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CALIF. BUILDING TRADES MAP A BIG YEAR AHEAD

As we go to press with this issue, the State Building Trades 34th convention, in Santa Barbara, is laying plans for one of the most vigorous years in its history in matters concerning protection of these trades against Taft-Hartley, strengthened working conditions in this state, and joining up with the California labor movement for an all-out push in politics in 1950.

It is the largest, most active convention in the state council's history and a host of important union and government leaders are present.

BROAD PROGRAM

Among important actions slated to be approved are recommendations from President Frank Lawrence for a department of research and publicity, a permanent organizational staff, full cooperation with the rest of labor locally and in the state, and setting up of regional conferences of the various building trades councils.

Engineers are taking an active part in the convention as both officers and delegates. More complete reports will be given in the next issue of the Engineers' News.

Here are excerpts from opening speeches at the convention:

ASKS 100% BOYCOTT

"Although 100,000 withdrawal forms have already been issued the boycott against private insurance firms, now carrying 42 per cent of disability insurance and sapping the public fund of this much support must be boycotted by labor 100 per cent," said C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the State Federation of Labor. "Further, California's million union members must form the strongest political block in the West."

"My election as Fifth District Congressman was an outstanding job by union labor, an ideal example of how we can win, and it sets the pace for next year's most important elections through which we hope to win better social security, more adequate housing, and a program to provide medical care to those who cannot now afford it, which includes most of us," said

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PG&E Wins on Kings

Federal Power Commission has overridden the Bureau of Reclamation's opposition and authorized \$60 million worth of PG&E power developments in the Kings River basin, including the Wishon project (Wishon and Helms dams and reservoirs), and the Haas project, with power projects on both. (The Hoover Commission urged that civil functions of the Engineers be turned over to the Bureau.)

Winter Lull in Jobs

Reports from business agents throughout the territory this month indicate that the usual winter slump has arrived, with weather slowing down most operations. However, pressure is strong to continue all jobs that are possible, because of much work to be done, any many jobs are being kept open between rains.

Replace Wagner and Welch



Shown above are two strongly pro-labor men who kicked off the historic 1950 labor-election drive by winning places in Congress at the Nov. 8 election. They happen to replace two men whose pro-labor records in Congress are among the best in its history. Former N. Y. Governor Herbert Lehman takes the place of Senator Robert F. Wagner (author of the Wagner Act, labor's magna charta), and State Federation of Labor President John Shelley, a trade unionist, (above right) fills vacancy caused by death of Congressman Richard Welch, long-time workingman's representative.

Get Forms from Union Office—

ENGINEERS BACK BOYCOTT OF PRIVATE DISABILITY INS.

The California State Federation of Labor at its recent convention in Los Angeles (August 29-September 2), voted unanimously to boycott all private disability programs offered under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

This act provides for two interdependent systems of protection against wage loss by employees: (1) unemployment insurance for those unemployed but able to work and available for work; (2) unemployment disability insurance for those unemployed because of non-industrial disability. The latter provision pertains to employment lost through non-industrial illness or non-industrial injuries, such as those suffered in the home.

WE PAY FOR IT

The disability insurance plan is financed exclusively by the workers of California who contribute one percent of their wages to the state fund (namely, the California Department of Employment), or to a private insurance unit when they have so consented.

Thus, they may accept the benefits and coverage of the state insurance plan, or they may agree to be covered by a so-called voluntary plan presented and administered by either the employer or a private insurance carrier.

ABUSED THEIR PRIVILEGE

However, the private insurance powers of this state have abused their privilege of participation by viciously opposing every attempt made by the California State Federation of Labor to liberalize worker insurance benefits during the 1949 session of the California state legislature.

This conduct was apparently motivated by the idea that any liberalization of the disability law

would mean reduced insurance profits.

BOYCOTT NECESSARY

Further, the boycott of private plans is essential since a continued adherence to such type of plans will

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Voters OK Airport Bonds, Cherry Dam

San Francisco voters on November 8 gave approval to \$10 million in bonds for further development of San Francisco's world-renowned airport and also approved bonds for development of the Cherry Valley dam which will substantially bolster the city's water and power supply.

Operating Engineers vigorously supported these ballot propositions, and most of the others on which Local 3 took a stand were approved by the voters. Purchase of the California Cable Car Co. was approved, although Local 3 was against this proposal on the grounds of unnecessary expense and the fact that one cable line is enough for tourist attraction rather than two such lines.

City Attorney Dion Holm, actively supported by Local 3, was re-elected.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE MEETS every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Union Offices at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California.

CAN YOU DONATE BLOOD ??? Since our last appeal members have donated nine pints of blood. It has saved our account with the blood bank from being completely depleted . . . however, for an organization of our size it is not commendable that we should have so little in reserve. Do your part . . . donate as soon as possible! The account is for your use, as well as that of your families . . . should the need arise.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 3-E MEETING . . . The next meeting of Local No. 3-E Technical Engineers will be held Friday, 8 p. m., November 25th, at the union offices, 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, California.

Things to Come—

Nov. 8 Victory Opens '50 Drive

Organized labor won its first big test in the field of politics on November 8, when labor-backed men at both ends of the continent were swept into office in a plainly obvious stand by the voting public in favor of the Fair Deal and against big business Taft-Hartleyism.

A labor man won overwhelmingly for a vacant Congress seat from San Francisco in a campaign which centered on the Taft-Hartley law. State Federation President John Shelley rode in high over a Republican Taft-Hartley candidate, Lloyd Cosgrove, and an IPP candidate who ran a hopeless third.

THREE BIG VICTORIES

Shelley's election was one of three major AFL-LLPE candidate victories, the others being election of former governor Herbert Lehman as New York Senator over anti-AFL candidate John Foster Dulles, and election of Mrs. Edna Kelley by wide margin in Brooklyn's Tenth Congressional district.

Across the country, a large number of labor-backed local candidates and issues were victorious.

"The American people have come of age and can no longer be terrorized by scare words and deceived by vague and meaningless promises," said LLPE Director Joseph Keenan. "The elections of Nov. 8 were a vote of confidence for the program of the AFL and for the legislative accomplishments of the last 16 years."

Labor's victorious route of old-guard Tory politicians was obviously a sign of new and greater victories in the important elections of next year, upon which the entire U.S. labor movement is now concentrating.

BALANCE OF POWER

The American public respects labor's political stand, it was plainly proven, and it is now our duty to carry this excellent showing through 1950.

"Needless to say, labor votes alone are not sufficient to win an election," Keenan said, "but the hard work and the complete unity of effort on the part of our officers and rank and file members have proven that we have the balance-of-power votes that mean the difference between victory and defeat for liberal candidates."

"Contrary to what the reactionary newspaper columnists say, the officers of the trade unions have the respect and support of their membership. When informed on the issues at stake and when given effective leadership the members of trade unions have shown that they will give full and active support to deserving candidates on election day."

Some People Are Air-Minded!

To all Unions, Greetings:

Others are movie-minded, radio-minded, television-minded and, at this season of the year, many are football-minded.

But, how many are SAFETY-MINDED? Are YOU one of them? Are YOU careful? Are YOU watchful? Are YOU wakeful? Are YOU using every care to avoid injury?

Here is a more important question. Are YOU more careful than you were six months ago? Here is another. Is YOUR Local Union doing anything to reduce injuries? If not, why not?

Accidents will happen. People will be injured. That is the nature of life. But, the number can be reduced and you can help. And don't forget, even though you are protected by law against injuries, that in the long run THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS COMPENSATION.

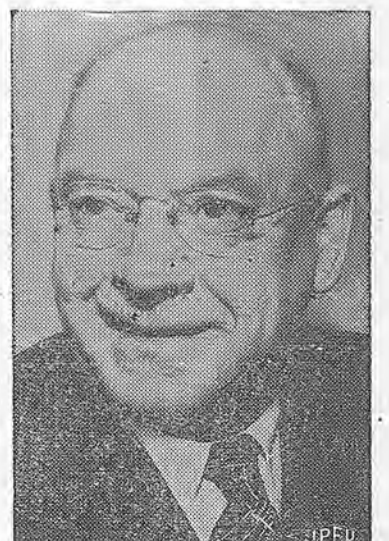
Fraternally yours,

WM. E. MALONEY,
General President.

Bid on Pine Dam

A group of five contractors submitted low bid of \$24,339,776 on Pine Flat Dam on Kings River, biggest postwar water project in the state. Army Engineers will direct work on the 465-foot-high dam, second in size only to Shasta in this state, with 2,150,000 yards of concrete. The combine consists of Guy F. Atkinson, A. Tiechert & Son, Bressi-Bevandi, George L. Harney and J. A. Jones. Morrison-Knudsen, Peter Kiewit and Macco were second with a bid of \$24,935,977, and United Contractors was third with \$25,882,816.

Holm Re-elected



San Francisco City Attorney Dion Holm was returned to office by substantial margin of votes in the Nov. 8 election, defeating State Senator Gerald O'Gara. Holm was endorsed and supported by Operating Engineers Local 3.



TED BARDOLI

—October 6, 1949

JACK M. LEMON

—October 8, 1949

L. E. JONES

—October 10, 1949

JERRY FLOOD

—October, 1949

WHEN LABOR IS UNITED

Election of John F. Shelley to the seat in Congress, made vacant by the death of former Congressman Welch, supplies an excellent example of what labor can achieve when united. Practically every local union not only gave its whole-hearted endorsement to Shelley but also took additional steps to secure his election.

The result was about as redhot an election for a seat in Congress as has ever taken place in San Francisco. The outcome was most satisfactory with a total vote of over 78,000 for Shelley to the 52,000 polled for the Republican candidate and 9,000 polled for the Wallace Democrat, who ran against Shelley, who also is and always has been a Democrat.

What makes this victory an outstanding one at this time is the fact that it has always been considered a Republican district. The result of this election is an emphatic rebuke of the present anti-labor policies, which the Republican Party has been seeking to establish by law in this country. Welch has continued to be re-elected because he defied the Republican bosses and voted with and for labor in Congress on practically every question that came up. Thus Welch was the only California Republican Congressman, who had voted against the Taft-Hartley law.

Evidently this suited the voters of the fifth district of San Francisco because they re-elected Welch almost unanimously. Now the same people have elected Shelley with a decisive majority over the combined vote of both his opponents. This increases the number of Democrats in Congress from California to 11, all of whom are pledged to vote for the repeal of the Taft-Hartley law, while the 12 Republicans, still remaining from this state, are all against such repeal.

A most important point for labor to remember in future elections is that the overwhelming victory of Shelley was not due alone to the fact that labor endorsed him, but also to the fact that he had a background, which made him a logical choice of the masses of the voters. Shelley deserved to be elected. As he made good in our state legislature, so he can be expected to make good in Congress.

Our Engineers News joined other papers in this section of California to help spark the successful campaign that elected Shelley to Congress. It was gratifying to note the complete unity that prevailed in labor circles in accomplishing this victory, which has attracted attention all over the nation.

Big Business Controls Cal.

(Calif. State Federation of Labor Release)

With the Big Business bloc now waging unrestricted warfare on the political and social aspirations of organized labor, the charge of "Welfare State" and "Statism" is sounded again and again through every agency of capitol control.

However, this loud assault is merely a frontal maneuver designed to distract the American public from the chicanery of the Corporation State.

RULES CALIFORNIA

California labor well knows the story of the Corporation State.

The Corporation State is no mere academic peril in California. It is, rather, the prevailing coercion of our political life.

Acting through the means of a state senate that is far removed from the requirements of the people, Big Business has erected its own inner government in California.

The Corporation State smashed the liberal program of labor in the 1949 session of the legislature. It battered those who cried for housing and insurance with the same passion it has historically reserved for those who cried for better conditions of work.

ENEMY OF WORKERS

And so it has widened the range of the informed. It has widened the range of those who know the social villainy of the Big Business bloc. It has widened the range of

those who fear the Corporation State as the nation's most terrible, most subversive threat.

The Corporation State is now the revealed enemy of all who ask for sufficient hours and wages of labor, of all who ask for unemployment relief, of all who ask for industrial accident compensation, of all who ask for racial and religious justice in hiring practices, of all who ask for pensions in the fading, unproductive years of life, of all who ask for that fullness of living to which man is entitled by his very nature.

DEMANDS PRIVILEGES

The Corporation State demands special privilege for business. It demands that the banks, the railroads, the power companies, the finance farmers, and indeed all of the forces of American business be given the right of exploitation, the right of profit at public expense.

The servants of this inner government walk the corridors of the State Capitol, snapping the whip of economic control over all within their power. This is the Corporation State, naked and bare for all the world to see.

Shelley Wins; Victory Serves Notice on T-H

John F. Shelley will be the new Congressman from San Francisco's 5th District, it was indicated by early vote returns.

Unofficial returns were Shelley 78,877; Cosgrove, 52,354; Garry, 9,845.

The big majority given to the AFL labor leader, who is president of the State Federation of Labor and Secretary of San Francisco Labor Council was a definite slap at the Taft-Hartley act. Shelley's avowed opposition to the act and his pledge to vote against it at the first opportunity had been a major issue in the campaign.

The outcome, which was being watched nationally, should serve definite notice on the Republicans and Democrats who voted against repeal at the last session of Congress that their days are numbered.

Shelley, from the beginning of his campaign took a strong stand on the Taft-Hartley repeal, thus forcing his principal opponent, Republican Lloyd Cosgrove to also state his position. Cosgrove was for retaining the act. Later, when he saw the public reaction to this stand he sought unsuccessfully to straddle the issue.

In a statement to the labor press Shelley said that he considers the act's repeal one of his major obligations to the 5th District electorate.

The fine Shelley showing at the polls was the result of precinct level campaigning engaged in principally by volunteers from the labor movement in San Francisco.

Facing an opponent armed with a huge slush fund of Taft-Hartley money, there was no effort on the part of Shelley supporters to try and match it.

A special contact group of volunteer unionists assembled in the Labor Temple late Saturday and stayed into the early morning hours for briefing on special personal contacts among church groups on Sunday morning.

Union offices throughout the city, through the pleas of the ULP and the CIO's PAC stayed open after hours while union officials and their office workers got on the telephone to convince voters that they must get to the polls to thwart the threat posed by the Wallaceite candidate, Garry. It was felt that every stay-at-home vote was a vote for Shelley's opponents, and every Wallaceite vote was a vote against Shelley.

Practically every AFL and CIO labor union in the city had endorsed Shelley. Such unanimity on the political front was unprecedented in San Francisco and was a big factor in the final result. It is significant that no important leader of any of the national labor organizations came out against Shelley.

Jack Goldberger, ULP president, commenting on the result, said: "Labor can be proud of its effort in this campaign. The lesson of the results that can flow from unity on the political front should not be forgotten. The victory should serve as an inspiration to all of us for continued participation in all elections which involve Labor's interest."

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Report of last meeting

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

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 1 read and by motion approved as read.

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

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of November 2 were read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read, with the exception of that relating to Brother George Simon, which was laid over to New Business.

Jack Shelley, Candidate to the Office of Congressman for the Fifth District, was admitted to the meeting and gave a short talk in regard to his candidacy which was well received by the members.

P. J. McMurray, incumbent candidate for the Office of Supervisor, was admitted. He gave a short talk, stating he was proud of labor's endorsement and thanked the members for their endorsement. His remarks were well received by the members.

Letters 5 and 6 were received from General President William E. Maloney, regarding safety measures in the construction industry. It was regularly moved and seconded these letters be printed in the Engineers News, Carried.

A press release in connection with the campaign of Supervisor Chester MacPhee was read. Received and filed.

From the California State Federation of Labor regarding disability insurance, stating the Federation at the last Convention had voted to boycott all private disability programs offered under Unemployment Insurance Act. It was regularly moved and seconded to adopt the recommendations of the California State Federation of Labor. Carried.

A letter was read from John F. Shelley, candidate for Congress in the Fifth District. Received and filed.

A letter was read from P. J. McMurray, incumbent supervisor. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Elizabeth Jones, Mrs. Ted Bardoli and Helen Chapman. Received and filed.

The Trustees Report was read and adopted as read.

