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## Labor-Farmer Well-Being Is U.S. Necessity

St. Paul.—Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota told the AFL's 68th annual convention here that a prosperous America depends upon the economic well-being of workers and farmers.

He warned the "fraternal order of frustrated politicians" that unemployment in the ranks of labor and depressed prices in the agricultural economy would be more destructive to the American way of life than any atomic bomb in the hands of a foreign aggressor.

In a speech that brought roars of laughter and applause, Sen. Humphrey identified the members of the "fraternal order of frustrated politicians" as a "coalition of the reactionary elements of the press, the postwar isolationists, the politically bankrupt leadership of the GOP, a handful of determined Dixiecrats and the soft-headed parlor pinks, along with the outright Communists."

### DEFEATED JOE BALL

Sen. Humphrey, who first addressed the 1947 AFL convention in San Francisco as mayor of Minneapolis, made his first convention appearance as Senator, AFL President William Green pointed out in his introduction. Mr. Green recalled that after Humphrey's San Francisco speech he nominated him for Senator from Minneapolis. Humphrey addressed the 1948 Cincinnati convention as Senator-elect. He defeated Senator Joseph H. Ball who helped to write the Taft-Hartley law.

Sen. Humphrey said that a just and lasting world peace depends upon a prosperous and free America. "The economic well-being of both the worker and the farmer is the only hope of a prosperous America," he said.

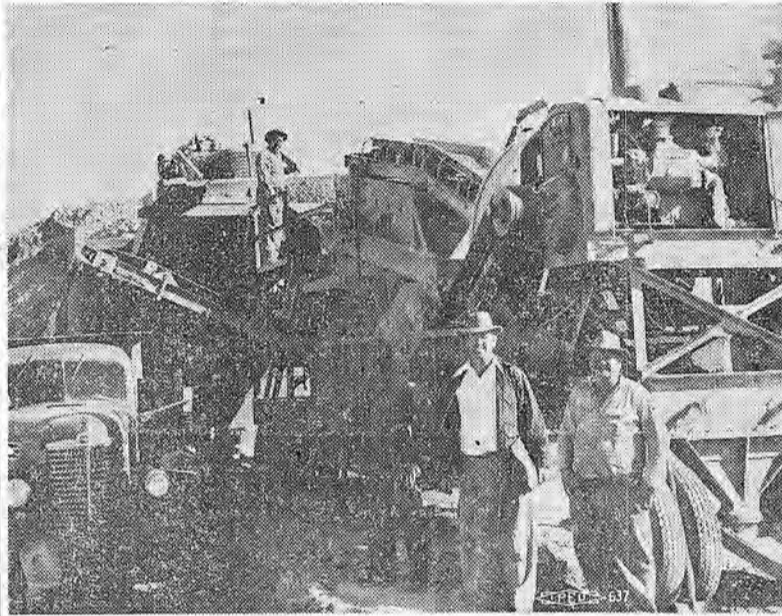
### WE DIG OUR GRAVE

"Those who would seek to destroy us are patiently waiting for us, the American people, to create our own mistakes and our own troubles, the aggressor, the foe, and the enemy of a free America is a reactionary policy at home and abroad which fails to recognize the basic needs and the legitimate rights of our people."

Sen. Humphrey urged Labor's League for Political Education to intensify its work. He said that effective political participation must go hand in hand with the growth and maintenance of a strong labor movement. He said the league has undertaken a tremendous task and has advanced its program with amazing strides. "The acid test of its effectiveness will be in the election year of 1950," Humphrey cautioned. He criticized the Taft-Hartley law for destroying the neutrality of the government in labor-management relations and said it is crippling the growth of the union movement, particularly in the South.

"There will be no labor-management peace until this grossly unfair, anti-labor legislation is removed from the statute books and (Continued on Page 2)

## Yuba Portable Gravel Plant



Shown above is one of the portable gravel plants operating on the Yuba River. These plants are unusual in that they go to the gravel instead of the usual procedure of bringing the gravel to the plant. Tony Madruga, shown at right in front, owns this operation. He is a good example of the small business men that makes America what it is today. On top of the gravel pile operating a cat that is just visible is Roy Edwards. Standing on the rig in front of him is Clyde Deeds, mechanic. Standing below, left to right, are Ed Sorrow, oiler, whose face is so oily you can barely see it; Les Collett, Marysville Local 3 business representative who was here checking the job, standing in the center, and at right, Madruga.

## Be Your Own Safety Engineer

All Unions, Greetings:

The boss makes rules for the purpose of protecting you. The safety engineer, the superintendent or the foreman on the job will enforce the rules not just because they are rules but because it is one of his important duties to save you from injury. Inspectors from the insurance companies will insist upon conditions and devices that will give you every possible protection.

But all of those together cannot make your job even reasonably safe unless you help yourself.

So, DON'T:—

Work or walk under skips, buckets or loads,

Work with defective brakes, clutches, cables and so on,

Oil, adjust, refuel or make repairs with your machine in motion,

Do anyone of those numerous unsafe acts that experience tells you will lead to injury.

Precaution is important; thoughtlessness is inexcusable; carelessness is unpardonable.

BE YOUR OWN SAFETY ENGINEER.

Fraternally yours,  
WM. E. MALONEY,  
General President.

## Agree on Funds for Rivers and Harbors

Senate-House conferees in Washington last week agreed on a half-billion flood control and navigation program, breaking a four-month deadlock, and sent the bill to the two houses for approval. Money goes to the Army Engineers for the year ending next June 30.

Included is \$3 million for Folsom reservoir, with a study of plans for bringing river water through Livermore valley, thence north to Contra Costa and south to Santa Clara counties.

Other projects included are: Cherry Valley reservoir, \$520,900; Farmington Reservoir, \$1,700,000; Isabella Reservoir, \$2,350,000; Merced County stream group, \$175,000; Pine Flat Reservoir, \$7,000,000; Sacramento River tributaries, \$600,000; Sacramento River (old project), \$3,600,000.

River and harbor work: Crescent City Harbor, \$480,000; Monterey Harbor, \$45,520; Sacramento River, \$1,700,000.

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Utah fears another bad winter coming up, following last year's record-breaker. They've had two to 16 inches of snow already there.

## Green Tells AFL:

# BETTER CONGRESS, BETTER AMERICA

St. Paul.—President William Green sounded the keynote for the 68th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor by calling for united action to finish the job begun in 1949 of electing a liberal Congress which will repeal the Taft-Hartley law.

A roar of thunderous applause came from the 700 delegates representing the AFL's 8,000,000 members and rose to the high roof of the gaily decorated St. Paul municipal auditorium.

Mr. Green pledged a continuing fight against communism, full AFL support for a new world labor organization free of domination by any government, and policies to get additional social legislation passed in the next session of Congress.

Opening the convention sessions, Mr. Green said:

"It is the purpose of our great organization to mobilize every ounce of strength it possesses, all its power, bring about the defeat of those candidates who voted for that notorious piece of legislation and to elect our friends to the Congress of the United States and bring about an early repeal of the reprehensible law."

### CAN ACCOMPLISH

Mr. Green said there can be no doubt about labor's ability to accomplish this objective. He pointed to the 1948 successes in defeating Taft-Hartley Senators in Minnesota, West Virginia, Illinois and Tennessee.

"That will be one of the problems of this convention, to determine how our Labor's League for Political Education can develop strength and administrative ability so that we can go into the other states and defeat those who voted for this notorious piece of legislation, and reelect our friends who stood with us," Mr. Green said.

In a fighting climax, he asserted the AFL will never "waive our right to demand increases in wages for the workers of the nation" and said the AFL is "opposed to government boards setting our wage standards anywhere or any place."

### NO WAGE INCREASE

Though Mr. Green mentioned no names, reporters regarded these remarks as a reference to the CIO's surrender of its demands for a general wage increase after bowing to President Truman's fact finding board in the steel industry labor dispute which rejected a general wage increase.

"It is my opinion that, conscious of our responsibilities and our duties, and of the power we do

possess, the votes of the workers of the nation can be mobilized, united and cast in the ballot box, and freedom again restored to the workers of the nation to engage in collective bargaining without legislative restrictions of any kind whatsoever," Mr. Green said.

He called this the freedom of contract. He said the AFL believes in the four freedoms—speech, assembly, religion and press.

"And the workers of the nation will add to those four freedoms the freedom of contract, to sell across the table all we have to sell, and that is our labor, under the most advantageous circumstances and the best conditions obtainable," he said.

### REGAIN FREEDOM

"It is our purpose to fight to regain that freedom that has been taken from us by this reprehensible piece of legislation," Mr. Green said. "We maintain that we have just the same right to sell our labor across the conference table under the most favorable circumstances possible as the employer may exercise the right to sell the product of the factory to the customer under the most favorable circumstances possible."

"Why should freedom be protected for him to engage in the sale of the products of labor unrestricted but labor be denied the right to sell its labor across the table—all it has to sell—under the most favorable circumstances possible?"

Mr. Green said that this freedom of contract is closely inter-related with the economic philosophy of the AFL. He said the AFL stands "an uncompromising force around, behind and beside the government" against the threat at home and abroad from "ideological experiments."

"In the preachings of 'isms,' let it be fascism, nazism, communism, or any other kind of 'ism,' we have explored the situation sufficiently to know that it is in the heart and the mind of American working men to remain devoted to only one 'ism,' and that is Americanism," Mr. Green declared.

"We shall reaffirm our former position of standing steadfastly against the invasion and infiltration of those who represent these 'isms' that mean governmental control and governmental domination of the lives of the individual," he said. "What we want is less of government, freedom from government control, freedom to act, freedom to organize, the right to enjoy the liberties to which we are entitled."

There is no left wing and right wing in the AFL, he said.

### FREE LABOR

Mr. Green gave assurance to "our friends and workers abroad" that it is the AFL purpose to support fully a new world labor organization free from Communist control. "We want to perfect what we have already started to do, and (Continued on Page 3)

## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE meets every Wednesday evening at 7 p. m. in the union offices at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco. This committee has been set-up for the sole purpose of giving service to the membership. Any members with grievances, or problems, are welcome to appear before the committee.

BLOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED . . . We would like to impress the membership with the importance of having an account to the credit of the local union with the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank. No one ever knows when an emergency may arise and either they, or their families, might need blood plasma. DON'T WAIT . . . ACT NOW! The San Francisco office will be glad to make an appointment for you.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, LOCAL No. 3-E MEETING—The next meeting of Local No. 3-E Technical Engineers will be held Friday, 8 p. m., October 28, at the union offices, 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California.



- MARIO MOISE —July 27, 1949
- CHAS. A. WILLS —Sept. 8, 1949
- ERNEST WILSON —Sept. 9, 1949
- HAROLD E. HUFF —Sept. 14, 1949
- TED SAMPSON —Sept. 16, 1949
- R. F. BURTSCHELL —Sept. 18, 1949

## Spies, Beatings in 1930s, Today—Vast Propaganda

(Excerpts from a Speech by AFL Secy. Geo. Meany at Bldg. Trades Dept. Convention)

At the present time we are being faced with a very vicious, very intelligent, if I may use the word, campaign designed to reduce and, if possible, eliminate the influence of the organized labor movement on the economy of this country.

We have had campaigns in the past that were designed to break the organized labor movement. I am sure that a great many in this room can remember the campaigns of the past, remember the methods used in those campaigns by which people who were opposed to the philosophy of the trade union movement were attempting to destroy organized labor. I am sure we all remember the open shop fight, the so-called American plan which had quite a bit of success in its early stages. I am sure we can all remember the methods used by the large corporations of this country for a great many years in seeing to it that their workers did not become members of the trade union movement. I am sure we all realize and can remember the tremendous expenditure of money that was made in the open shop campaign, the tremendous expenditure of money that was made by Ford and the other people in the industrial field who believed that they could keep their men from joining a union. We remember the spy systems that were in vogue for a great many years in the gigantic industries of this country. We remember the things that were exposed by the LaFollette Committee where millions upon millions of dollars were spent to prevent the advance of the trade union movement. We can remember, I am sure, the attitude of the anti-labor judges who issued injunction after injunction to hamstring and hamper the progress of organized labor.

### DIFFERENT TODAY

Well, you have a different kind of campaign this time. You have a campaign of propaganda today, a campaign of publicity which reaches into every nook and corner of this country. Look at your editorial pages. Look at your special reports in the various newspapers. Look at the cartoons that appear from day to day directed against everything that you stand for, everything that the American Federation of Labor stands for. Perhaps in some cases they don't hit at us directly. Strange as it may seem, I am convinced that the newspaper campaign that has been going on for several months against Great Britain and the Government of Great Britain is an indirect blow designed to reduce the prestige and the influence of the American labor movement. The campaign against stateism, as it is called, against the welfare state, against the things that government has been doing for the common people, the little people of America, is indirectly a campaign against the things that the American Federation of Labor has stood for and fought for a great many years.

### THEY GOT THEIR'S

When we read these editorials against the welfare state what are they talking about? What do they mean? What would they do away with? Would they do away with social security? Would they stop Federal aid to education? Would they keep the government out of the housing business so that the veterans and the under-privileged of this country may find some place to live? Just what do they mean? They don't explain. But they just campaign and issue these statements from time to time against the welfare state. They forget, perhaps, that this is a democracy, that this is a government for the people and that this is a government under a Constitution which sets forth as one of the purposes of the government to provide for the general welfare of the people. We didn't hear any protest back in the days when the government was subsidizing the captains of industry who had the foresight and the intelligence and the imagination to push the railroads from the eastern half of the country to the Pacific Coast. Who paid for those railroads? Government money, the money of the taxpayers. I heard no protest from labor in those days.

### EVERYBODY BUT WORKING STIFF

I hear no protest from labor for the subsidization of the air-lines through the postal contracts, without which the air-lines could not have been built and without which some of them could not continue in existence today. I hear no protest from the common people, the little people, the laboring people of this country against the subsidies that go to the farmer in order that he may live, the subsidies that are written into farm parity prices.

But the minute the government steps in and spends government money in any fashion to help the working people of the country we hear cries of the welfare state and we see this vicious campaign going on.

Well, labor must meet this campaign. We met the challenges of the past. In some cases organizations kept alive and continued their existence and made progress through physical action. In some cases it meant greater impetus to the different organizations. In some cases it meant spending the money for legal services in order to keep alive. So we must meet this challenge. We must meet this challenge which is designed to influence public opinion against everything that organized labor represents and, in the final analysis, to hamstring the organized labor movement by a rigid application of anti-labor laws.

### THE LAW IS ENOUGH!

Let me say to you in passing that I don't think they need to enact much new legislation. All they need is the legislation on the national statute books known as the Taft-Hartley Act and full application of that Act to the organized labor movement of the country.

Let's visualize what it would mean. I am sure you were all familiar with it, much more familiar perhaps than you were a year or two ago. I am sure that you realize that there are things in that Act that can be very, very detrimental in practice to the organized labor movement. Just let us get into a position where there is a big change in the labor market, where we have seen, eight, nine or ten million people unemployed and then you will see how effective the Taft-Hartley Act is in reducing the progress of organized labor and in reducing the influence of the trade union movement.

### WE WILL FIGHT BACK

How are we going to meet this challenge? I am sure we are going to meet it in an intelligent way. We are going to meet it by counter-publicity for one thing. We are going to meet it by applying ourselves to the old principle of organizing the unorganized, because in the final analysis if you can organize those who are potentially your replacement you don't have much to worry about. But over and above all this we have got to meet this challenge on the political field. There is no other place we can meet it more effectively than on the political field, because the purpose of these people who are sponsoring this nation-wide

campaign and who are spending their money for this campaign to meet us on the political field is to hamstring us by legislation, and in that field we have some tremendous advantages if we would use them. I am sure that the organized labor movement will in the field of political action use these advantages in the days to come.

### AN ALL-YEAR JOB

That is the reason the American Federation of Labor in 1947 created Labor's League for Political Education on a permanent basis. There was no thought in the minds of the members of the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor when they brought that resolution in at the San Francisco Convention that we could any more afford to go back to the old system of being active politically just during the months of September and October of each year. We realized then, and events have proven since, that labor must be permanently in the field of political action, because the only answer to legislation of the type of the Taft-Hartley Act is votes.

In 1948 there was some success achieved, a far greater success perhaps than a good many of us realize. In June of 1947 there were 102 members in the House of Representatives that stood up when the final count was made on the question of overriding the President's veto. In June of 1949 when we had the House votes on repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and on the Wood Bill and on the Sims Bill, we counted no less at any time than 204 votes in our favor. So we practically doubled our representation of friends in the House of Representatives in the 1948 campaign.

### SENATORS—FROM 25 TO 42

There were twenty-five members of the United States Senate that stood up in the last vote in June of 1947 on the Taft-Hartley Act. This year we counted forty-two votes at every stage of the proceedings in the United States Senate on the question of repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and motions and bills related to that question. So we gained seventeen seats there.

