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## AFL MAPS T-H BATTLE

### Pres. Maloney Is Re-named Building Trades Vice-Pres.

William E. Maloney, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, was re-elected sixth vice-president of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department at the San Francisco convention.



WILLIAM E. MALONEY

The convention voted compliance with the Taft-Hartley Act; recommendation that hours between 3 and 5 p. m. on election days be non-working hours; recommendation that Congress authorize U. S. Dept. of Labor studies on housing and construction; endorsement of policies and plans of U. S. Bureau of Reclamation in development of natural resources; recommendation of Congress backing of public works and finances to the states for such work.

Speakers at the convention included AFL President William Green, AFL Secretary George Meany, Frank C. MacDonald, President State Building and Construction Trades Council, Daniel Del Carlo, Secretary S. F. Building and Construction Trades Council, John Hoag, President S. F. Building and Construction Trades Council.

### \*\*\* Ideal Conditions?



All you brothers who dream about and hunt for ideal working conditions may wonder if it ever comes true. Well, here is pictorial evidence that it can happen. In the above photo you see Bro. Dick Brogden taking a break from a Kiss Crane job on Clear Creek at Westwood, Calif. You see the heavy equipment, the bridge structure, and all the signs of work, but running through the picture, like a

### Another Big Industrial Center for California



Business and industry are looking to the West Coast as the future industrial and trade center of the nation. The vast trade of the Pacific, and in return its almost untouched natural resources, are one lure. The rapidly growing western market of the United States is another major attraction. But this area's ideal situation for decentralization of industry—away from the overcrowded areas of the east, the ideal living conditions for its employees, and our own abundant natural resources is the major consideration.

#### Big Growth Ahead

It is predicted that one of the greatest expansions of business and industry in California will be experienced during the next fifteen years.

If we establish our port and deep water channel here, Sacramento is destined to get her full share of this great development.

A number of business firms and industries are already eyeing Sacramento as a location for main or branch offices or plants but are awaiting the outcome of the November 4th election.

Voters will be asked to approve a \$3,750,000 bond issue to provide funds for the building and the actual port facilities—docks, warehouses, connecting rail and highway and other facilities. The sum also includes a 500,000 bushel-capacity grain elevator to serve the

large grain growing and processing business in the valley.

#### Vote "Yes" on Nov. 4

The federal government has already authorized construction of the deep water channel at a cost of more than \$11,000,000, while the state legislature has appropriated \$750,000 of the purchase of rights-of-way. Both appropriations, however, are dependent upon the Sacramento-Yolo Port District's provision of funds for the port construction.

As this work will be nearly all done by members of Local No. 3, all members in this district are requested to vote YES for the bonds on November 4, 1947.

### The International Gives a Party — See Pages 6 and 7

International Union of Operating Engineers on Friday evening, October 10, at Luccas restaurant in San Francisco gave a dinner party for all representatives attending the AFL and departmental conventions and for members of California locals. It was a most enjoyable occasion for the fraternity of Engineers. For pictures of the event, see pages 6 and 7 of this issue.

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Work starting on several big bridge and overpass jobs in the Central Valley highway program.

dream, is beautiful little Clear Creek, as clear as crystal and full of hungry trout. And you see Bro. Brogden resting his bottom on a plank and wielding that miniature crane, a fish pole. Ideal conditions? Yes!—From Oakland report.

### NOTICE, LOCAL 39 MEMBERS

We wish to remind you that the San Francisco meetings of Local 39 are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 200 Guerrero at 8 p.m. The November meeting will be Tuesday, November 4. Please attend.

C. C. FITCH, Manager.

### Even Army Squawking About Food Costs

WASHINGTON—High prices are hitting Army chow hard, according to the War Department, which announced the cost of feeding a soldier for one day rose 49 percent between October 1946 and June 1947. The daily field ration now costs 98c, the War Department said.

### Describes Broken Neck

Bro. Howard Good was oiling on Biggs 3 of Yuba Consolidated Goldfields recently and while on the deck or digging end of the dredge a rock jarred loose from somewhere, probably from between the buckets. It hit him on the cocoon and knocked him cold. He came to and crawled off to where he could get some attention. At the hospital they found a bad scalp injury but also that his neck was fractured in two places! He attended the last dredge meeting at Marysville, head and chin trussed up and bracketed, and told the boys how it feels to have a broken neck. Local 3 should ought to form a pro football team. It would be the world's toughest.

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Downtown San Francisco keeps Local 3 members humping with a great number of building jobs in progress. The waterfront is also busy with much pier repair and berth dredging.

### Engineers Join Up for All-Out Year's Program

Organized labor will make its voice heard in every home, shop, farm and business office of the land during the next year under the most vigorous program of publicity and education ever attempted, it has been decided at the AFL's 66th annual convention which ends this week in San Francisco.

This is the positive, dynamic answer of the AFL to the vicious, labor-strangling Taft-Hartley law, and along with it will go an intensive corrective campaign to repeal this law and to defeat each and every congressman who voted for it.

This and many other important issues have come before the historic convention for consideration and action. The International Union of Operating Engineers has taken an active part in the convention and will cooperate to the fullest with the AFL program during the coming year under the leadership of President William E. Maloney.

#### Engineer Meetings

A number of important meetings have been held by Engineer groups during the convention.

One of the outstanding gatherings was a joint meeting of Local 3 and Local 39, attended by more than 700 members, at which Pres. Maloney outlined the IUOE position under the new law, its accomplishments of the past year, and plans for the year ahead. Other international officers attending and taking part in the meeting were Secretary F. A. Fitzgerald, First Vice President Anton J. Imhahn of Chicago, Fourth Vice President Joseph J. Delaney of New York, Fifth Vice President Frank P. Converse of Cleveland, Sixth Vice President Chas. B. Gramling of Atlanta, Seventh Vice President Victor S. Swanson of San Francisco, and Trustee H. H. Herbolzheimer of Denver.

Pres. Pat Clancy of Local 3 presided at the joint meeting and introduced other visitors including Intl. Organizers Al Laster and M. G. Eisenhart, Research Director Herb Woods, General Counsel Wm. A. Thomas, Secy. Kevin Walsh of the California State Conference, and Bro. John MacDonald of Seattle 302 and Bro. Hunter War-ton of Pittsburgh 66.

On October 10, the International union gave a dinner party for representatives attending the convention and for members of California locals and their guests, a very pleasant affair at Luccas restaurant in San Francisco.

During the convention week the executive board of the Western Conference of Engineers, following up from the last meeting of the conference held September 13 and 14 in Boise, Idaho, met with President Maloney to plan on the next conference, which will be held in Phoenix, Ariz., on January 10, 11,

Veterans' information

By JOE RILEY

Several important changes in state veteran's benefits are now in effect as a result of new laws enacted by the California Legislature, the State Department of Veterans Affairs announced.

The effective date of most statutes adopted at the 1947 regular session of the legislature, except those containing urgency clauses and taking effect immediately, was September 19.

Because of prevailing high real estate prices, the legislature removed the former \$10,000 limitation on the price of home property which may be purchased by the state on behalf of veterans under the California Farm and Home Purchase Act.

No change was made, however, in the \$7,500 maximum which the state may advance for the purchase of a veteran's home. Also, the department's appraisal, based on present fair replacement cost, less depreciation, may not exceed \$10,000.

The new law will benefit principally the veteran who has a substantial equity in a home previously purchased in the inflated post-war market for slightly more than \$10,000 and who desires to submit the property for purchase under the state plan.

Other new laws, among 70 veterans' measures enacted by the legislature include the following:

**State Educational Assistance:** Extending the present state assistance for education of widows and children of veterans who died during war service or of service connected disabilities incurred in time of war, to include adopted children or stepchildren of such veterans.

Requiring 90 days active service during World War II to qualify a veteran for state educational assistance.

Extending educational assistance rights to natives of California even though they did not reside in the state immediately prior to entering military service.

**State Civil Service:** Requiring a current disability rating of 10 percent or more to qualify for disabled veterans' preference of 15 points in state civil service examinations. (Veterans not qualifying as disabled, and widows of veterans, receive a preference of 10 points.)

**Public Accountant Licenses:** Extending to March, 1951, the period during which veterans of World War II are given special consideration in qualifying as public accountants.

**Solicitations:** Making it a misdemeanor for any person to solicit funds for the benefit of any veteran or veterans' association and to use such funds for purposes other than those represented in the solicitation.

**State Income Tax:** Exempting terminal leave pay and federal or state educational benefits from state income tax.

**State Disability Benefits:** Establishing the right of a veteran to receive state disability benefits on the basis of wage credits accumulated prior to military service if he is not eligible for federal servicemen's readjustment allowance; and permitting medical officers of government hospitals to certify claims of patients at such hospitals for state disability benefits.

**GI Loans:** Enabling minor veterans to qualify for GI loans through guardianship proceedings in court. (Under a previous statute, minors are eligible for state farm and home purchases without the necessity for guardianship proceedings.)

**Hunting Licenses:** Permitting the alien wife of a veteran to obtain a hunting license at the resident fee of \$2 rather than the alien fee of \$50. (Makes no reference to fishing licenses, for which the alien fee is \$25.)

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Guam, Arabia, Greece, Canada, Japan, Alaska—Local 3 office in San Francisco reports members going to and coming in from these faraway points.

Redding Reports Extensive Road Jobs Developing

By E. A. HESTER  
Representative, Local 3

**Redding**—Out at Shasta Dam working for the Bureau of Reclamation, we have added to our roll the boat operators, tugboats, motorboats, etc. Bro. Everett Rice, chief engineer, with William H. Garner, L. B. Madry, Harold R. Hoover, Leo Morgan and Arthur M. Parks. And also some more new members working for the Thomason Devide Milling Co., out at Minersville. Congratulations to each and every one of you. I am sure that your membership in our International Union is something of which you will always be proud.

Nine miles down stream at Keswick Dam, bids were postponed on the switchyard from September 15th to October 15th. There is still a lot of work to be done at both Shasta and Keswick Dam.

Big Highway Job

Fredrickson and Watson Construction Company of Oakland, California, were awarded the highway project at Hornbrook, Siskiyou County. Their low bid was \$651,030.27. This job has been awarded, and we expect to see the equipment rolling very soon.

Harms Brothers and M. W. Brown of Sacramento and Redding takes another Federal road job in Trinity County, near Hayfork.

Fredrickson Brothers of Oakland, California was the low bidder on the completion of Sacramento River Bridge job in Redding. Their low bid was \$625,000. There has been over two million dollars worth of construction work let in this district in the past thirty days, and there will be more coming up in the very near future.

In Weaverville, Brother Ted Ivan seems to be progressing very nicely on the Ball and Son road job there. It might be interesting to know to some of you old timers that Brother Andy Webster and Thelma Stevenson took a trip to Reno some few weeks ago and got married. Now he is a superintendent of a job for Ball and Son in Hayfork, and Thelma is bookkeeper for the same firm in Weaverville. These jobs are about forty miles apart, but I believe that Andy comes home every night. Congratulations to both of you, and every good wish for your happiness.

Morrison and Knudson Construction Company will soon wind their job up at Red Bluff. They are now moving part of their equipment for the job of P. G. & E. Hydroelectric project which is now getting under way on the North Fork of the Feather River out of Oroville. This, I understand, is a sixty million dollar project.

Harms Brothers are progressing very nicely on their big job at Shasta Dam. This job promises employment for a lot of our Brothers throughout the winter. They are also underway on their 21-mile road job out at Camby.

Brother Bill Pressley and Sid McBroom just returned from Okinawa, where they have been employed for Atkinson and Jones Construction Company. They report that help is scarce there and lots of work to be done.

And for distinction, that distinguished gentleman from Ohio, Sen. Taft, recently slipped through Redding. Yes, the man who contaminated the whole country. There were no decorations or cheers to welcome him. Up to date we have had one million people at Shasta Dam, and, in my opinion, Mr. Taft was the one most unpopular!

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Brother Welch, Local 3 member in San Mateo, has 3,000 varieties of tropical fish.