The Executive Board, reporting on the matter referred to them for investigation at the Regular Meeting of August 6, 1949, recommends that the investigation cease. It was regularly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Committee. Carried.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Philip Avila, Joe Bishop, Lee Brown, F. E. Bixler, Charlie Clark, Ruel Crocker, Albert Casali, Emery F. Clausen, Rulon D. Carlisle, L. J. Cornelius, E. S. Dolan, Harvey Edwards, Wm. T. Ellis, Leo R. Fulton, H. E. Fitzgerald, Stanley Garber, G. O. Gullikson, Howard E. Grimm, Thomas Gay, Jacob Huyck, Ferris E. Harmon, Edgar W. Hatcher, Roy Hamilton, C. R. Holmes, John H. Johnston, Kenneth King, Nick Lefurgey, Martin Lee, Wm. B. McCoy, Thomas K. Moore, DeForrest More, Kenneth Murray, Samuel Moore, Horace More, Chadwick Morin, H. Marzlin, Mario Moise, Joseph Packer, Chas. M. Phenis, Leotis Parker, George M. Parker, Richard Padgett, John H. Rye, Fritz Redman, Roy Rudell, John Rusk, George Simon, Robert Silva, Glen Smith, Joe Scholl, Lewis H. Stoffel, Van B. Spears, Roy Stewart, George Sullivan, James Shore, Lozell Selig, W. L. Sherman, Paul Walker, W. L. Ward, David Walkington, L. D. Wilkerson, Frank J. Warwood, Frank Zachary.

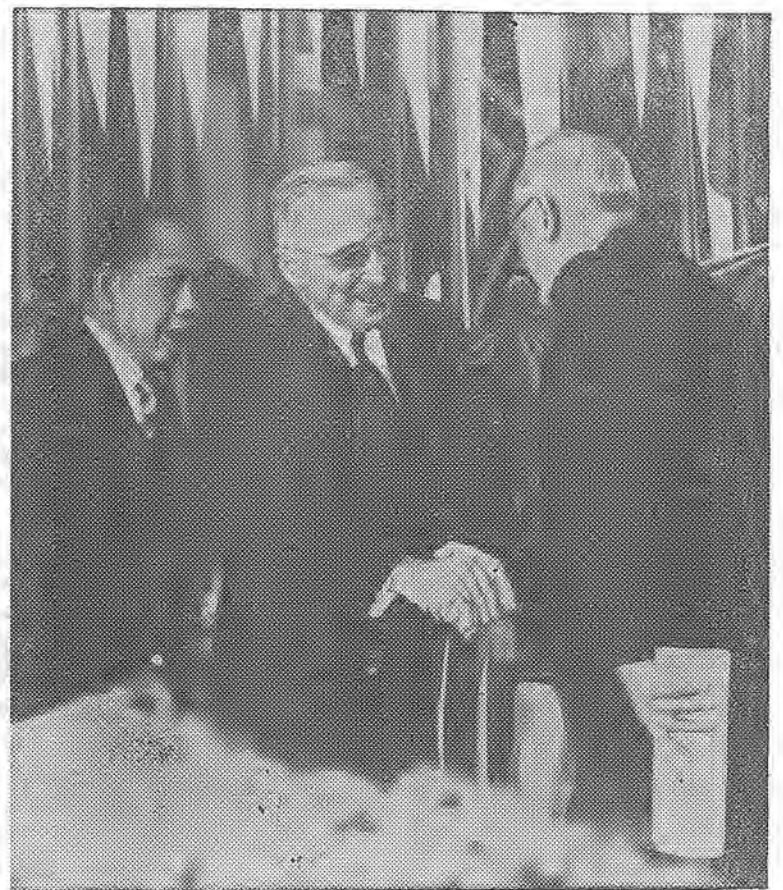
The following Brothers were reported deceased: Ted Bardoli, Louis Cushman, Jerry Flood, L. E. Jones and Jack M. Lemon.

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

The matter referred to New Business regarding a fine imposed on Brother George Simon by the membership on December 1, 1945 was discussed. After considerable discussion it was regularly moved and seconded that the suspension of the fine be set aside and the fine collected. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
C. F. Mathews
Recording Secretary



TRUMAN STICKS WITH BARUCH ATOM PLAN—Pres. Truman (center) shakes hands with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Vishinsky at the ceremony dedicating permanent United Nations headquarters in New York City. Truman declared the U. S. will stick by the Baruch plan for atomic control. At left is UN General Assembly Pres. Carlos P. Romulo.

Fresno— HIGHWAYS AND WATERWAYS CHIEF JOBS IN SOUTH VALLEY

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

Conditions in this district are much the same as last month with most of the high mountain work either finished up or slowing down for the winter. Current highway construction consists of N. M. Ball Co. finishing up shoulder work on Highway 99 at Tipton. Phoenix Construction Co. about finished with hot stuff on their job at Manning Avenue and should be completed very soon. Guy F. Atkinson Co. have completed concrete roadway on their Berenda job and have about three weeks on shoulder work. Covina Construction Co. who are working out of Los Banos on a County-State job are laying base rock and should start on hot stuff within the next two weeks; M. J. Ruddy Sons are also working out of Los Banos on Highway 152 building up shoulders preparatory to a resurface job which they will start within the next 10 days.

On the Delta Mendota Canal the H. B. Adair Co., subcontractors for Western Constructors, have a string of 12 rigs working on compacted embankment and daylighting cuts. Morrison-Knudsen & Hasler have their 9W Monoghan working on three shifts, with a string of cats working one shift, on incidental excavation and compaction. This Company also submitted the successful bid to the Bureau of Reclamation for an additional 8 miles of this job. They plan now to put up their own gravel, crushing and screening plant around the first of the year.

Edison Co. Job

On the Southern California Edison Co. project, Bechtel Co-Morrison Knudsen Co. have completed stripping abutments and foundations for the No. 4 Power House dam. The cableway is up and the joint venture expects to start pouring concrete about the 14th of November. On the tunnel job, in connection with this project, their plans have been changed and they will hole through on the tunnel in which they are presently working before going to a new heading. The company is also working on Power House site and at Big Creek. On the same project Macco Corp. are working at Power House No. 3 and No. 8, cleaning surplus materials from the tunnel and gunniting certain areas. This company has a time limit and has been putting in plenty of hours.

M. J. B. Co. are still busy on their Merced Streams Group contract at Burns Creek Dam and will be there for another 2 months, weather permitting.

New work coming up consists of the Pine Flat Dam, for which bids were opened November 1, the following companies submitted low bids as a joint venture: Guy F. Atkinson Co.; A. Teichert & Sons; Chas. Harney; Bressi & Bevanda; and the Jones Company. Their bid totaled 24 million plus and is expected that work will start in February, 1950.

The R. A. Heintz Co. of Portland, Oregon, submitted a low bid of \$442,000.00 to the Division of Highway for 5 miles of highway 190. This outfit is now working out of Redding and will probably start construction about the first of December.

The Bureau of Reclamation will call for bids on an additional 17 miles of the Friant Kern Canal, however, all but 4 miles of this job is in Local No. 12 jurisdiction. Also in the offing is another 18 miles of the Delta Mendota Canal. This job will probably be bid sometime in December.

There will be no meeting this month due to the fact Thanksgiving Day falls on that date.

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Pass 1,000 Bills

Washington.—The first session of the 81st Congress passed 1,000 bills out of the 2,765 introduced in the Senate and 6,532 in the House.

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By use of a pickup and a delivery helicopter and a jet plane, a letter was taken door-to-door from London to Paris in 47 minutes recently.

Lawyers Are Happy Over Wage Law

(AFL-LLPE Release)

Lawyers will benefit as much as anyone from the wage-hour legislation which Congress enacted this year.

Why? Because the law is so vague that it will take years of litigation before its provisions are clarified.

'DIRECTLY ESSENTIAL' JOKER

The measure increases the minimum wage from 40 to 75 cents an hour. But this minimum applies only to workers "directly essential" to production for interstate commerce.

And no one knows who is "directly essential." But it is apparent that the language is more restrictive than the old law, which covers workers "necessary" to production for interstate commerce.

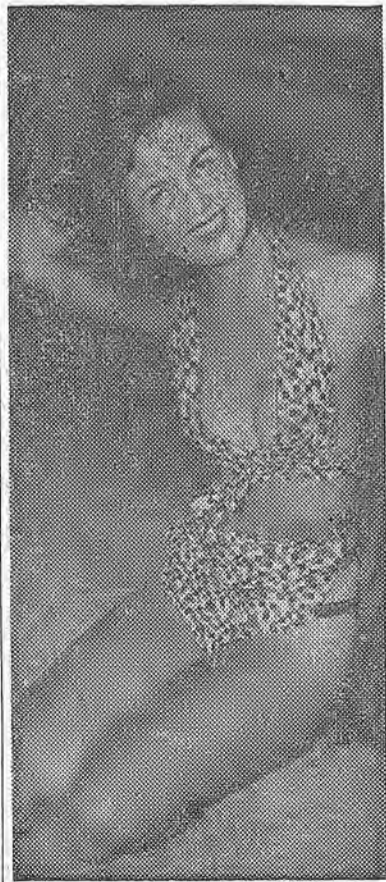
At present, 22.6 million workers are covered by the minimum wage provisions of the law. Estimates of those who will be taken out from under coverage by the new legislation range from 200,000 to one million.

LAUNDRY WORKERS UNPROTESTED

Persons to be removed include workers in such low-wage industries as laundering and dry cleaning.

The 75-cent minimum will increase the wages of a million and a half workers by 5 to 10 cents an hour. Few persons are getting as little as 40 cents an hour. The higher minimum will raise the nation's total pay bill only \$300 million—which is less than half of 1 per cent of all wages now paid.

The new legislation was signed into law Oct. 26 by President Truman in a special White House ceremony. AFL President William Green was among those present. The measure becomes effective late in January.



WHEW! — Bikini bathing suits are strictly second-rate stuff when you compare them with the latest creation of Bunny Yeager, shown doing her own modeling here.

Reno— The Open Road Gets Treatment by Nevada Engineers

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

Dodge Construction, Inc., is well along with the highway job between Nixon and Gerlach, Nevada. But why not, with such good engineers as Bros. Bob Vicks, Jesse "Tex" Blythe, A. J. Henderson and E. H. Allen on the electric pulls and D. J. (Alabama) Simpson, Fred Crandall and Charles McAllister on the tractors, George (Whitey) Cate on the blade, and the grease monkey, Brother George Hicks.

I understand the stake puncher is from Local 12 and Vern Wilson is the Super. Now with a fine outstanding bunch of men like I just named why shouldn't they be well along with the job. They have their camp set up in the nice little town of Gerlach, Nevada, on the Western Pacific Railroad; a nice place to stay, railroad transportation East and West. The brothers are well satisfied with the exception of having to travel quite a way over the rough road to the job site.

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, has practically all the heavy grading finished on his highway job between Fernley and Hazen, Nevada. Andy has the crusher set up and the dust and gravel will start to roll. The job will be finished before long.

Isbell Construction Company has their gravel plant going in Reno. Brother Clarence (Bill) Boegel is on the Northwest shovel or the pension list; however, he seems to do a bit of hunting on the job and I hope its on his lunch hour. C. R. (Bud) Selover is on the cat pushing the course gravel away from the crusher. Brother Herman Petersen and Carl Hector keep Isbell's hot plant warmed up every day but it's a good idea for it's cold outside for those two brothers.

James G. Johnson keeps his patching crew going in fine shape around Reno. If it wasn't for him and his patch crew the streets would be in an awful shape so keep up the good work, Brother Johnson. Of course Isbell's highway job between Dinner Station and Tuscarara, Nevada, just has to go along in good order with such brothers as Arnold Blair, Super, A. C. (Jimmy) Blair, grade foreman, Elmer V. Heenam, foreman, Clinton Green, stake puncher, and Brothers Clarence Wibel and Chris Guldager on their new electric pulls, with Brother Carl Hass pushing the pulls and doing a bang up job, believe me.

The following brothers are on the cats: Matt Greve, John Montgomery, Nathan George, W. E. (Skinner Bill) Sherwin and Albert Kohlmeyer. Brother Don McGowan and Henry Olson are on the blade keeping everything up to grade and the slopes in fine shape. Isbell's has a good camp and a real good cook house. The food and pies they put out is O.K. for I have eaten there and I know.

The Nevada Construction, Inc., better known as Brothers Duque and Frazzini, is doing a job for the high school just west of Truckee, Calif. They have a fine crew, Bros. George Thomsen, Bert Roark and T. W. (Sundown Slim) Newell on the cats and R. C. Wagle doing the heavy duty repair work and welding. Now, believe me, there is a real crew of Engineers.

Most of George Miller's crew is working in or around Reno, Nev. Earl Games always keeps his fine crew of Engineers working.

John Powers Co. men are a bit scattered out, Brother John DeLagrange has a crew in Alturas, Calif. in Red Hester's Union. Their one crew is in Gerlach and the rest of the Powers gang is in and around Reno, Nevada.

The B. & B. Steel Erectors has Brother Bly Johnson's truck crane raising the steel on the job and naturally Brother Bly Johnson is operating the rig.

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When finished reading your labor paper, pass it on to another.

Stockton— VALLEY CANAL JOB SET TO GO; FARMINGTON DAM STARTS SOON

By ED DORAN and FRANK LAWRENCE,
Business Representatives, Local 3

Western Contractors job on the Delta-Mendota Canal have the slip form and trimmer just about ready to go, but have been delayed because of the new aggregates plant that is being installed west of Newman. The change-over that is being made on the big Monhagen is just about complete and at this writing, I think all operation will be under way.

Stockton has several streets to be resurfaced and graded.

A. Teichert & Son have the resurfacing of El Dorado Street from Main to Harding Way. They are to use a new type of mix for the first time in the City of Stockton which will consist of a one inch coating of porous rock and macadam. It is considerably less expensive than the conventional resurfacing material.

City crews will be working at the same time widening El Dorado between Weber & Channel. The west sidewalk will be made narrow and parking meters will be removed to make room for another lane.

Teichert & Son also was low bidder on surfacing of Park St. from Union to Hunter.

S. M. McGaw was given final approval for a \$26,868 contract for resurfacing Union from Harding to Hazelton.

Claud C. Wood who was awarded the \$60,500 paving and construction job centering around an intersection at the Lodi City limits will be completed Friday.

A Federal appropriation of \$1,700,000 for the Farmington Dam will be translated to earth and concrete early next year. This was disclosed today as the Army Engineers notified the San Joaquin County board of Supervisors that they must close the Farmington Eugene road. Across which the big flood control reservoir will be built.

Land Levellers

Land Leveling is in full swing now, and most of the leveling contractors are scattered through out this area working like bees. Some are working two shifts. Before this rain that we had here, we could see them working miles away from the clouds of dust that they kicked up, but now, we will have to look under every patch of brush to find them.

Fred Peacentini is working on two different jobs out east of Stockton, with two cats each on both jobs and he has more work for his operators and cats when those jobs are finished.

Jeneckes is working out on Union Island with five cats two shifts. His Jeeps were there also up until lately. Now he has moved them to a job in Woodland. This job will last until some time in December. He has worked lined up until well into Spring.

Al Rogers just finished a good size job on Union Island and moved onto a job South of Stockton on the old Tracy Highway.

Linguist Bros. have a nice sand job on the old Crows Landing Road south of Turlock that will keep his boys working and out of mischief for some time. The boys in his ship in Turlock are building a gadget to dig out two rows of grape stumps with one pass. It sure is a wicked looking piece of equipment.

Geo. Craft of Oakdale, who recently signed a contract with us, has two jobs going at the present time, one is a land leveling job and the other is stripping job near Valley Springs for the Pacific Pipe Company. As soon as these jobs finish and his cats are free he has a good sized job in Los Banos to move onto.

H. M. Aksland & Sons are just winding up a 390 acre land leveling job on the Fiddymen Ranch near Thornton. It has been a dusty job but a long one. They have another job near Lodi that they are going to move onto besides a promise of more. Aksland & Sons have been good union operators all the way through.

Thursday night was our usual monthly meeting with Calaveras

Cement Company Operators. We had a very good turn out of members, very little beefs and everyone was happy.

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Big Profits Rise Sharply 3rd Quarter

New York — Big business profits in July, August and September returned close to the record-breaking proportions they achieved in the similar 1948 period and in some industries surpassed them, with auto industry profits leading the way.

An Associated Press survey of 314 corporations in all major fields showed a total net profit of \$1,033,644,061 in the third quarter of 1949. This was 4.3% higher than the \$962,102,819 in profits reported by the same corporations in the second 1949 quarter, reversing a 9-month downward trend.

The profits were only 4.1% lower than the 1948 third quarter peak of \$1,046,983,291. Industry reported its highest profits in history last year.

BIG AUTO PROFITS

Two automobile companies, General Motors and Chrysler, reported profits \$98 million higher than their all-time record in the 1948 third quarter. The profits of 22 oil companies fell nearly \$97 million below the 1948 third quarter level.

Of the 24 industrial groups surveyed, seven showed increases in profits in the third quarter over a year ago, while 14 increased their profits in the third quarter over the second quarter this year.

NO PROFIT IN WAGES

The industries which surpassed the 1948 records were: automobiles, utilities, chemicals, air transport and aircraft, brewers and distillers, food products, bakers and confectioners, and drug, cosmetics and soaps.

Meanwhile, the Ford Motor Co. lifted the dollar curtain it maintains on its financial status in an annual report filed Oct. 21 with the Massachusetts State Tax Commissioner in Boston.

