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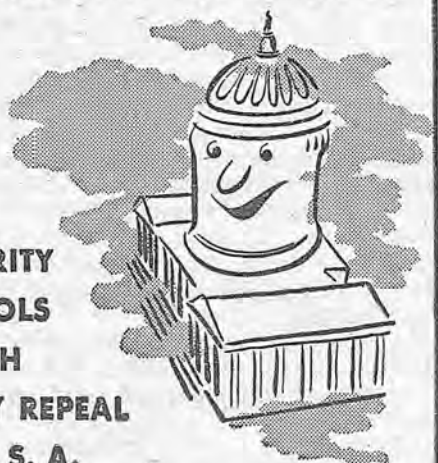
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JANUARY, 1952

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## MEMBERS OVERWHELMINGLY OK DEATH BENEFIT INCREASE

By the overwhelming vote of 107,412 to 1,485, members of the International Union of Operating Engineers have approved a substantial increase in death benefits, effective Jan. 1, 1952.

Tally of referendum voting conducted in the last months of the old year show the huge majority in favor of the move, according to notice from Bro. Charles Gramling, general secretary-treasurer, IUOE.

Constitution of the international union, section 2 of Article XX, is therefore amended to provide an increase in death benefits on all members with a record of continuous good standing, their beneficiaries to receive the following benefits:

**CLASS I**—Beneficiaries of members in good standing for a period of one (1) year to five (5) years shall receive \$75.00.

**CLASS II**—Beneficiaries of members in good standing from five (5) years to ten (10) years shall receive \$175.00.

**CLASS III**—Beneficiaries of members in good standing from 10 (10) years to fifteen (15) years shall receive \$350.00.

**CLASS IV**—Beneficiaries of members in good standing from fifteen (15) years to twenty (20) shall receive \$400.00.

**CLASS V**—Beneficiaries of members in good standing twenty (20) years or more shall receive \$500.00.

Computation of time for benefits under the several classes shall begin July 1, 1925; except in cases where good standing begins after

reinstatement of a member of his Local Union, in which case computation of time shall begin at date of reinstatement.

Northern and Central California chapters of the AGC have moved into new quarters at 850 Battery street, San Francisco. Labor relations director for both chapters is Harold Ringrose, telephone YUkon 6-5969.

Over 26 per cent of the nation's metal-working firms plan some form of expansion during 1952.

## OFFICE HOURS REVISED FOR SAN FRANCISCO MAIN OFFICE

At the last regular meeting held January 5th, 1952, the membership decided against keeping the San Francisco Office open Friday evenings. There will be no other change in the scheduled hours, which are now as follows:

**CLOSED SATURDAYS**, with the exception of the first Saturday of each month (regular monthly meeting date).

Monday-Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; **EVENING**, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

\*\*\* (The above hours apply to the San Francisco Office only. Any change in branch office hours will appear in the individual news reports of the other offices.)

**TECHNICAL ENGINEERS**, Local No. 3-E meeting will be held at the Union offices, 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, California, at 8 p.m., Friday, January 25th, 1952.

## 1952 Outlook Good Despite Cuts; Rains Retard Schedule

Another record year in the field of construction is forecast for 1952, though there will be a shifting of emphasis from civilian to military and related work. Start of the big 1952 program in the three-state jurisdiction of Local 3 has been slowed by continued record-breaking rains and snowfall.

### Another Firm Sees Need for Tech Engineers

Allan W. Wolfe, Inc., civil engineers and land surveyors, whose principal office is located in Sacramento, is the latest of such firms to sign an agreement with Operating Engineers, covering all of the field survey work in Northern California.

This firm has the facilities and qualified personnel capable of handling any size of civil engineering project.

Address of Allan W. Wolfe, Inc., is 2846 Fulton Ave., Sacramento, telephone Ivanhoe 9-6441.

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### Steel Supply Is Cut For Highways, Homes

Structural steel requirements for highway building during the second quarter of 1952 are far beyond any level that can be supported, DPA Administrator Fleischmann has reported to Congress. He said only roads of the highest urgency can be permitted. At the same time it was announced that homebuilding would be cut to 600,000 units from the government-set rate of 850,000 units per year, more than a 23 percent cutback. Industrial building is in for a slowdown, also beginning in the second quarter, with only the very most urgent work to be permitted.

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**Herbert E. Stanton**  
December 31, 1951

**Harry M. Fox**  
December 31, 1951

**P. R. Smith**  
January 2, 1952

**J. W. Harrison**  
January 4, 1952

Cuts in a back-logged civilian works program, forced by reassignment of short materials to defense, will stall a large number of projects through the year. The process of shifting personnel and materials to defense-related work, well started in 1951, will continue in the new year.

### 256 Members Now In Military Service

During December eleven more members of the local entered various branches of the armed forces, bringing the total number of our members now in military service to 256.

A good many of these members are now serving at the battlefield in Korea, while others are stationed in Japan and at various army, navy and marine bases in the U.S. Quite a few are serving with the Seabees, the famed Navy construction battalion.

Here are the latest names to be added to Local 3's honor roll:

- CLEON D. ANDERSEN.
- ODELL B. ANDERSON.
- MELVIN ARMSTRONG
- RANDALL CHISHOLM.
- HERBERT HOOPER.
- LAURENCE D. JONES.
- G. LESTER JUHASZ
- PAT G. PETERSON
- JOHN M. SCHWARTZ
- RUSSELL VOTE, JR.
- ERNEST WALKER

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### Construction Records Are Broken in 1951

An all-time record construction volume of approximately \$39 billion, representing 12 percent of the nation's gross national product, was put in place in the U.S. during 1951, the AGC reports. About \$37 billion is expected for 1952, with peak levels in some areas and severe drops in others, depending on type of construction, distribution of materials, and administration of building controls.

AGC urges public and private awarding agencies to keep their planning programs alive for those projects not now permitted in order to prevent a serious lag in commencing work once they are permitted to go ahead.

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The aluminum industry expects to be producing about five million pounds of primary metal a day by the end of 1952.

### Notice, Tech Engineers

On and after Feb. 16, 1952, the Union Shop provisions of the Bay Counties Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Assn. agreement will become effective. This agreement provides that any member of the union, as a condition of employment, must remain a member in good standing, and any employee not now a member of the union must within 30 days after employment become and remain a member in good standing.

Following 1951's all-time record of \$39 billion for construction, 1952 is expected to see a rise of employment in some areas and severe drops in others, depending upon the nature of work and materials involved and also upon how building controls are administered.

Public and private awarding agencies are being advised to keep their planning programs open on projects now curtailed, so that once the green light is given there will be no delay in starting them. This phase of construction, never yet caught up since the war, will continue to jam up with defense cuts, thus assuring record volume of work for several years to come.

Steel has been cut for highway use, and only the most urgent projects will be allowed during the year. The government has chopped down its set rate of 850,000 home units per year to 600,000, a 25 percent cut, and industrial building will be reduced sharply in the second quarter.

### JOBS MIRROR DEFENSE

Employment of our members is expected to mirror this general picture of the work situation. It will probably mean shifting of members from outlying areas to those districts where military and civilian-permitted work programs are heavy.

Following an early-December outburst from ol' Jupe Pluvius, contractors scrambled back onto jobs during a two-week dry spell that followed. Then came the normal holiday slowdown and with it a resumption of wet weather blasting in from the Pacific, dumping flood quantities of rain on coastal and inland valley areas and turning into snowfall that hit a 164-inch pack atop the Sierras.

Out-of-work lists have mounted in every branch office, but eyes are turned upward every day, and after a day or two of dry skies, work is resumed wherever possible. Some of the boys have drifted southward looking for sun but they've found that the rains were hitting southern areas also. We are hopeful that the customary February let-up will come this year so that the paychecks can start coming in again.

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### Building Jobs Drop

Employment in the California construction industry during November continued its sharp downward trend, despite the highest general non-farm employment ever recorded in the state for November. The number in contract construction declined to 228,500, a 6,800 drop from October and 9,400 below November, 1950. Non-farm employment in the state climbed to the record high of 3,500,000 compared with 3,350,200 for the same month in 1950.

# Northbay Engineers Keeping Busy on Many Small Jobs

By H. O. FOSS and FRANK LAWRENCE, Business Representatives

To the employers in this area and all members we wish to thank you for your splendid cooperation in the past year and our sincere wish for a healthy, successful and prosperous New Year and thanks for the many Christmas and New Year greetings received.

Brother Fred Horner has D-4 dozer, grading, etc., San Rafael 5301-M. We understand he is putting a grease monkey on the job, a Mrs., that is, as soon as the weather clears—good luck.

Brother A. M. Dewey in from the Willits area, completing four million feet logs—25 mile truck roads . . . everything O.K.

Brother McGinty, A. G. Raisch, has new cat skinner in family as have Bros. Seth Reilly, Harvey Crofts and Martin Radke . . . congratulations!

Brother Lou Paysee returned from grizzly hunt in the Canada area with a fine mounted hide . . . says, wish had left more meat on it after hitting our rains.

We hear someone rolled out the barrel at McNear's Point . . . celebrating a prosperous year. A fine crew—very smooth operations . . . sorry the gate was locked! Happy New Year to you.

Pozzi, at mix plant in Novato—had a good year in '51, he reports and says outlook for '52 even better. Not beating his gums, also building new truck barn.

Munn & Perkins setting up crushing plant in Middletown for 50,000 yards of material for paving job—Calistoga to Lake County line. Crew from Modesto.

Huntington Bros. — Napa-Monticello road looks like A-1 contractor's yard. Shop finished, and a good one, nice office, yard paved. Overhauling rigs, sending a crew to Wasco on land leveling. One rig to S. F. airport job. Fred says: With his new Xmas pencil ought to hook on to something soon.

Brother Ivers, hot plant operator, etc., with the A. G. Raisch Co., says he doesn't know too much about driving transports when they konk out and loose air it doesn't do much good to drag your feet.

### PETALUMA SHOPS

Brother Ryder and Brother Pacheco take care of chores at the Gerwick yard, Petaluma . . . Ryder wearing a gold button.

Hein Quarry—Petaluma had a good fall run . . . building new shop . . . trying to keep members happy.

Al Moretti—Petaluma keeping Bro. Schmitt pretty busy. Al says got pinched a little on some of the farm dam jobs.

Brother Bobo at Ignacio reports good year and must be doing good—has added a loader to his spread. Brother Moungovan seems to be leading light around the place.

Brother Bergie Moore has several small rigs on housing project on Travis airbase doing landscaping . . . looks like he will be there for a long time. Bro. Pete McCuen is foreman, and says "Moore is no trouble to watch."

Brother R. W. Brown with his amphibian D. L. barge and tug pulled in to do some levee work for DeBorba and Nunes—Novato. This is a rig members ought to see. Brother Brown's own idea, and built by him. It will go where a duck would mire.

Brother Raymond Andrade is mechanic for Slinsen Co. in Napa, and keeps spinning like the button on Chick Sales house also supporting gold button.

Brother Tom McCaffrey recently bought a Gradall; first rig in North Bay. Should do good. Installing on Peterbilt Truck, keeping Brother "Stu" Orchard busy getting it mounted. Says January; me, I'm in doubt. Tom now has a 6 and 7 with cans and Adams patrol.

Brother Tom Hanna and his cat moving to Lodi area to do some

clearing. Hopes to be back in the spring—also supporting a gold one!

Received greetings from Brother "Ted" Hicks from French Morocco—says lots of Local 3 boys there and some K. A's from the great state of Minnesota. Didn't know one state could raise so many—he remarked.

Brother Bob Noble, the hot plant doctor, drops in to see us . . . with a new car. How do they do it? Must be nuggets in the aggregate.

Brother Guy Slack reports he will have to go in the back shop for repairs . . . general overhaul, that is. After being in a cast for some time now finds they have to operate on his spine . . . hope for a speedy recovery.

Brother Bill Evans returned from Kodiak—nuff in sock to buy a new car . . . Good boy. Brother Bob Theron beat Bill back by a few weeks—didn't report what he came back with . . . just had a tough time with the plane situation.

L. E. Thompson & Son from Novak—says just about keeps even—has work to do when weather breaks.

### VACAVILLE JOB

Fredrickson job at Vacaville in slow motion. Crew working on overpass—Otherwise Bro. Burch entertains Glen around big stove.

Sorry to hear Brother Charles "Pumphandle" Allen, with the O'Connor spread, got his fingers where they ought not to have been and lost three tips. Charlie says from now on he'll go to the beauty shop when he wants a manicure . . . probably prove less painful.

Brother R. H. Hupe, who has been on grease truck for the A. G. Raisch Co. for the past seven years, has established himself in Yuba county . . . going into the cattle business . . . don't try to milk the bulls. Probably be checking into the Marysville office.