Report of last meeting

The meeting, a joint meeting between Uocal Union No. 3 and Local Union No. 39, was called to order at 8:10 p.m. and was presided over by President Clancy of Local No. 3 and President Brantley of Local No. 39. Roll call showed Brother Bynon, financial secretary of Local No. 3, absent, and excused by reason of being on his vacation.

There were approximately 550 members present. The purpose of the joint meeting with Local No. 39 was to make it possible for the members of both organizations to see and hear the General Officers who are here to attend the American Federation of Labor convention.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting minutes of September 6 was read and by motion adopted as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board minutes of September 17 and of October 1 was read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

The minutes of the last Regular Meeting of Local No. 39 were read by Secretary Carmen and adopted as read.

At this time the regular order of business was suspended in order that the members might hear from the General Officers.

The following General Officers, representatives and visitors were introduced:

- Brother Al Laster, International Representative
- Brother N. G. Eisenhart, International Representative
- Brother John Lynch of Local 150, Chicago
- Brother Hunter P. Wharton of Local No. 56, Pittsburg
- Brother Charles Paluska of Detroit, Michigan
- Brother Jack MacDonald of Local No. 302, Seattle, Wash.
- Brother Kevan Walsh, Secretary of the California State Conference of Operating Engineers
- Brother Claude Fitch, Business Manager of Local No. 39, San Francisco

- Brother Victor S. Swanson, Seventh Vice-President, San Francisco
- Brother Thomas Roberts, Local No. 39, San Francisco
- Brother William Fanning, the oldest member on the West Coast, member of Local No. 3

Brother Anton J. Imhahn, Second Vice-President, Chicago. (Brother Imhahn gave a brief history of Local No. 399. His remarks were well received by the membership)

- Brother Herbert Woods, International Statistician
- Brother William Thomas, International General Council. (Brother Thomas gave a brief talk which was well received by the membership)
- Brother Frank P. Converse, Fifth Vice-President, Cleveland, Ohio
- Brother Charles Gramling, Sixth Vice-President, Atlanta, Georgia
- General Secretary-Treasurer F. A. Fitzgerald, Washington, D. C.
- General President William E. Maloney, Washington, D. C. (Brother Maloney expressed his appreciation of this joint meeting between Local No. 3 and Local No. 39 and briefly covered the Taft-Hartley bill and efforts being made by the International to combat it).

**REPORT OF THE SICK COMMITTEE**  
The following Brothers were reported ill: H. Vern Moore, Arthur L. Chrisman, L. A. Woolridge, Sr., John W. Cassady, Glenn R. Jensen, Fred Botts, Nicholas Backovich, Paul W. Fletcher, George E. Forsey, Willard Walter Frye, Kenneth J. Gelhaus, Howard E. Grimm, Jack T. Gilmore, Alfred Hansen, Joseph Morris, W. F. Penrod, Hubert T. Ransom, Paul Schroder, M. E. Tavenner, Joseph Yeager, Charles Gondola, William A. Hill.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Matt J. Huddleston, Louis Schlegel, Charles E. Johnson, I. C. Lacey, W. A. Palmer, Willard Lewis, Lew Chamberlain.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
C. F. MATHEWS  
Recording Secretary.

Work Prospects For Sacramento Said Slackening

By F. A. LAWRENCE, ED PARK  
Representatives, Local 3

**Sacramento**—Although most of the members in the Sacramento area are working at the present time, the outlook for the winter months is not too bright.

The fate of the Folsom Dam will rest with Congress when it convenes next January. There have been two meetings here with a congressional committee from Washington and they have assured us that the money will be appropriated as one of the first orders of business. This all adds up to no work on that project before next summer sometime.

Important Election

The voters of the Sacramento Port District will decide on Nov. 4 whether or not they want a deep water harbor here. It is expected that the vote will be in the affirmative but it behooves the members of Local 3 to get out and work for and vote for the bonds necessary to finance this job. Also on the subject of the coming election, all members living and voting in Sacramento should work and vote to keep Ray Flint of the Teamsters on the city council. He is incumbent and has the endorsement of Local 3, the Sacramento Building Trades and the Federated Trades Council.

Only one highway job of any size in the offing at the present time. Coming up for bid October 15 on route 49 near Grass Valley is three and one-half miles of new road. We hope a wet winter does not prevent this job from supplying  
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CONCILIATION SERVICE NOW IN OPERATION

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

**SAN FRANCISCO**—The new California Conciliation Service became effective September 19, and will be administered by Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations for the State of California.

In 1947 the legislature removed those conditions which prevented the general application of provisions for the mediation of industrial disputes which have been part of the California Labor Code since 1939. Either party to a dispute may now request the intervention of a state conciliator. Such request should be addressed to Paul Scharrenberg, director of Industrial Relations, State of California, State Building, San Francisco 2. Any further information about the conciliation service may be obtained at that address or at the Division of Labor Law Enforcement, State Building, Los Angeles.

Glen A. Bower has been appointed as supervisor of the California Conciliation Service. Bower was the first executive director of the Division of Placement and Unemployment Insurance in the New York State Department of Labor.

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**FRESH FROM ITALY**  
Very interesting comments on conditions in Italy, on Communism, the Marshall plan, and the black market—are covered in the report of Local 3's San Francisco office under an interview with Brother Frank Fennell.

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 8

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

**SAN FRANCISCO**—A conference of representatives of all councils will be held in Fresno on Saturday, November 8, at 10:00 a.m. in the Californian Hotel, to discuss the plans formulated to initiate the campaign for reapportionment of the State Senate. Notification of this conference has been sent to all the affiliated councils by J. C. Haggerty, secretary of the federation.

The initiation of this campaign was decided upon by action of the last two conventions of the California State Federation of Labor. The proposed initiative measure, to be titled and placed on the 1948 ballot through obtaining the required number of valid signatures, will be submitted to the delegates assembled, for their opinions. Since this will mark the beginning of one of the most important campaigns which the labor movement in California has been called upon to wage, it is vitally important that all the councils send representatives to the conference.

STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, CIRCULATION, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912, AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF MARCH 3, 1933, AND JULY 2, 1946

Of Engineers News, published monthly at San Francisco, Calif., for October 1, 1947. STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO—SS.

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared Victor S. Swanson, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the Editor of the Engineers News and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, as amended by the Act of March 3, 1933, embodied in section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor, and business managers are: Publisher, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, 1095 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif. Editor, Managing Editor and Business Manager, V. S. Swanson, 1095 Market Street, San Francisco 3, Calif.

2. That the owner is: (If owned by a corporation, its name and address must be stated and also immediately thereunder the names and addresses of stockholders owning or holding one per cent or more of total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, the names and addresses of the individual owners must be given. If owned by a firm, company, or other unincorporated concern, its name and address, as well as those of each individual member, must be given.) Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 of the International Union of Operating Engineers, 1095 Market St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

3. That the known bondholders, mortgages, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities are: (If there are none, so state.) None.

4. That the two paragraphs next above, giving the names of the owners, stockholders, and security holders, if any, contain not only the list of stockholders and security holders as they appear upon the books of the company but also, in cases where the stockholders or security holder appears upon the books of the company as trustee or in any other fiduciary relation, the name of the person or corporation for whom such trustee is acting, is given; also that the said two paragraphs contain statements embracing affiant's full knowledge and belief as to the circumstances and conditions under which stockholders and security holders who do not appear upon the books of the company as trustees, hold stock and securities in a capacity other than that of a bona fide owner; and this affiant has no reason to believe that any person, association, or corporation has any interests direct or indirect in the said stock, bonds, or other securities than as so stated by him.

5. That the average number of copies of each issue of this publication sold or distributed, through the mails or otherwise, to paid subscribers during the twelve months preceding the date shown above is..... (This information is required from daily, weekly, semi-weekly and tri-weekly newspapers only.)

VICTOR S. SWANSON,  
(Signature of editor, business manager)  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of September, 1947. At CLEM.  
(My commission expires Oct. 21, 1950.)  
(SEAL)

## SANTA CLARA VOTERS ADOPT LEXINGTON DAM PROPOSALS... HEPLE GIVEN BIG ROAD JOB

By M. G. MURPHY

Business Representative, Local 3

**San Jose**—Lexington Dam carried the Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District October 7th, by a vote of almost three to one. This is good news as far as we are concerned as they can now go ahead with the relocation of the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz Highway, which will be quite a job. It will now be up to the State of California to get busy immediately and draft up their plans and call for bids on the relocation job. The Lexington Dam and reservoir will be built on Los Gatos Creek, near the old town-site of Lexington, above Los Gatos, and will cover about 450 acres and have a storage capacity of about 25,000 acre feet.

Earl W. Heple was declared low bidder on the Santa Cruz-Rob Roy Junction job at a figure of \$1,372,000 (almost \$11,000 under the next lowest bidder). This job is approximately eight miles in length and consists of 395,000 cubic yards of roadway excavation—plus steel structures which are made up of 325,000 pounds of steel. There is also approximately 2,500,000 station yards of overhaul. This is the job for which many of you brothers have been waiting, and no doubt by the time you read this article, operations will have started.

### San Jose News

Bechtel Corporation of San Francisco was awarded the contract for erecting the first unit of the Owen-Corning Glass Corporation's \$7,000,000 plant which is to be situated on a 42-acre tract at the southwest corner of Kifer Road and the Santa Clara-Alviso road. Operations have already begun on this project. J. C. Bateman has the contract for most of the excavation on this job. At the present time J. O. Archibald has several of his "cats" in there and is doing much of the preliminary work. When completed, the factory will have a payroll of about 1,000 employees. There are to be two fuel oil storage tanks, each of 480,000 gallons capacity. This project should keep quite a number of the brothers busy during the coming months. . . . Judson Pacific of Oakland was awarded the fabricating contract on the General Electric's new \$2,000,000 plant on South Monterey Road on which they expect to start operations this month. . . . Nichols and Cash, better known as Los Gatos Construction Co., have all their equipment out of the yard and in full operation. At the present time they have, roughly speaking, \$75,000 worth of work. . . . Pacific Truck Service has been busy on many of their jobs in and around town and their equipment consists of two truck cranes, rollers, blades and other miscellaneous pieces. . . . Raymond Concrete Pile has at long last finished their "driving" job on the new telephone building and have moved men and equipment back to San Francisco and the pouring of the concrete for the foundation is well under way. Wahlberg and Swinerton of San Francisco are the general contractors on this job. . . . Warren Transportation Co. of Oakland still has one of their truck cranes fully occupied in the Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s yard loading pipe for the new high pressure gas main which will help feed the Bay Area. . . . Bro. George Agusta, who formerly was the master mechanic for A. Teichert & Sons, and who for the past few months has been land-levelling in and around Salinas, just recently moved in on a nice little job in East San Jose near White Road. He has three of our well-known brothers working for him, namely, Ed Fox, Carl Crevola and Bro. Butler.

### Moss Landing

Standard Oil has seen fit to construct another storage tank of great capacity in this little settlement. Granite Construction has the pile driving, which consists of approximately 500 piles. They are doing this job with the aid and skill of Bros. Orville Smith, Bill Strong, and Tommy Herzog. Oh, yes, Local 34 has a full crew there also. . . . I recently received information that there is going to

be another large breakwater built in this immediate vicinity. . . . A. J. Peters of San Jose (plumbing contractors) also have a fairly good-sized job in this area. . . . Permanente Metals plant is running to full production on lime and other products which are necessary in the manufacture of high temperature or fire brick. Much credit can be given to many of our members who have toiled so long and hard to make possible the high efficiency of this plant. A few of these are: Bros. L. Adams, E. Armstrong, C. Beckin, C. E. Connors, W. E. Daily, H. Dillon, G. W. Foxworthy, B. Flittner, J. Gambetta, R. Hotchkiss, W. Johnson, Norman Kimbaum, H. Nicola, M. Northrup, N. Odom, Ed Powers, F. Phillips, L. Riley, J. Sexton, E. A. Sarimento, Henry Weaver, W. Whitman, Homer Woods and Bro. Scott.

### Doings at Salinas

Dan Caputo was the lucky bidder on an overpass on the Southern Pacific tracks just south of Salinas. . . . The Teichert job on 101 Highway is rapidly nearing completion. It is now in the stage of finish work only. I believe they expect to have it ready for acceptance early in November.

