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## Prevailing Wages Asked for Work in N. Calif. Towns

Local 3 is taking the initiative in a drive to get smaller cities of Northern California to pay the prevailing wage scale on work done under city jurisdiction.

At present, the fight centers at Santa Cruz on the south, and Eureka on the north, and considerable sentiment in support of the drive is coming from other union and civic groups, on the grounds that city government should not serve to break down local wage and living standards.

At Santa Cruz, pickets are in front of the municipal wharf where the city is endeavoring to do work with crews paid far less than the prevailing scale. The wharf's tenants are protesting to the city because their business has been drastically reduced by lack of union patronage from the San Francisco-San Jose area.

At Eureka, Local 3 representatives have secured assurance from the city council of a full review on a policy of letting all construction work out on competitive bids instead of attempting to do work with city crews. Local 3 is asking for itemized costs on certain local projects. Wages paid on construction work is exactly one-half of that paid by contractors, and the union points out that the city is getting exactly what it pays for.

## Notice to Men in Logging and Timber

For the information of the Brothers who are employed in the logging and lumber industry in Northern California, on all equipment such as shovels, tractors (cats), power blades, locomotives, cranes, high-lines and piledrivers, which comes under the jurisdiction of the International Union of Operating Engineers as awarded upon the issuance of their charter by the American Federation of Labor, we wish to state that an effort will be made in the near future to organize this industry under its proper heading, so that you and all those so employed, may have the proper representation, which is so sadly needed in this industry!

In the near future you will be contacted by our representatives and your cooperation will be appreciated. In the meantime we ask that you get in touch with our branch offices and give them any such information that you feel may be of value to the Union.

—VICTOR S. SWANSON,  
Local Union Manager.

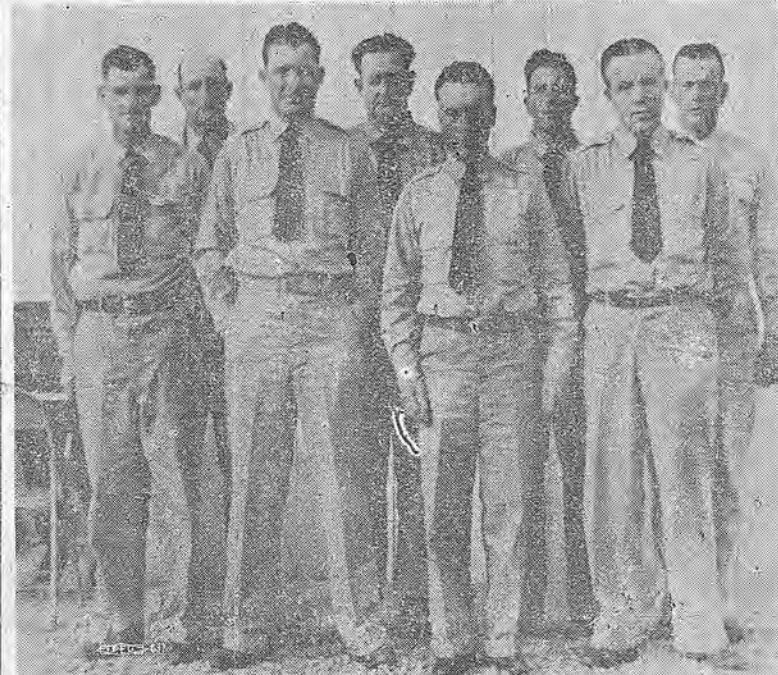
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## 39 Wins 40-hr. Week

Local 39 has been successful in obtaining a reduction of the work week from 48 and 44 hours to 40 as a universal feature in its agreements with the fluid milk industry, marking the culmination of fight begun seven years ago. An increase in wages has also been promised by employers, although this phase of the negotiations is not yet complete since the amount promised is not considered sufficient.

## 11-STATE MEET AT PHOENIX MAPS JOINT ACTION FOR '48

### Brother Engineers Mourn Passing of "Bud" Harper December 11 on Okinawa



Above enlargement of a snapshot shows the pallbearers at services held on Okinawa for Brother "Bud" Harper, most of them members of Local 3. Two readily recognized are Brother Bob Knapp, extreme left, and Brother Louis Levine, third from right. The photo was sent in to the San Francisco office by Brother Levine, who also sent the following letter:

Dear Brothers:

Today, December 21st (Sunday), we held funeral services for Brother Nolan C. Harper, who passed away the 11th day of December in his sleep, with a smile on his face. The services were held at the 7th Division Cemetery here in Okinawa.

The Army Chaplain gave a very nice sermon and spoke as if he knew "Bud" personally. One of our boys played the organ, Mr. Smith by name. The choir was composed of three men, Edward Fairchild, Sam Campbell, and Cal Grunke, who sang beautifully and with much feeling.

The pallbearers were Brothers  
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## Growth of West Reflected in Engineers' Gains

Important gains by all affiliates of the I.U.O.E. in the eleven western states during the past year and in prospect during 1948 are the result of: 1, unprecedented growth of the West, and 2, strong joint action by all units of the international, according to reports made at an important meeting of the Western States Conference held in Phoenix, Ariz., last week-end, Jan. 9 and 10.

The conference opened the new year for western Engineers with the mapping of coordinated action by all locals in the far-flung area from the Rockies to the Pacific and served as a forerunner to the convention of the international union which opens at the Stevens hotel in Chicago on April 12.

Reports of progress came from every district, with Engineers taking a leading role in the industrial and construction boom now in high gear as the result of the great post-war migration to the West. Relations with employers, traditionally on a high plane under the I.U.O.E., are being maintained in all districts, and there is good progress everywhere on working contracts. Where obstacles arise, emphasis is given to the complete unity of Engineer units and the organized labor movement as a whole.

A highlight of the Phoenix meeting was an address by the mayor of that city, who revealed an attitude of fair-mindedness which was praised by all present as an exemplary attitude for public officials. Gov. Sidney Osborne was prevented by illness from attending, and the conference sent him a telegram expressing hope for his quick recovery.

There was good attendance by representatives of Operating and Stationary locals in all areas, and  
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## Still Many Accidents

Local 3 is still getting its share of accidents, a check over this month's reports indicates. The nature of the work greatly increases the possibility of accidents, and there would probably be many more if it were not for the care and skill shown by our members. A typical accident was that happening to Brother Ben Lesina, who lost a leg when his trouser cuff caught in traveling gear while he was at work at a metal yard in Oakland. Let's make it a New Year's resolution to exercise every precaution at every danger point—until caution becomes a habit!

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Bids for continuing the big Westley canal job in the Stockton area will be opened January 20.

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Highway jobs are holding up well in the San Jose area, and a big program of activity is foreseen for this spring.

## A FRANK STATEMENT ON THE DANGERS FACING AMERICA

By DR. IRA B. CROSS

Professor of Economics, University of California, Address before American Assn. of Advertising Agencies

We live in a period when frank talking is necessary. American business must be awakened to the seriousness of the situation that exists both at home and abroad. Many of us thought that the end of Capitalism had come in 1933 with all of the banks closed, 15 million unemployed, distress and discontent prevailing on all sides. But whether or no you as business men are willing to acknowledge it, Roosevelt and his New Deal measures gave Capitalism another lease on life by placing a lot of props under it at strategic points.  
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## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The NEXT REGULAR MEETING of the Operating Engineers, Local No. 3, will be held on February 7th, 8 p.m., at the Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero St., San Francisco, Calif.

The GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE meets each Wednesday night at 7 p.m. at the Union Offices, 1095 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

For the convenience of those members who pay their dues by the year, the Local Union has issued a "yearly button."

### FIRST QUARTER DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE!

Local 3—\$5.00 per month—\$15.00 per quarter.  
Local 3-A, 3-B, 3-C—\$4.00 per month—\$12.00 per quarter.  
Local 3-D—\$3.00 per month—\$9.00 per quarter.

## Engineers' Office Building in Oakland Is Model for Unions



Above picture shows the exterior of the Engineers' new office building in Oakland, which has been widely praised as a model and symbol of good unionism. While this has been home to our Oakland members for nearly a year, many of the brothers in other territories

have not had an opportunity to see it, and therefore we think that a description is in order. We are very proud of this building and feel that this pride is well justified. It is the last word in construction and was designed to afford every convenience and comfort possible for

our members and employees. The hall itself is well situated, has good lighting, ample seating space and a good sized recreation room. Aside from these things the financial aspects of the property are very good. Located between 14th and  
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## Veterans' information

By JOSEPH RILEY

Business Representative, Local 3

The State Legislature has passed and sent to the Governor a bill which would allow chartered cities to lease land for more than 25 years for public purposes, such as Veterans' Memorial housing projects. If the bill becomes law, as seems likely in view of Governor Warren's endorsement of the housing war memorial idea, it will remove the principal stumbling block to the several projects of this type being planned for this state by making the provisions of Section 608 of the National Housing Act operative.

### SAN JOSE PLANS HOUSING WAR MEMORIAL

The San Jose city council has approved plans for a community war memorial in the form of a rental housing development for veterans. The city will assist in the formation of a corporation to be known as the San Jose War Memorial Foundation and will sell 20 acres of land to the foundation at a nominal sum. When the mortgage is amortized the property will be sold with the proceeds to be used to reduce the city indebtedness. Plans call for the construction of 76 two-story units, each containing four apartments. Rents not to exceed \$50 a month for a two-bedroom apartment. The city has agreed to install sidewalks, sewers, paved streets and parking areas.

### VETS HOUSING PROJECT FOR FRESNO

More than 300 veterans have joined a co-operative veterans housing project in Fresno. A prominent builder who completed a similar project has agreed to build two-bedroom houses, including lot, sidewalks and curbs at a cost of \$6,900. A three-bedroom house will cost \$8,400. A thirty-acre tract of land within the city limits has been placed in escrow by the owner for the veterans' group. The lots, 60x135 feet in size, will be sold to veterans at a price of approximately \$250 per lot. The tract will provide sufficient lots to accommodate 120 veterans homes. The Fresno county planning commission is cooperating to work on the sub-division of the property. The county supervisors have agreed to put in roads and alleys charging only for the materials required to pave the streets. The city of Fresno has agreed to supply city water and sewerage to the project.

### CALIFORNIA ISSUES BOOKLET ON LIVING WAR MEMORIALS

The California reconstruction and reemployment commission has just issued a handsomely illustrated 26-page booklet entitled "Living War Memorials for California." The brochure is sponsored by the state commission for living war memorials and carries an introduction by Governor Earl Warren. The booklet recommends living war memorials in the form of community sponsored apartment house developments, recreation centers, playgrounds, hospitals, libraries, civic centers and educational institutions. Approximately one-third of the brochure is devoted to information on ways and means of starting a living war memorial project.

### VETERANS WARNED ON HOME LOANS

Ex-servicemen and women who have used G.I. loans to buy their homes are advised by the Veterans' Administration not to sell their property without first making certain that their interests are protected. Officials of the Federal Agency warn that a veteran is inviting trouble if he consents to any sale of his property whereby the purchaser merely takes over the existing loan. In such a case, the vet remains personally responsible for the payment of the loan. In selling a home financed under the G.I. loan the veteran should demand that the purchaser either pay cash or arrange a loan in his own name. Then the veteran should see that his own note is marked paid and that the lien on his property is marked satisfied on court records.

### POSSIBLE FORECLOSURE!

If a veteran consents to a sale in which the purchaser merely

assumes the existing indebtedness and the new owner fails to keep up his payments, the lending institution foreclose and force a trustee's sale where the property might be sold at less than the amount of the remaining debt. In the event the difference remains a debt against the veteran the government will pay the lending agency for any portion of this debt which is guaranteed, and the veteran will then owe this amount to the government. However, if part of the remaining debt is not guaranteed, the veteran will continue to owe this portion to the lending agency.

Many recommendations designed to alleviate the critical veterans housing shortage have been presented to the congressional housing committee. For example, the VFW has recommended an additional 5000 homes for GPs.

### MILLIONS DUE GPs STILL UNCLAIMED

The Army wants to pay off \$34,780,000 in unclaimed terminal leave payments to 148,000 discharged California veterans if they'll only ask for it. Each G.I. has an average of \$235 per claim coming to him.

### VETERANS COMPLAIN

It is reliably reported that 750,000 housing units will be completed this year. Veterans complain bitterly about poor structures, deficient heating, damp cellars, and a long list of troubles too numerous to repeat. Veterans Administration blames inspection lacks for most of the trouble. The VA has made 970,000 veterans' loans for housing, new and old, totaling over \$5,000,000,000.

It is reported that 600,000 workers have been employed on residential buildings. There is still shortage in cast iron solid pipe, as well as gypsum products, plumbing fixtures, plywood, millwork, nails, iron and steel pipe fittings, hardwood flooring, and sheet metal products. There is no decrease in the price of building materials in sight, according to the Department of Labor Building Materials Index. Prices are not expected to come down materially for several years.

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## Cleveland Labor Backs Huge Co-op Dept. Store Plan

Cleveland (LPA)—Cleveland labor is solidly united on a community project that got under way last week—plans for a million-dollar cooperative department store.

Several meetings here have outlined the plan, which has the support of the big AFL and CIO unions, as well as the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Union leaders who are also active in the co-op movement have sparked the drive, and representatives of the Consumer Distribution Corporation, which is providing management and organization experience for several co-op department stores in the East, have been invited to draw up plans for the new store.

Already under way is a drive for new members for Cooperative Services of Cleveland, which operates co-op food stores, as a preliminary to the department store project.

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the international office was well represented. Last quarterly meeting was held in Boise, Idaho. The Chicago convention will take the place of the next quarterly meet. Following the custom of these conferences, Bro. I. C. Lane, president of Phoenix Local 428, served as president of the conference.

Attending from Local 3 were Bro. Victor S. Swanson, seventh vice-president of the international and business manager of the local, and Bros. Pat Clancy, P. E. Vandewark, C. F. Mathews, and Al Clem. From Local 39 were Bros. Herbert Rivers and C. C. Fitch.

International representatives attending were Bros. J. C. Fitzgerald, G. W. Eggiman, A. E. Lasser, and Joe Dvizi.

Full record of the proceedings was not available at press time, but among those known to have attended from the various locals were: Seattle 302, Jack McDonald and R. T. Conlin; Portland 701, G. L. Westling and L. E. Egan; Portland 87, C. R. Owen; Boise 285, Fred Radomsky and Elmer Chilson; Spokane 370, A. A. Rossman; Los Angeles 12, Charles Evans and Jack Fitzgerald; Los Angeles 63, Earl C. Smith; Phoenix 428, W. A. Gray and I. C. Lane; Wilmington 235, Walter Mahaffey; Montana locals, Bro. Dvizi.

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## Bro. Harper Dies

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Harry Speck, Bob Knapp, Gene Yates, Ed Kinney, Clarence Hall, Frank Bandy, Louis Levine, and a close friend, Howard Naylor.

Everything went off nicely and it seems as though the Lord stopped the rain by scattering the clouds, letting the sunshine through.

About one hundred people attended the funeral service. Surely "Uncle Bud" Harper will be mourned a hundredfold more in his own country amongst the brethren and friends who knew him well.

The body will be shipped home on the first available ship, scheduled to arrive here on December 29th.

Brothers Gene Yates and Bob Knapp should be commended highly for doing a fine job in making all the necessary arrangements possible. With their cooperation everything was executed with tact and precision.

To the many, many men whom "Bud" worked with, I believe they would like to know he was a Heavy Equipment Operator out here and a good one too.

Sincerely yours,  
LOUIS LEVINE.

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## Big Sacramento Outlay

Sacramento is ready to go on a multi-million dollar program of expansion, stepped up by recent approval of a deep-water ship channel to create a new inland port for this rapidly-growing region. Here are some of the projects slated: paper mill, \$14 million; expansion of state capitol, \$6 million; buildings at Davis campus, \$6 million; new lumber plant, new Zellerbach paper plant, new bus depot, about \$1 million each. Many big highway expansion projects are ready to go. Many smaller industrial projects are ready, and a big housing program is on the books.

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## Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present. There were approximately 157 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting minutes of December 6 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board minutes of December 17 and December 30 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter of thanks was received from the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee. Received and filed.

A card of thanks was received from Lorraine Morten. Received and filed.

The following members were reported ill: Peter Simon, Floyd Erickson, James Stewart, John H. Johnston, W. L. Griffin, Harry Allen, Timothy Sullivan, Arthur Whitlock, Arthur J. McKenzie, Jack Morton, Linton L. Brown, H. W. McCurry, E. Navone, Anton Kreuz, Howard S. Cottrell, A. R. Butterfield, Ernest Johnson, Earl G. Mack, James V. Martin, George R. Carter, W. D. Bauguess, J. Edward Hamilton, Lawrence Roch, Ronald A. Wright, Jack Mayabb, Harold C. Ficke, Roy Brown, George W. Avery, Claude Brown, W. Harley Davidson, Holt Stevenson, Harold W. Cholcher, Alvin A. Wetmore, Ray Groves, Sam Passmore, Samuel Arena, Fred Rifer, John Franco, Robert Peterson, Russell Hutchinson, William Yoch, George Ricci, Robert F. Henline, Gordon O'Brien, Harry Tipps, Ralph Gianelli, J. C. Arnold, Thomas Hall.

The following members were reported deceased: Leonard G. Keddall, N. E. Harper, Jack Morton, George S. Baker, Lee C. Straight, Thomas A. May.

Report of the General Secretary-Treasurer was read by President Clancy.

