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## Sutter County Also Gets the 'Right-to-Work'

(Along with several other Northern California counties that have either adopted or are considering the so-called "right to work" law, Sutter county is now added to the list, with a law taking effect Dec. 3. The north-state counties apparently are a testing ground for a state-wide union-busting law to be proposed next year. Following account of the Sutter situation comes from the Marysville office of Local 3:)

After December 3, 1957 you will have the "Right to Work" in Sutter County, the Board of Supervisors on Monday, November 4, 1957 having passed the ordinance by a three to two vote. It is suggested that if you are out of work after December 3 you ask Gene Morrison, Howard Harter or others of the Committee for Voluntary Unionism (?) for your job and see how far you get.

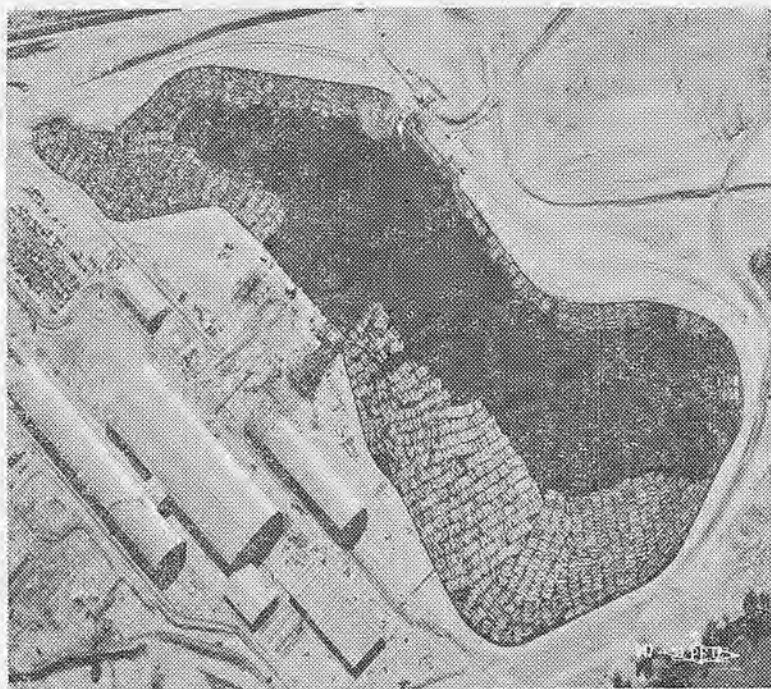
During the hearing the proponents of the ordinance dropped all pretense of their previous concern for the welfare of the working man and came out openly with their real reason. And that is the fear of organization of the farm workers.

Such a fear is probably very real if reports of the conditions and wages of farm labor in this area are any where near true. Such workers would have a lot to gain and not much to lose by organization. No doubt the proponents are much better aware of this than we are and so they try to head off the danger to their profits by passing a law.

Another thing the vote showed is the necessity for Labor to examine from time to time the districts of the County Board of Supervisors. Two supervisors who voted against the ordinance are elected in districts in which approximately 75 per cent of the population live. The three that voted for the ordinance being in districts where the other 25% live. Such a condition is rule by the minority with a vengeance.

So we are confronted with a situation and we might as well face up to it. We must decide how best to meet this threat to our wages and other conditions. Conditions that have taken so many years of hard work and sacrifice to build up. AND THEN

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**MATCHSTICKS?**—These may look like matchsticks, but you're looking down on 20 million board feet of huge logs floating in man-made pond at the new Diamond Match Co. forest products plant which the Webb Co. and Southwestern Engineering are building just south of Redding. (Pic, courtesy Webb Const. Co.)

## Honor Roll of Blood Donors

- SAN FRANCISCO**  
John F. Berry  
Arthur L. Thomas
- OAKLAND**  
C. Manning  
L. Manning  
O. Krause
- SAN MATEO**  
Richard Nolan  
Hugh P. J. Meara  
Marrion C. Morgan
- Notice, Mobile Unit: San Carlos Fire Station No. 2 at Brittan and Industrial Road, Friday, November 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- FRESNO**  
Ray Kepley  
E. L. Thompson  
Henry Dive  
M. L. McDonald
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Lawrence Freeman  
Thomas J. Hughes  
Ronald F. Schuster

(Our thanks to Brother Aaron Smith business representative in our Vallejo office for his efforts. This is the second time he has had a drive for blood for our account and been so successful—some of these people have previously donated.)



- JOY TURNER**  
Yuba City, Calif., Sept. 17, 1957
- ROBT. L. SHEFFIELD**  
San Jose, Calif., Oct. 5, 1957
- CHRIS PETERSEN**  
Reno, Nevada, Oct. 14, 1957
- CLYDE L. WHATLEY**  
San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 17, 1957
- CARROLL A. STEDMAN**  
Stockton, Calif., Oct. 21, 1957
- LESLIE BREELAND**  
Concord, Calif., Oct. 23, 1957
- JACK MONROE**  
Reno, Nevada, Oct. 23, 1957
- WM. C. DESSELL**  
Vallejo, Calif., Oct. 24, 1957
- CLARENCE WILSON**  
Castro Valley, Cal., Oct. 24, 1957
- J. E. SMITH**  
Cooma, N.S.W. Australia, Oct. 26
- PATRICK DONOHUE**  
San Leandro, Cal., Nov. 3, 1957
- A. J. KLINE**  
San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 3, 1957
- EMERY MILLER**  
Marysville, Calif., Nov. 3, 1957
- LOUIS ELVICK**  
Orem, Utah, Nov. 5, 1957
- J. R. SMITH**  
San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 9, 1957
- CLARENCE VANTREASE**  
El Cerrito, Calif., Nov. 10, 1957

## Fine Attendance Marks Start of District Meetings

NEWELL J. CARMAN, Local Union Manager

It is very pleasing to note the fine response of the membership to our new plan of holding district meetings throughout the widely-scattered areas of Local No. 3's jurisdiction. The first three meetings in Eureka, Redding and Marysville were very well attended and we sincerely hope that the rest of the nine district meetings planned for this month and next will be as well attended as the first three. We hope you will ALL note the time and place of the meeting scheduled to be held in your particular area and that you will make every effort to attend.

These first meetings are being held for the specific purpose of electing two members from each district to serve on the By-Laws Committee. This Committee will be assigned the important task of drawing up a new set of by-laws for Local No. 3.

It is our intention to continue to hold district meetings so that every member of the union will be presented with the opportunity of having a hand in the affairs of his union. The handicap of travelling a great distance to attend the membership meetings will be eliminated, and there will be no excuse for not taking part in the affairs of your union.

The first three meetings held in Eureka on Nov. 5, in Redding on Nov. 6, and in Marysville on Nov. 7, were very gratifying. The attendance was good and the members expressed their approval of the new procedure. The officers of the union, present to conduct the meeting, were also pleased and happy to have

the opportunity to meet and talk with the members.