### Palo Alto News

Leo Piazza is progressing nicely with his Palo Alto subdivision job with the assistance of Bro. John Mattus as pusher and Bros. Carl Reynolds, Paul Sarazan, Frank Ramus and Glen Bigelow. . . . O. V. Freeman is still fully occupied on his subdivision and street work. . . . Harvey Connor (ditch digging contractor) is still working on his jobs in and around the same locality. . . . Pacific Pipe Co. is fully occupied in the laying of the high pressure gas main for the P.G.&E. project. At present I believe most of the brothers on this job are working in Bro. Chet Elliott's territory.

### News of the Brothers

Bro. Frank Cabral, an oldtimer who just recently finished a job for Fredrickson & Watson, is in town taking a long-needed rest for a few days. . . . Bro. John Berrest has been laid up for the past three weeks with a badly mangled hand. Bro. Berrest is a mechanic for J. C. Bateman. . . . Bro. J. N. "Blondie" Blondfield and wife have just returned from a wonderful vacation spent in Canada. On his return, he also took a little time out for a "hunt" . . . Bro. L. Baumann, who has been operating for Ed Keeble for some time, just tied the big knot and took three weeks off for a little trip. Good luck, fellow. . . . Bro. Gene Helstrom has recovered sufficiently after a serious operation to return to his duties as equipment supervisor for Earl W. Heple. . . . Another of the brothers who visited in Canada this year is J. K. "Kenny" Graham, crane operator for San Jose Steel. . . . Just received a letter from Bro. Ted W. Knoff, who is working 26 miles south of Fairbanks, Alaska. He says so far the weather is not bad at all but he says he doesn't know whether or not he wants to stick around until it gets 60 or 70 below. . . . Bro. R. A. Wright recently received serious internal injuries while driving a cat in a logging camp, and I am sorry to have to report that at this writing he is still unconscious and in a very serious condition. . . . Bro. Roy London, shovel operator for Rhodes and Robinson, is back on the job again after about three week's illness. . . . Bro. C. D. Gill, former blade operator for Granite

## Dam, Road Jobs Guarantee Work In Fresno Area

By H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE

Representatives, Local 3

**Fresno**—California State Highway Department plans 5 1/2 miles of double highway from Kingsburg to Selma, at an estimated cost of approximately \$600,000. Bids were opened on October 8.

We also understand from the State Highway Department District Engineers another large job will be let the early part of November, rebuilding the existing highway between Herndon Bridge and the 4 lane highway south of Madera. This job will probably run about 1 million dollars.

### Pine Flat Dam

Army Engineers state the North Abutment to Pine Flat Dam of approximately 250,000 yards of excavation will be let soon, however this job will not be able to get under way until the by-pass road is completed. Latest information on the Dam structure itself leads us to believe that bids will be called for in the late spring of 1948.

The Bureau of Reclamation will open for bids, about November 9th, an additional 22 miles of the Friant Kern Canal. Competition for this section will be keen as all the present canal contractors will be bidding.

Gunner Co.'s highway 99 job north of Merced is about completed, in fact traffic is moving over this highway now. On their highway 99 job just south of Fresno they are about 3/4 completed and have started their resurfacing highway job in Poplar.

M. J. Ruddy Co. putting hot stuff on their Yosemite Highway job. Harold McGagan is superintendent.

H. Earl Parker Co. still have 19 cats on their job running double shift and looks as tho they will be running until the first of the year.

Piombo Bros. starting a new job on the Kings River, which is a by-pass road for Pine Flat Dam. They still have quite a bit of work on the south side of the River.

### Start Vet Hospital

Construction on the new Veteran's Hospital in Fresno has started with the Stewart & Nuss Co. subing all excavation from the G. I. Barnes Co. At the present time there is only 3 pieces of equipment on the job, however a shovel and several additional pieces of equipment will move in shortly.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. have started on the overpass job in Fresno and at the present time are operating 2 small shovels and one cat. This firm has sub-let the bulk of excavation and fill to Geo. France Co. of Visalia.

The Basich, Price and Sawyer Co. at Visalia are completing their job in that area and will be in the market for additional work coming up.

Macco Construction Co. working on the Flume Job at Three Rivers, but because of the rough country they are using a minimum of equipment, 2 cats and 2 compressors. This is a fairly large job and later will support additional equipment.

The regular meeting this month will be on the 23rd, 8:00 P. M. at 1035 Broadway, Fresno.

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There's not a Chinaman within 150 miles, but Bro. Bob Burkholder of Local 3 has opened up the "Singapore Hut" in Eureka and serves excellent Chinese food. Asked how come, he says he took a correspondence course in Chinese cooking.

Construction, was in to tell us "goodbye." He is leaving for Arabia. Bro. "Blondie" Wall, shovel operator for A. J. Peters, also has the Arabia "fever." Let's hope it isn't too high but good luck to you, boys, anyway. . . . Bro. Jack Madruga, an oldtime employee of Dan Caputo, has recovered sufficiently after six months in the hospital with a broken back, to resume his duties.

## WIDESPREAD ACTIVITIES FOR STOCKTON REGION SHOWN IN BUSINESS AGENTS' REPORTS

By ED. DORAN and RENNY BURROUGHS

Business Representatives, Local 3

**Stockton**—This month we will try to cover all jobs in the Stockton area. Let's start at Cook's Station. Paul Moore has finished a realignment and resurface job for the State of California with three to five members employed during the summer.

The Winton Lumber Company has just about completed the road job from Pioneer Station to way above West Point. Claude Wood Company of Lodi put on the sub-grade and surface on the eastern end and J. P. Breen Company of Sacramento put the sub-grade and surface on the west end. This will complete about 30 miles of this road with about 17 miles to go on the east end into the primitive area.

A. Teichert of Sacramento has a job of grading from the Red Corral to the west end of the Winton job which has recently been initiated and have ten cats on the job. Bro. Joe Pische is superintendent and Dave Hanney is grade foreman. This gang is staying at Bro. Bob Russels' Kit Carson Trailer Park. Bro. Wes Mallery, the smiling proprietor of the Carson Club, is back on the "cats" but his place is located in downtown Pine Grove.

Then we go back up the canyon to Connolly's tunnel job which is going along very nicely considering it's one of T. E.'s jobs.

### Power House Project

Utah Construction Company has a power house and dam project at the bottom of the hill between West Point and Pioneer Station.

Piombo Brothers have finished the excavating and are getting ready to move to Fresno—these boys have been running through the brush for about six months and are happy to get out at last.

Just above the power house a bridge is to be erected immediately across the Mokelumne River.

Downstream about a mile the Walsh Construction Company of New York are doing a tunnel job with a big gang of Local 3 members. "Haywire" Huntington is superintendent on this job.

You leave Walsh's job, go back to Poineer Station out to the highway, then back into the canyon to Morrison & Knudson's tunnel job. One heading has stopped and concrete is being placed—other than that and a few beefs everything is fine. Al Huntington is super on this job.

Back out on the highway toward Jackson you turn left into Utah Construction Company tunnel job where Bro. Fred Arp is super—never much trouble on this job, it is very well managed.

Then you go back toward the highway over a road that a roofer would improve to Utah Construction Company Electro Surge Basin and West Portal to another tunnel at Lake Tabaud. Ted Stewart is super on the big shaft and "Skinny" Frank Moore is sup on the valve chamber.

### PG&E Tramway

The PG&E is putting in a tramway from the top of the hill to Electro power house—this tram is over a mile long and is being built to haul material for the penstock.

You then go back to Jackson and take the Mokelumne Hill road and turn into the Electro power house where Morrison & Knudson are building a dam and new power house. Moore Dry Dock has erected all of the iron and has moved out. Western Pipe & Steel Company is erecting a stiff leg derrick to use while placing the penstock. From Electro you go over to Mountain Ranch where Braisotti has a string of "cats" grading for a new road.

The A. A. Hoffman Company has been working for the past three years on the Calaveras Cement plant.

Within the city limits of Jackson, Bro. Fred Butler is super for Fredrickson Brothers who have a contract for two highway jobs and a number of bridges and culverts.

This is about all the work going on in Amador and Calaveras Counties.

### Report Valley Work

Coming down into the valley, Bros. Buck Howard and Lee Bond's string of cats are leveling at Cle-

ments. With Buck's rigs are Bros. Roy Hamilton, Paul Formby, Glen Hamilton, L. M. Baker, Lanny Burns and George Graham. Cutting it fine for Lee are Bros. Clarence Smith, Bob Rackley, Willie Melton, D. Webb, Ed Niets and Ray Trapp. These two spreads are really flattening out the foothills for clover.

In on the Waterloo Road, Claude Kenworthy has Bros. Chester Eayars, Jack Farmer, Laurence Kullman, Claude Hunt, Bill Cass, John Alameda and Clarence Niets doing another finish job.

At Linden, Fred Piacentini has two rigs of his own and one of Teichert's working on truck crop and tomato land. Also in that area, Ken McBride and Gene Button have three rigs working.

North of Clements, Montgomery and Baxter have a spread of cats and pulls and out at Clay City, Melvin Mills has two rigs working.

"Chuck" Rohn and Lou Erikson have just finished several small jobs north of Stockton and are moving their equipment south of Stockton along the San Joaquin River.

Frank Taylor has kept his rigs busy in the Farmington area.

Charlie Ferdun has one rig working out at Lodi.

Out in the islands we have missed Al Riders' outfit since they have been working over Dixon way but John Renner's cats have been going steady as have those of P. G. Andrews, Joe Rodgers and Joe Luce.

Around Modesto, Gailbraitt and Staring are in the area south of Turlock. Hickey and Cesnot are working the west side and Willard Spencer is at Manteca.

Terry Fisher's cats and Chester Grant's pulls are off of landleveling now and are taking on some of Stolte's dirt on the Tracy canal job.

Delta Draglines are all working now with R. E. McCarty's rigs all scattered out from Thornton to Patterson, as are those of Bill Young, Costa and Abright, Ed Silvera, Coy Bault and Fisher Brothers. Lauritzen had a rig in driving piles on Whiskey Slough and Pomeroy Sinnock has just set the old Rough and Ready Island bridge in for the new Fish Ravet Road crossing on Robert's Island.

### Mokelumne River

On the Mokelumne River north of Lodi, Miller & Edminston are doing the last back filling with their Northwest 25 and are shipping it out soon. Bro. Ray Bates of Fresno is operating and Frank Kewatz is his oiler. Down on the Stanislaus River, Fredrickson and Watson are finished with their piling and piers and are rapidly pouring the deck for their new highway bridge.

On the San Joaquin River at Mossdale, Lord & Bishop are placing sheet piling for the last pier and expect Judson Pacific in for the steel superstructure contract about Christmas. Shuper poured the last section of the deck of the Calaveras River bridge last week.

### General Mills Job

At Lodi, Utah Construction has just finished most of its General Mills job, but the clean up work will keep them there until Christmas. Claude Wood keeps his Engineers busy on small local stuff but is laying for a sizeable job soon. Hilliard Construction Co. have just completed their \$6,000 street job and are heading for Sacramento again. Bro. G. S. Stuart of Fresno brought his trencher in to do some work for the city there. Bro. Walt Brown is on the city blade.

S. M. McGaw is laying black top on the West Lane road near Eight Mile road. Stockton Construction is laying gravel for realignment of curves and shoulders in this area also. Bro. T. E. Douglas is on the blade.

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# MORRISON, KNUDSEN STRUNG OUT FOR LAKE COUNTY JOB... TWO DAM SHIFTS OPERATING

By H. O. FOSS

Business Representative, Local 3

**San Rafael**—Morrison and Knudsen are strung out on their big Lake County job which runs west of Lower Lake. Bro. Johnny Christman is superintendent and Bro. Mel Stoddard is pusher. Oliver Oswald is in charge of their office, located at the S-Bar-S Ranch. Bros. Deaver and Ball are mechanics, Bro. J. H. Meyers is welding, while Bros. George Raymus and Aaron Smith are a couple of oldtimers working there. Bro. Lee Young was on this job, but the poison oak got the best of him. Altogether there are about 12 pieces of equipment on this job, with more scheduled to arrive.

Al Moretti and Paul Straub are both running two shifts in the Petaluma area on conservation dams.

