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Local 3's Radio Net Solves Union's Distance Problems

On Brother Carman's desk in the San Francisco office is a telephone, naturally, and right beside it something that looks like another telephone . . . except that it has a circular grille where the dial would ordinarily be.

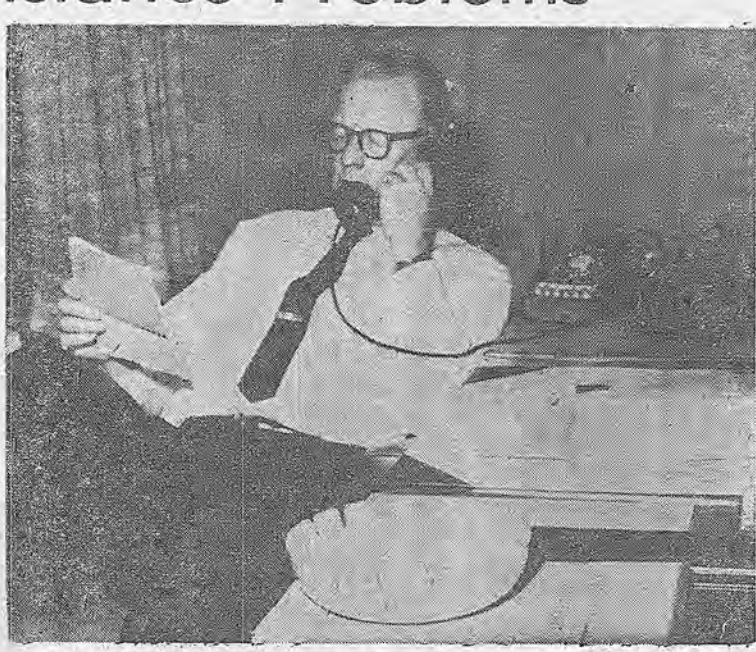
That simple base and handset looking like an ordinary phone is the only visible evidence of an electronic giant stride which is shrinking to manageable proportions a good part of the distance problems of one of the largest and most widely dispersed local unions in America.

By picking up that "phone," Carman can be directly and almost instantly in communication with six branch offices of the union and 18 business agents travelling in their automobiles miles away from any telephone as much as 200 miles away from his office.

Equally important, each of these business agents and branch offices can communicate back and forth with each other or with the San Francisco main office of the union.

All of this has come about since the Federal Communications Commission on March 20, 1958, licensed Local 3 to operate its own short wave radio network with the call letters W 12-0239. This is believed to be the first union application in the West of the radio intercom system now widely in use by taxicab companies, trucking firms and others.

Heart of the Local 3 radio broadcasting system is a radio



TELEPHONE? NO, that's the wrong guess. The gadget into which Newell Carman, business manager of Operating Engineers Local 3, is speaking connects which the local's new shortwave radio system which hooks up union offices and automobiles spread over a good portion of Northern California.

tower with a repeater station on the summit of Round-top Mountain in Contra Costa county.

Transmitter-receiver equipment is located also in the Oakland, San Mateo, San Rafael, San Jose, Redding and Eureka offices of Local 3 as well as in the main office in San Francisco.

Calls from any of these offices except for Redding and Eureka can easily reach the Round-Top Mtn. relay station which passes them on to any other office desired.

A radio-telephone combination is employed for contact with the more distant Redding and Eureka areas. The messages travel over telephone lines to a phone company radio installation up north and then beam out on radio waves to the receiving sets in the offices or business agents' cars, and replies go the same way.

Eventually the union plans another relay station in a location that will expand the direct radio contact to the area offices in Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Marysville, Stockton and Modesto and to business representatives' cars in the territories surrounding these points.

Usefulness of the radio network is readily apparent. Our jurisdiction covers heavy construction equipment operators on highway projects, dams, land-clearing and levelling and similar work which is often done in remote areas.

A business representative checking a job 'way out in the hills who needs to check on a member's good standing or wants information on the contract covering that job doesn't have to drive all the way back to the regional office or go miles to a telephone.

He can flick a switch on his automobile dashboard and within seconds be speaking to someone in one of the area offices or even in San Francisco headquarters if necessary.

At the main office, one of the two sending-receiving sets

is located right in the records room where all membership files and data are kept, and any desired information can be had immediately.

The same speed and convenience is enjoyed if the business representative hits a job and discovers more men are needed on the job. He can call the nearest office and have them sent out right away.

The scope and usefulness of the radio network sound like it requires big and complex equipment, but that is not the case. The main sending-receiving set in our San Francisco headquarters is in a neat grey cabinet about waist-high, about two feet wide and one foot deep.

The sets in the union cars consist of a cabinet hardly larger than brief-case size in the car trunk and a candle-telephone-type speaker-earphone hanging on the instrument panel within easy reach of the driver.

Cost of the equipment, manufactured in the East by the Dumont Co., is nominal considering the service it gives. It has cut the telephone bills and saves time for the people in the field, which also represents a saving.

"We feel that once our system is completed and the people get used to it, the upkeep will be more than offset by these savings," Carman stated.

REPORT ON CALIF. LABOR'S MERGER

By NEWELL J. CARMAN, Local Union Manager

Last month, The California State Federation of Labor of the American Federation of Labor and the California Industrial Union Council of the Council for Industrial Organizations met in San Francisco's auditorium and voted to merge their organizations into the California Labor Federation.

The two organizations met together, adopted the constitution of the new Federation and installed their officers, all of whom were officials in the old organizations.

These officers are: Thomas Pitts, President and C. J. (Neil) Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer, both of whom held similar positions in the State Federation, Manuel Dias, formerly President of the CIUC, and John Despol, Secretary of that Council, were installed as General Vice Presidents. The eight Vice Presidents of the CIUC became Vice Presidents-at-Large of the new Federation and the twenty-four State Federation Vice Presidents (and I have the honor of being one of them) acquired the new title of Geographical Vice Presidents. All thirty-four Vice Presidents, plus the President and the Secretary-Treasurer, now form the Executive Council of the California Labor Federation.

THE FIRST MEETINGS of the two organizations, separately convened, were both punctuated with verbal fireworks. Chester Bartalini, President of the State Council of Carpenters, recently returned from the international carpenters convention and even more recently from the State Building Trades Council meeting where the threat of pulling out of the AFL-CIO was seriously discussed, warned that this merger did not mean that the craft unions were abandoning a single inch of their fight to maintain jurisdictional craft union skills in all areas of industrial production.

He stated bluntly that if Walter Reuther, head of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Department, continued to claim industrial union jurisdiction of craft union jobs and George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO, insisted on throwing out unions on uncorroborated testimony given before the McClellan Committee, the Carpenters would

lead a movement out of the AFL-CIO.

Joe Angelo of the Steel Workers told his colleagues in the CIO convention that, "No one, and I mean no one, is going to take away our jurisdiction under this merger."

At the end of the first day's proceedings it looked as if the merger convention might be in for a bad time.

BUT ON TUESDAY the two organizations met together and melded in an atmosphere of harmony and peace which continued for the remainder of the convention, allowing adjournment a half day ahead of schedule, Friday noon. Controversial resolutions were thrashed out in committee and, by common consent, kept off the floor. Practically all committee recommendations were accepted and it was evident that the delegates wanted this, their first convention under merger, to be an exhibition of unity.

THE MOST IMPORTANT thing that came out of the proceedings was the adoption of a Policy Statement outlining the legislative program of the new Federation.

The digest of this document is much like the platform of a

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NOTICE

The Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank mobile unit will be at the Congregational Church, McGarvey and Euclid Ave., Redwood City on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 1959 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

- FRED HULSEMAN**
Red Bluff, Calif., Nov. 14, 1958
- HUGH HENSLEY**
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- WALTER D. LYNCH**
San Rafael, Calif., Dec. 14, 1958
- PETE SMITH**
Redwood City, Dec. 17, 1958
- ROBERT V. COLLINS**
San Francisco, Dec. 19, 1958
- RAY W. DINGEMAN**
Oroville, Calif., Dec. 19, 1958
- BASIL H. FRIK**
San Jose, Calif., Dec. 26, 1958
- MICHAEL W. BUCKLEY**
San Francisco, Dec. 29, 1958
- CHAS. G. LOWMAN**
Oakland, Calif., Dec. 31, 1958

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY, 1959:

- 4 Stockton, Engineers' Bldg.
- 5 Sacramento, C.E.L.T. Bldg.
- 10 San Jose, Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa
- 12 Oakland, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez

IMPORTANT . . . KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS OF YOUR EMPLOYMENT!

The Welfare and Pension administration office has again stressed the need for you, the participants of the trust funds, to keep accurate records of your employment. It is vitally important that you be able to show conclusive proof of the number of hours worked on each job and the name of the employer responsible for the payroll whenever a welfare claim is contested and when annual pension credits are determined. The best proofs in this regard are, of course, your payroll stubs. You are again reminded to keep these valuable records.

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San Mateo Hub of the Peninsula

Rain Slows Work in San Mateo

By BILL RANEY & JERRY DOWD, Business Representatives.

Work in the County has been holding up very well for this time of the year, until the rain started. Practically all the jobs have been shut down as of this writing, except for a few commercial sites and of course, the Hospital Job. The unfortunate thing with this type of work is that it employs very few men.

At the airport, Haas and Haynie are still working on their Jet Hanger Base for United. We have a few men employed on the job through the sub-contractors. Western Knapp Engineering Co., at the same location, has a truck crane working on their Jet Test Cells building. This really turned out to be a swell job for a couple of our brothers as it started out to be only for a week or so but has worked into a couple of months so far.

We understand that the extension of the East-West runway at the airport will be coming up for bids this month. The yardage, according to the information received in this office will be considerably more than what was in the contract just completed by Piombo.

The two motels being constructed in this area were showing quite a lot of progress before the wet weather set in. In the future we expect these jobs to employ quite a few men.

Charley Berger has been trying to work his school job between rains. The operators have been getting a couple of days a week which helps out a lot at this time of the year.

E. T. Haas Co.'s water line job on Old County Road in Belmont has furnished some work for the old hands of the company so far this winter. The L. C. Smith Co. is doing very little on their project at Portola Valley. Just waiting for a break in the weather to get going full blast again. Most of the plants in the area are at a standstill but are looking forward to a good start this spring.

Shop work has held up very well so far, the repairing of equipment going right ahead so as to be ready for spring work. Although there are no new hires, they are keeping their own men busy on this project.

We have been asked many times by the brothers about the breakwater at Half Moon Bay. When it will be let we do not know but you can be sure that until they clear up the right of way problem, nothing will be done. We hope they will get this matter straightened out, as this particular type of construction makes wonderful employment both in winter and summer.

C. J. Woods has started a rock job in Heather Highlands in San Carlos, off the Alameda. This job promises to run all winter, unless of course, we have some real terrific downpours. This is

a two-shift job and we have quite a number of the brothers employed on this project.

Harris and Farnam has a trenching job at the Golden Gate Cemetery, running approximately \$75,000.

Berger-Coastwide Construction Co. will make the proposed changes in the Hillsdale Interchange system, at the Bayshore Freeway.

S & Q Construction Co. is well into their sewage disposal job at Redwood City. Raymond Concrete Pile is putting the piles down under the slabs that will hold the tanks. There are other sub-contractors also working on this project.

The St. Francis Heights subdivision job is still going well but not at the feverish pace that prevailed last summer. Plenty of work for the brothers for the winter though. Most of you have heard of the accident on this job. A laborer was buried in the dozer backfilling the ditch. It is really a wonder this type of accident is not more prevalent. One way to help prevent this type of accident is for no man to get into a ditch without first placing a flag on the berm above him. Most pipeline and underground are Local 3 men and could readily inaugurate such a system. Because we have had so many inquiries, we might mention that L. C. Smith Co. was the low bidder on the Bayshore Freeway Extension for about 3¼ million dollars. This section is over the San Mateo County line and will be serviced by the San Jose office.

Congratulations to Brother Paul Vogel who was elected to the Grievance Board at District One's meeting on January 7, by a large majority.

"B" DAY A SUCCESS IN SAN MATEO

December 13, 1958 was the semi-annual Blood Bank Day and was dedicated to the memory of our late Brother Harry Metz. A great many men in the building trades crafts showed up to pay their respects by donating blood. It was particularly a tribute to Harry that some ninety members of other crafts as well as many engineers were on hand. A liberal refresher and a breakfast served and cooked by the various business representatives, their wives and members of the Office Employees Union, was served to all donors. The following engineers

NOW, I CAN HAVE MY CAKE AND EAT IT, TOO!



It's better to give than to receive, and besides it's deductible.

If it's such a small world why is it taking so much of our taxes to run it?

Money talks as much as ever but what it says nowadays make less cents.

By the time you have money to burn the fire has gone out.

HAWAII JOB OUTLOOK GOOD

By RUPERT TEVES and HAROLD LEWIS, Bus. Reps.

Aloha from Hawaii, the vacationers' paradise. The hotels are overflowing and Kaiser has moved some of the vacationers into his hospital until rooms are available in the hotel.

The Hilton Hotel chain has finally found a bargain and has signed an agreement with W. F. Dillingham to build a 1,000-room hotel on Dillingham's property which is sandwiched between the Kaiser Hospital and the Waikikian Hotel. This means more work and a lot more room for tourists.

Our Christmas party was held as scheduled and a good time was enjoyed by everyone in attendance, especially Brother Ed Ulmer who played Santa for the kids. By the way, Brother Ulmer is a pidgeon fancier and out of 300 entrants in a pidgeon show Brother Ulmer's four birds received 16 first prizes. Nice going, Ed.

Hood Construction has received the utilities contract for the renovation of our international airport and work is expected to start about April with union men.

More Capehart work is expect-

and their wives make the honor roll this month:

Hugh O'Meara, Lee Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. John Reidlen, Norris Cummings, John Rhodes, Robert Lehto.

Pat Metz, George Bettis, Kenneth Glover, James E. Simmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Forrester, Robert Wm. Blain, James C. Evitt.

The call for blood for your brother engineers has been very heavy, and 25 pints were used from your Blood Bank at this writing. Needless to say with such heavy withdrawals we must have donors if we are to keep up a blood supply.

A reminder to the brothers that if you return to work for your employer after you have registered on the out of work list that you call us so that we can take your name off the list. Failure to do so is not only a violation of our by-laws, but causes this office a terrific amount of unnecessary clerical work.

Everything points to a bigger and more prosperous year in 1959. Watch the subdivisions go this coming summer.

The City by the Golden Gate

SAN FRANCISCO HAS GOOD '59 OUTLOOK

By DAN MATTESON & GEORGE BAKER
Business Representatives

A brief review of 1958 leaves us with the opinion that most of our Brother Engineers were kept quite busy throughout the construction season and now that 1959 is here we are interested in what the future outlook will be. For your information we are listing the following projects which are all proposed for the San Francisco Bay area although the necessary preliminary obstacles have to be overcome before any contracts will be awarded.