The report did not include operations of Ford's foreign subsidiaries nor did it reveal the company's profits, since no dividend distribution has been announced for the year.

The report did show that total assets of the company reached a record high of \$1,149,240,000 at the end of 1948, an increase of \$123½ million over 1947.

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Danish Doctors Like Health Insurance

(State Fed. Release)

Danish doctors approve of that country's national health insurance program.

Jorgen Dich, a Danish educator who is now a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin, reports: "I could safely offer \$1,000 to anyone able to find a single doctor in Denmark who does not approve of the national social medicine program. . . ."

"America is moving along the same path in regard to social welfare that was blazed by the Scandinavian countries. This is a healthy, progressive road that must eventually be followed by all truly democratic countries."

Dich was in charge of a Danish Government commission which recently surveyed medical opinion of the Danish health insurance plan.

San Rafael— PIPE, TANKS, RESERVOIRS, AND ROADS, CHIEF NORTH BAY JOBS

H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 3

The Piombo Construction Company of San Francisco—Petaluma Creek project is coming right along on schedule, at least until the rains come. . . . Brother Jim Hawkins is superintendent in charge of shovels and Brother Bill Pierce is pusher on the cats and dozers, with a number of No. 3 members busy. . . . Brother G. E. Bothwell is on a dozer-carry-all; Brother L. B. Durst on a carry-all; Brother Mike Scafani on a tamper cat with Brother J. J. Gahagan on a carry-all; and Brother W. D. Young doing the repair work. . . . Brother Ray Ulrich is grease monkey. Brothers Charlie Georgi and Charlie Hibbard and Halverson on the shovels, and Brother Lawrence Osterteg on the Lorain 40. We are always glad to see Bro. Bill Pierce on a project in this area as he runs a smooth-clicking spread with no gum-beating.

Art Siri, popular contractor of Santa Rosa, with spreads all over the area, trying hard to beat the rains. Art is fortunate in having the Petaluma Hill Road quarry where good rock is ready for pick-up with no drilling or shooting required. Brother Walter Smith is in charge with Brother "Roxy" Giles, oiler, and Brother Phil Carlin on the dozer.

McGuire & Hester are finishing the sub on the Haas & Rothschild sewer line along San Quentin Road . . . are ahead of schedule and with good weather for another 30 days will be buttoned up entirely.

Paul Straub of Petaluma, specializing in farm dams, has Bros. Art, Buchanan and Nevers jumping up and down all over the northern area trying to beat the rainy season.

J. Henry Harris of Berkeley has Brothers W. E. Craft, Dale Marr and Nick Williges as crew on the grading and paving contract at Imola State Hospital.

The Pisano Company of San Jose are busy as beavers on the \$30,000 Vallejo sewer job, hoping to complete ahead of schedule and the rains.

Old-timer Brother Kenneth Jesse recently joined the C. M. Syar crew in the Vallejo-Napa area where Brother Harry Keeler of Sebastopol is foreman.

A Moose Egg?

On the Russell Housing project at Vallejo, Brother O. A. Parks is side-kick with old-timer Cecil Moore where Brother Bill Campbell has his own rig with the Clement rigs coming and going.

Kalispell, Montana, the old-home stamping ground and noted for its big horns and big meat, is destination point for Brother John Lapp where he hopes to bag his share of elk and moose. . . . Good luck, John. How about a moose egg?

Brother Fred Jensen, of Jensen & Pitts, San Rafael, has crews all over the district on sewers, grading and paving, keeping his fingers crossed that he beats the weather.

Brothers George Hayward and George Chauvez are finished on the trencher for the Galbraith 1200' sewer line for the city of Napa.

Pacific Pipe Line and Engineers, Limited, every time you turn around are either just starting or just finishing in this area with concentration right now on the P. G. & E. six million cubic feet underground storage tanks where C. P. Hamilton is superintendent, just north of San Rafael . . . have about 35,000 yards of dirt excavating and replacing with about a dozen welders working and Bill Kaymer in charge of the welding machines, keeping eight to ten engineers happy.

The M. G. M. Company, with Superintendent Shumaker in charge, are completing the big inch job around Stony Point. This crew can certainly dig the trenches fast and fill them just as quickly.

Brother John Graves, formerly oiler for Brother Paul Respini, contractor of Petaluma, is very proud of his straight three card, with Brother Vincent Silva now the oiler. Paul keeps adding to his equipment and seems to be doing all right. Good luck, Paul.

Jacobs and De Paul, of East Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, have their hot plant and all equip-

ment ready for orders.

Maxwell Building Supply, Wright Street, Santa Rosa, advise they have a T.D. 9 Loader and Austin Western 55 Motor Patrol for sale. Brother John Patchett was employed for a long time with Maxwell but is now confined to the Santa Rosa Hospital for an indefinite time . . . would like to have any of the brothers in the area call and talk for a few minutes.

We hope that Brother Bill Phillips will be back to work soon. It is alleged Bill was in on that "phony" Fort Bragg deal with which we are all familiar. Would like to thank all the locals and their members for their help to this brother.

We are always glad to report when our sick brothers return to work. Our best wishes to Brother L. G. Wilkerson, office manager for the A. G. Raisch Company of Black Point, recently returned to work after a six weeks' illness.

Our congratulations to Brother Luke and Mrs. Rider of Mill Valley for another (the fourth) future cat skinner . . . Jerry Wayne.

Thanks for Cards

The San Rafael office would like to particularly thank those brothers who took the few minutes necessary to drop a card advising they had been cleared by another office. It is most appreciated and we do wish all the brothers would take the time to advise all the offices on which they have placed their name on the Out-of-Work List when a clearance is accepted.

Brother R. E. L. Killingsworth recently bought a 135-acre ranch seven miles from Springfield, Mo. He says lots of game and fish and with the cabins, it may be some of the brothers will be dropping in for a try of their luck. Sorry to lose one good cat skinner but good luck in your new venture.

It is well known that engineers are very versatile and in passing we might mention the culinary ability of one of the brothers, "Lindy of Novato 957-W. We hear his specialty is "hot tamale pie." It is more or less a secret recipe but we do know there is gravel in it . . . but reports say it is good!

Brothers Lee Thompson and his son, Bob, of Novato have opened up a good pit west of town and with numerous other activities they keep busy all year around.

Brother Frank L. Forrest of Vallejo dropped in to the office for a quick "hello." Just returned from 18-month contract with Bechtel International in Arabia, and glad to be in "sunny" California.

The "S. & L." Company (Smith & Lenzi) of Vallejo keep their loaders and graders busy nibbling around in the area. Good luck.

Brother E. O. Caston, the "perennial," in charge of equipment at Benicia Arsenal, keeping several boys busy with another 40,000 yards to take out of the reservoir.

Word from Brother Sam Temple with an A.P.O. address that he is now on his fourth hitch on foreign work. He must like it . . . or maybe it is the side trips to Tokyo?

Settle Strikes

Marin County has experienced two local crafts going through strike procedure. We are glad to report the Retail Clerks Local Union 1119 has settled their differences at the Albert's Department Stores in San Rafael, Mill Valley and San Anselmo; also the Bartenders and Culinary Workers Local No. 126 strike was satisfactorily settled this week. Our best wishes for the continued success of both locals.

The Art Siri rigs of Santa Rosa, like "flies," are all over the area. The Archbishop Hanna Home for Boys at Agua Caliente is about ready for landscaping and paving, with the Siri equipment, of course. Also the Siri equipment is in on the

AFL Backs Private Work on Highways

Washington—The AFL was put on record in support of the private contracting system of road building Nov. 7 by Lewis G. Hines, AFL special representative.

Hines said, in opposition to government construction, that "labor much prefers to work for private owners than for the state or any of its subdivisions. Labor believes in the profit incentive—provided those profits are reasonable and provided the men and women who labor to produce these profits are given a fair day's wage for a fair day's work."

Hines said the AFL was interested in a report of the joint congressional committee on the economic report indicating that road building could provide \$60 billion worth of work over the next 20 years.

sewer work in Sonoma, with J. Henry Harris doing the paving on three city streets in Sonoma. . . . Underground Construction Company of Oakland was recently awarded the \$75,000 contract for sewers in Tiburon.

Kaiser Steel is now in with Basalt at Napa. In addition to the present operation of Basalt Rock Company at Napa in the manufacturing of 8" to 20" pipe, there is a large expansion program expected to be in production about January, 1950, of 20" to 36" dimensions, using Kaiser steel. This is a sweet deal, meeting all competition. The Basalt yard activities are normal at the hot plant and quarry for this time of the year but at the quarry, McNear's Point, Marin County orders are piling up so it looks like lots of beans for all No. 3 members all winter. The A. G. Raisch hot plant at McNear's Point, where Superintendent Bill Ivers is in charge, is running along at its best with Ivers claiming "got tops crew."

Our congratulations to Bobo "Hard-As-Nails," the baby A.G.C. member of Ignacio . . . let's hope his recent marriage in Nevada and honeymoon trip to Salt Lake City softens him up a bit.

Jobs Coming Up

C. M. Syar of Vallejo was recently awarded the \$25,000 improvement East Avenue project in Vallejo, with Harold Smith of St. Helena picking off a six thousand street improvement deal in St. Helena. Robert McCarthy Company of San Francisco was awarded the \$235,000 Albert's Field Recreation Center in San Rafael. Brown & Ely and E. A. Forde of Marin County picked off the four thousand grading, and Miles Thomas plucked the five thousand sewer line deal in Corte Madera. The plans are now completed for the Tamalpais Union High School, San Anselmo, Marin County, with an overall cost of \$1,600,000 and are to be forwarded to State Division of Architecture for approval. The foundation tests have been completed on the \$1,500,000 Novato dam with call for bids as soon as plans are released. The \$61,000,000 plus construction projects in the State of California for the 1950-51 fiscal year show Marin, Sonoma, Solano and Napa Counties with a fair proportion allocated, and in particular \$1,120,000 for the approximately five miles from Ignacio to Forbes overhead which section has long been considered the "death trap" on the heavily-trafficked 101 Highway. In last Tuesday's election returns the majority of Marin County voters showed "yes" on the \$4,000,000 water bonds to establish a reservoir on Lagunitas Creek and expand the system's distributing capacity.

The A. H. Ruoff Sawmill, Lagunitas, shut down for seasonal repairs.

One of our former members, Leo Gerbich, now Chief Engineer on the Asa Lathrop, dropped into the office after a four months trip bringing in a new type of ship from Norfolk, Virginia, advising he ran into some "hard" weather, meeting the tail end of two hurricanes off the Florida Keys which forced a tie-up at Panama, then through the Canal to Tacoma, picking up cargo for Alaska. This ship is something new in the coast-wise trade. It has five 30 x 50 holds which take an entire trailer load, lifted by a travel

Salt Lake City— UTAH READY FOR FREEZE-UP ON JOBS; ARCO ATOMIC IS SET

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

Business Representatives, Local 3

Utah, the heart of the Intermountain Empire, is seeing a whirlwind finish of the construction season. Each morning us Engineers wipe the frost off our seats due to the 20-30 degree temperatures and look for a snow-laden cloud, but as this is written no such clouds have materialized.

Work here is practically all figured to last four to six weeks on the jobs going out of the office and we know that when it folds only the shops, tunnels, and snow removal will carry on. Two of Utah Construction Co.'s jobs will go when the weather permits—Garfield Refinery and the Cedar City mining operations, but weather will cut our weeks short on these jobs, too.

As indicated in the October Engineers' News, Vinnell's Murdock Dam job and the Anderson Construction Co. job on Wasatch Blvd. have got under way, cautiously keeping an eye on the weather.

L. T. Johnson has moved all available equipment into Idaho to clean up his work there before starting the Ogden Uinta job.

How far Harry Reynolds will progress on his Emigration Canyon job is questionable, since the fill still is in terrible shape from last winter's slides and washouts.

Deal Mendenhall has pulled his equipment in off his job near Current Creek and has no work ahead for his spread this fall.

One of the state's fastest-moving jobs is Olaf Nelson's project above Kamas. Under the direction of Supt. McKinnon and job foreman Aaron Smith, Bros. Adams, Fillmore, Varner, Smith, Neiderhauser, Wright, Kendall, Hovey, Hurst, Flynn and Ryver are really cutting out those hills.

Salt Lake Sewer

United Concrete's Salt Lake sewer job, R. M. Jensen's road job at Kamas, and Strong's job at Bountiful are all gambling to be in good shape by heavy weather.

Most other jobs will go as far as they can and attempt to leave the job shipshape for the winter.

Bids on the Atomic work at Arco, Idaho, will be let by spring. M&K have a two-mile road job there now and much other preliminary work there is in the making.

Next year should see some good-sized jobs in Utah. The American Smelter and Refining job at Garfield, the Bechtel Standard Oil job, the finish of the Provo River project, completion of the Utah Light and Power plants, steady progress on the Lark and Duchesne tunnel projects, and our state road program. It is still very doubtful that money can be allocated and contracts let on the Weber and Colorado projects for 1950. Most of this dam work will develop in 1951, no doubt; The year 1950 will be as good a year as 1949, but 1951 should be our biggest year for some time.

Work safely, brothers. Arthur Whitby, an M&K operator, was killed at Point of the Mountain recently when his dozer started to roll and he attempted to climb the tracks to stop it. Follow safe practices.

Deer hunting is over and the pheasants are catching hell now. Our brothers in this state took out enough meat to feed the Army, deer season—but the limits on pheasants are not coming in as fast, according to latest reports.

whirley, placed in the holds and battened down, then upon arrival at destination point the cargo is lifted, placed and away, with a minimum of handling. It may be this will give the stevedores something to think about.

We are sorry to report the injury of Brother Bill Cargill, seriously burned and it is thought he will be out of circulation for several weeks. Speedy recovery, Bill.

Your Business Representatives wishes to extend Thanksgiving Greetings to all members . . . hope your turkey is fat and that you drink and eat until you fall over and go to sleep.

Clerks Blast At Safeway

A resolution of interest to all union members has recently been mailed to all Central Labor Councils by the California State Council of Retail Clerks No. 2, and reads as follows.

The Resolution states in part: Safeway Stores, Inc. has embarked on a selfish and vicious program designed to emasculate the gains made by retail store employees.

"This program of Safeway Stores, Inc. has taken the form of false utilization of the anti-labor Taft-Hartley Act whereby Safeway Stores, Inc. is trying to remove from the protection of local unions certain employees who are performing work under the jurisdiction of the local unions involved.

"The Labor Movement has always stood on the principle that all employees performing the work covered by a local union's jurisdiction should be represented, protected and covered by such local union and has construed an employer's actions to the contrary as an open shop drive on his part.

"Safeway Stores, Inc. has used every nefarious action and involved confusion within its power or influence to advance this vicious program against the best interests and basic principles of the Labor Movement.

"The California State Council of Retail Clerks No. 2 does hereby go on record as lawing the blame for present labor strike in retail stores in the State of California strictly in the lap of Safeway Stores, Inc. and label Safeway Stores, Inc. as the originator of an anti-labor, union-busting program that should be called to the attention of all Labor in the State of California.

"The California State Council of Retail Clerks No. 2 does hereby go on record that we will lend our utmost efforts in resisting this attempt by Safeway Stores, Inc. to remove employees performing clerks' work from the protection of our contracts."

LARRY VAIL, Secretary.

New Cold Pills

The common cold, as well as any sickness, is the most expensive misfortune a wage-earner can suffer, so we are always interested in any new development that may provide a remedy.

Newest drug to combat colds was discovered by the Navy, which found it during a fight against hay fever, a closely similar ailment. The discovery is an anti-histamine drug called chlortrimetin, and Navy reports say it is on the market with the name "Coricidin."

However, full-page newspaper advertisements tell of another pill known as "Inhiston." A check at drug stores reveals still a third, known as "Anahist."

These different types are probably pretty much the same, the important similarity being that they contain anti-histamine.

Navy says pills with this content are 90 percent effective if taken within an hour after cold symptoms develop, 74 percent effective if taken within 12 hours.

Considering the discomfort, loss of wages, and the weakness and vulnerability to other ailments that are caused by colds, these new pills are surely worth a try.

Brains: What you look in a girl after you've looked at everything else.

Sacramento—

N. VALLEY HITS WINTER LULL;
CHANNEL, DAM CONTRACTS DUE

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

At this writing the first heavy storm of the season has just hit this area and sent most of the boys running for the barn. Work was already declining rapidly and there are no prospects that it will pick up before spring.

In our last report we gave the picture on the Folsom Dam and the Deep Water Channel. This remains the same with the exception that very probably some contracts will be let on both of these projects sometime around the first of the year.