I ran into Brother H. J. Lewis, who is doing cement work for Marshall Maxwell in the Santa Rosa area. Brother Lewis is ready to furnish jobs with ready mix, and can be reached at Santa Rosa 2351-R. Good luck, Brother Lewis, in your new venture.

There is a new Beacon service station, located in San Rafael, at Fourth and Ida Streets, and is operated by ex-member Claude Ivers. Claude will be happy to see any of you old timers.

I recently received a note from Brother S. B. Turner at Hopland. Brother Turner has been on the sick list for the past eight months, and is progressing slowly. He expects to return to work in the not too distant future.

Brother Kenneth L. Searcey, employed by B.J.L. Co., A.P.O. 937, care of Postmaster, Seattle, says that it is getting too cold for him, and he plans on spending the winter back here. Brother Buck Doney is now permanently settled in Anchorage, Alaska.

Brother Wes Herman was recently down from Ventura way where he has been erecting a Basalite and Mix Plant for the Basalt Quarries. Brother Herman is now foreman in the yard, taking the place of Brother Keig Samuelson, who is on vacation. Most of the Engineers employed by the Basalt Shipyard seem to be taking their vacations at this time. The Shipyard is getting ready to start their swing shift on the dismantling work.

Brothers Drazell and Quinlin take care of the operating in the Quarry.

Brother J. T. McKellar dropped in to say that he is headed for Chichiu, Old Mexico way, for the Paloma Lumber Co. Jack says that he always has liked beans and tamales, and should certainly get his fill of them in the one or two years he plans on being there.

Brother Fred Jensen, the boy who started up on his own over here in the last couple of years, now keeps about 12 members busy, and seems to be getting along fine. Fred is a member of the A.G.C. Brother Ernie Wheale is his superintendent, and Brother Otto Bordfelt does the majority of the shovel work.

Brother Jim Hewitson, the well known nut buster, is starting a general repair business in this area, and promises day and night service. His telephone number is San Rafael 6004-W.

### Trail Job Ending

The Silvarado Trail job, awarded to George Murray, is just about finished, as far as the excavation and realignment work goes. Brother Paul Matus is doing the paving, and Brother Art Burch is foreman. Brother Otis Montgomery is on the drag line, and D. L. Keithley is the master mechanic.

Stolte Co. is ahead of schedule on their big job for sewer installations in Mill Valley.

A. G. Ralsch is very busy on the Vallejo street work, and so is J. Henry Harris, whose job is rapidly winding up.

Several of the boys are reporting very successful hunting trips, with Brother Ed Nelson of Square Head Con. Co., being one of the most fortunate, having bagged a nice seven pointed buck. (Who told you bums that I don't like deer m at??)

Brother H. C. Phillips, after a long struggle out Pt. Reyes way,

finally advises me that his quarry is under full production, as is his hot and gravel plants. Good luck to you, Phil.

E. E. Lowell is nearly finished on a large sewer job in the Santa Rosa area.

Art Siri has a large crew of Engineers scattered all over the northern area.

Brother Jack Foss, formerly with Atkinson in South City, left by plane for a job with Betchel in Arabia.

Brother W. H. Littlefield has his own portable welding machine, and can be reached at Santa Rosa 67-Y-22.

McCaffery & McKay are busy over here on this side of the bay.

Brother Vern Short, we are very sorry to report, was severely burned Oct. 10 when the crane boom hit a live one on the Pacific Pipelines job between Conn dam and Napa and is in very serious condition. We are all pulling for you, fellow.

## Agent Reports News of Local In Marysville

By WILLIAM C. WAACK  
Representative, Local 3

Brother Howard Poston got his buck on opening day, a three pointer, in his back yard virtually. Howard lives on Hammonton Road and the buck was killed in the tailing piles about 7 miles from town.

Wilbur Brophy, one of the famous north valley ball players, got into the hills back of Hammonton. He got a try at one but the eye that can connect with a pitched ball didn't work on the buck. Five shots and no meat. Unusual for a Brophy, who brings them in pretty regularly.

Brother Howard Good oiling on Biggs 3 of Yuba Consolidated attended our last dredge meeting at Marysville. His head and chin were trussed and bracketed and for durability, listen to this one. Howard was working on the deck—the digging end of 3. What happened is purely guess work on the part of the crew of that shift. Maybe the rock was lodged between the buckets, but one jarred loose from somewhere, struck Howard on the head inflicting a nasty scalp or head injury, and naturally knocking him cold. He finally came to and crawled off the deck, was taken to the hospital where in addition to the head injury his neck was found to be fractured in two places. And altho he is yet unable to be back on the job he is getting around on his own power—still able to tell how it feels to have a broken neck, and how, with the broken neck he made it to shelter, where the gang found him.

In the event of any industrial accident, Brothers, please contact your business agent.

### SAYS SO RIGHT HERE

Craps, roulette and black jack are popular pastimes in Reno, but the natives seem to prefer faro or straight poker. Smaller house percentage they say. One chap didn't know much about poker as the dealer at his table would substantiate. He asked him what was a royal flush.

"Oh," he replied, "that's when Queen Elizabeth pulls the chain."

Alaska, Mexico, Arabia—those are the destinations of Local 3 members recently contacting Bro. H. O. Foss of the San Rafael office.

# THE I. U. O. E. GIVES

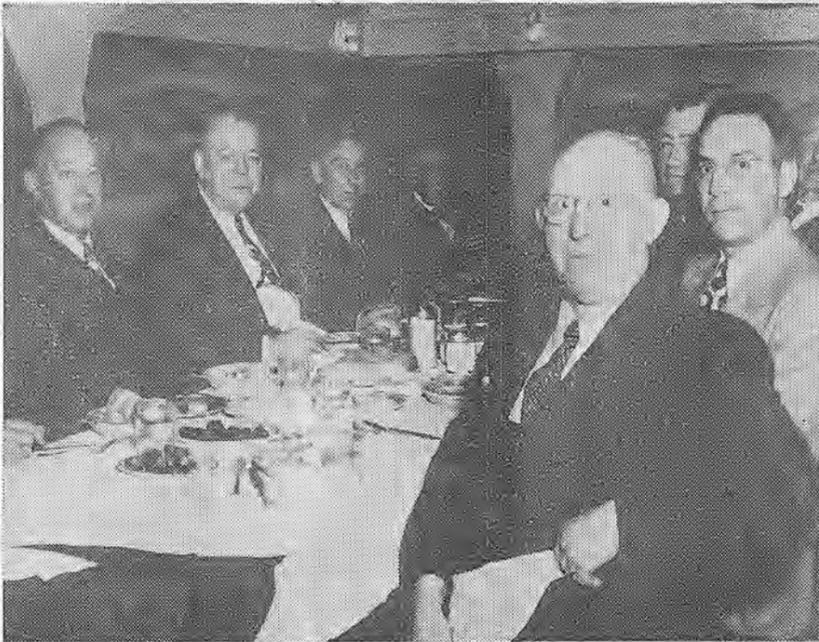
Headed by General President William E. Maloney and Secretary-Treasurer F. A. Fitzgerald, the International Union gave a dinner party on Friday, October 10, at Lucca's Restaurant in San



Left to right: Newell J. Carmen, Secy., Local 39, S.F.; Frank O. Brantley, Pres., Local 39; Harry Vosburgh, Local 39 Exec. Board Member; Al Laster, Intl. Rep., IUOE; Herbert Woods, Director of Research, Washington, D.C.; Chas. B. Gramling, Intl. 6th Vice-Pres., Atlanta, Ga.; Anton J. Imhahn, Intl. 2nd Vice-Pres., Chicago; Victor S. Swanson, Intl. 7th Vice-Pres., Local 3, S.F.; Genl. Pres. Wm. E. Maloney, IUOE.



Left to right: 7th Vice-Pres. Victor S. Swanson, Intl. 7th Vice-Pres., Local 3, S.F.; Genl. Secy.-Treas. F. A. Fitzgerald, Intl. Secy.-Treas., IUOE; and 4th Vice-Pres. Joseph Delaney, Intl. 4th Vice-Pres., IUOE.



Left to right, background: Edward Shinn, Local 825, Newark, N.J.; John I. Lynch, Local 150, Chicago; Harry F. Kline, Local 2, St. Louis; Thos. J. Roberts, executive board, Local 39, S.F. Foreground, front to back: Wm. Costello, Ex. Board, Local 39, San Jose; James T. Rivers, Bus. Rep., Local 39, Oakland; Leo Derby, Bus. Rep., Local 39, S.F.



Victor S. Swanson, managing Gen. Pres. Wm. E. Maloney's recent appointment as Secy. of the International Union of Operating Engineers.



Left, front: E. A. Hester, Local 3, S.F.; in back of him, G. Tudor, Local 12, L.A.; left to right, across table: Harry Vosburgh of Local 39, S.F., J. Groom, Tony Saunders, Jack Emery, and Joe Francis, all of Local 12, L.A.



Rec. Secy. Clarence Mathews, while Pres. Pat Clark, left to right: V. L. Kelly, Local 635, Healdsburg, Calif.; Joe Waiwarole, Local 635, Healdsburg, Calif.; Morris A. Skelton, Intl. Secy. of Reclamation; Morris A. Skelton, Intl. Secy. of Reclamation; Willis, Local 12, L.A.

# A DINNER PARTY

Francisco for all International Representatives, I. U. O. E. delegates to the A. F. of L. convention, and Engineer representatives on the West Coast. Pictures of the event are shown below.



Swanson; Intl. Pres. Wm. Maloney; General Counsel Wm. A. Thomas;



Left to right: Anton J. Imhahn, 2nd Intl. Vice-Pres., Local 399, Chicago; Pres. Wm. E. Maloney, IUOE; Victor S. Swanson, 7th Intl. Vice-Pres., Local 3, S.F.; F. A. Fitzgerald, General Secy.-Treas., IUOE; Wm. A. Thomas, Intl. General Counsel, Washington, D. C.; Joseph J. Delaney, Intl. 4th Vice-Pres., Local 15, N.Y.; V. L. Kelly, Local 181, Evansville, Ind.; Henry H. Herbolsheimer, Intl. Trustee, Local 1, Denver.



Left to right: Wm. C. De Koning, Local 138, New York; J. C. Fitzgerald, Intl. Rep., Local 12, L.A.; Andrew F. Leach, Local 399, Chicago; Hunter P. Wharton, Local 66, Pittsburgh; Chas. A. Evans, Secy., Local 12, L.A.



Local 3 is caught in the act of stealing silp-puts on a deadpan act to cover up far him. 181, Evansville, Ind., Clancy, Mathews, and Olulu. Right background: Bob Smith, Bureau Secy., Local 12, L.A. (face hidden), and W. C.



Left to right, background: R. E. McCarthy, Bus. Rep., Local 39, Stockton; Kevan Walsh, Secy., Calif. State Conference of Operating Engineers; A. R. Oughton, Bus. Rep., Local 39, Sacramento; Newell J. Carman, Secy., Local 39, S.F.; Frank O. Brantley, Pres., Local 39. Foreground: David Richardson, Treas., Local 39, S.F. (face to camera). Side face: Harry F. Kline, Local 2, St. Louis.

## COMING RAINY SEASON WILL SLOW UP REDWOOD EMPIRE--- NEW LUMBER DOCK PLANNED

By OTTO E. NEVER

Business Representatives, Local 3

**Eureka**—Reporting for the Redwood Empire, things are beginning to slack off a bit but whether the rainy season will stop all construction or not is a question.

In the Del Norte County area, the Basalt Rock Company at Crescent City is rapidly finishing the breakwater and jetty and unless the weather intervenes, they will complete the job by November 1st. This job has been well coordinated and the completion of this job will show excellent supervision as well as whole-hearted cooperation and team work on the part of the members of Local 3. The members who have handled the cranes on the barges as well as the Link Belt crane used in placing the A-rock on the jetty have done a splendid job.

### Vital Dock Question

Your business representative met with a representative of the Stimson Lumber Co. on September 28th regarding a proposed dock for the shipment of lumber and other commodities. It is possible that a dock will be commenced within 90 days and it will be built so that later a spur track can be built for the shipping of loaded railroad cars by railroad ferry to Eureka. These will be unloaded at Eureka and pushed on to the Northwestern Pacific tracks.