The Business Agents gave their usual reports, which were accepted as given.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
C. F. MATHEWS,  
Recording Secretary.

## Local No. 3, We Thank You

When I was released from the service in 1945, I decided to continue with what I had learned in the service — I was an army taught "cat skinner." I walked into the Union Dispatcher Office and said, "I'm a cat skinner, how about a job? The dispatcher politely told me, "I'm sorry, but we have about 2,000 members of our own coming home, and we will take care of them first, however, if you wish to come back in the Spring, maybe we can help you then."

While I was mulling this over in my mind and wondering, "Why, I'm a Vet," a veteran, who had been a member of Local 3 prior to his service, walked in and asked if he could deposit his Service Withdrawal Card. I observed how quickly his card was accepted and overheard the dispatcher ask the veteran "if he wanted a job." Naturally, the Vet answered "yes" and, to the open-mouthed consternation of about a hundred men in the hall, he was sent to a job.

I realized then, truly, that the Union was taking care of its own first and talking with the non-service members in the Hall who had remained at home during the war years, they all agreed that, that was exactly what the Union was doing.

Me, "I was a smart bloke" and I learned my business in the Service and I came back in the Spring of '46 and again I said to the dispatcher, "I'm a veteran, I'm a cat-skinner and how about a job?" Patiently, I was asked, "What outfit, where I was, how long, how much combat, and what had I done before I went into the Service?" I replied frankly, "No cat-skinning experience before the War; I learned it in the Service," and I thought that was plenty, that is, at that time I thought it was plenty—I have since changed my mind.

Smilingly, I was told to sit down and the Union would try to help me. After several days of waiting, worrying and wondering why in the h— I wasn't given a job, the dispatcher called me and told me that "I was getting a start and the rest was up to me to make good." I knew I could show them! Did I slay them? After seven hours of really showing them what I could do, I was told to pick up my check after quitting time. I didn't know why, but the next morning I was in the Union's lap along with some more of my service-trained buddies (we knew the business) and to give ourselves confidence we had to talk over the jobs and I told them "I was doing alright, but was laid off" and then as an afterthought and to make it more convincing, I added "they took my cat away!"

The dispatcher smiled at hearing the "old" story again and asked me to sit down for a while. After

several hours of deep thinking, finally dawned on me — I THOUGHT I knew the business a cat-skinner.

Again I was called to the window and told there was a job for me; that it had been "picked" for me. I was given a few tips, went out and lasted three days. Back again I came telling them "I was fired". With the patience of the proverbial Job, they listened and sent me out again and this WAS THE TIME I told myself and without meaning to assume an air of braggadocio, I really made good.

Now in retrospect, I realize why the Local Union has in trying to help the returned Joes—it's a tremendous problem, and so I think that this is as good a time as any to sincerely thank the management officers and the members of Local 3 for their very fair policy in dealing with us Vets.

Signed:  
VETERANS ANONYMOUS  
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## INDUSTRY MAY MAKE WAGE-PRICE TRADE

New York.—The pace-setters U. S. heavy industry appear ready to trade wage concessions for interrupted production and a continued free hand on prices, according to a survey in the Wall Street Journal.

"Unless unexpected consumer assistance to rising prices develops now and next spring, most industrial firms will probably work out some kind of compromise on wage demands," the newspaper commented, summing up views expressed by spokesmen for 15 basic industries. No mention was made of the frequently voiced opposition to pay increases by speakers at the recent National Association of Manufacturers convention.

The signs are, it added, that there will be a tough wage struggle if consumer resistance to soaring prices does develop.

"The railroad, shipping and communications industries," the Journal pointed out, "are fighting pending wage hikes tooth and nail. These industries, with their rates fixed or subject to review by federal commissions, can't pass higher wages in higher prices easily as unregulated industries

# INDUSTRIAL JOBS SLOW UP IN SAN JOSE AREA, BUT HIGHWAY PROGRAM IS GOOD

By M. G. MURPHY  
Representative, Local 3

**San Jose**—Well, brothers, here it is the first of another year. Wish I could make my first report for 1948 a little more interesting and encouraging than my last one for '47, but there has been very little change in the situation in the past thirty days. We have several state jobs to be let in the early Spring (April or May) on highway 101, and I understand the State

will also call for bids on the remaining portion of the work on the Rob Roy-Santa Cruz job, some time within that period. So, I guess, brothers, it doesn't look too gloomy at that. Our unemployment list for this time of year (due to the light rainfall, I presume) isn't bad at all. Our local contractors are managing to keep most of their equipment and engineers busy. We have had one job shut down entirely for a reason unknown to me and many others. That is the \$3,000,000 plant of Kaufmann Meat, which has been under construction since last Summer. I've also heard that the General Electric and the Fibre Glass plants have made some recent changes in their plans and will not build the elaborate plants on which they originally planned. As I said before, I don't know the reason for this action by these nationally-known concerns. Hope it isn't an indication of trouble ahead. Maybe we should start accumulating a few dollars (if the high cost of living will permit).

### STEEL JOBS

Bethlehem-Pacific Coast Steel Co., who have been setting the steel on the new Telephone Building, have finished this project and have moved their derrick and most of the crew to another location with the exception of Brother Billy Moore and the riveting crews. Brother Allen, who has been operating the derrick for Bethlehem on the Telephone job, will operate the Tower Hoist and Chicago Boom on the same job just as soon as they get the equipment installed.

L. C. Jensen Company of Oakland have just about completed their plumbing and sewer job for the Kaiser Community Homes and are hoping to get started on another nice contract adjoining his present operations before the heavy rains start. This firm has had approximately \$100,000 worth of work in this locality recently and, I must say, their relations with the engineers has been very harmonious.

Rhodes and Robinson Quarry of Palo Alto are maintaining a heavy production schedule — from seven to eight hundred tons daily. This heavy output is due partly, I am sure, to the conscientious efforts of an efficient operating crew of engineers, namely, Roy London, Nile Wiggins, Joe Hampton, Ray Hamness, Norman Hamness, Jimmy Phillips, Oscher Huber and Johnny Box.

### SANTA CRUZ

Yes, brothers, the picket still remains on the Municipal Wharf, so just keep your little selves, the family and friends off. We, the Engineers and Pile Drivers, and all other crafts, have had a couple of conferences with the city officials but, to date, have met with little success. We have had the Wharf placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list by the Santa Clara Building Trades Council, also the Central Labor Council and, naturally, the Santa Cruz councils. Now, perhaps, the boycott will do some good.

In regards to the Santa Cruz-Rob Roy job, Ed Keeble has six "Cats" on the job and is progressing as well as can be expected at this time of the year. In some places the brothers virtually have to swim. For that reason, it is a requisite that you be a good swimmer as well as a good engineer before you go to work on this job.

The versatile brothers at present on this job are T. A. "Big Ted" Hansen and brother, I do mean big. This boy is as big as Mike Glage and Kenney Houston, and then comes the two hundred pounders, Brothers C. G. White, Joe Mefford, Chas. Marines, Har-

old Terry, Willie Franks, Ernie Graft and the shovel crew's H. M. Giovanetti, and Floyd Fields, oiler, on the crawler. Brother Vernon Bright is the operator of the truck crane and Roy Harris, oiler. Brother Ted Holmes is "Pusher" on this job.

### BUILD "SHOO-FLY"

At present the brothers are building a shoo-fly (a railroad track in case you don't know) around the present site of the subway and, after this railroad, shoo-fly, or detour is built, they will move in and build the new subway. Upon completion of the subway, they move back on the old track.

Granite is driving the piling (approximately 500) and they have a nice rig for the job. It is a Lorraine Truck Crane with a set of 75-foot leads and is capable of driving batter pile as well as vertical, and, of course, have the same sturdy crew, consisting of a full compliment of Local 34 (Piledriver men) and engineers such as Orville Smith, Tony Herzog, oiler, Bill Strong, hammer man, and Roy McNut, "Dozer" operator. Granite also are supplying the concrete for all the structures on this job which consists of 12 or 13 thousand yards and, as for the the excavation, there still remains about 250,000 cubic yards to be moved.

### SALINAS-CHULAR

Salinas has not too much activity other than, you may say, leveling, in which X. Carrithers (long a friend of Local 3) plays a big part. At present, he is employing about 10 or 11 of our brothers. Some of them are "Big Joe" Pereira, Geo. Whitmer, Ray Benlon, J. Pickett, W. C. Smith, Bob Doyle, Jack Smith, Norman Gillian, Andy Matus, Jack Park and G. C. Langford. . . . George Augusta also has three "Cats" doing land-leveling in that locality.

Think this sums up the major activity for this locality at present brothers. Of course, there are many, many small jobs but it would use up too much space to mention all of them.

### NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

Brother Johnny De Lagrange, our former business agent at Reno and who is now a prominent contractor in that city, was in the office and paid us a nice New Year visit.

Brother Lee McClure, foreman for Union Paving, and Brother Bob Lehman, a former old-time employee for Permanente, were in the office the other day with the best wishes for Local 3 and its members for the ensuing year.

Brother Harold Fricke stopped in at the office to pay us a visit. The cast had just been removed from his leg, and he will be on crutches for another couple of months. His accident partner, Chas. Craft, is also recovering quite well under the circumstances.

Brother Charley Clark wishes to thank all of the members of Local 3 who remembered him at Christmas and to wish all of the members a Happy New Year.

Brother J. A. Price, former employee of Ed Keeble, has signed up for a hitch in Arabia for Pomerooy Company.

Received a nice letter from Brother Bob Kurtyak, who is on Okinawa. Bob reports that there is plenty of activity there, also plenty of room for improvement. Says he met quite a few Local 3 boys and they all joined him in sending their best wishes for the success and prosperity of Local 3, in 1948. He requests a letter from Brother Henry Taylor. Brother Kurtyak's address is No. 4600, A. J. Construction Co., A.P.O. 331, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

# Major Highway Jobs for Valley

Included in the next fiscal year's state highway budget starting in July, one of the largest in many years, are eight major projects involving 39.9 miles of highway improvements at a cost of \$936,000. The projects, located in six counties of the Central California area are:

Route 34 (SR-88), Cooks Station to easterly boundary of Amador County, grade and surface, 7 miles, \$189,000.

### DRY CREEK BRIDGE

Route 97, Amador County, Dry Creek bridge and approaches, .3 of a mile, \$54,000.

Route 24 (SR-12), Valley Springs to San Andreas, surface portions, 3.5 miles, \$123,000.

Route 4 (US-99), Keyes to Salida, barrier posts, 11.3 miles, \$59,000.

Route 13 (SR-120), Oakdale to easterly boundary, resurface and line changes, 11.8 miles, \$284,000.

Route 41 (SR-33), Newman to northerly boundary of Stanislaus County, surfacing portions, 6 miles, \$105,000.

Route 110 (SR-132), Coulterville area, grade and surface, \$30,000.

### COUNTY TOTALS

The total by counties follows: Amador, \$243,000; Calaveras, \$123,000; San Joaquin, \$92,000; Stanislaus, \$448,000; Tuolumne and Mariposa, \$30,000.

Several additional projects have been recommended by the state highway engineer and have gone to the plan and survey stage. They include:

Route 4, 15.2 miles from 1 mile north of Ripon to the Mariposa Road.

Route 4, 7.5 miles from Lodi to northerly boundary of San Joaquin County.

Route 5, 10.3 miles from 1 mile north of Mossdale to Stockton.

Route 75, Branch Mormon Slough and Lone Oak Creek bridges.

Route 4, 2 miles from Hatch Crossing to Modesto.

Route 41, 2.3 miles near Newman, Crows Landing and Patterson.

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# Tracy Youth Center

The state is now appraising a tract of 800 acres five miles east of Tracy and if estimates are reasonable purchase will be made and work begun on a \$5,000,000 vocational institution for young offenders. The present facilities at Lancaster in Los Angeles county are overcrowded with more than 500 youths from 17 to 21. The new center would accommodate 1200.

Brother Walter Forsland, who has been with Guy Atkinson, is leaving for Oregon to work for the same company at Cottage Grove.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of Brother George De Rosa of Monterey. Brother De Rosa's death was due to a heart ailment.

Brother D. R. Yetz has been confined to the Veterans' Hospital in San Francisco with a respiratory system ailment. Through information received recently, however, I learned that the ailment is not too serious.

I am happy to report that Brother Harley Davidson, with whom so many of the brothers are friendly, is recovering from his recent serious injuries as well as can be expected. I am sorry to say, nevertheless, that Brother Davidson will be incapacitated and out of circulation for many months to come.

I must not forget to mention the fact that Mr. Ed Hazelwood, whom many of the brothers will remember as the State Inspector on the N. M. Ball 101 job, is now the State Inspector of aggregates for the State Highway on the Rob Roy-Santa Cruz Junction job.

In closing I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the brothers who sent holiday greetings to me. Also, to thank the members for their splendid cooperation during the past year. Let's all stand together again in 1948 and keep OUR union strong. It is predicted that the Unions will have to fight harder than ever this year to hold the gains which they have made over a period of many years.

# EUREKA AREA AWAKENING—ROADS, HIWAYS UNDERWAY—YOU ARE INVITED UP THERE

By OTTO E. NEVER  
Business Representative, Local 3

**Eureka** — The northern part of the Eureka territory is slowly waking up. Sause Bros. who own the city dock at Crescent City, also known as the old Hobbs-Wall dock, have given a contract to Burman Bros. to build a new dock parallel and adjacent to the old one, beginning at the water line. It will be about 6 feet lower than the old dock.

The U. S. Engineers have allocated another \$600,000 for completion of the jetty out to Round Rock. As they have \$200,000 saved from the appropriation last year, this will make a total of \$800,000 for the completion of the jetty this coming summer. There has also been an additional appropriation to cover the rebuilding of the sand barrier protecting the fish boat harbor from the southeast.

There is no major highway construction appropriations for Del Norte County for the coming year. There is a secondary highway program to improve the road from Crescent City to the airport, and to resurface the road between Highway 101 and Requa; approximately one mile.

### ROAD, BRIDGE JOBS

The State intends to let bids for a resurfacing job beginning 2.6 miles and ending 7.6 miles north of Orick. Estimated cost is \$224,000. The State will also ask for bids for grading and placing a culvert at Perch Creek which is one mile north of the Orleans bridge. Estimated cost of the job is \$97,000.

Atkinson has not started to move the steel onto his bridge job at Weitchpec as yet, and due to the heavy rains he may wait until March or April before doing anything there.

There will be additional work on the Arcata-Redding Highway between Blue Lake and Burnt Ranch. As this is a convict camp, the State will probably rent a few pieces of equipment. There is no intention at this time to let any of the work out on bids.

Brother Tom Hull is working on his sewer job at Arcata. Brother E. F. Ford is on the ditcher with Brother Bob Morgan doing the oiling and heavy work. The job will probably run into February before being completed. Baldwin and Straub are pouring concrete on the job at the Arcata High School. Brother Pat Furnish, assisted by Brother Joe Saraiva, is on the clam shell, with Brother Dee Reese on the batch plant and Brother L. W. Redden on the scoopmobile providing he isn't catching fish in the Eel River. This Brother is without a doubt the champion fisherman in Local 3. Brother "Big Stoop" Bill Reed is a close contender for the same honors.

Mercer-Fraser's hot plant and gravel plant have kept reasonably busy whenever weather permits. The balance of Mercer-Fraser's equipment is busy as well as the worthy brothers in the shop. Buran Equipment still keeps a full crew, including Brother Rocha, who tells us he expects to be a pap in the very near future.

We have started negotiations for an increase in wages at the Faralone plant of the Borden Company. We have already negotiated an increase with retroactive pay from September 1 for the ice company employees.

Fred Maurer & Sons keep Brother Joe Smith busy and that is about all, although they have one cat working in the woods near Bridgeville. Ed Johnson, our councilman, does a good job in keeping his crew busy five days a week, but brother! does he hate to pay overtime.

### HALF-PAY FOR CITY

Your representative had a meeting with the Mayor and City Councilmen recently, at which we attempted to point out to them the better policy of letting all construction work on competitive bids instead of attempting to do the work with the city's own crew. The mayor and city council agreed to give this matter their wholehearted support. We are now preparing to submit the matter to the City Council at their next meeting

and to ask the support of the public and the newspapers. We shall also ask for an itemized cost of the fish boat harbor, of which no itemized cost has ever been rendered, and we shall request the cost of paving California Street and B Street. It might be interesting to some of you brothers to know that the wages paid by our City to the construction employees is exactly half of that paid by the local contractors, and you may rest assured they get exactly what they pay for.

There is a possible chance of Earl Hallmark lengthening his dock at Trinidad for the shipment of lumber by barge. These barges are about 250 to 300 feet in length and carry approximately one million feet of lumber. A new company has taken over the Eureka Terminals and proposes to start shipping lumber by water for inter-coastal and trans-Pacific shipments immediately.

### "OLD LADIES' GIGOLO"

Carlin Bros. are making fair headway on their dirt moving job at Rohnerville airport. Brothers Bill and Walt Reed, together with Brothers Ivan Barnes and Phil Carlin, are doing most of the dirt moving, being ably blocked in their efficiency by Brother Sandy "Pappy-My-Sweet" Parks, also known as the Old Ladies' Gigolo.

Brother Louis Conner keeps three of his rigs busy on his Dally Varden and Hammond jobs. We also hear that Hammond may build another six miles of road this spring.

There is nothing new on the lumber strike in this area. It is still stalemated.