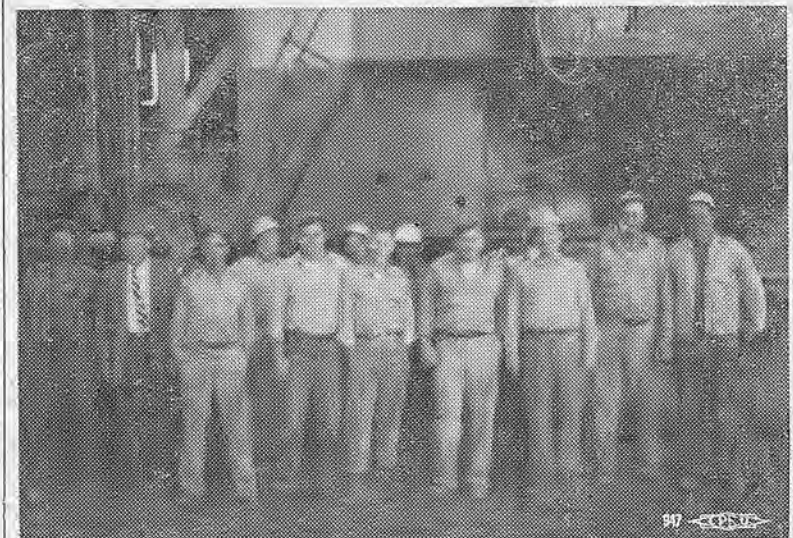
The following is the schedule for the remainder of this year's meetings. I will appreciate it if you will take note of the time and date of the meeting in your district, mark the date on your calendar, and plan to attend and participate:

- STOCKTON, Calif.**  
8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 19, Engineers' Bldg., 2626 North California St., Stockton.  
8 p.m., Wed., Nov. 20, C.E.L. & T. Bldg., 2525 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento.
- FRESNO, Calif.**  
8 p.m., Thurs., Nov. 21, Engineers' Bldg., 3121 East Olive St., Fresno.
- SAN JOSE, Calif.**  
8 p.m. Mon., Nov. 25, Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., San Jose.
- OAKLAND, Calif.**  
8 p.m., Tues., Nov. 26, Hall M, Labor Temple, 23rd and Valdez., Oakland.
- SANTA ROSA, Calif.**  
8 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 5, Labor Temple, 636 Third St., Santa Rosa.
- SAN FRANCISCO, Calif.**  
8 p.m., Sat., Dec. 7, 1957, S.F. Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero St., San Francisco.
- SALT LAKE CITY, Utah**  
8 p.m., Thurs., Dec. 19, Labor Temple Annex, 151 South 2nd East, Salt Lake City.
- RENO, Nevada**  
8 p.m., Fri., Dec. 20, Labor Temple, 290 North Arlington St., Reno.

In closing I want to wish you, and your families, a VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

## Happy Thanksgiving!

The officers and business representatives of Operating Engineers Local 3 wish for all members and their families a very happy Thanksgiving.



**DEEP WATER CHANNEL.**—This view shows the crew of Local 3 Engineers and Oilers working on Eugene Luhr's two 4500 Manitowacs on the toe drain for Sacramento's deep water channel. Left to right: Henry Goodwin, lonesome blademans; Paul Edgcombe, union representative; Wilbert Rusteberg, Jess Kyles, Swede Anderson, Jim Nevois, Jim Woods, Whitey Post, and Charley Lamma, oilers; Oscar Nerhus, Harvey Foster, Hugh Van Landingham, and Warren Rankin, operators; Bill Green, oiler. (Photo by Ernie Nelson.)

## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

**IMPORTANT!!! . . . ASSESSMENT No. 8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6 DUE AND PAYABLE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1957.** All members who participate in the Burial Expense and Good Standing Funds should send in an additional \$6 for the No. 8 ASSESSMENT when paying their fourth quarter dues. **PAYMENT OF CURRENT DUES AND ASSESSMENTS IS THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER!** The benefits to which your family would be entitled in case of death is entirely dependent on the payment of your Union dues and assessments. A deceased member must have been paid for the month in which he died in order for his beneficiary to be eligible for the death benefit.

## The City by the Golden Gate

# SAN FRANCISCO HAS GOOD WINTER AGENDA

By HARRY METZ and BILL TOMBERLIN,  
Business Representatives

Construction work in the San Francisco area has held up very well for this time of the year. For a while it looked like the early rains would slow up the jobs; however, most of the jobs are making good progress and barring heavy rains, we should remain busy all winter.

Work on the Embarcadero Freeway is going right along on schedule. Macco Construction Company have three piledriving rigs working steadily and Chas. L. Harney has three truck cranes and a number of other pieces of equipment working on the project.

Judson Pacific is laying the reinforcing steel in the basement of the Crown Zellerbach Building for a low level concrete pour for Haas & Haynie.

M & K Corporation have always had a traffic problem on their two level upper Market Street job. Most of the heavy construction on this job is completed.

Arthur "Buzz" Haskins has five cats working at Market and Twin Peaks excavating for the installation of a large drain. This work is being done for the piling on this job.

### IN THE SHIPYARDS

Triple A Machine Shops, Inc., is working full force remodeling two Navy vessels. They have two shifts operating. This Company was awarded the two largest contract from the MSTs. They are \$199,056 for overhaul of the USS Breckenridge and \$154,605 for overhaul of the USS Sulton.

Bethel Steel Company is operating three shifts on ship repair and construction of new ships. Drydocking and hull repairs to the USS Paricutin and USS Diachenko will bring \$113,000 to Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation. Bethlehem is also supplying the steel pipe for the new PG&E plant and the steel

for the U.C. Hospital annex.

Work on the new expansion at Hunters Point PG&E plant is progressing nicely. The following contractors are working on this job: McDonald, Young & Nelson, M & K Corporation; Ben C. Gerwick, Combustion Engineers, California Steel Erectors, Independent Iron Works, Midwest Pipe Company, and Eickley Corporation.

The situation at the new hall stadium remains at a standstill. No progress is being made.

L. C. Smith Company on Sierra Point cut-off job is in the cleaning up stage. Traffic lanes in both directions have been connected. This Company's dirt moving job at the South San Francisco school site on Hillside Blvd., had been completed and equipment moved out. The building contractor, E. H. Moore & Sons have moved on to the site and are now digging foundations with a trenching machine, hoping to get well ahead of the rainy season.

All of the shops in the San Francisco area are keeping a large number of Local 3 men happily employed.

The Crap-yards have made no reduction in Local 3 men to date and we hope they can continue, with no loss of time.

There is no major new work being started at this time, mainly due to the lateness of the season.

In closing we want to wish one and all a very HAPPY THANKS-GIVING!!!

## San Mateo, Hub of the Peninsula Employment Opportunities Holding Up Well in This Area

By CHET ELLIOTT and BILL RANEY, Business Representatives

Possibly due to the fact that our employers want to finish as many of their jobs as they can before the heavy rains start has created a demand for Engineers that is high for this time of the year.

Although the McCammon & Wunderlich Co. have about finished the grading on their State Highway Project at Egemar and are now well along with the base rock and the black top, this will not necessarily create an unemployment hazard as it is planned by this firm to move the equipment on to Real Estate Development work which will keep these worthy brothers employed for the winter months.

The L. C. Smith Co. are operating at full capacity on three grading and paving jobs at The San Francisco Airport and Shovel Operators Harry Rosenberg and Doug Bishop, with Oilers Simmons and Moore, are loading out red rock at The Notre Dame Quarry. Foreman Brother Bywater assisted by Shovel Operator Brothers Toby Davis and Oiler Lee Weber and Blade Operator Brother Ray Witmer, are busy on pipe line work at Belmont. Foreman Brother Bill Ballam and several rubber tire and cat operators are happily employed on the Culligan Development shopping

area also at Belmont.