This may sound fantastic, but lumber companies interested feel that it is financially sound and that docks in Eureka and Crescent City can be built and a railroad ferry purchased at a total cost of \$800,000. The company then intends to build a railroad as far north as Brookings and as far south as Klamath with necessary spur tracks to the larger mills. The freight rates will then be approximately the same as it is in Eureka and the incentive for the marketing of some 35 billion feet of timber in the Del Norte area will be apparent. Your business representative proposes to contact all seven of the large companies interested in the Del Norte area and see what can be done about placing engineers on all of the classifications that are held by our organization.

There is no new activity between Crescent City and Arcata. Clifford Dunn is attempting to complete the concrete piers and the approaches to the bridge at Weitchpec. With good luck, Dunn should be completed by November 10th. The steel work on the bridge was awarded to the Guy F. Atkinson Company. We have been unable to learn when they intend starting their contract.

Tom Hull is still getting Aggregates out at Hoopa. As usual, Tom is having his bad times, due to break-downs and lack of parts, but we have yet to hear of one of our members suffering from a loss of time.

Bro. Vic Raymond has gone up in the sticks near Snow Camp for the Brizards Co. on the PG&E right-of-way and has shown the boys how to spot a pole with a truck crane.

Byers' job at Willow Creek is almost all hand labor—only one cat skinner on the job. The job at Ridge Cabin will probably carry on until snow flies.

In Eureka, Mercer Fraser manages to keep all of our worthy brothers busy and will continue to do so until the weather stops them.

Many of our brothers who have bought one or two pieces of equipment and gone out sub-contracting have done fairly well in the past year and are all busy at this time.

Bro. Louis Conner keeps six or seven of the brothers busy on his cats and carryalls. He has one job at Maple Creek building access roads and another for the Hammond Lumber Co. above Big Lagoon. Bro. Louis Conner has always insisted on having experienced cat skimmers, but has always given the boys a fair shake in return, working the boys six days a week and allowing them an hour for travel time.

Carlin Bros. have finished the job at Big Lagoon and have bid with Mercer Fraser Co. on the new airport at Rohnerville. They were low bidder but at the time of writing this report they had no knowledge of when the award would be made.

Mercer Fraser's hot plant is kept quite busy and will undoubtedly continue to be busy until the rains make it impossible to lay any more hot stuff.

Fred Maurer and Son were the only bidders for pile driving for dolphins and piers at the municipal fishing boat harbor.

Buran Equipment Co. has laid off a couple of brothers in the shop, but hopes to maintain the remainder of their crew.

The Landing Aids Experiment Station at Arcata has continued to put on one or two brothers each week until they now have a pretty substantial crew.

The Borden Co.'s fish reduction plant still manages to kick up a good stink, so that we all know that the brothers there are busy.

### Ice Plant Wages

Negotiations for an increase in wages for the brothers at the ice plant there are still going on, but should be settled within the next 30 days.

Phoenix Construction Co. is still attempting to finish their pioneer work at Piercy but have run into all kinds of luck which is all bad. Just when this job will be completed will be problematical.

McEwen & Syar should be finished with the cutoff below Willits by November 1 at the latest, and the same applies to the Guy F. Atkinson job at Fort Bragg. The Siri bridge and approach job north of Fort Bragg is being rushed with the same intention—to finish up before the rainy season sets in.

Burman Bros. have finished up the schoolhouse project at Rockport and will leave some of their equipment in that vicinity in order to take care of any slides that may occur on their access roads that were built last summer for the M&M Lumber Co. below Leggett Valley.

We regret to report that Bro. Lawrence Shetter suffered a broken foot and possibly other injuries to his left leg while oiling on one of Basalt's shovels at the quarry at Crescent City. Bro. Shetter, too, has had a run of bad luck for the past year, and we are sure that when he leaves the hospital his luck in the future will be all good. He is certainly entitled to a better break.

Bro. Ray Anderson, who turned his cat upside down at Piercy and ended up by being underneath, has been discharged from the General Hospital in Eureka and will take a few weeks of rest at his home in San Rafael. Bro. Ray had a close squeak.

Some time ago we mentioned the fact that we were proud of the ability of members of Local 3 to go into other fields of endeavor and make good. We mention with a great deal of pride that Bro. Robert Burkholder, formerly a heavy duty mechanic and welder at the M&K job at Fairfield, has opened the Singapore Hut in Eureka at 517 E Street. Bro. Bob serves the finest of steaks and chops, and believe it or not, he also serves Chinese dishes, notwithstanding the fact there is not a Chinese within 150 miles of Eureka. We asked him how come and he stated that he took a correspondence course in Chinese cooking and after his first lesson even his friends wouldn't associate with him. However, the food is good, every bit of it. I know—I have tried it, so how about giving Bro. Bob a break?

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Turkey season has started full blast in the valley district, offices of Local 39 report.

## TRADES BACK FITZGERALD RESOLUTION

An important resolution on full development of natural resources in the United States, introduced by F. A. Fitzgerald, general secretary-treasurer of the International Union of Operating Engineers, was unanimously adopted at the 40th annual convention of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department at San Francisco. The resolution follows:

WHEREAS, full development of natural resources of the United States is one of the ideals of Organized Labor, and

WHEREAS, development of the west is necessary for full development of these resources, and

WHEREAS, the construction, policies, and plans of the United States Bureau of Reclamation aim to develop these resources, and

WHEREAS, new lands made arable through development by the United States Bureau of Reclamation are made available to veterans, and power developed is made available to ever increasing industry, and

WHEREAS, monies used in this construction are reimbursable and the benefits of both the work and results are spread throughout the United States, so be it

RESOLVED, that the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor in convention assembled go on record as endorsing the work, policies, and plans of the United States Bureau of Reclamation in its development of the natural resources of the United States,

## "Suits" the Boys!



The publicity blurb with this picture told all about the wonderful qualities of lastex yarn—and how it's the coming kind of swim suit material. But nary a mention of the model. No address, not even a name.

and also endorse the continued construction of these works, and be it further.

RESOLVED, that the President of the United States and the speaker of each house of congress be notified of the action taken by this convention.

## Nevada Highway Projects Still Keep Boys Busy

By H. L. SPENCE

Representative, Local 3

Reno—Hunt and Fransden Construction Co. have started their 23 miles of highway in Newark Valley, at a junction of Highway 50, 15 miles east of Eureka, Nevada. Their mine job is still going strong, with Bro. John Livingston running the crusher, and Bro. Bernard Smith for his assistant. Bro. John Turner is the heavy duty repairman. Bro. Richard Z. Hunt is on their Linkbelt shovel.

Dodge Construction Company, Inc., is getting well on its way on their road job east of Wells, Nev., with Bros. Gordon A. Young, L. Buckmaster and W. H. Gillum on the new electric Tournau Pulls, and Bro. Darrell L. Cole on the rubber tired dozer. The dear brothers have another name for this new electric equipment, but it would not do to put it in writing. Huh, fellows? However, they are moving lots of muck and the boss and the company are well pleased with their crew of engineers. Bro. I. J. Tobler has finally got the rock crushing plant set up on the Dunphy job after shopping around for a suitable spot. Dodge's Battle Mountain job is almost to the finish line, with Lew Peck and his hot plant crew putting out the hot stuff in a big way.

The Silver States Construction Company has practically finished the grading and have quite a bit of hot stuff laid. Andy Drumm hopes to finish before the snowballs hit his job, and I think he will, for he has really rushed the job through. He could, for he has a good bunch of union engineers on his job. Lots of luck to you, Andy, for you are a friend of mine now after feeding me in your camp all summer. Any time you fellows are up in the Elko country be sure and stop in at Andy's camp and eat, for he puts out the best chow in Elko County, especially his chicken dinners. I know, for I was there, Charley.

A. Teichert & Son's job at Susanville, Calif., is going along in fine shape. However, I think the deer hunting affects some of the dear brothers at times. Bro. Jerry Cuneo killed a nice big buck out on the grade and Bro. William (Little Bill) Lamdrum was telling me that Bro. Leonard Miller shot at a big buck to see him jump. Too bad, better luck next time, Leonard.

Fredrickson & Watson Construction Company's road job south of Susanville, Calif., is coming along O. K. with Bro. Les Crisman in charge of the job and Bro. H. L. Walker on the shovel.

Pete Hostetler has a couple of Super-C pulls, building a dam out at Smoke Creek. Bros. Lewis Patton and Frank Molinari are operating them and they tell me they haul the dirt out of the state of Nevada into the state of California. So the job must be near the state line.

George Miller has started on his sewer job in Battle Mountain. He also has a number of jobs in and around Reno.

Isbell Construction Company was awarded the job of paving East Second Street in Reno. They have quite a lot of other street work around town.

Powers & DeLagrange are moving some of their equipment back from Oregon. They have been renting equipment to keep their jobs going in Reno.

Bro. John F. Peterson, business agent for the Building Trades Council, is still up at Lake Tahoe. He is still doing a wonderful job as business agent for all of the building trades crafts.

Bro. Sherman Lewis dropped in the Reno office to say hello. He is operating a cat on a ranch at Yerington, Nev., and he is doing all right for himself.

Bro. W. E. McGuire, accompanied by Mrs. McGuire, from the San Francisco area, paid the Reno office a visit. They were enjoying a nice week-end at Lake Tahoe. At this writing, I am very sorry

## Pabco's Building Material Industry Originated in San Francisco Bay Area

Located in Emeryville, California, is the home plant of one of the largest manufacturers of building materials in the world—The Paraffine Paint Companies, Inc.—better known by the company trademark, Pabco.

Approximately 1,500 people are employed at the Emeryville plant in the production of Pabco floor coverings, roofing, paint, magnesia insulations, and other building materials. The company has other factories located in South Gate and Redwood City, California; Somerville, New Jersey; and Sydney, Australia.

The story of Pabco began with the early development of the West Coast back in the 1870's. When oil was discovered in California, the Pennsylvania railroad sent men out from the East to work on developing petroleum interests. They found that in refining the California oil, there was a thick, black, sticky residue, which they called "black paraffine." One of the men, named Beardsley, observed that this substance had a tough resistance to the elements that would make it an unbeatable base for weatherproofing building products.

Beardsley joined forces with an early California druggist, Pearce, and the two spent years experimenting until they finally discovered a way to dissolve the black paraffine, or asphalt as it is now known, so that it could be adapted for construction use. The Paraffine Companies, Inc. was founded in 1884 to develop the patents taken out by Pearce and Beardsley for asphaltic paints and roofing. Thus Pabco introduced to the world building materials with an asphalt base.

### Outstanding Pioneer

From its beginning the company has been a pioneer in many industrial developments and has grown and expanded despite depressions and recurring crises.

Impetus for expansion at Pabco began in 1906 when the company completed the construction of the only felt mill in the West, just shortly before the earthquake and fire destroyed San Francisco. Pabco had the facilities to help rebuild the city, and for two years after the tragedy, the company's plant ran seven days and nights a week turning out roofing and other essential materials.

When the crash brought market conditions tumbling down around everyone's head in 1929, Pabco was in the midst of planning to manufacture a new product. These plans went on without interruption and in 1931 the company erected the first linoleum plant west of Pennsylvania. In the depth of the depression, in 1933, Paraffine enlarged the linoleum plant.

### Company Looks Ahead

The men, whose foresight was responsible for the company's steady growth despite any odds, visualized well before the last war that the West was going to need a greater supply of better insulating materials. As a result a new million dollar plant for manufacturing precision-molded magnesia pipe and heat surface insulating material was completed on December 1, 1941. Six days later—Pearl Harbor—and Paraffine was ready to produce large quantities of this critically needed supply for war.

All activity at Paraffine was concentrated on producing materials essential for war throughout the duration of the conflict. An enormous contribution to the war effort was made by the men and women employed at Pabco, who were recognized with Army-Navy "E" awards and War Production Board awards.