The State intends to call for bids for eight miles to be graded and surfaced, realigned and widened from North Scotia Bridge to Fortuna; estimated cost of the job \$926,000.

Phoenix Construction Co. is tied up for the winter and will probably keep a maintenance crew busy until Spring.

The State will call for bids on a resurfacing job three miles south to 1 mile north of Rattlesnake Summit in Mendocino County. Estimated cost of job is \$140,000. In the Willits area, McEwen keeps his crew busy on jobs in both the mill and for the county.

### COUNTY HIGHWAYS

Between Willits and Fort Bragg, Mendocino County will call for bids on the secondary highway plan to repair this piece of road. What the work will amount to in dollars and cents we have not been informed. There is nothing in Fort Bragg at this time, but we would appreciate the worthy brothers in that area who are out of work sending in their names and phone numbers so that they may be placed on the out-of-work list. There is a small job to be let 1 1/2 miles north of Fort Bragg at Virgin Creek, grading and surfacing, and a culvert; one-half mile long; \$77,000.

Humboldt County will let bids for road work between Redway and Briceland on the secondary highway plan for \$95,000 and also on portions of the road between Bull Creek and Honeydew amounting to \$180,000. The rain here will undoubtedly slow down work for the next month or two.

From all indications, we will be short of operators again this coming year. As we have the finest climate in California and the best fishing and hunting, we will look forward to seeing some of the operators in this district from other territories during the coming summer.

In closing, may I wish all of you brothers a prosperous and happy New Year.

## NORTH BAY AREA KEEPS BUSY WITH HIGHWAY, BUILDING JOBS

By H. O. FOSS

Business Representative, Local 3

**San Rafael — Johnston Rock Co.** have started their Navarro River bridge job, and are getting strung out on footings. It is estimated that this is a \$400,000 job, and will probably be a rather slow procedure because of adverse weather conditions. Brother Dewel Carlson is on the crane and clam, and Brother Green is helping out on the other rig. Brother George B. Jones is their master mechanic. Brothers Harold Williams and R. V. Klaros are also working on the same project.

Brother C. F. McCouran, from this vicinity, recently purchased a cat loader and is working at odd jobs.

This is a warning to any brothers who might plan on doing some hunting around St. Helena: Brothers Kenneth Jessee and Harold Black are up there working for Harold Smith, and they have a habit of popping up out of the brush at unexpected moments.

The firm of Parks, Stephens & Pierce, with Martin Rice as their super, have the \$280,000 telephone company contract at Mill Valley and are in the process of erection.

### ROUND-UP OF JOBS

Stolte Company has completed the outfall sewer building in this area, and has buttoned up and left.

McGuire & Hester are low bidders on the sewer work in this vicinity, but as yet there has been no notice of an award.

The Underground Construction Company, with Brother Peck as superintendent, has been in the Sausalito area for some time, and will probably be there for a couple of months more.

Paul E. Straub, who had several brothers busy all summer in the Petaluma area, is practically shuf down for the winter. I am told that Brother Buchanan is in the woods with one cat and Brother Arnt is taking a trip East. Brother Cooley is on tap, waiting until they start up again.

I recently ran across Brother Tom Rich, who is doing some work for the Rockport Lumber Company Sawmill site at Stewart's Point, located at Stewart's Point Road and Highway 101. Brother Hayes is with Tom, and I fear they are bogged down for awhile.

### BABY CATSKINNER

E. McPherson keeps a couple of Cats busy in the Cloverdale vicinity, and also has a couple for rent at the present time. Mac has moved out to Preston Heights at Cloverdale. I understand that his wife presented him with a new catskinner, late in the fall, and I heard her say that if the boy so much as looked at a Cat, she would send him to reform school, and send the "old man" to jail.

Brother Bob Rapp keeps very busy all over the northern area with his trenching machine, etc., working several members on his rigs. Brother Jimmy Joyce seems to be his right-hand bower.

Brothers Bud Boyce and Robbins keep busy at Brother Harvey Taylor's gravel plant in Healdsburg. Bud, I am told, is looking for an Eight to buy.

I hear that Brother Tom Shaw has gone into land leveling. This boy can't miss, and we wish him lots of good luck.

Pomeroy & Paoli are subdividing a large area within the San Rafael city limits for home sites, and are working whenever the weather permits.

Brother Don Powers, one of A. G. Ransch's Motor Patrol boys, has gone up to his Redding ranch to hole in for the winter. Brother Ernie Gressot, this firm's hot plant foreman, has gone down Texas way to look up some of those Longhorns.

### ENTERPRISING BROTHER

Brother Fred Jensen, of the firm of Jensen & Pitts, has a new Motor Patrol, which is for rent.

I understand that Brothers Poitz and Bogner are purchasing a brand new Bucyrus well rig and

should have post holes for sale by March. We wish them good luck.

We recently had a line from Brother J. T. McKellar, from Chihuahua, Mexico. He is working for the Paloma Lumber Company. Brother Mac says those "chicken" dishes are pretty hot. His address is Box 32, No. Casas Grandes, Chih., Mex.

Brother R. J. Keisling has gone catskinnering for the Diamondline Lumber Company at Point Arena. Brother Mongovan of the same point, has installed a laundry—so all of you brothers can stop in with your dirty clothes.

### BIG HIGHWAY JOBS

The largest job for this area in the near future will be on Highway 40, from the Vallejo Wye east to Cordelia, with 18,000,000 station yards overhaul on this job. Bids will open on January 28.

According to highway allotments there will be \$8,000,000 spent in this area on bids coming up.

Brother E. J. Davis has charge of the Petaluma ready-mix plant, and I guess he intends to raise his grandchildren there.

Brothers Bordessa and Johnny Holman are about all that are left working for Al Moretti's until spring.

Brothers A. M. Andrews and R. H. Prull have been doing well with the Sonoma Housing Authority. Brother Prull will be home for a couple of months.

We were very sorry to see Brother Sol Cox of the Santa Rosa area take a Withdrawal Card, as he was one of our top-hand boys. We presume that his farm will support him in the future. At least we sincerely hope so.

Basalt Rock Company's Healdsburg plant is doing some heavy construction and remodeling on the screening plant and conveyors. This will be of a permanent nature, of steel and concrete, and in the future will keep many of the brothers busy during the winter. It is strongly rumored that Basalt Rock Company is considering a mix plant in Ukiah.

Brother S. B. Turner of Hopland, who has been on the sick list for the past year, is now in the employ of Brother Lee Williams in Ukiah, and is doing very well. I learned that Williams' mother has been very ill, in Oregon, and we all hope for her complete recovery.

### MASONITE PLANT

I am advised that in the Ukiah area the Masonite people have several options on many pieces of property which, if they take up by the 20th, they intend to build a \$5,000,000 plant on this property, which will use many Engineers.

The North Bay Teamsters are opening an office in Ukiah, with Earl Sierck in charge. Their office will be located in the Odd Fellows Building, and I am expressly requesting all members of Local 3 to cooperate with this boy in every way.

Brother Les Crane, at Healdsburg, tells me that he has obtained a ¾ Northwest and a couple of Cats, and is now looking for some dirt to move.

Brothers Ike Smith and Frank Rickert are busy in this area on their own.

Brothers Tony Johns and Hildebrandt are busy in this area also. Brother "Doc" Sherman is with the Marin Fire Department, and has a brand new Cat which he is completely satisfied with.

Due to the rainy weather, we have many unemployed members.

It is with deepest regret that we announce the passing of Brother Lee Straight, who died very suddenly after a brief illness. To his family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Under the heading of sad news, we announce that our secretary, Doris Murphy, is leaving on February 6, to accept employment as housewife for Brother Wayne Denoyer. We are losing one of the best, and feel sure that the brothers will appreciate the many courtesies extended to them by her. Here's hoping that all of her trou-

## Lumber Boom on At Redding; Wages Improving

By E. A. HESTER

Representative, Local 3

**Redding—Shasta County Building and Construction Trades Council** has signed an agreement with the Smith Lumber Company for the Construction of a plant in Hayfork.

This is one of the largest lumber companies in northern California. They have mills in Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, Trinity and Siskiyou Counties.

Since wages and working conditions are improving, it seems that many of our boys are taking to the woods. Brother Whitie Neff is holding down a logging cat for the Neilsen Company at Montgomery Creek. The three Contrill brothers are doing the logging at Big Bend. Brothers Claude and Clarence Barber are working for a good lumber company in Yreka. Brother Lester Roff is also holding down a good logging job near Yreka, at \$500 per month. Brother Claude Alexander, Sr., is doing a good job out at Hayfork in the lumber industry.

We have many brothers throughout northern California working in this industry and they all report that they have good jobs, but should have a little more money for the work that they produce. Yes, the lumber industry continues to increase by leaps and bounds, and the prospects are for more good jobs for our brothers in the new year. We have just started.

The Federal Government recently allowed 2½ million dollars for logging roads in Trinity County. This means many more good jobs for Local 3 men in the cool green hills of Northern California.

### HIGHWAY JOBS

Frederickson Brothers of Emeryville, California, were the successful bidders on the big highway job between Whiskeytown and Towerhouse. Ray Byers of Redding has subbed the clearing, and by the time that you read this the job should be well under way. Brother Al Kingwell will be superintendent and Brother Archie Edmondson one of the grade foremen.

In spite of the cold weather, snow and rain, the Frederickson and Watson job at Hornbrook continues to go forward and it seems to me that any time a good cat skinner drops in there will be an opening for him.

The Bureau of Reclamation is putting a few men back to work but, from the information I gather, it will be a long time before the 560 men they laid off will be back to work.

### DEPENDS ON WEATHER

All jobs in this district continue to operate when weather permits, with the exception of the Balls job at Weaverville, and they have closed down for the winter.

During the month of December we were handicapped to a certain extent, due to the fact that we had to move to a new location. The Redding office is now located at 1508 Tehama Street, across the street from the United States Employment Office.

For the benefit of those who cannot visit the office during the day, it will remain open every Thursday evening from 7 until 9 p.m.

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"Do you know who is talking in there now?" asked the stranger, "or are you just going in?"

"No, sir. I've just come out," the farmer answered. "Congressman Tallow is talking in there."

"What about?"

"Well," answered the countryman, passing a knotted hand across his forehead, "he didn't say."

bles will be little ones.

George Tuso bought acreage and is building in Ukiah, California. He is presently working for McEwen. George's wife recently presented him with a baby girl. Good luck, George.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many brothers who sent me Christmas greetings. Sorry I could not get around to acknowledging them all!

## MULTI-MILLION PROGRAM IS READY FOR SACRAMENTO—DAM, ROAD, RIVER JOBS SET

By F. A. LAWRENCE and ED PARKS

Business Representatives, Local 3

**Sacramento—As** some small consolation to the brothers on the out-of-work list we pass along the prediction that 1948 will see the greatest construction boom in the history of Sacramento. This forecast is based on information received by the building trades office from contractors.

The projects include a \$14,000,000 paper plant six miles northwest of Sacramento; a \$6,000,000 expansion of the state capitol with underground parking facilities and a road through the park from L to N streets; one project on the Davis Campus, plans under way at this time for buildings to cost \$6,000,000; \$1,000,000 new state building and possibly other state offices; a \$1,000,000 lumber plant nine miles northeast of Sacramento which will be geared to turn out 400,000 feet of finished lumber each day; a \$1,000,000 plant for the Zellerbach Paper Co.; an \$850,000 bus depot; a \$600,000 addition to the Sutter Maternity hospital; a \$250,000 naval armory and numerous school buildings and other projects and many business buildings and apartments and hundreds of homes. It is expected that most of this work will move into full swing in April.

### DAM, HIGHWAY JOBS

Of perhaps more interest to the engineers are projects like the deep water channel and the Folsom Dam and the numerous highway projects to be let soon. Through this column we will keep the brothers informed of any new developments but for now we must caution them that as yet they are still in the planning stage.

We reported last month on the \$2,300,000 subway and road realignment at Roseville, scheduled to be advertised sometime in March. We can report this month that the 12th street subway here in Sacramento is to be let soon. This is a \$600,000 job and it is expected it will take a year to complete. We add a dismal note to all the foregoing by reminding the brothers that very little of this work has been started as yet and we can still expect two or three very slow month here.

### CHECKS ON JOBS

While getting around the jobs we found only four of the brothers, Ray Walter, Ralph Blanchard, Fred Lewis and Delbert Fox, left on the W. C. Thompson job at Forest Hills. Baker Bros. are doing a little better by keeping brothers Wally Cramer, Frank Coughlan, Owen Selvidge, Joe Morganthaler, George Zimmerman and Calvin Jones on the payroll along with foreman brother Tex Cox and Supt. Andre Kucon. L. J. Lynch has just about finished his end of this job and at last report has only two or three engineers left. We couldn't get through to his job last time we were up that way. Fredrickson Bros. have opened up the dirt on their job at Grass Valley and in addition to those reported last month the following brothers are now on the job: Fred Butler, the boss man; Jim Tilton, on the blade; Al Driscoll, Ralph Wilson, Allen Tate, Fred Lacert and Harvie Young on the cats.

Brother Verge Guptill is still keeping a few engineers busy at Scotts Flat but expects to wind this job up soon.

Brother L. L. Keithley is running the Van Valkenberg job up near Auburn with brother B. A. Johnson on the dragline; Jimmie Fulton, oiling; Tommie Tuggle on the side boom, and Roscoe Callins on the dozer.

### BROTHERS SHIFT JOBS

Brother George Lamb is up from the bay area on one of Raymonds drivers. George is driving pile for one of the new state buildings.

Brother Ted Combent, H. D. mechanic foreman for Crow Bros. says this outfit expects to start moving their rigs south again. Brother Leslie Garrett, H. D. mechanic foreman for Silva and Hill tells us they won't be far behind them.

Brother Harold Reynolds, who usually spends most of his time in Nevada stopped in to see us the

other day and tell us all about the wonders of that state.

Brother Fred Salas will soon be off for Agua Fria, Venezuela, where he has a job with the government of that country.

We received a Xmas card from Brother Helean, who is over in Arabia and besides wishing us a Merry Xmas he advised us to tell the boys who might be tempted to sail for that country that they would be wiser to stay home.

We are sending our sympathies to the family and friends of our late brother, George Baker, who passed away December 15, 1947. George had worked for J. R. Reeves for the past few years and was lately employed at this company's Hagin Gravel Plant.

### SICK AND INJURED

We are sending our wishes for speedy recovery to the following brothers who are on the sick list this month: To Brother Amas Sewell, who is down with the flu; to Brother Wm. Yoch, who is also down with the flu; to Brother Jesse J. Kyle, who underwent a kidney operation; to Brother Emil Seizle, who undergoes a head operation this month and to Brother James Schell, who had his hand badly hurt in an argument with a cement mixer.

Brother S. J. Lee now has a grocery store at 3089 Del Paso Blvd. We wish him lots of luck and hope you brothers who live in that vicinity will remember the address and do some of your shopping there. The same goes for Brother Charlie Bird, who also owns a grocery 8 miles out on Auburn Blvd.

Brother George Gerhart has a new ¾-yd. Osgood with dragline, clam and crane attachments to rent. He can be contacted at the Welcome Grove Auto Court here in Sacramento.

Brother Ray Hayes, P. O. Box 115, Woodland, Calif. has a D S cat with a dozer, carryall and roofer he wants to put to work.

Our agreement with Gladding McBean was renewed this month providing for an increase in pay, one additional week's vacation and various other adjustments.

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## Stole 20-ton Bridge

"Best performance for 1947", if prizes were given for underworld activities, would go to the man who stole a 20-ton bridge at Gooding, Iowa. Comments Bro. Ed Doran of Stockton, "He must have been an engineer". The bridge was "lifted" in one night, and never seen again. Next prize would go to the guy who stole a brick wall from a residence at Del Mar, Calif., according to the insurance company which had to pay off on these thefts. Others listed were: The opportunist: snatched a \$3000 diamond ring from the finger of a woman driver in L.A. as she put her hand out for a left turn. Most patient: the guy who tunneled under the fence of an Atlantic City coal yard and removed 10 tons, lump by lump. Most surprised: the one who took a box from a parked car in San Gabriel and found it contained rattlesnakes.

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## Hopes Brighter

**Washington—Taking** issue with a published statement that chances of a civil service career employe to become a cabinet member are 12½ million to 1, Pres. Luther Steward of the National Federation of Federal Employees says the odds are only 8,333,333 to 1.

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### MEMORIES

Little boys like soldiers; little girls like painted dolls.

But when they grow up, it's funny how things get reversed.

# HERE'S EXAMPLE OF TRUE BROTHERLY ENGINEER SPIRIT—STOCKTON JOBS OPENING UP

By ED DORAN, RENNY BURROUGHS  
Business Representatives, Local 3

**Stockton**—Last summer a Local No. 3 man, "Bud" Ollis by name, got into the middle of a hot plant and accidentally the plant vibration engaged the clutch operating the plant. Well, Bud took quite a beating, in fact, he will never operate another plant. His Brother Engineers, all working for M. J. Ruddy & San in Modesto, lined up to give him blood and Bud took seven pints. Along this December, just before Christmas,

the insurance company got around to paying up the hospital bills on the case. They mailed Brothers Frenchy Crotteau, J. E. Fritz, Roy Wadlow, Ned Bedross, W. D. Cochran, O. H. Rumbaugh, and C. E. Duncan each a check for \$25.00 for a pint of blood. On the day they received these checks, those Brothers each endorsed the checks over to Bud and Mrs. Ollis for a Christmas present. A real Engineers Christmas gift!