Superintendent Brother Dick Dawson, assisted by Grade Foreman Brother Ray Morgan, drilling and powder Foreman Brother Maggie Maggistretti, and heavy duty mechanic Foreman Brother Dee Holloway and a crew of thirty Engineers are industriously working 10 hours a day for The Utah Construction Co. on their fill job at South City reclaiming tidelands which will run for some time as indications are out there will be an extension to the present project. The Model 151 Marion electric shovel at this location is operated by Brother Harry Hansen, oilers Brothers Frank Wyman and E. W. Marlar and heavy duty mechanic and electrician Brother John Self.

### MOVE UTAH SHOP

The Utah Construction Co. has purchased the property formerly occupied by the San Francisco Bridge Co. which is the old Bel Air Shipyard at South City. This firm is now moving their construction yard and shop from Richmond to this



"The Boss'll do anything to please us before a union election!"

location, also their dredging operations yard and shop from Alameda. The suction dredge Franciscan and the cam shell dredges Martinez and California will operate from this point. These operations at South City will employ from 40 to 50 operating Engineers which will help the employment situation quite considerably.

During the past month several new contracts have been awarded to various contractors in this area, some of which include street work in San Carlos and sub-division work in Belmont which went to low bidder C. J. Wood of Menlo Park. L. C. Smith was successful bidder on street work in Belmont. Bernard Gayman was awarded the contract for water system at Millbrae and Christenson & Lyons of Oakland was awarded the contract to construct a 400,000 square foot warehouse for Zellerbach Paper Co. at South San Francisco for one and one half million dollars, all of which creates many jobs for members of Local 3.

The Lowrie Paving Co. are well along toward the finish of their State Highway widening project extending from Third Avenue to Thirty-First Avenue in the city of San Mateo which includes a change from four to six lanes of traffic and constructing curbs and gutters which gives El Camino Highway a new respectful appearance and completes an important connecting strip of highway between San Mateo and South San Mateo.

### HOME PICKING UP

Real estate development work in this area is definitely on the up swing. Oddstadt Homes in Redwood City are starting the grading of lots at Farm Hills on unit number four and five which will accommodate when all complete some 300 homes. The Liebman Construction Company are now starting the street and utilities construction at Pacific Heights where 175 homes are to be erected. C. J. Woods is starting grading of streets for the City of Belmont at Panorama Heights being developed by Martin Hall. The Charles Berger Company are now employing a large crew of operating engineers on real estate sub-division projects in San Mateo County at San Carlos. The San Carlos Estates Company are grading lots to accommodate 500 homes. The Montebello sub-division at Belmont under development by the H.C.S.R. Development Co. and the Enchanted Hills Project in San Mateo under construction by the Godby Development Co.

All of the local contractors in this area, including the Kunz Paving Company, Fisk, Firenz & McLain, Fred Sperry, O. D. McCue, Bauman Bros., Oscar Holmes, Douglas & Woodhouse, Penbel Construction Company and many others are operating at top speed trying to complete their many pipe line, paving and grading projects before the wet weather sets in which makes us very happy as it depletes our out of work list.

Brothers, this month we have an appeal for a special type of blood which is Type O, negative,

## Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of October 5, Executive Board Minutes of October 16 and Executive Board Minutes of October 30 were read for the information of the membership.

Cards of thanks were received from the family of Arthur Stout; Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Geer and family; Lillian and Chris Petersen, and Mrs. Joel Everidge and family. Received and filed.

The following members were reported ill: Bruce L. Ackerman, Murray M. Allen, John W. Albonico, Wm. J. Aveningo, James D. Asbury, Harold Burrows, F. C. Bennett, Chas. W. Bittencourt, Ray Blakeslee, Lloyd A. Bowler, Wilbur D. Broce, Lloyd Burger, Drewey Bush, Frank Bottari, Jess A. Cole, Ray Corey, Lawrence Croxen, Oscar Chaney, Egidio Croci, Harry J. Cahill, Roy Creedon, James F. Croon, Eric Carlyle, M. R. Christy, Robert E. Dean, Geo. N. Doyle, Jr., Alfred DeFerrari, Vern A. Dalton, Chas. A. Edwards, Merle Eickenberry, Tom Eaton, Andy Fennamore, Donald Feise, Floyd T. Gaither, Thos. A. Golithon, Clifford Gresham, Leslie Gruber, Francis Garrison, Lynn Glendinning, Roland Gevas, Frank P. George, Floyd Grimes, J. J. Hurley, G. W. Hafely, Herman R. Jolley, Lawton C. Jackson, Fred Katarzy, Loren M. Leland, Roy McRee, Leroy Mechan, Noble Maynard, Jack D. Nielsen, M. T. O'Mary, Lynn A. Phares, Joe Pedro, Lee C. Palmer, Ernest G. Preast, Thos. W. Poague, Manuel Perry, William Roberts, Jess R. Rucilez, Dave Siri, Lynn O. Shelton, Robt. E. Sanders, LeRoy Thacker, Joe G. Thornley, Rudy Williams, Fred C. Wolpert, Lawrence Whitten, Jack W. Weyler, Doyle H. Wallace, Eugene Watkins.

The following members were reported deceased: Clyde L. Whately, Chris Petersen, Robert L. Sheffield, Carroll A. Stedman, Leslie Breeland, William C. Dessel, Clarence Wilson, J. E. Smith, Joy Turner. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

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

There was no Unfinished Business.

At this time Brother Ed Doran requested the floor before adjournment to answer questions in regard to exchange of property in Stockton. President Clancy stated he would be permitted to talk under the "Good of the Order."

Discussion was had in regard to the motion that was made at the last Regular Meeting in regard to setting up of a By-Laws Committee.

Brother Carman stated that the jurisdiction of Local No. 3 would be divided into districts and meetings would be held in each district to elect two members from that district to serve on the By-Laws Committee; that three of these meetings have been set up for the coming week—one in Eureka/Redding and Marysville—and that meetings would be held in other areas as soon as they can be arranged.

Brother Carman also ruled that after January 1, 1958 the Executive Board meetings will be held on Monday so that the officers can attend outside meetings without having to be in the San Francisco Office during the middle of the week.

He also spoke on his trip to Honolulu and of the conditions in the Islands. He stated there was a program of \$150,000,000 of work to be performed each year in the next five years.

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

The Treasurer's Report for the month of September was read by Brother P. E. Vandewark.

The Financial Secretary's Report was read by Brother R. F. Swanson.

List of applications for membership was read, including the name of the business representative taking the applications and the company for whom they are working.

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Doran was granted the floor.

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

Respectfully submitted

C. F. MATHEWS

Recording-Corresponding Secretary.

This type of blood is almost impossible to obtain, so if any of you have this type of blood a donation surely would be appreciated by another Engineer whose wife is desperately in need of it.

The names of blood donors for this month will appear in

another part of the paper. We thank Brother Richard Nolan and two donors whose names we were unable to obtain who donated blood to the Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto which was transferred to the Operating Engineers' account.



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'Reverse Tight Money'

# Rough Times Ahead for U.S. Economy—AFL-CIO

(Statement by the AFL-CIO Executive Council on the Economic Situation, Washington, D.C., October 25, 1957)

An increasing number of employment layoffs in many different industries and sections of the country have developed in recent weeks to provide another disturbing sign that our economy may be headed for rough waters. Together with such factors as the leveling off of business spending for new plant and equipment, the failure of industrial production to rise and the continued low level of housing starts, the increasing number of layoffs, makes it clear that the economy may be heading for a general decline.

There has been little if any growth in the volume of economic activities during the past year. Since the summer months, sluggish or sagging markets have spread from one sector of the economy to another. Manufacturers' unfilled orders have dropped more than 10 per cent since December. Exports have been declining since March, and the physical volume of total new construction is below the level of last year. Business investment in new plant and equipment, which leveled off at the start of 1957, is probably declining slightly at present.