Only two bids of any size have been opened in the past month. Bids were opened November 2 on the Depot Hill job and Louis Biasotti of Stockton was low at \$256,600. This job consists of about 2.1 miles to be graded and surfaced. However, as the locale is well up in the mountains nothing much can be expected until spring. It is rumored that some brushing will be done this winter if possible. The other low bidder was Frederickson Bros. at \$116,386 for the construction of bridges over Pleasant Grove Creek, Rock Creek, Yankee Slough and Big Yankee Slough, between Roseville and Sheridan in Placer County.

The crew of Bethlehem Steel finally got back to work again after a lay-off of nearly a month due to the steel strike. However, due to space restrictions they were forced to shut down one of the cranes so some of the boys were laid off again. At this writing the crew consists of Brothers H. A. Moyer, W. R. Reasor and George Zimmerman.

Brown & Brennan have their job underway on the Foresthill Road with Brothers Wesley Kenna, Wallace Freshour, W. A. Cornelius and G. C. Landford on the "cots". Brother George Neufeld is the Heavy Duty Mechanic and Walter Proebstel is the oiler.

Westbrook & Pope have most of the dirt work behind them on the Auburn job and are going full blast trying to get the select on. Brothers Pat Patterson and Jack Rutherford are still hosing the "cat" spreads. Brother Vern Curtis is the Master Mechanic in the cat shop and Brother Jerry Aldredge is taking care of the truck operations. Brother Virgil Guptill is in charge of miscellaneous crews.

H. Earl Parker is putting the finishing touches on the Putah Creek job with Brother Ralph Furlong in charge. Supt. Brother Slim Alf with Foreman Brother Slim Storey has opened up the Cache Creek job but due to right-of-way difficulties they are only running one shift at this time.

Folsom Job

The Peter L. Ferry job at Folsom is about completed at this writing. Brother William Covington left the job last week for Denver to attend the funeral of his father. We wish to extend our sympathies to Bill. Brothers Don Johnson, Tom Eaton, John Sullivan, Dick Zang, B. W. Fuchs, Del Fox, Slim Schnell, Pete Cavana, Roy Sullivan, Harry Lower and Lawrence Mercier stuck around to finish the job.

Brother Jack Edwards, foreman for Tyson & Watters, kept Brothers Otto Van Gorder and Lee Lucas busy out at the Signal Depot until that job was finished.

Work out at the Port remains about the same with Baker Bros., Barrett & Hill, Raymond Concrete Pile and Brighton Sand & Gravel having contracts there at the present time.

Brother Dick Alexander moved in on the Atkinson job at Roseville and took over for Brother Ernie Gressot as foreman while Ernie was on vacation. He brought along several of the Brothers for the concrete work. Namely, Foreman Brother Everett Wentworth and Brothers Neil Milan, Charlie LaHa, Gene Nelson, George Wells and R. A. White. Brothers Joe Burnside, Tommy Doyle, Ed Sherne and Clyde Stonecipher who were already on the job completed the crew.

Humistant & Rosendahl have their pipeline from Rio Vista to Fairfield underway with the following Brothers on the payroll: E. J. Williams, Jack Greenwood, E. L. Kelly, Dan Kiser, S. P. Carrigan, T. A. Carrigan, Curt Collett and Normal Able.

The Van Valkenberg pipeline job from Davis to Sacramento has Brother Chuck Keithly as foreman. Brothers Pat Billingsly, Joe Tillett, Jim Donahue, N. G. Ice, Fred Lambert, John Oliver, Kenneth Keithly and Francis Keithly are on the payroll at the present time.

Brother Ed McQuillan is now shifting for Carden & Cox. This company now has two jobs going—a county road job on Power Line Road and a street improvement job on the city of Isleton.

Brother Hank Dunsing is now doing the pushing for the Lloyd Frasier outfit and picking up considerable work. Brothers Jack Miller and Andy Rogers are on the blades and working the "cats" are Brothers Jack Pritchard and J. C. Trendennick.

Small Local Jobs

Other Sacramento contracting firms seem to have settled down for the winter with various small local jobs which tend only to furnish employment for their regular employees.

The Richter, Darrough & Ruddy job at Bear Valley has been, at this writing, shut down due to snow conditions.

In the Grass Valley section work continues on various jobs. F. T. Bastian & Sons are doing a few small jobs in and about the town. Stolte, Inc., Ruddy & Sons and Ke-Ston Construction Co. are all busy on their portions of the sewer project for the City of Grass Valley. The excavation has been completed and actual construction of the plant is now underway.

Down Courtland way the Kelley Bros. are about finished with their levee job. H. Earl Parker, also, has only a few more weeks to go to complete their portion of this same job.

Merle Pugh is still going strong on his landleveling job at Hood, working two twelve hour shifts.

The bridge job of Lord & Bishop at Thornton keeps several engineers busy.

The Asta Construction Co. continues with a number of small jobs in the vicinity of Rio Vista. Also in this section the Fisher Construction Co. is doing some small jobs in and about town as well as working on several agricultural projects. The Herringer Co. keeps several of the Brothers working most of the time.

Over at Davis the Fred Early Co. have finished the excavating on their sewer disposal plant and are now starting on the building. Brothers Leo Wright, Harry Foster, J. O. Stanley and D. A. Autrui are on the job.

Andrew Bros. continue with a full crew on their landleveling job near Dixon. Other landlevelers working in this section are the Dixon Landleveling Co. and Van Dorsen Landleveling Co. The Fredrickson Landleveling Co. and LaMontague Landleveling Co. have jobs near Madison.

New Bids

J. R. Reeves were low at \$2,131 for the surfacing of the grounds of the West Acres and the Washington Schools in Broderick.

A low bid of \$6,634.70 was submitted by J. P. Breen for the grading and paving of streets in the City of Placerville.

Central Valley Pipe Lines, Inc. were the low bidders on the Fruitridge District drainage system at \$9,483.72.

Low bidders on the water distri-

bution system for Rio Linda were Cannel & Losch of Paramount.

The Erickson Construction bid low at \$2,270.15 on a Sacramento city street improvement contract.

A low bid of \$5,918.79 was submitted by the V. J. McGrew Well Drilling Co. for a well at the Sacramento Municipal Airport.

The Dahms Construction Co. were low bidders for the water system at the Sacramento Municipal Airport. Their bid was \$17,428.40.

A. Teichert was low bid for the City of Sacramento for improvement of 59th Street from Folsom Blvd. to Broadway at \$48,959.98.

Bids are to be opened November 23 for road improvement near Georgetown.

Opening date for the opening of bids for the completion of the State Capitol Annex have been postponed until November 15.

Personal Mention

Brother Ray Kimzey is back from Afghanistan where he was employed by Morrison & Knudson. At last reports this Brother was preparing to ship out on another foreign job. This time to Arabia with Bechtell.

Brother Gunner Bergquist has returned from a lengthy vacation visiting friends and relatives in Sweden.

Brother Jack Dundee, one of the shifters on the Westbrook & Pope job at Auburn, was on the sick list for a short time. Hope you are O. K. now, Jack.

Brother William Lasater, who works as a welder for Brighton Sand & Gravel, is recovering from a serious appendectomy performed the latter part of October. It will be late November before he is able to return to work.

Brother Nesby D. Guinn, who was injured on the J. P. Breen job in Placerville, will be laid up for approximately a year, it has been reported to this office. He has been confined to the Sutter Hospital.

Brother G. W. "Jerry" Haase is another Sutter Hospital patient and a roommate of Brother Guinn. Jerry will be off work for about three months.

Brother Frank Pierson is suffering from a broken back and at present is receiving treatment at home.

To all these Brothers we extend our best wishes and hopes for their speedy recovery.

Brother Clyde Hulett is now the owner of the Associated Service Station at Folsom.

Brother W. L. Williams will soon be on his way back to Saudi Arabia, for International Bechtel, Inc.

Brother Kenneth E. Taylor has returned from India. Congratulations go to:

Brother and Mrs. Elvin Hunt on the birth of a daughter, Judy Eldene, on October 18, 1949.

Brother and Mrs. B. F. Zimmer on the arrival of daughter, June Ann, born September 23, 1949.

It was a boy for Brother and Mrs. Robert McQuillan. His name is Arnold and he arrived on September 29, 1949.

Brother A. G. Mankins was going through and stopped to say "hello".

Brother George Sullivan who has been on the sick list for several months is much improved, in spite of a recent bout with the flu, and hopes to be able to get back to work again before this year is over.

"Our Place", owned by Brother "Dolly" Gray, is located on North 9th, North Sacramento, and is proving a popular meeting place for the Brothers.

Brothers George Scott and Hugh Sutton have opened a shop on Auburn Blvd. near the Ben Ali crossing. Let's throw some business their way.

Cards were received from the following Brothers asking that their names be removed from our "Out of Work" list: Karl R. Howard, L. W. Winney, Darrell Allen, Alex Gray. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of you fellows in sending in these cards as it means a great deal in keeping an accurate list of unemployed.

In answer to our appeal in the last issue of this paper for blood donations the following Brothers went to the Blood Bank: Alex Gray, Phil Stanford, Emil Selzle, J. C. "Boomer" Trendennick and

Eureka—

RAINS CALL A HALT TO ALL
BIG JOBS IN REDWOOD EMPIREOTTO E. NEVER and M. W. EDWARDS,
Business Representatives, Local 3

In the Redwood Empire, things have come to a complete stop due to the rainy season. At Crescent City, Macco-M & K Corp. finished up on October 15th on both the jetty and the new Dutton Lumber Co. dock. If the U. S. Engineers locate a new quarry site for the jetty rock, Macco-M & K may start to uncover the overburden at once. Otherwise, it is possible that it will be the latter part of April before work on the jetty will start again.

In the meantime, the people of Del Norte County, realizing the need for a public dock, have started one. The amazing part of this dock is that it is being built by donations of labor, money, and material. Bros. Hammon, Black, York, Spindler, and Bennie Beasley donated a Saturday and Sunday to furnish rock for the fill. After local talent was unable to make any headway on the pile-driving, (15 piling in 8 days), Bros. Edwards and Langford donated five days and got the piling lined out and made a fine showing. In fact, they were listed in the local newspapers as pile-driving specialists from Local 3.

Many other brother members donated time to this venture, including Brother Scotty Jenkins who gave a Sabbath day and moral support by saying "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver". When this dock is completed it will serve as a shipping point for all parties interested in shipping by water. It will also be considerably cheaper than trucking, especially in long distances.

C. M. Syar is through with the highway work at Klamath, but Brother Curly Williams horse-traded the businessmen in the town of Klamath into putting in curbs. The worst of it is, Curly is going to supervise the work for Syar. It's a sure bet that the merchants will raise their prices to the tourists this summer in order to pay off Syar and Curly.

Mercer Fraser Co. is doing a few small jobs around Eureka, but most of the Brothers have been laid off. Piombo and Patterson are through until spring except for a few days of culvert work.

Eureka Reservoir

Tom Hull, Louie Conner, and Maurer are more or less waiting until spring before going ahead on any jobs. Syar and Goodenough were stopped on their reservoir jobs for the city of Eureka because of the weather.

Baldwin & Straub were successful bidders on the second section of the city's pipeline job. Job is for \$167,348.70.

The dredge Jupiter is tied up at present with not much prospect of working till spring.

John Burman & Sons have been doing some of the dirt moving on the city reservoir, but are through there for the present.

From all indications there will be more work in this territory in the coming year than we have had in the past year. We will report on this new work as soon as we can get it from the Highway Commission.

The woods operations are on the decline due to too many logs in the ponds, and wet weather; however, most contract loggers will work when the weather permits.

Northern Redwood Co. has very few men left in the woods at the present. A loading crew at the cold

Larry Broadbent. Very special "thanks" go to Boomer and Larry who at this time made their second contribution to our Blood Reserve Fund. We are still in need of more donors and would appreciate the rest of you fellows getting over to the Blood Bank.

We want to thank the membership for the swell turnout at the meeting held here on October 28th and congratulate them on the way it was conducted.

The Sacramento Office will continue to remain open on Wednesday Evening from 7 to 9 o'clock for the convenience of the members who are unable to get in during the day.

deck is about the size of it. Hammond Lumber Co. is down to four days and maybe less as winter goes on.

Brothers Hap Horton, and Roy Ruffner are still with Barker Corp, along with a good number of other Local 3 men. They will no doubt work all winter. Brothers Ainer Nicholson, John Miller and Ernest Ronfeldt are handling the cats and loading machine for the Jepsen Logging Co., along with the other boys. They make a good crew clear from cook house to tail tree, and that's what it takes to get lots of logs.

The Ford Logging Co. is down at present and are in the market for a good stand of timber to go to work on. Believe me, they really get the logs out when they get started. Hope a good winter show turns up for them soon.

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Redding—

Dust Turns Into
Mud, Snow Up At
Northern Border

By E. A. HESTER

Business Representative, Local 3

Most of the jobs in this district are closed down this week, due to rain. It has been a long dry fall here so far, with all contractors making full use of the good weather. However, a general rain has turned dust into mud, with snow reported at higher elevations. On the Cedar Pass job at Cedarville, 18 inches of snow was reported on the summit. Clearing skies are expected shortly, and it is hoped the jobs will all be able to start again soon.

The general outlook for work in this district this winter is not good. There have been no new contracts in this vicinity for some time now, and for the most part, the projects now running are in the later stages of construction. However, from what information we are able to gather, a good season is indicated next year, with several new highway jobs coming up, as well as other types of projects.

Repairs were started on the Redding office this week, which was badly damaged by fire last summer. Plans call for a slightly larger office, badly needed here. However, the rains came before repairs were completed, and caught us without a roof—all hands are busily engaged in sweeping the water out of the building.

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Brother Geo. W. Anderson, an old timer in this union. Brother Anderson was a loyal supporter of Local 3 and a master of his trade. His car ran into the rear of a lumber truck on November 5, near Corning. He was employed by Frederickson & Watson Construction Company and was enroute to Orland to spend the week end with relatives. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family.

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New Film Directory

Washington.—The Federal Security Agency has just issued a 1949 directory listing by states and cities the 897 libraries or distributors that rent or loan 16-mm. films to schools and organizations. Copies of the new directory, Office of Education Bulletin 1949, No. 10, are available for 15c each from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C.

San Jose—

LOS GATOS READY FOR NEW DAM, HIGHWAY RE-ROUTING

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

Our most recent and authentic information from Mr. G. W. Hunt, Chief Engineer of the Santa Clara Valley Conservation District is that bids will be called early next year—January or February—for the Anderson Dam. At this writing, A. J. Peters have a \$25,000 contract in constructing and laying the outlet pipe for this project. This is a rock and earth-filled dam and will involve two and a half million cubic yards.

The approximate height is 230 feet and will impound 75,000 acre feet of water. Another large project to be let early in the spring of 1950 is the relocation of the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz Highway. This will be in the neighborhood of a \$2,000,000 job. So far, we have no information as to the date but we also expect the contract on the Austrian Dam to be let some time in the early part of 1950. This little dam will be constructed for the San Jose Water Company. Earl W. Heple will be finished with the preparatory work in another couple of months. There were roads to be built, clearing to be done, and a 52" steel outlet pipe to be laid and encased in 1200 cubic yards of steel-reinforced concrete. This dam will require the moving of about a million yards of material.

Moffett Field

A bill authorizing the spending of \$50,000,000 at Ames Aeronautic Laboratory at Moffett Field has been signed by President Truman. It is understood that part of the money will be spent to build the world's largest supersonic wind tunnel. It is not known as yet when construction on this work will begin.

Bids will be opened November 30th on the long-contemplated State Highway job on 101, South of Gilroy which will involve approximately 210,000 cubic yards of excavation. No doubt work on this project will get going some time during December.

O. C. Jones of Berkeley was the lucky bidder on the Lick School job off Alum Rock Avenue, and has moved in four or five pieces of equipment. Brother W. R. Jackson, foreman on this project, informs us this is about a two-month job.

George Renz of Gilroy was low bidder on the new San Benito County Jail for approximately \$127,000. (This is pure hearsay, but I understand some of the Pipeline boys are supposed to have made the remark that the old jail was terrible.)

Ted Baun of Fresno was the low bidder on the King City street job to the tune of approximately \$215,000. This job came through right on time for Mr. Baun as he is just putting the finishing touches on his highway job at Salinas. Now, he can move his equipment right on down to King City.

Eaton & Smith of San Francisco were the lucky bidders on the Pacheco Pass job for a figure of approximately \$888,000 or more. At present they are clearing the right-of-way and doing preliminary work. The latest information is that Bob Trask will be the general superintendent for this company on their approximately 750,000-yard project. Two old-timers with Eaton & Smith and Local 3 stopped in the office recently for clearances—Rich O'Connell and Heinie Toff. It was nice to have a visit with the boys. Northwestern Construction Company have acquired a sub-contract on this job and are in the process of moving in at this writing.