Brother Clarence Smith of Keyes, an old-time Engineer working on a cat and carry-all with Lee Bond, had an unfortunate auto accident and broke a couple of ribs. He will be laid up awhile but, knowing this rugged Engineer, we know that "Smitty" will be back on the job before long. Brother Ray Trapp takes care of his rig while he is off.

Brother M. W. "Grif" Griffing, one of Local 3's oldest Engineers, who presides over Davidson's steam crane out at the scrap plant, has a right to be proud of his daughter, Mildred, who starred in a College of the Pacific Studio Theatre Production, "The Master Builder," the other night here in Stockton. In a most difficult part, she portrayed a contractor's wife at the turn of the 19th century. "Grif" told us at the intermission that he had just finished loading a carload of rails in four passes with his magnet that day; four and one-half tons of rail to the pass.

### LOCAL 3 SCOUT TROOP

Scout Troop 61, sponsored by Local 3 here in Stockton, has a new scoutmaster, Bill Barnes. Bill will take over Earl Moon's job, since Earl has gone into a 24-hour job selling insurance. Good luck, Earl. The Engineers' Local 3 has helped the boys in Troop 61 buy their first uniforms and enjoyed many trips this last year. A fine bunch of boys—we hope to give them a good program in 1948.

Brothers Tom Gunter and Thurman Marshall are land levelling for Suttley & Fallman on Staten Island. Recently, Brother Tom hauled the largest land plane seen hereabouts off a barge on Potato Slough and, in so doing, cut off the top of the levee. It was 80 feet long and 50 feet wide and a real load for a D8. The Marvin Land-plane people, its manufacturers, didn't figure on hauling it up and down the highways and it must be moved by water.

### POWER FOR INDUSTRIES

We enjoyed a nice visit with Mr. McDonald, an electrical engineer in charge of the Riverbank Aluminum Plant for the War Assets Administration. He says that this plant is in standby condition and can be operated as soon as sufficient cheap electrical power can be obtained. The probable earliest available supply of electricity will be when the transmission line from Shasta Dam reaches the canal pumping plant at Tracy. At that time the transmission line will have capacity to supply not only the pumping plant but also the aluminum plant and other industries tied in closely with public welfare.

Harvey Clark, old-time Parker cat skinner, who spent some time with Murray on the Silverado Trail at Yountville last summer, has written us from Arabia, where he is on the Bechtel job, that their winter climate is swell—the summers hot—and his job good.

### BRIDGE JOBS

Elmer J. Warner was low man of 11 bidders on the Stevens Bar bridge across the Tuolumne River at \$181,548. The job and approaches are about two miles long and is located twenty miles south of Sonora in Tuolumne County on Route 49.

Brother Cliff Hubbard, on Moore Drydock's crane, gets around. He has placed two bridges for this territory recently. The small one is on Warner's Calaveras bridge job and a sizeable span on the Mokolumne river near Woodbridge for Edmunston and Miller. Previously we had seen him on the P. G. & E. job at Jackson a couple of times.

Brothers McBride and Britton have shut down their land levelling spread except for one cat at the moment, but we expect Brother Ernie Smith and the rest of the gang out there back at work any minute.

### SEWER, CANALS

We had a good visit from Brother Roy Hinks, who has been on George Patterson's Koehring down at Orange County. Roy brought the rig to Patterson's island ranch after the Fresno canal shut down and he has been busy digging ditches since. Incidentally, his oiler is his oldest son, Harlan and, as you will remember his youngest, born several months ago—we asked Roy about him. Just fine, Roy says, and a great pump operator.

Teichert's gang, out at the Barrett & Hilp, Stockton sewer plant job, are in high with a spread of cats. Headed by "Moon" Mullins, Brothers Clyde Leavitt, Al Tremayne, "Joe" Busch, and Verne Biglow are the crew. Brother Verne Holmes, Teichert shovel runner, etc., took a two weeks' trip to Tacoma and is back reporting not much dirt moving up there but a lot of steel being raised.

We hear good reports from Brother Al Zaretzka, formerly of Teicherts, now with M. K. on the Escondido road job.

Al Biasotti of Stockton was elected president of the Northern California Chapter of the A. G. C. at their general meeting in December. This is the largest Chapter of highway and heavy engineering contractors in the united states—Congratulations, Al. Biasotti has two jobs running in the area: Mountain Ranch Road, and a little job out at Brentwood with Brother Leonard Becker, formerly of Putnam Sand & Gravel, at the controls doing some pile-driving.

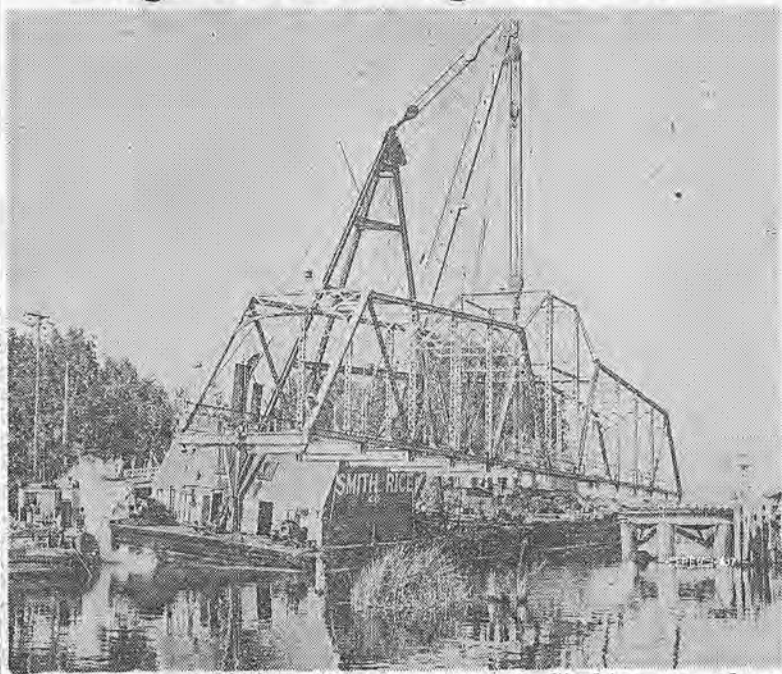
Stockton Construction keeps on schedule with their six-foot sewer line job to the new disposal plant. Brothers Tom Davies, Ed Banham, Oran Merritt, B. M. Yeager, Norman Carr, Harold Lowry, H. Jensen, Bill Patterson, and H. F. Loper keep the ball rolling.

### PIPELINE PROJECT

Mr. Racine of United Concrete Pipe was in our office shortly before Christmas and outlined the immediate development of an extensive permanent pipe plant on North 99 Highway at the city limits. He informed us they would have their \$3,000,000 pipe line job from Pardee Dam to 99 Highway under way about February 15th.

John Bevanda's freeway job east of town gets many an inquiry nowadays as it is about ready to open. Brother Marion Beebe has been doing a little dozing out on the right-of-way, and Brothers Veto McCarthy and Bill Leiske have been building up the sheepsfoot rollers in the shop. Oscar Medalen, "the terrible Swede", has all the gear oiled up and since Christmas, has been furnishing John's firewood around the plant to all and sundry. We understand John didn't get any of it! Before we leave this job we had better mention that John's regular pull crew is available and unless he adds other equipment there will be few openings right at the start. This job only handles about 300,000 to 400,000 yards of dirt. Brother "Hank" Linkert, pusher on

## Barge Moves Bridge Into Place



Shown above is a tricky job performed in the Stockton area, where by tugs and a Smith-Rice derrick barge are moving the steel span of a bridge into place. The bridge was moved from Rough and Ready Island to the new Fish Ranch road south of Roberts Island. Brother Dave McRae drove the piling, and this bridge was dropped into place on it in one of the quickest spanning jobs in the Stockton area.

## Far & Wide They Go

A check on this week's "news of the brothers" from Local 3's Oakland and Frisco offices gives one an idea of just how far and wide Engineers travel to help build up the world. Here are some of the places: Okinawa, Guam, Mexico, Kentucky, Texas, Spokane, Canada, Venezuela, Arabia, Brazil, Afghanistan, Greece, Colombia, Alaska, Costa Rico, Buenos Aires, etc.

this job, suffered a real setback just before Christmas. Hank had his eye on four beautiful little pine trees in the right-of-way which would have looked swell in his front yard, so he finally got around to digging them up only to find them chopped down the night before by some enterprising individual and doubtless sold at 80 cents a foot for Christmas trees!

### CANAL JOB TO REOPEN

Everist on the Westley Canal job has dug themselves out with the Marion 7200 and several of the Brothers with the trimmer and paving crews have been snapped up by M. K. Everyone on this job is looking forward to the next bid on the canal which will be opened, we understand, about the 20th of January. This section will be between the M. K. and Everist jobs. Some of the movies we took of this job turned out swell and are a fine demonstration by Brother Hugh Van Landingham on the Marion and Brother Vernon Mauerner with the dozer on a 1 1/2 to 1 slope cutting to a tenth.

Woodrow Bird has his spread of cats and two cobras upon the Jackson Airport job. Wet weather has limited this operation so far, but the brothers will be working there except for heavy rains.

Up on the P. G. & E. projects the chief worry has been the cold and some of the contractors have been forced to add to their heating facilities in bunkhouses, dryrooms, etc. Turnover here is light due to the winter setting in and no immediate prospects of the Feather river tunnel opening in a big way immediately.

Claude Kenworthy's crew its recuperating from a hearty Christmas and are busy on land levelling. At this writing they are still out at French Camp doing a real job with jeeps on the long hauls and cats on the finishing. Brothers Walt Penny and Paul Krueger handle the jeeps and Brothers Bill Kass, John Rau, Lawrence Kullman, Charley Noel, and Jack Farmer are on the cats. Brother Jack Rau is foreman on this spread.

The Stockton office really enjoyed the Christmas and New Year's holidays with all the greeting cards and visit with the many brothers that came in to see us. May 1948 bring all our members health, steady work, lower prices, and another Democratic administration!

Also, remember brothers, there will be an excellent income tax service established at the Stockton Labor Temple, 805 E. Weber Avenue for your convenience after January 14, 1948.

## Work on Valley Canal Jobs May Be Resumed Soon

By H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE

Representatives, Local 3

Fresno — Word received

from Mr. Durant, Engineer for

the Bureau of Reclamation for

this District, indicates that the

contractors on the Friant Kern

Canal have been notified that

funds are available for contin-

uance of the current con-

tracts, however, the word re-

ceived from contractors to the

effect that they have not been

notified as to whether sufficient

funds are available to complete

the current contracts and they are

at the present time requesting re-

muneration from the Bureau of

Reclamation for the cost of the

shut-down and other incidental

expenses. We think that certain

portions of the work probably will

resume in the next two weeks. Mr.

Durant also informs the office that

he expects word at any time that

an additional 14 miles of the Canal

will be advertised for bid.

### PINE FLAT JOB

The Army Engineers Pine Flat project job is progressing satisfactorily. Piombo Bros. will finish their current contract about the 15th of January. H. Earl Parker is doing some pioneering on his contract for the north abutment but will not be able to start full operation until his by-pass road is completed. We have been notified that the Army Engineers will let approximately 15 miles of road on the Pine Flat project. This job will be advertised about the 15th of January, also the Mariposa Creek Dam job, approximately one million yards of dirt fill to be bid within the near future. Bids will be opened on the Arcola-Herndon State Highway job on the 7th of this month. This job should run well over one million dollars.

Gunner Corp. are completing their South Fresno highway job and are making good progress on their jobs at Woodville.

N. M. Ball will have completed grading on the Selma-Kingsburg highway and will start surfacing work about the first of February.

Land levelling is taking a spurt within the last three weeks with Patterson's rigs working in the Dinuba area; Earl Parker with 10 rigs working with Bill Erickson's spread of 12 rigs; Ritchie Co. are busy and this outfit was looking for some rental rigs to go on to a large job (owner members take note).

We still have a large out-of-work list, however, job opportunity should increase steadily from now on.

There will be a regular monthly meeting Thursday, January 22, 1948, 8:00 p.m. at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

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One-tenth of 1% of all corporations earn 50% of the total corporate income.

## Nevada Work Steady; Set for Spring Program

By H. L. SPENCE  
Representative, Local 3

**Reno**—Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, has quite a number of rigs leveling land in Lower Valley, near Fallon, Nevada. Andy has not started on his highway job in White Pine County as yet—come spring and the dirt will fly. Andy is the new president of the Associated General Contractors of the Nevada Chapter. Things will really happen now with Andy as president.

Isbell Construction Company at Kimberly, Nevada, is still going along like clock work. The engineers on that job are a very pleasant bunch of fellows, especially the shop crew. The Reno section of the Isbell Construction Company is about the same, all good reliables, and a good bunch of fellows and engineers, especially, Bill Boegel.

Earl Games' crew is enlarging, even Earl Games Jr. is a member of the Operating Engineers, Local No. 3. His work is enlarging also, he is doing street work, ditches, basements, and what have you? Bill Games is getting more clever each day with the Back-hoe, he is almost classed as a Back-hoe artist.

George Miller is doing quite a bit of work around town. I see that Brother Howard Johnston and his oiler are now back from Battle Mountain. With them back in Reno business will pick up in lots of ways. There is nothing slow about those other crews of George Miller's, either, such as Joel Peterson, operator and his oiler, Al Parlanti, and Tom Dean, operator, and his oiler Calvin Scolari. They sure get around town plenty—of course I mean in the line of work. Al Ameri and Joe Ytunaspe hold their own with the cat and ditcher.

### JOBS MOVE ALONG

Out at Powers & DeLagrange things are certainly buzzing, with Brother Vincent Schalk back from Oregon with the Bay City, and of course Howard Luzier, operator and H. E. Chaffee, oiler on the Link-Belt, trying to hold their own with the other crew. Brother LeRoy Lawler is the general foreman; Ed Duncan is general roustabout man. The shop crew remain about the same with Brothers Walter Harcourt, Leslie Jackson and Reggie Fields doing the repair work.

Duque and Frazzini are coming along O. K. on their Holcombe job and they are off to a good start on their East Second street job, and out at their shop and yard Brothel R. C. Wigle keeps things a whirling and in fine shape—he is a master monkey-wrencher.

Dodge Construction Company is still down south in Las Vegas. I understood the Dear Brothers like it there.

Brother Bud Selover was in from Susanville—he is in the logging racket now.

### BROTHERS IN GUAM

We receive letters quite often from Brothers Herbert Nefstead and William (Little Bill) Landrum—they are in Guam. Little Bill writes as if he will be back to the States soon. Perhaps he is homesick for the State of Nevada. Brother Nefstead writes that he is going to stick it out—no matter how tough the going gets. Brother Richard Kingston shipped out with Brother Landrum but he did not stay—he is now at home in Schurz, Nevada.

Brother Roy Nielson is back to stay in Reno; he has been working for Hunt and Frandsen in South Dakota. He tell us that Bro. Hank Keichler is going to become a native of South Dakota and settle down there.

Brother James Bryson is in Missouri—he is running a Taxi service there, but he will return here in the spring.

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Husbands should remember that wives still enjoy candy and flowers. So husbands should recognize this by speaking of them occasionally.

## Battle for Forty Hour Week Won In Milk Industry

By C. C. FITCH

Business Manager, Local 39

**San Francisco**—We have been negotiating with the employers of the Fluid Milk Industry for the past three months. The two issues involved were wages and the reduction of hours in four plants from 48 and 44 hours per week to 40 hours per week. We have been successful in securing a universal 40-hour week in the Fluid Milk Industry. This "40-hour week" fight has been a long drawn-out affair, starting with Local 64 some six or seven years ago. With reference to wages, we have not been so successful. The employers state that their proposal of a \$20 per month increase for the engineers in San Francisco and Oakland and \$25 per month increase in Sacramento, Fresno, Stockton, San Jose and the rural areas is final. We have not entirely given up hope for a larger increase and do not intend to sign this agreement until we are fully convinced that we have reached the limit.

### MILK MANUFACTURERS

Negotiations for the engineers in the Milk Manufacturing Plants have also been in progress for the past three months and finally arrived at a 10c per hour raise, which brings our rates considerably above all the rates in the Milk Manufacturing Plants in the east and middle west. Evidently the Teamsters are going to go along on the same basis. This was put up to the membership at a meeting in Gustine and they voted to accept. The agreement has not been signed as yet, one of the reasons being that we were hopeful of obtaining additional increases.

### ICE AND COLD STORAGE AGREEMENT

The Ice and Cold Storage companies in the northern part of the State have been notified of our desire to negotiate. We intend to hold meetings of our members employed in this industry as soon as possible. This is quite an involved industry and takes a great deal of consideration insofar as policy on the new wage pattern.

The Teamsters in the Milk Manufacturing Industry are having a meeting in Los Angeles at the present time and they have promised our General President that they will turn over to Local 39 the engineers employed under Teamster Contracts. We should have an answer by January 12th; however, that will be too late to go into this issue of the paper.

### CANNERIES

The Canneries are more or less tied in with the Teamsters and the question of the Cannery Engineers being transferred from the Cannery Workers to Local 39 should be settled at the same time.

### SAN FRANCISCO CITY ENGINEERS

Our briefs have been prepared and we are hopeful of at least a 15 per cent increase. As these engineers have received no raise in the past three years we have been most careful in the preparation of our briefs. We hope to be successful in our petition to the Civil Service Commission.