Although business and administration leaders look to consumer spending to bolster economic activities, the buying power of consumer income shows no strength. Indeed, the purchasing power of per capita after-tax personal income has been slipping.

At the same time, America finds itself confronted with a special critical issue—the problem of meeting the now proven Soviet scientific advances which obviously have specific application to military techniques.

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We are both puzzled and alarmed at the manner in which the administration appears to be reacting to these two issues. On the one hand, there is still no sign that the administration has recognized the possibility of a general downturn in the economy. On the other hand, budget and debt-limit considerations still seem to dominate America's defense program. In fact, recent cutbacks in military procurement have not only reduced America's defense posture, but have also aggravated the downward drift in the economy.

In these troubled times, America needs constructive, forceful leadership. On behalf of the nation's workers, the AFL-CIO stands ready to cooperate fully with a national effort to meet our defense and economic problems.

National security programming should be revised, wherever necessary, regardless of budget and debt-limit considerations.

Even if defense expenditures are increased, the long-run health of the economic system requires an improved relationship between the economy's ability to produce and its ability to consume.

What is needed is genuine recognition that the economic climate has changed, that such administration policies as "tight money" should be reversed and, above all else, that America's creative and productive genius must be fully harnessed to meet the Soviet challenge.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Rice Brow., Inc., 900 Victor Rd., Lodi, \$78,480, for 5.9 mi. pltmx. surg. on Santa Fe Dr., betw. Santislaus County Line & El Capitan Way, MERCED

## Highway 40 Jobs In State Budget

Highway 40 will get a big slice of the \$483,571,763 the Highway Department is seeking from the State Legislature.

Budget items of \$6,250,000 for grading, paving and structures for 2.6 miles of six-lane freeway from El Cerrito Overhead to the Richmond bottleneck will provide freeway all the way from Los Gatos to Vallejo.

Travel time from Vallejo to San Francisco will shrink to about 26 minutes.

Of the \$5,435,000 listed for Solano County, \$1,860,000 carried over from the 1956-57 budget will be used for structures and approaches on Highway 40 west of Fairfield.

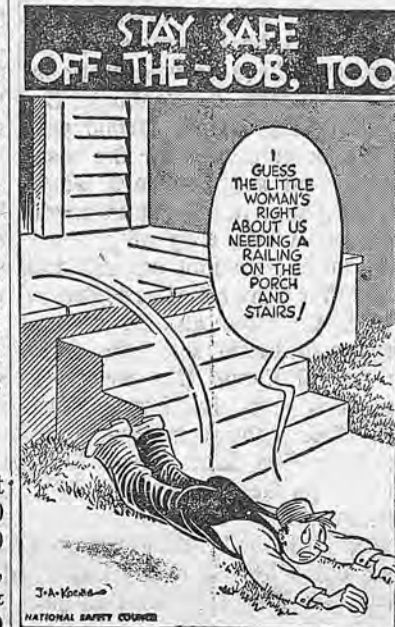
A total of \$2,440,000 has been listed for construction of a four-lane freeway from Highway 101 to the Sears Point-Black Point intersection, first leg of a full freeway from Marin County to Vallejo.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Souza & McCue Const. Co., P. O. Box 325, Yuba City, \$379,981, for 5.521 mi. const. road, toiyabe Nat'l. Forest, Juch. w/FH 1, 2.4 mi. E. of Calif. Nevada State Line, ext. NE for 5.521 mi., Mt. Rose, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to L. A. Young Const. Co., & Vernal Sand & Gravel Co., 306 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, \$268,527, for F-029-2 (2) JUAB-MILLARD COUNTY LINE, Southerly for 1.8 mi. to Near Lynndyl in Millard Co. & F-029 (1) JUAB-MILLARD COUNTY line Northerly 7.4 mi. Juab Co. & award to same, \$164,212.36, for S-0271 (1) Leamington towards Lynndyl MILLARD COUNTY, UTAH.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900 Watsonville, \$11,009, for const. storm drain on Pecan Ave. in Orangevale, intersec. of Pecan & Elm, 700 ft. South.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Guho Corp., 8335 Atlantic Blvd., Bell, \$80,685, for const. of Almaden Sani. Sewer Unit 2, in San Jose, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.



## 80-YEAR RAIN RECORD SET FOR UKIAH

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

It may be the fall season to most of the state, but to us in the Redwood Empire it is winter time, floods, bridges down, and roads out are the program of the day. The rainfall for the month of October in the Willits area was the highest in 80 years, and the same will hold true for practically all of this district. The Humboldt Constructors Inc., highway job at Longvale took a beating, their detour was washed out and it was some time before traffic was again able to move. The Longvale-Dos Rios bridge was washed out, and there were two slides on the Willits-Fort Bragg road.

The Russian River \$2,000,000 Aqueduct No. 1 is getting closer and closer to being a reality, it is expected that about the middle of December the contract will be awarded. The job will consist of supplying and installing about 3.4 miles of 42-inch pipe and 12.1 miles of 36-inch pipe between the Wohler Bridge intake point on the Russian River and a County Reservoir to be built near Lake Raphine east of Santa Rosa. The large size pipe will extend from the river to the southwest corner of the County Airport. That is intended to allow for future branches to Windsor and or Sebastopol. The 36-inch line will proceed eastward from there to Fulton, then south in a county right-of-way alongside the Northwestern Pacific Railroad to West College Avenue. From that point the big pipeline will be laid under Carrillo, Ripley, Wilson, and Second Streets, and Sonoma Avenue, in successive jogs, taking it to the city's Lake Raphine holdings. The entire pipeline will be installed three feet underground except for a short portion through the rocky area of Lake Raphine. The pipe will be made of steel, lined and coated with concrete. When ready for operation in 1959, the line will be capable of delivering 20 million gallons of water a day to Santa Rosa. That can be doubled by installation of additional pumps.

McGuire and Hester submitted the low bid for the construction of an outfall sewer line at Fort Bragg, the bidding was mighty close. They got the job for \$52,933.30 with the Peletz Construction Company only \$170.50 higher.

We have finally found out what happened to the bids for the clearing of the Coyote Dam Reservoir, they were postponed until October 31, 1957.

The Peletz Construction Company were low of 16 bidders for the bridge job at the Lucerne cut-off across Rodman Narrows, in Lake County. Their bid was \$114,121.

The Ghilotti Bros. were low bidders for the construction of a parking lot at "B" and Ross Streets in Santa Rosa. They timed this one just right as they are finishing up their job on Fourth Street.

E. L. Columbini was the low bidder for the job of constructing Corporation Yard facilities at the Sonoma County Airport.

The 1958-1959 Highway budget for this district looks like rather slim pickings. Here is the sad picture:

Mendocino County—Highway 101, 0.2 miles north of Farmhouse Inn to 1 mile north of Tan Oak Park, a distance of 2.8 miles, grade, surface and structures for 4-lane expressway, \$2-

'Who, Me?'



## Nobody Has Said It Better Than Mr. Dooley

It's as new as today and as old as the hills.

We refer to the current variety of propoganda against unions and against the union shop.