Fifty million dollar improvements are planned for San Francisco's Harbor. On the drawing board are plans for replacing old piers and for new ocean passenger facilities in addition to general cargo terminals. San Francisco's city departments plan on spending \$72,693,881 for the year 1959. Among these and others will be \$53,000,000 for Hetch-Hetchy improvements; \$27,000,000 for schools; \$25,000,000 San Francisco Airport and two big re-development projects are the \$11,000,000 Western Addition and the \$1,400,000 Diamond Heights job in addition to

\$11,911,000 worth of trafficways; \$4,915,050 worth of sewers and \$305,000 for traffic signals; \$5,619,000 for parking facilities including \$4,500,000 for a Civic Center underground garage; \$1,955,047 on projects such as the Ping Yuen annex; Yerba Buena Annex and Double Rock Annex.

Proposed new work for U.C. Medical Center in San Francisco is as follows: Fourteen buildings, including one hundred and sixty-five apartments for married students... a \$2,000,000 project; two additional residence floors for sixty-four male students \$400,000 and an urgently needed \$1,700,000 for a 680 car parking garage; a four story \$851,000 addition for Langley Porter neuropsychiatric institute for research... and renovation of a one hundred bed section of the old U. C. Hospital at a cost of \$1,500,000.

In the meantime the large building projects now underway the Jack Tar Hotel, Zellerbach Bldg., American Trust, AAA's and various others located in the financial district are all progressing on schedule. Many of the smaller contractors are busy on numerous jobs located throughout the city. However, the various "dirt jobs" which were operating at a fast pace are all temporarily interrupted now, due to the rainy weather.

Before closing we'd like to remind our brothers of the Blood Bank... We are in dire need of replacements as the bank is dangerously low at this time. With work slacking off, because of weather conditions, we'd certainly appreciate it if any of you brothers would take the time to donate a pint of blood to the Engineers' account. All you have to do is go to the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank, located at 270 Masonic Avenue in San Francisco and tell them you wish to donate to the Operating Engineers, Local 3 account! The hours are from 9:45 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. Monday thru Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

No doubt many of you know that Brother Bill McGuire is in the hospital, in serious condition. As of this writing we have been fortunate enough to have enough blood in reserve to supply his needs... however, we'd hate to let Bill or any other member down in case of emergency... so it's up to all of us to donate and assure our worthy brothers that we want to be of help and assistance, when needed!

FLORIDA TALES

A man told his lawyer that he had purchased some worthless real estate.

"The property is little better than a swamp," he said, "and it's not worth a tenth of the purchase price. What can I do about it?"

"There's nothing you can do," the lawyer said. "You're left holding the bog."

A bridegroom is a wolf who has just paid for his whistle.

If a woman wants to learn to drive never stand in her way.

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By H. T. "PETE" PETERSEN, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, WARREN LE MOINE, TOMMY THOMPSON, and JOHNNY SCALES, Business Representatives.

This January of 1959 has the earmark of being a much better year for the members of the Operating Engineers than the same month for 1958. While we had very little work going in the first part of 1958, and a few jobs to look forward to, we did finish out the year much better and with more men working than had been anticipated in the first half of the year.

The Oakland office cleared approximately 6000 members in the year of 1958. We also have negotiated a good many agreements in the past year with increased Health and Welfare benefits as well as pension coverage and wage increases. The year of 1958 has added greatly to our East Bay Freeway system with the completion of elevated sections through Oakland from Cypress St. to Oak Street. Also a ten mile section of Route 17 (Nimitz Freeway) between Warm Springs and Beard Road south of Alvarado in Alameda County opened November 24th.

On November 25, the parallel Carquinez Bridge and freeway approaches on U. S. Highway 40 was opened to tie in with the freeway completed from Albany. For the coming year we are optimistic due to the fact that we have much more work going at the present time in the industrial plants and oil refineries. The highway construction work budgeted for this area is also encouraging with roughly \$56,536,000.00 for Alameda County for approximately 29.6 miles on ten projects. \$8,796,000 for Contra Costa County for approximately 18.6 miles on six projects. At this time dredging in this area is at a stand still. We have no suction dredges working and very little dredging is in sight.

COUNTY TO GET JET FUEL DEPOT

A huge underground jet fuel storage depot, costing between five million and ten million will be built at Ozol, between Martinez and Port Costa, by the Lark Corporation of Dallas, Texas. Work apparently will begin almost immediately. Rear Adm. O. P. Lattue, executive director of the military petroleum supply agency in Washington, D. C., said the one million barrel depot should be ready for partial use by July 1st of 1959.

Pentagon officials said the cost of the project will be announced later, the earlier official estimates of the contract outlay were between five million and ten million. There was no indication of how many persons would be employed. Ozol is about two miles west of Martinez. There is a large wharf there now which is leased by the Fred M. Dorward & Son Co. of Richmond. It is used for transshipment of the company's automobile undersealer. The wharf and land behind it are owned by Frank Mazin & Co. of Martinez and leased to Dorward. The site is adjacent to the Southern Pacific Railway. Although the Pentagon announcement did not give the specific site of the facility, checks by both the Associated Press and The Independent pinpointed Ozol as the location.

Adm. Lattu said Lark Corporation will construct and own the terminal, but will operate it for the government. He revealed that dock facilities will accommodate T-5 type tankers of 25,000 dead weight ton capacity, which are capable of transporting 190,000 barrels of fuel. Underground facilities will be tied into a jet fuel and gasoline pipeline which is linked to Contra Costa County oil refineries and extends 311 miles to Fallon, Nevada. It is estimated that three million barrels of petroleum products will be moved through the Ozol terminal each year. Signal Oil Co., which recently purchased seventy one acres of shoreline property at nearby Eckley, had previously announced that it would not be a bidder on the underground fuel depot.

Work has slowed down in the Oakland area and the "out of work" list is growing pretty fast. There are a few jobs still going and will be until the rains shut them down. Bethlehem Steel Corp. has completed the steel work on the Kaiser Building but McKee Co. is still pouring concrete. Johnson Western is going along good with the gunite on this job, there are about sixteen our our brothers

still working.

Fredrickson & Watson is moving along fine on the airport job. They plan to start laying base rock about January 5th. and have most of the runway and taxi ways excavated. They have two blades, two pulls, a cat and scraper, two dozers and about three grade checkers.

Pacific Coast Builders are pouring the walls on their school job on First Avenue in San Leandro. This job is going along nicely and is keeping a few of the Brothers busy.

Maritime Equipment Co. (Judson, Pacific & Murphy) were given the job on temporary repairs to the Antioch Bridge following the collision of a freighter. Engineers estimates exceed \$250,000.00 on the permanent repairs.

The Mike Miller job in the mud flats below Martinez, are down for the winter but will be going strong again as soon as the rains are over.

The Austin Company's job at Ward's warehouse in San Leandro is progressing very well. They have had good luck as far as the weather is concerned and have taken advantage of it. Summerbell has about all of the wood-wook completed for them and E. C. Braun is doing the plumbing.

McGuire & Hester have a few small jobs going, but at present the rain has slowed them down.

American Bridge Company has a short job at Columbia Steel in Pittsburg that will last about three weeks. In March they expect to have a larger job on alterations and plant expansion.

Stolte, Inc. and Morrison—Knudson were low bidders on a water supply system filter plant in Oakland. This job is located on Mountain Blvd. and Kellar Avenue, and they should be able to get started as soon as the weather permits. Stolte, Inc. will do the underground and concrete work with J. W. Lee doing the dirt moving job. This project should keep some of our Brothers busy for quite awhile.

Utah Construction Co. have finished their job at the South Shore Development in Alameda and E. T. Haas have finished their underground work. This project lasted approximately two and one half years.

Glanville Plumbing Company

have the contract from the City of Richmond for a sewer line running from Central Avenue to Enterprise Avenue. The sewer line will go from 39" to 18" in diameter. We have several Brothers on this job for Glanville. Walter Ball is driving all of the sheet piling on this same job and have at the present time five Brothers employed with them.

Bigge Drayage Company have the contract to remove the twenty two oil tanks at Union Oil in Rodeo. Brothers Charles Russell and Jim Nugent are operating the two 25 ton Bay Cities crane. The brothers have seventy feet of boom in each crane. The crane is sitting next to the Bay and the tanks are set on barges in the water and are taken by tugs to Jarr-Terminal in Richmond. The oilers are Brothers Bill McInturff and Harvey Felix.

The Hilp & Rhodes job at E. 12th Street and 29th Avenue in Oakland at the Montgomery-Ward building is coming along fine. They are now pouring concrete. Galagher & Burk has just about finished their fill on this job.

Peterson Tractor is doing a lot of repair work in their used equipment shop and are hiring a few H. D. mechanics. They are also doing some hiring of apprentices for their track and parts department.

B. T. C. WINS A RESTRAINING ORDER

The Building Trades Council here was successful in obtaining an ex parte temporary restraining order in Superior Judge Chris B. Fox's court against W. H. Dority of Stanislaus County and Walter L. Boito of Oakland. The restraining order, granted last week, prevents Dority and Boito from continuing the work of wrecking the old Southern Pacific roundhouse until a hearing, beginning late this week, is completed. It is said to be the first time in this county that the BTC has gotten relief through a temporary restraining order.

The BTC alleges that the two defendants signed in Stanislaus County a regular contract with the Building Trades Council there, and that this contract contains a clause that its provisions shall be enforced in any other county where similar contracts are held by building trades central bodies. The defendants, the BTC charges, had hired no Alameda County workers and were not paying prevailing union wages to laborers, teamsters, and engineers. The whole crew was non-union, says the BTC. Accordingly the BTC sued for damages and asked for an injunction to compel the defendants to cease ignoring the contract provisions.

The case was heard January 2, and the show cause hearing set for January 8th. The council was represented in court by Herbert L. Johnson of the law office of P. H. McCarthy, Jr. of San Francisco. Johnson handles cases also for the State Building Trades Council, which is greatly interested in the outcome of the local case. (E. B. L. Journal).

There will be elections in April in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda. The members are reminded that three of the five members of the Oakland City Council who either voted against taking a stand in opposition to Proposition No. 18 or who abstained from voting on the is-

sue are up for re-election or defeat in April. Only Councilman Holmdahl and Osborne have given Labor any consideration.

Construction of the Benicia-Martinez Bridge, second phase of the Carquinez Project, may begin late this month, according to a state official. Project engineer Leonard C. Hollister said Tuesday construction would get underway as soon as the Department of Defense approves a freeway route through Benicia Arsenal and the Toll Bridge Authority approves the sale of bonds for the project. Hollister said it was hoped both actions would be completed this month. Construction of the bridge will cost about twenty three million dollars, with another ten million dollars to be spent on approaches. The first phase of the Carquinez Project, the new Carquinez bridge on Highway No. 40, was opened November 25, 1958.

Robertson Decking Co. is going along very well with the steel erection on their job at 19th and Jackson Sts. in Oakland. Biggie Drayage has a rig working on this job also. Ceco is laying decking on this job and have six welding machines going. They will start placing concrete in the near future.

Ralph Miller has a drill rig working at the new College of Holy Names on Mountain Blvd. in Oakland. They have about forty holes to drill, about forty feet in depth for drainage.

RICHMOND S. O. PLANT

The Fluor Corporation thirty three million dollar job at Standard Oil in Richmond is about half way completed. They have several vessels set at the present time, and have several more to be set. These vessels are being erected by gin pole. The brothers have just set a 276 ton vessel on December 20th. This is the biggest one to be set in this Catalytic cracking plant. The boiler is a Combustion Engineering boiler.

Fluor Corp. is erecting this boiler. C. Norman Peterson and Pacific Mechanical have done a considerable amount of revamping of pipe for this job. Ferguson is building the cooling tower for this unit, also putting in the water lines to the water cooler and McGuire & Hester are putting in the sewer lines. This job was started in June of 1958 and should be completed in May of 1959. All of the fill for this job was done by Utah Construction Company. Healy—Tibbits and Le Bouf & Dougherty did all of the piling for the cracking plant.

There is also an additional five million dollar plant to go with this plant and Fluor Corporation is also erecting this unit. Brothers on the job are as follows: "Whitey" Newsom, C. H. Vanderlinden, Chas. Johnston, Clyde Coan, O. B. Laws, Cliff Wilkins, Joe Vinte, D. L. Booth, Henry Gibson, Dewie Dabbs, Donald Meifert, D. Medford, A. W. Konze, Warren Curry, George Phillips, Thomas Byars, Floyd Johns, George Larson, Gilbert Tucker, Troy Manzer, Fred Vivens, Norris Casey, Martin Radke, "Tiny" Wallace, Leonard Gardner, R. M. Rich, Don Farnum, Clarence Nelson, Guy Jones, Charles Bray, Sam De Malt, Melvin Armstrong, Tony Lombardo, Collie De Bose, Frank Booth, W. A. Rogers, P. D. Kavanagh.

Rathchild, Raffin & Weirick

are about half way complete on the job at the University of California in Berkeley. This contract was awarded to Rathchild, Raffin & Weirick from the University for the new Physical Statistic building. This job will be completed around June of 1959. We have one brother on this job.

Dinwiddie Construction Co. is about done on their job in Berkeley. Unit No. 1 is located at College and Haste Sts. and Unit No. 2 is at College Ave. and Dwight Way. They were awarded the contract from the University of California for two Residence Hall's. O. C. Jones Co. did all of the excavation work for Dinwiddie. There were 60,000 yds. to be moved. The Residence Hall will be completed in May of 1959. We have six brothers on this job.

News About The Brothers

Brother Grant May has been in the Alta Bates Hospital in Berkeley after a serious ten hour operation on December 26th. Grant is now walking around a little and with nylon arteries. If any of the Brothers wishes to see him they may visit him at the hospital until about the end of January. Also Brother May needs many pints of blood and it certainly would be appreciated if any of the Brothers could donate in his behalf.

Brother Denzel Patterson who was a blade operator for McGuire & Hester and was critically hurt on the job last year is now up and around. Brother Patterson is still not able to go back to work as yet, but we hope he will be able to soon.

BLOOD BANK

We are again PLEADING with the members of Local No. 3 to give blood for our blood bank. The Oakland office has the largest membership for Local No. 3, and yet our blood bank is always the lowest. We have members who are ill and in the hospital and yet we cannot always give them the blood that they need because we do not have it. If any one wishes to donate please contact our office at TW. 3-2120 or the blood bank direct at OL. 4-2924.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Michael Murphy Jr., 308 Upper Terrace, S.F., \$36,601, for lay 6" & 8" & 12" CI mains in Burnett St. & Peregó Terrace, San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded as follows: (1) SANTA CLARA COUNTY, to Bragato Paving Co., & Bragato Const. Co., 500 Bragato Rd., Belmont, \$79,663, for abt. 0.2 mi. slipout to be correc. & road reconst. Summit Rd. at 0.4 mi. South SR No. 5. (2) SAN MATEO COUNTY, to Bragato Paving Co. & Bragato Const. Co., 500 Bragato Rd., Belmont, \$39,838, for 2 loc. grade, cut slopes, bench. & drnge. impvt. inst. New Years Creek, abt. 3.5 mi. E. of Half Moon Bay.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$75,555, for 0.8 mi. net lgth. to be graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base, & imp. subbase matl. on Alvarado-Niles Rd., betw. Decoto Rd. & Fremont city limits, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Rains Finally Halt Work in San Jose

By A. J. HOPE, T. J. STAPLETON and DANNY O. DEES, Business Representatives

The much needed rain has finally put a halt to construction work in the area. The late arrival of the rainy season has given the Brothers a longer season of work than they normally have and most of the projects have been completed ahead of schedule.