The wage increases for the past year have averaged 10c to 20c per hour. As pointed out before we are on a universal 40-hour week. However, we are not fully satisfied with our conditions. There are many things that could be included in our agreements such as sick benefits, night premium pay, more holidays, etc., and as our agreements come up for renewal we will make every attempt to include them.

### AGREEMENTS

The following agreements have been negotiated this month: Bank of America—Commercial Building, San Jose, Sacramento Office Buildings, McKesson & Robbins, Consolidated Chemical Co., Eng Skell, Hiram Walker & Sons, Schenley Distillery, and Lyons Magus, San Francisco.

Notification has been sent to the following firms: Ice and Cold Stor-

# A FRANK STATEMENT ON THE DANGERS FACING AMERICA

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Capitalism now faces an even more serious and a double threat, i.e., Communism abroad and a possible economic collapse or "bust" at home, either of which may spell its doom.

### WHAT'S BEING DONE?

And what of a constructive character is being done about it? The answer is "Little, if anything." We all know that Communism is the open enemy of Capitalism. We thought that Naziism and Fascism would protect us against Communism, but we had to destroy Hitler and Mussolini because we learned too late that they were just as greatly opposed to Capitalism as was Communism. Yet in our country today we find many fascistic elements that are using the same tactics and arguments that were employed in the dictator-controlled countries of Germany, Italy, and their satellites. We are actively suppressing all but the "accepted" ideas of pressure groups, so as to have only one position presented to the people.

### PROPAGANDA ALL ONE WAY

Practically all of our liberal commentators have been dropped from the air lanes, and we have Fulton Lewis, Jr., Kaltenborn, Lowell Thomas, James Abbey, Henry Taylor, and others of similar stripe purveying only one line of propaganda to the public. The National Association of Manufacturers, the National Economic Council, and other groups attempt to censor the texts that are used in our schools and colleges. I need not describe to you how our newspapers are controlled. Remember, in Russia only one set of ideas is laid before the people, and that was true in Germany and Italy. Then, too, we have our anti-semitic, anti-Negro, anti-catholic, anti-union, anti-democratic campaigns going strong. Intolerance is rampant, and intolerance sows the seeds for unrestrained, ignorant, rabble-rouser-led mob action. The future doesn't look too rosy.

### BUNGLING IN EUROPE

We fear Russia in Europe. Russia aims to control Europe and Asia. Communism feeds on starvation and discontent. So Russia opposes the Marshall plan and united action by the United Nations. May I say, bluntly, that I am of the opinion that no matter how much food and money we dump into Western Europe, we shall be unable to prevent the spread of the influence of the Russian Bear. Russia, unlike the United States, knows what she wants and how she is going to get it. We are mere amateurs at playing the game of international power politics. As A. A. Berle, ex-Assistant Secretary of State, said over the air a few evenings ago, we have sadly bungled the handling of the European situation. We have no friends in Europe. Not only have many of the European countries come under the domination of Communism, but even England and France are rapidly exterminating Capitalism or private enterprise, and doing it to a great extent with the funds that we have loaned them. Now they are back for more money to do more of the same thing.

### START AT HOME

If the situation in Europe, is hopeless, and I think it is, would it not be wise for us to put our own house in order so as to more successfully withstand the attacks of Communism? But some of you may say that Communism and Capitalism cannot live together. Maybe so, but I think that they can if we have a strong Capitalism that has the wholehearted support of its people. Anyway, it is worthwhile to make the attempt. Otherwise, we too shall be swept into the whirlpool of Communism.

### THE CONTROLLED PRESS

Let us be frank with each other. We all know that all is not well here at home. Most of our employing and propertied classes, represented by the National Associa-

tion of Manufacturers, the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, and similar groups, still think in terms that were rampant 100 years ago, such as laissez faire, no governmental interference with business, individual rights, caveat emptor, free competition, and so on. I need not elaborate. Possibly many of you or your agencies have had a hand in writing some of the current propaganda along these lines appearing in the press and over the radio. The trade paper, Editor and Publisher, on September 13, 1947, stated that three billion dollars is to be spent during the coming year by advertisers to influence the thinking of the American people. And you know that there is no easier way to influence an editor than to give him a big, juicy advertising contract. Practically none of this propaganda that we have had, or will have, has had, or will have, any appeal except to those whose property interests are concerned, and they constitute a very small proportion of our population. Possibly some of you have had your tongues in your cheeks as you have pounded out that sort of copy. But like newspaper men, you have to write what the boss and the clients demand.

Let us face the facts, and not stick our heads in the sand.

First, what about governmental regulation of business? May I briefly dispose of that matter by quoting Mr. Shram, the President of the New York Exchange, certainly not in the pay of Moscow, who lately declared, "Business men are in favor of free enterprise until it works against them, then they rush to Washington and ask that the government do something."

### ENTERPRISE NOT FREE

Second, what about free competition, which is the very basis of a belief in free enterprise? It has been interred along with the "dodos. We are living in a high monopolized economic society. You have all heard of the aluminum monopoly. One firm controls over 95 percent of our nickel, another controls about 90 percent, possibly more, of our cash registers. Only one telegraph company. Two banana importing companies. Five glass producers, and two control 95 percent of the product. Two produce all electric accounting machines. Two all railroad brakes. Three, 90 percent of our autos. Four, more than 75 percent of rubber tires and tubes. Four, all inlaid linoleum. Four companies produce over 75 percent of the product in typewriters, farm tractors, carburetor engines, acetylene, rubber foot wear, dry batteries, power transformers, ammunition, cigarettes, fire arms, sewing machines, chewing tobacco, milk bottles, steel rails, window glass, and so on. Ninety per cent of all prime war contracts went to 200 corporations. One and one-half percent of all American businesses employ 55 percent of all our workers. Who says that we are living in a competitive era, an era of free enterprise? But maybe we can fool all the people all of the time by the right kind of propaganda. Yes, business believes in free enterprise and competition so long as one is able to crush the other fellow and obtain a monopoly. Even organized labor believes in competition, for it also is eager to obtain a monopoly. Then, too, we must admit that there are many fields of economic activity which today are closed to the entrance of newcomers. They can't buck the monopoly.

### FALSE ADVERTISING

Third, the Federal Trade Commission in its 1946 annual report uses seven pages to list the unfair and objectionable practice of business, unfair to competitors and to the public. I haven't time to enumerate them. A number of these practices concern false and misleading advertising. You are undoubtedly better acquainted with those things than I am, so I shall not enumerate them. Actually, the situation has become so bad that many of the consuming public no longer have any faith in printed or radio advertising. This attitude reacts upon the reputation of firms that are actually trying "to play square" with the public, and cuts

under the foundations of capitalism. Advertising must be cleaned up, for it has the responsibility of building up the faith of the public in private enterprise.

### SHARE IN PROFITS?

Fourth, practically all of our public relations advertisements, of which we are having so many at the present time, are ineffective and a waste of money. It doesn't do any good for an oil company to tell the public that John Doakes, an immigrant, has worked up to become a foreman, or for the United States Steel Company to radio that it loves its employees. Actions speak louder than words. Take the present wages-prices-profits situation. Cost of living goes up. It goes up first and not because the workers have demanded higher wages; then prices go up, and the workers are blamed for it. Or workers strike, an increase is given, and then prices go up, usually more than wages do. During the past few years we have had many strikes; companies have said that they would go broke if they paid higher wages. Yet, the Wall Street Journal stated that "profits of the United States industry for the June quarter 1947, showed a whopping 84 percent increase over the year ago level. The first half year profits were the highest ever." The National City Bank of New York stated that the industrial profits in the first half of 1947 were approximately double those of the first half of 1946. Capital has not been willing to share its enormous profits with the workers, and so we have had a growing hatred of business by the working class. Do such things build up good will for Capitalism among the people? I have never met a pay roll, but I want to quote from a man who does it every day! Mr. Charles Luckman, President of Lever Brothers, who effectively made us conscious of B.O., in an address before the Super Market Institute, asked and then answered the following question:

### BEAT DOWN LITTLE GUY

"Why is it that during the past twenty years American Business has become identified in the public mind as opposed to everything that spells greater security, well-being, or peace of mind for the little guy? Why is it that scarcely a month goes by these days but that some trade association or other decides to embark on a crusade to save free enterprise for America?"

"I think the answers are pretty clear. We got the reputation we have because, by and large, we earned it. How? Well, we declared war on collective bargaining. We actually opposed increased taxes for education. We fought health and safety ordinances. The record proves that we battled child labor legislation. We yipped and yowled against minimum wages. We struggled against unemployment insurance. We decried Social Security, and currently we are kicking the hell out of legislative proposals to provide universal sickness and accident insurance.

### GENEROUS (?) BIG BUSINESS

"We did all of these things without making one single constructive suggestion which would assure the American people of our desires to achieve the same results for them on a basis which would be more business-like and less political. Where on the record is there a single example to show that Big Business ever initiated a legislative program of benefits for the workers?"

"We did all of these things, and then we sit back on wonder why people don't like Big Business. We wonder why it is necessary to start campaigns to save free enterprise from the damnation howlows."

### SEALS ITS OWN DOOM

If we are to retain Capitalism, we must have a changed attitude on the part of our employers. Labor which has the votes, may some day, notice that I say "may some day," be led by a rabble rouser to overthrow our capitalistic system as is being done today in the European countries.

Finally, the greatest threat that Capitalism faces is the next depression, which is just around the corner, if it hasn't already started. Many of us have forgotten 1933.

With our economic life rent asunder, every sector of business and every other group rushed to Washington and yelled, "For God's sake save us from destruction! Do something for us!" Practically everybody got something. Even some college professors got work on WPA. But that crash did something to the American business man; it took some of the daring out of him. He had lost so much that he feared to take risks with his capital. And so until World War II, Capitalism was pretty wobbly in the United States, but it perked up during the war because of war contracts and government guarantees, and since the war, has been revelling in a champagne era of high prices and profits. But what about the future? There is every indicator visible to the observer that we are headed for a bust, and in my estimation it will be a "beauty". And that's just what Russia wants!

### WORLD IS BANKRUPT

The world is bankrupt. England, formerly the world's financier, is flat on its back financially. We are 260 billions in the hole, where we had a debt of only 14 billion after the first World War and the European countries, outside of Germany, were not really in bad shape. Hence, this coming depression is going to be a bad one.

What are the signs on the horizon?

We have always had a depression after great wars. After World War I it came in 1920, about two years after the Armistice. V-J Day came in 1945. The depression will hit us again.

### THE HIGHER THE FALL

The present extraordinary high level of prices is bad. The so-called Law of Supply and Demand of Fulton Lewis, Jr., failed to work after business had killed OPA. The higher prices go, the farther they fall, and prices do not slide down slowly. This means a depression. Prices will not decline because of President Truman's pleas, but because of the lack of buying power on the part of the public. The Federal Reserve Board of 1946 announced that 50 percent of our people had only 3 percent of the buying power of the nation. It is buying power that takes goods off the market and provides employment and profits. Savings have dropped from 33 billions in 1945 to 16 billions in 1946 and to about 11 billions in July 1947. People are spending money for food and not for other commodities, with the result that inventories have piled up rapidly. Retail stores are fully stocked, some of them overstocked at present. Banks are refusing to make loans on inventories or are increasing the margins on such loans. Retail sales are off both in value and volume. Bad accounts are increasing. Industrial production dropped steadily from March, 1947, to September, and then rose to about where it was in May, 1947. The number of lapsed life insurance policies is a good indicator of business trends, and the number that have been allowed to lapse has been rapidly increasing.

The stock market is very wobbly. The situation doesn't look good to those in the market. You'd better get out.

### NOBODY TO SELL TO!

Exports have been off since May, dropping 20 percent from May to July. One out of every 12 industrial workers and one out of every four farmers is concerned with our foreign trade. The European countries are not buying from us as they did. They haven't the dollars to buy with. We won't buy from them because of our tariffs, so they can't get dollars in that way, but even so, they haven't very much that they could sell us at the present time. So we loan them money to buy from us,—taxpayers' money—and rest assured that those loans will not be repaid any more than were the 13 billions that we loaned to Europe after the first World War for reconstruction purposes. Yet you wonder why taxes are high. Without buying power at home and abroad where will we, where can we, find markets for our goods? And if we can't sell we shall have to shut up shop with

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# What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, T. D. Bryson and Glenn Dobyns, Business Representatives, Local 3

**Oakland**—In this, the first news report of 1948, we would like to look over the past year and give a short resume of some of the highlights as we see them.

We lost several of our old timers during the year. Fellows like Joe Walther, Jess Haggart, Tom May, Ira Lacey, Lee Patters and many more, whose faces faded from the screen of life during these twelve months — they can't be replaced nor their shoes filled. The best we can do is respect the things they

believed in and go on trying to accomplish the goals for which they strove.

In some respects, 1947 was an eventful year for Local 3 men around here. We had several big jobs and good working conditions. A total of 4,827 clearances were issued through this office, which gives a good idea of the activity in the area.

## AIRFIELD, RACE TRACK

Of the various jobs completed, one of the largest was the work on the Fairfield-Suisun Air Base, and we know that many of the boys who traveled those long miles daily to and from Oakland heaved a sigh of relief when that one was buttoned up. Another big project started and completed within the

year, was the Golden Gate Turf Club in Albany. We are especially proud of this undertaking. It was a fine piece of work, done in record time by Local 3 men, and accomplished with absolutely no labor-management friction. The Artukovich Brothers pipeline job, one of Contra Costa County's largest, while started in 1947, will run through the major part of this year.

A review of this sort would not be complete without some mention of ship scrapping, an industry which has attained full growth within the last few months. It has provided considerable work for our members and the boys engaged in this work report just as enthusiastically on how fast they

are tearin' 'em down as they used to in keeping us informed as to the speed with which they built them.

## NEW UNION BUILDING

Among other things, there was our move into the new building. That took place last February — hardly seems possible that we've been here nearly a year! The members seem well pleased with the place though, and it was home to us long before the new wore off.

There were many ups and downs of course. On the up side was our success in completing the organization of the Equipment Dealers. With the cooperation of Brother Vic Swanson and the executive officers, we were able to sit down

with the representatives of the major Equipment Dealers of the East Bay and to draw up a master agreement stabilizing wages for the entire industry.

On the down side there was the adverse labor legislation, both National and State, enacted during the year. However, we hope this isn't permanent, and it need not be; for, if we all do our part by going to the polls, we can "retire" those reactionary politicians who so obviously do not have the interests of the working people at heart!

All in all, it was a fairly fruitful, though hectic year, and we only hope that, during 1948, we can profit by our mistakes and do a better job for all!

## News about the brothers:

Brother Ed Leneve, of 1329 Gilman Street, Berkeley, was telling us recently that he plans on taking a whirl at the real estate business. Ed will not be going into the work cold, as Mrs. Leneve has been a licensed broker for some time and has gotten him interested. So, any of you brothers with housing problems (and who hasn't got 'em) might do well to drop by and see him.

Brother Oscar Fryar, for many years shop foreman for N. M. Ball in Berkeley, recently took out a withdrawal card. He has a section of good farming land down near Albuquerque, New Mexico, that he has been anxious to put under cultivation for some time and he has finally decided to get started on it. While we all hate to see him leave Oakland, we hope he will be very successful in the role of farmer.

## DON, THE TRAVELER

Well, Harnish has been on the move again! Just about the travelenist engineer around here, Don, The Mobile Member, just breezed in—from Arabia this time. Brother Richard Snell, who worked with him on the Bechtel pipeline job over there, returned at the same time. They seemed well pleased with the job—said living conditions were fine—but California looked like an awful good place to be, come Christmas time!

During the past month Brother Nolan "Bud" Harper died of a heart attack while working on the Atkinson-Jones job at Okinawa. Funeral services were held on the island on December 21st and the body is to be returned here for burial during January. His brother, Paul Harper, a well known member, had just gone out there a week before and he will return with the remains.

Another of our brothers, Tom May, passed away in December. He had been ill for some time previously, but had been feeling espe-

cially well during the past summer and fall. However, he was stricken with a heart attack and died suddenly on the 28th. A veteran of World War I, he was accorded a military funeral and burial took place in Marysville.

To the families of these two men we extend our sincere condolences.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Ed Armstrong on the arrival of a baby daughter on December 27th!

## BRAZIL OPENING UP

How'd you like to buy beef steak for 6½ cents per pound! It can be done, but you'll have to go to Brazil to do it, according to Brother Bush Christian.

He has just gotten back after nine months on M. & K.'s hydro-electric job at Barra-do-Piara, 85 miles from Rio de Janeiro, where he was acting as foreman. Aside from this job, Bush has spent a great deal of time on jobs outside the country, having been to Costa Rica, Buenos Aires, and Anchorage, Alaska, since 1940. He is very enthusiastic about Brazil and expects to return there soon. He says there are many fields opening up in the country and there is bound to be a large amount of construction within the next few years. Oh, yes! In case you're interested in that meat!

He says he doesn't think you'd want it, even at that price! Seems there is a little matter of electric refrigeration that the local butchers don't believe in; so beef butchered at night is sold the next morning. It's fresh, all right, and just about like a piece of inner tube to chew on. So, go on out and buy a pound of that 90c steak.—At least it won't bounce back and hit you in the face when you try to cut it!

## BROTHER LOSES LEG

On December 22nd, Brother Ben Lesina lost his leg in an accident at the Associated Iron and Metal

Company's yard in Oakland. His trouser cuff became entangled in the travelling gear, pulling his leg in and severing it below the knee.