But the trouble is that 42 seats is not enough in the United States Senate and 204 friends is not enough in the House of Representatives. So we have still got a little ways to go. But that is the line that we must follow. That is where our activity must be concentrated, especially in the elections of 1950 because when they passed the Taft-Hartley Act they passed it under the Constitution of the United States and they did not violate any of the Constitutional provisions. We got a fair count. We didn't have the votes, and the people who passed the Act were representatives of you and me and everyone else. They were the representatives of the people of the United States in constitutional meeting and that was their opinion as to how labor unions were to conduct their affairs and how relations between labor and management were to be maintained.

### BUILDING TRADES, THE BACKBONE

In this struggle and in this fight in the days to come the building trades must play an important part. I am sure that the employers, especially the reactionary employers of this country, do not underestimate the importance of the building trades unions. The building trades unions have been and still are the backbone of the American labor movement, and when the Taft-Hartley Act was drawn few of us realized at the time it was directed primarily at the building trades. As time goes on you

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## Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p. m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Vice-President Foss and Financial Secretary Bynon absent. Both are on vacation. Business Manager Swanson was excused by reason of attending the American Federation of Labor meeting.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 10 was read and by motion approved as read. A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of September 28 was read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Arp and Esther Arp; the Leslie Family; Louise Burtschell and Thomas and Deborah Kirby; Mrs. Chas. A. Evans; Edith Sampson and daughters. All were received and filed.

The following Resolution was read as the second and final reading:

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Reliable tenants on lease in our building in Oakland find it necessary to increase the space now leased for expansion of their business and have offered a five-year lease for such space if available, and

WHEREAS: This space can be applied by erecting a building on space not now occupied as well as providing a support for present brick walls, and

WHEREAS: The officers of Local Union No. 3 investigated and weighed the advisability of erecting such a building, and find in their opinion that it constitutes a good investment, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Executive Officers be authorized to negotiate for and consummate a contract for a suitable building which would not exceed a total expenditure of \$30,000.

It was regularly moved and seconded that this Resolution be adopted as the second and final reading. Carried.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Ray H. Arnold, Paul M. Bennett, Edward S. Bigger, Ralph Blankenship, John G. Boyd, Thomas Brotherton, Howard S. Cottrell, Thomas P. Ferguson, Nesby D. Guinn, Chas. P. Helms, Jacob H. Huyek, Geo. Hymer, Allan Jenkins, Lowell Johnston, Roy Kemmett, John Lowney, Omer Lucas, Wm. McKinnon, Floyd W. Nichols, Wm. Phillips, Jr., Al H. Pomi, Jesse A. Resse, Dave Siri, Ray Smith, Emil Standow, J. E. Straus, Robert J. Tanous, Grover Thorpe, Robert Ungaretti, Darrel I. Wimmer.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: R. F. Burtschell, Harold E. Huff, Mario Moise, Ted Sampson, Chas. A. Wills and Ernest Wilson.

The Business Agents reports were accepted as given.

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

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

will find the truth of that statement brought home more and more. So when they recognize the fact that the building trades unions are the bulwark of the American labor movement when they are trying to destroy us, let us recognize ourselves in all due modesty that we are the most important part of the American labor movement and take our full part in the fight to defeat this campaign against organized labor.

I am sure from what I know of the building trades that they will take their full part. This means complete cooperation with Labor's League for Political Education. It means the cooperation of every local union to get our own people to vote, because in the final analysis in the political field that is all the votes we need—the votes of organized labor, its friends and the families of the members of organized labor. If we get our own people to vote I don't think we have to worry much about how they vote. That has been our experience.

### A VICIOUS CAMPAIGN

So I say that in this struggle I'd like everybody in this room to keep looking at the editorial pages of the paper, look at the special articles that are written, look at the cartoons and get an idea in your own mind of what I am trying to convey to you today, that there is this vicious campaign, that it is designed to influence public opinion and in the final analysis to influence legislation as it affects the trade union movement and relations between employer and employee. I am sure that you will come to the same conclusion that I have come to, that this represents the present struggle, that organized labor must meet this challenge and meet it in the American way, and the American way is that you count the votes and when you count the votes you abide by the decisions and you wait until the next time. Well, let's see to it that our next time comes quite soon after the elections of 1952. In this job, I am sure beyond question, the building trades will play their full part.

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PG&E tunnel and powerhouse jobs in the Feather River district are winding up fast, most of them due to finish by February.

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the economic relationships between labor and management are settled around the conference table," Sen. Humphrey said.

"The election year of 1950 is the crucial political battle in the struggle to see whether or not this country of ours is going forward in the pattern of the new deal or backward into the confusion of the old deal."

Sen. Humphrey said that even though the Fair Deal program has made significant gains in the 81st Congress, the success of Taft-Hartley repeal and enactment of a civil rights program and social security extension may well be determined by what happens at the polls next year.

He said the "fraternal order of frustrated politicians" have seized upon the "welfare state" as their slogan for the 1950 elections.

"At home it is the welfare state they are against," Sen. Humphrey said. "Abroad it is our aid to socialist Britain and western Europe. Their policy is isolationism abroad and confusion and desperation at home."

"We accept their challenge," he said. "We will do battle with them on any issue. They say they are opposed to the welfare state despite the mandate of the Constitution to 'promote the general welfare.' By their own words they are telling the American people that they oppose the programs of social security, fair labor standards, free collective bargaining, agricultural price supports, soil conservation, farm credit, crop insurance, grain storage and agricultural research."

He urged the AFL to rededicate itself to the fulfillment of the country's responsibility for international leadership. He said the liberal social democratic forces of Europe look to the American labor movement for inspiration comfort and political and economic guidance.

Stockton—

# \$40 MILLION STANISLAUS RIVER PROGRAM TO START NEXT YEAR

By A. R. McCaffrey and F. A. Lawrence, Business Representatives, Local 3

The proposed \$40,000,000 Stanislaus River project, a long-range project which the Oakdale and south San Joaquin Irrigation Districts contemplate and hope to start next year, is a three-unit project. The first being the lower Beardslie Reservoir which would cover 1200 acres. The dam to back up 97,500 acre feet of water at a height of 750 feet. The second

bypasses the city of Stockton.

Instead of the usual one pass operation involving the use of special costly equipment. Foreman Barney Bell of the U. C. P. C. has adopted another construction method which cuts down the cost by one half over the usual method. This new method is a continuous operation made in three passes. Working 800 feet in length at a time, the roadway is brought to proper grade with a Lewis grader. In the next step, Barney adds dry cement through a spreader box mounted on the rear of a dump truck. This spreader unit is actually a Hunt fertilizer spreader, which is redesigned for this operation. The spreader unit is made stationary to a large truck and regardless of speed, the right amount of cement is applied to the subgrade.

The third step is to mix the dry cement with the dirt. This is done by using the widely used Seaman pulvi-mixer. Water is applied from a tank truck in this operation. To control the depth of this mixing operation, out riggers are welded to the sides of the pulvi-mixer which runs on the header boards. After the proper mixing, the grade is rolled to seal the loose material and prevents the loss of moisture.

Floyd Nichols, who works for the M. & K. Co., has just come home from the hospital. It will be some time before he can go back to work.

Johnnie Green has just returned home from the hospital and it will be sometime before he can go back to work.

We wish these fellow members speedy recovery.

Stockton street jobs let:

Resurface Willow from San Joaquin to Monroe went to S. M. McGaw at a low of \$6810.

Resurface Lincoln from Washington to Charter Way. A. Teichert & Son for a low of \$14,288.

Resurface San Joaquin from Harding Way to Flora St., S. M. McGraw, contractor.

Teichert & Son were low bidder on the resurfacing job of Charter Way from El Dorado to French Camp Turnpike for a low bid of \$49,578.

M. J. Ruddy was low bidder on the Pacheco Pass Road in Merced County.

Clearing and grading of two roads on the Bear River Project are being done by Joe Vicini. One is going to rock quarry and the other is going to the dam site. Vicini hopes to complete this job before the rain and snow drive him out late this fall. There will be two tunnels on this job, one 1500 feet long and the other 500 feet long, besides the rock filled dam which will be 300 feet high. This job will be let early this spring.

## New Road Method

United Concrete Pipe Corporation developed a new method of laying and mixing soil cement subgrades in highway construction, and it is being employed by United Concrete Co. on its \$1,137,700 State contract for paving the 7.25 miles of U.S. Highway 99 which

Reno—

# Nippy Mornings in Nevada; Road and Strip Jobs Move

By H. L. "Curly" Spence, Business Representative, Local 3

Isbell Construction Company stripping job in the Ruth pit at Kimberly, Nevada, is going strong with two North-west shovels on three shifts around the clock. The following named Brothers are on the shovels: Henry Tonn, Kenneth Kidd, M. J. Pulsipher, Bert Charley, Roy Cazier, and George Dory. The tractor operators are Brothers H. W. Arvin, Charles Dory and James S. Howe, these three brothers keep the roads, pits and the large dump in fine smooth shape. The shop crew consists of Brothers O. L. Lee, Ed Weiser, Lloyd Oxborrow and M. G. McCollum, the welder Dan Salaz and the one and only trouble shooter F. L. Bernd. Then there is the churn-drillers Brothers Milton Bradley, H. A. Mathis, V. L. Eardley. Now that is a fine bunch of men to have on one stripping job and every one does his part and does it well and everything goes along like clock work.

The Isbell Construction Company highway job between Dinner Station and Tuscarora, Nevada, is going along in fine shape, however, there was a bit of snow last week and sometimes it is a bit cool in the morning but with the fine bunch of Engineers on the job everything goes along OK.

Isbell Construction Company job on South Virginia Street in Reno, Nevada, the excavating is finished, the curb and gutter is almost in, now comes the hot stuff soon, weather permitting. Isbell's gravel plant on East Second Street is going strong with Brother Chris Jensen on the shovel and his Brother, Al Jensen oiling.

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm Jr., is half finished the highway job from Fernley to Hazen, Nevada, but why not with such good men as Leonard Miller, Charles Melendy, Alfred Montrose, Bud Jacobsen, Warren Vaughn, E. R. Duncan, Travis Dunlap, Floyd Smith, Ross Bell, L. D. (Red) Parrott, Leonard Ellis, Joseph (Chick) Montrose and Richard Kingston. This is really a go-ahead bunch of fellows. There isn't much activity on Andy Drumm's Jr., highway job between Ely and McGill. Mostly concrete; maybe next summer more activity, too cold now.

Dodge Construction Inc., is setting up camp on the highway job near Gerlach, Nevada. They expect to start moving dirt Monday morning, October 17, 1949. The Brothers with trailer houses will be the first ones on the job as per usual, the wheels of progress.

Fredrickson Brothers highway job at Tahoe City, California is almost finished, so is the vacation season, so everything will come out even Steven I hope.

The following Brothers who were traveling through the "Biggest Little City in the World" stopped in to the Reno office to say hello. Brother Gene (Blackie) Sherman who was the snitcher on the Crescent City job. Brother Cliff Kimzey who just returned from Afghanistan said Jimmy Wood who is over their said hello to the gang around Local No. 3.

share equitably, and it is a vital principle with us that we are not going to give up the right to demand equitable sharing in the earnings of corporations.

"We don't want government boards. We don't ask for government boards. We are opposed to government boards setting our wage standards anywhere or any place. This is a very fundamental principle with our great American Federation of Labor."

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"I just found out your uncle's an undertaker. I thought you told me he was a doctor."

"Nope, I just said he followed the medical profession."

Marysville—

# TUNNEL JOBS DUE TO WIND UP IN FEB.; POWERHOUSE ABOUT DONE

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

All the large jobs in the Canyon with the exception of Arundel Corp. and the L. E. Dixon Company are rapidly coming to a close. These companies will be pouring concrete in their tunnel until around February, 1950. At this writing, however, they are nearly holed through on their tunnel driving. They will have their second batch plant up at Jackass Creek Adit and it will go into operation on or about Nov. 1st.

The Walsh Construction Company are making good progress with the concrete lining of their tunnel. Mr. Les "Haywire" Huntington, Supt. stated they should be moving out around Nov. 15th. The same applies to their powerhouse job, good progress sheet for a fine bunch of Local No. 3 members employed by this Company.

The Cresta Power House is about buttoned up as far as M-K Co. is concerned Brother Kenny Johnston sent word to this office that he was going back to the L. A. District. We hate to see Brother Kenny leave for he was a fine foreman.

Brother Mark Smith still has the shop going three shifts with some A-1 mechanics and foremen. The gravel plant at Rogers Flat keeps a goodly number of our Brothers busy. Brother Bill Clark is swing shift foreman and still has to use canes but he cheerfully goes on about his duties.

Wisner and Becker, the contractors installing the electrical equipment at both the Cresta and Rock Creek Power Houses keep Brother Dick Whittington and Brother Jack Mantooth busy on the over head cranes. We know Dick is a gun collector and we hear that Brother Jack is a good deer hunter.

Brother Bill Harlow, popular, but noisy welder at Dixon and Arundel's Jackass Creek Adit is also a mighty hunter. He lost a large amount of money on a bet when he drew a blank. Brother Fred Keihn—an honest man held the stakes.

A. L. Till Company is still doing some exploration work around Lake Alamanor for the PG&E Co. The George Philpott Company is doing the Diamond Drilling on this job. The Granite Creek Quarry for M-K Company is shut down. No one seems to know where the 120 B is to be sent.

The Little Brothers at Canyon Dam are doing a good business and ask any Brothers of Local No. 3 to stop in to see them if they are ever up in Plumas County.

H. Earl Parker Company still has some levee work near Meridian and some rigs leveling land.

Rice Brothers keep a good crew on almost all the time in their gravel plant and shops.

Ted Watkin's Hot plant is about to get started on production of hot stuff for the Granite Construction Company, near Belden, California. Granite has five of our men only, on this small job.

Paul Matus, Supt. on Granite job on the Chico cut-off is about through and this office hopes they will have more work in this territory very soon.

Butte Creek Rock Company of Chico keeps a good sized crew busy, as does Kaiser Company in Oroville. Brother Tony Madruga is on the Yuba River out of Marysville. Tony has a fine portable setup.

Congratulations to Brother Glen and Mrs. Bales, a new son and a new member in 1969. Same to Brother Jr. Quiet and his good wife, a boy. Congratulation to Brother Bobby and Mrs. Allen, a fine new girl.

Brother John Rusk is out of the hospital, but not yet able to work. Brother Martin Lee is in the Ross hospital in Marin County. Brother Al Russell just returned from a trip to Canada where his mother is seriously ill.

Brother Warren Setzer, of Yuba Consolidated, who met with an accident on Dredge 15 is back at Hammonton in good spirits. Brother Setzer has certainly taken it on the chin, but it's still up.

Brother Jess Cherry of Capital also met with a most severe arm

injury. For a while it was hoped that the arm would be saved, but the medico's advised an amputation above the elbow. Jess is looking fine and he too is in good spirits.

Natomas is disassembling Dredge 6 and moving to a new location. This knocking down and setting up will cover a long period of time, probably three months knocking it down. In the meantime Dredge 7 will start.

All this work will come under the terms of our contract—under the jurisdiction of Local No. 3.

## Brother Killed

Shortly before our last paper came from the press, as a matter of fact, the same day, a terrible accident took place on the highway one mile south of Robinson. Brother Tex Waters driving his station wagon to work on the Parker Putak Creek job was swiped by the driver of a fruit truck, who fell asleep at the wheel. Harold Huff, better known by his several nick names "Whitey" or "Shorty" was killed instantly. Brother Fritz Redmond received serious chest injuries and Tex got a broken pelvis. Pat Chandler and Bud Adams got a shaking up. It was Buzz Davis however, the guy with the iron nerves who took over and did the work that ordinarily strong men just can't do, got "Whitey" out and loaded the ambulance. A pat on the back to the gang that helped Mrs. Huff and paid final tribute to "Whitey", a good skinner and a fine fellow.

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## Al Laster to Harvard

Al Laster, well-known traveling representative of the Operating Engineers union operating out of Los Angeles, has been selected as one of 16 labor leaders for a 13-weeks' study at Harvard in that University's trade union fellowship program jointly financed by unions and the university. The program, begun in 1942, gives the 16 "fellows" training in labor law, collective bargaining, accounting and human relations. Choice is made "on a basis of general intelligence, capacity for leadership and devotion to the labor movement." Lloyd C. Murdock, Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, of Ogden, Utah, was another of the 16 chosen.



SHE DESIGNED IT.—Brik Tone of Boston displays a two-piece black terry cloth suit she designed... that personal touch helps.