P & E Construction Company have begun work on their 72 inch storm drain which goes along Hedding St. and Ross St. and will connect with the storm drain for the new City Hall. This firm is also working on their sub-division on Story Road with Brandon Construction doing the grading.

Bilardi Construction Co. has three jobs in this area which will start as soon as the weather permits. One job is for the City of Campbell, another is east San Jose and the third off the Los Gatos Highway.

Mike Miller of Los Angeles has about 2½ months work left in District No. 4. At the present time only two of the worthy brothers are employed by this firm.

Carl Swenson Company is still busy on projects to be completed in San Jose. Their work at the San Jose State College and the I.B.M. Plant have considerable time to go before completion. They also have just started a job in Santa Clara.

O. E. Anderson is also working a job at the San Jose State College.

Two large highway jobs will be open for bids within the next month or so; also several sewer jobs.

A low bid of \$3,226,721 has been submitted for extension of the six-lane Bayshore Freeway from the San Mateo County line to Stierlin Road in Mt. View. The 4.4 mile extension of the freeway into Santa Clara County will include construction of five bridges and installation of traffic lights and highway lighting. Low bid for the job was submitted by L. C. Smith Company and Concar Ranch Company of San Mateo.

Pisano Bros. have been keeping approximately 6 Engineers busy on their cannery waste interceptor job in Sunnyvale. The job went for \$78,760. There is about 6,485 feet of pipe to be laid ranging from 15 inch to 33 inch.

Ince Bros. are finishing up their \$30,459 job on Hollenbeck Rd. in Sunnyvale. This was a sanitary sewer job and about 5 brothers were employed by the firm.

E. T. Haas is winding up their Purissima Hills water district job in Los Altos. This job went for about \$24,216.

Sondgroth Bros. are keeping crews working throughout the area, when the weather permits. One of their main jobs is the widening and extending of Fair Oak Ave. in Sunnyvale. When this job is completed it will open up a new link between El Camino Real and the Bayshore Highway.

C. C. Jones has been doing construction work throughout the area. Their latest job is the Bailey Ave. extension in Mt. View. This job went for \$335,323. The dirt work was a lump sum item at \$31,750. The rest of the bid went for concrete pipe to the black top.

J. C. Archibald has been keeping approximately 11 Engineers busy on their Barron Creek job between Junipero Serra Blvd. and Los Robles Ave., adjacent to the Veteran's Hospital in Palo Alto. This is a retarding basin and embankment job that went for \$44,775 and has 33,500 cylinder basin excavation.

At this writing all of the jobs are shut down due to the rains, some of the spreads claim that they are doing work planned for Spring. It looks like 1959 will be

even a better year than 1958 for the brothers.

SANTA CRUZ, SALINAS AND MONTEREY

Ed Keeble is still busy on his Airstrip job at Fort Ord. Rain or shine the brothers are going to work, and they are really making good progress under the supervision of Brother Woods.

Other jobs in the southern area have practically come to a stand-still.

Madonna Construction Company working on the Los Angeles grade have a crusher operation going on in Carmel Valley on Carmel Creek.

Delphia-Early are still working on their job at Soledad. At the present time they are using blades and dozers and are waiting for the 20's to get back from the valley. Their crusher plant is in full swing.

Thomas Construction Company were in the final stages of their job, putting the gravel base on, have also been stopped by the rains.

Ditz Bros. Equipment Shop at Hollister is full of equipment ready for repair.

Hollister Ready-Mix has changed hands. Good luck to the new owner.

Souza-McCue have three days left to get the pipe in on their sewer job at Salinas.

PERSONALS

We wish to take this opportunity to extend our sympathy to the family of Basil H. Frix, who passed away on Christmas Day after a lengthy illness.

We received a very welcome letter from Brother Joe Bowling who is working in Pakistan. Joe reports that they are building an Air Base and expect completion in July.

Contract Awards

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Clovis Const. Co., 521 Brannan St., S. F., \$63,300, for const. handball courts in the Park.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Dalzell Rigging Co., 1505 62nd St., Emeryville, \$74,829, for const. West Fork Van Dusen River Bridge, Six Rivers Nat'l Forest, TRINITY COUNTY, from Fortuna & approx. 16 mi. up Van Dusen River from Mad River.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to W. H. Lindeman & Sons, Rt. 1, Box 740, Red Bluff, \$27,475, for const. East Fork Trinity River Bridge, Shasta-Trinity Nat'l Forest, TRINITY COUNTY, loc. 16 mi. W. of Castella, Calif., 12 mi. W. of Hwy. 99.

REDDING, Contract awarded to J & M Inc., 445 Blossom Way, Hayward, \$79,740, for impvt. of Highland Quirk Assess. Dist.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to Holden & Gorham, 8348 N. Treasure Ave., Stockton, \$33,400, for approx. 10 mi. clear and grub the bed of Calaveras River.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Mercer-Frase Co. & Mercer-Fraser Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$156,181, for 5.1 mi. net lgth. surf. hwy. w/ptmx. surf. on untr. base & exist. base, inst. drn. facils. at 3 locs. on El. River Rd., betw. 1.0 & 2.5 mi. S. of Eureka on Kneeland Rd., betw. Freshwater & 2.8 mi. E. & on Rohnerville Rd., betw. 3.9 mi. SE of Fortuna and Hydenville, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

RAIN IN THE REDWOODS

By K. A. "Ken" Brooks and W. L. "Bill" Tomberlin, Bus. Reps.

It sure looks like the winter has come at last to the land of the Big Trees. It took quite awhile to get here but it is sure with us now. Most of our work is at the hit and miss stage until the spring time lettings. The Brothers in this area are all looking forward to a real good 1959.

We had expected to see at least one big job let by this time but it now looks like we will have to wait for February or maybe March, even that will not be too late for clearing, by the time the weather permits us to get in the dirt.

In the Crescent City area they have had their taste of winter, also, and are running in low gear for the next couple of months until Ole Sol returns.

They have quite a bit of work to complete when they can get to it.

Mercer-Fraser is in the process of removing the old Big Lagoon bridge. I am sure we will all miss it but won't be sorry about using the new causeway instead, really some improvement. Each one of these new sections of Highway 101 make such a great change in the local travel and eliminate so many hazards that we all hope the proposed State plan will be carried out or even improved on for years to come.

The Willow Creek area is pretty slow at present. We enjoyed a lot of activity there the past season and have more coming up this year. We can always expect some slides to clean up in the winter on Highway 299, which holds true this year, too, but so far not as bad as in the past. Of course the rain isn't over yet either.

South of Eureka on Highway 101 we have only had one bad slide on the section completed last year by Guy F. Atkinson and Mercer-Fraser. This one has probably some 75,000 yards in it closing the road, fortunately traffic can be detoured onto the old highway until it's cleaned up by Mercer-Fraser with loaders and trucks all over the place.

Souza Bros. of Yuba City certainly made short work of their river revetment job on the Eel River, south of Fortuna. They worked two shifts, 10 hours all through December, rain or shine to beat the river. Some shifts the Brothers were going like mad with rubber and cats in blinding rain and wind, hauling gravel on the levee with the rising river only inches from the top at times, but they never said quit. The terrific effort by all brought them victory. They are now in the process of placing the last few thousand tons of rip rap supplied by Dunn & Drago of Pioneer, California.

We have been hearing some rumors that there is going to be considerable work done by the army Engineers on the north and south jetty here in Eureka. We sure hope so and there isn't any doubt that it is badly needed.

We'll pass on all the information we can pick up on this from time to time.

Brother L. R. Ostertag drowned in heavy seas. Lawrence R. Ostertag, 50-year-old commercial fisherman from Bayside, was lost overboard from the 28-foot crab boat Eva L and drowned as the vessel lurched and pitched him into the sea.

The tragedy occurred close to the shore off Table Bluff light, just south of the Humboldt Bay entrance, at 1:30 p.m.

Ostertag's brother, John H. Stewart, crewman on the boat, said the mishap occurred as Ostertag was pulling in a crab pot and was off balance as the small craft lurched.

The victim was heavily clothed in foul weather gear and

went straight down, Stewart said, without coming up again. After fruitless waiting and search of the area Stewart brought the boat into port and reported the tragedy to the Coast Guard at Fairhaven. The vessel is now at the Hunter-Folland docks in Fields Landing where the crab catch was scheduled for delivery.

Chief Boatswain's Mate Donald Leigh of the Humboldt Bay Lifeboat Station said this morning that gale warnings were flying at the time, but a considerable number of the crab fleet had put out to sea in spite of them.

Ostertag lived at Bayside with his brother and had lived in this area most of his life. He served in the Merchant Marine during World War II and later in government construction projects at Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

May we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones of our Brother who has passed to the great beyond.

ADVICE ON LIFTING

There's a right way and a wrong way to lift objects, Labor Department safety experts point out.

If you're not partial to sprains, strains, or bruises, you may want to follow their advice—and it applies to housewives and weekend gardeners as well as factory workers.

Do this:

Size up the load first. Do not attempt to lift it alone if you cannot do so smoothly.

Make sure that your footing is firm.

Place the feet close to the base of the object to be lifted, an 8-12 inches apart.

Bend the knees outward and "straddle" the load somewhat, keeping the back as straight as possible.

Be sure you have a firm, comfortable grip and that the load is balanced. Now start pushing up with your legs—your strongest set of muscles. Keep the load close to your body as you come up, taking full advantage of the mechanical leverage your body now possesses.

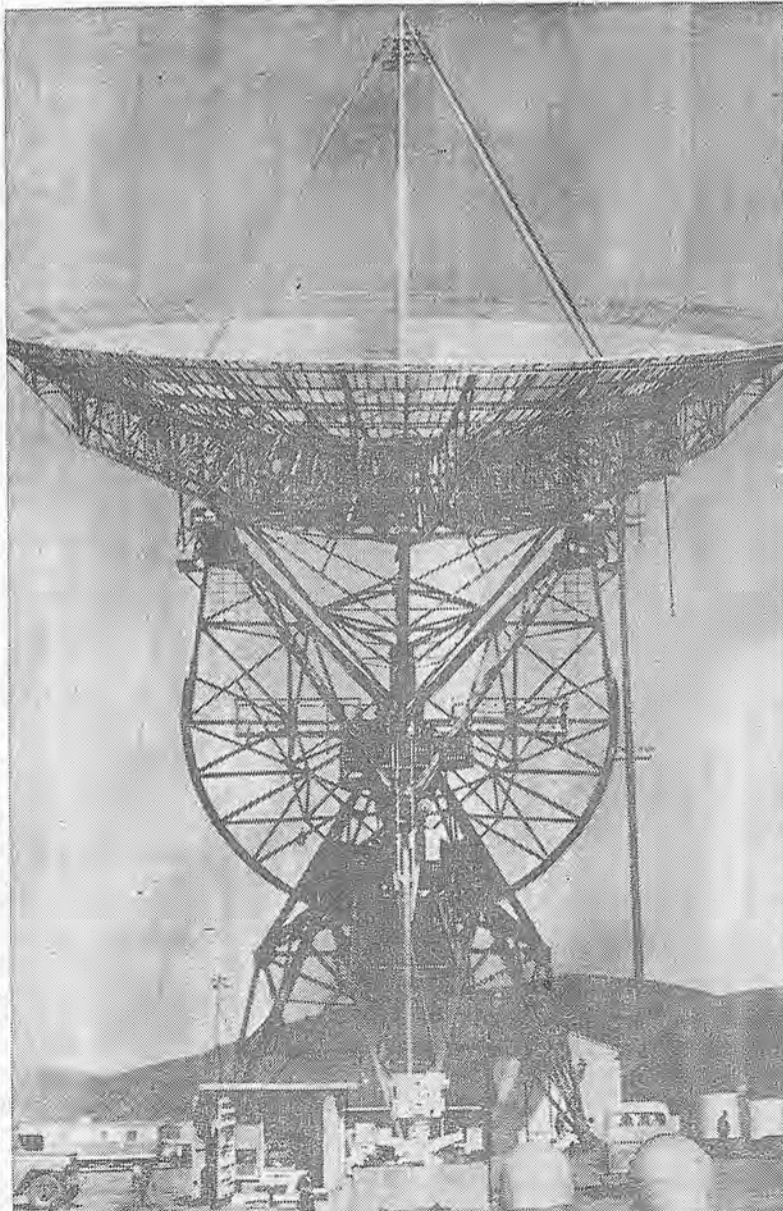
Lift the object to the carrying position. If it is necessary to turn, be sure to change your foot position. Do not twist your body.

To lower the load from a waist-high position, bend your knees, keep your back straight and the load close to your body. Let your arm and leg muscles bear the strain as you put your burden down, not your back.

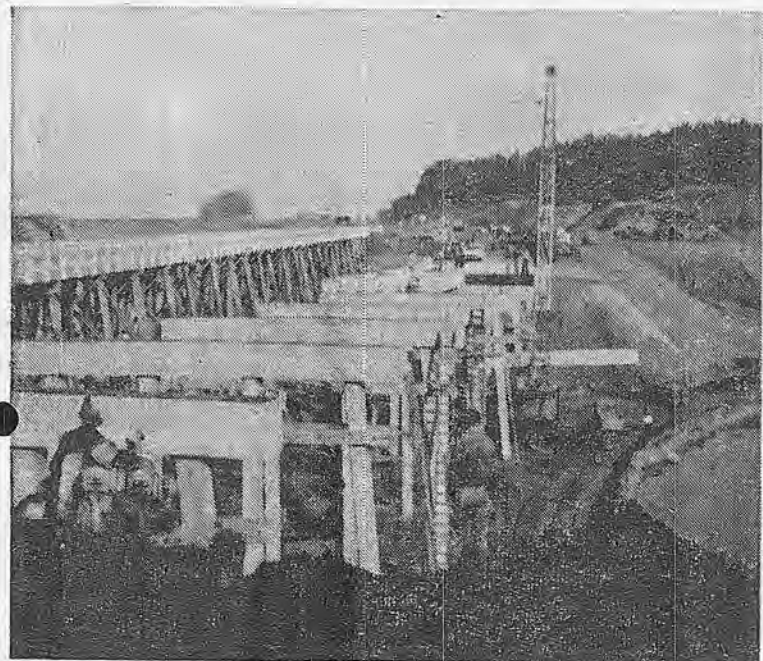
SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Louis Bormolini & Son, P. O. Box 177, Novato, \$49,623, for 0.1 mi. brdg. const. aprchs. grade, Lucas Valley Rd., across Miller Creek, about 0.9 mi. W. of SR No. 1, MARIN COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, contract awarded to General Contrg. Corp., 3260 S. 3rd E., S.L.C., Utah, \$50,559, for 0.284 mi. const. graded rd. & 63.83' conc. & steel struc. in WEBER COUNTY, UTAH.

SALT LAKE CITY, contract awarded to J. M. Sumsion & Sons, 389 E. 1st So., Springville, Utah, \$234,230, for 8.298 mi. 2½" rdmx. bit. surf. rd. & conc. struc. in GRAND COUNTY, UTAH.