Brother David Scott has Everett Trencher—just finished job in the housing project at Ignacio . . . says '51 was a good year—now lining up few for '52. Phone San Rafael 35 R 5.

Underground Const. with foreman Villata in charge, ran into a little trouble on their job north of San Rafael when they lost a string of tools while boring under the highway . . . understand they are going to try to recover same. Will be quite an accomplishment if successful.

Brother Croxen, formerly with Paul's Plumbing in Napa, has taken out a withdrawal card to go into the commercial finishing business . . . lots of luck and when the fish run out always be glad to see you back in Local No. 3. Brother Carroll Dow has followed suit . . . has been in the car wrecking business on Highway 101, south of San Rafael. If any of the brothers are looking for missing pieces, drop in and see Carroll.

Glad to receive greetings from Brother Bill Green, formerly with the Gordon Chase spread, from the Philippines . . . now with the USN.

Most of the rock plants in this area have tried to keep going in spite of the weather. Parish Bros. plant at Benicia-Suisun have a Northwest 80 with Brother "Chew Tobacco" Freeland at the controls, bailing rock and chewing at the same speed.

### BENICIA ARSENAL

Stolte's job at the Benicia Arsenal, has been progressing O.K. until the last storm hit and now they have come to a standstill. Raymond Concrete is driving the pile for them . . . take about 30 days more to finish the driving. Three rigs on the job and seven members (Continued on Page Seven)

## The Model Man

It matters not so much what a man is physically or mentally. The all-important question is: What is he spiritually?

If you stop a man's education with his body and mind, you have built a beautiful machine of tremendously increased power—but an unmanageable, uncertain thing that you cannot depend upon keeping the track. A fearful thing it is to see a locomotive leap from the rails and dash down an embankment, dragging behind it cars loaded with human beings. Infinitely worse is it to see a bright, vigorous man off the track, dashing downward toward the bottomless pit.

Here is a lawyer of masterly intellect and wonderful eloquence. What a power he might be for justice and right. But he bends every energy of his great mind to defeat justice and shield crime. Would it not be better if, like Samson, his locks were shorn?

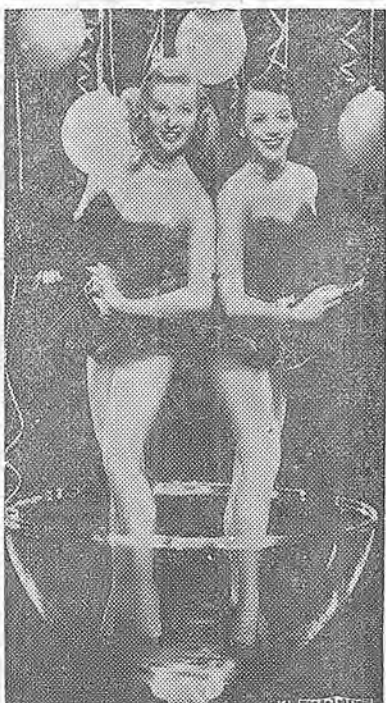
Here is a physician of wondrous skill. How much he might do to alleviate suffering. He, however, stoops to use his skill in the aid of secret vice. Would it not have been better if he had never learned the use of medicine?

Your model man believes in God as the very foundation stone of his whole character. In him we find the charming grace of patience; not brusque, nor peevish, nor cross; but able to bear the ills of life with quiet, cheerful spirit, without showing teeth and claws.

He endeavors to think the thoughts of God. He never forgets that about him are the weak and sinful. This model man shows kindness to his brethren. Nor is it all. A man may love those of his own blood, or those with whom he daily mingles, and yet be far from loving those who are not congenial in tastes, doctrines or manners. This model man is able to take this last step in the ascending scale and reaches the highest plane of charity—love for ALL men.

He can reach up to those above him in wealth and rank without feeling envy, and reach down to the lowest in life or rank without feeling pride. Here we have all type of manhood to which we should all aspire.—Vaughan S. Collins.

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR—Don't be alarmed, you're not seeing double. There really are two of them in a king-size cocktail glass, Georgine Darcy and Betty Lorraine, CBS dancers.**

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## Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll Call showed all officers present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 1, was read and the minutes were approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of December 12 and of January 2 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A Resolution regarding change in the Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers was read. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Resolution be adopted and the secretary instructed to send it to the International for action at the coming convention. Carried unanimously.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the secretary send copies of this resolution to all eastern states locals, requesting their adoption. Carried unanimously.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Mildred Weller and family and Mrs. Edna A. Miller and family. Received and filed.

The following brothers were reported ill: Kenneth Anderson, LeRoy Andrade, Jack E. Anderson, Wm. H. Arnold, L. Bonvinico, E. Combs, Montie Cox, R. G. Cazier, G. M. Davids, Lee Essley, Farrell C. Edwards, Homer C. Fine, L. O. Farnsworth, Ralph Fisher, O. B. Freeman, Sal Gordidio, Ivan C. Gardner, Richard Grundel, Thomas Helean, Virgil Idle, Billy J. Inman, Thomas A. James, R. C. Jennings, Antonio Jones, Walter Lynch, A. E. McGowan, Robert McCroskey, J. H. Miller, Samuel Moore, L. E. Martin, Donald R. Meifert, Frank A. Morrison, Joseph Morris, Marion W. Mansell, Chas. H. Noah, Colin M. O'Brien, Clarence A. Odell, Vernon D. Osborn, David Pons, Antone Peterson, Leotis Parker, Ed Park, Homer M. Purcell, L. O. Pipkin, Nick J. Pisano, Ray Smith, F. B. Sawyer, Maurice Smith, Wm. A. Taylor, Silas B. Turner, James S. Troutman, Wm. A. Ward, D. L. Weger, Jess Younkers.

The following brothers were reported deceased: Brothers George E. Hayes, Herbert E. Stanton, P. R. Smith, Harry M. Fox.

The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased brothers.

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

The Business Agents reports were accepted as given.

It was regularly moved and seconded that we discontinue the Friday night opening of the San Francisco office. Carried unanimously.

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

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

## CAL. BLDG. TRADES MARK GOLDEN ANNIV.

California State Building Trades Council marks its Golden Anniversary at the annual convention to be held Jan. 19-20 in Bakersfield, and the biggest gathering yet held is foreseen for this occasion.

A number of matters affecting the wages, conditions, organization, and general welfare of California's many thousands of AFL building tradesmen will come up for consideration and action at the convention.

"The program is being arranged to cut down on speeches and to increase the amount of work accomplished," commented Secretary Tom Harvey.

Headquarters of the convention will be at Hotel Padre, and convention sessions will be held in Carpenters Hall, 911 20th St. J. R. Copeland, Kern district vice president of the council, is lining up entertainment features for the occasion.



Washington, D. C.

### • Skeletons in Congressional Closets?

The columnists and other newsmen generally found in the same corner with the Grab Bag Boys do not like President Truman's idea of a special agency to investigate corruption. The reason is that Congress will not have any control over the agency. It seems strange they should be so alarmed. Could it be that some Congressmen fear the evidence that such a committee might produce? Are they jittery because members of Congress may have been involved in questionable deals?

### • The Customers Stayed Away . . .

Christmas business was generally not as good as last year, especially on more expensive items. Chicago merchants said there are no shortages except a shortage of customers. A New York businessman commented: "Many people spend so much for food and housing that they haven't much left."

### • The Aged Must Be Helped . . .

This country must provide a program of securing employment for persons over 65, says Albert Linton, president of the Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co. He says that hiring millions of oldsters would provide a tremendous boost for goods and services and an upsurge in the living standards of the nation.

### • Physicians or Politicians?

Is your doctor a physician or a politician? The magazine Modern Hospital, questions the wisdom of doctors becoming involved in political campaigns. Modern Hospital charges that the American Medical Assn.'s efforts to drag the medical profession into the sordid activities of back-alley politics is lowering the prestige of one of the most honored groups in America.

The answer seems obvious . . . people have more confidence in doctors than they have in politicians. The AMA campaigns ignore that fact.

# What's Doing in the Oakland Office

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, LOUIS SOLARI, L. L. LAUX, Business Representatives.

In spite of the heavy rains 216 clearances were issued during the past month and in checking records, we find that this sets a high for December clearances since the war years. Of course we did get a good break about the middle of the month when strong winds dried the ground enough to allow resumption of jobs which otherwise would have been hopelessly bogged down. The old saying about an "ill wind blowing someone good" certainly held true in this case as that one blew in a few good Christmas checks for some of the Brothers. There are about 250 registered for work right now, however; but some of these are fellows who have jobs to return to as soon as the weather clears again.

## GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

There is considerable activity in the Richmond area at the present time. The largest projects are in the Standard Oil Plant where Bechtel has the contract for construction of the \$1,500,000 Alcan Plant in addition to their contract for repair and construction on the 100 Octane Plant. The 1000 Octane job has been in progress for some time and has been furnishing employment to several of the Brothers. The contract has also been let for erection of 6 tanks with a capacity of nearly 1,000,000 gallons to be used in the plant. The Southwest Engineering Co. will handle this job and Brother Red Wood is doing the crane work. The Barabini Company, on a sub from George Peres, is presently engaged in removal of 130,000 yards of dirt to make way for the tank construction. Six members are employed on this one.

Several of the Brothers have been furnishing employment to a number of mechanics in their shop on Giant Road but they are now experiencing some difficulty in obtaining repair parts. There is still plenty of work to be done and if they can secure replacements their payroll should hold up fairly well during the next month or so. Incidentally, this outfit has a new Koering crane ready to start on their job at Selby as soon as the weather permits.

Work on the new P.G.&E. plant at Pittsburg has not gained much momentum as yet, but there is some activity out there. Bechtel, the prime contractor, recently moved in a 3500 Manitowoc crawler, which will be used for digging well points and footings. Parrish Bros., who have a subcontract for some of the ground work, are employing around 15 engineers on the job.

Malitano is handling the dirt work on Bechtel's Continental Can job, but the rain is hampering them considerably. A three-quarter yard Northwest is being used to dig foundations and they are pouring cement as the weather permits.

Pomeroy has approximately two months in which to complete their job at the Columbia Steel Mill in Pittsburg, and from present indications the work will be completed on schedule. While this has not been an especially big job it has furnished a lot of good steady employment to a number of our members and there are still between 20 and 25 Engineers working out there.

Another job that has been a good one from our standpoint is the P.G.&E. job at Antioch. The first phase of this contract is now completed but work is still in progress on the two new units which were started last fall. Most of the steel work has been completed on the generator room, but Consolidated Western Steel is still engaged in setting steel on the new boiler room. About 30 Engineers all told are working on this project at the present time.

The old Fibreboard plant at Antioch has been shut down for 60 days to allow for renovation and new construction. Swinerton and Walberg have the main contract and Bigge Drayage has several men on the job working on a two-shift basis. This is one group of Engineers who don't have to worry

about the weather reports.

Another job that isn't affected by rains is the Mt. Diablo Mine at Clayton, where 10 of the Brothers are employed. The plant was down for one week for repairs but is once again operating on a 24-hour schedule.

The flood control work on Walnut Creek started last summer by Vega Engineering is still in progress, and the work done in clearing and widening the creek between Avon and Walnut Creek has helped conditions noticeably in that area. Vega has two draglines working in the vicinity of Concord at the present time, and they expect to have this portion of the channel cleared in the near future.

Moore Dry Dock is going ahead with plans for construction of the new Landing Ship Docks for which they received a Government contract a short time ago. It will be some time before actual construction starts but at the present time Healy Tibbitts is engaged in driving piling and rebuilding crane-ways preparatory to laying the keel.

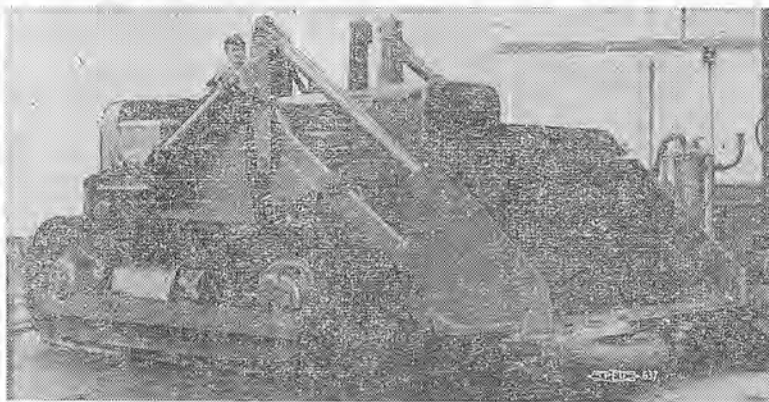
Piombo Brothers have 10 Engineers working at Pt. Isabel on a 150,000-yard earth moving job. Material taken from the top of this small island located in the bay between Albany and Richmond, will be used as fill at the base. The job has been in progress for several weeks and it is expected another month will be needed to complete it.

