRY

## Labor Rep. Will Be Candidate for County Supervisor

Pictured above is Brother Otis Thornsberry, Secretary-Treasurer of the Yuba-Sutter Building and Construction Trades Council who has filed for the post of County Supervisor for the third district in Yuba County, which is mainly composed of Linda, Olivehurst and Wheatland.

Brother Thornsberry has been a resident of the third district for the past fourteen years and has represented the Council for the past eight years. Brother Thornsberry is a member of the painters union and also represents that local and the plumbers union.

has been bolstered by the addition of a couple of the brothers off the out of work list. The rest of the shops in the area show little change in tempo. Three of the brothers are still hanging on in Earl Parker's shop, but they say that if something doesn't happen soon they may have to look for other fields to conquer.

**PERSONAL NOTES**  
We are very sorry to inform our brothers of the sudden death of Brother Edward E. McHenry, who was employed by Bud Plant at Patterson, on Friday, March 19, 1960. Brother McHenry is survived by his wife, a daughter, 3 brothers and 6 sisters. We extend to the family of Brother McHenry the most sincere sympathy of the officers and members of Operating Engineers Local 3. We are glad to hear that Brother C. W. Sharp, of Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields, is back on the job after

## NEW JOB AWARDS

Daly City — Contract awarded to Martinelli Const. Co., 1741 Vallejo Way, Sacto., \$56,075 (base plus alt.) for const. & completion of two-classroom addn. to Jefferson Elem. School loc. at 14 Alemany St., Daly City, San Mateo Co.

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to Lee-Mac Paving Co., Inc., \$159,799 (Sch. A) for constr. impvts. to Del Mar Estates Unit No. 2, So. Tiburon Peninsula.

LEMOORE, Contract awarded to Midway Drilling & Pump Co., Camarillo, \$172,790 for two irrig. wells at Naval Air Station, Lemoore.

Laton — Contract awarded to Wm. H. Shallock, 1653 Olive St., Bakersfield, \$102,832 (Comb. ACP & VCP) & to Jack Campbell Const. Co., 2014 E. Home Ave., Fresno, \$84,733 (Treat. Plt) for sewage treatment plant & sewer lines.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 4th St., Berkeley, \$27,972 for paving & site work at Lakeshore School, San Mateo.

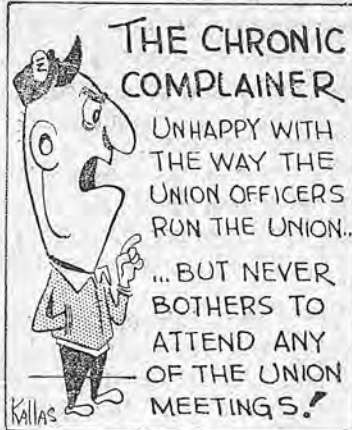
SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to Kirkwood Bly, Inc., P.O. Box 1625, Santa Rosa, \$60,875 for reconst. 4th & 2d St. intercepting sanit. sewer.

LODI, Contract awarded to Henry Beuving, P.O. Box 294, Ripon, \$128,432 (base plus additive) for const. \$140,000 addn. to Rema B. Reese School.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741 50th Av., Oakland, \$95,235 for removal of areas in Piedmont Av. from 41st to Brandon St.

FREMONT, Contract awarded to Beasley Engineering, 1234 Powell, Emeryville, \$59,533 for 18" mtd. ind. & ctd. stl. piping & appurts.

## SMALL People



a serious back operation and long convalescence. Brother Willis Wardlow who on New Years Day suffered a stroke was in the office the other day and while he hasn't completely regained his health he is looking much better and says he feels much better.

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# FRESNO STARTS BACK TO WORK

by JOE MILLER, J. D. MONROE & B. F. (Tiny) HELLING, Business Representatives.

The weather has been very favorable in the Fresno area the past month. This has put many of the Brothers back to work at their old jobs. New dispatches have picked up some also, but most new dispatching has been small jobs of short duration.

The Schalloch Company are installing a sewer system in Laton and the Jack Campbell Company will build the disposal plant.

The Griffith Company are on the final stages of their Freeway job at the north end of Fresno which is causing lay-offs as the job nears completion.

The Thomas Construction Co. are winding up their one way street couplings in West Fresno. This company has completed their trailer park job at Yosemite, but still have a bridge to build at El Portal. The Thomas Company also have final grading and paving to do on their Bass Lake job.

The Thermal Construction Co. have moved in four cats and two DW-20's to move 150,000 yards of dirt for a new high school at North Fork. The Sparks Construction Company have four cats working on Highway 49 near Coulterville.

The M. J. Ruddy Company have called back most of their Engineers on a highway job on 140 west of Merced and a highway job near Devils Den.

The Fredricksen and Kasler Company have the John Delphia spread working on the San Joaquin levee job with only a few weeks to completion. There has been no additional contracts let on this work to date.

The Fresno Paving Company have wound up their job at Balch Camp. This company has a large sub-division job in Madera County and several sub-division jobs in the Fresno area.