BIG EYE SKY DISH—Engineers were key men on erection of this Army space saucer that will seek and report any objects as far as 250,000 miles. The big eye tracking station is at Goldstone Dry Lake near Camp Irwin. The dish is 85 feet across and stands 130 feet high. It rotates on two axes.



PUDDING CREEK BRIDGE—This view shows new bridge going up at north end of Fort Bragg. Independent Iron is setting pre-stressed, pre-cast girders. Siri Construction cat can be seen in foreground and the old bridge in the background.

North Coast: Rain, Rain!

By R. F. SWANSON, Business Representative

The start of the new year has brought with it the long anticipated and expected rain. We realize that presently it is bad for the engineers because they are not able to work but we also realize that heavy rains will create work for a later date. The farmers, and there are plenty of them in this area, are perking up a little and once again beginning to smile. All in all we have had a very exceptional season in comparison to past years for this area. Now we must look ahead and see what the future holds for us.

In the last issue of this paper was erroneously stated that a highway job was to be let between Laytonville and the present Ball and Simpson job near Cummings. The true location is between the section that Mercer-Fraser has completed just above Longvale on Highway 101 for a stretch of about 8 miles north. The budget allocation will be approximately \$2,750,000 and the bid should be in some time this month.

In Sonoma County the Board of Supervisors are studying a long range plan that would mean \$188 million of work in the next 22 years on highways alone. This would include 158.3 miles of State freeways — 68.8 miles of other State highways; 53 miles of county expressway and 534.5 miles of major thoroughfares. The following are some of the proposals being studied as work to be done by the State:

- Coast Expressway — 2 lane road by-passing Bodega Bay — cost \$210,000.
- Russian River Expressway — 2 miles between Duncan Mills and Austin Creek — \$540,000.
- Highway 12, Guerneville — a half mile 4-lane link between Guerneville and the future easterly extension of the Russian River Expressway — \$825,000, including bridge.
- Redwood Freeway — The proposed conversion to full freeway standards, of the present U. S. 101 expressway route through Santa Rosa between Baker Ave. and North Mendocino Ave. a 3.9 mile route. Total cost including \$2,000,000 worth of structures and interchanges, \$4,051,000.
- Redwood Freeway — The proposed northerly extension of U. S. 101 freeway from North Mendocino Avenue to a point half a miles south of Lytton. Total cost \$9,988,000.
- Sebastopol Freeway—proposed Highway 12 freeway for a 3-mile stretch between Wright Road and Roberts Avenue. Cost \$3,600,000.
- Valley of the Moon Freeway—proposed Highway 12 freeway for a 5.7 mile route from Roberts Avenue east to Melita Road. Cost \$10,156,000.

The following are some of the proposals being studied as work

to be done for the county:

- Russian River Expressway — An 8.2 mile between Santa Nella and a point about a mile west of Olivet Road.
- Mark-West Springs Road — Porter Creek Road, an 11 mile, 2-lane project between the present route of Highway 101 and the Petrified Forest.
- Bodega Expressway — a 5.7 mile expressway from Freestone to Sebastopol.
- Steele Lane — A 1.6 mile improvement between Mendocino Avenue and Stony Point road.
- Summerfield Road— 3.1 mile improvement and extension between Montgomery Drive and Bennett Valley Road.

All of the above are just proposals so even though it may be some time in the future at least big things are being planned for this area. I sure wish that some of these projects could be started sooner but at least there are jobs to look forward to.

AROUND THE JOBS:

- George F. Casey Company are keeping some brothers busy at various locations. One location: two drill rigs above Cloverdale also two rigs on Highway 20.
- Ball & Simpson about to a standstill with just the mechanics working.
- Siri Construction — A few in the shop but most outside jobs are down.
- Rapp Construction working a few engineers intermittently.
- Argonaut Constructors still working at Bodega, weather permitting.
- Stecker & Scott finished at Highway 20 but about to put a few rigs to work in completing job above Cloverdale.
- Don Dowd Company at a standstill.
- Windsor Sand and Gravel will try working two or three days a week.

We can go on and on and we find the same story with most of the contractors in this area. A lot of them are trying to work in between the rains but now it seems as though the rains are fairly heavy and things are slowed down to a slow crawl. Brothers, thank you for the cooperation which you have extended to us here in the Santa Rosa office during the past year.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to Chas. Berger Co., 764 Bayshore Blvd., San Carlos, \$49,000, for grade, fill & drain, work at Lakeshore School Site, San Mateo.

North Bay Shuts Down, Outlook 'Slow'

By H. O. FOSS, F. A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI & A. S. SMITH, Bus. Reps.

As the year 1959 opens, it shows continuous progress even though many jobs are down. We do look forward to a good year, as far as employment is concerned in the area. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the many brothers who sent us the season's greetings—many of which came from our brothers over seas. One in particular, received from Brother Herman J. Zehnle, who is with

the Liberia Mining Co., Monrovia in West Africa. Brother Zehnle writes their weather in December is like July in the States. He thanks us for sending the Engineers News, as he looks forward to receiving it.

Brother Foss wishes to be remembered to all the brothers who sent him get-well wishes and Christmas wishes. He is recuperating nicely and says he is looking forward to returning to his duties before long.

The year buttons are available for 1959, cost to a 3 member is \$78 per year, and for 3A, 3C, 3E, \$66. This includes the burial and good standing assessment. The following brothers have already joined the annual club and have paid the entire year's dues: W. Moungovan, Henry Imboden, O. D. Montgomery, Jack M. Gardner, Howard E. Whorton, Vincent A. Silva, Domingo Poncia, Louis Paysse, H. N. Zehnle, Ken King, Henry (Babe) Ghilotti, A. H. Osgood, Elmer Lane, George J. Ernst, Robert C. Rasmussen, Aaron S. Smith, Johnnie Conklin, Lee Curtiss, Tony Rodrigues, Glenn F. Davidson, Wm. P. Gutridge, Frank H. Beck, Joe Lombardi, J. F. Reynolds, James A. Fuqua, O. A. Cooper, E. L. Evans, Jr., Joseph Adams, L. M. McKinley, Roy Hinkley, H. O. Foss, Raymond Dillard, Wm. A. Bartlett, F. Bobo, W. D. Ashley, E. Lowell Nelson, Clyde A. Plymell, L. H. Portlock, B. C. Talman, Julius Lippi, Laurence Thomsen, Harold Hindman, M. H. Rowen, Fred Jensen. (Brother Jensen is coming up for re-election in April for office of Councilman for the City of San Rafael).

A LONG SUMMER

The weather has been dry up until about the first week of January, and our brothers enjoyed a good long summer. However, the rains have started now

and our out-of-work list is growing. There will be very little activity now until our winter is over.

Brother C. E. Huffstutter who returned to the States a short time ago from Sumatra has left for another year and a half hitch with Bechtel—off to Sumatra. He celebrated Christmas with his family a week earlier, as he shoved off on Dec. 20th.

The management of E. Pozzi Company located on Redwood Highway in Novato announces a change in the company name to: "North Marin Concrete Company," and Brother Donald F. Curry will be in charge of the plant.

Brother F. Bobo and Bro. Bill Russell have joined in a new partnership to be known as Bobo's Incorporated. Bro. Bill Russell was formerly associated with A. G. Raisch Company as Superintendent, having been with the firm for the past thirty years. We wish them much success in their future undertakings, and knowing Bro. Russell's capable background, we may add that he will be quite an asset to Bro. Bobo's concern. Bro. Bobo informs us that he now has about 40 pieces of equipment—5 cats, 2 blades, 2 loaders, 3 rollers, 12 trucks—oil distributor. These boys will go places.

Bro. Clifford J. Dillely was recently selected by Peter Kiewit Sons' Company, Black Point job as the recipient of their "Safe Worker Award" for November. Supt. Brad Lockwood presented Bro. Dillely with a fine aluminum lunch pail with "Safety Award, 1958—Black Point—P.K.S. Co.—Clifford J. Dillely" lettered thereon and given "in recognition of his safety efforts on the job, adherence to the safety rules, and as a glowing example of the safe worker."

SNOW MAN STOPS ALL IN SHASTA AREA

By J. B. JENNINGS and SID McBROOME

Heavy snows and rain cease operations in the Redding District. The entire Redding District got their first snow on January 5, which completely closed all operations throughout the district.

Trinity Dam River Project has a maintenance crew which consist of approximately 20 brothers. Union Construction is still in operation at Minersville with a small crew. The brothers at Peterson Tractor & Equipment Shop in Redding are working and at their busiest peak.

Shea, Kaiser & Morrison closed down for 2 days due to heavy snows which caused the job to be without power. Work resumed at the Adit and Intake on Wednesday, January 7. Approximately 100 brothers are employed on a 3-shift operation. Work on the McCammon & Wunderlich job at Dunsmuir has ceased operations also, due to the heavy snows throughout Dunsmuir and Mt. Shasta areas. J. W. Briggs job at Del Loma, 299W is closed down due to 2½ feet of snow.

Work slated for 1959 consist of a contract awarded to Sierra Construction Company for earth-work and relocation of Trinity County roads, from Stoney Creek to Ridgeville. H. P. Edwards got the contract for work of resurfacing roads and parking areas at Red Bluff. H. D. Word-

ley was awarded the contract to replace asphalt and concrete work at Red Bluff. A dam is expected to be built on the Mad River at Ruth in Trinity County. The dam will be built by the water district to supply water for the Humboldt County homes and industry. The proposed dam will be about 131 foot high. Additional work will be let between Lakehead and the Pit River Bridge on Highway 99 North, also between Weed and Gazelle in the Northern part of California.

We would like to welcome Jim Fisher and Tom Fisher of the Papoose Creek Construction Company and the 10 employees who are now members of Local 3. We recently signed an agreement with them. The Papoose Construction Company are the sub-contractors in the clearing job for the high Trinity Dam Reservoir.

Brother Allen Gray is still recovering from his accident which took place last July on the Trinity Dam job. The brothers were happy and surprised when Brother Gray walked into the hall on crutches. We all wish Brother Allen Gray a speedy recovery.

Two brothers working outside of this area are E. L. Armstrong, working in Canada and A. A. Cronin, working for Morrison & Knudson at Anchorage, Alaska. Brothers, due to the fact that

Congratulations, Cliff.

AROUND VALLEJO

In the Vallejo area, the only jobs still not completed are: Stockton Construction who are working on the sewer job along the waterfront on Wilson Ave. Syar & Harms have just completed their job. All equipment on the Bell Canyon job being moved out until the Spring.

Bro. Joe Otis Green, owner-operator, who was injured in July, 1958, while on a job and confined to Kaiser Hospital with a dislocation of the left hip, is still on crutches but is able to work.

Bro. James Wafford was hurt on the McGuire & Hester job and was hospitalized at Woodland Clinic the day after Christmas, and may lose the sight of his eye. We are sure pulling for you, Bro. Wafford.

Our best wishes to the following brothers: Charles Warner and Paul Greves, both confined at Petaluma General, and to Bro. Domingo Poncia entering Memorial Hospital in Petaluma on January 12.

We are sorry to report the passing of Bro. Walter Lynch, Sr. on December 14. He will be missed by all.

Reminder to our members: The Blood Bank Mobile Unit comes to San Rafael on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. How about your taking time out to donate this coming month? It only takes a few minutes.

Brothers, do make sure you are registered on the out-of-work list. This is a requirement in order to draw your unemployment insurance.

In closing, we wish to point out that the year 1958 was a good year here in the north bay area, and from all indications, it will remain so for the year 1959.

See you next month!

1959 will be an academy year for construction, we want to remind you again to be sure to keep complete records of the companies you work for a record of time and dates worked. In the event that you have a discrepancy in your wages, please report it immediately. We have only 15 days limitation on making a demand for a claim.

Your Grievance Committee meets at 1054 Tehama Street, every Thursday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

In December of 1958 the Manager of Mt. Shasta Ski Lift was praying for snow and on January 7, they got it. In fact there was so much snow at the ski lift that skiers could not get into the lodge and the manager and his family could not get out. The ski lift is something worth seeing. Whenever you brothers are up in the Northern part of the state be sure to stop off.

SEVEN PILLARS OF UNWISDOM

1. We tried that once before.
2. It costs too much.
3. We've never done it that way.
4. That's not our responsibility.
5. We're not ready for that.
6. We're doing all right without it.
7. It won't work.

Advance Planning Vital For Construction Work

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Safety Representative

Each operation of a construction job should be planned in advance. Such planning is needed at all stages of the project. It should start with the estimators, prior to preparations of bids, and continue through-out the job, with superintendent and foremen doing their share.

Construction planning will eliminate some accidents automatically, by creating a well-organized job. But expert planning gives special attention to safety, and thus is highly effective in making the operation safe and efficient.

1. Safe Access and Movement

(a) Workers

- (1) Adequate work areas
- (2) Adequate walkways and runways.
- (3) Adequate signs, signals, ways, or elevators.
- (4) Work areas and passageways clear of rubbish, debris, nails, etc.
- (5) Protection for floor and roof openings.
- (6) Adequate illumination.

(b) Vehicles

- (1) Good roads.
 - (a) Adequate turn space
 - (b) Adequate parking space
 - (c) Free from excessive mud and dump areas.
- (2) Separate materials storage areas and dump areas.
- (3) Adequate signs, signals, etc., to route vehicles on job.
- (4) Maintenance and repair of vehicles.

(c) Location of Utilities and Service

- (1) Locate saw, tool sheds, office, etc., in a safe, convenient place.
- (2) Consider location of high voltage lines.
 - (a) Arrange to move, de-energize, or erect barrier, if contact is a possibility.
- (3) Locate sanitary facilities, drinking water, power, etc., for safety and convenience

2. Schedule Work for Safety

- (a) Have safety materials on job when needed, hard hats, trench jackets, life belts, etc.
- (b) Plan work so that too many trades are not in a small area at the same time.

3. Work Procedures

- (a) Materials Handling
 - (1) Methods of elevating and handling materials.
 - (a) Adequate space.
 - (b) Proper auxiliary equipment, cranes, hoists, elevators, trucks, etc.
 - (2) Methods of loading and unloading.
 - (a) Adequate space.
 - (b) Proper auxiliary equipment, power shovels, cranes, rigging, fork lifts, etc.
 - (b) Tools and Equipment
 - (1) Repair, maintenance and care.
 - (2) Inspection
 - (3) Adequate supplies of the right tools for each part of job.
 - (c) Workers and Foremen
 - (1) Proper job placement
 - (2) Adequate training and supervision.
 - (3) Adequate manpower.
 - (4) Plans for maintaining interest in safety.
 - (a) Safety bulletins, record charts, and posters.
 - (b) Recognition for groups or individuals with safety rec-

...sible at one year, but must be pressed each and every year. I am certain all the officers and representatives of Local 39 will appreciate all the support the members in each and every area can give them.

- ords.
- (c) Investigation and reporting on all accidents.
- (d) Knowledge of safety orders
- (e) Safety meetings.

Construction Awards

SAN JOSE. Contract awarded to J. O. Archibald, P.O. Box 968, Redwood City, \$44,775, for con. retarding basin & embk. with outlet struc. & splwy. on Barron Creek, adj. to S.P. RRxing betw. Junipero Serra Blvd. & Los Robles Ave., Barron Creek. Unit No. 2.