He is confined to Providence Hospital and, though recovering nicely, it will be close to a month before he is released. While this was a pretty tough rap, something definitely nice happened to Ben during the past month, too, for he had gotten married just about a week before the accident. Therefore, to our wishes for a speedy recovery from his injury, we add our congratulations for his good luck and wish he and Mrs. Lesina the very best in the years to come.

Conley's Liquor Store, located at 2520 Grove Street, Oakland, is operating under the supervision of none other than Brother Curtis Conley. We don't know whether he has delivery service or not, but if you call him at GL 1-8277, we are sure Curt can give you the latest dope on the likker situation. (Continued on Page 9)

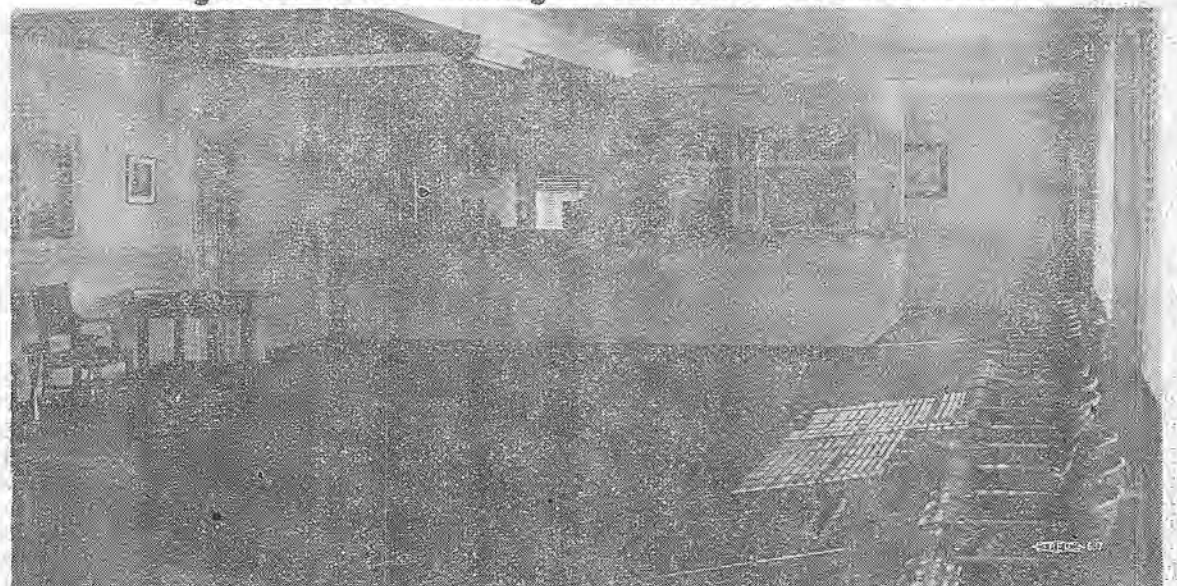
## \$75 Billion Worth of Public Works Needed

President Truman has been informed that the country needs about \$75,000,000,000 in public work construction to meet a backlog of demands for highways, schools, airports and similar projects.

The estimate was submitted by Maj. Gen. Phillip B. Fleming, Federal Works administrator, who said the gap between recognized needs and completed plans "is dangerously wide". Preliminary surveys and estimates indicate this amount of state and local construction needed in the next few years.

"Even this figure spread over a 15-year period would call for an annual construction volume of \$5,000,000,000, nearly 2½ times the 1947 rate of state-local construction," Fleming said.

## Engineers' Office Building in Oakland Is Model for Unions



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15th streets, on Webster street, close to the heart of the downtown district, the hall was built at the back of an office building purchased by the Union. There are a number of offices in the building and these have been rented stead-

ily. Aside from this, we have increased the office capacity by installing additional rooms under the hall, as shown in the exterior view. These were rented immediately upon completion, increasing the revenue considerably. All in all, we feel that this purchase, while providing every convenience

and advantage for the members is also proving a good investment for the Engineers and that this step in Oakland is indicative of the type of thing the officers, with the cooperation of the brothers ultimately hope to accomplish in all districts under the jurisdiction of Local Three.

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# What's doing in Oakland

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## Getting around the jobs

The Artukovich pipeline job, which has been slowed down since December 15th, due to lack of steel pipe, is expected to be operating again by the time this reaches you. However, Brother Nealy Folger, who is in charge of excavation and back fill, has been keeping two draglines, five cats and one blade working steadily. The company has about seven miles more of pipe to lay in Contra Costa County. They will then be hitting out toward Stockton, and Brothers Doran and Burroughs can look forward to another crew of good engineers coming into their territory.

Brother Metcalf, shop foreman for McGuire and Hester, has been on the sick list for some time, but is now back on the job. This company doesn't have too much in progress at the present time. Their water company work in Lafayette is winding up and Brother Charles Aldrich will be in charge of a small job on 73rd Avenue in East Oakland. There is considerable activity in the shop, however, with seven heavy duty repairmen employed steadily. They are engaged in the overhaul and repair of equipment and the occasional extra help they need is being furnished by operators from the various jobs.

### PACIFIC SURPLUS IN

Another shipment of surplus equipment from the South Pacific has recently been received by Stolte, Inc. This group consists of 135 units, comprised of 50 D-2's, some with dozers and some plain, several D-7 cat blades and various pieces of crane and shovel equipment. This work has afforded re-employment for several of the members who have been with this company previously, and some of them will be kept busy for a considerable length of time.

Brother Rudolph Kretz, steward on the Pomeroy job in Pittsburg, reports that things are running very smoothly out there at the present time. Work is on a one-shift basis, but they are starting

another new mill and are looking forward to being kept busy throughout the winter months.

The Del E. Webb Company is starting work on an addition to the Veterans' Hospital in Livermore, which will afford bed space for 119 additional patients. This job will cost over two million dollars to complete but, sorry to say, spots for Engineers will be few and far between.

A contract for the installation of 9,500 linear feet of 24-inch welded steel water pipe on Campbell Street, Oakland, was recently awarded to the W. Lenkeit Construction Company. This installation by providing additional capacity between a 36-inch line on Hollis Street and an 18-inch main on Fifth Street, will improve water service in the West Oakland industrial district. Brother Bert Butterfield will be foreman on this job and Brother Harry Layton, who has just returned from a job with M. & K. in Los Angeles, will be in charge of a portion of the job. The O. A. Fogelberg Company was recent low bidder for placing of 6,420 feet of 6- and 8-inch cast iron pipe to extend service from the Happy Valley Tank. According to Wm. D. McNevin, director of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, a number of contracts have been awarded for the furnishing of gate valves and sluice gates in connection with the enlargement of the San Pablo Filter Plant.

On December 16th, fire swept through the Lee J. Immel Company's hot plant, located near Stege Station on the Industrial Highway out of Richmond. The spectacular oil-fed blaze shot flames 40 feet into the air, covering the plant with a pall of gray smoke and short-circuiting high tension wires in the area. It took over an hour to bring the blaze under control and the structure, hoppers, machinery and materials were destroyed. Several construction contracts will be delayed as a result of the fire, which did over \$40,000 worth of damage.

## Dredge News

Recently, while on the dredge S. G. Hinds, I had an interesting conversation with Brother Walt Leutholtz, who pointed out the improvements made on the dredge, such as the air control on the swing winch and the smooth control on the newly installed liquid rheostat for the main pump motor.

Setting beside him as he operated was a radio dial that was graduated in revolutions per minute. This, he told me, had been developed by Brother Dave Hofer. He explained that to change the speed of the pump motor, he turned the dial to any speed he wished and it stayed there within three revolutions, regardless of load change.

If he gets a plugged suction or, in dredge terms, a slug, he pushes a button which opens the control circuit, thus dropping the speed below 200 r.p.m., and then it automatically comes back to whatever speed he has the dial set for.

In the pump room, I asked Dave what results he expected to gain with his control and he said: "To maintain a given velocity or speed with resistance in the secondary of a slip ring motor." I then asked him to give me in writing an outline of his control, which follows: "When using a liquid rheostat with a slip ring motor, the speed will decrease with increased load, so it becomes necessary to provide some means to maintain the speed. The speed of the motor or rim speed of the pump is proportional to the velocity of the discharge from the pumps. So it can be seen when you commence to load up the pump you do not want it to slow down but to hold the velocity. "The above is only part of what I call a vacuum control. The reason for that is that when the

vacuum becomes too high it automatically slows the motor down, eliminating a slug and with normal vacuum again the motor will come back to the setting on the dial in the pilot house. Also if the pressure is high and a sub-normal vacuum exists the motor will speed up above the dial setting (higher would be synchronous speed minus the slip of the motor) but will return to the original setting when conditions become normal again."

The San Francisco Bridge Company has finished pumping on their toll plaza job and have moved the dredge Hinds to their Richmond yard. All of their equipment is in the yard now and they have nothing else in sight as far as I know.

The Johnson Western Company is getting well along with the freeway job in East Oakland and they expect to be finished by the end of this month. The Alamitos has recently started on a new job for the Leslie Salt Company at Redwood City. They expect to be busy there for another two or three months.

Dutra seems to keep his two clamshell dredges busy. The Edwards is working for the Leslie Salt Company off Mount Eden and the Mallard is now working on Liberty Island out of Rio Vista.

The California Dredging Company is still working on Venice Island. The Simpson brothers, Pat and Babe, are well pleased with their new rig, and all our boys seem to think it is a swell outfit.

The Olympian Dredging Company has two of their large clamshells working. The Neptune is

# A Frank Statement On Dangers Now Facing America

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a resulting depression, unemployment, discontent, and a rapid growth of radical agitation directed towards the abolition of Capitalism, which will again have failed the great mass of the people.

There is no valid reason why we should have depressions under Capitalism. We know what can be done to avoid them. We should increase wages to increase purchasing power; we should have adequate credit control; we should lower our tariffs so as to enable other countries to sell to us; we should stop supporting farm prices by government controls; and we should enforce our anti-trust laws, so as to break up collusion in price fixing. But the power of the various selfish economic pressure groups makes the application of such measures impossible. Note how Truman's plea to use less bread, meat, eggs, and poultry has brought condemnation down on his head from various economic quarters.

### MEN WANTED (LEADERS)

What we do need most of all at present is leaders in the economic and political fields,—men with vision to make life under Capitalism a life of security and happiness for the people.

Bolshevism, Naziism, Fascism came out of the first World War. What will the second World War bring us? Can we resist the worldwide swing towards the left? Which way will we go? Judging from the way that things are going, and paraphrasing Mr. Cassady of Allen's Alley, it looks as though Capitalism isn't long for this world in the United States. If Labor wins, the trend will be towards some sort of American Communism. If Capital wins, the trend will be towards some sort of American Fascism.

We can build a better world here in the United States under Capitalism. Let us have the sacrifices to make it work. But we must have less greed and selfishness on the part of employers, unions, and farmers. If Capitalism is to be wrecked, it will be wrecked not by the radicals and revolutionaries who oppose it, but by the capitalists who control it. If it is to be saved, it can be saved only if those who control it recognize that economic power is a call to responsibility, a call to the service of humanity and to themselves.

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### 'Modesty Budget'

Washington—According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics "modesty" budget for a family of four, the family during the year may buy 167 packs of cigarettes, 38 cigars and 20 small cans of pipe tobacco. It may also make 145 nickel phone calls and buy 65 3c stamps.

strengthening levees on the Hastings Tract out of Rio Vista and the Golden Gate is on a barge job at the Standard Oil Salt Water Pier in Point Richmond. This company was low bidder on the Stockton Naval Annex job and they expect to put their suction dredge Palmer out there as soon as they get the go ahead signal.

The Associated Dredging Company has two of their clamshells working. The Curlew is up on Montezuma Slough and the Liberty is still on the Freeway job in East Oakland.

The outlook is none too good for dredging in the near future, but if the deep water channel to Sacramento gets underway there should be plenty of work to keep everyone busy for some time.

Brother Mons Johnson has just returned from an extended trip to the old country, where he visited relatives and friends.

Brother Hans Hanson is in the Community Hospital in Pittsburg. He would appreciate a visit from any of the Brothers that happen to be in that vicinity.

# 7-MILE TUNNEL PROJECT IS SLATED—MARYSVILLE BUSY WITH ROADS, LAND-LEVELING

By WILLIAM C. WAACK and LES COLLETT  
Business Representatives, Local 3

Marysville—M. & K. are going steady on their highway and camp jobs in Feather River Canyon with quite a few operators on the payroll. Brothers Kingery and Brown are shifting and Brother Ira Bashaw is master mechanic. Their levee head job is going along nicely with six brothers employed and Brother Garner Keller is the headmaster out there.

The T. E. Connolly jobs are plugging along and awaiting equipment to start their largest tunnel. There is a contract due to be let by the PG&E for 36,000 feet of tunnel, but at this writing we are uninformed as to whether it is to be done as one or more contracts. Watch this column for details.

With the weather on its good behavior, the land levelers have been very busy in this district but some of our outfits have moved to southern California for the winter, among them being Baker Brothers of Chico and W. LeRoy Clark of the same city.

Harold Shaver just brought his equipment in from Sutter Basin and no doubt will grab off more work, but quick.

Local 3 members are still going into business for themselves, the latest being Brothers Whit and Cliff Little. They have purchased 10 acres of ground and some cabins at Canyon Dam and will put in a 30x60-ft. garage and service station and build more cabins. What's more, these two brothers are keeping their cards in Local 3 and will run a union outfit. They will be going by spring and there is plenty of good hunting and fishing up there. This office is proud to boost for these two worthy brothers who were formerly employed by Fredrickson & Watson.

Brother Whitie Hendrickson, a woods operator, has the Shell service station at Roop and Main Streets in Susanville. He knows all the 'skinners and jammer operators, and side rods in that district drop in to see him and he gives smiling and friendly service.

### SIGN GRAVEL CONTRACT

This office is proud to announce the signing of a contract with Central Sand and Gravel of Oroville. It means three more operators for us and a few drivers for the Teamsters. We know it will be a cordial relationship for this new firm in our contract family.

We also have reached the signed agreement stage with W. H. Darrough & Sons of Yuba City. We are happy about that and we will do our best to make the feeling mutual.

This office extends its sympathy to Brother Milo Kidder of Colusa at the loss of his mother, who passed away December 16 and was taken to Colorado for interment.

The next regular meeting of Yuba Consolidated Gold Dredge employees will be held at the Marysville office on January 27 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

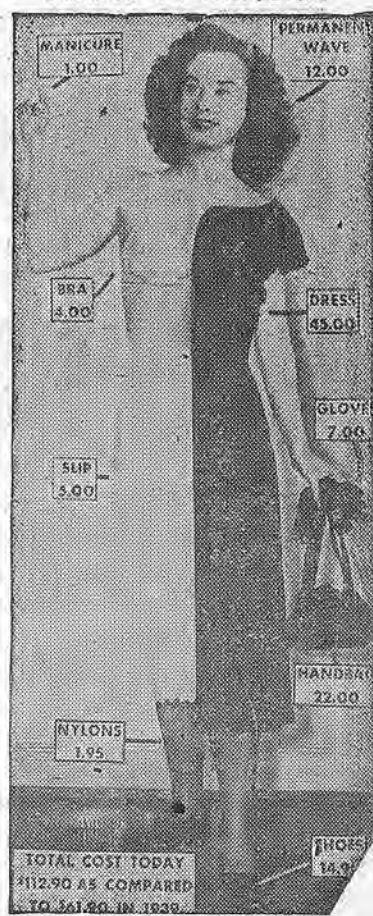
Natomas and Capital employees will meet February 3 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the Natomas properties.

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### ROUGHLY SPEAKING

At bitter family skirmishing,  
The woman's sure to win  
Despite the seeming handicap  
Of leading with her chin.

## Model of Inflation



To get work a model most looks her best at all times. And with clothing and accessories zooming skyward in price, she's having a hard time keeping well dressed and also well fed. This photo-sketch shows what's happened to the cost of her outfit since 1939. Then, \$61.90—now, \$112.90.

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## Snappy Comeback

The clock struck twelve. Father came to the top of the stairs and boomed:

"Young man, is your self-starter broken?"

And he received this retort: "It doesn't matter as long as there is a crank in the house."

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Why work for nothing? That's what Tod Mills, 5-month-old Chicago photographer's model, thought when his boss wouldn't pay him because he lacked a social security card. So off to the board he went and here he reaches for the card as his mommy (also a model) beams.

BLS REPORTS \$60 IS MINIMUM FOR CITY FAMILY OF FOUR

WASHINGTON—The large city worker with a wife and two children of school age must earn between \$60 and \$69 a week if he is to live in a modest but adequate American way with prices as they were in June 1947.

That was the conclusion to be drawn from an exhaustive study entitled City Worker's Family Budget, made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics at the request of the House appropriations committee. Started two and a half years ago, the job is the most complete survey of city living costs made by the federal government since a 1935 study made by the WPA. Submitted to the joint committee on the economic report Dec. 13 by BLS Commissioner Ewan Clague, the report shows how much Americans living at an assumed standard of modest decency have to spend in each department of their budget. Clague made it plain that the BLS survey is well below the standard set by the Heller budget of the University of California, often used as a measure of so-called American living standards.