# Green Tells AFL: BETTER CONGRESS, BETTER AMERICA

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that is to establish this movement upon a sound basis, free from governmental control and governmental domination, and with the assurance that it will not be the arm or the agency of any government, no matter what kind of a government it may be, anywhere or in any nation throughout the world," he said.

Mr. Green predicted that the AFL will continue to grow in membership and influence. He said that when the AFL met in St. Paul in 1918 the membership was about 2,000,000. This has grown now to 8,000,000.

"That is deeply significant," he declared. "It proves we have a movement that grows and expands in strength and influence, and that it will continue to grow and expand as we increase the desire in the hearts of the working men and women that they want to enjoy a higher standard of life and living."

He praised the success of AFL efforts in getting Congress to pass a housing bill and to raise the minimum wage from 40c to 75c an hour. He said the AFL still is fighting for improved social security legislation.

"We are going to shape our policies again so as to bring about the realization of our hopes, our plans and our expectations, perhaps, I hope, in the next session of Congress," Mr. Green said.

## Strongly United

Then Mr. Green plunged into an obvious reference to the dissention and internal struggle in the CIO. "Let me point out to you that we are meeting in this hall in this

great city of St. Paul united as we have never been before," he said. "There is no division between the ranks of the American Federation of Labor. There is no left and right wing. We think as one, we walk as one, and we act as one. We will not be called upon to consider internal dissension, the elimination of the left wing from membership, to the fight between the right and the left wing. What we do is speak as one, united as one, fighting as one, standing as one, and then going out from here back home as one, to fight together for the workers of the nation."

And he brought the delegates to their feet, applauding, as he concluded:

"We have never in any official statement said that we have reached the point where we will waive our right to demand increases in wages for the workers of the nation, and we are not going to do that.

"Only a few weeks ago, when great issues were before the working people of the nation, the press carried the story that more than 20,000 teamsters in northern New York have secured an increase in wages amounting to over 15 cents an hour.

## Get Better Wages

"Our workers are securing increases in wages constantly for we have determined through an examination of the financial standing of employing interest that many of them can grant increases in wages without increasing the selling price of the products.

"Labor must share in the earnings of these corporations and

## Sacramento— AMERICAN RIVER PROGRAM IS SET; WINTER SLOWDOWN STARTS

By E. P. PARK, Business Representative, Local 3

It's time to throw out the mothballs and get out the overcoats as Ole Man Winter is on his way.

The work outlook for this winter is not too encouraging at this writing but it is just history repeating itself. Work has never been very plentiful around this area during the winter months.

The Westbrook & Pope job at Auburn is down to one shift and this will be pared down rapidly with only a finishing crew remaining on the job before long.

Out on Putah Creek the levee job of H. Earl Parker is on the wind-up and probably will be in the finishing stages by the time this is in print.

A. Teichert & Son have wound up their job out at the Port and the heavy rain will close the Baker Bros. job down if it is not completed before the wet weather begins.

A heavy snowstorm could shut down the Richter, Darrough & Ruddy job at Bear Valley at any time. All these, plus the numerous small jobs that go down during the rainy months, will add to our already growing "out of work" list.

On the brighter side of the ledger it appears from here as though the coming year holds brighter prospects. An extensive \$111,000,000 American River Development Program, including the Folsom Dam, has finally cleared Congress and is awaiting President Truman's signature. This is expected inasmuch as he has advocated passage of this bill on several occasions. Senate and House conferees in Washington have just approved an expenditure of \$7,300,000 for flood control projects in the Sacramento area. Of this, \$3,100,000 is earmarked for work on the Folsom Dam this year. \$3,600,000 of this sum is for work along the Sacramento River and \$600,000 for Sacramento River tributaries.

The Deep Water Channel has come up with better than a million dollar appropriation and the State of California has several good-sized highway projects in this area included in their new budget. It is well to note here that very little, if any, of this work will be underway before Spring.

### On the Jobs

Brother Carroll Hart, superintendent for Tyson & Watters, was winding up this company's job at Gold Hill the other day with the help of Foreman Brother Jack Edwards and the following crew: Brothers Lee Lucas, Ben Shinn, Frank Ordway, Frank Shinn and Bob Strickland.

Over at the Capitol Annex the Bethlehem Steel Co. have two rigs running but expect a shutdown at any time due to the steel strike. Brothers H. A. Moyer and W. R. Reasor are the operators, with Brother's George Zimmerman and Homer Kelley oiling for them. Brother George Juhasz as compressor operator completes the crew.

Foreman Brother Archie Edmonds has quite a crew working out on the Frederickson Bros. job at Zamora. Brothers Lloyd Dixon, Earl Mack, Don Wengler, Willard Dixon, W. A. Miles, Bob Johnson and Phil Stanford are on the job. Down at the Hot Plant, Brother A. H. Osgood is keeping Brothers Jimmy Humphreys, Walt Hammer-smith, Slim Blakley and Russell Woody busy.

Brother Marvin Reed finished up his job with the George Pollock Co. at Folsom and is now foreman for the Lentz Construction Co. Ran into the following brothers out at the San Juan School the other day: Ed Simpson, Van Strickland, Frank Pierson.

The last time we talked to Brother Oran Cobb he was pushing one of the J. R. Reeves jobs. Oran had an injured hand recently and we hope that it is o.k. now.

### Port District

Baker Bros. job at the Port District is still rolling along. Foreman Brother John Aldax, who put the finishing touches on this firm's last job has been transferred to this

one and has things running smoothly on his spread. Brother Andro Kuson is the superintendent and Brother Frank Verardi is the other foreman. Brother Walt Poore is the master mechanic and Brother Ernie Nelson is doing a good job as steward.

The Raymond Concrete Pile Co. have moved in on their job at the Port District. At this writing the crew consists of Brother Potter, operator, Brother Crotzer, fireman, and Brother Gray on the pump. Brother Gerry Cuneo is still on the job as foreman for Teichert, with Brothers Becraft, Cournoyer and Billingsley working three shifts on the pumps. Barrett & Hilp have their superintendents on their job at this site with only two Engineers at the present time. Brother Stark is the Technical Engineer, with Brother Howard Pirtle as his assitant.

Richter, Darrough & Ruddy are making progress on their highway job at Bear Valley. This is a joint venture with Richter Bros. doing the clearing of the right-of-way, W. H. Darrough & Sons moving the dirt and Ruddy & Sons to move in in the spring on the finish end of it. About 15 engineers and four technical engineers on the job at present. Brother Bob Gillespie is pulling the levers on a new "80".

### Grass Valley

At Grass Valley, Stolte Inc. have about seven members working on their sewer project. Brother Charles Lee is in charge of operations with Brother Elvin "Blackie" Hunt doing the bossing. The Ke-Ston Const. Co. are working on their disposal plant in conjunction, with Ruddy & Sons doing the excavating.

The California Rock Products Co. at Auburn are in full swing, getting out lime rock with Brother George Kelley in charge of this operation.

The Guy F. Atkinson Co. have finished the first portion of their Roseville Underpass job and are starting on the second half. Brother Ernie Gressot is doing a good job of bossing on this job.

O'Connor Bros. are about half finished with their highway realignment job at Capay at this writing.

The Fred J. Early Co. have completed excavation and have started on the construction of their sewage disposal plant at Davis. A few of the boys will continue to be employed for the duration of this project.

Cox & Carden are doing their county road job on the Power Line Road with Brother Curley Fox in charge.

Brighton Sand & Gravel were awarded the contract with a low bid of \$34,597 for the paving of the access road which runs from Jefferson Blvd. to the Grain Elevator site at the Deep Water Channel. Work has not been started at this date but it is expected that they will soon get things under way.

The M. W. Brown and J. P. Brennan road job out of Auburn is just getting started with Mr. Schloesser in charge at the present time. So far they have only two skimmers working but expect to have things rolling within the next week or two.

### Land Leveling

Land leveling continues to furnish employment for many of our members. Over near Woodland, Cox & Carden have two jeeps and three cats on a job. Brother Ed McQuillan is in charge. Andrews Bros. have five of the boys leveling land near Dixon, and Bob Gill employs two engineers in the same area. Down the river, Merle Pugh has four rigs leveling 200 acres near Hood, using all engineers on the job. This company just recent-

ly signed an agreement with Local 3. H. E. Graf continues working near Ryde, using three jeeps and two cats, and has about 150 acres to do in this section.

### Contracts Awarded

The Central Valley Construction Co. of Hanford was the low bidder at \$19,914 for sewer work in the Camellia Park District.

Low bidder for sewer installation in the Bohemian Village District was A. Teichert, Inc., at \$45,885.

J. R. Reeves was awarded a contract in the amount of \$2,537.15 for street improvement in Sacramento County.

The County of Sacramento awarded a \$1,839.54 contract to A. Teichert for street improvement.

A. Teichert was the successful bidder with a low of \$66,327 for a contract for streets, walkways and paved area to be constructed on the Davis Campus.

Low bid on a contract let by the City of Placerville for street improvement was submitted by J. P. Breen at \$6,634.70.

A. Teichert was low bidder at \$39,848.70 for State highway improvements on Fair Oaks Blvd. at Howe Avenue.

A. Teichert was awarded a contract by Sacramento County for street improvement. They were low bidder at \$1,839.54.

Bids have been opened by the U. S. Engineers for continuation of levee work at Minor Slough with Parish Bros. submitting low at \$35,160.

A contract for dredging on the Sacramento River near the City of Sacramento goes to the Olympian Dredge Co. at \$98,930.00.

Allyn Burr of Sacramento will do the tennis courts at the Davis Campus on contract at \$17,978.

McGillivray Construction Company were the successful bidders on two recent contracts. One for the County of Sacramento for road improvement on El Centro between Elverta Road and the Sutter Co. line in the amount of \$26,299.40. The other at \$156,925 calls for street work on Broadway from Third Street to Sixteenth Street.

### Personal Mention

Brother N. W. McAnally is back with us again after spending some months working for the Shotwell Construction Co. setting up gravel plants in Mexico City and on the McNarry Dam job.

Brother Andy Rogers has returned from Pakistan where he was working for Morrison & Knudt to time.

son. Brother Rogers reports that due to conditions in that country they were forced to cut down on personnel. Brother Ray Kimzey, who is on the same job, remains there and we received very interesting letters from him from time to time.

Brother George Schnell received a back injury while working on a job in the State of Washington and is recuperating with relatives in Portland, Oregon, according to reports received in this office several weeks ago. Since then we have had no further word but hope to see or hear from George soon.

Brother V. E. Wimmer underwent an operation at the Sutter Hospital on September 27, 1949, and is making a satisfactory recovery, we are happy to report.

Brother Robert Murdock reports that he is recovering from a light touch of polio suffered in mid-September. While it will be some time before he will be able to work again he is much improved and we wish him a very speedy recovery.

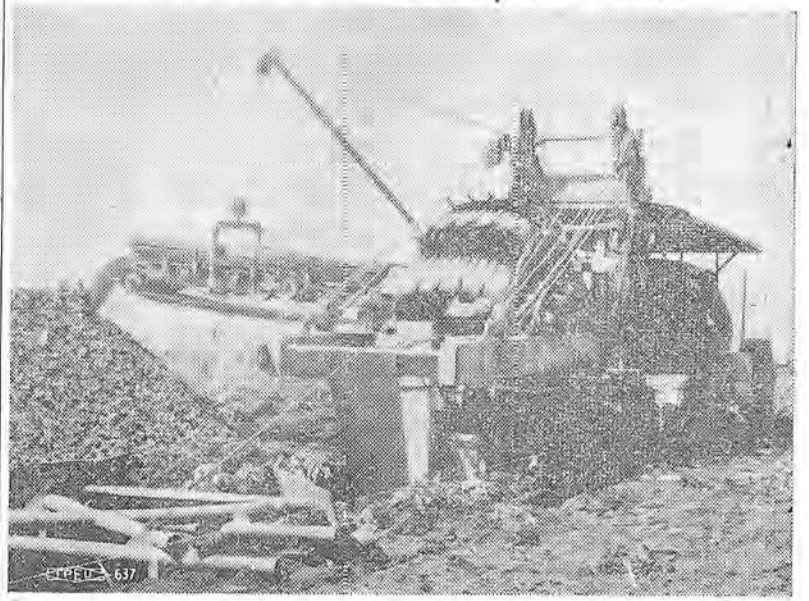
Brother Henry Curb is the new proprietor of the Times Service Station located at 501 Lincoln Avenue, Roseville. Good luck to him in his new business venture.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Robert Wagon on the birth of a son, Michael Clifford, on October 4, 1949.

Our thanks to the following brothers who sent cards to this office asking that their names be removed from the out-of-work list: Donald Brooks, Robert H. Johnson, Arlynn H. Wright and Ben Shinn.

We are sorry to report the passing of Brother L. E. Jones on Monday, October 10, 1949. Brother Jones was an employee of J. R. Reeves and had operated blade for many years. His passing will be

## Gas Line On Its Way to Texas



Shown above is the Buckeye Ditching Machine, Model 51, which is now operating on Bechtel's PG&E pipeline job south of Hollister, covered by the San Jose office of Local 3. (Picture sent in by Bros. Murphy and Riley.) This digger pushes along at a very fast rate, leaving a hole for the "Super Inch," a 34-inch pipe, largest diameter line in the world for transmission of natural gas. It is a 1600-mile joint project of El Paso Gas Co. and PG&E, running from the Texas gas fields to the Cal. border at Topock, near Needles, and then north 506 miles to Milpitas in Santa Clara County. The California section will cost \$63 million, and the 1600-mile job will run \$150 million.

## Salt Lake City—

# UTAH FEARS ANOTHER BAD WINTER; 2-16 IN. SNOW ALREADY

By RENNY BURROUGHS, C. R. VAN WINKLE  
and LOUIS SOLARI

A weather report could very properly describe construction work in Utah at this writing. After last winter's severity, we are all trigger happy on the weather. The present two to sixteen inches of snow in this state has tied up all major jobs. The threat of more storms in the immediate future makes work prospects look bad.

Vinnell Company of Alhambra are moving in on the Murdock Diversion Dam in the mouth of Provo Canyon with a Northwest 80 which will do most of the work.

Grafe-Callaghan are starting erection of shops at the Duchesne tunnel at Kamas. Clean up crews are expected to start taking out old timbers and ties shortly and repair work on the existing tunnel should start any time. Actual mucking in the heading will not start for several months. Latest news from the company is that they do not plan to set up a camp but will keep the road open to Kamas. Looks like a rough setup for men who lived through 30 feet of snow up there last year.

Anderson & Sons of Price will begin their Wasatch Blvd. job in Salt Lake this week, according to reports, which should call for a few additional Engineers.

W. W. Clyde is moving right along at Chicken Creek on their job out of Salina. Brother Grant Hicken, foreman on this job, has more equipment moving in every day from other Clyde jobs. Clyde's Parleys Canyon job is down with snow this last week-end, but looks like it will start up soon for another six weeks, we hope.

Strong Company on the Bountiful paving job had a tough break

greatly felt by the many brothers who knew him.

### Special Notices

The Sacramento Office will continue to remain open each Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 p.m. for the convenience of the members in this area.

A special "thanks" goes to Brothers Alex Gray and Phil Stanford who answered our call for donations to our Blood Reserve Fund. We still need donors to bring our reserve up to its quota of 10 pints. We will be glad to call for your appointment at any time.

Brother Ray Flint of the Teamsters is an incumbent candidate for the Sacramento City Council. All Labor should get behind this Brother with their votes and we urge members of Local No. 3 to do so.

### Meeting Notice

A meeting of the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 will be held in Sacramento, Friday, October 28, 1949, in Hall Nos. 1 and No. 2 of the Labor Temple. All members are requested to attend. Starting time, 8 p.m.

when their job got rained out and caught them with sacks of cement strung out along the right of way and soaked thoroughly through sub grade which rests on soggy terrain. Strong's hot plant at Black Rock may not go this season unless their Lake Point job dries up.

Olaf Nelson's job on the Forest Project Road out of Kamas is one of the best set to work in winter conditions. Six Cats and a Shovel and Ukes make up the equipment on this job.

Utah-Idaho Concrete Pipe have about two weeks left on the present section of their job up Logan Canyon. Local 3 mans this job and are taking a vote to be declared bargaining agent here.

Kenneth Thayne's job on the Bountiful sewers is still in the first third towards completion and has five engineers on it.

Smith Contracting Company are headed around north of the lake near Brigham City on their eight-inch pipeline to Burley, Idaho. It looks like this job is good for the first of the year. Weather has really made this a rough job also.

Down at Cedar City, Utah Construction is setting up a 6-yard 151 B and a crushing plant on their ore job for U. S. Steel. This job is on a really valuable iron ore deposit.

Christensen Brothers are lined up to open a new lime stone pit near Milford, also furnish material for the U. S. Steel plant at Provo.