San Jose, Contract awarded to P & E Const. Co., 1620 South 7th St., San Jose, \$167,004 for sani. sewer sys. Forest Rosa, Unit No. 1.

SAN JOSE. Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 985 Downer Ave., San Jose, \$66,152, for imp. of Park Ave., in San Jose.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., P.O. Box 683, Fresno, \$28,982, for exist. bridge to be replc. w/ RC box culv. & apprchs. graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. at Sand Creek, 0.4 mi. E. of Orosi, TULARE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Williams Bros. Contractors, P. O. Box 422, Decoto, \$25,043, for inst. met. plt. guard-rail, realign curb. by grade & ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. & exist. pave. betw. Menlo Park & Newark, in SAN MATEO & ALAMEDA COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Fresno Paving Co., 4139 No. Valentine Ave., Fresno, \$31,032, for 1.3 mi. grade & ptmx. surf. betw. 4.5 mi. E. of Kingsburg & 1.5 mi. E. of Orosi, TULARE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Granite Const., Box 900, Watsonville, \$110,229, for const. sewage lift sta. & sewage force main & trunk sewer line—Bradshaw Rd. sewer assess. dist.

FRESNO WORKS BETWEEN RAINS

By LYNN MOORE, J. D. MONROE, B. F. (TINY) HELLING Business Representatives

As we start the New Year the San Joaquin Valley is having the first wet weather of the season. After a couple of short weeks over the holidays most jobs are back at it again. Due to the unusually mild weather, several of the smaller jobs in the area have been completed ahead of schedule.

The Bechtel Company continue to operate on the Mammoth project when weather permits. They are running the DW 20's one shift on the dirt, the rock fill continues on two shifts, the crushing plant is also operating one shift.

The Hubnier and Michner Company and R. and P. Construction Company are keeping several skidders busy clearing the reservoir area.

The Bechtel Company have also made several large pours on the Power House and are now out of danger of the spring runoff. The Utah Construction Company have completed facing operations at the inlet and continue three shifts on the Main Tunnel.

The Karnes Drilling Company are boring the hole for the control mechanism at the inlet. The Penstock installation is due to get underway about April 1st. The Walt Taylor Company continue to move dirt on their Bass Lake job. The Fresno Paving Company have started work on their job near Finegold on the North Fork road. The R. S. & G. Company have subbed the dirt and rock on this job. The Stewart & Nuss Company were awarded a contract for grade and surface about three miles on Willow Avenue. This same company is busy on a section of the Shaw Avenue freeway. The Fortier Company have completed two lanes on their Shaw Avenue job and have two more lanes ready for blacktop. The Griffith Company is making good progress on their 99 freeway job near Herndon, they have several of the structures underway. The W. J. Smith Company are moving the dirt on this job.

The M. J. Rudy Company and Rippon Construction Company are taking advantage of the good weather and are moving lots of dirt on their Lander Avenue job in Merced County. The Thomas Construction Company and Macco Company are building the bridges on this job. There has been a slight pick up

in Sub-division and Commercial building in this area. The O. D. Frost Company, American Paving Company, H. R. Langworthy Company and Smith & Wehner Company keep quite a number of Brothers busy on this type of work. The Rock Plants in the area are all operating at this time.

Dicco Company have all the blacktop down on their job on Highway 65 at Porterville. They have a bridge to put in now that the water is out of the Friant-Kern Canal. Guy F. Atkinson is moving dirt at Success Dam, most of the work is on Frazer Dike where they have a fill 8000 feet long and 40 feet high. They have a few cats clearing and a 54-B shovel with a few trucks working on the keyway. Welker & Peterson are still working at Johnsondale. If the weather holds they will have completed more than fifty per cent this year. L. B. Wells has his hot plant up at Tulare and will be putting down blacktop on Flores & Perry's job at Hanford. This Company is moving dirt on L. B. Wells job at Tulare, and also have a sub-contract for Rice Brothers at Tranquility. Rice Brothers will have their DW 20's busy on Jensen Avenue. This job will be six miles of road. Griffith Company at Le-moore airbase have 350 000 yards of dirt to move yet. They have a job at San Diego where some of their DW 20's and cats will be moved to. This job will not start cement treat or concrete until Spring. Green & Winston were low bid on Terminus Dam. This will be on the Kaweah River near Visalia. Fisher and Stokes at Kettleman City on Highway 41 have two or three more weeks on the dirt. This Company also have a job at Monterey. Ted Baun will do the cement treat and Ellis Construction the blacktop on Highway 41.

Brother Fred Cowger donated to the Engineers Blood Bank. Thank you very much. Let's have some more blood donors!!

CONTRACTS AWARDED

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$20,400, for ptmx. surf. plc. over exist. surf., U drains inst., MH & water vlv. frames & covers adj. to grade, betw. Branciforte Ave. & West city limits, Santa Cruz.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Clifford & Bodehammer, P. O. Box 664, Redwood City, \$60,145, for RC bridge on Elk Mt. Rd., across Middle Creek, 5 mi. N. Upper Lake, LAKE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to John Burman & Sons, 3022 "G" St., Eureka, \$118,230, for 1.7 mi. storm dam. por. of 2-lane hwy. to be repaired by grading & surf. w/untr. base & inst. drage. facils. on Brice-and-Thorne Rd., betw. abt. 5.5 mi. E. of Shelter Cover Rd. & Wly boundary of Humboldt Redwoods State Park, abt. 2 mi. W. of Redway, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

BELMONT. Contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., P. O. Box 95, Belmont, \$98,869, for impvt. of Dekoven Ave. et al., Belmont.



FIRST 'MARCH OF DIMES' DRIVE by the National Foundation for its expanded program of aiding victims of birth defects and arthritis in addition to polio receives endorsement of AFL-CIO Pres. George Meany. Shown with him are the 1959 poster children—Jeffrey Reil, 11, of New York City, victim of an open spine, and Pamela Henry, 8, of Oklahoma City, polio sufferer. The fund drive will run Jan. 2-31.

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP . . .

By H. L. "CURLY" SPENCE and JOSEPH "JOE" MILLER, Business Representatives

Isbell Construction Company will get going on their Storm Drains on the Virginia-Truckee Right-of-way in Reno. This will put a few of the Dear Brothers back to work as the Company has about shut down operations on Highway No. 40, west of Reno, between Floriston and Boca, California. They have the traffic

back on old Highway No. 40. No more detour down across the railroad tracks and the Truckee River. Out at the Second Street Pit where Brother Bill "Blue Eyes" Boegle performs, things are going good for this time of the year. Crushing Rock, not too much Hot Stuff, Boegle seems to keep the Crews going most of the time, but "Blue Eyes" keeps himself out of sight of everyone including myself.

The George Grifall Company seems to get all the work around Reno, Nevada, but that can be expected for that Grifall is a go-getter. He has work for his rigs when the others are parked. George does good work, and he has a good crew such as Brother Roy Nielsen on the Loader. He can't be beat, and Brother Don "Whitey" Wood and Brother Cal Scolari on the Backhoes. They are real good men but George pays good and he expects good work.

Earl Games outfit is running just like clockwork. Brother Bill Games digging away as usual. Brother Les Jacobsen doing OK now after his accident with a power saw. Brother Del Pergrossi does his bit digging around town, and don't forget the Foreman, Grease Monkey, Brother Lawrence Semanza, who really does a bang-up job for the Company.

Lagrange Construction Company has been working intermittently during the past month on the housing project at Lake Tahoe, and have shut down this week due to bad weather. However, we understand, that Johnny "the Little Man" DeLagrange says that he will continue to work during clear weather. He will remove the snow from the working area as much as possible and keep working until it gets too bad.

Whiting Bros. is starting the street work in Winnemucca, Nevada. Brother Bob Forrester has some machines moving to the job. Brother Les Livermore will be the HDRM on the job. This is not too big of a job, mostly paving, but the crew will have plenty to do when they move to Paradise Valley where Whiting Bros. have a road job to do. The Paradise job will keep the Brothers busy for a couple of months or so. Weather permitting, they should have these jobs in high gear in the near future.

Dodge Construction Inc. is still moving dirt on their job at Contact, Nevada, which is North of Wells. That is between storms. If the weather doesn't get too bad, they will continue to work there all winter. They have moved their "Pull" spread to their Lovelock job and should be able to work on this job quite steadily as the weather usually doesn't get bad enough in that area to shut them down. The Brothers may lose a few days there, but over the next couple of months they should keep working fairly steady.

At the Dodge Iron Mines things are still up in the air, and it is anybody's guess as to whether they will continue to operate or not. They are presently working on some tonnage for domestic purposes, but it is in small quantities and the future doesn't look too bright.

The Mineral Materials Company has closed down their Iron Mine operations for the next

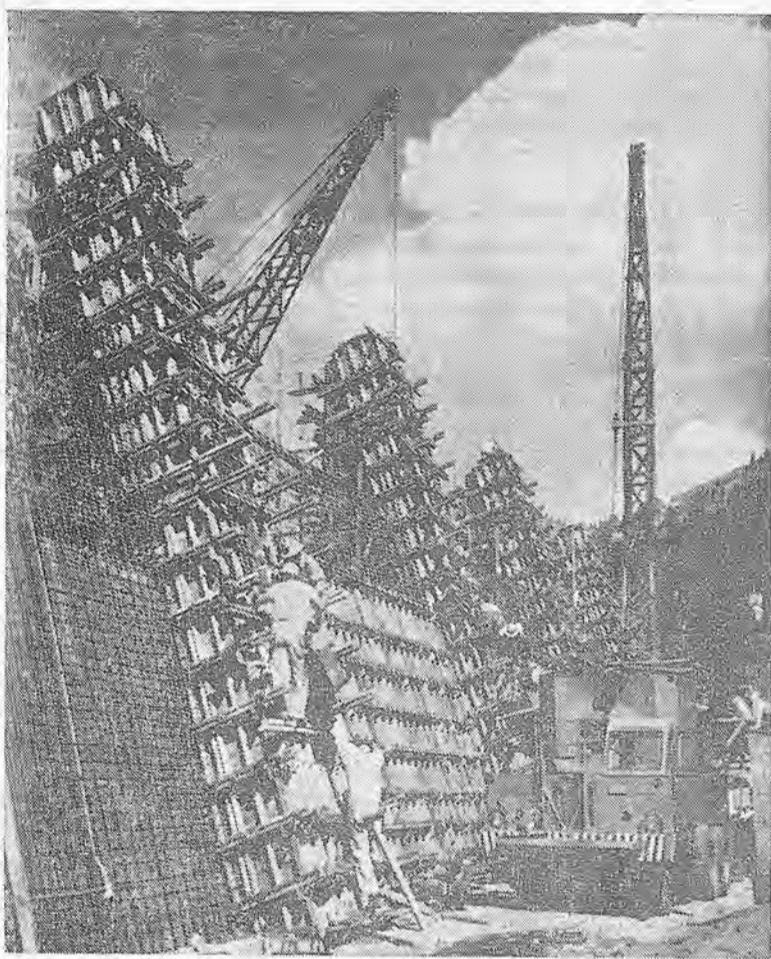
Southern Pacific has located a large body of Iron Ore in Pershing County, and this might well develop into a very large operation. Who knows?

Of course the Washoe Project is still an item of discussion, and if the newly elected Congressman and Senators follow the resolutions of the past Congress, we may see the project become a reality during the coming year and see portions of this work get underway.

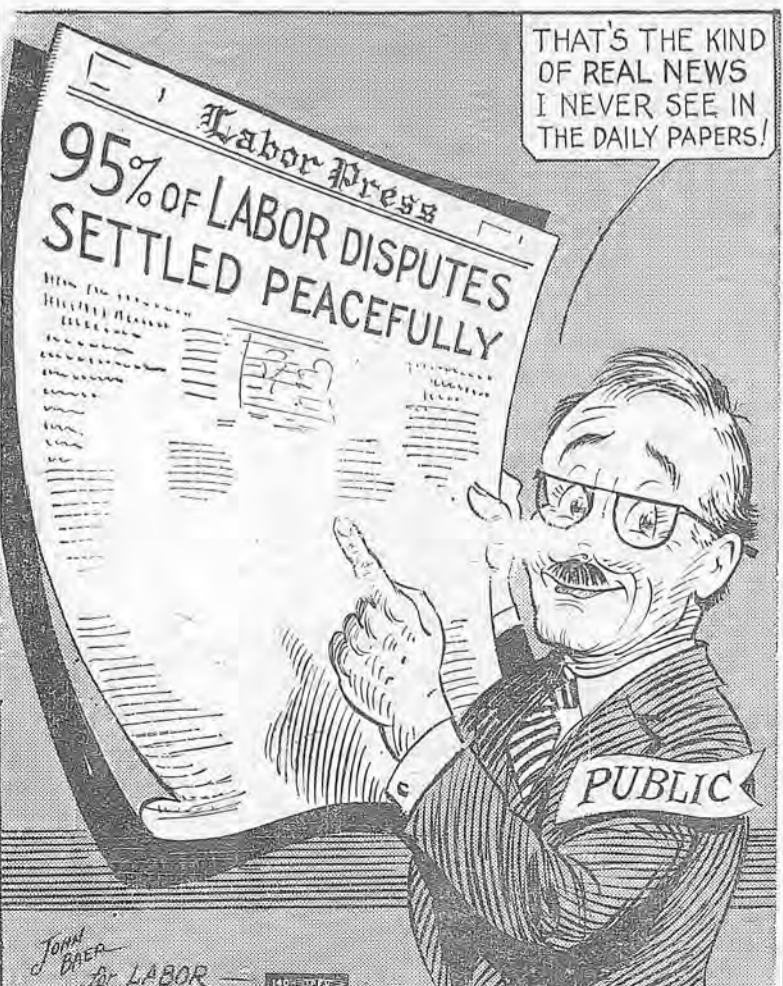
The new State Administration of Nevada took over today and thereby created a new Highway Board. We feel that some of the jobs have been held up until the new officers took over, and that several jobs will be advertised for bids during the next sixty days.

couple of months, and expect to resume operations at their mine South of Dodge Construction's around the first of March; if the Iron Ore Market is favorable at that time.

The Winter weather has started to hit this area after some beautiful weather, and most of the roadwork in the higher altitudes has shut down for the winter. Work for the Brothers has been very good during this past season, and the coming season looks as good or possibly better if the various rumors materialize that are now flowing around the area.



VALLEY OF THE SQUAW—Building tradesmen are shown here working on the main piers that will support a 300-foot Olympic arena for the 1960 games, a giant project now in full swing at the site near Lake Tahoe. This row of 30-foot piers and another 100 feet away will support huge steel struts for cables that will support roof and form the end walls. About 400 men are now on the job at Squaw Valley with many others working on subdivisions and related projects.



STOCKTON LOOKS BACK AND AHEAD

By WALTER M. TALBOT, AL McNAMARA & C. L. CASEBOLT, Business Representatives.

Again we come to the time of the new year when we look back at the past year with memories of the jobs we have had, and look forward with anticipation to what the new year holds in store for us. Following this line of thought the past year for the Stockton-Modesto district was not outstanding in the way of large jobs. However, at the mid summer season we were just able to supply the calls for men and in some classifications we were forced to accept new members.