United Concrete Pipe Company has a 1 1/2 million dollar pipeline job in East Oakland. They have a Northwest backhoe, a pavement breaker and a compressor on the project and excepting the days when it is raining hard, they are able to work uninterrupted.

The Merrill-Broce Company, equipment distributors, are now located at 2792 Cypress Street, Oakland, on the site formerly occupied by the Bay Cities Equipment Company. This outfit is equipped to service all types of tractors and have large stocks of parts available for such leading lines of equipment as Bucyrus-Erie, T. L. Smith Company, International Harvester and J. D. Adams Manufacturing Company. Their shop has the very latest in machine tools and equipment and is under the supervision of Brother C. Harold Close, who is well known in this area as one of the best in the field. We have 14 members working in the shop with Brother A. S. Carter acting as shop steward.

In closing this portion of the report for this month, we would like to mention the fact that it's 1952, the year of elections! It is truly an important time to those of us who work for a living and we would like to suggest that each of you make a New Year's resolution to do all in your power to help retain in office the friends of labor and to retire those who did not legislate in your behalf. Start working now. It is none too early!

**Henry Atherton Jones, the old smarty,  
Awakened all black and blue,  
For last night his wife threw a party,  
And he was the party she threw.**



The accompanying picture gives some idea of the size of Allis Chalmers new H.D. 20G loader. Buran Equipment Company, distributors of the line in this district recently received this rig, the first of its kind to be seen in the Bay Area. Equipped with a four yard bucket, which stands 17 1/4 feet high, the rig weighs 30 1/2 tons and has a 65,000 pound pull in low gear.

## News About the Brothers

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Brother "Whitey" Stanton, who was killed in an airplane accident recently. Superintendent for Four Companies at Camp Parks, "Whitey" had his own plane and commuted by air to the job. He was on his way home from the project when the accident occurred.

Brother Gordon Johnson, who has been working for Fredrickson and Watson as foreman on the Oakland Freeway and at Dublin, has left that company to go into business for himself. His firm, to be known as the J & S Construction Company, will be located at 4400 East Avenue, Hayward. The phone number is LUcerne 2-0201 and Brother Johnson says he'd appreciate hearing about anyone who has dirt to be moved or any general contract work to be done.

Brother Phil Allen is confined to Providence Hospital at the present time for observation for a stomach ailment. We hope by the time this goes to press, however, that he will be back on his feet and working again.

No doubt most of the local members have read about the disappearance of Brother Robert Pirtle, on December 29. He left his home to go to the grocery store and has

not been heard from since. He had \$140.00 with him and his wife fears that he has met with foul play. She has asked that Brother Engineers be on the lookout for the car he was driving, a 1939 Mercury, 4-door sedan, gray, with a sun visor, California license 9D-5893.

Brother Denzil Patterson is one engineer who seems to thrive on foreign atmosphere. Two stints for Bechtel in Arabia were not enough, so he decided to stay a little longer. That in 1948, and he is just now getting around to visiting home once again. During the intervening time he has had many experiences. He was part owner in an airline for a time; engaged in buying and selling of war surplus, and had an import and export business in Bangkok. Right now he is interested in the manufacture of leather goods for export and expects to get going on this as soon as he returns to Siam. His wife and 18-month-old daughter, Anita, made the trip with him. It is Mrs. Patterson's first visit to this country and she is enjoying it very much. As for Anita, a muchly traveled young lady, she seems to be taking the whole thing in stride—but has fallen very hard for that good old American dish, Campbell's chicken soup!

## Dredger News

Dredge work continues very slow. The Associated Dredging Company finished their job at the Standard Oil Plant in Richmond and have tied the little sucker up at the yard. It is reported, however, that they have another small job which they expect to get started around the first of February.

The Olympian Dredging Company was low bidder on the Stockton Channel job, which they expect to get started about the middle of this month. This is a rather small suction dredge job but will keep several of the boys working for a while. There will probably be some clamshell work in connection with this job.

There are a few derrick barges doing clamshell work in the bay and rivers. Healy Tibbitts picked off the largest job that has been let around the bay for some time and they are going right along with two 10-hour shifts, six days per week.

Dutra keeps his two clamshells busy for Leslie Salt Company in the South Bay, and Portland Cement still keeps two crews busy furnishing shell for their Redwood City cement plant. Business has slowed down considerably on this one, however, and they are now back on an 8-hour shift.

The Standard Dredging Company have their small clamshell working on improvement work at Belmont and the Associated has two clams, the Delta No. 1 and the Curlew working. This outfit is also getting the old Liberty ready to go out.

Ed Lippstrue has both of his clams busy and from all appearances work for small clamshell dredges is plentiful right now.

A new firm, "Shellmaker, Inc." has come into Local No. 3's jurisdiction. This company has moved a 10" suction dredge in at Moss Landing where they have a contract to pump out the lagoon. It is expected that this will take approximately four months to complete. Brother L. D. Beal is skipper and they will use nine men on around the clock operation as soon as they get started, which should be within the next few days.

The California Dredging Company keeps their dredge busy and it appears that they will be occupied for some time, as they recently received over 2000 hours' work from the army engineers. This is in Suisun Bay and on the San Joaquin and Sacramento rivers.

## Cursing Bosses

In Wheeling, West Virginia, employers who curse workers were slapped down by the state's Unemployment Compensation Board. A worker who quits after being cursed by his boss is justified in quitting and entitled to collect jobless pay, it was ruled. The decision was made in the case of an employee who walked into the manager's office and forgot to remove his hat. The manager abused the worker for his forgetfulness and the worker, finding an apology to no avail, walked out. The Board ruled he has a right to collect unemployment compensation, and asserted that "the manager had no right to curse his employee, and an employee who is subjected to profanity and abusive language is justified in quitting and leaves work with good cause involving fault on the part of the employer."

## TRADES PUSH SOLID BAY CROSSING

At its December 6 meeting, the San Francisco Building Trades Council expressed warm approval of Rep. Franck Havenner's contention that any second Bay crossing should be a solid fill.

Rep. Havenner asserted—and the Council's delegates vehemently seconded him—that San Francisco might well fail to win government support for a steel bridge during the present shortage of that material; and also that a structure of this sort might far too easily be destroyed if the temperature of the cold war ever rises.

Last week, the Council presented its conclusions in the form of a resolution:

Whereas: There is dire need for additional Bay crossings due to the rapid increase of traffic, many plans for Bay crossings have been submitted to take care of this problem, which cannot at this time be built, due to the shortages of materials as well as the many problems involved in the financing of such crossings, and

Whereas: Congressman Franck B. Havenner has submitted a plan for the construction of a low level fill crossing in the area south of Hunters Point, which will be most vital to the citizens of San Francisco as a civilian defense measure, and as a provision for a safe means of mass egress from the city, and

Whereas: This plan can be financed through the Civilian Defense Authority and the Reconstruction Finance Commission, and

Whereas: This low level fill crossing could be continually expanded to take care of the ever increasing traffic needs of the East Bay counties,

**Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council go on record endorsing the plan submitted by Congressman Franck B. Havenner, and**

**Be It Further Resolved: That copies of this resolution be sent to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors and the press.**

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## Wall St. Journal Runs Pg. 1 Story On Labor Press

Chicago. (LPA)—The Wall Street Journal, in a long story on the nation's labor press in column 1, page 1, of its December 22 issue, speculates on the labor press influence in the 1952 election.

"Labor publications are grabbing a solid slice of the nation's publishing business through a myriad of weeklies and monthlies, ranging from sickly newspapers to smart, slick paper magazines," says the article. "With a Presidential election due in 1952, the influx of the labor press could be a potent factor in determining voting results. These publications currently are an important means for stirring up rank-and-file discontent with wage stabilization and with rising living costs."

While "many businessmen are inclined to scoff at the entire labor press," the article goes on, "you don't have to look far into this field to realize that it has come a long way in the last few years toward increasing its effectiveness."

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During a grouse hunt in England, two sportsmen were shooting at a clump of trees near a stone wall. Suddenly a red face popped up over the top of the wall.

"Hey, you almost hit my wife!" "Did I?" cried the man, aghast. "I'm terribly sorry—have a shot at mine over there."

# KINGS RIVER POWER PROJECTS OKAYED

By H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE, Business Representatives

Probably the most interesting news item of the month, from this District is that the P. G. & E. Company were successful in their application for the development of the power resources on the Kings River. The Company has had for years an application on file with the Federal Power Commission, which was dormant until the start of construction of the Pine Flat Dam, at which time a hearing was called in Fresno.

The Bureau of Reclamation and the Fresno Irrigation District claims rights, but at the present time the P. G. & E. Company will be granted a 30 year permit. Sources from the company state that as soon as red tape is cleared up they will start construction of three dams and five power houses. This same company is at present starting construction on 66 miles of power line from Pinoche sub-station to Selma, and this particular job is being constructed by the maintenance employees who are members of the Electrical Workers Union. We, of course, are entering protests with the company, on the basis that any construction project such as this should be built under the existing conditions of the building and construction industry and primarily that this work should be let through contract.

On the lower Kings, the Pine Flat Contractors are continuing to break pouring records and hope to achieve a 6,000 cubic yd. concrete pour per day. The company is not backward about extending credit to the pouring crew for these results, and of course, the majority of the men involved are members of the Operating Engineers. We trust that they will show their appreciation in negotiations coming up in April.

The Schutte Company will start operations on the clearing of the Pine Flat Reservoir within the next week and will probably employ a considerable crew on the job. The company has 400 days plus to complete their contract.

## LINDSAY PIPE LINE

In Tulare County we have one new contract started, the R. A. Watson Company will build approximately six miles steel pipe which is part of the distribution system for the Friant Kern Canal in the vicinity of Lindsay. We have cleared several of the brothers to the job already and expect calls for additional men as the job progresses.

United Concrete Pipe, American Pipe & Construction Co., Concrete Conduit Co., are all progressing as the weather allows. The Orange Cove Irrigation District expect to extend operations this Spring on the laying of pipe within the district. We have been assured that on the excavation work and back fill will be let through contract.

H. Earl Parker Company have a spread of cats working just south of Porterville, levelling land, which is at the present time pretty much interrupted on account of rain. They are also completing their grading contract on the Tulare freeway job.

United Concrete Pipe Company are still working on structures and approaches on this same project and as soon as they receive the sanction of the State Highway Engineers they will start pouring concrete roadway.

We have received word from the Bechtel Company that they expect to start a housing project at Power House 3 for the Southern California Edison Company. This job entails a considerable amount of grading and excavating and will utilize several of the skimmers who have been employed by the company on the Power House 4 project. There is also a rumor that the Southern California Edison Co. will start construction on the Vermillion Valley dam. This is an earth fill reservoir and will be strictly a camp job and seasonal. If this job gets under way we will be able to accommodate a lot of the brothers who like to live in the high country.

## RESORT HIGHWAY

The Division of Highways have announced an allocation of \$900,000 plus for the construction of a new section of Highway 180, lead-

ing to General Grant and Kings Canyon National Park. This job scheduled to be bid in the early Spring months.

In Mariposa County on the All Year Highway to Yosemite National Park, Eaton & Smith Company are busy with several rigs without much interruption by weather. Further along the road on the Merced River, Piombo Bros. are still building retaining walls and doing rip rap work. They have sub-let the gravel and hot plant deal to Clement Company, who are now on the job setting up their plants.

Castle Field Air Base in Merced County is down on account of rain. Will not start for at least 10 days of good drying weather. About the same condition on the Barrett & Hilp Housing project, where Concrete Supply have stopped on paving operations.

The gravel plants throughout this district are all busy cracking rock, anticipating another good year of construction. The Stewart & Nuss Company are remodeling their plant at Pit No. 2 and eventually will move the bulk of their operations to this site. Although this plant is down our brothers are still being kept busy on remodeling operations.

The Gene Richards Company will start work on their contract on Blackstone within the next two weeks. This will be a rather slow progressing job, however, the company keeps a steady crew of operators busy throughout the year.

Thomas Construction Co. have started on their County - State bridge job across the San Joaquin river at Friant and will have work for a few of the brothers for the next three months.

Generally speaking, we have work ahead of us when weather conditions permit. At the present time we have an out of work list of approximately 160 men, many of whom have jobs to go back to.

May we remind the brothers during this slack period of employment that our blood bank could be built up. Please keep in mind that this bank is for the benefit of the members and their immediate families.

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## Salmon Grows Two Pounds a Month

The amazing growth of king salmon in California ocean waters—as much as two pounds a month—has been recorded for research purposes by an observant Oakland angler who returned the tags found on two fish he caught.