It is always darkest just before dawn, and Brothers, if Old Sol will just shine around here we can make a season out of it this year. Our spring was late but Jupe Pluvius may be just kidding and we may work till New Years.

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### Big Oroville Dam

Bureau of Reclamation, Army Engineers, and State Water Division have reached agreement on a three million acre-foot dam to be built 5½ miles upstream from Oroville. This dam would have twice the concrete of Shasta, which is second only to Hoover in height and second to Grand Coulee in concrete. Studies will now be made on costs and a plan of construction.

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Four dairy animals of the Government farm at Beltsville, Md., heat-and-pest-resistant dairy cat-have been sent recently to India in exchange for four purebred Red Sindhi cattle; the latter are to be used to develop a type of tile for Southern states.

**San Jose—**

**1600-MILE, \$150 MILLION, 34-INCH GAS LINE, TEXAS TO MILPITAS**

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and JOE RILEY  
Business Representatives, Local 3

The work on the northern portion of the Bechtel Corporation's job on the P. G. & E.'s \$150 million, 1600-mile, 34" pipeline (which, incidentally, is said to be the largest gasline in the world) is going ahead at full speed. The line in this district runs from Panoche Pass to Milpitas—a distance of about 90 miles. It starts in Texas. In the last few weeks the boys have really been making good progress—approximately

a mile a day. This is due mostly to the fact that the territory into which they are moving is more level. Nevertheless, a burro would still be an asset to a Business Agent trying to cover this job as the equipment is scattered for approximately 40 miles over the right-of-way. This job is keeping quite a few of the brothers busy—around 70. They are now starting work on the extreme southern end of the job—at Needles. Just yesterday, Brother Aregger, who has been shifting on the clearing job for so long, was in the office to say goodbye and to inform us he and his clearing crew are moving down there where they will start clearing the right-of-way from that point, north. The Pacific Pipe Line has just received a sub-contract from the Bechtel Corporation for a piece of this gasline—a distance of roughly 14 miles. They will work from Milpitas, south, and will meet the Bechtel's crew coming north. This company is at present arranging its yard opposite Bechtel's yard in Santa Clara, where they will do their cleaning and wrapping. At this writing, they have not opened any ditch but will be starting very shortly.

**San Jose-Santa Clara**

The Associated Electrical Engineers, Burch and Bebeck, A. J. Peters and Earl Heple are still operating with full crews on their sanitary and storm system contracts. . . . Many of the engineers are working on small jobs in and around the Santa Clara Valley—housing projects, etc. These jobs are too numerous to mention. In San Jose, alone, building during September exceeds record for August. Building permits issued in San Jose for September amounted to \$1,500,234. . . . The Brunswick Drug Co. of Los Angeles has purchased a two-acre site on the north side of San Jose for a \$600,000 distribution plant. The site is on N. Seventh and Commercial Sts. near Bayshore Highway. . . . H. Mayson Construction Co. of Los Angeles is low bidder at \$205,303 for general construction work on a laundry building at Agnews State Hospital. . . . Borchers Bros., Urban, Fairbanks, P.C.A., Western Gravel, and Anderson Batch Plants report normal operations. . . . Leo Piazza, A. J. Raisch, J. R. Reed and a few more smaller plants have considerable work. . . . McFadden is now completing the ground work on the Outdoor Theater. . . . L. C. Smith have completed 50% of their pipeline contract which consists of both sanitary and storm system for the City of Santa Clara. . . . A. J. Raisch's road job in Milpitas is almost completed. . . . The new hospital at Agnew is about half completed. . . . Permanente—the Foil Business is good, cement production normal.

**Sunnyvale-Palo Alto-Mountain View**

J. C. Bateman has a street extension job at Sunnyvale. . . . A. J. Raisch is laying blacktop on Alma Street. . . . Brown and Knull have completed their blacktop contract on San Antonio in Mountain View. . . . Two new wind tunnels are among the new installations PLANNED for Ames Laboratory at Moffett Field. It is estimated that one of the tunnels will cost more than \$20,000,000. . . . A. J. Raisch, Lowry Paving Company and Douglas and Woodhouse are busy around Palo Alto, also L. C. Smith—on street work. . . . A new contract is to be let soon for a 72-inch pipeline between Centerville and San Carlos amounting to approximately \$10,000,000. . . .

Rhodes and Robinson Quarry and Hot Plant, Anderson Batch Plant and Urban Bros. of Palo Alto seem to be doing the usual amount of work.

**Los Gatos-Saratoga**

Guerin and Morgan are keeping many operators busy in this area. . . . Work seems a bit slow with the Los Gatos Construction Company just at this time. . . . Los Gatos Aggregates Company are double-shifting their operating. . . . Earl Heple has completed the installation of the outlet pipeline and has cleared the area except for 50 acres of timber on the Austrian Dam which is East of Holy City. Heple is optimistic in regards to getting the contract to complete this dam. About ten engineers are employed on the project. . . . Dan Caputo and Ed Keeble were the lucky bidders on highway realignment contract which will go through the city of Saratoga. . . . Paul Queen has the State Highway contract on the Skyline Blvd.

**Gilroy**

The Keeble bridge job is almost 50% completed. . . . George Augusta has a considerable amount of street work. . . . Paroline and Ratke, contractors, are also busy around this community. . . . We understand bids will be opened on the 19th for the Pacheco Pass job—approximately 750,000 yards of excavation. The job will run from the Santa Clara County line this way.

**Santa Cruz**

Ball and Son's freeway contract is almost finished. In our opinion this is one of the finest examples of road-planning in this country. . . . There are several small contractors operating in this vicinity whom we hope to approach and get signed up with the Union in the near future. . . . Aromas Quarry and Central Supply Company are busy as usual operating with a full crew. . . . The Granite and Central Supply Batch Plants in Santa Cruz are also doing lots of business. . . . On our last visit to Felton, P.C.A., Kaiser, Rhodes and Robinson, Santa Cruz Aggregates quarries, they were doing the usual amount of business. . . . Granite Construction Company have rented equipment from Jim Evans and Vincenz Bros., to move dirt in connection with preliminary work on the Watermans Switchback Dam at Ben Lomond.

**Watsonville-Moss Landing**

Dan Caputo and Ed Keeble have just nipped off a half million dollar bridge contract in this fair city. . . . Pisano Brothers and Granite Construction Company are keeping the boys busy on pipeline contracts. . . . Several new contractors have started work at the P.G.&E. Steam Plant at Moss Landing—namely, Williams and Son, painting contractor, Midwest, and C. C. Moore. George Augusta of Salinas has a good-sized dirt job here, also. . . . There is considerable construction being done around Permanente's Brick Plant.

**Monterey-Carmel**

Granite Construction job is progressing rapidly. They have a road realignment contract on Delmonte Avenue. . . . New bids are expected to be let for additional work on the airport, soon. Gravel plants are still humming in and around these two cities. . . . Van Valkenburgh's men have hit several rough spots on their pipeline job. They encountered solid granite and the digging has been mighty tough going. . . .

**Fatal Delays**

There can be no question that many deaths and much disability and illness occur every year because fear of impoverishment by the cost of medical care delays resort to medical care, or because even more complete lack of funds prevents people from getting either any care or the best available and possible.

Stolfe is also doing some work in this locality.

**Salinas-Soledad**

Ted Baun, Fresno contractor, is completing his contract on 101 through the town of Salinas. Blacktop is now being laid by a Local 3 crew. . . . The Talcott Lumber Co., and Granite Construction Company's batch plants are busy in this district. . . . Barrett & Hilp's new pipeline contract will start around the 10th. . . . George Augusta, Ed Donahue, and Valley Trenching Company are all busy on housing projects. . . . Permanente's Natividad Plant is still in operation. . . . M. & K. have poured most of the footings for the buildings on the new prison at Soledad. Granite Construction Company are moving the muck and furnishing the ready-mix concrete with a batch plant on the job site. The concrete material is being delivered from the new Metz Quarry. Incidentally, our old friend, Mr. Ross from Boulder, Shasta, and Coulee Dam, is Chief State Engineer on this project. Mr. Ross always has time for a little visit with the Business Agents.

**King City-San Ardo**

Ray Robles and Sons have many small jobs—keeping a full crew busy. . . . We are told that a contract for approximately \$300,000 for street work will be let in the near future. Robles expects to furnish the ready-mix concrete for this job. His batch plant is running full blast at present. . . . Fredrickson and Kassler have a full crew of operators busy on their road contract between San Ardo and King City and are now laying blacktop.

**News of the Brothers**

Brother Murphy is now back on the job after taking the count of nine. He was real proud of himself last week when he drove the car for the first time in several weeks. According to Doc Monty, he still has to take it a little easy for awhile. . . . It is with a feeling of sadness that we report the deaths of two of our brothers and valued employees of the Granite Construction Company—Brothers Edward Sampson and Archie Leslie. The boys were killed in a plane crash while on an errand of mercy. They were delivering an urgent message to Mr. Wilkerson, former manager of the Granite Construction Company, who was on his ranch in a secluded spot 15 miles from the Antelope Station of the State Division of Forestry where Mr. Wilkerson had to drive to give the alarm. These boys will be greatly missed both by their brother members and their employer. . . . Sorry to hear that Brother F. E. Bixler of Aromas was taken to the Watsonville hospital recently, suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. . . . Brother David F. Walkington received a painful back injury while at work in Los Gatos. It is believed he will be incapacitated for about six months. . . . Brother Nick Infantino, who has operated around these parts for a good many years, is now leaving us for a ranch which he purchased recently at Denair, Calif. Good luck to you, Nick. . . . Brother Earl Reed, a Permanente employee, will be incapacitated for about a month on account of a hand injury. . . . We wish to thank Brothers G. E. Feeley, J. B. Phillips and Robert H. Johnson for taking time out to send us a penny postcard to notify us that they went to work elsewhere. This courtesy helps immensely to keep our out-of-work list up-to-date. . . . Brother Buzz Hart of Hollister received a painful eye injury but has recovered sufficiently to resume operations. . . . Anyone wishing to rent or purchase a new 1/2-yard Osgood Dragline contact Brother Louis Eck at 19943 Redwood Road, Hayward—phone Lucerne 1-5628.

**San Francisco—**

**RIP TRACKS, PAVE ARTERIALS IN FRISCO; JOBS NOT TOO PLENTIFUL**

P. E. VANDEWARK and PAT CLANCY  
Business Representatives, Local 3

General work conditions are very slow in this area, due to the lack of any large contracts being let. There are numerous small jobs in progress which do employ a large number of the Brothers, but a few large jobs would be very welcome at this moment to relieve some of the unemployment that now exists.

Eaton & Smith are busy on their Mission Street job removing the old street car rails and repaving along with new curbs and gutters. Several rigs are busy on this job on which the company has made excellent progress. The company also has two rigs still working on the North Point Sewer Plant.

Atkinson & Harney Project on the new Freeway, has slowed up somewhat, with most of the heavy dirt work already completed. Several of the Brothers were laid off from the cat work a week ago. There are still several rigs busy on the job, including two pile-drivers. This job will stretch out over a long period of time because of the large overpasses and ramps that have to be constructed.

Dinwiddie Construction Company job at Parkmerced is in full swing with Engineers on all of the 11 building material hoists, plus several truck cranes and compressors. There are a large number of Brothers employed on this project.

Luther Ward, plastering contractor, has three hoists busy on the Stoneson Project.

MacDonald Young and Nelson still have a small amount of work left to be done on the Stoneson Project.

M. & K., MacDonald Young and Nelson have started their new sewer treating plant job on Jerold Avenue. This is a large job, on which there will be a lot of work for the Engineers.

M. & K. Corporation's two big jobs are still in progress, Lake Merced Tunnel job on which they are now pouring the concrete arch and the North Point Sewer Treating Plant which has just come into the heavy building stage.

Raymond Concrete Pile Co. has two drivers busy on the Freeway and two more on the North Point Sewer Plant plus a boom-cat.

Duncanson & Harrellson, Islais Creek bridge job is moving along nicely, with the north foundations already poured and the south foundations ready to pour. The job is ready for the steel erection on which Judson Pacific Murphy has the work.

Barrett & Hilp's job at the University of San Francisco is under way with material hoists and compressors on the job.

Cahill Bros. job on the Boys High School is in good shape, the steel work is almost completed on the gym and auditorium.

Swinerton & Wolberg's two building jobs, Mt. Zion Hospital and Standard Oil Building Annex, are still under construction with several of the Brothers busy there.

**Personal Touch . . .**

The work on the outside (overseas) has been more or less at a standstill during the major part of this past year and there is very little prospect as to work coming up. If the same conditions exist during this coming winter as during this past month, there will be little use of going to any of the contractors who have "out of the country" jobs for there has not been one man who has come in to the office to tell us that he was on his way over. However, a few of the brothers have come in with tales of how they have signed an application and the contractors have informed them that when there is an opening they would be called. That is a pretty good deal for the contractors as we see it, to have a waiting list of men willing to go on a foreign job whenever the contractor is ready for them—but as to the consideration of the applicant, well, that's a good question???

Charlie Edwards has recently returned from Afghanistan after working about eight months with M. & K. Charlie doesn't seem to have any regrets as to being back in the States.

Virgil Lancaster and Norman Hamilton have also returned after working on Guam for a fairly short time.

"Bacon Butts," a muck machine operator, heard so much about South America that he decided to work the angles and see that part of the country. Yep, you guessed it, he signed a contract . . . took off . . . and in three weeks was in town again, after a short excursion in South America. Did you use any of your own money for that trip?

**BLOOD DONATIONS STILL NEEDED . . .** We are still trying to build up our blood in the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and for the past month there has been very little activity along this line. At the present time we have five pints to our credit . . . do you think that this speaks well for such an organization as we have? There is no way of knowing who will need the blood next, so please give this question some serious thought and when you have the time, contact the S. F. office and we will be glad to make all the arrangements for you.

This month's THANKS go to Joe C. Lambkin and also to Bill Luddy. Joe is one of our brothers and we are very grateful that he took the time to donate. Bill does not belong to No. 3 but he does work in the office and from time to time has heard some of the sad stories. We are sure that if more of the members could hear some of the grief, we would have plenty of plasma in our account. Thanks again for your donations, fellows!

Mark Sondergaard tried to give some blood, but was informed that he should wait a while before he donated. Thanks a lot, Martin, for taking time!

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**S. F. Food Prices Drop Tiny Bit**

The level of food prices for items bought by San Francisco moderate income families dropped again in August. The latest index puts the price level at 209.9, according to Max D. Kossoris, regional director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1.3 per cent below that of July, and 6.4 per cent below the index of August a year ago. Chiefly responsible was the decline of 6.4 per cent in the price level of fruits and vegetables. The fresh varieties, off 7.7 per cent, were almost entirely responsible for the change.

Meat prices averaged a 0.7 per cent decline, with lamb prices off as much as 7.7 per cent. Pork and beef and veal prices rose by 3.4 per cent and 0.2 per cent respectively.

Fats and oils registered an increase of 2.3 per cent and prices of cereals and bakery products were up 0.2 per cent.

Sugar and sweets and beverages prices remained unchanged over the month. Dairy products prices were up 0.2 per cent but were 13.0 per cent below a year ago.

Egg prices increased sharply by 3.1 per cent and were at an average price of nearly 77 cents per dozen.

In comparison, the national index for food prices moved up, from 201.7 in July to 202.6 in August, an increase of 0.4 per cent. The all-commodity index moved up from 163.5 to 163.8, an increase of 0.2 per cent.

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Farm machinery in countries taking part in the European Recovery Program is proving to be an important factor in putting agriculture in these countries on a more productive and more efficient basis.

# San Rafael— NEW RIG HAS EVERYTHING BUT A BLONDE TELEPHONE OPERATOR

H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 3

Eaton & Smith have one of the most complete mechanic pick up that your Representative has ever seen. This rig has a LeTourneau Power Unit—Electric Vacuum remote controlled with 20' control cord. The A-frame is the same control; 200-Amp welding machine, Compressor, Light Plant,

power grinder, drill press, cutting torch and a Bell mobile telephone. Bro. Curley Toles installed and created the apparatus and he has a good creative mind and imagination and it would be well worth the brothers' time to stop and take a look at this rig. . . . Curly is now trying to get Eaton & Smith to furnish him an attractive telephone operator—preferably a blonde.

In line with a letter from Pres. Wm. E. Maloney, we would like to repeat his words, "BE CAREFUL," as in every issue of Engineers' News there are brothers on the injured list. . . . Bro. Zachary of San Anselmo, blade operator for Gudge Construction Co., recently was injured and will be out of circulation for several months. . . . Bro. Mel Cross of Mill Valley, shovel man on the Siri project at Cloverdale, was seriously burned but expects to be back at work within a few weeks. . . . Bro. Jimmy Breen of South San Francisco, operator for McGuire & Hester on the San Quentin Road job, was injured and will be home for a few weeks, and Bro. Dick Padgett of Sausalito, blade operators for Jensen & Pitts, received a broken collar bone in an automobile accident.