The large jobs of the past year were the Cherry Tunnel Constructors job at Cherry Valley, which will be completed by spring; the Cherry Powerhouse under the joint venture of Gunter & Shirley Co., E. V. Lane Corp., Harms Bros., and Thomas Construction Co., which will keep a few engineers employed through 1959. Both of these projects are in the multi-million dollar bracket. We then dropped down to much smaller jobs, moneywise, as Fredrickson Bros. job near Tuolumne; Transocean Engineering Corporation at Martell; Claude C. Wood Co. at Arnolds; A. Teichert & Son on Highway 99; Joe Lema at Ham's Station; H. Earl Parker at Peddler Hill; M. J. Ruddy & Son on Highway 50; A. Teichert & Son on the San Joaquin River along with Basalt Rock Co., and M. Malfitano & Son. These, with building construction, resurfacing, dredging, land leveling, rock plants and hot plants provided work for those brothers who chose to remain in the district rather than going north on the larger jobs. Also, 1958 can be called the year of the bridges. San Joaquin County had seven, with three to be completed, and two overpasses. Stanislaus County had three, with one to be completed. So much for 1958 and now we look forward to 1959.

AT CALAVERAS

To start the new year out right the State, under the beaches and parks department, has let approximately nine miles of new road construction to be done between the North Grove and the South Grove of the Calaveras Big Trees Park. This job includes one bridge and also clearing which will run into some good sized trees. The bids were just opened on this job and Walter Taylor of Lancaster, in the amount of \$870,277.60, was the low bidder. This project will probably start as soon as the snow melts this spring.

Charles Dorfman Company still have over half of the South Stockton Sewer Trunk line job to complete.

A. Teichert & Son should start the road job between Murphys and Altaville. They subbed the clearing to Grabaugh Land Clearing Company.

Claude C. Wood Company have the Sutter Hill job to complete when weather permits. However, the bulk of the work will be done this year, as they had just started the job due to the unusually dry weather in December when the rains came.

Downer Corporation was the successful bidder on a sewer job at the north of Stockton.

S. M. McGraw was awarded the bridge approaches to the North El Dorado Street bridge.

The work load for this year looks as though we will have an earlier start than last, and if the work that is contemplated by the Counties, State and Cities comes through we should have a good year.

Some of the larger projects that are scheduled for this district in the near future, but we have no assurance of their ac-

tual starting dates, will be: the Army Radiation Center at Sharpe General Depot, the widening of McHenry Avenue in Modesto, road work in Highway 120, and eventually a new pipe line for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, new Hogan Dam, new Melones Dam, enlargement on Don Pedro Dam, and a new west side highway from Tracy to Bakersfield. However these mentioned projects are long range programs that we do not count on to start this year.

44 YEAR'S BUTTONS

In the past few years we have made a list for the paper of those brothers who pay their dues on a yearly basis and have 'year' buttons out of this office. Inasmuch as this list is becoming larger each year this would tend to indicate that this practice is catching on. Those sporting the year button for 1959 are:

E. J. Albers, George Angerina, George Arbuthnot, Ivan "Hap" Arbuthnot, Carl Bauer, Emmet Bedinger, Leslie Bauguess, Dewey Basham, George Bulum, Ernie Chamberlain, Alvin "Pat" Clow, Vernon Clow, John Craft, Vernon Dark.

Edward Dutra, Raymond Davis, Vernon Dressor, Harvey Edwards, M. H. "Rip" Edwards, Floyd Epperson, Jack Ferreira, I. C. Haley, Ross Harry, M. E. Hayes, Donald Hunt, Kenneth Hatcher, C. O. Hirschberg, James J. Inks, C. V. Kenworthy.

Frank T. Lopes, Salvadore Mauro, Dan McKinzie, Lester Mummey, Dale Mjoberg, Alfred Niblock, Clifford Niblock, Roy Page, Ira Perkins, Forrest Pritchard, Leslie G. Sartin, A. F. Sahlman, Cliff Sheffield, Robert Warnick, William Ledgerwood.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Brother Roy Wadlow broke his leg when his horse rolled on him. Brother Wadlow is now home and will be laid up for several months.

Brother E. W. Patterson is recuperating from an appendectomy. Brother Patterson had the fastest operation in town. We went to see the doctor at 10:00 a.m. and had his appendix removed at 12:30.

Brother L. L. "Toughy" Briggs underwent eye surgery to correct an eye impairment. He claims he now sees things that are not even there.

Brothers, the next district meeting will be held in the Stockton Labor Center, 2006 N. California St., Stockton, on Wednesday, February 4, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. As this is the slack season for work we should see a lot of you at these district meetings.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

WINTERS, Contract awarded to Siller & Whisenant, P. O. Box 504, Yuba City, \$52,899, for Putah South Canal Flood Damage Repair, loc. along Putah South Canal, SW from Winters, SOLANO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., P. O. Box 683, Fresno, \$87,984, for const. 2 bridges & grade & surf. aprch. w/ptmx. surf. on intr. base on Grangeville Blvd., North of Leemore, across San Jose Branch & Main Branch of Kings Rd., KINGS COUNTY.

SACTO IS SLOW; OUTLOOK GOOD

By D. R. KINCHLOE, ERNIE NELSON, ED HEARNE, HAROLD HUSTON and BILL METTZ
Business Representatives

The work in the Sacramento area is very slow now. The weather has taken a turn for the worst and the "out of work list" is building up. We do know, however, that the work for this coming spring will be better than last year.

The weatherman was on the side of the construction worker this last fall. All the Brothers were able to round out the year with good pay checks and enjoy a holiday season with a big smile. Most of the Contractors kept their crews working long hours to finish up the jobs, which otherwise would have been closed for the winter.

A Teichert & Son have large crews working overtime in the field and shops. Some of the equipment was worked until it fell, in order to keep ahead of the weather. This will keep many a brother mechanic busy getting the rigs in shape for this coming season. Teichert's Perkins Plant is crushing every day trying to replenish the depleted stock piles. Their plant near Folsom on Mississippi Bar is ready to go now, in anticipation of the future growth in the suburban area. There is no end to the small, as well as the large, housing projects now under construction.

Brighton Sand & Gravel are doing their share of work. This concern has expanded its operations in this area to become one of the larger firms, constructing anything from a driveway to freeways. They have crews working at the Cape-Hart Housing at Mather Field, Citrus Road near Fair Oaks, Elk Grove freeway, Stockton Blvd., street work and parking lots.

Stanley Gilbert is in business for himself, now doing grading and paving. Stan is a member of Local No. 3 and his record goes back to the late 30's. There are approximately 300 Local 3 members in this area now operating their own equipment. It is heart warming to see these brothers getting ahead in life by taking it upon themselves to go in business and competition with the large contractors. It is a healthy atmosphere among these brothers who contribute their efforts in building this fast growing community. Without their cooperation with organized labor, the situation in this area would be bad.

Van Valkenburg keeps an underground crew going at various locations in Sacramento County.

Mather Contractors are ahead of their Cape-Hart Housing Project at Mather Field. This is a tough job on equipment, due to the 95 per cent compaction on the house pads and the type of soil used, cobbles and clay.

McGillvary Const. has just about closed shop except for a few mechanics which are overhauling equipment and the plants.

C. B. Tuttle is near the completion stage of the new bridge across the American River at Fair Oaks. This new crossing will help eliminate traffic congestion going to Aerojet and Mather Field.

Suburban Sanitation Co. has twenty-three Brother Engineers on their payroll. This is a go-ahead outfit and 100% union. It is owned by two old timers in the construction game.

A. H. Anderson Co. work when they can; finishing their subdivision job at Folsom.

Krpan Bros. are on the go from job to job. These five brothers do excellent work wherever they are.

Clark's Welding Works at Perkins has four engineers building up rollers, idlers, sprockets and what have you. This is a union shop grade A.

Granite Const. is busy on their

sewer project at Cordova and have the batch plant and crusher operating when possible.

The Raney Method have finished sinking the deep water wells along the American River for the Carmichael Irrigation District. The wells are 12 feet in diameter and sunk 50 feet deep into the ground. Lateral casing was then driven horizontally near the bottom of the casing to permit the inflow of water.

The Graven Co. are making their domestic tie-ins on their Northridge Water Co. job. Three engineers are steadily employed here.

Gordon Ball's job at Winters is just about sold. They still have about ten brothers working.

McCammon & Wunderlich are through with their job on the deep water channel, but The Pacific Dredge Co. has taken over where they left off.

The Lock-Bridge Const. Co. have their job well under way. They have had about fifteen brothers working all winter. It won't belong until they start pouring concrete.

Lew Jones & Brighton Sand & Gravel have made good progress on their structor job on the So. Sacramento Freeway. This job has never had many engineers on it.

Rodoni and Son are all through with their part of the job.

The Sand & Gravel Plants are still running. Madison Sand & Gravel has slowed down some what. Now they are repairing.

Teichert & Son in Woodland will run all winter unless the high water stops them.

P.C.A. has enough stock pile to run all winter.

The subdivisions are still going strong. Wm. Gannon has his spread going on another section of Larchmont Village.

Teichert & Son are just about through with their streets and house pads for the Sun-Gold Subdivision at the end of Watt Ave.

Erickson & Campbell Const. are getting a good start on the Bank of America at the old Labor Temple at 8th and "I" Streets.

A. Teichert and Son Construction Co. was low bidder on the new Del Oro High School to be built at Loomis.

The bid on this job was \$150,000 and consists of doing all the dirt excavation, putting all the curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and pavement in, all the drainage work and to reline the Lyall Canal.

All of the dirt excavation is completed and it won't be long before the building will start under construction.

The Del Oro High School will cost over \$1,000,000 and should be completed sometime in September of 1959.

J. J. MOORE, INC. of Sacramento was low with a bid of \$10,847 to grade and surface U. S. Highway 40 under the West Auburn Underpass in Placer County.

This work originally was included in the Newcastle-Auburn section of the freeway project, but the job was deferred to permit installation of a 240 foot long steel truss to support the railroad over the roadway.

With completion of this installation, the center piers of the old bridge were removed to permit completion of the freeway

work.

They have 1,200 cubic yards of roadway excavation, 500 tons of untreated base to lay, and 275 tons of plant mix surfacing to put down.

When this job is completed there will be four lanes of freeway from Newcastle to Auburn. Completion date is scheduled for February 1, 1959. Brother Hardin Lefever is operating the blade, Brother Jack Moore is on the D-7 Dozer, and Brother Fred Powell is on the D-4 Loader.

McEwen Construction Co. have completed the dirt excavation of the enlarging of the parking area located at Lake Clementine, five miles Northeast of Auburn, Placer County.

The lake is a reservoir for the twenty-year-old North Fork Debris Dam on the North Fork of the American River. It is used extensively by boating and water skiing enthusiasts.

Existing parking facilities accommodate eighty automobiles and the \$7,500 expansion job will provide room for a total of 160 cars. In addition, overhead lighting will be installed for the entire parking area.

The famous Nyack Lodge, located on U. S. Highway 40 near Emigrant Gap, Placer County, will have to be removed from its present location by August 1, 1959, to make room for widening the transcontinental highway to four lanes.

The lodge has an eye catching view of Bear River Valley, Placer County, and has been a famous stopping off place when traveling.

The purchase of this property was necessary because property could not be obtained on the other side of the present highway where the double tracks of the Southern Pacific Co. nearly paralleled the roadway.

SQUAW VALLEY

The drouth in the Sierras has brought frowns to skiers but smiles to all the contractors who are working to finish the \$7,000,000 winter Olympic site. With all of this mild weather they are 20 per cent ahead of schedule.

Fredrickson & Watson & Ransome Co. have moved 1,300,000 cubic yards of dirt on their \$2,667,777 freeway job, which runs from Magra to Monte Vista, a total of 4.5 miles.

There are a total of four bridges to be constructed on this job with two of them completed now.

As soon as weather permits, they will start hauling the base rock. There is 136,000 cubic yards of imported sub-base material, and 81,000 cubic yards of base rock to lay on this job.

It will take a total of 23,000 cubic yards of concrete and 20,000 tons of blacktop.

Completion date is scheduled for some time in August of 1959.

The George Pallock Co. have a crew of mechanics busy overhauling equipment at their yard on Folsom Blvd.

Don't forget to practice safety every day Brothers. Your Business Representative recently witnessed a cat dozer topple over off a brush pile. Luckily the operator was unscratched, but it could very easily have been another story. Be the master of the equipment you are operating.

In the Placerville area, work has come to a virtual standstill in spite of the fine weather we have been having. Joe Vicini



CAT AND TRAIN MIX IT UP—A Santa Fe freight train was wrecked and a D-6 cat ruffled up a bit when they collided at Buena Park Nov. 12. Shown here is close-up of cars and hunks of the cat in foreground. Luckily no one was hurt.

has a crew doing repair work in his shop. He has the following named Brothers busy rebuilding his cats and other equipment: Brothers Oscar Kerfoot, Richard Allen and Harvey Robinson are the mechanics, with Brothers William J. Timmons and Gerald Hoferer doing the welding, and Clarence Burris is on the grease truck.

Bennett Murray has completed the grading and paving at the new Armory building in Placerville and is concentrating on his road job at Sommerset. This is on the Autumn Road from Sommerset east. This new section of road will not be completed until a new bridge is built across the North Fork of the Consumnes River. We do not know when bids will be called for the bridge, but we are in hopes that it will be in the spring.

Brothers, we've heard everything now. Bennett Murray says he is seriously considering shutting down because of dry weather. Yes, we said dry weather? He was figuring on the ground being wet and not needing a water truck on the fill. The fill material is decomposed granite and the job should not be bothered by rain.

On the S.M.U.D. Project, or Upper American River Project as it is properly called, work has been progressing very well.

Gibbons & Reed are still keeping a good sized crew busy at the Ice House Dam. They are building roads to the borrow pits and preparing the dam site for fill material. Ice House Dam will be built on the South Fork of Silver Creek and will have a storage capacity of 40 300 acre feet. This reservoir will be connected to the Union Valley reservoir by a tunnel 8 feet in diameter and 1,490 feet in length. At least for the present, there are no plans for power facilities on this tunnel.

Gibbons & Reed Co. were recently given the contract for a portion of the clearing behind the Ice House Dam. This is just a small part of the clearing for this reservoir and the main part will be bid for later.

Piombo Const. Co. has made better progress on their access road job than they expected to. They have sold the road to the Union Valley Dam site and are almost finished on the one to the Junction Dam. No bids have been called on either of these dams, but we expect that they will be in the spring.

Piombo has progressed quite a ways on the access road to Jay Bird power house, but they are in the tough part now. Brother Ray Hamilton is pioneering this section and doing a fine job of it, as he usually does. Also turning out top work on this tough job are Brothers James Johnson and James Kilion on dozers, Bob Pierce and Frank Silva on compressors, Kenneth Schuman on the repair work and Bill Hosking running the blade. Brother Bill Pierce is the pusher on this job.