## WINSTON TUNNEL

The Winston-Green tunnel job at Balch Camp continues, three shifts, five days per week. There is very little turn over on this job.

From the information we have at this time, the Pacific Gas and Electric Company will let contracts for the power house, Penstocks and a siphon across Dinkey Creek sometime in June.

Bids will be opened April 8 for a good sized sewer job in the Cutler area.

The Griffith Company at the Lemoore Naval Air Base have called back a few Engineers to put in pre-stress for the hangar floors. They also have some black-top to put down.

Altermatt and Fredrick has seven engineers working on the construction of underground fuel facilities at Lemoore.

The Baldwin Construction Co. have most of the dirt moved for roads and streets, and have also started work on the hangers.

Bing and Sooy who have the contract for the placing of Concrete taxiways and aprons at the Naval Base, have started cement treated base and should be going on the concrete soon.

The Van Valkenburg Construction Company has two dozers, one dragline and a truck crane putting in storm drains.

L. E. Dixon Company was low bidder in the amount of \$7,612,000 for construction of hangars and buildings at the Naval Air Base. W. E. McKnight will sub all the dirt work on this job.

Keeping pace with the growing business of construction, Barricade & Warning Lite Co. has now extended their operations to the Fresno area. They have purchased permanent facilities at 1438 North Sierra Vis-

ta and as members of the Fresno community will provide barricades, Lites, etc., at a moment's notice. Radio dispatched trucks place men and equipment at your job site in a matter of minutes.

Brothers Frank Bolding, Jerry Shaw, Don LeFors, Jim Fraser, Henry Brusstar and H. E. Shelby are ready to provide the same fine quality equipment and service that has made them leaders in the Oakland and San Jose areas. Remember their motto: "Service is the Difference."

John Varin has about 30 more days work on pads and streets for the Yosum Company Capehart housing job.

H. M. Robertson has one backhoe, one crane and a trencher putting in sewer lines for the Capehart housing project.

## SUCCESS DAM

Guy F. Atkinson Company has called back some of the operators to start the fill on the west end of the Success Dam at Porterville.

The Isbell Construction Company have reduced their forces to one shift on the road job on Highway 198. This outfit has plenty of rock to move. L. B. Wells is putting down black-top on Alta Ave. just out of Reedley and should start black-topping on their road job in Visalia soon.

Gordon Ball has moved in three more DW-20's and are moving lots of dirt on Highway 99 north of Tulare.

Clyde Woods has run into lots of rock on his job at nine mile canyon. This job has seven dozers pioneering at the time.

Wm. A. Smith and Martin of Los Angeles were awarded the contract for installation of the Railroad facilities at the Lemoore Naval Air Base.

The W. M. Lyles Company was awarded a small contract, \$29,588, for installation of water mains at Tulare.

Our heartfelt thanks to Brothers B. H. Hueston and E. Turner for their blood donations.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of our departed Brothers George D. Shaw and Lee Keels.

It is with regret we have to announce that Brother Lynn Moore has left us, Lynn is taking an indefinite leave of absence, which is one way to cure an ulcer. It will be a long time before we will get used to his being gone.

Joe Miller has been transferred here from the Reno office to take Lynn's place. We all wish him the best of luck and hope that he and his family will enjoy living here. Weatherwise, it is a big change.

Fraternaly yours,  
Joseph Miller  
J. D. Monroe  
B. F. (Tiny) Helling  
Bus. Reps.

"Brothers, as most all of you know by now, I have been transferred to the Fresno office to take Brother Lynn Moore's place as District Representative. It is a pleasure for me to be here and to represent you in this capacity. There are many of you that I know because of our acquaintances and relations over the past years. Those of you that

## Brown Backs Cal. Apprentice Meet May 18-20 in S.F.

The support of Governor Edmund G. Brown for the California Conference on Apprenticeship to be held May 18, 19 and 20, in San Francisco, was announced by Webb Green and Fred A. Schmitz, chairman and co-chairman of the Conference respectively.

In his statement supporting the Conference, Governor Brown said:

"California can justly be proud of the development and growth of its apprenticeship program since the passage of the Shelley-Maloney Apprentice Labor Standards Act of 1939.

"Under the guidance of the California Apprenticeship Council, assisted by State and Federal government and local schools, employers and labor unions throughout the State have been cooperating in more than 600 joint apprenticeship committees.

"Since 1939, more than 54,000 apprentices have completed under these programs and are now skilled craftsmen. More than 21,000 are presently in training.

"The coming California Conference on Apprenticeship will bring together, California and other Western States apprenticeship leaders, seeking ways to improve and expand the States Apprenticeship programs.

"The California Apprenticeship Council, along with the sponsors of the Conference, are to be commended for their efforts in providing apprenticeship opportunities for the young people of our great State.

"As Governor, I urge full support of all segments of the State to participate in and support the California Conference on Apprenticeship."

According to Green and Schmitz, the Conference will attract more than 600 representatives from California and the Nation.

I don't know at present I will be meeting during the future months ahead.