We understand the Shamrock Amusement Co. of San Francisco has leased the circus grounds at First and Alma Streets where they intend to construct a \$150,000 drive-in theater. The site is 10 acres. They expect the structure to get under construction by December 1st, and be in operation by March 1st. The theater is to be modern in every way. It will include a playground area for children and a concession snack bar. Each car will have an individual heater and speaker.

There have been quite a number of small jobs let in and around the San Jose area recently. Enough, we believe, to keep the majority of

our local contractors busy for the time being.

Another Job Well Done

The N. M. Ball Company (with the help of their competent crew of superintendents, foremen and engineers) have just completed another super highway—the \$4,000,000 Santa Cruz Freeway. State, county and city officials headed by Governor Earl Warren and Senator Judah gathered at Rob Roy Junction on November 4th for the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The company encountered many obstacles during the life of this job but came through with flying colors. Senator Judah claimed he would fight continuously to have \$13,800,000 of road deficiency money appropriated to Santa Cruz County for highway work and assured the people of Santa Cruz that the relocated Los Gatos-Santa Cruz Highway would connect with the new freeway, immediately.

The Pacific Pipe, who acquired a sub of about 12 miles of P. G. & E. pipeline from the Bechtel Corp., have their contract just about completed. Possibly by the time this goes to press, they will have moved their equipment south where I understand they have other work. It is believed that in another two or three weeks we will see the windup of the Bechtel Corporation's northern end of their P. G. & E. pipeline, when they will move southward.

Fredrickson & Kassler have completed their highway job at San Ardo and the crews have moved on to other parts.

L. C. Smith of San Mateo, who has had three or four storm drain and pipe jobs in this district, has just about completed them and is moving equipment to his jobs in Palo Alto.

A Few Larger Jobs

Caputo & Keeble are making good progress on their Saratoga-Los Gatos highway job. The clearing, house-moving and culvert work is practically completed and the grading is now in progress. The new section will begin on Horse-shoe Drive and end at Pepper Lane and will straighten out a curve in the road. . . . Carl N. Swenson is going right ahead on his Santa Clara College job, also on his Meridian Road Bridge job. Carl is hoping there will be no heavy rains in the immediate future as we all know what havoc heavy rains can play with a bridge under construction. . . . Barrett & Hilp of San Francisco are installing the pipe work in the new Housing Project across from the Rodeo Grounds in Salinas, and the work is going right along. . . . George Augusta's crew is still busy in the Santa Lucia Tract north of the Rodeo Grounds. They have the sidewalks, streets and curbs. . . . Granite Construction Company is keeping busy. They have two jobs in Monterey—a road-widening job on Del Monte Avenue and the Airport job where they are building access roads and taxiways. This is approximately a \$50,000 job. This company is also busy in Watsonville on pipeline work and near Freedom on a housing project. . . . Val Valkenberg's boys are having a rough time on their pipeline job at Carmel. They are trying to lay pipe in solid rock. Consequently, the job is going rather slowly. . . . The contractors on the Soledad Prison job were indeed fortunate in that they got all the footings installed before the rains came. The majority of the work now in progress is in connection with footings and backfill.

At the present time there are around 10 members of Local 3 employed on this project. With the large building program in progress



DENFELD OUSTED—Admiral Louis Denfeld was dismissed as Chief of Naval Operations by Pres. Truman. The ouster came in wake of Navy attack on U. S. Air Force strategy of B-36 atom bombing.

Labor Helps Blind Mother

St. Helens, Ore.—Christmas has come two months early for blind Mrs. Willa Robertson.

The Central Labor Council became interested in the sightless woman when union members discovered she was trying to support herself and her 7-year-old son through house-to-house selling.

The AFL body, most influential group in this Columbia river lumber port, has given Mrs. Robertson a seeing-eye dog and made all arrangements for her to go to San Francisco to receive training at the Dogs for the Blind Foundation.

in this district, you can readily understand why the numerous Rock, Sand and Gravel and Ready-Mix plants are keeping busy.

Moss Landing Job

Here are some interesting figures on the above-mentioned plant. In the structures supporting the immense B. & W. Water Tube Boilers there is required 3000 tons of structural steel—equivalent to 85 carloads. For the boilers and parts there is 12,000 tons—equivalent to 400 carloads. Each boiler weighing approximately two million pounds, drums alone weighing 65 tons. All combined are capable of generating 475,000 pounds of steam per hour. (Some horsepower, we'd say!) The upper drums on the boilers are approximately 115 feet from the ground, so you can imagine, boys, the tube lengths. As we mentioned previously, the cost of this plant was about \$55,000,000, and is a project well worth seeing.

At a meeting of the board of directors at Oakland recently, Permanente Metals Corp. had its name changed officially to Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp. to closer identify the corporation with its principal products.

News of Brothers

Thanksgiving Day is here once again and our best wishes go out to each of the members and his family for a Very Happy Thanksgiving. Even today with all the unrest and uncertainty in the world, we still have a great deal for which to be thankful in this country of ours. . . . Received a card from Brother Bud Draper who is in Alaska. Bud says it's getting mighty cold up that way and he expects to be heading south soon. . . . Bro. Lee Brown, an employee of Permanente, recently suffered a heart attack and is now recuperating in a Los Gatos Rest Home. . . . Bro. Jack Mayberry recently underwent a serious spinal operation and at this writing is still confined to the hospital. . . . Brother R. L. Napier received a crushed foot while oiling on the Moss Landing job and will be laid up for some time. . . . If you've been wondering why Brother Slim Deardorf has been going around with his chest thrown out, it's because he is the proud "Pop" of a son, Daniel James. . . . Thanks to Brother I. W. Halback for notifying us that he went to work elsewhere.

More on:

Insurance Boycott

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ultimately destroy the entire structure of the original law.

Contributions for this program by law are compulsory subject to the Act, and such contributions are required only from employees. Accordingly, two facts clearly appear:

(1) Whether the employee is under the state or so-called private plan, the coverage is compulsory, and the use of the misnomer "voluntary plan" is merely a strategy to infer that the insurance powers are granting the employees something which could not otherwise be obtained.

SHOULD HAVE SAY

(2) Since the program is solely for the benefit of the workers and the cost is borne solely by them, the workers should have the determination as to its management and control, not only with respect to the distribution of the benefits, but with respect to the accumulation and distribution of reserves.

Under the state program any reserves which have accumulated in excess of the cost of administration and benefit payments, remain available to be used for the benefit of the employees under the law.

Under the so-called voluntary plans, the reserves which have accrued are retained by the insurance companies and become part of the general assets of the company. They are not maintained in any specific reserves to be returned to the employees who created them.

DISSIPATE OUR MONEY

If these private plans are allowed to flourish and expand, substantial portions of the funds of employees will be dissipated through dividend payments to stockholders of insurance companies and through premium refunds to employers without comparable return to the contributing employees.

Inasmuch as desired legal changes in this law cannot be approached until the 1951 session of the state legislature, it was the unanimous mandate of the convention that an immediate boycott of the "voluntary" plans be instituted to combat this grave challenge to proper insurance procedures.

Under the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act and its rules and regulations, an employee is entitled to withdraw at the commencement of a calendar quarter from a "voluntary" plan, provided he gives the notice required prior to such quarter.

LEEWAY TO WITHDRAW

The particular rule which governs this subject is known as Section 283, Social Security, of the California Administrative Code. It provides: "The plan ('voluntary') must permit any covered employee to withdraw from the plan at the beginning of any calendar quarter upon the giving of a reasonable notice as provided in the plan to the employer, employee group, or insurer, as the case may be."

Immediate action must be taken in boycotting the notorious "voluntary" plans if the workers of California are ever to know the liberalization of an insurance law primarily enacted for their benefit, but which has since become the rich preserve of the insurance powers of the state.

Local No. 3 has endorsed the State Federation of Labor action, and you as individual members are requested to obtain from your nearest Union office or Business Representative a printed form, with which you can request your withdrawal from any voluntary plan your employer may now have. Please act immediately and fill out one of these forms and present it to your employer. By so doing, Organized Labor in the State of California will be able to obtain a more liberalized insurance program, to which you are entitled to and are now paying for.

Birds have been called glorified reptiles; they branched off from the same sub-group of reptiles to which the crocodiles and dinosaurs belong.

Peninsula—

Approval of Bonds Will Create Many Jobs at Airport

By CHET ELLIOTT
Business Representative, Local 3

A bond issue of \$10 million was approved by the voters of the City and County of San Francisco at the election held Nov. 8, for construction work at the San Francisco Airport.

The work consists of a new administration building, new runways, aprons, grading, etc. Bids for the grading and runways are expected to be advertised immediately and the job will be let Dec. 15. However, the administration building is not expected to get under way until sometime next summer.

Bids opening on pipe line job! The bids were opened Nov. 10 by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission of which Bro. Vic Swanson, local union manager of Local 3, is an active member. The pipe line starts at Mission San Jose and skirts the bay 34 miles to Crystal Springs. It is an \$8 million project and consists of digging a 10-foot ditch and laying six-foot steel and concrete pipe. This will provide work for many members of Local 3 and probably will start in the rocky sections of San Mateo at an early date.

Big Home Project

The David Bohannon Co., in South San Mateo, are planning on starting a \$3 million home building project in the next few days, to be known as Hillsdale No. 4. This company is one of the largest real estate developers in the state and keeps a staff of operating engineers busy all year 'round.

Over on the coast at Half Moon Bay, there is a concerted drive by the Pillar Point Breakwater Assn. for a \$5 million Government appropriation to complete the Half Moon Bay breakwater. This project has been approved by the U.S. Army Engineers and funds for surveying and test drilling already have been allotted for this work.

Bragato Bros. in San Mateo are busy on the Shoreview fill job, with two shovels, a fleet of trucks, cats, blades, rollers, etc., and also numerous other jobs throughout this district. This firm is to be complimented on its ability for expansion. Starting from scratch two years ago, it now operates more than 30 construction units. While visiting the job your representative contacted Bros. Bragato, Shoupe, Casti, Johnson, Shelton and others.

At the airport, the Morrison-Knudson Co. has completed its project. Mr. Tucker and Bros. Alfred Hope, Tex Hobson, Wally Phipps and two or three others are putting on the finishing touches.

Floyd Watson is still busy with a string of cats at South S.F. With the coming of the rainy season, we hear no more complaints about dust from this job.

At Colma, the Henry Doelger Co. has been adding to its crew of Operating Engineers. Wm. Viera Co., also operating in Colma, is getting well along on its open air theater project.

The Valley Pipe Line Co. has moved in at Half Moon Bay on its water distribution job for the Half Moon Bay Water District. This new system will supply water to the residents of Half Moon Bay, Princeton, Miramar, Moss Beach and other small towns along the coast.

Although the opportunity for employment in this area is not too bad at the present time, this coming winter does not indicate too much prosperity and it is hoped if the worthy brothers have accumulated a few dollars . . . dole them out very sparingly. The coming year looks like the best we have had . . . but the rains do keep many from working.

The human body is undoubtedly a wonderful assembly job, but it's too complicated. It requires too much attention and is too expensive in upkeep.

San Francisco

FRISCO WINTER JOBS HOLD UP;
STREETS, ARTERIALS IN HI GEARP. E. VANDEWARK and PAT CLANCY
Business Representatives, Local 3

Our rainy season seems to be upon us, but from all appearances it will not disturb work in this area except when it is actually raining. Most of the large jobs can proceed on wet or dry ground.

Chas. Harney still has quite a few rigs busy on the new Freeway, although equipment work on this job has slowed up tremendously due to the concrete construction work that is necessary on both of the overpasses. They are also busy on the Lake street sewer job which should run for several weeks yet.

Eaton & Smith have just about completed their job on Mission street, although quite a section on the outer end is not yet finished. They were also the successful bidder on more track removal and street repaving in the Richmond district, which should start very soon.

MacDonald, Young & Nelson and M. & K. have a good start on the sewer treatment plant at North Point (near butcher town) most of the dirt has already been moved and they are now busy getting ready for concrete work.

Islais Creek Bridge

Duncanson & Harrellson's Islais Creek job is progressing smoothly. The north foundation work is already completed and most of the south side very near the finish. Judson Pacific Murphy has the steel erection on the bridge and they have already raised most of the steel on the north half of the bridge.

Monson Bros. job on the Youth Center is now nearing the finishing stage with one engineer left on the job.

Dinwiddie Construction Co. is moving full blast on the Parkmerced apartment house project. All of the 13 buildings are now looming into the air. There is a large force of our brother engineers employed on this project. Western Crane Service, Bigge, Starratt Bros. and Eakin and Judson Pacific Murphy all have truck cranes busy on the job and most of them with a 100 foot stick or better to work with.

M. & K. Corp. is on the finishing end of the Lake Merced tunnel job—they are now pouring the concrete arch on a two-shift basis, using a Hackley gun and traveling jumbo for their slip forms. The North Beach sewer treating plant is now moving along smoothly with several brothers busy, including one of Raymonds whirley drivers.

Standard Oil Bldg.

Swinerton & Walberg two jobs are still in progress, the Standard Oil annex building concrete work is up around the 20th floor with plenty of work yet left to do on the inside including plastering. Mt. Zion hospital job is also nearing the finish of concrete work and again considerable work yet remains to be done on the inside.

Lowrie Paving Co. has just about finished the Army street extension and widening job and they have numerous other small jobs in progress.

P. C. A. Readymix, Consumers Rock and Basalt Concrete plants are all busy running cement for all the various jobs throughout the city.

Rosenberg Bros. keeps their rigs busy doing many small jobs about town. Brother Yoder had an unfortunate accident with their N.W. shovel last week. It jumped out on the hill and ran down over the bank. Brother Yoder jumped clear but broke his leg in the scramble. He is in the St. Francis Hospital.

Devencenzi Bros. always seem to have enough work to keep their rigs running as they are always busy about town.

The ship repair yards are very quiet although Bethlehem has some small work at the present time.

And the waterfront is still quiet although more activity has been noticeable the last few weeks.

Personal Touch

There is not much activity outside of the states as far as overseas employment for any of our brothers is concerned. A number of our brothers have signed applications with Bechtel but so far that is just about the end of it as most of the brothers who have signed are still around and have not heard from the company as yet. The past month we have not been informed of a single member going overseas but there is a possibility that a few fellows have gone. The SF office still has a number of inquiries from Local No. 3 members who have picked up rumors that there is a lot of overseas work now going on but at the present time that is not the case, so if you hear some of those rumors just take a tip from us and let them go in one ear and out the other.

There have been a number of brothers who have returned from various countries this past month but only four or five of them have come into this office and talked with us. Paul Tepsa is once again on the mainland after completing ten months with M & K on Afghanistan. Paul must have done pretty well, especially when he went back to Detroit and bought a new Buick and then took his time getting back to good old San Francisco. How about it, Paul, is that right? By the way, Paul was surplussed out of Afghanistan, so he had his fare paid by the company.

P. R. Hoobler has been in the office quite a few times lately and has been telling us a lot of interesting things about the customs of the Afghans. Hoobler was in Afghanistan for about 10 months with M & K just as Paul was. Hoobler was also surplussed back to the States. Both Hoobler and Tepsa still have their right hands intact, so evidently they are honest — any one who has been either in Arabia or Afghanistan will know what we mean.

James H. McDonald has recently returned from Guam after working with BPM for some time. He was in the office and paid some dues about a week ago so we know that he isn't exactly broke.

Walter Bear and Lawrence Meador went to Peru for American Mining and Smelting Co. to run a churn drill but they both were informed when they arrived they would have to take a cut in wages and sign a new contract—what would you do? Both Larry and Walt told them to stick it. They had a free trip out of the deal anyway, so at least it cost the contractor something—about \$1700.

This past month has shown that there are some people who realize what their blood donations mean for others. Our blood supply was down to nothing, but now we are happy to say, there are nine pints of blood credited to our account at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank. This month our thanks go to Harry McDevitt, L. W. Chapman, Ernest Hartman, Dan Matteson, Al Sharits, Russ Swanson, S. Gordidio, John Olson, Tine Stewart. Thanks a lot, brothers, for taking your time and giving your blood to help some one you possibly will never see or know. Now when this office gets a request of blood from some member or their family, they will get a "yes" answer instead of the "no" that has been the case a number of times lately.

Remember, Brothers—Nine pints of blood for an organization such as we have is not as good as it should be so PLEASE when you get the time CONTACT THE OFFICE AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO MAKE ALL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

A pessimist is a guy who is afraid the optimist is right.

Ukiah—

Big Tanks Start,
Open Round-Clock
Job at MasoniteBy A. R. McCAFFREY
Business Representative, Local 3

Concrete pouring crews at the Masonite Corp. north of Ukiah this week were working on a round-the-clock basis, pouring concrete for three huge chip tanks which will be used in masonite manufacturing processes. Brothers E. D. Crabtree and George McGrew are handling the pour.