In addition, Captain L. H. Grant of the party boat "Iris," witnessed the most unusual tag return phenomenon in state records. The two tagged fish he caught in the same day were among those he tagged from the same boat more than six months earlier.

Captain Grant sent in precise measurements of the fish, along with the plastic discs, to the Dept. of Fish and Game.

From the information, marine biologists learned:

The two fish caught near Bolinas Bay, Marin County, were tagged and released from the "Iris" on February 18, the annual Department-San Francisco Tyee Club tag day.

In the 190-day period of freedom, one fish gained more than eight inches in length and 13 pounds in weight, while the second grew eight and five-eighths inches and 10 pounds.

Captain Grant was rewarded with two official commendation cards from the state agency, and biologists with valuable informa-

# Santa Rosa-Ukiah—STORMS HIT MENDOCINO, CUT ROADS

By GLENN DOBYNS, Business Representative

Rains have not marooned many of the towns in Mendocino County yet, except Fort Bragg, which was virtually an island community with all main roads to the coast city cut by swirling flood waters and main telephone lines to the city "out indefinitely." But there is plenty of high water and many county and state roads are closed.

Redwood highway was closed above Willits Thursday afternoon, but was opened Friday at noon. Travelers were taken through under control of the California Highway Patrol.

Highway 20 to Williams is still open and probably will not have to be closed. But there are miniature lakes of muddy water on both sides of the road to Cloverdale.

Talmage bridge has remained open in spite of the fact that water reached the running boards. And days later cars were still fording water on the road near the bridge.

Everything around Fort Bragg is closed. State Highway No. 1 will remain closed for several days because of a washout.

Word from Fort Bragg on Friday morning was "that there was no way out" from the town because of a slide at Dark Gulch.

Also the Willits to Fort Bragg road is closed because of water. And the road from Boonville to Fort Bragg along with the road to Point Arena. There are slides along the road and washouts below Fort Bragg and above Elk. The county road to Point Arena through Greenwood is still open, but the going is tough.

Six feet of water surged over Highway No. 1, north of Point Arena at the mouth of the Navarro River.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is asking the State Highway Commission to start construction of a limited access freeway between Petaluma and Santa Rosa, regardless of whether Petaluma Creek bridge must be delayed by the steel shortage.

The bridge will take the freeway across the creek south of Petaluma.

In an unanimously adopted resolution the board asked for earliest possible construction of the project and said that if restrictions should prohibit the bridge jobs, then other sections of the freeway project should be built rather than delay all work pending the bridge work.

The supervisors also recommended that the State acquire rights-of-way for the "early construction" of a freeway between Santa Rosa and Healdsburg and improvement of the Redwood Highway from Healdsburg to Cloverdale.

Lake County has also experienced high water.

Munn and Perkins Construction Company of Modesto have moved in for the resurfacing for the Mt. St. Helena job. Thomas Croft, acting as superintendent for Munn and Perkins has set up the rock plant at Middletown, which also was flooded. Although they did get the shovel to higher ground they had to postpone all work.

Brother Kenneth Broadshaw thinks it would be a good idea to put pontoons on his cat, while we find Brother C. Hector bobbing around in a row boat.

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## Lose Face, Fat

In Tokyo, government workers, prohibited by law from striking, developed a new technique for winning pay raises. They refused to eat lunch, fuming that the government would "lose face" if people got the idea it paid its employees so little they couldn't afford to eat.

tion for use in the salmon conservation program.

# Big, New Ukiah Plant Turns Out Treated Hardboards From Pulp

Miracles of lumbering are everyday routine at the new California plant of the Masonite Corporation at Ukiah.

By an amazing combination of mechanical and scientific operations, this great company reduces logs to fibers and with the fibers manufactures top quality lumber products—Masonite Presd-woods, also known as hardboards—which, in the firm's words, "possess many of the better characteristics of wood, plus additional advantages derived from processing." And, still more remarkable, this is accomplished with logs which, because of their low grade, small size or other shortcomings, are not good for normal lumber production.

The Masonite process was invented and developed by the late William H. Mason, an engineer who was associated with Thomas A. Edison for many years. In 1925, with the financial backing of a group of Wisconsin lumbermen, he incorporated the Mason Fiber Company, which in 1929 was renamed the Masonite Corporation. The first Masonite plant was established at Laurel, Mississippi, and now there are other plants in many parts of the world—Canada, Australia, Sweden, Italy and South Africa—plus subsidiaries in Chicago and in Dover, Ohio.

The Masonite plant at Ukiah represents a multi-million-dollar investment, with important additions under way and still more contemplated. The establishment consists of ten separate buildings on a 116-acre tract. Largest of the ten is the main factory, a steel and concrete structure 1018 feet long by 260 feet wide and housing many hundred tons of heavy machinery. Operations are directed by E. T. F. Wohldeberg, vice president and general manager, and William A. Cotton, assistant general manager.

This new industrial giant has brought numerous benefits and advantages to Ukiah and the area. The plant now has more than 500 employees and 250 others are engaged in logging and related activities. These jobs have greatly increased the community's income and, because of the gain in population, there has been considerable construction of homes and other buildings. Besides, the corporation is a substantial taxpayer and a large purchaser of materials.

Thirty-five miles from Ukiah, Masonite owns 70,000 acres of timber land, half of which is covered with virgin timber and the other half with second growth. Much of the second growth is fifty to sixty years old and ready for harvesting. University trained foresters plan and supervise all cutting operations, to make sure that a good stand of timber is left for growth. Also, trees are taken out in a way which will give the younger trees a chance to make fast growth and permit propagation of many more trees. Thus the forest will continually renew itself and provide a perpetual supply of logs, besides retaining its scenic beauty. For the transportation of logs to the plant, the company has built a 35-mile private highway.

At the Ukiah plant the Masonite process begins in the breakdown mill, where logs from the forest are delivered. Huge bandsaws cut the large logs into long sections, which are conveyed to the chipping machines, along with small logs that do not require sawing. A chipper is a large wheel with large knives and, running at great speed, it chips logs or sections of logs into pieces about an inch square and a quarter of an inch thick.

The chips go to storage silos, from which they are drawn as needed and screened for acceptable size. Next, in specially designed "guns," they are exploded into fibers by steam at very high pressure. The result is a brown fluffy mass, which is conveyed to tanks, where it is mechanically refined and washed to eliminate unwanted components. Then the fibrous mass is run over machines which draw out most of the water. After this the mass, in the form of "wetlap,"

is cut into 16-foot lengths.

From this point on there are alternate processes—wet and dry—for drying and pressing the "wetlap," which complete the making of hardboards.

In the wet process the "wetlap" is loaded into racks, twenty sheets at a time, and dried and pressed in one operation, which combines delicately controlled application of heat and pressure.

In the dry process the substantial difference is that the "wetlap" is dried on a long conveyor drier before being pressed.

Most of the hardboards are given a tempering treatment to increase their hardness, structural strength and resistance to wear and moisture. The tempering is done by impregnating them with certain compounds by immersing them in a vat, following which they are baked. All hardboards are humidified as a safeguard against varying atmospheric conditions. Finally they are trimmed and prepared for shipment.

Masonite hardboards are made in nineteen types and thicknesses for the dealer market and thirty-nine for industrial purposes. They will not split, splinter or crack. They can be sawed, shaped, routed or drilled with standard wood-working equipment. They can be laminated, die cut, bent to simple curves and given applied finish such as paint, varnish, stain, enamel, veneers and laminates. They can be used for flooring, exterior or interior wall panels, for making furniture and office or store furnishings, in many other fields.

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## Open More Shore To the Public!

Members of the California Wildlife Conservation Board have provided the key which is expected to unlock the gates facing many miles of California shoreline previously closed to anglers and other recreation-seekers.

By setting aside \$50,000 for the purchase of rights-of-way to Pacific Ocean beaches, the three-man board at its last meeting started the wheels rolling on its long-considered coastal access program. The allocation is in the nature of a trial, it was revealed, and amounts to about one-tenth of the estimated cost of the border-to-border seashore access plan.

The board made the provision that purchase of land between public roads and potential beach recreation areas with its share of State pari-mutuel funds be approved and requested by county boards of supervisors. Counties would be required to maintain the roads and operate recreation areas.

Marin is the only county which has so far proposed a specific access road plan, it was reported by Seth Gordon, director of the Dept. of Fish and Game, and former consultant of the board.

In other actions at its Los Angeles meeting the board:

Added \$8,000 to the original \$11,000 appropriation for the Lindo Lake public fishing area in San Diego County, to complete installation of three pumps which will provide warm-water fishing;

Appointed Everett Horn, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl and land-use specialist, as coordinator of the board's existing and proposed projects, effective as of Jan. 1;

Agreed to spend \$50,000 to rebuild the upper half of the Woodbridge fish ladder in San Joaquin County, destroyed in the 1950 floods, to assure an adequate salmon run in the Mokelumne River;

Allocated \$50,000 for construction of fish ladders on Clear Creek, 10 miles south of Redding, in order to open up about 30 miles of spawning area for salmon and steelhead.

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Demand interesting union meetings! Attend. Read labor press, Tune in Frank Edwards.

# News Roundup From Utah

C. R. VAN WINKLE, MERLIN BOWMAN, DON ELLIOTT and CHARLEY COCKAYNE

## Construction—Ogden and North

Old Man Winter has sure hit us below the belt with a hard punch of cold weather and storms. Because of this, work in northern Utah is practically at a standstill. A few contractors have manfully tried to carry on, which has kept a few of the boys working, and this is appreciated as it would have been an easy matter to button up the jobs.

A survey shows the following jobs open and carrying on: Arrington Construction Co. and Waterfall Construction Co. have kept a few small jobs, excavating and backfilling, at Weber College and Weber County High School. Hallday and Houritz are keeping a couple of rigs going when the weather permits.

Gibbons and Reed have started the underpass at Kaysville and the overpass at Lagoon. The work to date consists of some pipe work and test piling at Kaysville and some fill and test piling at Lagoon. Supt. Bryner tells us that they won't be able to do any more on these jobs until around the middle of February because they can't get piling until then.

## Salt Lake and Central

Weather has written the same story for the Salt Lake City area. A lot of the work has closed down, waiting for more moderate temperatures. Some of the jobs still limping along are: Fluor Corp. at Woods Cross, Bechtel Corp. at the Jordan Steam Plant, Utah Construction Co. at the Dyke, Utah Construction at Lark and Bingham. Wunderlich-Curlett still has a few of the boys, mostly on heating, at the Veterans Hospital. Enoch Smith & Sons are working a few small jobs around the area and want to get going on others, if we hear aught.

## Provo, South

The immediate Provo area is pretty much in the deep freeze due to the weather, but the outlying country still has some jobs going. Charley Sabey tells us that Lynn Creer Co. is digging through 18 inches of frost in an effort to complete its sewer and culinary water contracts by March. He says he would rather fight frost now than water later.

Utah Construction Co. is keeping its Sunnyside Tunnel job going strong, with three shifts. The dam part (we're not swearing) is keeping a few members busy stripping, leveling, and getting ready for the major work as the weather will permit (the weather has been more open there than in the rest of the state).

Bro. Del Mortensen is still on the job for Reynolds Construction Co., stockpiling in Emery County. The uranium mines at Greenriver are supposed to start up and we hope that we can find places there for a few members. Wells-Cargo's clay stripping job at Eureka has proven a steady job for a dozen members and the prospects are that they will keep going with one shift for awhile. After the "holing through" of Duchesne Tunnel, Graf-Callahan has found plenty of work to keep the members busy. They're getting ready to concrete-line the tunnel, which will probably run into another year's work.

## THE FUTURE

Someone has said that a "poet's idea of happiness" was remembering happier days, and to parallel that, a business representative's idea of happiness in the middle of winter, with the snowballs flying about, is looking forward to a busy spring. So here goes for our predictions as to the future:

The "out of work" list is smaller this winter than it was last winter, which means the contractors are hanging on to more of their men. The State of Utah plans the greatest road construction program in the history of the state for the coming year; \$10,295,000 has been approved for the year by the State Road Commission. This expenditure will be in addition to regular maintenance and repair costs and will improve 268 miles of state and federal highways in the state.

More work is rumored for Dugway and for the Desert Chemical Plant. Improvements are expected in most of the military facilities in the state. More expenditures can be expected for various types of plants which are beginning to dot the area. There is still strong talk of a large airplane factory near Salt Lake City. More developments in the iron ore area around Cedar City are slated, according to information reaching our office, and should lead to an increase in employment there.

More and more talk reaches us of bigger developments in the uranium fields, and this may prove helpful in building up the employment picture.