Now it uses the phoney slogan of "Right to Work," but it's still the same old "Open Shop" drive, and we are herewith reprinting the classic explanation of the open shop given 50 years ago by "Mr. Dooley," created by the great American humorist Peter Dunne:

"What's all this talk that's in the paper about this open shop?" asked Mr. Hennessy. "Why don't you know?" said Mr. Dooley. "Really I'm surprised at yer ignorance, Hennessy. What's th' open shop? Sure, 'tis a shop where they kape the door open t' accommodate the constant stream of min comin' in t' take jobs cheaper thin th' min that has the jobs."

"'Tis like this Hennessy: Suppose one of these free-born Amerycan citizens is workin' in an open shop for the princely wage of wan large iron dollar a day for tin hours. Along comes another free-born son-of-a-gun, an' he sez to the boss, 'I think I kin handle th' job for 90 cints.'"

"Sure, sez the boss an' the wan-dollar man gets th' merry jinglin' can an' goes out into the cool world t' exercise his inalienable rights as a free-born

Amerycan citizen t' scab on some other poor devil. An' so it goes, Hennessy.

"An' who get the benefit? True, it sames the boss money, but he don't care no more for money thin he does for his right eye. It's all principle wid him. He hates to see th' min robbed of their indipindince. They must have their indipindince, regardless 'of anything else."

"But," said Hennessy, "these open shop min ye minshun say they are fer the unions if properly conducted."

"Sure," said Mr. Dooley, "if properly conducted. An' there you are. An' how would they have thim conducted? No striges, no rules, no contracts, no scales, hardly any wages and damn few mimbers."

FRESNO, Contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$10,976, for const. of 15" sanit sewer line in East Clinton Ave., betw. exist. manhole at Sta. 12-00 & a manhole to be const. at the intersec. of N. Cedar Ave., Fresno, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Silva Bros., 26785 Niles Rd., Hayward, 14,684, for 2.9 mi. place pltmx. surf. over exist. surf. on por. betw. Patterson Slough in Fremont & 1.6 mi. N. of Alvarado, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$19,651, for reconst. El Dorago St., betw. Alpine Ave. & McKenzie, in Stockton, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.



# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By AL CLEM, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, DON KINCHLOE, HAROLD HUSTON and WARREN Le MOINE, Business Representatives

The work in the Oakland area is headed for a considerable slump with no jobs of major importance in the offing. The month of November will see McCammon & Wunderlich putting the finishing touches on their portion of the freeway on Highway 40. With a couple of other freeway jobs being topped out plus the substructure on the Crockett Bridge being finished. There isn't too much to look forward to in the immediate future. The scrapyards are still slow and of course going into the winter months the Rock, Sand & Gravel industry is slowing down. During the past month there was an excess of 500 men cleared from the Oakland office, many of these were of short duration. The Construction industry being as it is we all realize that these ups and downs come from time to time.

Ball & Simpson is going to officially open 6 miles of the next-to-last leg of the Eastshore Freeway, from Jackson Street in Hayward to Beard Rd. near the Alviso school by Centerville on November 14, 1957. Work on this link started February 10, 1956. The final leg from Beard Rd. to Warm Springs should be finished by September of 1958.

Martin Bros. is laying a 1200 trunk line, 8" sewer for a new sub-division being built on Gregory Lane in Pleasant Hills. Brother Howard Smith is operating a trencher and Brother Virgil Kitchen is his oiler.

Gallagher & Bruke was awarded the contract from the City of Walnut Creek in the amount of \$42,497. The work consists of the construction of City off-street parking at Camplin Ave. and Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Walnut Creek. This involves grading, paving, fencing, curbs and gutters, drains, flood lamps and other items necessary for off-street parking area.

Urricelqui Co. has moved all their equipment out to Alvarado and started their big job for the Alameda County Flood Control. This job consists of digging 1½ miles of channel, eight feet deep and 139 ft. wide and building of levees. Brother Roy Colvard is the Foreman and the following brothers are working for him operating the equipment. John Neto and Everett Galvin on T.D. 24 dozer and pushcat. Donald Esary and Bill Nations are on DW 21's. Joe Magnusen on pumps. Ernie Keefer is mechanic. Ray Hart as grade setter, Dewey Bowers on a grease truck, John Brady on Dozer, George Silveria on Blade and Johnny King on stake puncher. They still have about 175,000 cubic yards of dirt yet to move.

Peter Kiewit & Sons, Inc. will officially open their 5 miles of freeway on November 7, 1957, which connects the final link of freeway to Highway No. 17, the Eastshore Freeway to Oakland and Highway 50 to Tracy.

## IRVINGTON IS TO GET FIRST NEW RESERVOIR

Alameda County Water Districts first of six reservoirs planned in a \$4,290,000 expansion program is expected to be in use by March. The reservoir, known as the Middlefield Reservoir is located at Irvington on the former Mayock ranch. The 7,500,000 facility and pumping station is estimated to cost \$259,418. Domestic and industrial distribution from the Middlefield Reservoir will serve Irvington, Centerville and Mission San Jose districts of Fremont, Fremont's industrial tract and the City of Newark. The 240 x 300 ft. reservoir will be 20 ft. deep. Elmer J. Freethy of El Centro is doing the construction. Other reservoir sites are planned at Niles, Mission San Jose, Newark, Decoto and Warm Springs. The \$4,290,000 expansion program also in-

cludes funds for acquisition of 14 additional sites.

A \$3,000,000 Township Hospital is scheduled to open next July. Barring any delays, Washington Township's \$3,000,000 community hospital which is located on Santos Rd. in Irvington should be open between July 1 and July 15, 1958. Four hundred employees ultimately will be needed when the 160 bed institution is in full operation. This project has kept a few of our Brothers' very busy.

Wulfert Company, Inc. subdivided from Peter Kiewit & Sons, Inc. all the fence and guard rails on the Highway 50 job in Castro Valley.

Brother Wes Hogel is owner and operator of a Fordson trencher. His address is P.O. Box 66, Tracy, California. Brother Wes is working for Lincoln Development on a new sub-division being built on Grayson Rd. in Pleasant Hills. Brother Wes is digging footings for foundations and is an expert with the Fordson trencher.

Martin Bros. was awarded the contract from the Lincoln Development Co. consisting of 2,180 ft. of 8 inch sewer trunk line, 1500 ft. of 4 inch sewer laterals and approximately 1,000 ft. of 20 inch concrete storm sewer. The time limit on this job is March 15, 1958. Brother Charlie Upton is the Supt. on this job. Brother Irwin Jarvis is operating a P & H hoe, Brother Jim Johnston is oiler. Brother Wes Rogers is trencher operator and Brother Joe Lia his oiler. Brother Dee Bowerman is trencher operator and Brother R. "Slim" Scribner is oiler. Brother Tom Leimback is on an A-Frame and Brother Tom Burns is dozer operator. There will be 80 new homes in the sub-division and it is located on Grayson Rd. in Pleasant Hills near Walnut Creek.

John McCosker was awarded the contract for \$96,097 from the City of Martinez. The work consists of reconstructing water mains in various parts of the city of Martinez.

Martin Bros. was awarded the contract from the City of Pittsburg. They will be laying 2,190 tons of plant mix surfacing, six manholes and 14 box culverts. This contract was in the amount of \$15,175.20.

Gallagher & Burk was awarded a \$7,989 contract from the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa in Martinez for construction of Wanda Street from Port St. to First St. The work consists of clearing and grubbing of one lot, 350 ft. of roadway excavating, 440 tons import subbase material, 420 tons of untreated base and 180 tons of plant mix and adjust three manhole covers.

Aquiar Bros. of San Pablo are now at work on their housing project in El Sobrante. This contractor is one of the few that do all their own work including grading, sewer and water lines.