E. T. F. Wahlenberg, general manager of Masonite's Ukiah operations, says the tanks will be completed this week, and the 24 hour work will end at that time. He explained the concrete pouring for these tanks, which will stand 70 feet high, must be a continuous operation until they are completed. "Work on the plant is going ahead as fast as we can push it," Mr. Wahlenberg said. "We hope to have the plant completed and in operation by late spring."

Meanwhile under Mr. Wahlenberg's direction, the plant is accumulating logs which will be used in manufactured products. First loads were started into the plant grounds early last month, and will continue as long as weather permits.

"We want to accumulate enough timber to carry us through the late summer months into good weather after we start our manufacturing processes," the general manager said. "We believe we'll have enough on hand to meet our needs by the time we're ready to open for actual production."

Technical Dam Job

A search for the man who will direct vitally important technical work for Sonoma county in connection with the Coyote Valley dam project was started by county officials yesterday. The man who gets the job will be expected to plan the intricate system by which Sonoma county will raise its share of the Coyote Valley dam costs after the project is authorized by Congress. County officials are counting on the authorization early next year.

SONOMA AND MENDOCINO counties would raise some \$5,500,000 of the \$11,500,000 estimated cost of the Russian river project, under an army engineer's plan now waiting congressional action in a rivers and harbors authorization bill.

The local share would be obtained through a bond issue, to be paid off by water revenue or taxes, or both, according to current thinking by the water district officials.

How this cost will be distributed in proportion to the benefits derived from the dam by various localities and water users will be one of the important questions dealt with by the district's technical chief.

A. R. McEwen Construction Co. on Highway 28 South of Boonville are working all the hours that they possibly can to beat the rains. They have three blades mixing and laying down cement treated base. Brothers Tom Windus, Harry Mathwig and L. L. Clark are on the blades.

Siri Construction Co. is doing considerable maintenance work at the Masonite project at Ukiah. With the rains starting it looks like they will be quite busy all winter. They have three blades, one dozer, and one carryall working around the plant. They also have the maintenance of the logging road from Ukiah to Navarro.

Brother Ray Hartwell is back from Alaska. The job had to be shut down due to the freezing weather, 40 to 50 degrees below zero. Ray said he liked it up there and expects to go back in the spring.

I want to thank the brothers who have sent in cards to this office saying they are working and to take their names off of the out of work list.

Also R. Ashurst stopped by the office Tuesday. He just came back about a month ago from two years

Marysville—

MOUNTAIN WORK SLOWS DOWN;
GRAVEL PLANTS, ROADS HOLD UPBy WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT,
Business Representatives, Local 3

The jobs in the mountains are slowing down due to completion on most of them. However, the slack is being taken up here and there due to some short jobs starting.

Archie Till has finished his exploration work for the P.G.&E. Co. at Canyon Dam, but has a small tunnel job at Colgate and will use about 10 operators when the job gets under way. There is one cat working at this time.

Pacific Pipeline Co. has moved in a crane on their underground gas holder for the P. G. & E. Co. north of Yuba City. Brother Loyd Bell is at the controls with Mc McCaslin as co-pilot. There will be some boom cats and some welding machines on the job shortly.

A. Teichert & Son Co. is setting up a hot plant south of Yuba City to make the hot stuff for the Garden Hi-way from Nicolaus north. Brother Slim Couren is Supt. Brother Bill Clayton is plant foreman. Other members on the job so far are Brother Steele, Robinson, Davis and Al Brown. A few more will go in in a few days.

Fred Early Co. is about finished on the Yuba City Sewerage disposal plant, ditto for Ted Bares Co. in Marysville and Quincy.

The Utah Construction Co. are exploring a Manganese mine at Canyon Dam, California, with a shovel crew, one dozer and Brother Paulsen as foreman at the mine. They intend to stay until snow flies or the mine is declared unprofitable. The job is 6,000 feet above sea level and no doubt will really get cold and soon too.

Darrough and Sons of Yuba City have the excavation contract for the Underground Gas Holder in Yuba City.

B & R Construction Co. have the contract for the hospital in Willocks, California, however, this job will be no good for Local No. 3.

Richter Bros. of Oroville have some of their rigs landleveling around the area again.

Harold Shaver has been leveling on a job north of Marysville. Most of the gravel plants in the district are busy as the proverbial bee, same goes for Yont & Smith in Quincy, California. Little Bros. have been doing some welding work for Yont & Smith.

C. C. Steele moved into Quincy about four or five months ago and told your reporter it was a good place to spend a summer and by golly he has and several brothers of Local 3 are still on the payroll. One of them has been working on a small bridge across the Feather at Virgilia, California.

Granite Construction Company have about buttoned up both jobs in this district. One in Feather River Canyon and one on the Chico cut-off.

Ted Watkins has been putting out the Black top for this Granite job in the canyon and Ted didn't say where he would take the plant.

New York machine shop in Oroville keeps plugging along with a full union crew.

The Tunnel Stiff

Work on the tunnels in the Feather River Canyon are rapidly coming to a close. Walsh Construction Company have very little concrete work left on their Tunnel & Rock Creek power house.

T. E. Connolly Co. have a few men on the payroll yet but guess it won't be long now.

M-K Co. Inc. have their gravel plant on a three shift basis, furnishing the material for the Dixon & Arundel Corp. job. At M-K Co. Inc. Cresta Power house only two members of Local 3 are left on the job and they should finish this week.

Dixon & Arundel Corp. will pour concrete in both adits now, as they are all through driving tunnel.

Western Pipe & Steel have about 5 or 6 Brothers on their pen stock job for the Rock Creek Power house.

Brother C. N. Richards, who was in Guam. He has just bought property and expects to build, so thinks he will be around Ukiah for some time.

shop foreman at Jackass Creek adit for Dixon & Arundel is seriously ill in Charlottesville, Virginia. He has had 49 (pints of blood) transfusions. He asked to be remembered by the fellows in the Canyon.

Brother Fritz Redman, who was injured on Sept. 16th near Robbins went back to the Medico for another examination and they found he had suffered a broken neck. Fritz said he sure didn't like the false work holding up his chin, but he had to keep his chin up somehow.

Bldg. Trades
Map Big Year

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John F. Shelley, president of the State Federation.

POLITICS, OUR BUSINESS

"If you don't vote, somebody goes to Washington to represent or misrepresent you, so politics is your business," said Senator Hubert Humphrey of Minnesota. "Laws now threaten the life of the labor movement, which was built by blood, sweat, and tears. . . . There is no equality when corporations fight with a club and labor a toothpick. . . . The people know when they are hungry, when they need housing. . . . Any public official who overlooks the cost of slums to the community should not hold office."

Resolutions being considered include one opposing use of convict labor in competition with free labor, another calling for clear provisions in defining the status of a contractor, and a third asking improved safety provisions.

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What's doing in the Oakland office

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Getting Around the Jobs

If work around the immediate vicinity of the Oakland office was indicative of activity in the area as a whole, things would be booming on this side of the bay. Of course, with the arrival of the first fall rains, this is definitely not the case, but at least Webster St. is getting a bit of limelight. At our own immediate location, the addition to the Engineers' Building is coming right along, with the two-story structure taking shape very rapidly. This has provided very little employment, but a lot of entertainment for the brothers around the hall, and the one compressor being used on the job (with just one hose) has received a very thorough policing from both B. A.s and members.

Out in front of the place, Ransome Company is busy tearing up the street car tracks, and the operators have never had such a critical group of sidewalk superintendents to watch their operations as the bunch that assembles in front of 1444 daily to watch the activities.

Out in Contra Costa County considerable work is still in progress, with the bulk of the activity being furnished by small operations. E. T. Haas, who has work with the California Water Service, employs several men on various jobs. Downer Corp. recently received a 60-day extension on their work for the Sanitary District in Lafayette. They are engaged in street repairing and patching in that area. Underground Construction is still operating in Orinda, with several members on the payroll.

In the Union Oil plant at Oleum there are approximately 10 contractors working on various operations, furnishing considerable employment to the members. Refinery Maintenance recently moved a crane back from the South and it is being used in the plant at the present time.

Work on the various ditch jobs in the city of Oakland is progressing well, with O. A. Fogelberg reporting 50 per cent completion on the water line job in Emeryville. This company, by the way, was the first in the Bay Area to use an air tamper on a boom cat. This attachment is being used to eliminate jettling for compaction, and is proving very satisfactory. Bro. Joe Venti is operating the equipment.

The Harms and Ball job on Highway 50 at Livermore is progressing very well since they brought in an additional rock plant. If they are not held up too much by rain they should be finishing soon after the first of the year. The State engineers have indicated that they will be ready to ask for bids on the section west of Livermore to the Rowell Ranch west of Dublin shortly.

A. J. Peters and Sons are moving right along on their Fruitvale Ave. sewer job, with approximately nine Engineers employed.

Our old friend, Martin Murphy, has gotten started on his East 12th St.-6th Ave. sewer job. This is a \$40,338 job and will keep several of our boys busy for some time.

Paris Bros. were recently awarded a contract to construct pipe conduits on Holly St., 80th Ave., and Plymouth St. in Oakland. This work, no doubt, will get under way in the very near future.

McGuire and Hester have started on their contract on East 11th and East 12th Sts. This project, with a contract price of \$113,354, consists of laying 24-inch and 36-inch water mains, and barring too much bad weather, should keep several of the boys busy for quite a while.

The Earl W. Smith organization

recently started construction on the first of a series of low-cost homes, which will be located near the city of Richmond on a 700-acre site purchased from Fred D. Parr. It is expected that this project will extend over a three-to-four-year period and in that time plans are to build 4,000 homes of modern design.

Despite the fact that Art Ring has been seriously ill with pneumonia, work on his various jobs in Contra Costa County is progressing on schedule. At the last word, by the way, Art was reported improving and he expects to be back in harness before too long.

The Olympian Dredging Co. has started pumping on its Sacramento job. This is just a cleanup job, however, and will not last very long.

Bro. Edward Lippstrue has a contract to dredge for a submerged pipeline across the Sacramento River in the vicinity of Bryte, California. He is using his clamshell "Solano" to do the job. Bros. Buck LaMontagne, Harry Blecker and Gus Laskowsky are pulling levers, with Bros. George Johnson, Dan Smalling and Clyde Cummings doing the deck work. This is a short job but Bro. Lippstrue informs us that he has other work in prospect and hopes to keep the boys busy for some time.

The San Francisco Bridge Co. is moving the steam dredge McMullen to the Napa River to do a portion of Hydraulic Dredging's job. Electric power is not available for a section of this work, and the McMullen is being substituted for the electric-driven Papoose. The work is expected to get going about the 18th of this month.

What the Brothers Are Doing

Looking back over the past month, we are forced to admit that once again it has been especially rough on Engineers, and it would seem that we have had more than our share of sickness and accidents.

Among the seriously ill, we have Bro. James Patton, who has been confined to the Albany Hospital for nearly a month. He was in critical condition for a time following a major operation, but he now is somewhat improved.

Two of the brothers are in serious condition as the result of accidents. Bro. Leonard Cunha is confined to his home recovering from an automobile accident, while Bro. Arthur Sandoval will be hospitalized at Permanente for some time. He was critically injured early this month in a collision near the Broadway Tunnel in Oakland.

Bro. Elmer Hughes recently returned to work following recovery from burns he received nearly a month ago while operating a blow torch.

Another unfortunate accident occurred while Bro. M. R. Hunt was gassing a crane on the Swinerton and Walberg job at Antioch. The gasoline was ignited and he received second and third degree burns on his face and hands. Fortunately, Mel was wearing glasses at the time and his eyes were not injured. He expects that it will be several weeks, however, before he can be back on the job.

This array of misfortune brings to the foreground very clearly the urgent and continued need for a reserve of plasma in our blood bank at all times. We are all inclined to think, "Oh, it won't happen to me..." but just as surely as we carry insurance to protect ourselves and our families in a dollar and cents way, we should avail ourselves of the opportunity to assure this added protection. The one way to do this is to keep an adequate supply of blood on hand. We never know when a

member of our family will need a transfusion, and usually when the occasion does arise the need is immediate. A good example of this is the case of Bro. Patton. To date he has received 18 transfusions and many more probably will be needed. If the family has to meet this alone the cost will be prohibitive, but if our blood donor group can come to the fore there will be no strain on any of us. Right now the supply is completely wiped out and the need for donors is critical. Call us at TWinoaks 3-2120 and we will make an appointment for you. Remember, it isn't charity—it's just common sense! A bank account is nice, but deposits must be made to offset the withdrawals!

One thing more in this connection: Once you have made an appointment, barring illness, keep it! The blood bank contacted us recently and told us that during the past month ten of our donors failed to keep their appointments. There is a tremendous demand on the blood center and their appointments have to be handled on a very strict schedule. When you fail to keep your appointment you are not only depriving your own group, but you are also keeping another donor from making his contribution. So, once again: Call TWinoaks 3-2120. Make your appointment, and then KEEP IT!

Enterprising Engineers include Bro. Paul Bennett, who recently opened a grocery store at 27305 Railroad Ave., in Hayward, and Bro. Russell Kincade, who is the new proprietor of Rick's Cafe at 2725 Fruitvale Ave., Oakland.

And then there is the usual crop of new babies. Bro. Ray Sidbeck is celebrating the arrival of his third son, and the Richard Youngs announce the arrival of a daughter, born Oct. 28.

Bro. Guy Mattingly knows THE spot to go hunting for geese and ducks. It's a lake "somewhere in the northeast corner of the state," and "Matt" says that on a recent trip he bagged the limit before he even got warmed up.

Preparing for a job out of the country is proving a little difficult this time for that veteran globe trotter, Bro. Henry Machado. On previous junkets he had been able to assemble a few sets of diggin'

clothes, don his traveling duds, and take off. This time, however, he will be accompanied by his wife and two-month-old daughter, and the preparations include such trifles as cases of baby food, three-cornered britches and safety pins. Bro. Machado is going to Ceylon, where he will be engaged as assistant superintendent of equipment on a large dam job near Colombo. He plans on going ahead to secure living accommodations while Mrs. Machado stops off for a visit with her family in Port Said.

Get 52,000 Deer

San Francisco.—Whether you got your share or not, chalk up California's 1949 deer hunting season as the best in history, advises the Division of Fish and Game.

In a recent progress report on the number of validated deer tags turned in by successful hunters, the Bureau of Game Conservation reveals the all-time record set last year as already being shattered. During the last week of October, the San Francisco office received its season's 50,000th tag.

Last season's record-breaker was a reported kill of 47,789 bucks.

While final 1949 figures will not be announced until sometime in January, Division biologists are willing to go out on a limb to predict the annual return to be more than 52,000 deer tags.

The increase in returned tags means not only more hunters afield, the game managers say, but more deer. They hint at further management practices to prevent the state's deer herds from overeating their ranges and weakening future generations by starvation.

416 Coyotes

San Francisco.—Predatory animal hunters and trappers of the Division of Fish and Game eliminated 416 coyotes, 152 bobcats, and 473 other enemies of game birds and animals during the month of September.

Bounties of \$50 or \$60 were paid on each of 36 mountain lion hides submitted to the Bureau of Game Conservation in the same 30-day period. Female lions bring the higher bounty.

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By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

With the coming of winter and the accompanying lull in construction, we have many Tec. men idle. However, there is a bright future in the construction field come spring. The Airport Bonds having passed, the Housing Authority of San Francisco is ready with its multi-million dollar project in the spring. The Cherry Valley program will start next summer and a large private housing program in the East Bay. All of this should call for a busy year for Tec. Engineers.

Bids were scheduled to be opened Nov. 10 on the Bay Division Pipe Line No. 3. The contract has a 90-day starting allowance after the award, so the major construction will probably not start until February. Other contract awards that may be of interest to members are: the Belle Vista School in Oakland, to Carl N. Swenson, 1095 Stockton Ave., San Jose, a \$538,231 job; an \$842,000 contract awarded to Carreco & Gautier, 365 Ocean Ave., San Francisco, by the Recreation Commission, for the construction of recreation centers at Potrero Hill, Ocean View, St. Mary's and Sunset playgrounds, in San Francisco; \$1,039,903 contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, for construction of influent and effluent sewers for the North Point Sewage Treatment Plant; \$398,977 for the construction of a 225-man capacity barracks for enlisted men at the Oakland Army Base, Oakland, to Parker, Steffens & Pearce, 135 South Park St., San Francisco.

The Pacific Manufacturing Mill draftsman contract has been reopened for amendments, with the union asking for a 10 per cent raise across the board, added one week of vacation after five years' service, and a senior draftsman rate for four-year journeymen. These members working for this firm have been under union contract since 1945 and each year put up a solid front in the fight for better conditions and wages. This year the fight is going to be harder, it being a year of doubts and fears of business conditions. However, the future of the construction industry looks bright and this particular corporation can afford to give its employees the best.