The estimated cost of the BLS family budget varies from a high of \$3,458 in Washington, D. C., down to \$3,004 in New Orleans, where living costs are lowest of the 34 cities surveyed. Assuming the family head is employed 50 weeks a year at full pay on the 40-hour week, the budget cost would break down at \$69 weekly as \$1.72 1/2 an hour in Washington, and \$60 weekly or \$1.50 an hour in New Orleans. And the BLS consumers price index has risen 4.3 per cent in three months since the time for which figures have been compiled.

**HOUSING IMPORTANT FACTOR**  
Most important factor making for the difference in living costs among the 34 cities, BLS said, is the cost of housing. Those making

the study found a greater differential between large and small cities in housing and other costs than between regions. They also noted that low spending in certain areas was more a sign of low income than a sign of lower need.

The BLS study, basing its 4-member family budget on the actual buying habits of the U. S. public, shows that the food items required an expenditure of about \$15 weekly or .18 per meal in 1946 and nearly \$20 a week or about .24 per meal per person in 1947. Below the average per capita consumption for the nation, the budget allows about nine pounds of all sorts of meat and fish per week, of which three-fifths is made up of the relatively low cost meats — stews, hamburger, frankfurters, etc.

Clothing costs varied at 1947 prices between \$410 and \$462 among the cities, and medical care cost between \$152 and 184 annually. The overall budget, except for a small life insurance item and social security tax payments, allows no savings of any kind. Nor does it permit expenses for any education other than primary and secondary public school.

The BLS started to use March 1946 prices in the survey, but was forced to start over again after the rapid price rises accompanying the killing of price control. At the same time, hampered by the federal budget-cutting of an economy-minded Congress, the statisticians were forced to leave out a consideration of families of other size than four members, as well as to skip consideration of prices in medium and small cities.

NAM Propaganda—

It's The Public Who Pays for It, Says O'Mahoney

Washington (LPA)—The American public is paying for the anti-labor ads of the National Association of Manufacturers, Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) charged on the floor of the Senate last week.

O'Mahoney, who voted against the Taft-Hartley law and who is counted as one of labor's chief friends in Congress, declared that the ads which the NAM is now publishing "in all of the large and small newspapers of the country, are paid for in .10 dollars, because 90 per cent of the cost of every such advertisement is represented as a deduction upon tax returns, so that the money which ought to go to the Treasury . . . in order to help reduce the debt is being used to propagandize in favor of spiraling prices."

As O'Mahoney was speaking the NAM was announcing that its drive for a \$3,000,000 slush fund had reached \$2,472,381, or more than 82 per cent of the total. The NAM said that bosses in the southeastern states topped 100 per cent of their quota.

Corporate profits for the first nine months of this year "are greater than the total profits of corporations for the 12 months of 1946," O'Mahoney pointed out. Jones and Laughlin steel in 1947 had net profits of \$16,682,738 as against \$6,109,260 in 1946 and "the profits of corporations manufacturing food and kindred products in 1946 were 213 per cent above 1940," the senator continued.

"The Borden Co., for example, had profits amounting to 273 per cent for the first nine months of 1946 above the same period in 1940. Corporations manufacturing textile mill products showed an increase in profits of 564 per cent; leather and leather products, 211 per cent; petroleum and coal products, 135 per cent; iron and steel and their products, 92 per cent; nonferrous metals and their products, 62 per cent."

O'Mahoney gave the Senate a careful and detailed listing of corporation profits, and emphasized that "already, in the lower income groups people are digging into their savings. Every subcommittee of the Joint Committees on the Economic Report which investigated the cost of living, during the recess of Congress, from coast to coast, found that to be the fact and so reported. We know that people at the bottom of the economic scale are suffering now because of spiraling prices."

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Oakland members are employed on several big pipeline jobs. Dredgemen are hoping the Sacramento River deep-water channel job will start soon.

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The Redding area is experiencing a boom in the lumber industry. Recent agreements have brought improvement in wages and conditions.

GREEN SUMMARIZES ACTION TAKEN BY AFL CONVENTION

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—In a letter to officers of National and International Unions, State Federations of Labor, City Central Bodies and directly affiliated local Unions, President William Green summarized some of the important decisions made by the AFL Convention here in San Francisco.

The convention reaffirmed the American Federation of Labor's declared policy of all-out war against the Communists and their fellow travellers who would use the free trade union movement as a vehicle to destroy it. (Resolution No. 193.)

Regarding the problems of veterans, it was recommended that all Central Labor Unions participate in community programs or help to initiate action for the purpose of assisting veterans to become integrated into the community. The convention urged that central labor unions appoint committees to advise veterans, as well as all young persons wishing to learn trades or enter industrial vocational training, and to advise potential workers of the services which unions provide.

NO DISCRIMINATION

The convention reaffirmed its traditional position opposing discrimination against any person because of race, color, creed or national origin. (Resolution No. 23.)

The principle of 26 days' annual leave for all employees in all industries, regardless of who the employers are, was adopted, and Local Unions, Central Bodies and representatives were instructed to endeavor to have same included in all contracts. International officers were also urged to make immediate efforts toward placing all governmental employees on twenty-six days' leave per year with full pay. (Resolution No. 94.)

UNION LABELS

The week beginning May 10, 1948, has been designated as Union Label Week, and all International Unions, State Federations, Central Labor Bodies, and Local Unions are requested to cooperate in coordinating their activities for the display of everything that is union-made and services that are performed by members of the AFL unions during that week. (Resolution No. 199.)

The convention directed that all unions affiliated with the AFL be urged to take an active part in the program of the American Trade Union Council for Labor Palestine in aid of the Histadrut in Palestine and the establishment of a national home for the Jewish people. (Resolution No. 28.)

CANCER MENACE

Attention was called to the spread of cancer and its deadly

consequences, and the convention directed the American Federation of Labor and its affiliated unions to publicize this national menace through the various media at their disposal. (Resolution No. 188.)

The convention urged all constituent unions, State Federations of Labor and City Central Bodies to expand their cooperation with and give full support to the Jewish Labor Committee's efforts to defeat bigotry and religious and racial intolerance and thereby attain a fuller democracy and a better America. (Resolution No. 184.)

The convention commended the record, program and aims of the Italian - American Labor Council and directed that the American Federation of Labor urge its affiliates to continue and intensify their interest and support of the Italian-American Labor Council as an indispensable instrument for developing the democratic unity of the organized Italian-American workers and for giving aid and comfort to the hard-pressed democratic forces in the trade union movement of Italy. (Resolution No. 183.)

HIGH WAGES

The convention adopted a declaration pledging the membership of the American Federation of Labor to keep their wage standards at the highest possible level and to improve them if possible. It cautioned all local unions about adjusting their wage scales with the price index, and strongly recommended that their wage demands be based upon the needs of the members, and that wage cuts from any source be recruited. (Resolution No. 10.)

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HAD BEEN IMPROVED

A young midshipman reported for duty to the commanding officer of a battleship. The C. O. was a gruff old sailor who had worked his way up through the years. He sized up the new man with anything but pleasure.

"Well, young man," he snorted, "I suppose, as usual, they sent the fool of the family to sea?"

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# News from the San Francisco office

By P. E. Vandewark, Pat Clancy and Chet Elliott, Business Representatives, Local 3

**San Francisco** — Work in the San Francisco area has been very slack of late due to weather conditions putting a number of our men on the unemployed list.

Much of the time has been taken up with the Building Material Dealers' Associations and the San Francisco Agreement which expired January 1; San Mateo, February 1; Santa Clara, March 1.

Last year we negotiated three separate agreements with three associations. This year the three county associations have amalgamated into one Building Material Dealers' Association, therefore, instead of negotiating the three separate agreements we are in the midst of negotiating with the three counties under one association.

This agreement should be consummated by the next report.

The lumber industry in northeastern California is also slow, due to the cold weather and more snow than was expected. There should be a lot of activity in this industry when normal operation is resumed.

## AROUND THE JOBS

M. & K. Corp. pipeline job between Colma and the 28th Avenue Reservoir is keeping several Brothers busy and thanks to the sandy soil, rain does not interfere with the work.

Clinton Construction Co. are busy making precast piles for their Mission Rock job, which should

commence about the first of February.

Chas. Harney Company has several small jobs in operation about the city, Geneva Avenue extension with concrete paving, Alemany Blvd., repairing with curbs and gutters and the widening of 7th Street on which the work is just commencing.

Fredrickson and Watson has several cats, jeeps and pulls busy on the Hunters Point job lowering the big hillside to prevent the dangerous slides they have experienced in the past.

Ben C. Gerwick's job at Hunters Point is in the final stages, with all of the pile driving finished, some fender work which keeps one driver busy. There is still considerable sand backfill yet to be put in on the piers.

Stone and Webster job at the P. G. & E. standby station on Evans Avenue is progressing smoothly with a large number of the brothers employed. Bethlehem Steel Erection and C. C. Moore are sub-contractors on the job with steel-raising contracts.

Devenenzi Brothers' shovels and cats are busy on several small excavation jobs about town.

Eaton & Smith have two rail removal jobs in operation, after fighting traffic, sidewalk superintendents and rain, they are making good progress.

MacDonald, Young & Nelson has the contract from the P. G. & E. on their new power house at 8th and Mission Streets with compressors and two material hoists in operation.

There are several small pier repair jobs in operation along the waterfront for the Harbor Commission, which manages to keep some of the Brothers busy during the winter months.

Ship repair work at United Engineering, General Engineering and Bethlehem remains about the same with enough work to keep the Brothers steadily employed and no lay-offs or additional hiring.

Dave Tucker's yard is a scene of activity with repair work on equipment in full swing.

Hyman & Michaels yard, in conjunction with Ken Royce Company, received a large shipment from overseas of cats and cranes, so that undoubtedly in the near future, they will want additional repairmen to recondition this equipment.

All of the scrap yards are busy handling junk as well as dealing in surplus materials. It is interesting to travel through these yards, be-

cause you can find anything from a kitchen sink stopper to a bomb-sight for an airplane. It is a surplus junk collector's heaven. It is too bad that some of the business agents don't have larger basements.

## PENINSULA DISTRICT

Employment for members of Local 3 has taken a decided turn for the worse in the past month, due to the completion of two major projects, namely, the Guy F. Atkinson job at the San Francisco Airport and the Macco M. K. job on the Bayshore Freeway.

The latest unit of the Bayshore Freeway was opened for traffic on January 5th. This six lane highway now extends from the underpass at South San Francisco to Peninsular Avenue in Burlingame.

Bethlehem Pacific Steel Company are busy on their sub-contract from Carrico & Gaudier for the steel erection on the overpasses on the Bayshore Freeway. They are working only one rig at present but plan on moving in more equipment later.

The Guy F. Atkinson job at South San Francisco is at a standstill due to weather conditions. They are operating with a skeleton crew at the present time.

At the South San Francisco overpass, Peter Sorenson and Har-

ry Oser have the sub-structures practically completed. The Pomerooy Company on this same job are marking time until such time as they are able to get delivery of steel.

The Metropolitan Construction Company have their tunnel bore finished and are now engaged in the last of the pump-concrete work, at the Stone Dam Aqueduct.

At Wadell Creek in the southern end of the district, Eaton & Smith are busily engaged on their State highway work; there are ten cats, two shovels and miscellaneous equipment, employing around 25 worthy brothers on this project. On my last visit to the job, I contacted Brothers Jim Arreger, Jerry Dowd, Perry Webb, Bud Trask, Harry Flores and several others.

Brown and Keeble have completed the grading and rocking of their highway job at Woodside and have shut down until Spring, and will wait until that time to oil and finish the road.

The local contractors, including L. C. Smith, Floyd Watson, Henry Doelger, California Constructors, Weber & McCann, David Bohanon, Conway & Culligan and many others, are all busily engaged on real estate development work.

Wishing you all a happy and prosperous New Year!

## NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Unfortunately having his abdominal region opened by a knife, an appeal was made to the Engineers for blood to be given to Brother Albert Naas. Upon checking, we found that our supply of blood was NIL (meaning none).

However, immediately upon announcing the need for the precious fluid, nine members, Jack Cashman, Kenneth Norris, Fred Davies, Ed Waymire and Charles Company responded with a pint each, with William Shubin, J. B. Mathews, Otto Haynie and Clarence Woodhouse volunteering but unable to make the type at the blood bank.

At the present writing, Albert is out of the woods and according to the medicos in charge will recover.

We wish to thank the members of Local 3 and the men on Okinawa for the splendid cooperation and reports in connection with our deceased Brother Harper.

Louis Levine, one of our good fellow workers, reporting via air mail (and receiving no answer) that a goodly sum of money was raised through the efforts of Bob Knapp and Gene Yates for the deceased brother. We are also indebted to Louie for photographs of the rites and details of the funeral.

The body of Brother Harper will be accompanied to the States by Paul Harper, with the exact date of arrival not known at this writing. We contacted the company in this connection but they, too, were unable to give us any information as the schedules are very uncertain.

To Ed Fairfield, a plumber craftsman, a special handclasp for the beautiful hymns he rendered at our brother's funeral, adding to the very impressive rites. Local 3 thanks him sincerely.

Arriving home from Okinawa since our last issue, we find Ralph Neff, Eugene Flanagan, William Fullerton and Bill Hoadley visiting the office and telling us to be on the lookout for many more brothers as there may be a possible change of policy on the island.

As usual we have many on the sick and injured lists, with Phil Kavanagh returning from Okinawa with sinue trouble, and planning to join his wife in Spokane and hoping a rest may help to relieve the sinue condition.

Robert Peterson is back in the French Hospital for some more leg trimming to facilitate his walking. Chin up, fellah!

Gordon O'Brien was in an automobile accident and his current

address is Mare Island Hospital where he is awaiting the healing of his neck and spine.

"Blackie" Haugh, of Guam, broke his leg just above the ankle and is recovering at home.

Albert Beebe passed out the cigars recently, bellowing that the Beebe clan has another member for Local 3 and "I have the money to pay his initiation fee and want to put him to work."

Carl Gates, superintendent for the Utah Construction Company in Sonora, Mexico for three years, popped up like a ghost at the window, telling us he was home to stay in Santa Rosa for a while. He reports that the conditions in Mexico are about the same as here with inflation prevalent everywhere and the citizens doing their best to combat it.

George Bovee decided to winter in El Paso, Texas on his father's ranch. Excellent hay-hand material!

Jesse Coldiron decided not to wait until spring for a vacation and took off for Texas, Oklahoma and Kentucky. How about some moon, huh?

Lewis K. Smith, Kid McCoy, cat-skinner, and Marty Vurpillot decided that Guam would be OK for another year.

Leslie S. "Slim" Allen, world-traveler reported to be in Florida, Niagara Falls, Mexico, Canada, and Seattle, wound up in Guam. Heat? I suppose.

Andy Conway in from Venezuela and Columbia; after a 14-months' rest going back for another hitch. The same story there—inflation and an acute housing situation.

Henry Gillum, an Operating Engineer, took off for Arabia and is going as, imagine of all things, a commissary steward (he was in the bakery business for several years).

Frank Meacham, of Okinawa, says the rain doesn't drop, it just flops in sheets; but he reports that conditions are good, the food is excellent—plus knee-deep mud and plenty of hours. Take note, other contractors. Happy New Year, Frank.

Charles Baker, the Afghanistan Flash, back home for sundry reasons, told us the job was good but conditions tough—meaning housing and more especially food—because of the transportation difficulties in that part of the world. Only supervisory personnel there with the local people doing the work. Brother Charles going out for the same company to another

part of the world.

Roy Carpenter, formerly of Greece, will be in the office for a visit in a few days. Guerillas, maybe? Jack Dill, his co-worker, reported going to South America.

Pat Callahan, a recently converted Guamanian, says the job is OK and progressing well. Keep up the good work, say we.

We understand that Ralph Neff is to go to the Pacific for another year but with a different company.

Shipping of men for overseas employment is more or less at a standstill at this time but future prospects seem to be bright.

Lloyd McInroy will be opening a shop for equipment repair, five miles north of Merced on Highway 99. Local 3 members in the area, let's give him some help.

L. L. Chavez opened his shop at Salinas for equipment repair and various machines and will be employing Local 3 men.

Frank Brooks, one of our oilers, is now selling fountain and bakery supplies. It looks as if Local 3 loses a good man but we are always glad to see a member better himself. Incidentally, Brother Frank still pays his dues to Local No. 3.

Charles Avila and Virgil Starr say: "Us for something else, until the rains have come and gone."

Brother Thomas Helean sent in three Travelers Checks from Arabia to pay his dues. Inasmuch as each of the Travelers Checks was signed by a different person, Brother Helean enclosed a little note saying, "This is the only American dough I could get ahold of, thanks to a crap game."

We have just received word that the Flynn-Walker Crane Service (crane-clam or backhoe work and an MC-4 ¾-yard 15-ton for rental) is now ready to give the very best crane service with Brother H. L. "Larry" Walker as operator and Brother Jack Flynn as co-pilot. They are available at any time to go anywhere.

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## Tragic Situation

Numbers: They tell the story of young Orson Welles, back in the '30s, opening a show in a small town, to an attendance of only eight people. He came before the curtain and addressed the audience: "Ladies and gentlemen, I am Orson Welles — actor, producer, writer, magician, director, artist, sculptor and musician. Isn't it a pity there are so many of me and so few of you?" ...

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By C. L. CASEBOLT, T. L. CLARK,  
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Business Representatives, Local 3

**Salt Lake City**—The Utah report is very short this month. Work is slack owing to the season with quite a number of our members out of work. The prospects are good for a very active and, we hope, profitable summer for the Engineers in Utah. There is more work contemplated in this state than ever in its peace-time history.