## Blood Donations for October—1957

We wish to thank the following for their donations to the Blood Bank in Oakland during the month of October, 1957.

C. MANNING  
L. MANNING  
O. KRAUSE

There will be 63 homes in this tract when completed. This job is under the supervision of Joe Aquiar, with Brother Frank Aquiar running cat and can, Brother Tony Aquiar running a loader. Brother Albert Aquiar is running a trencher with Brother Raymond Aquiar oiling. Brother Joe Gava is running blade. Joe just recently returned from a trip to the old country with a bride. Congratulations!!! Joe.

## PITTSBURG PLANT

The Ethyl Corp. of New York, N.Y. has awarded a contract to C. F. Braun & Co. for the design and construction of a multi-million dollar chemical plant that is now being built at the west end of Loveridge Rd. in Pittsburg, California. The job will take approximately 1½ years to complete. The job has been underway about seven months now. There are 25 Operating Engineers now employed on this Ethyl Plant Job. Last week there was a jurisdictional dispute between the Iron Workers and the Pipe Fitters over who was going to do the rigging for the Engineers. Brother Eugene Roberts and Brother Joe Venti both operators operating handi cranes were laid off for a day; but, are now back to work. The dispute started over a compositive crew. One Iron Worker and one Pipe setter rigging on the handi-cranes, suddenly the Pipe fitters claimed the work and the men were yaid off. So now C. F. Braun, Iron Workers International and the Pipe Fitters International will meet to settle the dispute.

## Big Shop Center

The Dinwiddie Construction Co., Inc., of San Francisco is the General Contractors for the erection of one of the largest shopping centers in the East Bay. It is the El Cerrito shopping center located at San Pablo Ave. and Fairmount Ave. in El Cerrito for Capwell Stores, Inc. The site grading was sublet to O. C. Jones & Sons of Berkeley. They have completed most of the grading and are now in the process of laying the base rock up to grade for the laying of asphalt. The contract for laying asphalt will not be let until next Spring. On this 31 acre site Dinwiddie Construction Co. have installed some 3000 ft. of 24 in. surface drainage pipe. They have also installed some 2000 ft. of 48" drainage pipe.

The pipe was laid in two parallel lines in the bottom of the El Cerrito Creek, also in this creek was built a box culvert some 500 ft. long, 4 ft. high and used as parking area. Dinwiddie Construction Co., Inc. is well along with the erection of Capwell's Department store. This store will be the largest store of this kind in the East Bay area. This building contains 260,000 sq. ft. of floor space.

On this job there is two material hoists, one on each end of the building. Brogden Bros. have their Lorain truck crane working on this job also, with Prodanovich, Inc. will do the sewer work. At the present time we know that Long's Drug stores will erect one of the largest drug stores in the East Bay. Lucky Stores, Inc. and Woolworth's will also

build stores on this site. The Capwell store is now 30% completed. This job is to be completed in late June of 1958 as the opening date is set for July 1. This project is under the supervision of Grant Beery, project manager.

Martin Bros. was awarded a \$14,200 contract from the City of Concord for construction of curbs, gutters, sidewalks in Sunshine Terrace, and the sub-division of No. 9 Assessment District. This work consists of 38,560 sq. ft. of fine grading, 2,118 ft. rolled curb and gutters, 8,444 sq. ft. of concrete sidewalk, 30,560 sq. ft. of 3 in. select material, 33,280 sq. ft. of 6" crusher run base and 33,280 sq. ft. of 2" plant mix surfacing.

Lee Construction Co. has started a job in Irvington, excavating for 137 new homes that is to be built. There is approximately 30,000 yards to cut for the streets. Brother George Souza is foreman, Brother John Hall is on a sheepsfoot, Brother C. White and Brother Ronald Jones are on DW 15's. Brother Louis Miguel is on a pushcat and Brother H. Jesison is on a DW 10.

Redgewick & Banke have a small job at Palma Cia Village in Hayward. They are doing the dirt work on the new Calaroga school. Brother Ben Furtado is on cat and can and Brother Joe Freitas is on blade. Also on this job working a trencher is C. E. Christensen with Brother Joe Miranda as his oiler.

McGeehon Bros. is moving dirt on a new school site that will be built in Livermore. There is approximately 20,000 yards of dirt to be moved. The Brothers' on this job are B. A. Vincent, C. Thompson, Grank Carazza and M. E. Lemos.

Martin Bros. was awarded the contract from Cameo Acres Special Assesment District No. 1 in Danville. They are constructing approximately 25,000 ft. of curbs and gutters and to reconstruct 227 driveways and drainage structures.

## WORLD'S BIGGEST SHOPPING CENTER

Brandon Construction Co. have just completed all the dirt work at the new shopping center on Winton Rd. in Hayward. This is the world's largest shopping center. There are 128 acres of shopping center and 84 acres of parking area alone. There will be seventeen buildings and three service stations. In the Sears & Roebuck Co. building there were 80,000 yds. of dirt to be moved for the base-ment. The brothers are working 10 hours per day and seven days per week, they all wore a big smile. Foreman on this job is Brother Elmer McGraw, Brothers' E. C. Miller and Boyd Deaton are on blade, Brothers Arthur Angiolini and Ray Kerr are on push cat, Brother Robert Robert Broughton on sheepsfoot, Brothers Ken Cline, James Fleig and Willis Gee are on DW 10's, Brother Alvin Meyer as mechanic and Brother W. A. Feusi on a push cat. Close Building Supply have two DW 10's on this job

also with Brothers Calvin Shoopman and Frederick Brooks running them.

Manuel Marques, Jr. was awarded a contract from Central Contra Costa Sanitary District in the amount of \$102,660 for construction of Sanitary sewers in local improvement District No. 35 in Orinda. The job is behind the Orinda Country Club and consists of 8,672 ft. of 8 inch sewer pipe, 110 ft. of 6 inch sewer pipe, thirty 48 inch manholes and make two crew crossings.

## PETERSON BUILD TRACK PLANT BY MASS METHOD

Mr. Howard Peterson, President of Peterson Tractor & Equipment Co., announced that one of the most modern track renewing plants in the world is now under construction at our San Leandro facilities. The plant will have 8,000 square feet of floor space. Track renewing is a process that will restore worn track equipment to precise factory standards for new machine parts. In addition to specially designed rail and roller welding machines, this plant will have an automatic lathe for refinishing welded roller to factory standards for new part sizes and contours. The many advantages of machining the welded roller have long been recognized, but it has not been done by anyone in the area because of the high cost. The Automatic Lathe to be used at Peterson Tractor will reduce the machining time to about one-fifth of that for a regular lathe. This plant was designed to bring mass production methods to the renewing process — the entire layout will materially improve the quality of renewed tracks, rollers and related parts for Caterpillar-built tractors. In addition to a number of electric cranes, ramps will be used to transport materials, such as track rollers, from one place in the plant to another, thus eliminating costly handling. Other equipment available includes new steam cleaning equipment, new vapor-type degreaser and the latest track press equipment. The finest and latest in track renewing equipment with modern factory methods will enable Peterson Tractor to better serve owners of Caterpillar-built tractors, and keep up with the continually growing demand for modern precision service procedures. Another service which will help Peterson's customers will be an Exchange Plan for Caterpillar-built track rollers. The old Caterpillar-built rollers may be turned in to the Parts Department and Renewed Rollers obtained on immediate delivery, which will greatly reduce the amount of time a tractor is down for repairs.