The State Road Commission, according to reports, is getting ready to start the uranium road projects in the southeastern part of the state. This will involve over a million dollars of work and will be on a rental basis, not a contract basis.

All in all, from this viewpoint, it looks like a good year for the operating engineers.

## News from Mines, Mills and Shops

### KENNECOTT COPPER CO.

Agreement reopened for wages. Two meetings to date have been held with the company. No progress has been made to date. Your local is again participating in the Kennecott Joint Negotiating Committee, next meeting Jan. 21. New agreement should be printed soon and ready for distribution among the members. Some progress has been made on the pension plan.

### IRON MINES, CEDAR CITY

Agreement still open for adjustment of wages. No formal meetings are slated on this subject as yet, however the subject has been informally discussed. No basis has developed as yet for a settlement. Some trouble with the company over heating of shop at Iron Springs. We hope it will have been settled satisfactorily before this reaches you. We are reliably informed that the company contemplates building of a new shop at Iron Springs.

### VITRO-CHEMICAL

No agreement on wages has been reached to date. In fact, a stalemate exists. The situation has been explained to the membership and at a special meeting the membership, by secret ballot, voted almost unanimously to strike if no satisfactory offer is made. The Conciliation Service has been informed and is calling a meeting of union and company.

### SAND AND GRAVEL

This industry, like the construction industry upon which it relies, is pretty low at present.

### CONTRACTORS' SHOPS

Most of the contractors' shops are pretty busy. Field men have been called in and additions have been made to the crews. Getting ready for a big year this coming year, we hope.

### LANG COMPANY

The Regional Wage Stabilization Board at Denver has approved only part of the settlement with this company. This will be retroactive to July 1, and should be in the members' hands by the time this reaches you. Negotiations are now being carried on in the hope that an additional raise can be worked out.

## State-Road News

A lot of appreciation is being expressed by all the people who are using the highways this winter for the great job the State road crews are doing in keeping the highways open during the vicious storms we are having. Plenty of people are aware and are appreciative of the fact that you are called out at all hours of the day and night and are expected to carry on around the clock until the roads are open.

The tremendous jobs being done on Highway 40 from Daniels Canyon to Vernal, and at the other canyons, Logan, Sardine, Weber, Parley's, Provo, Spanish Fork, Price, and all the passes in the state, in fact on all the highways, is being commended by all thinking citizens of the state. We want to add a note of commendation to the shop crews, without whom the equipment wouldn't stand up under the beating it is taking.

### VACATIONS

Information has reached us that some State Road Supervisors put out information that vacations had to be taken before the end of 1951, or the unused portion would be forfeited. For your information, we quote the following from the rulings of the State Board of Examiners, adopted Aug. 23, 1951:

"5. Each employee who has been in the service of the State for a period of six months or more shall be granted a vacation with pay of one work-day for each month served. In the event that an employee is hired on an hourly basis, his vacation pay shall be computed on the basis of an eight-hour day, and he shall be entitled to the same holidays with pay as are salaried employees.

"6. If vacation time is earned, it may be had at the time of leaving the State's service.

"7. With the approval of the head of the department, vacation time may be accumulated up to a total of 30 days.

"8. Each department shall maintain records showing vacation time, sick leave and all other absences for each employee."

If any of the members feel that they have not received their full amount of vacation, please get that information to us so that we can take it up in the next grievance meeting.

### SICK LEAVE

For the information of our membership, we quote from the action of the Board of Examiners at the same meeting mentioned above on the question of sick leave:

"9. No employee shall be continued on the payroll for a period of more than 30 days' absence from his duties due to illness or otherwise, other than for vacations earned, except by special permission of the Board of Examiners first had and obtained, provided a medical certificate shall be furnished to the department head in the event an employee is absent on account of illness for more than five consecutive days.

"10. Sick leave of 1 1/2 day for each month of continuous service shall be allowed each employee, but sick leave shall be taken only in case of illness."

If any of our members feel that they haven't received their full rights under this ruling, we would appreciate being informed so we can investigate and adjust the matter for you.

Negotiations are being carried on with the "powers that be" in an attempt to better your conditions and wages, and we hope to have some news for you in the next few days. Do your share to help. Bring in a new member.

## Personal Notes

We regret very much the passing in death in December of our good friend and associate, Bro. Hy Little. We miss his cheery welcome in the Engine Shop and his passing has left a void in our lives that will take a long time to fill. Our lives have been made a little better and brighter by our association with him. We sincerely hope that a kind providence watches over and assuages the grief of his bereaved family. . . .

Bro. Fred Harding had a little bad luck while working for Consolidated Western Steel at Geneva, as it seems that he is allergic to blast furnace gas. The result was a serious and very inconvenient breaking-out all over his body. And, as if that wasn't enough, his father passed away just before the holidays. To Bro. Harding and his family we extend our sincerest sympathies. . . . Bro. Francis Price, who was reported convalescing last month at St. Mark's Hospital after a back operation, has recovered sufficiently to return to his home in Cedar City but will not be able to be back at work for several more months. . . . Bro. Glen Halterman is still in the Veterans Hospital but is reported to be responding well to treatment. . . . Bro. Warren Richardson has made his annual trek to Virginia, according to his Christmas card. . . .

Bro. Willis Pueblo, of Provo, plans to make San Francisco his home for awhile, so he says, but we wouldn't be surprised to see him back before next summer is over. . . . Bro. Bert Cheever, steward in the crane department at Kennecott, spent the period from Dec. 26 'til Jan. 7 in the hospital. Reason, ulcers. Either too much Christmas or worry. Which, Bert? He was up and around on Jan. 8. Best of luck, Bert.

# REDDING HAS GOOD YEAR, BUT IS SNOWBOUND NOW

By E. A. HESTER, Business Representative

At the beginning of the New Year it is customary to say something about the old year that has just passed, and which was a very good year. The work was not too plentiful for our craft, but what we did have, we were blessed with better conditions, and better pay than ever before. We were also

000 but now they have it up to \$190,000,000.

### ROAD AROUND SHASTA

The ten-year dispute between the Bureau of Reclamation and the county has been settled over who and how the road should be built around the Shasta reservoir. It seems the county was in favor of a trail, and the Bureau wanted to build a road. The Bureau won, and \$850,000 has been appropriated for the first eleven miles which bids will be called for in the very near future. It will take about 190 miles of highway to circle the Shasta reservoir.

It might be interesting to you to know that nearly a million tourists visited Shasta Dam in the year 1951. Tourists from every state in the union, including those from many foreign countries.

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A revival service was being held and one of the partners in a butcher shop had joined the church. He tried to get his partner to do likewise. "I can't do it, John," replied the partner when the insistence became irksome, "Who'll do the weighin' if I join."

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The church organ was playing softly. The wedding guests were hushed. The demure young bride; her face a mask of winsome innocence, slowly walked down the aisle, clinging to the arm of her father. As they reached the platform before the altar, she brushed a potted flower and it fell with a resounding crash. Raising her child-like eyes to the sedate old face of the minister she exclaimed: "Who in —ell put that plant there?"

## SCHEDULE OF UTAH MEETINGS

### Road Meetings

- Thursday, January 7, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Roosevelt City Hall, Roosevelt.
- Wednesday, January 23, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Fillmore, Utah.
- Place to be announced.
- Thursday, January 24, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City
- Friday, January 25, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—County Court House, Logan
- Wednesday February 13, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Labor Temple, 161 W. 1st No., Provo
- Thursday, February 14, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Price City Hall, Price
- Tuesday, February 19, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main, Salt Lake City
- Thursday, February 21, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Roosevelt City Hall, Roosevelt

## Schedule of Utah Meetings for Construction, Sand & Gravel, Iron Ore, and Kennecott Copper Corp. Members

- Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1952—Kennecott Copper Corp. Members, 1:00 p. m.; Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Hall, Bingham Canyon, Utah, 3:30 p. m.; Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Hall, Bingham Canyon, Utah, 7:30 p. m., Midvale City Hall, Midvale, Utah.
- Friday, Jan. 25, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Iron Mines Members, El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah.
- Tuesday, Feb. 12, 1952, 7:00 p. m.—Lang Co. members, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Friday Feb. 8, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Sand, Gravel and Construction, Labor Temple, 161 W. 1st N., Provo, Utah.
- Wednesday Feb. 13, 1952, 8:00 p. m.—Sand, Gravel and Construction, Engineers Hall, 1969 So. Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Tuesday, Feb. 19, 1952—Kennecott Copper Corp. members, 1:00 p. m., Mill, Mine and Smelter Workers Hall, Bingham Canyon, Utah 3:30 p. m., Mine, Mill, and Smelter Workers Hall, Bingham Canyon. 7:30 p. m., Midvale City Hall, Midvale, Utah.

# INFORMATION GIVEN ON COMPENSATION

Questions and answers on Workmen's Compensation Laws prepared by the Industrial Accident Commission, submitted by Commissioner Frank A. Lawrence.

**QUESTION**  
What should an injured workman or his dependents do if an employer or its insurance carrier fails, neglects or refuses to pay, or to provide the full compensation benefits, or if any dispute arises concerning the initial right to any such benefit?

**ANSWER**  
In such a case or cases, an Application for Adjustment of Claim should be filed promptly with the Industrial Accident Commission.

**QUESTION**  
Where may one obtain the necessary forms of application?

**ANSWER**  
Applications for Adjustment of Claims may be obtained by contacting in person, or by letter, any office of the Industrial Accident Commission. At present the Commission maintains two offices, the principal one being located at 965 Mission street, San Francisco. Another office is maintained in the State Building at Los Angeles.

**QUESTION**  
Is the Application for Adjustment of Claim readily understandable by the average workman?

**ANSWER**  
The Commission's form of Ap-

plication for Adjustment of Claim is simple in context, general in its requirements as to the statement of the controversy, and readily understandable to the average workmen. It is completed by the simple process of fill-ins under each of which there is given the necessary explanatory note or direction.

**QUESTION**  
Is any charge made in connection with the filing or service of such applications?

**ANSWER**  
No. The necessary application forms are furnished, filed and served by the Commission upon all essential parties to a given controversy, all without charge.

**QUESTION**  
If several separate and independent injuries have been sustained by the same workman, and are in controversy, how many applications should he file?

**ANSWER**  
For the legal protection of a claimant to workmen's compensation benefits, a separate application should be filed for each separate and independent injury for which such benefits are claimed, whether or not the employer be the same in each case.

**QUESTION**  
Are there any special requirements for the filing of claims for compensation benefits on account of claimed serious and wilful misconduct, or in connection with an occupational disease which may have arisen out of more than one employment?

**ANSWER**  
In each of these cases, by Commission Rule or statutory requirement, there exist certain special requirements which should be followed.

**QUESTION**  
What special requirement exists where a claim of serious and wilful misconduct is made?

**ANSWER**  
All claims alleging that an injury was caused by serious and wilful misconduct must be in writing, and set out the specific basis upon which the charge is founded. Where such claim is based upon more than one theory, each theory must be separately stated. Whenever such claim is based upon the alleged violation of a Safety Order, the correct citation or reference to such Safety Order must be given. Aids in preparation and trial should not be overlooked. The Division of Industrial Safety can usually advise whether a particular operation, or process, is covered by, or subject to any existing Safety Order, or Orders. The safety statutes contained in the Labor Code should be carefully checked to determine their applicability, if any, to be the facts of a given claim.

**QUESTION**  
What special requirement exists where a claim for compensation benefits is made on account of an occupational disease which may have arisen out of more than one employment?

**ANSWER**  
Where such a claim for occupational disease is presented, the application, in addition to giving the usual information required for industrial injuries, is required to state the names and addresses of all employers, the places of employment, and the appropriate periods of employment where the claimant was exposed to the hazard of the occupational disease in question.

**QUESTION**  
Is it possible for an injured or diseased workman, or his dependents to lose his or their rights through failure to file an application within the time provided by law?

**ANSWER**  
Yes. Unless a claim for workmen's compensation benefits is filed with the Industrial Accident Commission within the time, or

# The B.A. Is Blamed For Everything; Members Can Help

R. E. McCARTHY  
Business Representative, Local 39  
Stockton and Modesto Area

Bad news starts this column this month. Bro. Vern Hubbard, engineer at Bordens, Modesto, overbalanced himself on a ladder, trying to keep from landing on his noggin on the concrete, he jumped backwards and broke both feet. Verne will be laid up for quite a spell owing to this accident.

Bro. Lemmie Berry, engineer at California Milk in Gustine, was an accident victim while trying to help out a friend; result, a broken collar bone. He is up and around but doesn't dare swing his wing much. Feeling sorry for these two boys is one thing, but it pays to heed safety signs. It can happen to you. So let's all watch our step when working.