Bro. Jim Curfman of Santa Rosa is in line for double congratulations. He recently was married and took his bride back with him to the Caterpillar Training School in Peoria, Illinois, for his training in export sales duties. We will hear more of this member as the years pass.

Bro. Nicholas Dollwett, an old-time member, who has been ill for such a long time, recently visited the office and says he "feels like a young colt." He surely looks much improved. Our best wishes for his continued improvement.

A recent letter from Bennie Biecha, with an APO San Francisco address, advises that the "New Year's Eve Keeed—Sandy Field" is skinning cat on the same project, with Bro. Cal Barnett running the clam and Bro. Joe Jackson running blade. . . . Never a dull moment with this crew.

Bro. Bob Baugh keeping himself busy in St. Louis but he may be back in "sunny" California soon.

Bro. Hollis "Slim" Dewing is running a Koehring clam in Guam with a few more months to go on his present contract.

Bro. John Von Salden has a 1946 two-ton Reo tractor, 140-inch wheelbase, Tulsa winch, 40,000 lbs., 9.00x20 tires, Timken double reduction rear axle two-speed, with five-speed transmission, in excellent condition with actual mileage 6969, truck for sale. He can be reached at the Marin Motion Picture Service, 8 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael; telephone number San Rafael 7210-W.

Bros. Clinton Hayes, trencher operator from Turlock, and Doyle Thomson of Fresno reported in with the Valley Trenching Co. equipment for the Healdsburg project, with Bro. Kopley as heavy duty mechanic.

Bros. Bill Jensen of Palo Alto, as trencher operator, and M. E. Peterson of Mountain View, as oiler, reported in for the B. Miles Thomas 410 trencher on the Sleepy Hollow sewer project.

Ray Benton, old-time member, with C. L. Carrithers for many years, reported in on the Carrithers cat at the Greenbrae tract for Schultz Company.

## Highways, School

The A. G. Raisch Co., of Black Point, where Bro. Bob Russell is foreman on the widening of the shoulders on 101 Highway from Richardson Bay bridge to Ignacio, is coming along on schedule. . . . The crusher plant at McNear's Point, where Bill Ivers is in

charge, started operating in full gear last week.

Bro. Charlie Onthank reports that he has taken over the Chevron service station in Booneville and hopes any of the brothers in that vicinity will stop and see him for any gas, oil or grease jobs, as well as repair work.

Frank M. Crane of Ukiah and F. C. Brunelli of San Francisco recently were awarded the \$375,000 contract for constructing the new school at Marinship in Sausalito, with Eaton & Smith doing the dirt moving.

Ike Ely, popular contractor of San Anselmo, was low on the six miles of surfacing streets in the city of St. Helena.

Manuel Smith, Winton contractor, was low on the \$20,000 sewer project in the West College District of Santa Rosa.

Arthur Siri of Santa Rosa was awarded the Benton and North St. intersection repairing, as well as the Spencer St. surfacing projects in Santa Rosa.

A. G. Raisch Co. of Black Point was awarded the parking area surfacing at San Quentin Prison; also were low on the Coombs St. project in the city of Napa.

Pacific Pumps of Huntington Park was awarded the 6,000,000-cubic-foot underground gas storage reservoir just north of San Rafael for the PG&E.

Pisano Bros. of San Jose got the Napa Road sewer installation, with the Vallejo Farms sewer line project going to Edwards, Foulk & Dana of Redwood City.

C. M. Syar of Vallejo is in on the \$15,000 road work at Napa State Hospital, Imola.

We would like to call your attention to Rule 9 of the Working Rules for the Engineers: "Where there is overtime to be worked, the Engineer operating the machine shall be allowed to work the overtime."

H. O. "Heine" Foss has returned from vacation to active duty in the San Rafael office and finds that Russell Swanson, who was assigned to this office for the vacation period, did a very efficient job; so your Representative wishes to express his appreciation.

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## Hit Bond Stores on 'Phony Advertising'

Washington. — Take a warning from the Federal Trade Commission and don't buy clothes at Bond Stores, Inc., until that firm and the FTC settle a little matter of phony advertising.

FTC announced Sept. 10 it has issued a complaint against Bond, charging misrepresentation of the quality and value of its clothing and a number of other things. Bond has 68 retail stores throughout the country, and attracts customers with such sucker-bait signs as:

"25 — verified \$34.50 value;" . . . top coats worth every cent of \$50—\$37.75;" "Regularly \$10.50 — easy price \$8.95," and so on.

FTC charges the so-called special prices are actually the regular prices, and the claimed savings are fakes. It also has it in for Bond for falsely representing certain fabrics as coming from Great Britain, and for claiming certain of its shoes are "hand finished."

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A man who doesn't know his own mind hasn't missed much.

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A good executive is a man who decides. Sometimes he decides right and sometimes he decides wrong—but he decides.

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Bennie the Bartender pointed with pride to a sign of his own design: "Please Don't Stand Up When The Bar Is In Motion."

# Navy Slash Hurts Hawaii; Some New Projects Set

By J. W. WAIWAILOE  
Bus. Rep., Hawaiian Branch

They have done something (The Territory of Hawaii Legislature)! Since my last column, the Legislature has passed a Dock Bill giving the Territory of Hawaii authority to take over all stevedoring facilities and to operate them pending settlement of the waterfront strike.

This emergency measure will expire in 180 days unless the stevedoring companies and the I.L.W.U. union settle before that time. There has also been added Acts II and III. We, in labor here feel that Acts II and III are detriment to labor unions.

Confronting us also is the big slash ordered in the Navy, Army and civilian forces. The Navy will have the biggest slash and it is really hurting all A. F. L. affiliates with interests in the Naval Ship Yard, Pearl Harbor. It is now assumed that our Metal Trades Council program which was only very lately ratified and approved for the Naval Ship Yard will be bogged down because practically all of the Advisory Board and members on committees who are authorized to handle A. F. L. union activities in the Naval Ship Yard will be released in new cut back within the next month. The Council, however, is rallying available forces to supplement and carry on with the program.

We have been stalemated for quite some time in the building and construction industry. However, there is also a little hope since the Legislature is again considering the Pali Tunnel project which will cost \$3,000,000 and also a contemplated housing project to supplement the run-down houses in the slum areas. Congress has also stepped into the picture to lend assistance by approving a \$5,000,000 bond issue for a new harbor at Kawaihae, Hawaii (Big Island.)

Byrne Organization's projects locally, Kwajalein and Majuro are now on a maintenance basis pending ordered steel from the mainland for the pile driving work on Majuro. We feel a little more enlightened with reports back from convention in St. Paul, Minnesota, that the A. F. L. Executive Board and internationals assembled are again considering assisting the organizational work in the Territory of Hawaii. We hope this is not only words because the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, for the past one year has carried the Building Trades (eight months) and the Metal Trades (four months). No other international has helped this area on the council basis as agreed to by International Representatives of various unions in meetings held here in June of 1948.

So, we say again, that we are proud to be members of this organization that has been a great help to others as well and we hope that others in our craft who are not affiliated will take note and realize the assistance that could be had by joining us.

This is a tough place now. You don't move without the opposition taking action also; namely, employers, community, police department, government and "commies."

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## \$60 Million for CVP

Pres. Truman last week signed an appropriation bill which provides \$60,789,890 for the Central Valley Project for the fiscal year which began last July 1. Since July 1 the Interior Department's Reclamation Bureau has been operating with allowances provided under special Congressional resolutions.

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## Denham Proud of T-H

On a visit to the Bay Area to address the Management Conference, anti-labor, whip-cracking Robert N. Denham, general counsel for NLRB and the T-H law, said he is proud of the administration of this labor-busting law.

# Fresno— BALL ROLLS UP NEW RECORD ON TULARE STRETCH OF 99

H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE,  
Business Representatives, Local 3

N. M. Ball & Sons Co. have come through with another first. They have just completed their stretch of highway between Tipton and Tulare on Highway 99, establishing a new record for state highway concrete pavement pouring. The job consisted of 24-foot lane of pavement for the major part, with a double 24-foot lane about two miles long. The slab was eight inches thick with a 4-inch soil cement base, the total concrete yardage was 30,000 cubic yards and was placed

in twenty-nine 8-hour shifts with only one mixing paver, a double drum Koehring Model 34E. Twelve hundred thirty cubic yards was the record poured for one eight-hour shift. The following members of Local Union 3 were responsible for hanging up this record: R. C. (Andy) Webster, Supt.; W. C. (Slim) Wentworth, concrete foreman; Geo. Brigham, paver operator; Bill Hayden, batch plant operator; Dave Rush, crane operator; Ray Brown, oiler; Ivan Bolton, finishing machine operator; Jess Hernandez, Johnson float operator; J. G. Wilson, spreader operator. We extend our congratulations.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. is continuing paving operations at Berenda, north of Madera, on Highway 99 and have one more lane to pour plus shoulder and other incidental work. This will finish up their current job in this district.

Phoenix Construction Co. are busy laying hot stuff on a state-county job east of Selma and will finish up within the next few weeks.

George France Inc. and Gene Richards Paving Co. have started work, paving and grading the west lane of 99 highway from the Visalia Y past the Taugus ranch and will be on the job for a period of four weeks or so.

We have been informed by the highway department that they will receive bids on a five mile section of Highway 180, consisting of approximately 480,000 yards of excavation and surfacing. Bids to be opened on October 26. Also another section of highway 99 sometime after the first of the year from Madera north to Berenda.

## New Dams

A. Teichart Co. are cleaning up on the Owens Creek Dam job and M.J.B. Constructors are running a good sized spread on Burns Creek Dam, they will finish before the heavy rains set in. The above projects are sponsored by the Army Engineers, who have informed us that they will call for bids shortly on the Bear Creek Dam. This job will be the largest of the four earth filled dams of the Merced streams group.

Morrison Knudsen and M. H. Hasler Co. have moved in on their new contract on the Delta Mendota canal and are at the present time setting up the monoghan and have started a cat spread on core bank work. Most of the brothers who were working for the company near Tracy have been transferred to the new job. We reported some time ago that Western Constructors had sub-let their cat work to the Adair Construction Co. of Compton. This outfit has moved in and is now working just west of Gustine on that section of the Delta Mendota Canal.

The Covina Construction Co. have a highway job running south out of Los Banos and will keep several of the brothers busy for some time.

## More Canal Work

Bureau of Reclamation engineers are advertising and bids will be opened, on an additional eight miles of the Delta Mendota Canal, opening dates October 26.

On the Friant Kern Canal the Ashbach & Steenberg Co. and their subs have just about completed final cleaning up chores.

Peter Kiewit Sons Co. are really traveling through their section and expect to complete lining operations around the first of the year.

This will mean that this section will have been completed approximately one year ahead of schedule. That is really putting out the work, but not so good for employ-

ment opportunity during the winter.

The Baker Mitchell Thwing Co., who are furnishing aggregate for Peter Kiewit Co., is still operating on a two-shift basis and will continue to do so until lining operations are completed.

The Bureau of Reclamation advised that another 17 miles section of the Friant Kern Canal will be advertised for bids within the next two months.

On the Bechtel Co. and M. & K. project at Northfork, progress is proceeding at a good rate. The companies have now established a camp on the job site, which saves many of our boys a lot of driving. From what we can gather the Southern California Edison Co. have some rather extensive plans for the immediate future. If these go through a lot of the brothers will be kept busy in the mountains for a long time.

The Army Engineers have called for bids for the Pine Flat Dam project, opening date is November 2. Current information is that probable bidders will be; Guy F. Atkins Co. and Associates; M & K and associates; Peter Kiewit Sons and associates; Utah Construction Co. & Associates; and probably some eastern outfits.

Although we have been enjoying a lot of work the brothers are flocking in here from the northern part of the state like a bunch of homing pigeons, consequently we have a larger out of work list in all classifications.

Next regular meeting will be October 27, 1947, 8 p. m., at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

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, 1949. 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, and July 2, 1946 (Section 537, Postal Laws and Regulations), printed on the reverse of this form, to wit:

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VICTOR S. SWANSON, (Signature of editor, business manager) sworn to and subscribed before me this 30th day of September, 1949. C. E. MATHEWS, (My commission expires Nov. 16, 1952.) SEAL

**Eureka—**

**RAIN RETURNS TO REDWOODS;  
WORK SLOWS UNTIL SPRING**

**OTTO E. NEVER and M. W. EDWARDS,  
Business Representatives, Local 3**

Well, brothers, here in the Redwood Empire we have the rainy season with us again, which brings most work to a standstill until spring. Up in Del Norte County, Contractor Ed Johnson has finished his realignment and culvert job; also, his job for the county. He has a few days work with his blade for the city and he will probably be through then until spring.

Macco-M. & K. Corp. have shut

the jetty job down at Crescent City. They were successful, however, in getting the rock contract for the Dutton dock. They have laid off one shovel crew and the Manitowoc crew, but will keep most of the other members busy for about 30 days on the Dutton job. Work will then cease till the middle of April.

C. M. Syar has wound up his resurfacing for the State and is furnishing some hot stuff for Crescent City, but should be shut down and gone by October 25th. We hate to see Brother Curly Williams leave; there never is a dull moment when he's around.

Mercer-Fraser finished their job above Orick and are about done at Fortuna and Scotia. However, they do keep their crews busy a few days a week throughout the winter on odd jobs.

Brother Tom Hull is doing work with his ditcher and also has a couple of bridge jobs going; one near Butler Valley and one west of Briceland.

Brother Louie Conner has had a couple of cats busy on the new mill at Fortuna.

John Burman and Sons are doing a few dirt-moving jobs around town and have finished their job at Bull Creek Park.

John Petersen has been keeping all of his rigs busy and from what I have seen of his work he'll be busy all winter.

The Dredge Jupiter is still busy, with Brother Harry Salstrom still making coffee for Leverman Red Faison.

Piombo is still moving dirt at Orick with George Patterson's cats whenever the weather permits. This job will close as soon as the rainy weather really sets in.

Goodenough and Syar were successful bidders on the first section of the new Eureka Water Dept. reservoir and are trying to keep the job going in spite of the rain and they are doing a pretty good job of it at present.

We would like to call attention to a matter of great importance to all members and that is the matter protecting your interest in a violation of a game law or a motor vehicle accident. Before you hire an attorney and spend a lot of money, see your business representative. He has contacts that will be valuable to you and you can avail yourself of that service for the asking. We have one case in mind where a member is spending a year in jail for a game violation when he could have been placed on probation and been working. Not only that, but he paid his attorney \$500.00.

If you do not receive your wages or if you have an accident claim before the Industrial Accident Commission, see your business representative.

We expect to have a report to make on next year's construction work in the next issue of the News.

The lumber business has leveled off, for the time being at least. The price is fair and the market is mildly strong. The only thing lacking is the working conditions of the employees and their insecurity in knowing what wages they are going to receive and for how long they will stay there. In many cases, a man's wages have been cut and he knew nothing of it until he received his check two weeks later. When we get this northern country organized, we will give these men the protection and security that they need and deserve.

We had a letter from some of our boys who are working for Fruit Growers Lumber Co. They state that they would like to see the Engineers come in there and organize the place.

**Wear That  
Union Button  
Without Fear!**

(AFL Release)

Washington.—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered two employers to cease coercion of employees under the guise of the "free speech" guarantee given employers by the Taft-Hartley law.

The Board ruled unanimously that the wearing of a union button by a worker does not give his boss the right to question him about his union activities.

Overruling the contention of the Standard-Coosa-Thatcher Co., of Ridgedale, Tenn., that because the employee wore a button he had no fear of disclosing union sympathy, the Board's decision said:

"SUBTLE PRESSURE"

"This argument loses sight of the essential character of the restraint involved. The subtle pressure created by the interrogation results from the realization of the interrogated employee that his employer is concerned with his union affiliation or activities and will, therefore, act to the employee's detriment."

In another case, the Joy Silk Mill, of Hartsville, S. C., was ordered to bargain with the United Textile Workers (AFL) despite the loss by the union of two representation elections.

The decision involved the question of a demand made by the union on the company to bargain, and a 28-point questionnaire which employees were requested to fill out by the company attorney in the preparation of a defense of unfair labor practice charges filed by the union.

**TRICKY QUESTIONS**

The Textile Workers, through the NLRB, challenged 10 questions. The Board ruled that two were proper and that eight others constituted unfair labor practices. The ruling stated that the eight improper questions "were outside the scope of the issues in the pleadings and exceeded permissible scope in trial preparation."