### Expansion Program

Since those hectic war years, Pabco's machinery has hummed on. Immediately after the announcement of victory, the company launched an \$11,000,000 expansion program to increase production for peacetime housing needs. Its research facilities have been enlarged to meet a challenge-

to report the death of Bro. W. A. Palmer of Fallon, Nev. Brother Palmer had worked for Dodge Construction Company, Inc., for a good many years and was still on their payroll at the time of passing.

ing future, an extensive addition has been made to the magnesia insulation materials division and construction continues at a fast clip all over the plant.

Pabco's successful labor relations, with 18 unions within one plant, have been far-famed, and the company's policy of fairness and high wages has received even worldwide recognition.

The union membership in Pabco's Emeryville plant is now about equally divided between AFL and CIO unions, with employees belonging to the AFL Carpenters Union; CIO Machinists; AFL Electrical Workers; AFL Printing Specialties & Paper Converters Union; AFL International Brotherhood of Structural Iron Workers & Riggers; CIO Oil Workers International Union; AFL International Union of Operating Engineers; AFL Paint Makers Union; AFL Painters, Decorators & Paperhanging; AFL Sheet Metal Workers International; AFL International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers; AFL Steamfitters Union; AFL Brotherhood of Teamsters & Auto Truck Drivers; CIO Warehousemen's Union; Independent Welders International Association; CIO United Office and Professional Workers of America; CIO Nurses Guild of Alameda County; and AFL Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers International Local.

In almost every section of the plant where construction work is expanding Pabco's facilities to meet the building demands of the nation, members of the International Union of Operating Engineers are contributing their share.

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## Rail Lumber Ferry

Lumber firms in the region of Del Norte, the county in the most northwesterly tip of California, are planning to boost the marketing of some 35 million feet of timber in that area by building a railroad ferry to run the 90 some miles between harbors of Crescent City and Eureka. Feeder rail lines will be built into the interior from Crescent City down to the harbor, and ferry docks erected there and at Eureka to the south, where the line will connect with established rail lines. This interesting development is reported by Bro. Otto Never of Local 3's Eureka office.

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## Entertain the Public

One of the biggest steel jobs in Oakland in many years is the new 17-story telephone building in the heart of the downtown business district, a project which attracts so big a gallery of sidewalk superintendents that it's said one of the oilers bows to the audience as he goes off shift every night. Other engineers are said to be feeling a mild case of stage fright. Two derricks are in the hole, Bro. Al Clem of Local 3's Oakland office reports, and the size of the job is illustrated by column structures some of which weigh as much as 35 tons.

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## Financial Formula

CUSTOMER: "My wife and I want to open a joint account. How does it work?"

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From Utah Local 3: Cool weather slowing things down on Thorn Co. job at Cedar Breaks, altitude, 10,000 feet. Brother Sterling Jacobson is suffering from Mononeucleosis, says it gives him bad headache.

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# Round-up of the news from Utah

By C. L. Casebolt, T. L. Clark, C. R. Van Winkle and L. G. Ostler, Business Representatives, Local 3

**Salt Lake City — Every construction stiff who has spent any time in the construction game could probably quote many instances illustrating and proving that you can't put blind faith in your employer.** The compiler of this article well remembers some years ago receiving a telephone call from a contractor in which he asked whether I was working and upon being told that I wasn't said, "Don't take anything for anyone else, I've got just the sort of job you are best at and one in which you will be extremely valuable to me, in fact, I've got to have you." Upon explaining his proposition and being told it was satisfactory, said, "I'll call you before the end of the week." This cost me a couple of other jobs, as I'm still waiting for the call.

On another occasion the contractor by whom I was currently employed ran out of work and upon being approached to ascertain the prospects told me "Don't worry, I'll take care of you." Well, it's lucky that I'm not the worrying type and had the usual complement of ears, eyes, mouth, hair, legs and arms, etc., because he forgot his promise and I had to take care of myself. As said, every worker, if he remembered, could probably recall many similar instances of employer promises that were not kept and which failure was mighty serious to the individual depending upon the promise.

Such experiences are one of the best illustrations of the need of trade unions by the individual workers. Such unions give the workers something other than the employer to depend upon because the average employer is absorbed in running his business and unless his employees' welfare is forcibly called to his attention is more often than not, inclined to sacrifice his employees affairs to his business.

Early this year your officials upon your instructions entered into negotiations with the Labor Committee of the A.G.C. During the course of those negotiations it was agreed that every member of the A.G.C., upon an agreement being arrived at, would, as an individual contractor, sign that agreement. While there is some doubt that the Labor Committee of the A.G.C. had the authority to bind their membership and require such a signature a number of the membership of the A.G.C. indicated they would, by having a responsible official, sign a form letter, which was evidently prepared by the A.G.C., and mailing it to your union.

One of such firms was the Wheelwright Construction Company and the following sworn testimony illustrates how some employers, a small minority we are pleased to report, feel about keeping their pledged word when they feel that it is to their immediate advantage to violate that word. The following is taken from the testimony of Mr. G. M. Wheelwright, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Wheelwright Construction Company and may be found on pages 36 and 37 of the transcript of the hearing of the Wheelwright Construction Company's charges of unfair labor practices against your Union. Read it and then judge whether or not your officials were justified in their actions.

Mr. F. Henri Henroid, attorney for Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, cross examining Mr. G. M. Wheelwright, Secretary-Treasurer, Wheelwright Construction Company.

Q. Did you ever indicate to any person that you would abide by the decision of the Utah Associated General Contractors Labor Committee?

A. No.  
Q. You don't recall any instances?  
A. No.  
Q. Do you recall writing a letter to Mr. Casebolt, Business Repre-

sentative of Operating Engineers Local No. 3, dated March 28, 1947?

A. Yes.  
Q. Do you remember the contents of that letter?

A. Indirectly, yes, I could not quote it.

Q. I hand you what purports to be a letter signed by G. M. Wheelwright. That is you?

A. Yes.  
Q. Addressed to Mr. C. L. Casebolt, Business Representative Operating Engineers Local No. 3, and ask you if that is a photostatic copy of the letter you wrote.

A. That is correct.  
COM. ROYALE: Are you submitting that in evidence?

A. I call your attention to the letter itself, Mr. Wheelwright, wherein it states:

"This will acknowledge your letter of March 24, 1947, in which you served notice of the termination of your construction agreement.

"We have referred this matter to the labor committee of A.G.C. and will recognize the rates and classifications established by A.G.C. or through the collective bargaining process with your union. We cannot accept the working rules, classifications and wages which you submit until approved by our A.G.C. Labor Committee. The working rules, wages and classifications in last year's contract continue until changed by our labor committee."

Q. You wrote that letter?

A. Yes.  
Q. Do you wish to state that you did not at any time authorize your A.G.C. Labor Committee to do anything for you?

A. Authorize them to negotiate, but I didn't get around to the point where we had to sign a contract."

### S.F. Makes History

As this is written labor history is being made in San Francisco. There gathered into conventions of the Building Trades Department, the Metal Trades Department, and other departments of the American Federation of Labor and the American Federation of Labor itself are the National Leaders of the American Federation of Labor and of its affiliated International and National Unions. There will be decided the policies of the A. F. of L. Unions toward the Taft-Hartley Act and similar State Laws such as our own so-called Clegg-Vest Act. When this is decided your local officials will know how to proceed.

This is given in explanation as to why it might have appeared that your local representatives were a little hesitant about attacking some problems that have arisen of late. Such problems must be met by a concerted, coordinated attack or much damage might be done as a poor case carried into the courts might be the cause of a decision that would have an adverse effect upon the labor movement and its membership for years, while a well planned case might be carried into the courts and result in a decision that would nullify much of the present restrictive legislation. In the meantime we have our local cases before the State Supreme Court and until we are sure there is no use of becoming impatient and starting something that might be expensive both to the local union and to the individual members.

### News About the Jobs

Information presently on hand would indicate that work may be better this winter than previous winters. Pretty authentic rumors have it that some road jobs are in store that can be worked this winter. We only hope this is true. Work to date has held up well with but very few on the out of work list. So far the weather has been ideal and it is to be hoped that it will stay that way.

W. W. Clyde jobs at Farmington and Brigham are proceeding nicely with the help of about twenty of the Brothers. . . . Wheeler and Tempest also has a small job at Farmington. . . . Parson and

Fife have three jobs going, one in Ogden, one at Brigham City and another at Wellsville. . . . The Waterfall Co. is using about eight members in Ogden. . . . Sterns and Rogers are making nice progress at Devils' Slide with the help of fifteen of the Brothers. . . . Ford the Ferguson at Corrine are on the finishing stage of their road job. . . . Gibbons and Reed are about through at Riverdale.

## Fresno Has Good Meeting; Office Opens Milk Pact

By MARK G. CAMPBELL  
Representative, Local 39

**Fresno — The last regular meeting of the Fresno branch was very well attended. A class of 14 new members were initiated. The brothers who did not get up to the meeting missed a good time as Brother Vettling and Brother Day had a big surprise for all present.**

In the fluid milk industry our agreement has been opened for negotiations, which we hope to have our first meeting by the time this goes to press. Following comes the ice industry and milk manufacturers.

Officials of Local 213 Farm Workers' Union have affidavits by 19 men they were discharged from an Exeter Packing Plant with 5 other union members.

Local 3184, Boxmakers' Union, their representative reports 19 of their members were fired while a contract was being negotiated.

**Looking for Trouble?**  
As this situation looks to me—those employers are asking for trouble. If a situation like that is allowed to exist it will have a direct effect on our civil liberties, as well as free enterprise. All this talk about communism in the ranks of organized labor is just a sham.

If through the Taft-Hartley bill they are successful in breaking the unions, as some of the employers think, it would leave a fertile field for the communist.

### Gearhart Ducks Debate

It was reported Congressman Bud Gearhart was asked to go on the radio for a round table discussion with Brother Chet Cary, Secretary of the Fresno Labor Council, discussing the Taft-Hartley bill. Mr. Gearhart refused, but still he voted for the Slave Labor Bill.

The overall unemployed situation in Fresno was up 27% in August, although a large percentage consists of unskilled labor.

So brothers, every opportunity you have to gather more of that gray matter do not pass it up and take a chance on falling into that category.

Brother Marcel Kennedy has taken Brother Jones' place at the Fresno Ice Arena, which started operation Sept. 20, 1947. Mr. Bergen, the manager, claims to have a greatly improved hockey team this season.

On my recent visit to the Valley Oxygen Co. at Hanford, I noted the company had installed another still, which is keeping the brothers on the jump. Had a talk with Mr. Freeman, the manager, was informed if it was possible to keep his products moving he would immediately put on another engineer on each shift.

Brothers, do not forget the next regular meeting on October 28, 1947, at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

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Bro. Ray Anderson of Local 3, Eureka, is recovering from a close call. His cat turned upside down at Piercy and he ended up by being underneath. He is now out of the hospital.

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Need for a strong union was never greater than now!

Young and Smith are going along nicely on their Farmington and Riverdale jobs. . . . Glen Woodward, W. E. Thatcher, E. W. Foulger, James Leck, L. T. Gattett, and W. F. Johnson, all have small jobs going in or about Ogden. . . . Hyman and Mickle are getting along fine on the job near the Utah-Idaho State line. . . . Contracting Engineers are working a few of the boys at Clearfield. . . . Olaf Nelson's job in Sardine Canyon is going along fine. He has thirteen of the Brothers working for him. . . . W. W. Clydes' job on the Mormon Trail Road is making good progress. . . . Green Construction Co. is doing a water and sewer job in Sandy. . . . Utah Construction Company's Railroad job is proceeding nicely and they are getting their big electric shovels ready for their dike job. . . . W. W. Clydes' Magna street paving job is making good progress thanks to our good weather. . . . Ralph Prout is doing a lot of housing work around Salt Lake City. . . . Enoch Smith and Sons are doing quite a bit of work for the gas company around Salt Lake City and Murray.

Thayne Construction Company is really making the dirt fly among a number of the housing projects around Salt Lake City. . . . W. W. Clyde's paving job at the St. Johns Chemical Warfare base is making good time and keeping a number of the brothers busy. . . . Enoch Smith and Sons have a number of sewer jobs around Salt Lake City. . . . Pacific Bridge So. at Park City is using quite a crew on their ore reduction plant. This plant is under a separate agreement with Local Union No. 3. . . . Wheeler and Tempest are busy as usual around Salt Lake City on a number of sewer and water jobs.