When I was first elected Business Representative of the Engineers, I probably was like a lot of other fellows in thinking all that happens can be blamed on the Business Representative of any Local. I wonder if the members of the local realize that they are part of the fault of the Business Representative in his endeavors to gain everything for them and do it without striking the job or punching the employer in the nose. When you join a union and there are many jobs where NLRB elections have been held and you feel that you must join, do you take an active part in the organization? Do you attend your meetings? Take an active part in discussions or do you act like a jerk and never say anything but criticize the Bus. Rep. and all he represents?

I wonder how long a going business would exist if the stockholders were like the average union member? I wonder if the average member ever realizes that his union is in the spotlight all the time. If the union member had to attend all the meeting that the Bus. Rep. has to, he would probably be figuring on how to stretch twenty-four hours to twenty-six, so that he would be every place that he is supposed to be. Business Representatives find themselves behind the eight ball before they ever get started. So you can as members spare a little time, say one or two hours a month by attending your meetings, or are you going to continue the thought in mind, we are paying a Bus. Rep. and he is supposed to be a Diogenes and King Solomon all rolled into one.

Visited the Golden State Co. at Los Banos. Same story as always, nothing but arguments by Brother Dan Bartell, Leroy Coulon, Joe McConnell, Manuel Periera and James Davenport, five against one. I am going to complain to the U.N. about this.

I had better treatment at the Los Banos Dairymen's Association, maybe because Brother Ray Eldred and Manuel Vincent was on shift.

Visited the M.P.A. at Modesto the other day arriving there just about 12:15 p.m. The fellows were just finished eating their lunch and were going in for some heavy entertainment such as checkers. A good pastime between Bro. Clyde Chandler and Geo. Capps, they sure were giving some stranger the works; he just did not have a chance. Checker fiends such as Bro. Chandler and Capps should not be allowed to roam free to pick on unsuspecting friends by inviting

times prescribed, the right to recover such benefits may become outlawed and thus one may lose his rights to such benefits.

**QUESTION**  
Are the periods within which applications for benefits must be filed prescribed by law, by rule of the Commission, or both?

**ANSWER**  
The periods within which proceedings may be commenced for the recovery of the benefits of workmen's compensation are prescribed by law, and not by Commission rule.

# Work is Fair in Marysville District Despite Much Rain

By WM. WAACK, LES COLLETT, Business Representatives  
Happy New Year to all members of Local No. 3 everywhere and we would like to say that the year of 1951 was the best ever in the Marysville district and we believe that 1952 will be as good or even better.

## Northbay Engrs. Busy on Jobs

(Continued from page 2)

bers. There is to be two more of the same type buildings to be built in the near future, we understand.

Basalt Steel plant received a small shipment of steel just in time to prevent a halt in production of pipe. Foreman Brother "Keg" Samuelson has done a good job of creating work to keep members busy during slack times . . . been very little lay-off this winter.

Reports from the Morrison & Knudsen Co. job, via Ted Romaine, are just about the same. Bro. Jack Rutherford still trying to keep Bros. G. Schupert, Dick Cooper, "Whitey" Osborne and F. Welsh busy . . . swell bridge group, with one kibitzer. Shop operations in motion — overhauling all equipment that is in need of same . . . Master Mark Smith wants to have 'em ready to roll. We understand Brother "Squeaky" Siria, of the maniac dept., is quite a duck hunter . . . seems he went hunting and couldn't find his way home without the aid of a Sheriff's posse. Wife only permits him out to go to work, accompanied by a fellow maniac. He received an Xmas gift of a compass—a neat rig, but alas, a little late . . . complained the bell should have been a little larger. Must have been quite a Xmas party Mark threw for the boys . . . seems Bill Dickson had a good time!

Bros. "Rawhide" Schmittou and Jack Miller, there's a cute couple, still run a bit of batch plant. Bro. J. Taylor is the guardian of swing-shift . . . holds the post down all alone and is not afraid of man nor beast. Bro. Leo Boothe doing the grease-up job with his steam cleaner operator—Carl Lee on job. The rains made a ghost town of the project . . . no one worth mentioning in sight but "Hardway" Armitage, general super., he being there at all times. Everyone that was on the job was ALL WET to put it mildly. "Ted" states there is hope in the hearts (even the heartless) that there will be additional work of some size in the near future.

Bros. Al Carlos, Elmer Wise, James A. Humphreys, Glen Blakeley, Tom Shaw and Fritz Bohlmann, Jr., all traded some of that green stuff for a GOLD one.

Our sincere thanks to Bros. Buster Lock and Stuart Moncrief for their blood donations . . . PLEASE, FELLOWS, how about a little more cooperation in this matter?

them to play a game of checkers.

Bro. James Mitchell, who is a member of Local 3, was busy taking out a withdrawal card; reason, going into the gas business, at 1005 Yosemite Blvd., Modesto. Gas, oil and spare parts will be available at this station, so let's give him a hand, fellows.

Bro. Lee Collins, chief engineer at Armour's, is on official leave from the job. Seems that Lee was lifting a small weight when he felt something give in his tummy; result, a hernia operation and a month off. Tough, Lee, but it happens to the best of them.

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### GIFT LABOR GIFS

Chicago (LPA)—Each of the 150 members of Plumbers Local 130 serving in the armed forces received a Christmas present that will grow in value as long as it's kept: Just one of those nice \$100 defense bonds with the local's best wishes.

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In the first year of the British National Health Service, 8½ million pairs of spectacles were provided; courses of dental treatment numbered 6,882,836 plus 1,512,180 claims for casual emergency treatment.

Work is holding up pretty good for this time of the year and we don't have so many on the out of work list as in past years. However, we are dedicated to the proposition that things are bad when we have only one member of this union out of work regardless of the time of year.

H. Earl Parker Co. have a few rigs on landleveling around here at the moment plus a few men on the Yuba River job and a repair crew in the shop. In talking with Mr. Parker today he stated he had a shovel and two cats to go on a job in Shasta County and about 25 pieces of pig iron down in the Fresno area.

Rice Bros. have a little piece of grading and paving in the Oswald District and doing some work around their gravel plants for the local trade.

Landleveling has not been too steady around the area due to rain and we are completely satisfied the farmers have enough moisture for the time being at least. All the local contractors get out as the weather permits.

### CAMP BEALE JOB

A. D. Shader Co. of San Francisco was low bidder on the railroad project for Camp Beale Airforce Base. In the amount of \$391,000. This is the first contract let on the base where any work has been for engineers. We hope the job will get started soon.

Archie L. Till Co. and the Smith Bros. still have a few cats on the river at Hammonton. These boys can work rain or shine and they are all equipped with foul weather gear.

We have a new company starting on the Yuba River. George Belote and Associates are starting Hallwood Sand & Gravel Co. with ½-yard unit dragline and one-yard Hough loader and some new G.M.C. trucks. We have a signed agreement with this company and wish every success in their new venture.

The E. K. Moseman Co. on the railroad underpass job in Oroville are doing as well as could be expected and keep a couple of good brothers on the payroll.

Walsh Const. Co. have a few of the members doing repair work in the Oroville yard.

The New York Machine Shop keep the regular men every winter. Kaiser Sand & Gravel did a lot of stock piling and now will add some needed repairs after a busy season.

Shellmaker Dredging Co. have a floating dredge in the river above Los Plumas Power House Dam in the Feather River Canyon with about five to six months work.

### OROVILLE-CHICO

The H. W. Ruby Co. on the Oroville Wye bridge jobs are doing the best they can to keep a couple of dragline crews, a compressor man and mechanic busy.

The Butte Creek Rock Co. in Chico has the regular crews around the yard and shop with the outside construction heavily curtailed at present.

The O'Hair Co. in Colusa, said they were at a standstill for the moment but doing some close figuring on several jobs. Mr. O'Hair and young Mike had a good hunting trip to Montana and each got a fine large elk and some nice pictures.

We sure did appreciate the many fine Christmas cards from the various members and especially those who wrote from overseas.

On January 5th, the two young sons of Brother Leon Bagley were very seriously burned by a gasoline fire and are in bad shape in the Yuba City Hospital. We hope and pray for the lives of these two little lads, one 2 years and one 3 years of age.

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Patronize Union services only—Look for the Shop Card when patronizing any firms.

# Fresno 39ers Get 10% Pay Increase

By M. G. CAMPBELL  
Business Agent, Local 39

Agreements just completed: J. B. Hill Grain Co. and Ranchers' Cotton Oil Co. The full allowable 10 per cent under WSB was granted.

The brothers working at the Sun Maid Raisin Assn. who are employed by the month are to receive \$337.50, effective as of Jan. 1. When they work by the hour, five days per week, they receive 50c a day above the rate of the monthly men. When they work less than five days a week they receive \$1 per day over the monthly rate.

Have had several meetings on negotiations with the hospitals, with no settlement at this date.

One meeting has been held regarding the agreement with the Laundry Industry.

In view of the fact that all the brothers are working, no doubt they all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

NOTE: According to C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, under terms of state AFL-sponsored legislation the maximum weekly disability benefits have been boosted to \$30. Both weekly payments and hospital benefits to strikers, disabled through accident or hospitalized for cause not connected with strike action. Payments of weekly benefits plus regular wages (including vacation or sick leave, etc.) up to 70 per cent of regular wages. Payment of hospital benefits in addition to full regular wages.

The Federal Security Agency of Vocational Rehabilitation will furnish medical examination in every case to determine the extent of disability, to determine work capacity, and to help determine eligibility, at no cost to the individual. Individual counsel and guidance in every case to help the disabled person select and attain the right job objective, at no cost to the individual. Medical, surgical, and hospital care as needed, to remove or reduce disability. Public funds may be used to meet those costs to the extent that the disabled is unable to pay from his own funds.

They also render many other services with the object in view of endeavoring to aid every disabled individual rehabilitate himself (or herself).

Our next regular meeting will be held at 280 North Van Ness Ave., Fresno, the fourth Tuesday of the month, Jan. 22, at 8 p.m. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month.



# REDWOOD EMPIRE IS NEAR WATERLOGGED

By A. R. McCaffrey, Business Representative, Local 3

Up here in the Redwood Empire we are having weather, and when I say weather, I mean just that. Snow, ice, hail and plenty of water. All of the major rivers in the area have been above flood stage. The Eel, Mad and Smith Rivers have all been over their banks flooding the areas where they normally flow. Along with all the rain, we have had some exceptionally high tides which didn't help matters any. Under these conditions, as you realize, construction work is practically at a standstill.

At this time we have about 20 members on the out-of-work list. Most of these brothers have jobs, but are unable to work because of weather conditions. Just as soon as one of the larger incomplete jobs starts, weather permitting, our out-of-work list will be nil, as it was before the rains. It looks like a busy program for next spring, but a slow spell for the next couple of months.

Up at Patrick Creek, C. W. Peterson's job is shut down because of the weather. One week, too much rain and floods—the next week, too much snow.

Macco Corp. has torn the big Manitowoc down and shipped it out. This is the last piece of equipment they had at Crescent City, so we bid farewell to a swell outfit and hope to have them back sometime in the future. Perhaps if Uncle Sam had not been so slow in taking out his wallet, Macco-M&K would still be there with more jetty work to do next spring.

Fred Korthase has his operations scattered over two counties. He has enough work lined up at present to keep him busy for at least another six months. He has work going on in Crescent City, Klamath, Orick, and Blue Lake. Most of his work can progress through rough weather, which gives several of the brothers a break.

Bosch & Cummings haven't done much lately for the same reason everyone is shut down—weather. At last reports, there was over a foot of snow on their job at Redwood Summit.

Capwell & Sanderson have just finished a fill job on Murray Street for one of the radio stations and at present most of their work consists of hauling gravel. Bro. Sanderson tells us he has several nice jobs lined up for the coming spring.

### GOOD SEASON AHEAD

All indications show that there will be a great deal of activity this coming season. Fredrickson Bros., who are shut down at Scotia and Alton because of winter weather, will start to roll again. The Alton job is almost completed while the Scotia job has barely been "scratched."

Mercer Fraser Co. still has the two overpasses on Burns Freeway in Arcata to complete, and numerous jobs for lumber companies and private individuals.

Maurer & Son have several jobs under way and work at every break in the weather. The largest of these is the sewer job in Arcata. They also have a road to rock on Kneeland, but can't get to it because of snow.

Bro. Tom Hull is near completion on his Harris Street water main and nobody will be sorry. He works at every opportunity on his other jobs, which are a water main, a sewer job, and various piledriving jobs. With the wet weather, the going is slow and muddy but Bro. Tom is making progress.

Bro. Louie Conner is taking it easy like all the rest of the contractors around here. He has most of his equipment at his yard being overhauled and getting ready for a busy season.

Bro. John Jackson has taken advantage of the bad weather and has gone on vacation while his jobs are shut down.