I haven't been here long enough yet to get accustomed to and familiar with the entire area. However, as each day goes by this is becoming less of a problem.

Brothers, I hope very sincerely that I can gain your respect and cooperation during the coming months and that I can gain this by doing my job in a manner that is satisfactory to the membership at large.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank the many members of the Reno District for the splendid support and cooperation that they have given to me during the years that I represented them and also for the send off they gave me when I left. I know that if I can get the same support from the Brothers here in the Fresno District that my job will be a lot easier and the members will be satisfied. Hello to everyone and I'll be seeing you as time goes by.

—Joseph Miller

Florida tourist to hotel clerk: "The weather is so warm here all year how do you tell winter from summer?" Clerk: "Lady, in the winter we get Cadillacs, Lincolns and stuffed shirts. In the summer we get Chevrolets, Fords, and stuffed shorts."

You will live longer if you don't smoke, drink, gamble, or stay out late. Anyway, it will seem longer.

## WORK IN REDDING DISTRICT GETS OFF TO EARLY START

by J. B. JENNINGS & SID McBROOMBE, Business Representatives

**HIWAY 299W:** The Trinity River Dam project will be in full swing with two shifts starting on April 11th, if the weather remains favorable. This year will set the completion of rock and earth fill work on the dam, seven miles up the Trinity River from Lewiston. When the dam is completed it will be the highest earth-filled dam in the world. Its crest will be 465 feet above the streambed.

The M. W. Brown Construction Company of Redding was low bidder for the job of relocating five miles of county road between Trinity Center and Carrville. Ray Kizer Construction was low bidder on the relocation of the Trinity Center airport.

The airport is being moved to a new location because its existing site will be flooded by the Trinity reservoir. The Kizer bid was \$71,985. O. K. Mittry has begun his project after a winter shut down. This road job was started last spring and will be completed with the placing of select at various places. Sierra Construction has also begun operations and will complete their job this spring. The Newman & Chandler Constructors will move in on the near future to complete their road job near Trinity Center. Floyd Grubb will complete their job in this vicinity within three or four weeks, weather permitting.

Several important bid openings have been scheduled by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in Lewiston during the next 60 days. Bids will be opened April 19 for widening of 13 miles of Trinity county road from Nelson Gap to Van Ness Creek. On May 5th bids will be opened for construction of the Spring Creek power conduit tunnels 1 and 2 and the Rock Creek siphon. The tunnels and siphon are part of the lower plant set-up which will make power from Trinity River project water before it is dumped into Keswick reservoir.

Other Trinity river project contracts which will come up for bid this year are a road widening contract in the Trinity Center area, construction of the Whiskeytown dam and construction of the Clear Creek power plants. The Federal Bureau of Reclamations Sacramento regional office has set May 5th in Lewiston, Trinity County, for opening bids on the \$13,000,000 Spring Creek Tunnel job in connection with the Trinity River Project.

This tunnel will deliver water of the Trinity River from the Whiskeytown Reservoir to the Keswick Reservoir on the Sacramento River. Bids are also expected to be called for later this year on the construction of the Whiskeytown Dam and equipment for Trinity power facilities.

McDonald Logging Company is working 5 days, 10 hours on their job on Highway 97 north

of Weed. This company is new in the construction field, but in all appearances is doing very well for themselves. I understand they are joint venturing with another company on two projects in Siskiyou County.

At present we have approximately 15 engineers on their payroll. This company is spearheaded by Bob Kurtz, one of our old time members. According to the Superintendent Pete Pace, in charge of the Weed and Castella operations for Gibbons & Reed, the job at Weed has begun a two shift operation.

Their job at Castella is practically finished except for toping out. Their job at Whiskeytown is running a single shift at present. According to their Superintendent Jack Griffith, their job here will not begin at full blast until the Weed job releases more equipment to them. Roy Ladd is in charge of all operations for Gibbons & Reed in this area. Wunderlich Construction Company job is near completion at Dunsuir. This has been an excellent company—union-wise. Sam Martinelli is in charge of this job.

Highway 99N: The COPCO job on the Klamath River, according to Larry Wicks (Project Manager) will not do us much good work-wise until next year. The 900 foot tunnel will begin by May 1st and except for the facing of this tunnel there won't be any actual work on the dam until this diversion tunnel is completed. J. C. Coleman has their Cecilville job completed except for finish grading. Two weeks at the most will complete this project. Fresno Paving has not moved in on their job on the Hat Creek rim but expect to be moved in and the dirt flying by the time this goes to press.

A pre-job conference was held in our Redding office with the Representative of Fredrickson & Watson job south of Susanville. This job is a realignment sub-base and paving contract with the state. According to Bob Brodie (Superintendent) on this project he will complete this job within six months and using approximately 15 Operating Engineers.

We are still holding checks in the Redding Office for the following named brothers: Alex Moorehead, Albert Steffenson, Robert Howard, John Geddes, J. C. McFarland, Galen Storey, Robert Montgomery.

Blood donors from Redding District:  
AL GONSE.  
JAMES BINKLEY.



**Stop Equipment Before Working on It**