W. W. Clyde is really making progress on his four lane highway job at the Point of the Mountain. About 35 of our members are helping him. . . . Cary B. Warren is getting started on the Salt Lake Aqueduct and Jordan Narrows Siphon job. Several of the old hands are back to work and the pipe plant should start by November 1st. . . . Only small jobs are being done now at Geneva Steel Plant but rumor says bigger jobs start around January 1st. Utah Construction is on the job at present. . . . V. C. Mendenhall has a job at Lehi, Daniels Canyon, Eureka and Strawberry Lake. Our relationship has been strained of late but better feeling is expected in the near future.

Enoch Smith and Sons are doing a paving job in Provo. . . . The Material Supply Co. is widening First North, Provo. . . . A. O. Thorn Co. is supplying most of

the concrete around Provo from their batch plant under the Sand, Gravel and Ready-Mixed Concrete Agreement, and are doing some construction work around Heber. . . . Strong Co. has a number of the boys working on their road job at Monticello. . . . J. Tertling and Sons are evidently trying to make Salt Lake City by winter the way they are proceeding on the U. P. job. Last heard they were at Boulder. . . . Bethers Bros. are starting their job at Kanosh.

Floyd Whiting is trying to beat the weather at Modena on his surfacing and if the weather holds he'll make it. . . . Utah Construction Co. is using the same crew at Iron Mountain and Iron Springs. . . . Cold weather is threatening the A. O. Thorn Co. job at Cedar Breaks, its 10,000 feet high there. . . . At Sigurd the Western Gypsum Plant being erected by Jacobson Construction Co. is making good progress. Western Steel Erection Co. has the steel erection. . . . Next door to them the U. S. Gypsum Co. is starting a new plant. Ellis Barker is the general and W. W. Clyde has the excavating. . . . W. W. Clyde has laid off the night shift on his Salina Canyon job. He is, however, going to work as long as the weather allows him.

### Purely Personal

Brother C. R. Bridget, genial steward of the Carl B. Warren Co. has recovered nicely from a bladder operation and is back on the job. Good going Rich. . . . If you have wondered where Sterling Jacobson has been lately he is suffering a disease named Mononucleosis, don't ask what it is or how you pronounce it but Sterling says it gives him a bad headache. He says he is beating it though.

### Meeting Notices

Union meetings are important to you and your family. Please try and attend. Salt Lake City: Labor Temple, Second Wednesday in each month. . . . Park City: Memorial Building, last Tuesday of each month. . . . Provo: Labor Temple, second Friday of each month. . . . Cedar City: Court Room, City and County Building second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise notified.

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# News from the San Francisco office

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

**San Francisco**—Work in the San Francisco area has been holding up better than was expected, with very few men on the out-of-work list as work in the outlying districts has absorbed the few idle men in this territory who cared to work there.

Since our last news report we spent practically all of our time attending the conventions of the Metal Trades Department and Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor. As the brothers know, our last meeting was an advertised meeting for the membership to meet the gen-

eral president and general executive officers. With the opening of the AFL convention October 6 in San Francisco, we will be busy with the convention and committee meetings for the next two weeks.

The executive board of the Western States Conference of Engineers has had several meetings with committees to discuss matters of importance to the engineers in the 11 western states, report on these meetings will be made at a later date.

## Much New Building

A large number of new building projects both large and small have

started since the last report with each of these jobs having at least one material hoist, occasionally compressors and other types of building equipment. In most instances, these jobs are of short duration but they do furnish a considerable amount of work for those brothers who are not steadily employed.

In the financial district of San Francisco, there are innumerable remodeling jobs being done, in some cases the complete building and in other cases certain floors, which contribute to the difficulty of policing the work as much of this work is done after the offices are closed for the day so that there will be no interference with the normal business of the offices. We have managed to keep this work well under control, but occasionally a job gets away from us for a day or two or until one of the brothers informs us that such a job is in progress.

There is considerable activity along the water front in pier repair work and berth dredging as most of the pile driving contractors have some of their rigs working along the water front.

## Big Sewer Job

Healy Tibbitts Construction Company have a large sewer outfall job in operation at the end of Islais Creek with considerable sheet piling work on this job as it is necessary to construct two large coffer dams here and there are several rigs busy on the job.

Ben C. Gerwick job at the San Francisco Naval Shipyard has six drivers operating with some of the rigs working tide work at the present time.

M. & K. Corporation are busy on their large pipe line job with several rigs, pumps, compressors and blowers in operation.

The Stone & Webster P. G. & E. power station on Evans Avenue is rapidly developing into a large job with several Engineers steadily employed on this project.

Charles Harney Company, in addition to several small street paving jobs, has a large job in progress on Alemany Boulevard, and also, one at the Toll Plaza on the Golden Gate Bridge.

Rosenberg Brothers have several small jobs in progress, mostly excavation jobs for new buildings.

In the contractors' shops, all of our heavy duty repair men are steadily employed either getting equipment ready for new jobs or keeping it in good condition for jobs already in progress.

Ship repair work in the yards along the water front remains about on an even keel with an additional new hire now and then, although under present conditions, it would be rather difficult to obtain any men for shipyard work as our out-of-work list is almost depleted.

The members of the Operating Engineers employed by the State Harbor Commission participating in the wage adjustment should receive their new rate some time this month according to the State Personnel Board.

## Peninsula District

Employment for members of Local 3 has held up very well in this district, however very little recently contract awarded work has been started but many projects are still in operation.

Guy F. Atkinson Company have about another sixty days work on the Airport job, however, on the Bayshore Freeway at South San Francisco. This company is very active with Brother Hines as Superintendent and Brothers Dorris and Corn acting as Foremen.

Carrico and Gautier are nearing the completion of their overpass sub-structure work with some of the worthy brothers already laid-off.

At South San Francisco, Harry Oser and Peter Sorenson are well along on the S. P. Railroad overpass and J. H. Poweroy Company are also operating at this point

with about a million dollar super structure project.

In this district at the present time the P. G. & E. have two pipeline jobs under construction with Maceo-Morrison-Knudson doing one unit of this work and Pacific Pipelines operating on the other unit in the south end of the district—this is a twenty-four inch gas line and employs a number of Engineers.

Eaton and Smith have completed about 50% of their State Highway project at Wadell Creek—this is practically an all-rock job and many of the brothers are of the opinion this is no gravy train.

The local contractors are all busy in this area with the rock quarries operating at full capacity.

## Report on Italy

Crane Operators ..\$2.00 per day  
Meat ..... 2.00 per pound  
Cigarettes ..... .80 per package  
Laborer's Wages .. 1.00 per package

The above are prices and wages as reported to us by Brother Frank Fennell on his recent return from Italy. Brother Fennell was born in Saginaw, Michigan of Italian parentage a few years after the turn of the century; he served with the United States Army, 36th Combat Engineers through the African campaign and spent eighteen months in Italy. While in Italy he met pretty Lydia Valleggi from the historic city of Pisa and developed a very deep friendship. After Frank was discharged from the Army, he worked for J. H. Pomeroy Company on Guam for a year and upon returning to Pisa married his Lydia and finally arrived in San Francisco with his bride.

## Communist Growth

In line with our native curiosity and inasmuch as Brother Fennell had just returned from Southern Europe we thought a few questions in connection with the highly controversial subject of Communism would be in order, so here we are:

"Frank, what about the Communists over there, what is the real low-down?"

His answer was such: "The largest majority of the people over there are Communist-minded and it is surprising the high channels of public life into which the fangs of Communism penetrate. The black market is running wild with sugar, flour and soap from the United States, the three essentials of living, for sale on the black market of course, in Genoa, Pisa and nearly every town or village in which I visited. It is a known fact that there is not sufficient American Relief food through the proper channels, so the great question is 'where does the black market American food come from?'"

After this oration, we meekly said, "that may be, but what are the Russians giving you?" and the very emphatic answer was "nothing, but at least, we would all be equal."

Then came the question: "What about the Marshall plan for Italy?" And the not surprising answer was, "it is my opinion that at the time the proper channels of relief reaches where it should, that is, to the hungry and the poor, there will not be sufficient spirit available to grasp its benefits, and that is why Communism appeals to the people now."

Inquiring further into the food situation we asked about restaurant prices and the answer was, "the average restaurant meal costs about \$2.00, the tourist usually is able to pay this amount together with a few others, public officials, etc., but very few others can afford it."

Feeling that our Brother Fennell who was an honest observer of the situation, and feeling that solutions of international problems came from the minds of the average people, we asked, "what would you do, what is your solution to the problem?" and the rapid, emphatic answer was "quit feeding

them for a while to awaken them to the fact that we have tried to feed them and then for us to learn by our past errors to do the job properly." Which leaves us the still very controversial question, "What SHOULD America do?"

## News of Brothers

We have several members, owners of boats who believe firmly in fishing commercially as well as for pleasure, but in our opinion, Nolan Welch tops the list—he is firmly entrenched in the tropical fish business in San Mateo—Brother Welch advises that engineering took only eight hours of his day whereas attending to his stock of tropical babies (and he has a stock, in fact, some three thousand varieties—that's right, count 'em) requires twenty-four hours a day—it must be good, Brother Welch is thriving on it.

Apparently the equipment business has much lure for Brother Fred Tucci as he has just entered this line after having sold his service station.

We hear via the "atomic grapevine" that Brother Sam Moore is back in the city, after a recent visit to Idaho, but no reverberations as yet.

## Back from Japan

Ship Paulson, formerly with the United States Army, Engineer Battalion, has returned from Japan. Part of his duties included instructing the service men in all phases of equipment operation and repair—he has many good stories on this—reporting seriously that the United States is doing a good job in Japan rehabilitation with conditions improving slowly.

Inasmuch as the Liberia job was completed Brothers Curly Atkinson and Lloyd Sidebottom streaked for home—but quick.

It is rumored that Brothers Fred Sells, James McCreary and Lewis Smith are not in favor of the "six months' long night" as they have returned from Alaska.

Three of our Brothers—John Meyers, George Boyer and Irwin Jones recently departed for Arabia—they are with Bechtel-International on a pipe line job there.

Brother James Jordan, formerly with the State Harbor Commission is now in Guam with the Guam Dredging Company.

## Headed for Greece

Brother Roy Carpenter, one of Local Union No. 3's most brilliant lights, has recently departed for Greece for a road construction project with the Guy F. Atkinson Company. This project will utilize native labor importing the few supervisory personnel necessary.

Brother Joe Bertrand, erstwhile "Okinawa resident" is now with Brown & Keeble on their Canadian road project.

Brother W. H. Stewart returned to the States from Guam for a few days rest before reporting back there to the M-K-K Company, Guam.

We would like to say a very loud "H-E-L-L-O" to Ole, Han and all the other brothers on Guam.

Brother Louie Levine of Okinawa reports he will be back home after the Christmas Holidays, maybe he will come in St. Nicholas' pack the night before. Brother Louie reports that work is progressing nicely at Okinawa and sends some pictures of his riggers and potential oilers—they looked very nice to us. Keep up the good work, Brother.

The world traveler, affable Slim Allen who visited many points in the East, including Canada, Florida and Niagara Falls (with or without a bride?) is back in our midst for a few days visit and then on to Seattle for Slim. Happy landings.

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Bro. Johnny Johnston of Oakland is going deer hunting or else. His arm is in a cast, since he broke the left elbow in four places when he fell into a coffer dam on the Tenth Ave. Underpass job. But he has a one-handed shootin' iron for the deer.

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# What's doing in the Oakland office

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

**Oakland**—Once again the time has rolled around to attempt to gather the material for our portion of the news letter. At times this is rather an easy job, with items we feel will be of interest to the members seeming to fall into our laps. But then there are those times when everything runs along in a routine hum-drum sort of way, and we have to dig for every bit of news we get. This looks like one of THOSE months!

As you all know through reading the daily papers, the A. F. of L. convention was held in San Francisco the weeks of October 6 and 18. Though this convention will be

history by the time this paper reaches you, its outcome is still an unknown quantity as this is written. We do know that the Slave Bill, brought about through the

efforts of reactionary politicians, will cause many problems. We feel sure, however, that the labor movement in this country will eventually be able to surmount the obstacles which are being thrown in its path and emerge victorious in the end; providing better wages and working conditions for its members. We are hopeful that this convention will do much toward speeding the arrival of that day.