The San Mateo County Civil Service Commission, after lengthy consideration, voted to deny the union's request that they meet the prevailing scale set by our Master Agreement. The union has requested that they reconsider this action.

Friends of the J. W. Wilson Co. of Oakland will be glad to hear that they have seen the light and now are 90 per cent union in the field. Welcome, brothers!

Bro. Robert Mercer has just returned from Bombay, where he was employed by the Indian Government on a land reclamation job.

Bro. Al Clem is still convalescing from his recent illness. He is allowed more activity from day to day and his doctor says he is doing very well. We have received many inquiries each day, and in his behalf wish to thank those who have taken so much interest in him. During his absence, Bro. Glenn Dobyns is back on this side of the bay.

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Daily report of awards for construction

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OCTOBER 13, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to M. J. Lynch, 2251 Revere St., San Francisco, \$21,484 for erection of Street signs, 5th Contract.

SAN RAFAEL—Contract awarded to Robert McCarthy, 1050 Kirkham St., San Francisco, \$231,247 for const. Albert Field Rec. Center.

SANTA CRUZ—Contract awarded to Leo Cardwell Const. Co., 401 Pacific, Santa Cruz, \$2,774 for surf. Walnut Avenue between Mission & King Streets. A Gas Tax Job.

OCTOBER 14, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, \$34,375 for resurf. 17th Avenue, from Lincoln Way to Wawona Street.

OCTOBER 17, 1949

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to A. J. Raisch, 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$3,455 for plantmix surf. on Railway Avenue, Between Campbell & Kennedy, in Road District No. 4.

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to A. J. Raisch, 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$19,237 for pltmx. surf. Campbell Avenue, between S. P. RR & San Tomas Creek, Road District No. 4.

OAKLAND—Contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson, 1095 Stockton Avenue, San Jose, \$538,213 for const. Belle Vista School at 28th St., between 10th & 11th Avenues.

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., Box 873, Sacramento, \$156,925 for widen Broadway, betw. 3rd & 16th Sts. Sacramento.

VISALIA—Contract awarded to L. C. Clark, 422 Park Avenue, Visalia \$7,216 for const. reinf. conc. bridge across Mill Creek at Burke Street.

WOODBRIDGE—Contract awarded to Mincey-Nichols Co., 585 Mandana Blvd., Oakland, \$16,984 for const. sewage treatment plant.

PROVO, UTAH—Contract awarded to Vinnell Co., 1145 Westminister, Alhambra, \$166,064 for const. Murdock Divers Dam & Resvr., und. Spec. 2741.

OCTOBER 18, 1949

NAPA—Contract awarded to C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$24,488 for improve East Avenue between 1st & 3rd Streets.

ISLETON—Contract awarded to Carden & Cox, 121 Pendegast, Woodland, \$6,782 for surf. Union St. betw. "F" & "H".

SAN FRANCISCO—Contracts awarded as follow for inst. cast iron mains: **W.D. No. 525** to Milton & Harold Treacy, 464 Clinton St., Redwood City, \$8,580 for inst. 6 inch & 8 inch mains in Niantic & Moffett & Farnum Sts. **W.D. No. 527** to B. Miles Thomas, 46 Culebra Terrace, San Francisco, \$13,810 for inst. 12 inch C. I. mains in Loomis St. betw. Oakdale & Industrial & in Visitacion E. to Bayshore Blvd. **W.D. No. 528** to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans, San Francisco, \$5,596 for inst. 6 inch C. I. mains in San Bruno Avenue, between Wilde Avenue & Wabash Terrace.

VISALIA—Contract awarded to Fred Fredenberg, 1717 Garibaldi

VISALIA—Contract awarded to Fred Fredenberg, 1717 Garibaldi Avenue Temple City, \$12,992 for const. reinf. conc. slab bridge across Tule River, 9 mi. S. E. of Tulare, TULARE COUNTY.

SALINAS—Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) To **E. J. Donahue**, 355 E. Market, \$2,192 for sealcoat por. of Alameda, Carmel, Acacia & Hawthorne Sts. & Romey Lane.

(2) To **Granite Const. Co.**, P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$4,654 for improve Muni, Parking Lot at San Luis Obispo & Pajaro Sts.

OCTOBER 19, 1949

ST. HELENA—Contract awarded to Harold Smith, Box 232, St. Helena, \$5,937 for 62 T liq. asph. SC-6, & 565 T screenings on City Streets a distance of 5.4 miles.

STOCKTON—Contract awarded to S. M. McGaw, Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$26,687 for resurf. Union St., Harding Way to Hazelton Avenue.

SAN MATEO—Contract awarded

to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo \$16,073 for grade & asph. surf. Meadow Heights. No. 4, San Mateo, Calif.

PALO ALTO—Contract awarded to Huettig & Schromm, Box 798, Palo Alto, \$671, for 24,000 sq. ft. surf. school property at Belle Haven School.

OCTOBER 20, 1949

NORWALK—Contract awarded to Fred J. Early Jr., 369 Pine St., San Francisco, \$42,948 for const. outfall sewer at Norwalk State Hospital.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., No. 1 Montgomery St., San Francisco, for const. 17 mi. 16 inch & 18 inch gas pipeline from McDonald Island to PG&E line, Brentwood.

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to T. D. Lindblad, 1923-12th Avenue, Sacramento, \$20,150 for rent dragline, centrif. pump, tractor-dozer, for use near proposed dam site in the Sacramento River Basin, under CIVENG-04-167-50-28.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to A. B. Siri, Inc., Box 497, Santa Rosa, \$13,787 for furn. & stockpile min. agr., 0.5 mi. E. jctn. Rt. 56 & Co. Rd. to Annapolis, SONOMA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded by Fay Improvement Co., 760 Market St., San Francisco, \$1,155 for const. sewers in Moffet St., betw. Farnham & Diamond St.

WATSONVILLE—Contract awarded to Leonard English, 1701 41st Avenue, Santa Cruz, \$310,072 for const. auto mech. mech. & metals shop, agric. shop & classroom, mech. draw. & art shop & cabinet & explor. shop bldgs. & appurts. at Watsonville Jnt. Union High School Site.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—Contracts awarded as follow:

(1) **WEBER CO. (FAP F-62 (12) & FASP S-162 (3))**: To L. T. Johnson Const. Co., 709 Wall Avenue, Ogden, Utah, \$480,191 for 6,589 mi. const. pltmx. bitum. surf. on Sect. U.S. 30-S, & S.R. 103, betw. Uintah & Ogden.

(2) **SALT LAKE CO. (FASP S-295 (10), S-296 (1) & S-298 (1))**: To Anderson Const. Co., 55 W. So., Price, Utah, \$136,350 for 6,138 mi. const. 2 inch roadmix bitum. surf. road, sect. of Wasatch Blvd. betw. 33rd. S. & Big Cottonwood, & on 39th. S., between 31st. East & Wasatch Blvd.

(3) **UTAH CO. (FASP S-95 (5))**: To W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, Utah, \$39,882 for 1,681 mi. const. 2½ inch bit. rdmx. surf. road, sect. of S. R. No. 68, betw. Lehi-West.

(4) **SEVIER CO. (FASP S-297 (1))**: To L. A. Young Const. Co., Richfield, \$103,118 for 6,448 mi. const. 2 inch rdmx. bit. surf. road, sect. of S. R. No. 62, betw. Koo-sharem & S. R. No. 24.

OCTOBER 25, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Carrico & Gautier, 365 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, \$842,000 for const. recreation centers at Potrero Hill, Ocean View St. Mary's & Sunset Playgrounds, S. F.

SANTA CLARA—Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 So. Montgomery St., San Jose, \$11,656 for asph. conc. surf., etc., on Lexington St., betw. Univ. St. & Homestead Road, a Gas Tax Job.

SANTA CLARA—Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 S. Montgomery St., San Jose, \$25,150 for surf. Washington & Reed & Main Sts.

TRUCKEE—Contract awarded to Nevada Constructors, Inc., Box 313, Reno, \$16,900 for grading school site (50,000 cy.), ½ mi. west of Tahoe Wye.

CONCORD—Contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 75th Avenue & San Leandro Blvd., Oakland, \$22,366 for const. vitr. sanit. sewers in Avon Heights Assessment Dist.

OCTOBER 26, 1949

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to E. J. Warner, 1103 Sycamore, Stockton, \$55,943 for 0.2 mi. grade & pltmx. surf. at Rosewanes Undercrossing 1.5 mi. E. of Niles, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract

awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St. San Francisco, \$1,039,903 for const. influent & effluent sewers for North Point Sewage Treatment Plant.

REDDING—Contract awarded to O'Connor Bros., 750 Madison St., Red Bluff, \$5,300 for const. timber footbridge across Burney Creek 9 mi. N. of Burney, in McArthur-Burney Falls State Park, SHASTA COUNTY.

OAKLAND—Contract awarded to J. H. Fitzmaurice, 2857 Hannah St., Oakland, \$5,239 for grade, drain, etc., LaSalle Avenue, Mountain Blvd. to Morago Avenue et al, under 1913 Act.

OAKLAND—Contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741-50th Ave., Oakland, \$13,475 for grade, drain, surf., etc., in 85th Avenue, betw. San Leandro St. & Blaine Street.

MANTECA—Contract awarded to Warren A. Webster, 1201 Holly Drive Lodi, \$5448 for const. two tennis courts, either cement concrete, paving or bitumuls. concrete paving.

OCTOBER 27, 1949

RENO, NEVADA—Contract awarded to John B. Powers Co., P. O. Box 1487 Reno, \$8,489 for const. conc. sews., vic. of E. 4th St.

OCTOBER 28, 1949

CORTE MADERA—Contract awarded to Brown Ely Co., & E. A. Forde, 640 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo, \$4,005 (Grading) & to B. Miles Thomas, 46 Culebra Terrace, San Francisco, \$4,054 (Sewers) for const. vitr. sewer sys., Pixley Avenue.

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, \$888,192 for 3.3 mi. grade & surf. betw. Cape Horn & Merced Co. Line, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN CARLOS—Contract awarded to Bragato Paving Co., 363 N. El Dorado San Mateo, \$10,863 for grade, drain & surf. in alleys in blocks 10, 11, 12 & in Block 60 of White Oaks Tract. Subdiv. No. 4, under 1913 Act.

OCTOBER 31, 1949

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to Johnston Rock Co., Weber avenue & "E" St., Stockton, \$266,139 for 5.4 mi. grade, surf. with imp. surf. matl. on import. base matl., bitum. surf. treat. & apply sealcoat, betw. Westerly Boundary & Carson Pass, loc. in ALPINE CO.

SAN RAFAEL—Contract awarded to Western Pav. Co., Inc., 535-44th Avenue, San Francisco (0.69 cy.), \$9,660 for 14,000 cy. reconst. exist. levee at site of District new disposal plant.

CHOWCHILLA—Contracts awarded as follow: for const. sew. disposal plant, Chowchilla, MADERA COUNTY.

DISPOSAL PLANT—To Dahs Const. Co., Inc., 355 Thorne Avenue, Fresno, \$59,355.

TRUNK SEWER—To Manuel Smith, Rt. 1, Box 352, Winton, \$11,033.

LATERALS—To Manuel Smith, Rt. 1, Box 352, Winton, \$24,446.

NOVEMBER 1, 1949

VISALIA—Contract awarded to L. C. Clark, 422 Park Avenue, Visalia, \$15,620 for const. timber bridge across St. John's River, 4 mi. N. E. of Visalia, TULARE COUNTY.

SAN MATEO—Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, 391 Sutter St., San Francisco, \$1,996 for const. 8 inch sanit. sewer & manholes at school.

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to Fredrickson Bros., 1259 65th St., Emeryville, \$116,386 for const. R. C. bridges & grade & surf. appr. with cr. run base & pltmx. surf. betw. 3.5 mi. N. of Roseville & 0.9 mi. S. of Sheridan, acr. Pleasant Grove Creek, Rock Creek, Yankee Slough & Big Yankee Slough, PLACER COUNTY.

SALINAS—Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$2,585 for asph. surf. Parkside St., Laurel Park Subdiv. a Cash Job.

VALLEJO—Contract awarded to Jensen & Pitts, 931-2nd St., San Rafael, \$5,421 for improve Quincy Avenue, under 1911 & 1915 Act.

VALLEJO—Contract awarded to Jensen & Pitts, 931-2nd St., San

Rafael, \$2,362 for grade & pave Reo Avenue, under 1911 & 1915 Act.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Cement Gun Const. Co., Box 417, Sausalito, \$11,520 for gunite repair of conc. surf. in lower Cherry Aqueduct.

OCTOBER 2, 1949

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to Leonard Coates Nurseries, Inc. 2201 The Alameda, San Jose, \$33,796 for 5.5 mi. planting, between Grand Avenue in So. San Francisco & Broadway in Burlingame, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., P. O. Box 495 Avenal, \$24,706 for const. drainage system at White Creek, 16 miles N. of San Simeon, MONTEREY COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to R. A. Heintz Const. Co., 8101 N. E. Union Avenue, Portland Oregon, \$442,628 for 5.4 mi. grade & apply bitum. surf. treat. betw. Orange Cove Road and White Deer Road in FRESNO COUNTY.

ALAMEDA—Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$1,980 for const. storm-sewer on Peach St. at Washington.

RIO LINDA—Contract awarded to Cannell & Losch Engrg. Contractors, 8302 E. Center St., Paramount, \$121,474 for const. transite & teal water mains in SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

RIO LINDA—Contract awarded to Sacramento Pump & Supply House, 1711 Del Paso Blvd., Sacramento, \$5,683 for drilling a well for domestic water system in the district, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

TIBURON—Contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 75th Avenue & San Leandro Blvd., Oakland, \$73,540 for const. sewers & appurts, MARIN COUNTY.

MADERA—Contract awarded to Rolandi & Sutton, 617 Montgomery St., San Francisco, \$128,760 for const. sludge treatment plant.

NOVEMBER 3, 1949

REDWOOD CITY—Contract awarded to Harvey E. Conner, P.O. Box 1012, Redwood City, \$1,703 for const. vitr. sanitary sewer mains, standard manholes, wye branches & plugs in Alexander Avenue, northwest of Montgomery St., about 575 ft. & southwest from Montgomery Street, about 300 ft., & connect with existing line in Montgomery Street.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Pacific Pavements Co. Ltd., 85 Barstow St., San Francisco, \$3,740 for const. conc. sidewalk at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens.

HOLLISTER—Contract awarded to Geo. C. Renz Const. Co. Inc., 555-5th Street, Gilroy, \$176,880 for const. reinf. conc. & steel grandstand to seat 3,500 at SAN BENITO CO. Fairgrounds, Bolado Park.

DELANO—Contract awarded to Paul Spencer Co., 151 North Acacia St., San Dimas, \$196,821 for const. 2 & 3 bedroom prefab., precut, sect. or site const. residences for Govt. Camp at Delano, Central Valley Proj.: under Spec. No. R2-68.

NOVEMBER 4, 1949

CHICO—Contract awarded to O'Connor Bros., 450 Madison, Red Bluff, \$15,491 for reconst. Camellia Way Bridge & approaches, TEHAMA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave. San Francisco, \$264,355 for track removal on 6th Avenue between Fulton & Lake Streets, et al.

NOVEMBER 7, 1949

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to Edward Keeble, Rte. 4, Box 361, Tully Road, San Jose, \$19,982 for const. Prospect Road drain, ditch, Supv. Dist. No. 4, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

REDDING—Contract awarded to Claude L. Youngs, Rt. 6, Box 3222, Sacramento, \$10,558 for 0.253 mi. gr. & inst. culv. on 60-D Canyon Road, SHASTA COUNTY.

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to A. J. Raisch, 900 West San Carlos, San Jose, \$5,867 for improve San Jose-Almaden Road, between Lincoln Avenue & Almaden Avenue, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

STOCKTON—Contract awarded

to H. F. Lauritzen, P. O. Box 470, Pittsburgh, \$53,368 for move a 335 ft. swing bridge from 3 mi. Slough, near Rio Vista to Middle River, betw. Lower Jones Tract & Bacon Is. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

STOCKTON—Contracts awarded as follow for const. sewage disposal plant alts., mains, etc.:

Schedules 1, 2 & 3—To Pisano Bros., Rt. 1, Box 397, Moorpark Avenue, San Jose, \$105,000 for S.-950 lft. 12-8" vitr. pipe; 17,620 lft. 4-12" vitr. pipe; & 9,840 lft. 6-12" vitr. pipe.

Schedule 4—To Mincey-Nichols, 585 Mandana, Oakland, \$10,333 for sewage pumping plant.

Schedule 5 & 6—To Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland \$17,500 & \$23,764 for 8,500 lft. S" steel pressure pipe; & alts. & adns. to disposal plant (respectively).

Schedule 7—To Karl C. Harmeling, 1710 Mt. Diablo Avenue, Stockton, \$3,800 for levees & ponds.