John Petersen has done likewise. However, his jobs work whenever the weather permits, Pete or no Pete.

Bro. Dean Langford of Klamath has his strings of Cats and other equipment parked in Crescent City. He and his able crew are

overhauling equipment and getting ready to work when they can. The area where Bro. Dean has his equipment is right across the road from the Caterpillar dealer—no lost time going after parts.

The following brothers and firms are working fairly steady rocking various roads throughout the area: Bros. Kelly and McWhorter, A&E Readimix, Melvin Kadle, Bro. R. C. Melohn, and Eureka Sand and Gravel.

### HIGHWAYS, PLYWOOD

At this time the Division of Highways has been allocated funds for the following jobs, with more to follow at a later date:

For resurfacing 1.9 miles of Highway 199, from the foot of Oregon Mountain to the Oregon border, estimated cost \$120,000.

For grading on Highway 101 from Gannon Slough to 9/10 mile north of Arcata, a distance of 2.9 miles, estimated cost \$600,000.

Other work due to start is: A 38-unit Public Housing project for the city of Eureka, estimated at \$750,000, and

A \$1,500,000 plywood mill at Freshwater Corners. Construction is to start next month. When completed, this mill will have an output of six million square feet a month.

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## Calif. Conservation Week Is Mar. 7-14

The elimination of wasteful practices in our daily life will be the theme of California's 18th annual Conservation Week, March 7 through 14. State Director of Natural Resources Warren T. Hannum, general chairman, announced the theme as private organizations and State and Federal agencies prepared for the annual observance. Hannum is vice president of the sponsoring California Conservation Council.

Agencies concerned with various aspects of natural resources use and protection will cooperate during the week to provide speakers and materials for conservation meetings planned by various civic, fraternal, educational, and other organizations throughout the state. Director Hannum urges all private organizations to feature conservation programs in their group meetings during the week.

Complete program guides, with suggestions on how organizations might participate in the week's activities, are available upon request to the California Conservation Council, 912 Santa Barbara St., Santa Barbara, California.

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## Labor Barons

In London, the House of Lords took on an increasing union complexion as King George bestowed the title of Baron on four leaders of the British Labor Party. As members of the House of Lords the Labor men will reduce even more the power of the nobility to block legislation favoring social reform and unions.

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## Hawaii—AWAIT NAVY OK ON BIG ISLAND JOB

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ  
Business Representative

Although money has been appropriated, materials in stock and manpower is available for Kaneohe Marine Base, the Navy has not given Contractors Mid-Pac the go ahead sign on the rehabilitation and new barracks work. Our engineers numbering around 50, however, are still working at the operating base and on the landing strip.

Len Construction will probably start its \$8 million low cost housing project in late February if they complete their Barbers Point project on schedule. Financial guarantee under the Wherry Housing Act has been obtained through local and mainland interests.

With dredging being accentuated by the Navy and the Army for the forward areas on four hydraulic dredges, the employers may try the west coast for additional help if needed as local employers are desirous also to complete their dredging contracts in the islands.

Four of our dredgemen are due to leave for Okinawa for Pacific Dredging Company. They are James McCandless, Ieverman; George Maliikapu, engine room operator and tug operators James Oponui and Julius Kānalulu. For Mid-Pac we have already processed through for the dredge Norfolk, 2 levermen—Dave Eckman and Barney Ruzbarsky, Joe Cathcart, deck captain and Eugene Aiu, deck mate. These men will be supplemented by a full crew when the dredge leaves for Manila on January 16.

### DOWN FROM ALASKA

It must be very cold up north (Alaska) as Bro. Roberts out of 302, Seattle, is now working out of this branch and enjoying our good old Hawaiian sunshine. Bro. Christman, Local 12, who is working here just wants to get away from home (Los Angeles) maybe to Manila. Bro. Barney Sullivan, master mechanic for Mid-Pac is putting the dredge Norfolk through its paces in tests with Navy technicians. He hails from Stockton and is an oldtimer with San Francisco Bridge and Dredging.

We're hoping that Bro. Ernest Chee, back from Ceylon, India, will receive confirmation from M. & K. to recruit a top crew of local engineers for equipment handling on their foreign work in India and elsewhere.

The lowest bidder for the Windward approach to the Pali was Moses Akiona. He bid \$514,000. The next bid was \$772,000. The highest bid was \$997,000 by Tanaka who just completed the section before the above approach. A difference of almost one-half million dollars between the highest and lowest. Screwy business if you ask me.

Chicago Bridge and Iron Works is in town and using John Spencer as their crane man. John is just back from Kwajalein. He has worked there about three years in all.

Holmes & Narver is again sending our men down to Eniwetok on their A. E. C. project. Bro. Jonah Kenolio is also back from Eniwetok after almost a two year contract. He has been asked to return February 5 after resting a bit.

Bro. Albert Ching, equipment foreman for Mid-Pac on Kwajalein is slated to return after spending the holidays in town. He may hire out for Spain instead, if his call comes through from New York.

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## Democrats Lead

New York.—There are almost 3 times as many Democrats as there are Republicans in New York City.

A tabulation of the Board of Elections shows that there are 1,226,825 Democrats enrolled, and 395,117 Republicans. There are 96,772 members of the Liberal Party and 55,851 members of the American Labor Party.

## POSTMEN CHEATED, AFL SAYS

Washington (LPA)—Thousands of postal employees have been "cheated" out of a \$100-a-year pay raise through orders of Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson charges William C. Doherty, president of the AFL National Association of Letter Carriers.

Calling Donaldson "the modern Scrooge", Doherty accused him of "deliberate misinterpretation of the intent of Congress to deny postal employees the proper grade promotions contained in the October pay bill". Donaldson's ruling applies to men joining the postal service since June 30, 1945, Doherty said in announcing the union will appeal to the Comptroller General.

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## Work in Heaven?

In Washington, AFL and CIO government unions advised their members that they wouldn't have to return to work at the Defense Department after their death. The union received a copy of the Civilian Personnel Regulations which included the following clause: "Annual leave continues to accrue to the employee's credit during periods of leave with pay, provided there is a return to duty. A return to duty is not required in the following cases, however: (1) DEATH, (2) DISABILITY."

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Take care of your health and your union—your best friends.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (LPA)—Members of the Central Labor Union worked as volunteers at the downtown both of the Salvation Army's Christmas drive. The Musicians' union furnished the music.

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# WEATHER STALLS SANTA CLARA JOBS

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and A. J. "BUCK" HOPE  
Business Representatives, Local 3

The recent heavy rains and even snow have all but paralyzed this district. At this writing, we have about seventy-five men on the unemployed list. In parts of this territory the rainfall was so heavy that the children had to go to school in rowboats. So, brothers, you may draw your own conclusions as to the work situation in and around Santa Clara County. The rain in the extreme southern part of the district has not been quite so heavy and in the oil fields—San Ardo and Greenfield—the boys have not lost too much time. Nevertheless, they too were tied up for awhile, but activities have now been resumed.

## ATKINSON SHUTS DOWN QUARRY

The latest bad news is that the Atkinson Co. has just decided to "winterize" its quarry on Stevens Creek, which means "shut her down for the winter." The shutting down of the quarry will hamper Atkinson's work at Moffett Field as well and some engineers will suffer a layoff.

This also goes for A. J. Peters, American Pipe, and other contractors who have work on the Field, and whose work must run concurrently with the major project. Some of the work can run regardless of weather conditions. Raymond Concrete Pile just moved in a driver to hammer the pile for the new tunnel foundation for the NACA. Carl N. Swenson Co. has the \$1,500,000 foundation contract and has been making fair progress for this time of year.

There has been no official word yet as to when Fredrickson and Watson will get going on the East-side Freeway. They were recently declared low bidders on this work. We hope for good news on this, soon.

The news in regard to Lexington Dam is more encouraging. It is almost certain that bids will be called for sometime early in March.

The newly-rerouted Los Gatos-Santa Cruz Highway was officially declared open about two weeks ago and there is little evidence left of either Atkinson or Clements ever having been around there at any time. However, we must say these two firms did a very fine job of road-building on the project.

Bro. Leslie Pettit, one of our "old-time supers," is maintaining a steady crew of about six engineers on Crow Bros. cats. Crow Bros. have a nice job with the Water District which will last for several months. This work is in conjunction with the Lexington Dam. It consists of new roads, relocation of many, and some clearing for the reservoir. This is about the only job which did not have to close down on account of the recent rains.

The new O'Connor Hospital, which is being constructed by Barrett & Hilp of San Francisco, has suffered a major delay in its completion date. The same applies to Casey & Case Foundations Co., who were all but drowned in their operations, though no doubt by the time this is off the press their contract will be completed and construction on this much-needed institution will have been resumed.

**SOUTHERN TERRITORY**  
Several of the jobs in the Santa Cruz area have been shut down due to rain, but the sand and gravel plants are still operating.

Granite Construction Co. has an \$80,000 water line for Boulder Creek. McGuire & Hester have started their sewer job in Santa Cruz.

About the only work in progress around Watsonville is in Granite's two shops. The PG&E plants are running as usual. Granite Construction has about 10,000 yards to move at Moss Landing, and Western Consolidated is erecting three tanks on this job. Lyles & Robinson of the Castroville area haven't made too much progress on their work because of the bad weather.

The Monterey area is fortunate in that rain does not hamper them too much on account of so much sand. Granite Construction Co. has a number of small jobs going here.

The four sewer jobs under construction in this area—by Dorfman, Stolte, Barrett & Hilp, and Manuel Smith—are all progressing nicely. Dorfman is expected to be through shortly.

Around 500 houses are being constructed for Navy personnel in Monterey. The Alliance Construction Co. of Los Angeles was low bidder and have just completed 140 of the homes. Granite Construction Co. is doing the excavating on this job.

George Augusta will start grading for the new school job in Seaside within a few days. This job covers about 40,000 yards and is a \$650,000 contract. Granite Construction Co. is keeping five or six of the brothers busy in Carmel Valley. Hold Construction Co. is to build 22 homes in the valley, which will keep four rigs busy for two and a half to three months. Bro. Harley Davidson is superintendent on this job.

We understand the big Fort Ord project—grading and building of barracks—will run around \$19,000,000. Most of the money will be allotted for the grading. However, that is just a small portion of the total amount of this job.

Bro. Pete Pace of Fredrickson & Watson has completed his Chular job and now is on a well-earned vacation. Lyles Pipeline Co. has just about completed their contract for PG&E at Soledad.

Salinas has been very quiet. They have a sewer contract to be bid on in three weeks. Donahue Construction Co. keeps about four of the brothers the year round.

Granite's job at Hollister has been shut down because of rain.

**NEWS FOR AND ABOUT THE BROTHERS**  
Bro. Laurence D. Jones has taken out a Service Withdrawal Card and will resume his rank as Captain in the Air Force. . . . Just received a card from Bro. D. A. Paris, who is working in Antofagasta, Chile. He says Bro. Fred Wright of Local 3 also is working there. We were happy to hear that the boys enjoyed the paper in camp. . . . Received a nice letter from Bro. Herb Whiting, who is in a supervisory capacity in Mayfield, Ky. Herb wished to be remembered to all of the old gang—particularly Mosley, Bosley, and Harley Davidson. . . . Bro. Lew Reddin, one of our old-timers who has been absent from these parts for several years, was in to wish all the boys a Happy New Year. Lew has been in the northern part of the hemisphere, with the Government. . . . Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Bro. Frank Medinas, who was severely injured last month. . . . Brother B. D. Peterson had a serious operation but has been released from the hospital and will soon be back in operation again. . . . Bro. Ed Ramos is home on a 30-day leave after 18 months in Japan and Korea. . . . Bro. W. C. Ruggles has just completed his 16 months in the Navy. He just recently returned from the Korean Theater and now is back at his old job with Borchers Bros. . . . Received a card from Bro. Paul Harper and Bro. "Skip" Paulsen, from French Morocco. They say the job is good and the camp and chow excellent. Many of the boys are extending their contracts. . . . We sincerely regret to have to report the passing of Bro. John W. Harrison, an old-timer with N. M. Ball. Bro. Harrison was widely known and greatly respected by his many friends. . . . In closing, this office extends its most sincere wishes to Bro. Ed Parks for a full and speedy recovery from his present serious illness. Good luck, Eddie!



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The Census Bureau reports that the top 10 per cent of the money-earners took in 47 per cent of the income in 1949.

The top 20 per cent got 71 per cent of all the income.

The rest of the people—80 per cent of the population—received only 29 per cent.

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### MUSICIAN DIES

San Diego, Calif. (LPA)—George Nagle, business agent for AFL Musicians Local 325 since 1929 and only man to hold the post until he took a leave of absence a year ago, died here at 71. He was a charter member, with his brother Daniel, of the Local organized in 1903.