Frazier-Davis is going along on the Jay Bird Tunnel pretty much as reported last month

CONTRACTS AWARDED

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Smith-Wehner Co., 4663 E. Hodges, Fresno, \$32,405, for parking area & abt. 1.0 mi. rdwy. graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on imp. base matl. & conc. boat ramp const. at MacArthur-Burney Falls Memorial Park, SHASTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to John L. Savage, Box 329, Carson City, Nevada, \$36,945, for 1.5 mi. graded & imp. base matl. plc. on Blue Lake Rd., betw. SHR No. 34 & Hope Valley Campground, ALPINE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded as follows: (1) NAPA COUNTY, to Asta Const. Co., P. O. Box 758, Rio Vista, \$15,670, for 0.3 mi. shldr. graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on untr. base & metal pl. guardrail const., 5 mi. N. of Vallejo, betw. 0.11 mi. N. & 0.5 mi. N. of Solano-Napa County Line. (2) SANTA CLARA COUNTY, to Howard Electric, 1390 Bayshore Hwy., San Jose, \$20,906, for const. left turn stge. lane & furn. & inst. traf. sig. sys. & hwy. lgtg. in San Jose, on W. San Carlos St. at Porter Ave., Shasta Ave.

Brothers. They have turned the corner at the adit and have gone about 200 feet upstream and the same downstream. They continue to hit sections of very bad ground and that slows them down quite a bit.

There will be quite a bit more tunnel work coming up in the future. Altogether, there will be about 23 miles of tunnels.

McFarland Const. Co. has almost finished the footings for the transmission line on Poho Ridge. This job was scheduled for completion by the end of December but that included erection of the towers and stringing of the wire. So far, they have only a few of the towers up and none of the wire can be strung. Collins Electric has the sub for the towers but they have been held up by the lack of footings. This job is a tough one to get to even in the summer time, and a bit of rough weather will close it for the winter. Altogether there will be about 64 miles of transmission lines on the entire project.

There is a little activity in the Lake Tahoe area this month Brothers, but there will be more in the future. Most of it will be dependent on the snow clearing off, but some of it will start right away, according to reports. There is a ski lift to go in near the State Line and it is to start in the immediate future. This is about a \$450,000.00 job.

Bids are to be called for soon to complete the four-lane highway from Bijou to the "Y" at Tahoe Valley. This will make it four lane from the "Y," all the way to the State Line.

We hope to have more to report on these two jobs in the next edition of Engineers News, as well as any other work that is coming up in the Lake area.

HERE ARE RULES FOR PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTS

Ignorance of safety instructions will not be accepted as an excuse for violations. If in doubt as to the meaning of a rule, ask your supervisor for an explanation of it.

Take a special interest in the new man, call his attention to dangerous practices and teach him the safe method of doing his work.

Every workman should report promptly to his supervisor any defective conditions, practices or machinery affecting himself or his fellow workmen. Notify all persons who might be endangered by the work you are doing. Report every injury no matter how slight, a small scratch that does not bleed is often the first to become infected.

When work must be done on air lines while they are under pressure, before working on or disconnecting any air line, make sure that the air is shut off and the line is drained.

Do not ride on any moving equipment unless your duty requires it, such as conveyor belts, sling loads, shovels, cranes, caterpillars and trucks, unless you are a member of the crew. Do not take short cuts, use ladders, ramps, gangways, stairways and paths intended for safe travel. Never enter manholes, tanks or other similar places that have not been ventilated.

A man owes it to himself to be successful. After that he owes it to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

A woman who won't take you for what you are will sometimes take you for what you have.

A joint checking account is never overdrawn by the wife. It's just under-deposited by her husband.

Question: If a policeman is a minion of the law, what is a policewoman?

Answer: A filly minion.

UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

By MERLIN BOWMAN, GLEN FULLMER, GEORGE FARREL L, JAY NEELEY and JAMES HALL, Business Representatives

With anticipation and hope we are once again starting a bright new year, full of good wishes that 1959 will bring everyone more happiness and success than any other year gone by.

Although 1958 was a banner year in the construction industry in Utah, the new year promises jobs for all and should get off to a real early start.

Gibbons & Reed Co. were low bidders on the west side freeway at \$1,642,477; however, the job award is presently being held up due to the rightaway problems but the State Road Commission has indicated the award will be made to this company and work could start on the sand drains and preliminary work any time after the go ahead is given.

Christensen Excavation Company was low bidder on the changing of the sewer and utilities on this same project at \$175,604. This promises to be a "toughie", calling for piling, concrete and plenty of rock in an area where surface water is very prevalent at shallow depths; however, Chris cut his teeth on deep wet sewer lines, so it won't be new to him.

Gibbons & Reed Co. were also low on the 9th East job from 48th South to 7800 South at \$116,292. This is a plant mix job and entails a bit of gravel that may keep the crushing crew busy most of the winter.

The second section of the 7th East job from 13th South to 27th South will be bid January 20, 1959 and has aroused the interest of quite a number of contractors in the area. This is one more job we will all be happy to see the more of the -0 go as it will help alleviate a little more of the traffic congestion from the southeast section of Salt Lake.

Wells Cargo Co., not strangers to most of us, has set up operations at the old Murray Slag Pile, loading slag for the U. S. Smelter at Tooele. This is a small operation at present consisting of one cat and one coleman loader but with possibilities of growing.

FLAMING GORGE
Work at Flaming Gorge is still progressing very satisfactorily with the hiring of more

and more No. 3 men as fast as the job will permit. Coker Const. Co. has finally got their jumbo in on the diversion tunnel and have started on the bore on a three shift basis.

All in all, the work picture for the coming year appears very bright in most respects but in the background one can hear a rumble of uncertainty. By this we mean the attitude of the contractors as more and more contract violations come to light. We find our own members in some cases, making private deals with their employers to work contrary to the working rules that have long been in practice in the state of Utah, such as working overtime for straight time or working without an oiler, or hiring off the bank. It therefore behooves each one of us as members to stand up for our union. These are issues we can never compromise on if we are to survive as a union and maintain the conditions we have now. No employer will fire a good man and certainly a good operator will not lose his self respect by standing firm on principles such as these.

Going south, the out of work list clearly indicates the season at the Provo office. The snow and extremely cold weather are upon us once again, putting a cramp in the little activity that exists.

Consolidated Western Steel Co. has managed to keep a few of the Brothers occupied to date. Very little work is being awarded to this company. The work is scarce and the outlook at this time is not much better.

United Concrete Pipe Co. has maintained a good crew until now. The cold weather hampers the shot cote method of pipe construction so the prediction is slow for month or so. The outlook for future work at this plant is much improved and a very busy summer is forecast.

Locally, L. A. Creer Co. is fighting the frost to keep a few of the boys occupied. Brothers Berdell Sabey, Guy Seals, Charlie Sabey and Hurst Thygerson are hard at it for this company. Sorenson Brothers Co. are now working out of Hanksville, Utah and have managed to employ a few operators recently. The most recent additions to the crew being Brother Bill Gillespie on the blade, Brother Dell Mortenson on a D-8 and two very fine pull operators, Brothers Frank Warwood and Walt Pinkerman. This job is not so good by many standards, being remote and without subsistence. Many of the boys will be looking for something come spring, but they will earn their pay while there.

Forty-six members of Local No. 3 are employed at the aggregate site on the Glen Canyon Dam project. While they for the most part do not have their families with them, they prefer the work away from home to the idleness at home. Construction of the permanent plant will be starting soon and perhaps we will be contracted for more men.

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The outlook here is favorable.
AT BINGHAM

Up on the Bingham Stripping, Western Contracting Corporation have their other shovel in operation now and are really starting to move the muck in earnest. The weather has slowed things down with quite a lot of fog and slippery haul roads.

The Sand and Garvel and Lang Shops have slowed down considerably with a few men being laid off at Sand and Gravel.

M. K. has quite a bit of equipment on their job at Ashcreek and has started to move a little; however, they have ordered only a few men to date. They have sub-contracted the tunnel to Hogason and Story. This will not require too many men. We hope this job will be in full swing soon.

W. W. Clyde has moved in on his job at Pintura and is getting underway. Of course the weather conditions haven't been as severe as in the north so they are able to go ahead. Strong has just about finished the grade on his job at Pintura and has laid off more men. This has been a good project for the Brothers and was finished ahead of schedule.

Around the Iron mines things are about normal. We have a problem there but expect to have it settled soon.

Up at the Bingham Tunnel things are still progressing slow. A few of the men have been called back but the ground is still bad.

In the northern area work has been very quiet this past while but with the Holiday season behind us we hope things will start to move right along. As is usually the case the weather will be the determining factor as to how soon work will get underway.

There is considerable work already under contract and a number of new jobs scheduled to be bid within the near future so the employment prospects look good for the coming year.

SHOPPING CENTER
Olson Const. Co. of Salt Lake has been awarded contracts totaling in excess of two million dollars for additional facilities at the Thiokol Chemical Co. plant west of Corinne. This along with the other work this company and their sub-contractors have at this installation should keep them busy for several months. Fife Const. Co., Coleman Const. Co. and Jarmon Steel Co. are the principle sub-contractors using Operating Engineers on their project.

Sub-bids are scheduled to be opened in San Francisco on January 7th for the first phase of the multi-million dollar shopping center being built by Help and Rhodes Realty Corporation at 38th Street and Wall Avenue just south of Affleck Park.

The bid opening for the new Commercial Security Bank building to be built at the corner or 25th and Washington Boulevard is scheduled for January 8th. Work on the Tremonton Municipal Airport is scheduled to be bid on January 5th. Included in this job is the grading and resurfacing of runway aprons and taxiways.

ing at the State University.

Simons & Wyberg have started on their 800 unit housing development north of Ogden with Tiago Construction Co. sub-contracting the excavation, streets, curb and gutter and sewer work.

Lindsay Const. Co. expects to get started on their housing development work in Brigham City by the 1st of February.

The Bureau of Reclamation has several jobs already under contract on the Weber Basin project with additional work scheduled to be bid by July 1st which will help keep a number of men busy.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED MEETINGS.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

DUGWAY PROVING GRD., UTAH, contract awarded to Chytha Bros. Co., 2040 Redondo Ave., S.L.C., Utah, \$417,000 (Sched. A) for const. C. W. Field Analysis Bldg., incl. utilis., equip. & site grade & const. piping at Tower Grid. at Dugway Proving Ground, TOOELE CO. UTAH.

SANTA CLARA, Contract awarded to R. Bressani, 2870 Stevens Creek Rd., San Jose, \$35,939, for impvt. of Lincoln St. and Scott St., Civic Center, Santa Clara, Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to The Fay Impvt. Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$62,158, for impvt.-of Jennings St., betw. Van Dyke & Carroll Ave., San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$38,630, for 4.2 mi. surf. graded rdbed. w/ptmx. surf., Fairview Rd., betw. Mansfield Rd. & State Rt. No. 22, SAN BENITO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded as follows: (1) CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873-81st Ave., Oakland, \$39,622, for repair exist. hwy. at 2 locs. by const. slope, shldr. & pave.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to John Delphia and Fred J. Early, Jr., P. O. Box 313, Patterson, \$186,663, for 1.5 mi. graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on untr. base on Las Palmas Ave. & West Main St., betw. Elm Ave. & Jennings Rd., STANISLAUS COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$49,463, for 0.5 mi. grade & ptmx. surf. on untr. base on Soquel-San Jose Rd., betw. Soquel Dr. and 0.5 mi. North in SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

HILL AFB, UTAH, Contract awarded to Olsen Const. & Engineering Co., 3231 Kiesel Ave., Ogden, Utah, \$81,208, for const. storm drain sys. at Hill AFB., Ogden, Utah.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to J. W. Richards, Box 421, Rio Vista, \$23,985, for channel change, Denman Flat, 3 mi. W. of Petaluma at Petaluma Creek & Willow Brook, SONOMA COUNTY.

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Marysville Outlook is Good For 1959

By C. R. VAN WINKLE, C. E. COCKAYNE, W. R. WEEKS, Bus. Reps.

Dangerous as it may be, as prophets are seldom honored in their own country, this month we thought we might take a brief look at the future and see if we can determine what the situation will look like in the coming year. Before we do that, we would like to issue the following earnest and well meant warning.

If you are not already a resident of this area, we do not advise that you rush in, buy a home and move your family in, with the idea that there will be ready employment for all. Because such will not be the case as there are many factors such as bad weather, adverse legislative action, etc., that can affect the volume of work that is contemplated.

Although from where we sit and according to what we know and are told, we are very optimistic about the amount of work to be done or started this year, there is nothing, at least as yet, that indicates that the number of the brothers needed will exceed the usual number that have found employment in this area in the past two or three years.

Well after all of that here is the situation as we see it.

The Wyandotte Project: According to the Bechtel Corporation (who is doing the Engineering) first contracts should be let in the last part of February. Whether the work will be let in one overall contract or several we haven't found out as yet, but our information at the present is that an overall contract is most likely. We could easily be wrong about this, of course.

This project is a 60 to 70 million dollar project, with the bonds approved by a heavy favorable vote of this district, and will consist of, we are informed, of eight earth filled dams, eight power houses, eighteen miles of tunnel, twenty-six miles of canals and the necessary incidental work. It will run eastward from Oroville to north of Grass Valley.

Beale Air Force Base: Nearly 500 more houses to be let this month at the Capehart Housing Project and another 800 talked about in June or July. As this project is being built from the ground up and includes streets, sidewalks, utilities as well as the houses, service buildings, schools, etc., it has kept a number of the brothers busy to this date and will provide considerable work this year.

As far as the base proper, the runway, roads, etc., are finished, however, there is strong talk of another 6000 feet of runway, which will provide a considerable amount of employment to the brothers. Also there is considerable work left on the base facilities and more contracts for such to be let this year, at least that is the rumour.

Levee Work: M. Malfitano and Son has a \$385,000.00 job still to be started near Nicholas on the left bank of the Feather and Bear Rivers. H. Earl Parker has to complete the section of his levee job on the east bank of the Sacramento from below Knights Landing and north to the one he worked on all season.

Parker also has an \$800,000.00 levee job on the west bank of the Sacramento between Knights Landing and Grimes. This is known as or called "Nine Site Emergency" and consists of a number of pieces between the two towns. Also L. A. & R. S. Crow have only got a good start on that companys' \$800,000.00

MEETING NOTICES

Grievance Committee: Meets every Thursday evening between 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville.

Regular Quarterly Meeting: Prospectors' Village, Oroville Dam Blvd., Oroville, Thursday, January 22, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. This is a nice hall, let's have a good meeting.

Rock, Sand and Gravel Meeting: Canceled because of quarterly meeting.

Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields: This unit meets Monday, January 26, 1959 in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville and at the following times: 10:00 a.m. for those working the swing shift; 7:30 p.m. for all others.

Natomas Company: The next meeting of this unit will be held Monday, February 2, 1959 in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom and also at the same times as the above unit.

Gladding, McBean and Company: Joint Board meets Monday, February 2, 1959 at 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln Industrial Council office, Lincoln.

General Membership Meeting: is held Tuesday, February 10, 1959 in the City Hall, Lincoln and convenes at 2:30 p.m. for the benefit of the swing shift, recesses and reconvenes at 4:15 p.m.

Concrete Pipe Companies: Joint meeting with the Laborers and the Teamsters will be held in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville, Monday, February 9, 1959 at 7:30 p.m.

Peterson Tractor Company—New York Machine Shop: Subject to call.

levee job on the west bank of the Sacramento at Ords Ferry, which is about 25 or 30 miles north of Colusa.