Questions held not within the free speech provisions of the T-H Act were:

- (1) Did you cast your vote at the election solely according to your personal view concerning whether you desire the union to represent you and without any fear or threats after your job and future with the company and without being influenced in any respect by promises of future benefits by the company?
- (2) Did you consider that these speeches or the statements and notices posted on the bulletin board were threats or promises of benefit to influence your vote against the union?
- (3) What do you consider to be the purpose of signing the union card?
- (4) Did you consider yourself a member of the union when you signed the card?
- (5) At the time you signed the card did you pay any fee money for membership or other dues in the union?
- (6) Did you agree to the future payment of initiation, membership or other fees to the union?
- (7) Did you terminate your connection with the union at any time after you signed the card?
- (8) If so, for what reason did you terminate?

**Redding—**

**Northern Calif.  
Awaits New Hydro-  
Electric Projects**

**By E. A. HESTER**

**Business Representative, Local 3**

A slacking of employment has occurred in this district with several of our highway jobs being completed. Harms Brothers job at Raven-dale is finished. Some of the men have been transferred to their job at Weed.

A. Teichert & Son paving job at Hornbrook will finish in another two or three weeks.

McGillivray Construction Company have finished their paving job at Dunsuir and have moved out.

Brennan and Brown are also near the finishing line on their highway job at French Gulch and will soon be moving to their new job at Auburn.

There are still a number of jobs running in this district with many Brothers still employed. The railroad relocation at Keswick is still going with about 30 of our brothers employed. This job is scheduled to be finished about January 1, 1950.

The Frederick and Watson job at Anderson also promises employment for a number of brothers for several months to come.

By the time you read this article, N. M. Ball and Son will have their jobs finished both at Hayfork and Vina.

Everything seems to be going along fairly well on the R. B. Guer-in job at Cedar Pass with a lot of rock left to be moved. A little snow and cold weather should not hold up this job too much.

Malfitano and Son are getting well underway on their road job five miles west of Susanville.

There are several small jobs, as well as a number of bridge jobs. There are also gravel plants working, and are all providing employment for a number of our engineers.

**Hydro Power Jobs**

By the time this season runs out we can report that we have had a good year in this district. And up to date there has been more than three million dollars appropriated for highway work in this district for next year. This signifies that we will have another good year to look forward to.

If some of the hydro-electric projects which are now being talked about should get underway there will be another boom in Northern California.

We don't have any information as to when the improving job on the Dorris Airport will start; however it will be soon. The same applies to the work that is to be done on the Coleman Fish Hatchery.

Again I wish to remind the members who registered here on the out of work list, when accepting employment in other districts or changing their address to please drop us a card so that their name can be taken off the out of work list.

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**Would Label  
Fake Fur Coats**

Washington. — A Senate commerce subcommittee September 20 finished hearings on a House-approved bill requiring labeling of fur garments, after opponents of the measure denied there is widespread fakery in retailers' claims about fur coats.

The bill, H. R. 5187, would require manufacturers of fur garments to put a label on each article stating the name of the animal used, and stating that it is bleached, dyed, made of pieces or scraps and contains reused fur, if any of these is a fact.

The Federal Trade Commission, charged by law with protecting the public from false advertising claims, told the committee that there are 40-odd names under which fur coat dealers pass off coats made of rabbit skins.

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**Lobsters, Oct. 1**

California's five-and-a-half month lobster fishing season opens October 1, reminds the Division of Fish and Game.

Licensed sport and commercial fishermen may take any number of the crustaceans more than 10 and 1/2 inches in length. The former 16-inch maximum size regulation has been abolished by the State legislature.

Traps or other methods which do not injure or kill lobsters are permitted in central and southern California districts 17, 18, 19, 20A, and 20 south of Catalina Island. Skin diving for lobsters is legal in all ocean waters until the season ends March 15.

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**Politician: "Did your paper say I was a liar and a scoundrel?"**

**Editor: "It did not."**

**Politician: "Well, some paper in this town said so."**

**Editor: "It may have been our competitor down the street. We never print stale news."**

**Health for All**

While we must aim at providing the best health services for all our people regardless of economic conditions or place of residence, it is unlikely that we can attain such a desirable aim overnight by one law. It appears probable that health insurance, like unemployment insurance, will begin with those getting wages and salaries and their dependents. For the dependents it may be limited at first to surgical, hospital, and maternal care, supplemented by preventive medical care for children through school health programs. For the wage earners covered it may be limited at first to medical, surgical, and hospital care connected with disability serious enough to prevent a man from working.

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# What's doing in the Oakland office

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON and CHARLES DEES, Business Representatives, Local 3

## Getting Around the Jobs

Work in this area is pegging along at the usual pace, with the out-of-work list holding at approximately 130. At this time, as during the past months, a considerable amount of local activity has been headlined by the work on the sewage disposal program and improvement of the local water system. John S. Longwell, chief engineer and general manager of the East Bay Municipal Utility District, recently announced the award of \$185,349 in contracts for additions to the water system.

McGuire & Hester were awarded a contract for construction of a 30-inch steel pipeline, to run 7,375 feet, from Fourth Ave. and East 11th St. to 20th Ave. and Foothill Blvd. This new transmission main will replace a 24-inch sheet iron pipeline installed in 1916. High maintenance costs on this line and the need for additional capacity in the area make it necessary to construct the new pipeline at this time.

O. A. Fegelberg received a \$71,995 contract to construct a 30-inch steel pipeline from 59th and Genoa Sts. to Stanford and Hollis Sts. in Emeryville. This is a continuation of the 59th St. aqueduct now being constructed between the west portal of the Claremont tunnel, at the upper end of Chabot Road, and Genoa St. at 59th St.

The purpose of this pipeline is to increase the amount of Mokelumne water flowing into the aqueduct and central zones of the local distribution system. This water, which has been filtered at the Orinda plant, will enter the new line directly from the Claremont tunnel, and from there will be directed into the distribution system along the route of the 59th St. aqueduct, a distance of three miles.

Both of these projects are scheduled for completion after the first of the year. They are part of the Utility District's program of rehabilitation and expansion, which will cover a 10-year period.

## Sewage Project

Work on the Oakland sewage disposal system is progressing well. Stofte and United, who are constructing the first two-mile section of the north interceptor, have another two months of work on the open trench, but expect it will be well into the spring before the tunnel work is completed. There are approximately 35 Engineers on this job at the present time. Ben C. Gerwick and George Pollock are now working on their contract, which consists of placing 9,000 feet of the outfall sewer line. This portion of the work is on dry land and the remaining 6,000 feet of the line, which is to be under the bay, is being contracted by Healy-Tibbits, who have one derrick barge working on the job at present.

Lee Immel Co. is busy on the widening and improving of Barrett Ave., between 23rd and 29th Sts., in Richmond. They have six Engineers employed on this work and an additional four are working in Berkeley, where the company has the contract for improvement on Colusa Ave.

Many of the brothers keep pretty busy on various small contracts. Antioch Building Materials furnishes some employment and Asta Construction Co. has several members working on street jobs in and around Antioch. Out in El Cerrito, about six members are working for Fessenden and Cook, who are engaged in several small housing contracts in the Richmond area.

Pacific Pipeline and Engineers are installing a 20 and 24-inch gas main which will provide feeder and discharge lines for the PG&E gas holder in Richmond. This company also is winding up a small job for Coast Counties Gas and Electric in Contra Costa County.

## Freeway

Gallagher & Burke are finishing up on the East 12th St. Freeway job. The completion of this road will speed up the movement of traffic in the highly congested area between 14th and Fruitvale Aves. Fredrickson & Watson have finished pouring concrete on their job from Seminary to 98th Ave. and this section is now open. The City Engineer reports that the section between Fruitvale Ave. and High St. will be ready for bids within the next 30 to 60 days. With the completion of this contract there will be a high-speed auxiliary freeway from 14th Ave. through to 98th Ave.

On the main freeway, Fredrickson & Watson have the concrete poured between 50th and 105th Aves. and they now are doing the cement work on the overpasses. There is still a considerable amount of work to be done on the access roads and on the separations. This, along with the clean-up work, will take some time to complete.

Johnson, Drake & Piper are progressing well on their High St. separation job on the freeway. This has been an especially difficult job due to traffic congestion. Aside from automobiles, they have to allow for two main line railroads and several sets of spur tracks which service the many industrial plants in the neighborhood.

Tarman and Bechtel recently started work on a 300-unit housing project off Niles Road, between Hayward and Decoto. They are finishing work on their Jackson St. job and the present crew will go onto the new job.

Realignment of Highway 50 out of Livermore is progressing very well, with Harms and Ball pouring the concrete on Keeble's portion of the job. Biasotti is handling the grading on the east end of the job and it is expected that this section will be ready for concrete as soon as the first is complete.

Clements & Co. recently were awarded a contract for the seal-coating of Jarvis Road between the Alvarado-Centerville Road and Dumbarton Highway near Newark. This company also is doing the asphalt work on Thornton Ave. from Centerville to the Dumbarton Highway.

## "Bevatron"

Ariss-Knapp, subcontractor on the excavation for the Bevatron Building at the University of California, has been experiencing considerable difficulty on the job. The work of removing 30,000 yards of dirt has been hampered by several slides, but they have just about whipped the problem by the use of cribbing. They have four shovels and four cats working at this time and estimate the work is about three-fourths complete. Pacific Coast Builders has the prime contract, with J. H. Fitzmaurice subbing the concrete work.

Indications are that work on the first section on the Mountain Blvd. Freeway will be started within the next few months. The Highway District Engineer reports the right-of-way has been secured and bids will be called for around Dec. 1 for the first two miles. The road ultimately will run from the Broadway Tunnel through to San Leandro.

Out in Walnut Creek, the Charles Hughes Co., Walnut Creek Aggregates, and the Walnut Creek Feed and Fuel are all running full blast furnishing aggregates for various local jobs.

Mr. Smith, who has been general manager of maintenance operations for the Fluor Corporation at Union Oil, has been transferred to Chicago. Mr. Bill Bush will be in charge of this department. We all wish "Smitty" every success in his new position and feel sure that our present amicable relations will continue under the guidance of Bill Bush.

Olympian Dredging Co. has a short job at Sacramento. They plan on putting the Palmer to work on this operation and most of the crew is already lined up.

The Army Engineers have run out of money for the levee work on the Hastings tract and have pulled in the Neptune. The Monarch is still working on Potato Slough at Bolling Island.

Simpson Bros. dredge California is working on McDonald Island. Associated dredging has two dredges working at present. The No. 1 is in Dutch Slough and the No. 4 on Ryder Island.

Hydraulic Dredging Co. is going right along with its Napa River job. They are dredging on a bend of the river directly above the railroad bridge. This realignment will make it possible for larger vessels to travel further upstream.

## What the Brothers Are Doing

The many friends of Bro. George Germain will be pleased to hear that he was married August 5, in Reno. The Germain's now are living in Berkeley.

Another newlywed is Bro. C. A. Byers, who was married Sept. 17. We wish to extend best wishes to both these couples.

The past months seems to have been especially rough on Engineers, judging from the array of crutches, bruises and bandages we have seen passing through the hall.

Among the injured is Bro. Tommy Moore, who suffered a severe knee injury when a roller he was cranking kicked him. In the hospital for nearly a month, he now is able to get around "after a fashion."

Bro. Stan Garber, who had his foot badly crushed in a cat accident this summer, is still laid up. He will have to go back to the hospital for further treatment and it will be some time before he can work again.

Then there is Bro. "Tiny" Laux, who is carrying his dainty right hand swathed in bandages. . . . Something about a can of gas. . . . Anyway, even with extensive second degree burns, "Tiny" figures he got off pretty lucky.

Bro. W. G. Martin is confined to the Alameda Hospital with severe back injuries received while doing repair work on a boom cat. Seems the boom slipped and fell on him as he worked beneath it. We sincerely hope all these fellows will be fully recovered soon.

By this time most of the brothers in the Bay Area know that Bro. Al Clem is in the hospital recovering from a heart attack. We are glad to be able to say he is improving, but it still is too early to say when he will be able to be back on the job. He asked us to thank all you fellows who have sent letters and called in his behalf. During his absence Bro. Harry Metz will be working in the Oakland office.

Congratulations to the following: Bro. and Mrs. Renius Owens on the arrival of their third son; Bro. and Mrs. John Freddy, who have a new daughter; and Bro. and Mrs. Louie Levine, whose first son arrived just as we were going to press!

## From Arabia

Bro. Charlie Kitzmiller returned recently from the Bechtel job in Arabia. He was working on the Persian Gulf and says he liked it fine. Seems the weather didn't bother him to any extent, and the good food agreed with him.

Bro. R. M. Price just got in from Arabia—on the 9th of October. Made the trip in Bechtel's plane, the "Camel," and he says

conditions were ideal. They flew during the day only and at night were able to go sightseeing. Took three days to make the trip, and one stopover found them in Rome where he celebrated his birthday. Bro. Price was sick for nearly a month while on the job but says he got excellent medical attention and one week of vacation in which to recuperate. During this time he took a trip to Baghdad and Tripoli. . . . A most pleasant way to convalesce, we must say!

Bro. Clair Ammerman, formerly employed by Stahl and Shattuck, has branched out for himself. He is operating the Mobile station at MacArthur and Park Blvds., and any Engineer dropping in will find himself especially welcome.

We extend condolences to the family of Bro. Theodore Bardoli, who died October 6 following a long illness. Ted was a native of Oakland and had been an active member of this union for several years.

Bro. Elmer Hansen is working hard these days trying to develop the talent for a Dutch Band in his home. He is training his three oldest children, aged 8, 7 and 6, to toot the horn; but sometimes, he says, it's a bit discouraging. And then too, it will be some time before the remainder of his family, aged 5, 4 and 3, will be able to toot effectively. However, Elmer is an old hand at bands, having played with the 15th Infantry for a number of years, and he can't get it out of his system. He says if any of the members are interested in music "strictly for fun and on the oom-pah-pah side," give him a ring at ANdover 1-7939 and maybe they can get something started in the way of a good old-fashioned moosic-makin' organization!

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## \$1,000,000 Damage Suit Filed Against Teamsters

New York—Relying on a union-busting provision of the Taft-Hartley law, the J. C. Penney Co. brought a \$1,000,000 damage suit here against Locals 804, 807 and Joint Council 16 of the AFL's International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

The company, which operates 1,602 retail stores, charged the union with violating the Taft-Hartley Act in trying to "compel" the company to enter "an unlawful backdoor or collusive labor contract."

The suit charged that the union, in seeking to force recognition of Local 804 as exclusive bargaining agent for 915 warehouse personnel, had induced employes of Motor Haulage Company, Inc., which handles deliveries for the Penney company, to engage in a strike.

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Our union halls should have speaker systems that would amplify the orators' ideas as well as their voices.

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## 12,463 Dropped At Navy Bases In Cal. & Wash.

Civilian personnel reductions at industrial establishments under the Department of National Defense as announced by Secretary of National Defense Louis Johnson on August 25 are shown below. First column gives total employed July 31, 1949; second column shows the proposed ceiling employment, and third column shows the net reduction.

CALIFORNIA			
Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo	9,714	9,503	211
Naval Shipyard, San Francisco	6,840	6,430	410
Naval Air Station, Alameda	8,302	7,974	328
Naval Air Station, Moffett Field plus VR44	1,520	656	864
Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern	4,868	4,407	461
Construction Battalion Cntr., Port Hueneme	2,541	2,200	341
Naval Supply Depot, San Pedro	829	330	499
Naval Shipyard, Long Beach	5,800	400	5,400
Naval Receiving Station, Long Beach	522	148	374
Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro			
Santa Ana Ammunition and Net Depot, Seal Beach	2,056	891	1,165
Naval Air Station, San Diego	376	40	336
Naval Auxiliary Air Station, San Diego	8,412	8,227	185
Naval Station, San Diego	170	0	170
Industrial Dept., Naval Station, San Diego	1,476	1,400	76
Electronics Laboratory, Pt. Loma, San Diego	1,109	890	219
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>54,535</b>	<b>43,496</b>	<b>11,039</b>

WASHINGTON			
Naval Supply Depot, Seattle and Tacoma Annex	699	288	411
Naval Ammunition Depot, Bangor	638	130	518
Naval Torpedo Station, Keyport	337	220	117
Naval Air Station, Seattle	1,557	1,459	68
Naval Station, Tacoma	68	64	4
Naval Supply Depot, Spokane	485	200	286
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4,271</b>	<b>2,391</b>	<b>1,404</b>
<b>TWO-STATE TOTALS</b>	<b>58,806</b>	<b>45,887</b>	<b>12,463</b>

## Carson Nomination Approved by Senate

Washington.—The Senate confirmed by 45 to 25 President Truman's nomination of John Carson, of Michigan, to be a member of the Federal Trade Commission.

Republicans bucked the nomination because of Mr. Carson's sympathetic views toward cooperatives and public power projects. He was backed by the American Federation of Labor and other labor groups.