## Meeting at Boise

During the past month we were

privileged to attend a meeting in Boise, Idaho, where representatives of all hoisting, portable and stationary locals in the 11 western states met to form the Western Conference of Engineers. In talking with these representatives we found that practically the same problems confront members of our craft wherever they may go. This organization has gotten off to a flying start and we feel confident that as it progresses it will prove extremely beneficial to the membership as a whole in helping to

solve these problems as they arise.

The employment situation continues about the same in this area with 541 members cleared during the last month. Some classifications are very much in demand but for others, notably crane and hoist operators, there is little call. Of the number cleared last month, many went on jobs of short duration, but we are glad to report that we were able to clear some jobs which will last for a considerable length of time.

## Getting around the jobs

The largest job in this area right now is the work on the pumping station and a portion of the Mendota-Delta Canal project which is being done by S. U. H. B. Company. Here we have Brother Bill Mathews in charge of excavation with Brother "Doc" Merrill acting as his assistant and Brothers "Wingy" Cordoza, E. M. Craven, "Red" Bosley, "Rip" Edwards and Barney Bell working in the capacity of foremen over the cat and 'pul spreads. The four draglines are under the supervision of Brother "Stubby" Walker, and Brother Vern Barker is holding down the master mechanics berth. There are two shifts in operation at the present time and due to the water conditions they expect to run into considerable difficulty. This job has brought many of the old timers back to the area and it seems good to see these fellows in this neck of the woods again.

Brother Nealy Folger recently took a clearance as foreman for the Artukovich pipeline job. This project is going along about the same as at our last writing. There is not much turn-over as far as engineers are concerned, with the exception of pump operators. It is

difficult to keep a standing pump crew, however, due to the water conditions. As the ditch progresses they run into spots with lots of water and other places which are comparatively dry, and, of course, the pump crew must fluctuate accordingly. Brother Dave Eckhart is still acting as steward out there, and doing a mighty fine job of it.

R. G. Clifford's portion of the bridge job out in Niles Canyon is fast nearing completion. Al Biasotti recently moved in equipment and is starting work on the approaches.

The Granite Construction Company now has a second dragline in operation at a gravel plant near Radum. They are furnishing fill for the approaches to the company's bridge jobs near Hopyard Road.

## Bridge Job Progress

The American Bridge Company's job on the Telephone building in downtown Oakland is getting well underway. This, the largest steel building job our city has seen for some time, is a source of great interest to the local Sidewalk Superintendents. We don't take much

stock in the story of the oiler who bows to the audience as he goes off shift every night, but there are often enough people kibitzing to give a guy stage fright. The building will be 17 stories high and some of the columns comprising the structure weigh as much as 35 tons. Two derricks are sitting in the hole at the present time and Brother Tommy Carrigg is operating the engine.

International Harvester Company has taken a lease on what is known as Warehouse A, just north of old Shipyard No. 2 in Richmond. The lease will cover a total of 13 acres with 228,000 square feet of floor space available. A complete stock of parts will be carried with 24-hour service on replacement parts to be furnished for all dealers and outlets of the company's products in California, Arizona and Southern Oregon. It is expected that the stock will amount to several million dollars and approximately 100 men will be employed. This is the first announced development on the former shipyard property and it is hoped that other industries will be utilizing more of this ground in the future, thus helping to alleviate unemployment in the area.

J. R. Armstrong was successful bidder on the \$160,000 highway job between Danville and Dublin. They are resurfacing and widening on this road and there are five operators employed, with Brother L. O. Ashworth acting as superintendent.

Harrison and Birdwell are increasing the capacity of their Mitchell Canyon quarry to 750 tons per day. This expansion has been warranted by the increased demand for base rock and crusher run.

## Good Yard Activity

There is considerable activity in the various equipment yards in the East Bay right now. Soule Equipment is working the bugs out of the king size roter they are constructing for Bechtel. This rig, which is to be used on the pipeline job in Arabia, dwarfs all others by comparison. As compared with a K-30, formerly the largest built, which weighs 13,000 pounds, this one weighs in excess of 30,000 pounds. It has 6-foot teeth, is 24 feet long and the box, will be of 3-inch steel, and when it is in operation four D-S's will be used, three pulling and one pushing.

Out at Peterson Tractor they are putting the finishing touches to the first consignment of cats they received from the Pacific area. Another batch, consisting of 46 motor patrols, composed of 40 No. 12 graders and 6 No. 212's, is expected soon. This group will have to be thoroughly overhauled and will provide considerable work. The Pacific Trucks and Parts Salvage Company's yard at the foot of 65th Street is also a pretty busy place. This company has been working on overseas equipment also, and reports that 14 additional cats are on the way. The boys down there are anxiously awaiting the completion of the new shop building, which not only will speed up the work, but will provide more comfortable working conditions for the coming winter months.

Stolte is also doing considerable overhaul work. They too, have received recent shipments from overseas, which include 80 cats, 4 shovels, 2 truck cranes and 2 loaders. Brothers Joe Valente and Harold Hunt, who are in charge of the operations are keeping us busy trying to supply them with repair men.

## News about the brothers:

According to Brother Johnny Johnston the well-dressed man will be wearing casts this fall! A firm believer in this new style he is sporting a beautiful little number which was custom made for him over at Providence Hospital about a month ago! Seems that Johnny was tending pumps and compressors down on the Tenth Avenue Underpass job, and everything was going along smooth as silk, till one day he got tangled up and fell into the coffer dam, breaking his left elbow in four places. He was in the hospital for nearly four weeks and it will be about three months before he regains even partial use of the arm. However, it certainly doesn't seem to be cramping his style very much. Last time we saw him he was going ahead with arrangements for a dear hunting expedition to Oregon, which he had been planning before the accident. We asked him if he figured on bowling 'em over with spit balls, but he assured us that even though he only has one good wing, he can still hunt. He has a German Luger which he plans on taking with him, and with this one-handed shootin' iron he feels pretty confident he can bring one back. There is just one catch to the deal however—if he falls down and busts the cast the doctor is going to be very unhappy. Says he'll slap him back in the hospital and keep him there until he's fully recovered—if he has to use a straight jacket to do it! Johnny says he isn't worried though—if he can just bring back that venison, it'll be well worth the trouble.

Brother Jack McKenney says he owes a great deal to a chance visit paid him by Brother Jay Northrup not long ago. Jack had his car torn down and was using a can of gasoline to clean the carburetor. He turned away and his two-year-old daughter, Sharon, toddled up and drank the gas. She immediately lost consciousness and was in a very serious condition, but at

that moment Jay drove up and they rushed the little girl to the emergency hospital. She is fine now—but the doctor told them that in a case of that kind minutes counted. Jack doesn't like to think what might have happened if Jay had been a few minutes later. He also hopes that this will serve as a warning to you brothers with small children, never to leave a can of gas around where a youngster can reach it!

If you'll look real close at the picture on page one, you'll see, not only one truck crane, a nice clear creek, with a log across it—but placidly parking the seat of his pants on same log, you'll find one very contented looking fisherman. Taking another squint you'll probably see that Local No. 3 button on his hat, and then by looking r-a-a-l-l-y close you'll be able to recognize this lucky guy as none other than Brother Dick Brogden. Now, Dick has worked around this part of the country for a long, long time, but we doubt if he has ever found as ideal a setup around the bay, and even though he had to go to fields afar to get on a job with all the fixin's, we are glad he did find one, and hope he was able to hook some big ones. The picture was sent in by Brother Don Meifert, who also forsook the Bay Area for some of this mountain work. We know these boys are enjoying it up there, but hope they won't become so attached to the wide open spaces that they will want to give the fog-bound regions the go-by permanently!

Not long ago, Brother Bob Ingersoll, who had been pushing on Russell's land leveling job, decided to take a whirl at logging. However, with the season drawing to a close, Bob is now back on the Fontana Farms job, shifting on nights. We feel that the loggers loss is our gain, and we are very glad to have Bob working with us once again.

## Dredge News

Johnson Western Company's dredge Alamitos, is finally straightened out and going strong down at Redwood City. The Olympia has moved in on the East Shore Freeway job and is expected to start pumping Monday, October 6th. The Papoose is in place just off the Alameda Golf Course, where it will take the material from the Olympic and boost it on to the job. They expect to finish the pumping in about three months.

The Associated Dredging Company is well along with the cut and expects to finish in about three weeks.

The San Francisco Bridge Company will soon be finished with the dredge Hines at the Standard Oil Dock at Point Richmond. They then expect to move this dredge to the Oakland outer harbor to make the fill for widening the toll plaza. They are now laying the pipeline and getting ready to start pumping. Incidentally, Brother Charles Gondola, who received a fractured leg on September the 15th while working on this job, will not be able to return to work for a good six weeks.

The Simpson Brothers have finished building their clamshell dredge and have it working on a three months job strengthening the levees on Venice Island. The rig is very satisfactory and the boys seem to be well pleased with it.

The Olympian Dredging Company have their dredge Neptune working on the Hastings Tract near Rio Vista and the Golden Gate is on a barge job at Oleum. The Palmer (suction dredge) is just about finished at Sacramento and I think most everyone is glad to see it finished. This has been one of the most unsatisfactory jobs that we have had recently, principally on account of the difficulty in getting satisfactory help in that locality.

It is reported that the Associated Dredging Company has a rather large job for their dredge Sucker when they finish at Petaluma,

which I understand is just about wound up.

Dutra is keeping the dredges Mallard and Edwards busy on the Leslie Salt Company job in the vicinity of Redwood City and Alviso.

J. O. Archibald has six rigs working at Blaumberg, building settling ponds for the Leslie Salt Company.

## Sacramento

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employment for a goodly number of the engineers.

## Jobs Winding Up

Also near Grass Valley the Chas. T. Brown job at Scotts Flat is nearing completion. Supposed to be done sometime in December. The brothers are still on a 12-hour shift and not liking it too well from all reports.

Westbrook and Pope will soon complete their job at North San Juan and then we will lose some good members to Local 12 as this outfit has knocked over two jobs down that way. One reported to be good for at least ten months.

L. J. Lynch, W. C. Thompson and Baker are still busy in the Forest Hills area and it looks like they will be there for three or four months more. Bro. Andre Kucon, superintendent for Baker, is making a lot of noise about the condition of the county roads up that way and swears he is going to run for supervisor so he can overhaul every road in that county.

Bro. Geo. McFadden who is shifting over the pulls out on the levee job has just returned from two years in the East where he was foreman for M. K. at Youngstown, Ohio, and Pittsburgh, Pa. George found only one thing he liked very much in the East and he married her and brought her back with him.

Bro. Ray Austin, Jr., came in on crutches the other day after letting a roller get him down. Says he is going to be O. K. but is con-

## FEDERATION AIDS CHEST

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

**SAN FRANCISCO**—Together with the American Federation of Labor, the California State Federation of Labor places its seal of approval on the efforts of the Community Chest to alleviate the sufferings of humanity, and urges the unions to respond liberally to the campaign for contributions. In the State of California, the month of October has been set aside for this drive.

Pres. William Green and other ranking officials of the AFL—particularly Vice Pres. Mathew Woll, who is serving as chairman of the Labor-Employee Participation Department of the Community Chests and Councils, Inc.—have given their unqualified approval to this important campaign.

A honeymoon sandwich consists of "just lettuce alone."

vinced that a roller cannot be operated from the bottom.

Bro. Geo. Schults is also on crutches after putting his feet in between the bank and the counterbalance of a shovel. He picked a poor place to sit down.

Bro. Vic Nelson is on the sick list with rheumatism and will be unable to work for at least six weeks and even then cat skinning is a thing of the past for Vic.

Bro. Bob Jinkerson is around with a broken arm but says it is on the mend and he will soon be able to go back to work.

All the brothers aren't having tough luck though, for Acie Dunlap is the proud Pop of a baby boy and Bro. Amos Johnson of the Horseshoe Bar Mine is just as proud and for just the same reason. A baby boy.

This has been a short report but we hope to have more and better news next month.