Besides the above work there are some good sized road jobs that have been let and not started, which will go as soon as the weather permits. There are also several more which are being advertised or soon to be, besides the usual number of paving and resurfacing jobs and one or two improvement districts that look like a good bet to go this year.

Prospects seem to be good that the Legislature this year will appropriate the money, some 60 million or more, necessary to finish the relocation of the highway and the Western Pacific Railroad around the proposed Oroville Dam. One of the reasons we have for saying this is that we are informed that some of the legislators feel a little sheepish about leaving beautiful highways ending up at a gully or drilling railroad tunnels out in the middle of a bunch of hills that start nowhere and end nowhere.

This work consists of a bridge estimated to cost between 12 and 13 million dollars to carry the new highway and the railroad. Three more railroad tunnels and the railroad grade. The section of the highway bypassing Oroville and a new bridge over the Feather River which will connect with the new road just finished south of Oroville and the relocated highway that starts some miles west of Oroville.

Outlook for additional work in the Feather River Canyon this year is very dim. Rumors that P.G.&E.'s Yellow Creek job would go apparently are just rumors as the list of work for 1959 issued by the company

didn't include this job. There will be some work up in the hills this year, but apparently not to the extent of last year.

Peter Kiewit Sons have holed through the Companys' down stream tunnel, but have about 2500 more feet to go before hoing through on the upper tunnel. The batch plant, mixers etc. are ready to start the concreting and this work should start about the fifteenth of this month.

To those that inquire about the Oroville Dam we would like to say that it hasn't been started and the political atmosphere is such that the prospects of it starting in the foreseeable future are mighty, mighty dim in our view, and we hope we are wrong. Apparently, from the latest done, this may be an earth fill dam, if and when it is built.

The prospects for considerable additional new housing in this area are good as we have reports of several property exchanges made with new projects in mind and of a number of various sizes that are on the drawing boards and slated to go. While these projects mean additional employment of course they are not of the size or number of houses that you find around the larger cities.

Industrial Report: Gladding, McBean and Company at Lincoln is working at peak capacity and indications are that this will be the story for this year. This is a good omen as this plant has proved a good barometer as to the level of housing construction and construction in general in the State.

The saddest note in our opinion at Gladding, McBean and Company is the resignation of Mr. Ray Conover, Vice-President and General Manager of Pipe Products. Ray was a man of understanding, one of those rare individuals who not only knew the problems of management but also the problems of labor and his presence is going to be missed in future dealings with this Company. Good Luck, Ray, in your new ventures, no matter what they are, and may our paths often cross again.

Also at the end of the year we suffered the loss of Mr. Robert "Tiny" Radovich, Personal Manager at the Lincoln Plant. "Tiny" was elected County Supervisor of Placer County and resigned to take that position on January 5th. "Tiny" was always understanding, although we didn't always agree, and we're going to miss him. He is succeeded by Mr. Jack Griggs who bids fair to be as understanding as "Tiny."

Peterson Tractor Co. at Chico is a beehive of activity and the company reports a larger work load than anticipated. New York Machine Shop was slow during December with the brothers working on the average of three or four days a week. The Contractors' Shops are keeping fairly busy.

The Rock, Sand, Gravel and Ready Mixed Concrete plants have slowed down considerable, with weather being the villain in the piece. The Concrete Pipe plants are also quite slow with stock piling being the principle activity.

Gold Dredging is maintaining about its usual steady pace, however, that pace is due to be interrupted when Dredge No. 1 at Natomas runs out of ground and closes down. This will happen, so we are informed, some time in the next six months.

Personal Notes: This last

BLOOD
This month we would first like to take our hat off to Mrs. Iola J. Livermore, wife of Brother Lew Livermore, who last month received her "One Gallon Medal." Thank you, Mrs. Livermore for your blood donations... we know that you join with us in the hope that we can give like recognition to many more.

MOBILE UNIT SCHEDULE
Marysville: Memorial Hall, Thursday, February 11, 1958, hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Oroville and Chico, not scheduled, but as the unit only visits Oroville every three months it will be March or April, and Chico every four months, it will be in April or May.

Remember, don't eat for four hours before giving blood and you don't have to give 'till you are pale, they won't take that much from you, and you may save the life of a brother or one of his family.

Designate the Blood Bank of Operating Engineers' Local No. 3 when making your donation.

month three of our brothers who once made one with us have passed on and left but an empty space. Brother Paul Collett passed away on December 12th after a long illness. Brother Roy W. Dingman passed away December 18th after an operation. Brother Dingman was injured while employed by McCammon and Wunderlich on May 20th and death may have resulted because of this accident. Brother Lester Beckwith passed away December 20th. Brother Beckwith suffered from a heart condition and was the first one of our brothers we assisted in getting his disability under Social Security. To the family and friends of our departed brothers the officers and members extend their heartfelt sympathy.

SALT LAKE CITY, Contract awarded to General Contrg. Corp., 3260 S. 3rd E., S.L.C., Utah, \$50,559, for 0.284 mi. const. graded rd. & 63.83' conc. & steel struc. in WEBER COUN-

PLEASE HELP US AND LET US HELP YOU!
Recently one of the brothers was taken suddenly ill and for some reason or the other didn't notify his employer. When he returned to work he found himself replaced. If you should become ill or for any reason cannot report to work, immediately notify your employer and this office, especially this office if you cannot get word to your employer, and we will make arrangements to replace you until you are able to return to work. Otherwise, your employer may feel justified in replacing you and there may not be much we can do about it, at least if we are not acquainted with the circumstances.

We are at the time of year when most of the Construction brothers names are on the out of work list. This doesn't mean that there isn't work going on or this office is not dispatching men. As many of you are subject to recall to work by your employers, please, please let us know immediately when you are called back to work! It is expensive calling up, especially long distance, for a brother and then find he has been recalled and working.

The phone bills of this office now look like the war debt and are paid out of your dues, so help us economize as it may save you money later on in dues. As far as your place on the list is concerned, you will be treated fairly and in accordance with the hiring hall procedures.

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REPORT ON CALIF. LABOR'S MERGER

(Continued from Page 1)

political party with one great difference. It is not just a collection of words put together for public consumption and then laid away on the shelf until the next convention. This document constitutes Labor's stand on the issues facing us in the next year and represents its pledge to meet them with all the power at the Federation's command.

Upon this Statement of Policy there was complete unity. In this field the Labor movement is not divided. And the delegates served notice on the Democratic majorities in Sacramento that they expected cooperation on the implementation of this Statement, which, incidentally, is not too different from the Democratic Party's own platform adopted last August at its convention.

The Statement deals in no uncertain terms with:

TAXATION. There shall be no increase in sales taxes and the deficit facing the state treasury will have to be made up by taxes which distribute the burdens equitably and not just raised the easy way by reaching into the consumer's pocket. The Executive Council of the Federation was given the authority to institute a constitutional referendum similar to the defeated Proposition 17 on last November's ballot if the Legislators insisted on turning to the sales tax to meet their financial problems.

MINIMUM WAGE. There shall be a state minimum wage law of \$1.25 an hour and it shall be extended to cover all persons, not just women and children.

AGRICULTURE. The unnecessary importation of foreign labor to work in the fields of California shall be more rigidly controlled and the agricultura-

worker shall receive the same protection and benefit as does his non-agricultural brother.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE. Increase weekly benefits from \$40 to at least \$65. Provide dependency benefits of \$5 per week for first dependent and \$2.50 per week for each dependent thereafter. Extend the coverage to all wage and salary workers. Increase benefits from 26 weeks to 39 weeks.

DISABILITY INSURANCE. Increase the weekly benefit from \$50 per week to \$65. Reduce waiting period. Expanded coverage and include periods of pregnancy.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION. Increase weekly benefits, both for the workers and dependents. Expand coverage to include agricultural and domestic workers. Liberalize the duration of death benefits. Provide for a program of rehabilitation.

MEDICAL CARE. A comprehensive prepaid state medical care program designed to provide qualitative medical care for all, regardless of income.

CIVIL RIGHTS. Fair Employment Practice legislation with adequate enforcement powers.

WATER AND POWER: Development of state water and power resources with a fully integrated program designed to benefit the greatest numbers and framed to protect against monopoly forces. The state must write into its laws all the anti-monopoly features of the federal law—and this includes the 160 acre irrigation limitation.

Judge: "Lizz, you're charged with running around in the nude."

Lizz: "It's dis way, Jedge, when my Henry comes home drunk and wants to beat me, I pulls off my nightgown and runs out in the dark so he can't see me."

Survey Notes

'DEALS' WILL HURT OTHERS

By AL BOARDMAN,
& ART PENNEBAKER
Business Representatives

Although it seems hard to believe, it has been brought to our attention that members of Local No. 3-E are making "under the table" agreements with employers. This is strictly contrary to the working rules of this Union and if investigation should prove a member guilty . . . that member will be penalized to the fullest extent.

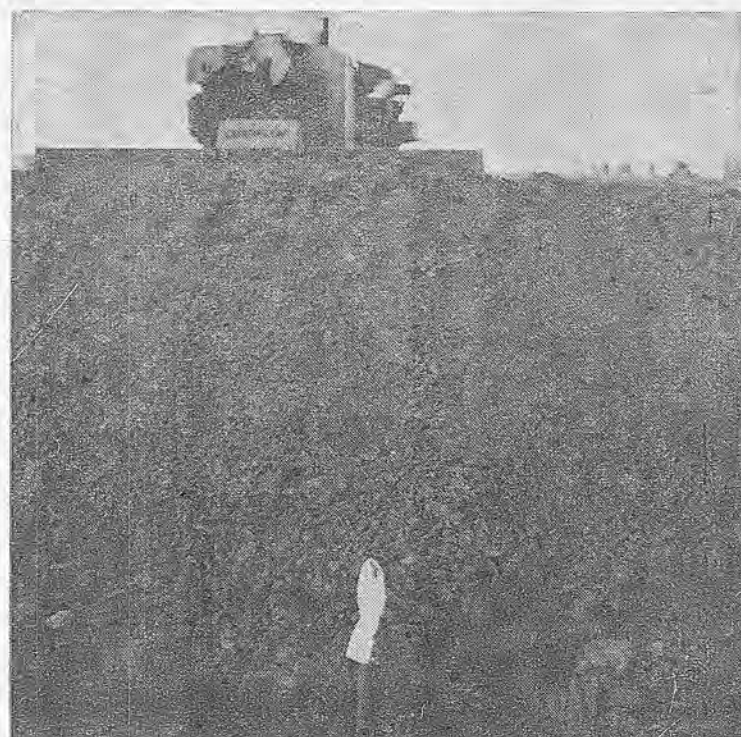
We have fought for many years to gain these wages and working conditions and for members of this Union to make special deals giving away these hard fought gains is treason. If any of you want to work for less, go to non-union territory. Do not destroy the conditions here.

The five-cent pension payments went into effect January 1, 1959 for members covered by the Technical Engineers Master Agreement. If you work for a Civil Engineering firm, make sure the payments are being made. Your future welfare depends on this plan.

To make the future look brighter, the Army Engineers plan a multi-million dollar construction program this spring. Among these projects is a 3 million dollar Army Ionizing Center for Sharpe General Depot at Lathrop. Castle Air Force Base 500,000 apron, 1 million dollar lighting approach; 1 million dollar water supply for Point Arena Air Force Station. These are a few of the jobs starting this Spring.

The National Labor Relations Board has ruled that a project engineer is not a supervisor. The board was satisfied that the direction exercised by the senior project engineers, who have no formal responsibility beyond the project specifically assigned to them, is not of a supervisory nature.

MONTEREY, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$46,540, for impvt. of Hawthorne St. in Monterey.



BURIED ALIVE—A workman died in this trench under circumstances difficult for both him and the dozer operator (above) that pushed the dirt on him. It is a lesson in the need for fullest safety observance. Man in ditch was at point marked by shovel, but he was too low to see approaching rig above.

Death in a Trench Accidental Tragedy

A bulldozer operator, back-filling individual sewer service trenches on Dec. 30, unwittingly buried a pipe-calker at work in one of the trenches. Investigation indicates that unless unsafe procedures are not changed it will be sheer luck if similar accidents do not continue to happen.

The unfortunate victim's function at work was to talk with akum and seal with cement, tile soil pipe laid by a preceding crew to connect with a street sewer line from the point at which castiron soil pipe from the home each line served would be connected.

AHEAD OF HIM and other calkers at work in the trenches went a crew grading the trenches and laying the pipe. On a 3,000-home project the procedure is a blind matter of guesswork on the part of the equipment operator as to whether or not a man is in a trench he back fills.

The dozer operator explained that he gauged his work by the distance ahead at which the visible crew of men were at work lowering pipe to men invisible in the trenches. He was unable to see the man upon whom he shoved the blade load of earth.

In the course of investigation a long handled spade was placed in the unfilled trench next to that bearing the tragic depression from which the body had been removed . . . A white handkerchief was attached to the handle end and it was impossible to see the handle of the spade, even while standing upon the tractor's seat.

THIS LACK OF VISIBILITY was certainly heightened by the fact that a pipecalker at work must crouch over the pipe in the trench bottom, whereas the spade handle used in investigation had its topmost six inches above ground. This lack of visibility was further checked by a camera shot taken directly toward the bulldozer opposite the ditch bottom-point at

which the victim stood. Not even the dozer's upright exhaust was visible from this vantage point.

The burm cast out by the trenching machines used to excavate the trenches is uniform throughout the tract of thousands of potential, prejected homes. It is loosely piled to a relatively sharp, high ridge . . . Under these conditions, it is high tribute to the keen judgment of Local No. 3's equipment operators that this was the first man killed under these conditions.

The business representatives of Operating Engineers Local 3 are going to insist that in these extremely hazardous conditions, contractors provide unmistakable, pennanted staff markers of distinctive color to be used to proclaim above ground that a man is at work at that point underground or out of eyeshot of the equipment operators.

RIGHT DIRECTION

An obnoxious guy, who had had a couple too many and was ready for an argument, got on the bus and found himself sitting next to a minister.

"I'm not going to heaven because there is no heaven," he said belligerently. There was no response.

"I said I'm not going to heaven because there is no heaven," he said in a louder tone.

"Well, then," the minister replied, "go to hell, but be quiet about it."

PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT

A New York psychiatrist met his old friend, Sam, and asked him how things were going.

"Not so good," Sam replied. "My brother is very sick."

"Your brother isn't sick," contradicted the psychiatrist. "He only thinks he's sick. Remember that, he only thinks he's sick."

Two months later they met again and the doctor asked:

"How's your brother now?"
"Worse," Sam groaned. "He thinks he's dead."

BERKELEY, Contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 807 75th Ave., Oakland, \$123,481, for const. underground steam line & elec. duct to residence halls No. 1 & No. 2 at University of California, Berkeley Campus, Berkeley, Calif.



TRINITY DAM PROGRESS

Though this big job near Redding is closed down for the winter by now, this view taken from a highway about 400 feet above damsite shows progress on the job. Dozens of earth movers and other rigs look like ants gone mad as they build base of the world's mightiest earth-fill dam. Trinity river is diverted through a tunnel marked by intake tower, upper left, for half a mile to leave stream bed dry for construction work. Long dry spell has permitted building dam high enough to withstand winter's high waters.