SALINAS—Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$2,677 for const. heavy paving on grounds of Hartnell A. & M. for entrance of heavy tractors into buildings.

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to Erickson Const. Co., 119 E. Bassettlaw Avenue, North Sacramento, \$2,270 for conc. pave alley between "T" & "U" & 16th & 17th Streets.

NOVEMBER 8, 1949

OAKLAND—Contract awarded to Parker, Steffens & Pearce, 135 S. Park Street, San Francisco, \$398,977 for const. 225-man capacity barracks for enlisted men, Oakland Army Base, Oakland, Ser. Eng-04-203-50-104.

FRESNO—Contract awarded to John Grey, Rt. 1, Box 691, Fresno, \$11,538 for improve Andrews Ave. between Palm Avenue & Van Ness Blvd., & Fountain Way, between Palm & Van Ness Blvd., under R. I. No. 233-D.

FRESNO—Contract awarded to John Grey, Rt. 1, Box 691, Fresno, \$1,877 for improve east side of Bond St., between Home Avenue & Carmen Avenue; Carmen Avenue, between Bond & 95 ft. east; & Home Avenue, betw. Bond & 70 ft. east, under R. I. No. 235-D.

FRESNO—Contract awarded to Kovick Brothers Const. Co., Box 1323, Fresno, \$5,378 for const. vitrified sewers in Cherrydale & portion of Lot 30, in Fresno Colony, under R. I. No. 234-D.

SONOMA—Contract awarded to Barrett & Hilp, 918 Harrison Street, San Francisco, \$213,918 for const. terminal equipt. bldg. under Spec. No. 21782, loc. at Skaggs Island.

EUREKA—Contract awarded to Reed & Tuttle, Redwood Valley, \$5,941 for redeck Alderpoint Suspension Bridge, HUMBOLDT CO.

KING CITY—Contract awarded to Ted F. Baun, 345 Princeton, Fresno \$208,582 for const. pave, curbs, gutters & storm drains, under 1913 Act.

MERCED—Contract awarded to Karl C. Harmeling, 1710 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Stockton, \$28,940 for const. tie down-aprons & taxi strip at Merced Muni. Airport.

SHARP PARK—Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, 391 Sutter St., San Francisco, \$5,300 for const. water line extension.

SANTA ROSA—Contract awarded to Doyle L. Hallum, 2947 Brook Way, San Pablo, \$4,458 for const. vitr. & stl. sew. main, Railroad St., & Walnut Drive.

PALO ALTO—Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$4,306 for const. storm drain in St. Francis Terrace et al, under Proj. 49-6.

PROVO, UTAH—Contract awarded to Sevier Excav. & Const. Co., Richfield, Utah, \$52,062 (Sch I & II) for const. earthwork, canal living & strucs. Sta. 00/00 to Sta. 452/00, South Lateral, Utah Lake Distrib. Co. Canal, Deer Creek, Div., Provo River Proj., Utah, under Spec. No. R4-18.

ELVERTA—Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., United Conc. Pipe Corp., Duncanson-Harrelson Co. & R. A. Bell, 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$978,720 for const. Tracy Switchard, Central Valley Proj. under Spec. No. 2768.

Construction Awards

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PETALUMA—Contract awarded to Jensen & Pitts, 931—2nd St., San Rafael, \$14,843 for resurf. various city streets.

HAYWARD—Contract awarded to L. C. Jensen, 20330 Forest Avenue, Hayward, \$3,840 for const. storm drain, in Sycamore Ave. between Jackson & Thomas Streets.

SACRAMENTO—Contract awarded to Bethlehem Pacific Coast Stl. Corp., 20th & Illinois Streets, San Francisco, \$1,844,414 for furn. stl. twr. bodies, leg extrns. bird guards, etc. for Shasta Tracy W. side transm. lines, Central Valley Proj. No. R2074.

SAN FRANCISCO—Contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, \$8,139 for install 6" and 8" water mains in Bernal Heights & State St., under W. D. No. 529.

NAPA—Contract awarded to Atlas Pipe Co., 5301 Genoa St., Oakland \$3,980 for const. sanit. sewer on Devita Drive & Hilltop St., a Cash job.

NAPA—Contract awarded to B. Miles Thomas, 46 Culebra Terrace, San Francisco, \$20,703 for encase water mains under St. Hwy. Freeway.

STOCKTON—Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P. O. Box 1118, Stockton, \$6,958 for surf. Park St., betw. Union & Hunter Street.

STOCKTON—Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P. O. Box 1118, Stockton, \$11,590 for surf. El Dorado, betw. Harding Way and Main St.

SAN MATEO—Contract awarded to F. W. Smith, Box 129, R.F.D. San Mateo, \$16,882 for grade & surf. in Laurel Slope Subdiv., Proj. No. 49-12.

PRECONSTRUCTION WORK

By P. E. Vandewark

Preconstruction work on the newly authorized features of the American River development will start immediately, it was announced today by the Bur. of Recl., following President Truman's signature on the Engle Bill enlarging Folsom Dam and incorporating it into the Central Valley Project.

Authorization of the American River division of CVP is the first addition to the Central Valley Project since the initial works were authorized 14 years ago.

Although no specific appropriation yet has been made by the Congress for the new features besides Folsom Dam, Mr. R. S. Calland, Acting Regional Director, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, said work can start immediately because of the fact these features have been officially made a part of the Central Valley Project for which general funds are already available.

Briefly the ENGLE BILL provides for:

(1) **Enlargement of Folsom Dam**, to a 1,000,000 acre-ft. multiple-purpose structure. The bigger dam is to be constructed by the Sacramento District Corps of Engineers, but under the Act it will be made a part of the Central Valley Project and, upon completion, operated by the Bureau of Reclamation under Reclamation Law. The estimated cost of the work is \$50,000,000 (1948 prices).

(2) **Construction of Sly Park Reservoir** on a branch of the Consumnes River in El Dorado County, with canals & other works. Approximate cost, \$6,500,000.

(3) **Construction of a hydroelectric plant below Folsom Dam**, with an installed capacity of 120,000 k.w., along with two after-bay dams and two smaller power plants downstream. Approximate cost, \$45,000,000.

(4) **Necessary transmission lines** from these power plants to the CVP transmission system. Approximate cost, \$10,000,000.

(5) **Further investigation of the main American River canals** to lead north and south from Folsom to serve lands in Placer, Sacramento, and San Joaquin Counties.

(6) **Studies of canals, tunnels, and other works** to serve lands in Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, and San Benito Counties.

Honolulu—

\$30 MILLION IN PUBLIC WORKS FOR HAWAII TERRITORY IN '50

By J. K. WAIWAIOLE, Bus. Rep., Hawaiian Branch

This area is due for a revival in the Building and Construction Industry in 1950. Congress has seen fit to allow the Territory of Hawaii added bond revenue ceiling to the amount of \$10,000,000; \$20,000,000 is to be spent on the Island of Oahu for a new pier site, school improvements, water system improvements, sewerage developments, beach improvements and many other projects which were ratified by the last session of the Territorial Legislature. The act authorizes more than sixty specific projects.

The Pali tunnel project was vetoed by the governor and is now a dead issue until the next session of the legislature, probably. However, approaches on both sides of the Nuuanu area is still being contemplated for the coming year.

The Army and the Navy locally is at a status quo at present pending further recommendations by Congress for this area.

On the local labor front, a Mr. Arthur Rutledge, president of the Joint Council of Teamsters is urging the International Teamsters Union on the West Coast to go all out in expanding his union here and to also build a record personally, according to press releases here. He is now attending a western conference of the Teamsters in San Jose, California, and states that he does not expect much help from Dave Beck and his West Coast Teamsters. He has also forwarded to various internationals a report showing the wide open field for organizing in this area.

President Doherty of the Letter Carriers' International and 9th vice-president on the A. F. of L. Executive Board is in town. According to reports, he is here for a vacation and a "look see" into Letter Carriers' problems in the Territory of Hawaii. However, he has shown enthusiasm to also grasp a ground floor knowledge of the situation in Hawaii, relative to the A. F. of L. movement and has had many sessions with various councils, local unions and individuals. We hope and wish him luck that he will be able to alter the optimistic reports that have been forwarded to many internationals and nationals by their respective representatives.

This branch is going all out in our latest building trades organizing program because we feel a ground plan must be laid now before the big jobs open the early part of next year. This branch and three other locals visit as many jobs possible three days a week distributing propaganda, talking to workers, collecting and filing data and also writing ex-members who are accosted on these various jobs to reaffiliate now.

Chisel on Wages

Many contractors are paying from 20 to 25 per cent below the Davis-Bacon rates on Territorial Public Works and private construction. It stands to reason that if we do not do something about it now that in a resurvey, which will most likely be requested by the General Contractors in the Territory of Hawaii, that the present Davis-Bacon will be altered to comply with the going rates that are now being paid on the majority of projects in this area. Your branch is cognizant of this situation and is doing all it can to stymie such a happening.

The steel strike has delayed projected work in the forward areas on Majuro and the Byrne organization has told this writer that as soon as they are assured of shipment arriving here, that they will contact us for more engineers.

According to information from our delegate to the A. F. of L. convention, the Hawaiian area will receive assistance by various internationals with interests locally. We hope it will be forthcoming immediately as a great majority of local unions here are in need of such assistance.

In the past few weeks many men have come into the office seeking information with reference to a hospital project for Guam. The scuttlebutt is that M-K will be handling this work. However, this office would appreciate being enlightened on its authenticity.

74 Killed on Job in August

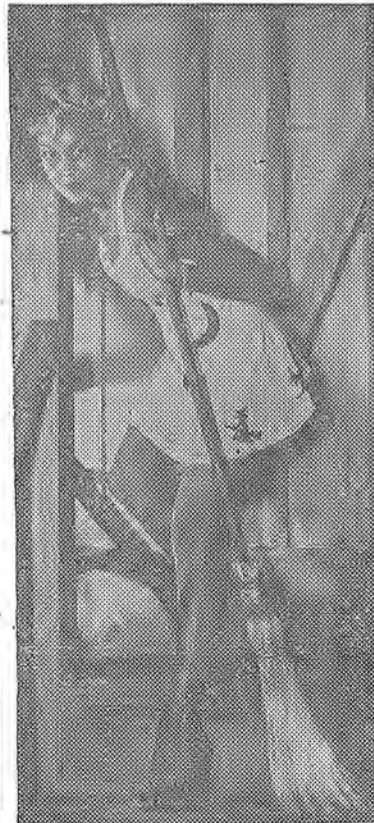
A preliminary total of 71 deaths was recorded by the Department of Industrial Relations in August, 1949. This compares with a total of 59 work fatalities reported in July, 1949, and 60 in August, 1948.

Logs—falling, rolling, or unsafely loaded, took a high toll of lives this month. Several of these accidents occurred in transporting logs. In one accident, 3 men riding in a cab of a truck were killed by an improperly secured log on a passing truck. A truck and trailer loaded with forest cuttings and a 45-foot log, the entire load secured with two binders, approached them, headed in the opposite direction. As the trucks drew abreast, one end of the 45-foot log struck a tree at the side of the highway, the log swung around, crushed the cab of the adjacent truck and killed the three occupants. In another transport accident, a contract hauler was killed by a falling log when he released the load binders without first attaching a loading line. Two other truck drivers were killed in similar accidents by logs which fell off their trucks when they removed the load binders.

A sawmill employee was killed by a log as it was being hoisted from a truck to a log deck. The log swung to one side, striking the employee as he stood on the log deck.

A rivet heater on a steel erection job was killed when he fell 48 feet from a working platform made up of several 12-foot planks placed across two steel beams 9 feet and 6 inches apart. The planks were not secured. As the man stepped to the edge of the platform, the plank tripped him, throwing him to the ground.

A worker was killed when the guard on a grinding machine caught on the revolving stone and was hurled 30 feet across the room, striking the employee.



HALLOWE'EN TIME—The time of lighted pumpkins and black cats, and witches on broomsticks, was here as October ended. And if all witches looked like Joan Fulton, they could invade our attic any time.

Use Headlines To Sway Vote

Dirty smear tactics cooked up as a last-minute effort to swing votes in favor of Proposition No. 2 were generally blasted by responsible labor and civic leaders of California as one of the worst examples of using State investigations and the daily press to swing an election.

Headlines throughout the state put the smear on George McLain and Myrtle Williams, as though they alone were the issue in Proposition Number 2, when the real issue is whether the aged and blind were to get decent pensions—something big business hates to help pay for to the tune of \$21 million shifted off the backs of small home owners and onto the broad backs of big corporations.

To top it off, Governor Warren apparently cooked his political goose by coming out with a well-publicized statement that he had voted, by absentee ballot, in favor of Proposition Number 2.

McLain, chairman of the Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pensions, immediately stated that he interpreted Warren's statement as being an admission that he will not seek re-election.

"Warren's reason was that he did not think the law had received a fair trial and that nothing indicated the State Welfare Department was not being run in an efficient manner.

"Article XXV embodies all of the promises the Governor made to the elderly people when he was a candidate for office. In fact, his promises exceeded in liberality our present pension law."

SPEAKING OF MONEY

"Warren says money to defeat Proposition 2 is being 'wheedled' out of the pensioners. We contend they have a right to fight back to retain the benefits voted them last year. When the old folks put up \$1, the opposition gets a donation of \$100; when the old folks put up \$5, the opposition gets a donation of \$500, and when the old folks put up \$100, the opposition gets thousands from the big corporations and other special interests. These contributions are on file by affidavit with the California Secretary of State.

HITS WOLLENBURG

"The Governor says he has always been for a high standard of social welfare. What does that standard mean? He appointed an ex-poorhouse master of the city of San Francisco who became wealthy from his welfare activities, to act as the State Social Welfare Director. This man, Charles M. Wollenburg, was one of the most active lobbyists against all pension legislation during his term of office and his activities were sanctioned by his boss, Warren.

"I recall in 1947 we had a bill increasing pensions from \$60 to \$65, an increase which we were successful in getting passed by the Assembly. This bill went to a Senate committee and was killed. A similar bill was taken to the lower house from the Senate and it was held up in committee by a tie vote. Later, Judge Ralph F. Dills of Compton, a member of the Assembly at the time, charged that the Governor was trying to horse trade.

USE HUMAN MISERY

"He accused the Governor of exploiting human misery to gain his own ends. He said the Governor asked Dills if he would change his vote on the road bill in which case the Governor would support Dills \$60 pension bill. When the members of the Assembly who had been on the old people's side switched their votes to approve the Governor's road bill, then, and only then, the \$60 pension bill was released from the committee to the Senate, then passed.

"May I direct Warren's attention to the fact that a bill to repeal the so-called 'responsible relative's clause' was passed by the Assembly three times and each time it was killed in the Social

Welfare Committee by a body headed by Charles M. Wollenburg, spokesman."

Your Daily Paper Bears Close Watch

There are many towns and cities in California which support only one daily paper. In other words, the citizens of the town either read this paper or they don't get the news. How reliable is the news they read is a factor determined in many instances by the interests which direct the policy of the paper. Frequently these interests are opposed to organized labor and the interests of union members. With an understanding of some of the principles involved this is not difficult to understand.

In the first place, the paper is dependent to a large degree for its existence upon the support received from advertisers. Many of these advertisers are strongly anti-union. With the threat of losing their patronage the daily paper prefers to cater to their views often opposed to those of union members. These views however, do not necessarily reflect the true equitable picture. If a union member or his family is hurt directly or indirectly by this garbled news that is of little concern to the owner of the paper. He's still collecting for his advertising from the employers he seeks to appease.

So the union member is faced with two difficulties in this respect. In the first place even if the owner and editor of the paper are sympathetic to union members they are more than likely afraid to express such sympathy for fear that in so doing they will arouse the animosity of some of their advertisers and lose an ad here and there. In the second place, more than likely, the owner and editor are not sympathetic to union members. In such a case they are not as great hypocrites as in the former case but may be inclined towards attempting to damage the union member to even a greater extent.

MONEYED INTERESTS

Many of the small dailies scattered throughout California and elsewhere are moreover controlled by certain interests — a banking fraternity — an employers association or by others, small but powerful, who are anti-union minded.

This they naturally do not publicize. That would be poor strategy. At the same time their nefarious efforts in this respect are none the less undermining in intent. They couch their schemes and slant their news cleverly seeking to mislead on the one hand and disguise their actions on the other. For this reason it behooves all union members to weigh carefully what they read in the daily newspaper of a one paper town. Frequently such a newspaper even has greater ambitions and seeks to usurp the fundamental rights of the people to govern themselves, by fostering a campaign through exerting pressure or bestowing favors in such a way upon those holding public office so that eventually these "so called public servants" become the pawns of powerful political interests hiding behind the facade of the daily newspaper.

Women do not blush in memory of what has happened, but in anticipation of what may happen.