Negotiations are under way for new contracts but are lagging somewhat, but that is the usual procedure in this great cow pasture. But we are not without hope, eventually the agreements will be signed.

Many of our members and their families have been ill this winter. Mostly colds and flu and they have been plenty serious. We are glad to report everyone is recovering and we sincerely hope they will especially be back in fighting trim.

### BRO. ANDERSON LOSES WIFE

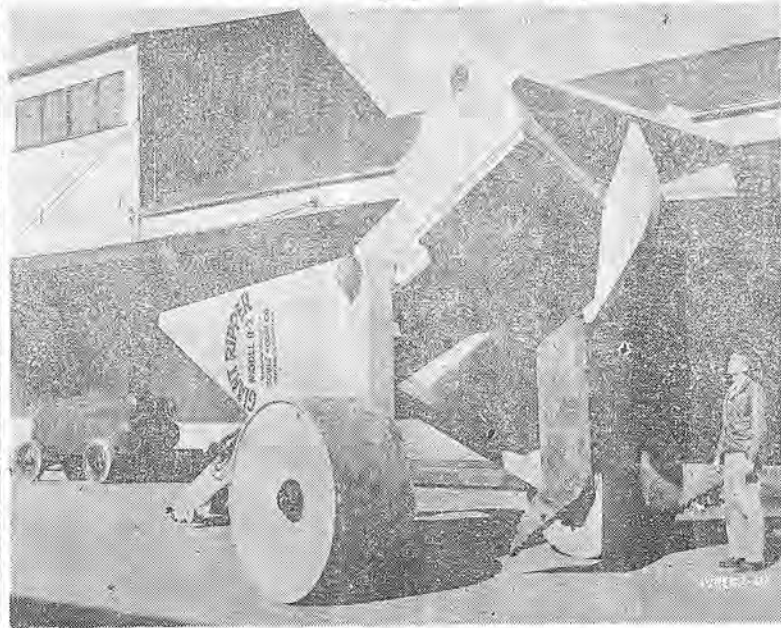
It is with sincere regret that we inform the membership of the death of Ruby B. Anderson, beloved wife of our esteemed Brother, Reuben Anderson. Mrs. Anderson died Sunday, December 4th, at the Utah Valley Hospital, Provo,

Utah, of a heart ailment. Mrs. Anderson had long been very active in L. D. S. Church affairs and was well beloved by all who knew her or knew of her works. Funeral services were conducted Friday, December 12th, in the Fifth-Eight Ward Chapel with Bishop D. Eccles Cameron officiating. We know our entire membership joins with the officers in Utah in expressing to Brother Anderson our most sincere sympathy.

Brother Arthur C. Irwin, whom many of you remember during the construction work at Geneva, has recently transferred into his home Local 3 after spending almost three years in the jurisdiction of Local 12. Also, Brother J. Floyd Creer, who has been out on withdrawal during the past year, is with us again. Welcome back, boys!

Until next month — solong.

## World's Biggest Ripper



Here it is! The Giant Ripper we have been telling you about for the past several months. Designed by the Soule Equipment Company of Oakland, it is one of two built for Bechtel International to handle an especially difficult pipeline job in Arabia. The largest in the world, the ripper weighs over 17 tons and takes four D-8 cats hooked up in tandem to pull it, with an additional cat used to push when the going gets really tough.

The body is made of three-inch steel plate, with the tongue one-

and-one-fourth-inch steel plate. The over-all length is 25 feet 6 inches, width 8 feet 8 inches. The ripper shank goes 7 feet into the ground and can break ground 12 feet either side of the ripper.

The first one, ordered on August 25, 1947, was completed October 3. The six men who worked on the job speeded things up a bit for the second one, which they started on October 14 and completed on the 2nd of November.

The contemplative gentleman in the foreground is Brother Charles Kester, shop foreman, who is es-

## LABOR DICTIONARY OUT

Washington—A new Dictionary of Labor Economics has been published by Public Affairs Press, consisting of 32 pages of definitions of terms commonly employed in the labor movement.

Written by Dr. Bryne Horton, the dictionary is available through the publishers at 2153 Florida Ave., Washington 8, D. C. at \$1 per copy.

Dr. Horton defines the word "rat" as "a slang term of derision and disgust applied to a strike-breaker," but defines "scab" as "an employe who continues to work when his fellow workers are out on strike."

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"Why are you crying?"  
"Father called mother a waddling goose."  
"Well?"

"An mother called father a stupid ass."  
"But why are you crying?"  
"Well, what am I?"

timating the number of headaches that went into the construction of this beauty. Now that the rippers are finished, the men are building a portable rock grizzly that can move along a ditch to cover pipe with rock.

We have 11 members working in this plant, which manufactures special equipment, and they are well prepared to handle any assignment that comes their way.  
—Oakland Office, Local 3.

# Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandwark)  
DECEMBER 10, 1947:

**Turlock, Calif.:** Contracts awarded—(1) to Marklin & Harve, Turlock, \$3,784 & \$5,007 for excav. conc. lining, etc. on No. 7B, Stanley Ditch & No. 553, Vargas D.

(2) to Oscar Jerner, Tully Rd., Turlock, \$1,468, No. 567, Atwell Ditch, for excavation, conc. lining, etc.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Trewhitt, Shields & Fisher, Pacific Southwest Bldg., Fresno, \$52,293 for const. 4 R.C. slab bridges at various locations betw. 3 & 15 mi. S. of Visalia, in TULARE CO., Calif.

DECEMBER 11, 1947:

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Baker Bros., P. O. Box 971, Chico, \$14,415 for clearing channel in Dry Creek near Roseville, under Spec. 1314.

**San Carlos, Calif.:** Contract awarded to H. H. Larson Co., 64 S. Park, S. F., for const. two-story, reinf. conc. structure, for dial telephone exchange, on Laurel St., San Carlos. Building and equipment estimated to cost \$1,200,000.

**Oakland, Calif.:** Contract awarded to W. Lenkeit, 2225 Revere St., S. F., \$133,376 for inst. 24-in. welded steel main in Campbell St., Oakland, Alameda Co., Calif., under L. S. 402.

**Oakland, Calif.:** Contract awarded to O. A. Fogelberg, 1416 Benton, Oakland, \$19,802 for inst. 8-in. cast iron water mains from Lombardy Lane to Happy Valley Road, CONTRA COSTA CO., Calif., under L. S. 401.

**Fresno, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Valley Trenching Co., 215 Broadway, Fresno, \$9,361 for laying 6-in., 8-in., and 10-in. steel pipe in city streets of Fresno.

**Santa Cruz, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Henry Arian, 4142 Geary Blvd., S. F., \$166,719 for const. Armory at Santa Cruz, under Spec. 18860.

DECEMBER 12, 1947:

**Walnut Creek, Calif.:** Unit and total bids received, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$173,337 for const. main trunk sewer, Section III, from 1st St. & Moraga Blvd., in Lafayette, to East side of Charles Hill north of State Highway Rte No. 24.

**Arbuckle, Calif.:** Unit and total bids submitted, contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., P. O. Box 411, San Mateo, \$58,853 for furn. & inst. asbestos cem. pipeline.

DECEMBER 15, 1947:

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, Inc., 12th & F Sts., Marysville, \$177,635, for 3.7 mi. grade & plantmix on imp. bor. & cr. run base betw. Kingvale & 1/2 mi. W. of Fox Farm (III-Nev.-37-B), betw. Donner Summit & 1 mi. E. of Truckee (III-Nev.-38-A) NEVADA CO., Calif.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P. O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$9,887 for grading, draining & surf. on 36th St. betw. 9th and 12th Aves.

DECEMBER 16, 1947:

**Salinas, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$83,712 for grading & surf. certain streets, drives, circles & avenues in Monterey Park No. 2 Subdivision, Salinas.

**North Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Downer Co., Inc., \$74,176 for const. sewer mains & pumping plant in Altos & Norwood Acres.

**Albany, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Grounder Const. Co., 2727 Parker St., Berkeley, Calif., \$23,750 for const. warehouse for the Western Regional Research Lab., 800 Buchanan St., Albany, Calif.

DECEMBER 17, 1947:

**Richmond, Calif.:** Contract awarded to J. Guellid, 2755 - 79th Ave., Oakland, \$3,344 for const. storm drain system in East Shore Park, Richmond.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Heringer & Co., P. O. Box 606, Rio Vista, \$13,418 for const. irrigation struc. Cache Slough at Lower Hastings Tract, near Rio Vista, under Spec. 1313.

**Salinas, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$9,898 for const. sanitary sewers in Rider Ave., Garner Ave., & John St., under R. I. No. 173 (1913 Act).

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Fredrickson Bros., 1259 65th St., Emeryville, \$588,829 for 5.3 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on crusher run base betw. Tower House & Schilling, in SHASTA CO., Calif.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., 1846 - 37th St., Sacramento, \$23,856 for widen existing pavement with plantmix surf. & furn. & install traffic signals and high-

way lighting at intersections of Stockton Blvd. & 14th Ave., in SACRAMENTO CO., Calif.

**Redwood City, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Carrico & Gautier, 365 Ocean Ave., S. F., \$46,532 for erecting recreational bldg.

**San Mateo, Calif.:** Contract awarded for const. Fire Station & Police Station alterations and improvements; general work to Arthur Bros., 811 B St., San Mateo, \$29,995.

DECEMBER 18, 1947:

**Angels Camp, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Pacific Pipeline & Engineers, Ltd., 2128 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, \$25,555 for const. & developing water system 39th Dist. Agric. Assn., Angels Camp.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Erickson, Phillips & Weisberg, 3341 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, \$178,300 for construction 8 reinforced conc. slab bridges across Central Canal & Provident Canal, various locations, N.E. & S. of Willows, GLENN CO., Calif.

DECEMBER 22, 1947:

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to J. R. Reeves, P. O. Box 1072, Sacramento, \$31,152 for grade, surf., etc., R/W Country Club Estates, Addn. No. 2, Unit 1 & Unit 2, SACRAMENTO CO.

DECEMBER 23, 1947:

**Martinez, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Stanley H. Koller, 1694 Pomona St., Crockett, \$586,185 for const. 6,000,000 gal. water filter plant and appurtenant facilities, outside Martinez city limits.

**Alturas, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Sam Bisset, 1428 Alhambra Blvd., Sacramento, \$26,053 for const. 21.5 mi. transmission lines.

**San Francisco, Calif.:** Contract awarded to E. J. Treacy, 452 Dewey Blvd., S. F., \$4,525 for laying 12-in. cast iron main in Peabody St., betw. Sunnysdale & County Line, under W. D. Cons. 471.

DECEMBER 23, 1947:

**Martinez, Calif.:** Contract awarded to V. A. Kaufenberg, 2220 South Crest, Martinez, \$18,165 for const. two-classroom addn. to Pleasant Hill school bldg.

**San Mateo, Calif.:** Contract awarded to C. F. Parker, 135 S. Park, S. F., \$81,426 for const. five-classroom elementary school bldg. at Lawrence Elem. School site, San Mateo, SAN MATEO CO., Calif.

DECEMBER 24, 1947:

**San Lorenzo, Calif.:** Contract awarded, unit and total bids submitted, awarded to John Pestana, 16411 East 14th St., San Leandro, \$39,835 for const. sanitary sew. collection system in Old San Lorenzo, except in Lewelling Blvd., west of Washington Ave.

DECEMBER 29, 1947:

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Elmer J. Warner, 1103 Sycamore, Stockton, \$181,548 for const. bridge & 0.2 mi. grade & surf. approaches with roadmix surf. on imported borrow, across Tuolumne River at Stevens Bar, in TUOLUMNE CO., Calif.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contracts awarded to McGillivray Const. Co.,

Box 873, Sacramento, Calif., as follows:

- (1) 60th St. betw. 5th & 8th Aves., \$57,379;
- (2) 2nd Ave. betw. Elmhurst & 57th St., \$12,515;
- (3) 43rd St., 11th to 12th Ave., \$3,752.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Miller Henkel, Fresno, \$2,785 (Lot 1—Mariposa Dam site); \$3,697 (Lot 2—Erskine Crk. & Isabella Dam sites), for rental of equipment for excav. work at Mariposa & Isabella Dam sites, under Spec. 495 (O).

**Reno, Nev.:** Contract awarded to George E. Schilling Engrg. & Const. Co., 1227 D St., Sparks, Nev., \$31,657 for grade, drain, surf., etc. in University Park Subdivision.

**Reno, Nev.:** Contract awarded to George E. Schilling Engrg. & Const. Co., 1227 D St., Sparks, Nev., \$8,659 for const. 6-ft. wire mesh fence, reinf. conc. box culvert, conc. retaining wall, channel & dikes in University Park Subdivision.

**Stockton, Calif.:** Contract awarded to C. M. Allen, Box 463, Fairfield, \$3,900 for const. extension to Ferry Ramp on Mildred Island Ferry, across Empire Cut betw. Lower Jones Tract & Mildred Island, 2 mi. north of Middle River Sta., on Santa Fe R.R., SAN JOAQUIN CO., Calif.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to A. Titchert & Sons, Inc., 1846 - 37th St., Sacramento, \$6,918 for grade, drain & surf., Janey Way, Redwood Terrace to M St.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to E. F. Hilliard, 1355 43rd St., Sacramento, \$2,385 for grade, drain & surf., Alley betw. N & O & 25th & 26th Sts.

**Fresno, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., 145 W. Shields Ave., Fresno, \$22,839 for sewerage Harvard Terrace, Kilroy's Haven & Princeton Park in city of Fresno, under R. I. No. 186-D.

DECEMBER 30, 1947:

**San Francisco, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Fred T. Fahey, 1874 25th Ave., S. F., \$9,685 for laying 6-in. & 8-in. mains in misc. streets in Parkside Dist., under W. D. Cont. 470.

**Santa Rosa, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$1,195 for const. 6-in. C.I. water main on Elliott Ave. from Illinois Ave. to Nordyke Ave.; Sucher Lane from Illinois Ave. to Nordyke Ave., from Elliott Ave. to Steele Lane.

**Santa Rosa, Calif.:** Contract awarded to John C. Spalotta, P. O. Box 442, Santa Rosa, \$868 for const. conc. curb with 18-in. conc. gutter & 4-in. sidewalk 4 1/2 ft. wide on N. side of Silva Ave., from Silva Tract Subdivision to E. line of Mendocino Ave., in Santa Rosa. JANUARY 2, 1948:

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to A. L. Miller, 1715 - 7th

St., Sacramento, \$12,826 for re-decking Fair Oaks Bridge.

**Fresno, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Valley Trenching Co., 215 Broadway, Fresno, \$6,302 for install. 6-in., 8-in. & 10-in. water mains in Oaks Tract, Kilroy Haven, Linda Vista No. 2, Parallel Ave., etc.

**Atherton, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Huettig & Schromm, P. O. Box 798, Palo Alto, \$4,240 for landscaping, install. water system, in center strip or island in El Camino Real, Atherton.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Central Calif. Const. Co., Inc., 116 Erie St., S. F., \$850,000 for const. new Greyhound Depot at 8th & L St., Sacramento.

**San Francisco, Calif.:** Contract awarded to M. B. McGowan, Inc., 625 Market St., S. F., for pile foundation for grain storage bldg. at Stronghold, near Tule Lake, Calif.

JANUARY 5, 1948:

**Watsonville, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Tyson & Watters, 1201 10th Ave., Sacramento, \$73,671 for grade & roadwork at 14th Agric. Dist., Watsonville.

**Treasure Island, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Minton & Kuban, 1045 Sansome St., S. F., \$57,970 for rehabilitation of Bldg. 62 for West Coast Training Aids Depot, Naval Station, Treasure Island, under Spec. 18918.

**Redding, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Harms Bros., Rte. 2, Box 2220, Sacramento, \$361,151 for const. 115-kv switchyards for Keswick Power Plant & left abutment parking area for Keswick Dam, Central Valley Proj., 4 mi. N.W. of Redding, under Spec. 1944.

JANUARY 6, 1948:

**San Jose, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 S. Montgomery St., San Jose, \$9,652 for pave, walks, curbs, gutters, etc. in Camino Ramon & Britton Ave.

JANUARY 8, 1948:

**Carson City, Nev.:** Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, \$148,210 for 13.728 mi. grade & roadmix surf. State Hwy. Secondary Sys. from junction U.S. Rte. 40, 30 mi. southeast of Golconda to Redhouse junction, Rte. 18, Sec. A, HUMBOLDT CO., Nev.

**Marysville, Calif.:** Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & F Sts., Marysville, \$3,830 for grading & excavating.

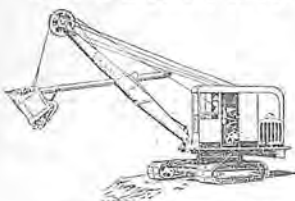
JANUARY 9, 1948:

**San Francisco, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S. F., \$4,359 for A. C. surf., etc. on 27th St. betw. Diamond & Sastro Sts.

**Eureka, Calif.:** Contract awarded to Reed & Tuttle, Redwood Valley, \$9,032 for const. maint. sta. bldgs. & fence at Ft. Bragg, MENDOCINO CO., Calif.

**Sacramento, Calif.:** Contract awarded to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., 1846 - 37th St., Sacramento, \$32,637 for const. 6-in. & 8-in. vitr. sanit. sewers in Gould Tract, SACRAMENTO CO.

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