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**LABOR MAN MAYOR**  
Nelson, Ga. (LPA)—Frank Willis, president of the Tate-Nelson branch of the Stone and Allied Products Workers, has been elected mayor, defeating the incumbent, who had held office three years. Nelson has worked for the Georgia Marble Co. here 22 years and is a charter member of Branch 147.  
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# Rains Slow Up S.F.; But Record Year of Work is Forecast

By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ, Business Representatives

Recent rains have slowed up work on construction jobs. From all indications 1952 promised to be an exceptionally good year for our members. Two important jobs recently let for the San Francisco area are the Veterans Hospital, Fort Funston, awarded to Claude Fischer of Los Angeles for \$292,000, and the experimental roadbed for the new Bayshore Freeway awarded to Ed Keeble of San Jose. Both of these projects are expected to start this month.

## JOBS AROUND TOWN

Healy Tibbetts still driving piles on their job at Selby and Quint Aves. They also have a new pier replacement job at Bethlehem Steel Co. Triple "A" Shipyard and Westwind Shipyard employing several of our members. Bethlehem Steel Co. erecting steel girders at U. C. Hospital. Swinerton & Walberg overhauling two floors at the Flood Building. Chas. Hover at Ellis and Franklin. Carrico & Guartier on the new State Teachers College. MacDonald, Young & Nelson trying to wind up their job at Stonestown. Casey & Case on various drilling jobs around town. Raymond Concrete and Pile Co. driving piles at S. F. Airport. Barrett & Hilp's sewer pipe job at 14th and Santiago slowed up on account of cave-ins. M. & K. Corp. working at Selby and Quint Aves. and Sloat Blvd. Leo Epp finishing at Bay and Columbus. Fine Arts Building being repaired by Amoroso Construction Co. All concrete mix plants exceptionally busy. Fred Fairey has two sewer pipe jobs near the Metropolitan Housing Project. Fay Improvement Co. tearing up tracks and repaving on several downtown streets. M. & K. breaking through the Broadway tunnel. J. Henry Harris at 47th and Fulton. Clinton Construction Co. off to a slow start at San Francisco Airport.

The Central California Chapter and the Northern California Chapter of the Associated General Contractors have combined their offices, and are now located at 850 Battery street, San Francisco. (Phone YUkon 6-5969.)

## OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

By RUSS SWANSON

The same question—Where can we find overseas employment???? Yes, there are numerous members and also non-members that are coming into the San Francisco office inquiring about this type of employment. On talking to Mr. Kincaid, who is in charge of overseas employment from this area, as far as Atlas Construction in French Morocco are concerned, he states that at the present they are taking applications for all types of equipment. As he sees it, they are only in need of hot plant and screed men but most any day he expects to have a call for quite a number of men and will give the preference of the jobs to the members of Local No. 3.

We have had no staggering reports of any kind from other contractors who have jobs out of the country. However, there are a few brothers going over who have personal contacts and work mostly out of the country. Occasionally we hear from these fellows, but

the jobs they go on are never advertised and are usually of a technical nature.

In the last issue of the news we asked for the brothers to write and let us know where they are, what contractors they are working for and the conditions of the area. The reply has been very poor, but after a few brothers see the useful information published, maybe the letters will start coming in.

We hear from Don Malhiot who is in French Morocco with Atlas and he expects to complete his contract. He is working with Bill McGuire and Skip Paulson. Also Joe Franklin arrived at their camp a short time ago. Don is very pleased both with the work and the conditions of the camp. Don's son, Ed Malhiot, who is in the service, should be home next month.

Hap Cromwell received a letter from Bill Lake, who is very happy with work and money that goes with it. Bill says there are about 20 fellows from Midway. Dutch Heffner, Bill Stone, Mickey Davis, and Dan Teeters from Wake. Lake says hello and Happy New Year to everyone. (Bill is in French Morocco for Atlas.) Hap's son, Bruce, seems to be happy and doing fine. Coldwater Langley is there too. McGuire and Skip are at another camp, Lake at Casa Blanca, Roy Carpenter and Bill Martins at Sidi Slymane.

Chester C. Simpson is home from Guam after one year with B.P.M. He said the job is good. However, he does not think that he will go back. He was working with Herb Nefstead.

J. R. Wilson is home from Arabia after four years with American Independent and Bechtel. He is now taking it easy.

Lee Essley is back from French Morocco after five months. Spent one month in the hospital. A load of pipe fell from a truck injuring him. He will be laid up for another month. Otto N. Hildebrand is leaving soon for French Morocco for Atlas, will be on a dozer. Warren Sanders is leaving the 20th as a pull operator. Bob McColgan was in French Morocco, came home for a month and is now going back.

Congratulations to W. R. Graham who surprised this office by having 9-lb. 4-oz. boy.

IN CLOSING WE WISH TO STRESS THE FACT THAT WE STILL NEED BLOOD. So any member who so desires to donate blood, PLEASE either call this office or the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and have the blood credited to our account. MANY THANKS TO THE BROTHERS WHO HAVE DONATED BLOOD.

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# Local 3 Boys Pushing the Iron Ore Around in Nevada

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE, Business Representative

Dodge Construction, Inc., has moved their crew back North for the winter. Mr. Verne Wilson has the cat spread stripping an iron ore mine southeast of Lovelock, Nevada. Brother Bud Jacobsen is on the rooter, but he doesn't do much rooting. Brothers W. "Tex" Rodgers, Al Henderson and Bob Vicks are on the scrapers. Brother Perry Thomsen is on the push cat. They are doing a fair job of stripping, but Bud should get in and help the Dear Brothers out a bit. Bro. J. G. Harrison has a full-time job doing the heavy duty repair work. Mr. Frank Dunn is in charge of the trucks and shovels. Bro. Ed Barrington is on the Northwest. Bro. Otis Lynskey is his oiler. A fine crew, believe me. Bro. Marc E. Thomas is the extra shovel man and general roustabout. With a crew like that, Dodge Construction, Inc. should get out lots of iron ore.

Mineral Materials Co. has quite a crew at its iron ore mine southeast of Lovelock, Nevada. Bro. Leo V. Sebbas and Bro. W. J. Broussard are on the shovels and those two boys really throw out the iron ore. Bro. Jake Pitzer is the head dozer man. He has his troubles, but he will make it. Bro. E. C. Ninens is the heavy duty repairman and he is doing a bang-up job. Bro. H. H. Crook is the head crusher man and Bro. George M. Hay is his helper. They really can crush that iron ore. Bro. H. C. "Haley" Pfeifer has his troubles trying to keep up the haul road, but the road is much better now, because it's frozen solid and Pfeifer can't dig any more holes in it. BANANA BELT

Andy Drumm's crew is scattered out a bit. I saw Bro. Bernard I. "Shorty" Smith out at "Chick" Thomas' iron ore mine with one of Drumm's dozers, stripping a pit. Bros. Leonard Miller and Richard Y. "Chief" Kingston have gone south to Indian Springs for the winter. They took a couple of Drumm's rigs down. They're really down in the "banana belt." Oh, well. They're a couple of softies and can't take the cold weather.

Earl Games' crew is staying close to the shop. Bro. Wm. "Bill" Games is doing a little welding near the stove. Bro. Frank E. Gillespie has a lot of parts to pick up and errands to run. Bro. Earl Games Jr. doesn't do much except boss the other fellows around. Bro. T. R. DeLavega has to do most of the heavy duty repair work. Bro. Laurence Semenza runs around seeing that everybody else is getting things done. I think that Earl is going to make a boss-man out of him. Les Jacobsen is the only one that really is working. He has quite a project at the sand mine near Fernley, Nevada. The only trouble with his job is that he gets a bit cold. It was 7 below zero at 7:00 a.m. one day and by noon he was working in slush and mud from the melting ice and snow.

Out at Gabbs, Nevada, Standard Slag Co. has quite an iron ore operation. Bro. A. C. Wood is the general foreman. The following brothers are on the shovels: Loris Andreason, Eldon Brandon, Bruce M. Gould and Charles Corlett. Bro. Theodore C. Kipke is the heavy duty repairman and is doing a fine job. Over at Standard Slag's mill and shop, Bro. Jack Jakowatz has just returned from a well-earned vacation. He is good for 1952 now. Bro. Albert Johnson was in charge of the shop while Jack was away. Bro. Archie Berry is doing the heavy duty repair work in the shop. Bro. Homer Jones is the head greaser and shop helper, and he is a good one. Bro. B. L. Wiley is the mill superintendent. He has quite a job. Bro. Pete Achurra has taken over the crusher. He will make little ones out of the big ones in short order, for Pete is a real crusher man. He will have those bins filled up in no time. Bro. Jack R. Kellogg, the Breakfast Food Kid, has just returned from a touring trip—Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Palm Springs, California—but he is back hard at it on the skipper loader. He is a hard man to deal with.

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In Savannah, Ga., AFL members in one of the last factories in the country still making buggy whips could not make up their minds whether to approve or disapprove a proposal made by Sen. Charles W. Tobey (R., N.H.). The Senator, who has helped investigate tax frauds and other scandals, told a newspaperman he was "seriously" considering asking Congress to impose the penalty of flogging for gross misconduct in federal office.

# Field Surveying Report

By AL BOARDMAN and W. V. MINAHAN, Business Representatives

Operating Engineers, Local No. 3-E, has just completed negotiations and reached an agreement covering 25 mill draftsmen with the Pacific Manufacturing Co., of Santa Clara. This is the eighth contract between that company and the union and it marks another step in the steady progress of bettering the working conditions of these draftsmen. The latest raise for the journeymen calls for an increase of \$21 per month for journeymen shop draftsmen. The contract also includes two weeks vacation, seven paid holidays, and a wage opening clause on July 1, 1952.

Following is the new schedule of wages for 1952, giving the monthly rate (40-hour week):

Apprentice Draftsman	
First six months	\$221.00
Second six months	238.00
Third six months	256.00
Fourth six months	274.00
Fifth six months	291.00
Sixth six months	309.00
Seventh six months	327.00
Eighth six months	344.00
Ninth six months	362.00
Tenth six months	381.00
Mill Draftsman (Journeyman)	
First year	399.00
Second year	417.00

Third year	435.00
Thereafter	Senior Mill Draftsman Rate
Senior Mill Draftsman	453.00
Asst. Chief Mill Draftsman	495.00
Tag Writer	
First six months	228.00
Second six months	241.00
Thereafter	258.00
Blue Print Operator	225.00

The publishing of the results of the preliminary salary survey made by the City and County of San Francisco indicates that the contractual rates set by our agreement with the Bay Area Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors Assn. are being given proper consideration by the Civil Service Commission. This is the first time that any recognition has been given rates established by the union.

Personals: Friends of Bob Pechner will be interested to know that he and his wife are working in Afghanistan. . . . Scotty Cruickshank in and out of the hospital—unable to work as yet.

Next meeting of Local 3-E will be held at our Oakland office, 1444 Webster St., on Friday evening, Jan. 25, at 8 p.m.

# Rains, Inclement Weather Slow Activity on Peninsula

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

Due to the long period of heavy rainfall in this area, most of the construction projects have been forced to suspend operations temporarily. There are, however, two outstanding jobs that have continued to operate. . . . The Henry Doelger Company at Colma, located in the sand hills, and the L. C. Smith Company at Belmont, who have a rock excavation job. The worthy brothers who are employed by these firms have lost practically no time whatever.

At Point Lobos on the Coast Highway, the Clements Company of Hayward have set up an asphalt plant and prepared the sub-grade to lay asphalt. They are now standing by waiting for drier weather in order to proceed with their paving job.

The Junipero-Serra highway extension job at San Bruno is also at a standstill, due to the weather, as it is too wet to lay asphalt. L. C. Smith—the contractors, on his work are now operating with a small crew of engineers building shoulders, etc.

Floyd Watson, with several cats and carryalls, on the Stoneson subdivision at Winston Manor, have operated very little during the past month.

Most all of the large real estate development projects including Shoreview, M. J. King, Sterling Builders, Barrett & Hilp, David Bohannon and many others are operating with a small emergency

crew of engineers on pumps and tractors cleaning mud off of the streets and disposing of the water.

The Guy F. Atkinson Company of South San Francisco, and the many other heavy duty repair shops in this area have added mechanics to their pay-rolls in order to have their equipment in good shape when the weather permits their resuming work.

The many quarries and building material yards in this district have been forced to slow down operations due to soft ground, and the mud encountered on streets and lots at the point of delivery.

The members of Local No. 3 who are fortunate enough to be employed in the several concrete block plants in this area are enjoying steady employment as the plants were away behind with their orders, and they are now catching up and establishing stock piles for the coming busy season.

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