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# Daily report of awards for construction

Compiled By P. E. Vandewark

**SEPTEMBER 12, 1949**

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA:** Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$210,980 for 10.365 mi. grade, drain, surf., por. of State Highway System in Aultman St., Ely, from 1st to 11th St. & Alsom from 1/4 mi. N. of East Ely, N. City limits to McGill, WHITE PINE COUNTY.

**MARTINEZ:** Contract awarded to John Delphia, Box 313, Patterson, \$25,563 for 1.44 mi. clear & grub, grade, drain & surf. Co. Road E 37 (Vasco Rd.), Sta. 255 to Sta. 331, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**SAN JOSE:** Contracts awarded to Alken Bros. 993 Delmas Avenue San Jose, \$15,191 (R.C. underpass, near Mountain View, Dist V, on Hwy. 101 at Calderon Ave.); and to Lew Jones Const. Co., 150 N. 28th St., San Jose, \$59,982 for (R.C. bridge on Camden Road over Los Gatos Creek, & a reinf. deck over Kirk Ditch, Dists. IV & V); SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son Inc., 1846-37th Street, Sacramento, \$45,885 for const. vitr. sewers in Bohemian Village District, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Carden & Cox, 121 Pendergast St., Woodland, \$22,236 for grade, & surf. Power Inn Road, betw. Lemon Hill & Florin, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Central Valley Pipelines Inc., 2416 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, \$19,914 for const. vitr. sewers in Camellia Park district.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 1949**

**HAYWARD:** Contract awarded to John Pestana, 16411 E. 14th Street, San Leandro, \$12,116 for const. storm sewers on "C" St. Hayward, a Cash Job.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to LeFever & Bing, 912-47th St. Sacramento, \$38,659 for 0.5 mi. grade & apply bitum. surf. treat. & const. reinf. conc. gird. bridge across Little Fine Gold Creek, 7 1/2 mi. No. of O'Neals in MADERA COUNTY.

**SEPTEMBER 14, 1949**

**REDWOOD CITY:** Contract awarded to Harvey Conner, Box 1012, Redwood City, \$2,210 for const. sew. conn. & relief home wtr. distrib. sys. at the Juvenile Home.

**EL CERRITO:** Contract awarded to Jos. I. Gallagher, 791 San Jose, St. San Francisco, \$10,120 for const. Central Avenue relief sewer under Cash Contract.

**SAN RAFAEL:** Contract awarded to Western Paving, Inc., 585-44th Avenue San Francisco, \$13,300 for reloc. & reconst. levee loc. at site of District's new disposal plant, San Rafael.

**SAUSALITO:** Contract recommended to Frank M. Crane, 4 Banker Blvd., Ukiah, & Frank C. Brunelli, 264 Clementina, San Francisco, \$374,640 for const. school at Marinship.

**SANTA ROSA:** Contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, \$7,324 for const. cast iron water mains.

**ALTURAS:** Contract awarded to John B. Powers Co., P.O. Box 1487, Reno, Nevada, \$51,994 for const. sanit. sew. sys. in Alturas, a Cash Job.

**VISALIA:** Contract awarded to H. H. Andersen, 2976 Keith Avenue, Castro Valley, \$9,720 for const. four R. C. box culverts acr. Mill Creek & north branch of Mill Creek, 3 mi. west of Visalia, TULARE COUNTY.

**EUREKA:** Contract awarded to O. J. Porter & Co., 518-9th St., Sacramento, \$2,750 for fdn. investigations, inv. drill. 60' holes, at Hill, Murray & McCullen St. sewer treat. sites, Eureka.

**SEPTEMBER 15, 1949**

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St. San Francisco, \$473,012 for 3.9 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on cement treated base, betw. Petaluma Creek & Tolay Creek, in SONOMA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Geo. E. France, Inc., P.O. Box 831, Fresno, \$55,723 for 2.9 mi. re-

surf. exist. pavement on west lanes with plantmix surf., betw. 0.5 mi. S. of Taugus & Rt. 10, TULARE COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy & Son, 922, "J" St. Modesto, \$97,454 for 4.4 mi. excav. & backfill border trenches with import. subbase matl., place untreated. rock base over exist. surf. & new borders, surf. & apply seal-coat to central portion, & const. shoulders from matl. from border trench excav., betw. San Luis Creek & Highline Canal (Por.), in MERCED COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to J. P. Brennan, Zeis Bldg., and M. W. Brown, Box 22, Redding, \$225,310 for 2.3 mi. grade betw. North Fork of American River & 2.3 mi. easterly, in PLACER COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th St. Sacramento, \$49,578 for 0.3 mi. grade & plantmix surf. in Stockton on Charter Way, betw. French Camp Turnpike & El Dorado St. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, 1846-37th St. Sacramento, \$66,540 for 7.3 mi. plantmix surf. over exist. pave. betw. Nicolaus Bridge & Tudor Road, in SUTTER COUNTY.

**SEPTEMBER 16, 1949**

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA:** Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$214,969 for 9.79 mi. const. portion of State Hwy. Sys., betw. 1 mi. east of Fernley & Hazen, in LYON & CHURCHILL COUNTIES.

**EUREKA:** Contract awarded to C. M. Syar, Box 1431 Vallejo, & Goodenough Const. Co. Inc., 2060 N. Wilson Way, Stockton, \$159,844 (conc.), for const. 20 million gal. conc. or gunite raw water resvr.

**OAKLAND:** Contract awarded to Martin Murphy, Rte. 2, Box 894, Oak Road, Walnut creek, \$40,338 for const. Unit No. 2, 8th & 9th Ave. Sew. Separation Proj. in East 12th St., 6th Ave. & Foothill Blvd.

**PIEDMONT:** Contracts awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741-50th Ave. Oakland, \$9,225 (Grand) \$24,188 (Oakland), & to Gallegher & Burk, 344 High St. Oakland, \$23,806 (LaSalle), for grade & surf. on Grand Ave. from South City Limits to Cambridge Ave.; on Oakland Ave. betw. Grand Ave. & South City Limits & over Oakland Ave. Bridge; & on LaSalle Ave. betw. Hampton Road & St. James Drive, Piedmont.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St. San Francisco, \$388,180 for const. North Point Sludge Force Main (Sch. B).

**FRESNO:** Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., Box 495, Avenal, \$3,706 for const. sewers in south 320 ft. of lot 10 & all of lots 11, & 12, N. Villa Tract.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Bx. 900, Watsonville, \$288,888 for const. viaduct over Junipero Serra Blvd. at Alemany.

**OAKLAND:** Contract awarded to Paris Brothers, 2415 Oregon St., Berkeley, \$38,810 for construction of pipe conduit in Holly St., 80th Avenue, & Plymouth St., Oakland.

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA:** Contract awarded to Nevada Engineering & Construction, 133 Sierra St., Reno, \$103,990 for additions & alterations to Nevada State Prison.

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**PIEDMONT:** Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, 344 High St., Oakland \$23,806 for grade & surf. on LaSalle Avenue between Hampton Road & St. James Drive.

**STOCKTON:** Contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P. O. Box 873, Sacramento \$16,658 for 2.6 mi. resurf. Thornton Road, Peltier road to Walnut Grove, S. Joaquin County.

**PIEDMONT:** Contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741-50th Ave. Oakland, \$24,188 for grade & surf. on Oakland Ave. betw., Grand Ave. & S. City Limits & over the Oakland Ave. Bridge, a Gas Tax Job.

**SAN MATEO:** Contract awarded to Wilfred H. Mxy, RED. 140-B, San Mateo, \$142,854 for const. elem. sch. at San Miguel Way, near Orinda Drive.

**SEPTEMBER 20, 1949**

**NAPA:** Contract awarded to A. G. Raisch, 2048 Market St., San Francisco \$16,939 for grade, drain, surf. etc. in Coombs Street from Aash to County Road.

**PROVO, UTAH:** Contract awarded to Grafe-Callahan Const. Co., 714 West Olympic Blvd. Los Angeles, \$4,379 for const. Duchesne divers, dam & sluiceway; & Duchesne tunnel & intake, Provo River Project.

**CONCORD:** Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Avenue, Oakland, \$177,865 for const. intercept. & outfall sewers for the City of Concord.

**SAN MATEO:** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo \$2,295 for grade Beresford Park Baseball Field.

**SANTA ROSA:** Contract awarded to Chester & Robbins, 6485 Redwood Hwy. Santa Rosa, \$9,145 for const. 4,900 ft. fence; dismantle old beacon & install new one; const. flood lights, landscape & conc. work at Sonoma County Airport.

**SALINAS:** Contract awarded to E. J. Donahue, 355 E. Market St., Salinas, \$2,210 for surf. Pajaro St., between Katherine Avenue & Monterey Park No. 1.

**SAN MATEO:** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$8,940 for 1,500 T pltmx. surf. on Hurlingham Avenue, Warren Road, Santa Inez Avenue & North Grant Street.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Weidmer Const. Co., 534-20th St. Oakland, \$51,500 for const. two Hwys., conc. brdgs. across Grindstone Creek & Clark's Creek, 5.9 mi. No. of Elk Creek P. O. & 2.3 mi. So. of Fruto, GLENN COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Barrett & Hilp and Henry George & Son, 918 Harrison St. San Francisco, \$674,446 for const. a 500,000 bu. cap. bulk storage grain elevator, incl. excav., pile foundations, bins, etc.

**REDWOOD CITY:** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$2,142 for const. vitrified sewers in 3d Avenue from Fair Oaks Ave. northerly, & to a pt. opposite Lot 1, Block 24, North Fair Oaks Subdiv., & in an existing easement from said pt. easterly to 4th Avenue.

**SEPTEMBER 21, 1949**

**FAIRFIELD:** Contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1790 Moorpark Avenue San Jose, \$23,289 for const. sanitary sewer mains & appurts. in Napa Road, Project No. 3.

**FAIRFIELD:** Contract awarded to Edwards, Foulk & Dana, 580 Del Ora Avenue, Redwood City, \$11,371 for const. sanitary sewer mains & appurts, at Vallejo Farms, Proj. No. 2.

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA:** Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$214,969 for 9.79 mi. const. por. of St. Hwy Sys., between 1 mi. E. of Fernley & Hazen, in LYON & HURCHILL COUNTIES.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 1949**

**OAKLAND:** Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Avenue, Oakland, \$113,354 for install 7,400 ft. of 30 inch welded steel water mains, 150 ft. of 24 inch welded steel water mains, & 3,080 ft. of 6 inch to 12 inch cast iron mains in East 11th & East 12th Streets.

**OAKLAND:** Contract awarded to O. A. Fogelberg, Mount Diablo Blvd. & Elizabeth St., Lafayette, \$71,995 for install 5,600 ft. 30 inch welded steel water mains in 59th & Genoa Streets in Oakland, to Stanford & Hollis streets in Emeryville.

**WOODBRIDGE:** Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St. Oakland, \$42,463 (conc) for const. sewers SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

**FRESNO:** Contract awarded to Cooper Bessemer Corp., 29 Pine St. San Francisco, for const. compressor station for 7,000,000 cu. ft. underground gas storage reservoir.

**FRESNO:** Contract awarded to Pacific Pipeline & Engrs. Ltd., Box 446 Fresno, for const. underground piping for 7,000,000 cu. ft. underground storage reservoir, near Fresno.

**SAN RAFAEL:** Contract awarded to Pacific Pumps, Inc., 5715 Bicket St. Huntington Park, for const. compressor station for 6,000,000 cu. ft. underground gas storage resvr. at San Rafael.

**HOLLISTER:** Contract awarded to Cooper Bessemer Corp., 29 Pine St. San Francisco, for const. compressor station for a gas storage container at Hollister.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Contract awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874-25th Avenue, San Francisco, \$36,060 for install 12 inch water mains in Calgary, Sawyer, & Leland Avenues, from Geneva to Delta, under W.D. No. 523.

**SEPTEMBER 23, 1949**

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH:** Contract awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, Utah, \$462,906 for 22.163 mi. grade, drain, etc., U. S. No. 91, between Scipio & Levan, JUAN & MILLARD COUNTIES.

**SAN QUENTIN:** Contract awarded to A. G. Raisch, Co., P. O. Box 458, San Rafael, \$7,367 for const. surf. on parking area at San Quentin St. Prison.

**CHICO:** Contract awarded to N. R. Jessee, Rt. 4, Box 224, Chico, \$4,803 for drill & test water well, Chico St. College.

**SEPTEMBER 26, 1949**

**MARTINEZ:** Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, P. O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$17,778 for reconst. por. of Co. Rd. A-20, between Rds. A-12 & A-10, El Sobrante, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**SAN JOSE:** Contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson Co., P. O. Box 558, San Jose, \$72,700 for widen Meridian Rd. Bridge over Los Gatos Creek, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

**OGDEN, UTAH:** Contract recommended to Floyd S. Whiting, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$226,640 for const. 7.830 mi. grade & surf., Sevier-Cove Fort National Forest Highway in Fishlake National Forest, MILLARD AND SEVIER COUNTIES.

**SEPTEMBER 27, 1949**

**VISALIA:** Contract awarded to B. S. McElderry, 2355 Virginia St., Berkeley, \$15,531 for reconst. exist. bridge across Kaweah River, 2 Mi. northeast of Three Rivers, TULARE COUNTY.

**VISALIA:** Contract awarded to L. C. Clark, 422 Park Avenue, Visalia \$11,550 for const. reinf. conc. slab bridge acr. Cramer Creek, 24 miles east of Exeter, TULARE COUNTY.

**OAKLAND:** Contract awarded to Clements & Co., P. O. Box 277, Hayward, \$4,800 for asph. sealcoat surf. on Meekland Avenue & Lake Chabot Road, Eden Township near Hayward, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**SANTA ROSA:** Contracts awarded as follow to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland, Santa Rosa:

(1) Benton & North St. intersec.—excavate, asphalt surfacing, etc., \$3,128.

(2) Spencer St., from King to 17th Sts.—excavate, asph. surf., curbs, gutters, etc., \$23,068.

**SALINAS:** Contract awarded to Barrett & Hilp, 918 Harrison Street, San Francisco, \$22,734 for const. sewers in Laurel Park Sub-division under 1911 Act.

**RICHMOND:** Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, Box 175, San Pablo, \$61,361 for improve & widen Barrett Avenue between 23rd & 29th Sts.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th Street, Sacramento, \$23,385 for resurf. Grand Avenue, between Rio Linda Blvd. & Marysville Road.

**PROVO, UTAH:** Contract awarded to Vinnell Co., 1145 Westminster Alhambra, \$166,064 for const. Murdock Diversion Dam & Provo Resvr. Canal, Sta. 2/86.37 to 5/55, Deer Creek Div., Provo River Proj.

**SEPTEMBER 28, 1949**  
**HOLLISTER:** Contract awarded to Ferguson Bros., 8923 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$27,933 for const. sewer & water systems at 33rd. Agric. Dist. Assn. SAN BENITO COUNTY.  
**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th Street, Sacramento, \$53,913 for repair & widen streets & improve drainage, Vienna Woods Tract, in SACRAMENTO COUNTY.  
**SACRAMENTO:** Contract award-

ed to Olympian Dredging Co., 525 930 for dredging Sacramento River betw. "M" St. Bridge & "Y" St. bend in American River to "J" St. Bridge.

**SPARKS, NEVADA:** Contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 2351 Reno, Nevada, \$23,969 for 17,500 sq. yd. paving in District No. 15.

**SAUSALITO:** Contract awarded to Frank M. Crane, 4 Banker, Ukiah, & F. C. Brunelli, 264 Clementina, S. F., \$374,640 for Marinship Sch.

**SEPTEMBER 29, 1949**

**MODESTO:** Contracts awarded as follow to excav., surf. etc.

**WASHINGTON ST., Maze Blvd. to "I" St., & 1st St., Washington to "H" St.:** To Standard Materials Co., 1411-9th Street, Modesto, \$13,361

**JOHNSON ST., Jones St. to Morris Avenue:** To—Munn & Perkins, 316 River Road, Modesto, \$10,379.

**SEPTEMBER 30, 1949**

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Caputo & Keeble, Rt. 1, Box 397, San Jose, \$68,639 for 0.7 mi. grade & surf. with pltmx. surf. on import. base matl. betw. 0.3 mi. S. of Saratoga Avenue, Saratoga; & 1 mi. S., in SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Capulto & Keeble, Rt. Box 397, San Jose, \$476,581 for const. a struc. steel beam bridge on reinf. conc. piers & abut. on tbr. piles; & 0.9 mi. grade & surf. with pltmx. surf. on. cr. run base, betw. Watsonville Jct. & 1st St., Watsonville, in MONTEREY & SANTA CRUZ COUNTIES.

**SALINAS:** Contracts awarded as follow:

(1) To Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$7,919 for grade, drain & surf. on Phelps.

(2) To Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, \$2,684 for A. C. pave on Excelsior Avenue.

(3) To Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$3,352 for replace brick center on Divisadero St., between Broadway & Vallejo.

(4) To Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$1,730 for asph. conc. pave on Galves St., between 3rd. St. & 143 feet Westerly.

**OCTOBER 4, 1949**

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA:** Contracts awarded as follow:

(1) LINCOLN CO. (F-007-3(1)): To Phoenix Const. Co., P. O. Box 906, Bakersfield, \$181,528 for 5.242 Mi. grade & rdmx. surf. from 3 mi. S. to 2 1/2 mi. N. of Pioche.

(2) WASHOE CO. (S-710 (2)): To Dodge Const. Inc. Fallon, Nevada \$147,430 for 13.163 mi. grade & rdmx. surf. betw. 22 mi. S. & 9 mi. S. of Gerlach.

(3) LINCOLN CO. (S-544(6)): To Sauer & Margrave, 151 Hietzke Lane Reno, \$73,105 for 5.987 mi. grade, surf. & bridge deck 5 mi. W. of Caliente to jctn. Spring & Front Sts. in Caliente, & redeck 0.019 mi. brdg. on Spring St., 1500 ft. N. of Front.

**REDDING:** Contract awarded to W. C. Railing, Box 651, Woodland \$29,873 for apply armor coat on roads at Shasta Union High School.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Brighton Sand & Gravel, Box 2604 Sacramento, \$34,597 for grade & surf., betw. Jefferson at State St., W. Sacto, to Grain Elevator at Port Terminal.

**IMOLA:** Contract awarded to C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$14,945 for roadwork at Napa State Hospital, Imola.

**STOCKTON:** Contract awarded to L. Biasotti & Son, P. O. Box 587, Stockton, \$14,184 for grade, pave, curbs & gutters at the farm unit, Stockton State Hospital.

**OAKLAND:** Contract awarded to Clements & Co., Box 277, Hayward, \$3,200 for 3.4 mi. seal coat on Jarvis Road, from St. Hwy. betw. Alvarado to Centerville S.W. to Dumbarton Road, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**RICHMOND:** Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$22,065 for widen & improve 27th St., betw. Barrett & MacDonald Avenues.

**STOCKTON:** Contract awarded to S. M. McGaw, Elks Bldg., Stockton.  
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## Construction Awards

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ton, \$15,588 for asph. conc. surf. on Hazelton Avenue, between Wilson Way & Aurora.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk Street, San Francisco, \$12,750 for grade, drain & surf. at Agric. Dist. Assn. A-1, Cow Palace, San Francisco.

**REDWOOD CITY:** Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, 391 Sutter St., San Francisco, \$11,463 for const. storm sewers in Orange Ave.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846—37th Street, Sacramento, \$39,848 for 0.4 mi. grade & surf. with pltmx, surf. on cr. run base & inst. traf. sigs. & hwy. lgtg. on Fair Oaks Blvd. at Howe Avenue, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to M. J. B. Const. Co., Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$68,501 for 0.8 mi. grade & surf. with pltmx, surf. on untr. rk. base, on Thornton Road, between Benson Ferry Bridge & 0.8 mi. S.E., in SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Contract awarded to Bernal Const. Co., 79 Elsie Street, San Francisco, \$12,043 for grade, drain, pave, etc., Alpha Tioga Connection.

**CONCORD:** Contract awarded to Pacific Pipeline & Engrs., Ltd., 2128 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, \$10,500 for const. 8,200 ft. pipeline along Substation Road in Clayton Valley, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**DALY CITY:** Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, \$1,602 for grade & surf. Alp Avenue, between Hillside Blvd. & 100 ft. west.

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA:** Contract awarded to Nick Avanzino & Abe C. Fontana, for move & relocate three resid. bldgs. on Kietzke Lane, WASHOE COUNTY, (Reno).

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Contract awarded to Joseph I. Gallagher, 791 San Jose, Avenue, San Francisco, \$29,242 for laying 12" cast iron water mains in Ocean Avenue, between Aptos & Victoria, & in Victoria, between Ocean & Hallows, under W. D. No. 519.

**OCTOBER 6, 1949**

**SONOMA:** Contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, 2657—9th Street, Berkeley, \$8,732 for paving three city streets.

**OCTOBER 7, 1949**

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA:** Contracts awarded to Construct office Building (General) to Walker Boudwin Const. Co., 311 N. Park St., Reno, \$398,704.

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA:** Contract awarded to Dodge Construction, Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$147,430 for 13.163 mi. grade & roadmxd surf., betw. 22 mi. south & 9 mi. south of Gerlach, WASHOE COUNTY.

**OCTOBER 11, 1949**

**OAKLAND:** Contract awarded to Clements & Co., Box 277, Hayward, \$4,547 for sealcoat on Altamont Pass Road, betw. Altamont and Greenville, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**OAKLAND:** Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro Street, Oakland, \$146,266 for const. reinf. conc. pipe sewer with conc. cradle, timber platform, & Pile foundation, from E. 8th St. & 3rd Avenue, to 1st St. right-of-way of Southern Pacific RR, 350 ft. west of 5th Avenue.

**SAN FRANCISCO:** Contract awarded to H. C. Reid & Co., 389 Clementina St. San Francisco, \$20,850 for const. street lighting sys. on Turk St., betw. Market & Van Ness, under BLH&P No. 83.

**AGNEW:** Contract (GENERAL) awarded to H. Mayson, 9315 Hooper Avenue, Los Angeles, \$205,303 for const. 30,000 sq. ft. laundry building at Agnew State Hospital.

**PITTSBURG:** Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, Box 175, San Pablo, \$7,665 for const. 1,000 T pltmx. surf. on Black Diamond Street, between Front & 10th.

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to McGilivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$26,299 for 1.5 mi. imp. borrow & cr. run base on El Centro Avenue, between Elverta Road & Sutter Co. Line,

## Peninsula Drive-In Theatre Starts at Colma; Big Dirt Removal

By CHET ELLIOTT  
Business Representative

Wm. Vierra Company of San Jose were the successful bidders for the excavation and have begun operations on the new Drive-In Theater at Colma. This work involves the moving of more than 300,000 yards of dirt and will employ several catskinners through the winter. This should be a good job for the brothers as the ground is of sandy formation and can be worked during the wet weather.

At Millbrae, Sperry & McCue were low bidders on the street work for the City of Millbrae. The San Mateo County Road Department is winding up the Canada Road job at Woodside. While visiting this job, your representative contacted Brother Curly Bourne, King Granger, and Albert White, who had just returned to work after a long period of sickness.

The Valley Pipe Lines Company were the low bidders on the Halfmoon Bay water distributing system. This system will serve Halfmoon Bay, Princeton, El Granada, Moss Beach and other small towns in the vicinity. According to information received from the members of district board of directors, the contract has not been awarded yet.

Keeble & Brown are busy with quite a crew of Engineers dismantling their crushing plant at Skyline Quarry. From the information available at the job site, the machinery will all be placed in storage.

During the past month there has been some activity in the logging industry in the vicinity of Whitehorse Creek & Gazos Creek. We were successful in placing members of Local 3 on these jobs, but the boys don't seem to stay very long . . . the country seems a bit too rough.

Within the next 30 or 40 days two large construction projects are due to start in this area. However, we do not expect to see much work for members of Local 3 on either job until the rainy season is over.

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## AFL Radio News on MBS

(AFL Release)

**St. Paul.**—The AFL will begin a newscast five nights a week over 147 radio stations on January 1 to offset antilabor attacks.

This was announced by George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the AFL and Labor's League for Political Education, during the 68th AFL convention.

Mr. Meany said that final arrangements have been made for a 15-minute newscast sponsored by the AFL and League Monday through Friday. He said the broadcast will be heard at 10 p.m. Eastern Standard Time over 147 stations of the Mutual Broadcasting System.

The selection of a news commentator will be made next month.

"It is the hope," Mr. Meany said, "that by this nightly newscast we will be able to counteract in the public mind the adverse charges and insinuations made against labor's legitimate economic and legislative aspirations by most of the commentators now on the air."

Mr. Meany said the cost will be \$750,000 a year with the league bearing 40 percent of the total.

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**They're laying it out fast down the long, flat central valley. An A. M. Ball crew broke records by laying a 24-foot, 8-inch, 2-mile lane in twenty-nine 8-hour shifts. No speed-up there, was it?**

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY.**

**SACRAMENTO:** Contract awarded to Carl R. Fiedler, 2231 "S" St. Sacramento, \$2,441 for improve alley "H" to "I", between 29th and 30th.

## Ukiah—First Logs Roll In; Masonite Plant Underway

GLENN DOBYNS  
Business Representative, Local 3

When the first load of logs rolled over the Masonite logging road Tuesday the final note on the work of the Utah Construction Company in the area was sounded. Another milestone has been passed in the development of the Masonite operations and another chapter has been opened in the logging history of the county.

The Masonite Company has let a contract for removing all logs that were taken from the right-of-way to John Heriza, logging contractor. This company has moved in some of the necessary equipment and loaded the first truckload that came over the right-of-way. This load of logs came from the Navarro side to the timber deck on the flat where the Masonite plant is under construction.

Barrett & Hilp has the contract for building the Masonite plant. The superintendent, who is in charge of all work, is Theodore Rhodes. Mr. Rhodes expects to have this plant operating some time next year. They are receiving heavy machinery and installing it as fast as possible. One press alone weighs 300,000 pounds. The plant to be opened is called a "tight" plant.

The waste materials, known technically as "affluent," will be completely disposed of through evaporation and burning. Eventually by-products will be recovered. Some of the many by-products modern science has coaxed from the leftovers of the affluent are: furfural, wood alcohol, benelox, beneloid, filler for plastics, and wood flour. Through research many others may be discovered.

Over on Highway 28 out of Boonville, A. R. McEwen of the McEwen Construction Co. is on the job every day. He says, "I'm keeping my fingers crossed, hoping it won't rain before the job is complete." They are working six 10-hour shifts, which makes our boys very happy. Norman Woolley is on the push cat. Ray V. Thompson, Silas B. Turner, Sherman Fellers, E. Walden, Earl Bartlett and Ed Norton are on the carry-alls. The roller men are Roy Runge and Spero Voudouris. At the crusher will be found A. J. Charter as operator. J. Saucerman and Earl E. Bartlett are on the blades. Foreman of this spread is Walter N. Short. While parking the equipment the evening of September 28, Bro. Harry Lister was bedding down the roller for the night when it got away and started down the creek bank. It overturned and Harry sustained a broken leg.

Chittenden & Chittenden, on Highway 53, Lake County, have approximately two weeks' work left. This company saved all the big rock that they took out of the cuts and are making a rip-rap wall along the creek bank. Bill and George Lambert on one crane, with Bill as operator. Lloyd T. Lancaster is operator on the second crane, with S. S. King as oiler. John Adams is doing the finishing touches with the blade.

## Bridge, Dams

R. F. Tousey, superintendent for Judson Pacific & Murphy Steel Co. on Salmon Creek bridge, Highway 1, informed me he has about 30 more days of concrete work. Then they will begin laying the steel. About the first of the year there should be a contract let for the two approaches to this bridge, according to State Road Commissioner Walter Sandelin.

There is quite a beehive of activity going on at the dams above Talmage. The Helwig Construction Co., of Sebastopol, has a small contract with the State at the Talmage Hospital, cleaning out the reservoirs. This company rented a Koering dragline from the Utah Construction Co. Don Frazier is the operator; oiler is Merle Sheltenbarger. Huge diesel dump trucks wend their way down the

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By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

First steps in breaking the blockade by A.G.C. members of Tec. Engineers wage rates were taken last week when the M. & K. Corp. put the new scale into effect on the Soledad Prison job. The rest of the firms are still playing dead and refusing to meet the new scale.

McDonald, Young & Nelson in a joint venture with Morrison-Knudson have started the construction of the North Point Sludge Reduction Plant at Third and Jerrold Streets in San Francisco. The engineering on this plant with the exception of the layout work is being done by Clyde C. Kennedy, consultant engineer. This is an unusual procedure and has been subject to much controversy within the engineering departments of the City of San Francisco. It being customary that the city do the inspection on its own public works.

Things are rather quiet on the construction front with the Antioch and Moss Landings jobs moving along in the middle stages of construction. The Starrett Bros. and Eaken apartment house job is going full blast with completion scheduled for next August. The Soledad Prison is well under way with foundations laid out and much of the excavation completed. The San Francisco Airport job has tapered off with the engineers preparing for the contract to be let in October. The Public Utilities Commission of the City and County of San Francisco is calling for bids on the Bay division pipeline No. 3 from Irvington Portal to Crystal Springs Lake, estimated contract price \$10,000,000.00. Home building in the Bay Area continues to rise with 1550 new dwelling units started during August. San Mateo County is leading in volume of new units started.

The California State Personnel Board again is recruiting professional civil service employees for the State Division of Architecture. Examinations for Senior Construction Engineer will be held October 25th. Final date for filing applications for the post, open only to state registered civil engineers, is October 14th. Salary range is \$481.00 to \$584.00.

Brother Jackman, construction engineer of the San Francisco Housing Authority, reports that he is busy lining up his housing program. Slum clearing operations are to start in February. Four units are to be on schedule for construction in 1950. This is the start of a four-year program in slum clearance and new construction.

narrow, rocky road loaded with dirt from Dam No. 1, and spread their loads over the low places flanking each side of the entrance driveway to the hospital. The site of the dam itself is a huge, gaping cavity with such a small trickle of water moving down through the center that the onlooker wonders how, when harnessed, it manages to fill the big reservoirs.

Siri Construction Co., working on the Cobb Mountain job, is still hitting the ball hoping to beat the rains. The following brothers are in there pitching: Saul Cox, dozer man; Frank Bealer, C. Carr and George Hilderbrand, on the carry-alls; and Perry Lane on the blade. Perry always has a very pleasant smile but it changes to a scowl when he turns around and looks at his machine, an old Adams blade. Let's hope he gets a new blade before the job is finished.

Bro. Calvin Burnett wrote a very interesting letter to this office about his trip abroad. He had just reached his destination. We hope to hear from him again in the near future, with more details.

Also had a card from Bro. Ray Hartwell, who is in Alaska, 90 miles out of Fairbanks. Ray said he expected to be there for about three months. He inherited a new Cat 12 blade and even tore the paper off the seat himself.

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In China only military vehicles can be green in color, and only fire equipment may be painted red. Hospital cars and ambulances are white.

## Cussing OK, You Can't Be Fired for It

**Marion, Ind.**—Ruling that use of profanity is no longer proof of moral irresponsibility Louis Plost, a trial examiner for the National Labor Relations Board, recommended reinstatement of a woman employe discharged by the Indianapolis Glove Co., of Marion.

The employe, Edna Ruggles, was a member of the International Glove Workers Union (AFL), which brought unfair labor practice charges against the company after her dismissal. Plost held she should be returned to work and given back pay for lost earnings since March 15, 1948.

During hearings, the company said use of "excess and loud profanity" was one of the reasons for firing the young woman. But the examiner found her vulgar expressions "consisted of disrespectful references to the ancestry of an inanimate piece of machinery, the use of the word "damned" and the like.

**SHE WAS VEXED!**

Her utterances, he continued "were clearly imprecations which spring from vexation, impotence, annoyance, anger, frustration, and spoken under sudden impulse, and, as such, were not in any sense real blasphemy."

Language resulting from such causes is not intended to indicate disrespect for the Deity, Plost went on. Common usage has obscured the original meaning of the words. He developed this thought:

"The day when a curse was designed and intended to call down the wrath of Heaven upon any object, animate or inanimate, has happily passed. Today, the words of imprecation, cursing and blasphemy survive in our speech shorn of their real meaning.

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"Time was when even the use of such 'swear words,' devoid of blasphemous intent or meaning, had a proper and respected place in our language. Their use was a great art, reaching its noblest perfection, both by word and inflection, among men whose lives were bound to beasts of burden.

"In the armies of the past, the cavalry man, the artillery man, but most of all the mule skinner, mastered the art, and raised it to great heights.

"But, alas, the coming of the gasoline engine has removed the living spur to expressive, nonblasphemous profanity until now only a pale substitute survives.

"The words are remembered, but the music has been lost."

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## College Degree Is No Big Dough

**Washington**—The average professional librarian, who must have at least a bachelor's degree from college, gets \$3,050 yearly, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Sept. 27. A BLS study found that non-professional library employes average less than \$2,000 yearly.

A high proportion of all library jobs, the study found, require split shift and night work. Middlewestern libraries pay the lowest average salary, \$2,150, whereas the Pacific Coast average of \$2,850 is the highest of any region in the U. S.

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The death rate for Negroes in 1945 was almost 50% higher than for whites.