Martin Bros. was awarded the contract from the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District for construction of sewers in Local Improvement Dist. No. 36. They are laying 1,928 ft. of 15" sewer pipe, 1,856 ft. of 12" sewer pipe, 2,283 ft. of 10" sewer pipe, 20,946 ft. of 8" sewer pipe, 895 ft. of concrete sewer pipe, 74 48" manholes and 250 ft. of 10" bore to be put in.

Brother Irby J. Baker, a member of this Union, has signed a construction agreement with Local No. 3 under the firm name of "Baker Equipment Rental Company." He is located in Sherman Crane Services' yard at 1095 Embarcadero, Oakland and due to his location in Sherman's (Continued on Next Page)

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(Continued from Preceding Page) 20 operator for Charles Harney, yard he is able to offer crane service in addition to gradeall service. We want to take this opportunity to wish Brother Baker lots of luck in his new venture.

We have recently completed negotiating a favorable agreement with Baricade & Warning Lites Co. at 967 Buena Vista St. in Oakland, California. The telephone number is OL 8-3923. The firm is supplying barricade and warning lights to a good many of our contractors throughout Northern California and they have an excellent service crew and shop and are giving the best of service. Our best regards to this new firm and employees who are all members of the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3. Also we would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for cooperation of the employees during the negotiations.

## News About The Brothers

Brother Joe Freitas and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy by the name of Dan Lee. Little Danny was born in the Eden Hospital on October 21. He weighed in at 7 lbs and 14 ozs.

Brother Athel Robertson who works for Buren Equipment Co. was hurt on the job. Brother Robertson fell and landed on his shoulder and also bruised his knee.

Another one of our members has gone overseas to work. Brother Bruce Cromwell is working for Bechtel in Sumatra and will be there for eighteen months.

A baby girl was born to Bro. Bud Marshall and his wife on October 21. She weighed 7 lbs. and 12½ ozs. and arrived at the Richmond Hospital by the name of Gwenda.

Brother Thomas Kennedy was hurt on the job at Bethlehem Steel at the Crockett Bridge. Brother Tom tipped a crane over and has been suffering from a broken heel. We wish Tom a speedy recovery and hope he is back to work soon.

Brothers Manuel Spessard and Victor Mullinix both DW 20 operators working for Ferry Bros. & Crow, were in an automobile accident last week while going to work. Both Manuel and Victor were hospitalized in the Martinez Community hospital. Brother Manuel is now released and home; but will be laid up for some time. Brother Victor is still in the hospital and would like some of the Brothers' to drop by and say "Hello."

Brother Jay Cornell went into the Concord Community hospital for two days but is now home. Brother Jay is now resting up and will be able to return to work in a week or so.

Brother Howard Smith went deer hunting near Sunsanville in Lassen County. Brother Howard missed a four pointer that was 75 yards from him, the weather was foggy and his kids dropped his gun and the sights were off. By the way Howard, did you ever hear of buck fever?

Brother Mack Terrapin, a DW

20 operator for Charles Harney, had an accident last Friday on the job. Mack hurt his neck and has internal injuries. He was sent to Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek but is home now at 616 Shattuck Dr. in Antioch. So some of you Brothers drop by and say "Hello" to Mack.

Another baby girl arrived on October 21 to Brother James Dukes and his wife. She weighed 7 lbs. and 9 ozs. and is called Victoria.

Brother Ray Berquist who works out at the Automatic Hard Facing shop in Decoto had a piece of steel lodged in his leg from the pin press. Ray has been in the Levine Hospital in Hayward.

When any of the Brothers and their families are visiting up around Clear Lake they should visit Lucerne, California where one of our Brothers has a boat rental spot. There is fishing day and night all the year 'round. The name of his place is "Snuffy's Boat Rental" and he is under the Big Oak on Highway 20.

Brother Louis Dietz has been in the Veteran's Hospital in Oakland the past two weeks and is hoping to be able to go home very soon. We are hoping right along with you, Louie.

Brother Kenneth Pennington and his wife now have a Kenneth, Jr. in the family. Little Kenneth arrived on October 26 at 7:30 a.m. weighing 6 lbs. and 11 ozs.

One of our Brothers had a head-on collision out in Mission San Jose. He is Brother Vic Tyler and is getting along fine now. He is now at the Mt. Eden Hospital in Castro Valley.

Brother Joe Venti went deer hunting in Wildwood near Red Bluff on Brother John Strause's property. Brother Joe fired two shots at a four pointer and missed. The deer stopped to see who was shooting. Then Joe fired two more shots and missed. Now Joe says the next time he goes hunting he is going to take a machine gun. Brother Joe was only 30 ft. from the deer.

We seem to have a lot of the Brothers in the hospital this month. Brother Dick Cole was in the Concord Community Hospital, first with the Asiatic flu and then pneumonia. During his illness he lost 32 lbs. We hope that from now on we won't hear of any more of our Brother having accidents or being ill. We have had more than our share.



"Yes... I saw you win all that cash on television last night... why?"

# Construction Awards

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark and R. F. Swanson)

OCTOBER 4, 1957

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., P. O. Box 495, Avenal, \$82,512, for const. irrig. facils. at var. locs., betw. Davis Ave. & Rt. 134, Lindsay, TULARE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to I. J. Ely, Co., P. O. Box 834, Larkspur, \$35,114, for 10.2 mi. subseal exist. conc. pav. w/air refined asph., X 3 locs. betw. Gilroy & So. S.F.

AGNEW, contract awarded to Harrod & Williams, 290 So. Murphy, Sunnyvale, \$9,231, for repl. domestic well 267, Agnew State Hospital, Agnew, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

EUREKA, contract awarded to John W. J. Peterson, P. O. Box 22, Beatrice, \$62,925, for const. reinf. conc. storm drain in Whipple & Koster St., in Eureka, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

OCTOBER 7, 1957

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P. O. Box 928, Sacto., \$93,271, for impvts. to Franklin Blvd., Unit 6.

OCTOBER 8, 1957

LEMOORE, contract awarded to W. H. Schallock, Inc., 217 Daniels Lane, Bakersfield, \$244,820, for const. sewage trmt. plant, incl. gravity & force mains, clarifiers, sludge digester, etc., city of Lemoore, KINGS COUNTY.

WILLOWS, contract awarded to G. G. Williamson, P. O. Box 510, Chico, \$16,140, for const. storm sewer in Culver Ave., betw. Laurel St. to Central Canal, city of Willows, GLENN COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to P & E Const. Co., 1620 S. 7th St., San Jose, \$248,620 (Alt. A) for const. of Downer Ave. Storm Sewer, San Jose, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN PABLO, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Blvd., San Pablo, \$14,413, for grade, pave, curb, gr. & walks in 21st & 16th Sts., San Pablo, CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.

SAN LEANDRO, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 66th Ave., Oakland, \$38,150, for const. valley gutters & arch culv. at var. locs., city of San Leandro, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

RED BLUFF, contract awarded to H. P. Edwards, P. O. Box 814, Red Bluff, \$25,399, for const. off-street parking lot in Red Bluff, TEHAMA COUNTY.

PETALUMA, contract awarded to Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc., P. O. Box 269, Mysvl., \$19,527, (Sch. A) for sewer repl. in Vallejo St., in city of Petaluma, SONOMA COUNTY.

OCTOBER 9, 1957

OROVILLE, contract awarded to Rice Bros., Inc., 900 Victor Rd., Lodi, \$33,705, for pltmx. surf. of city streets in Oroville.

SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON NAT'L PARK, contract awarded to L. N. & R. Corp., Manning Ave., Parlier, \$15,765, for const. Big Stump Parking Area at Resurrection Tree, Grant Grove, in the Parks.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Michael Murphy, Jr., \$66,133, for lay 21" C. I. main in Ellis, Steiner, Webster & Grove Sts., San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$244,572, for Balboa Reservoir Development, incl. grade, drains & asph. conc. lining under S.F. Water Dept.

# FRESNO BOUNCES BACK AT 1st SNOW

By G. LYNN MOORE, J. D. MONROE and B. F. (TINY) HELING, Business Representatives.

After the first snow of the season hit the higher elevations, most of the brothers are back at it again. The H. Earl Parker Co. and Harms Bros. have resumed work at Tioga Pass, after having been snowed out for a few days. The John Delphia Co. have moved their hot plant and crew to Mariposa Sand & Gravel's plant and will soon be winding up their paving on Highway 140 near Midpines.

Bailey & Mehren have moved a small portable hot plant to the same location and will furnish hot stuff for Harms Bros. job at Boot Jack. Marro Construction are running into plenty of rock on their sewer job in Mariposa. Beleme Construction have the contract for the sewer plant on this job and are well underway.

Rice Bros. have moved their crusher and hot plant to a site near Cressey for a small resurfacing job on Santa Fe Drive. After the opening of the Atwater Freeway, Gordon H. Ball Co. are making repairs to detours and finishing up small details for the final completion of this job. Concrete Supply Co. have several small paving jobs in the Merced area. There is very little work at Castle Field Air Base at this time. The Downer Corp. and Beleme Construction winding up their respective sewer jobs in Merced.

Fredericksen & Kasler are moving their hot plant and crushing plant from Legrand to Victorville, where they have a large job. This same company have moved part of their euc spread back to Madera and are busy moving the remaining dirt on the Madera Freeway. Kovick Bros. have a job west of 99 near Herndon rerouting and piping irrigation ditches in preparation for the freeway from Fresno to Herndon.

On the Kings River job Morrison Walsh & Perini are running full speed after having been snowed out for a couple of days. Courtright Dam at this time is on a one shift basis. At Wishon Dam, Morrison Walsh & Perini have completed all drilling operations and also have completed their aggregate processing. General Crane Co. are keeping a crew of mechanics busy moving the rock plant and several of the shovels to a yard in Fresno. They will continue to place rock until they are snowed out.

## THREE-SHIFT TUNNEL

The Kings River Constructors continue on a three-shift basis at Haas Tunnel and will soon hole through on the down stream end.

Rothschild, Weirick & Raffin Co. are preparing the first deck of the underground Haas Power House. Kelly Rigging placed the steel in the underground chambers and the Bigge Company have completed the installation of the overhead crane. This same company has the contract for the addition at Balch and have progressed to a point where they are ready to install the scroll cases. The Intrusion Prepackt Co. have made several pours on their contract raising the Black Rock Dam. Consolidated Steel have placed several anchor sections of penstock on the Haas job. They have a crew installing tracks to skid the penstock in place at the Balch job. The Harms Bros. & Thomas Construction are placing the concrete footings on this job.

Bechtel Company have laid off the few men they did have working for them at Mammoth Pool. The latest report on the Mammoth Pool project is that it is being held up for more

study by the Public Utilities Commission.

Stevens and Son have caught up with engineers on the Big Stump project and will shut down for the winter.

Stewart & Nuss, Inc., keeping busy on their Ventura Avenue job and have quite a few smaller projects around town. Volpa Bros. and Linton & Kilgore are still working on Blackstone Avenue (hiway 41) job.

## ASH MOUNTAIN

Griffith Company, on Highway 198 out of Visalia, will start moving dirt about Nov. 11th on the north side of their job. They have about 100,000 yards to move and then will start concrete again. The traffic will be turned over to the south side, which is completed. This job will go until about February.

Thomas Construction have started their job at Ash Mountain in Sequoia and Kings Canyon Parks and have one dozer so far but will have some more cats and carryalls soon. Thomas Construction has the roads and W. L. Ferguson has the water system. Ferguson has one back hoe on the job and will have another soon.

Fortier Construction has a contract for improvement of "O" Street and Alpine Street in Tulare. M. M. Batchelor Pipe Co. has the subcontract for the concrete pipe. Harry Elias has some equipment on this job. Fortier has finished the dirt moving on Valley Pavings job at Corcoran. Volpa Bros. have started the black topping and should complete this about the last of November.

Wm. H. Schallock was low bidder on a sewage plant at Lemoore, California. Work involves construction of sewage treatment plant including two pumping stations, sludge digester clarifier and gravity mains. The bid was \$244,820.00.

Schall & Cain have subbed two rock cuts to Powell & Osborn. This job should be finished about December.

Madonna Construction have moved 400,000 yards so far on his job at Porterville and still have 450,000 yards of dirt to go. There is lots of rock on this job. Pacific Pipeline Construction are wrapping pipe at Huron. They will finish about the last of November, then will move the plant to Arvin, California.

**BLOOD DONORS FOR THIS MONTH: Brothers Ray Kopley, E. L. Thompson, Henry Dive, M. L. McDonald. Thanks. Let's all give to the Blood Bank.**

WEST SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Jay Bailey SConst. Co., P.O. Box 149, Woodland, \$106,950, for extension to the present treatment plant, in West Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Peletz Const. Co., 475 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa, \$114,120, for const. bridge at Lucerne cut-off, across Rodman Narros, 7 mi. N. of Lakeport.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to O. K. Mitty & Sons, 15905 So. Broadway, Gardena, \$112,678, for install. 3 mi. grading & drain. facils. of 2 lane hwy. on Tyler-Foote Rd., betw. Kennedy Ranch & 0.7 mi. west of North Columbia, NEVADA COUNTY.

# 9 Inches Rain for N. Bay, But Outlook is Good

By H. O. FOSS, F. A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI and AARON S. SMITH, Business Representatives

Construction in North Bay Area has shown a good pick-up in last few weeks, in spite of over nine inches of rain recorded, most unusual weather for the month of October.

Peter Kiewit & Sons job is winding up on Highway 101. This office has the pleasure to say that we have had the nicest labor relations with these boys, and hate to see them go, but do hope that they may return in the area again.

F. W. Case job also buttoning up; we are happy to say this year that we have had them in our district, and do hope if they return that they will have a more successful job—no beefs with Bro. Bennett Murray.

Valley Engineers at Lagunitas, water main job in swing. Brothers on the job are: B. C. Thomson, foreman; Tommy Smith, Gradall Operator; O'Neil Easton, Operator; Jim C. Snow, Oiler on Trenching Machine; Doyle Thomson, Trench Machine Operator; James Roach, Operator; J. A. Sellers, Operator; Lloyd E. Krause, Oiler on Backhoe; Thomas Roach, Oiler; Joe Adams, Gradall Oiler; Bro. O. D. Montgomery, Backhoe Operator on Dewey M. Marquess job at Lagunitas; Bro. Rollin Wheeler, Oiler on Backhoe.

We learn that Gordon Chase of Mission Quarry has pinched off a very nice sized job, after a long struggle.

Bro. Chas. Hover's new venture on Day Island, located at Black Point, clearing out job, resulted in a case of poison oak. Our sympathies and everything in the world go with him and we suggest he hire engineers not allergic to the stuff.

Associated Const. & Engrg. of S.F. have been awarded building construction of new shopping center to be located at Madera Gardens, cost \$972,800.

Ghilotti Bros. keeping about 14 of our Brothers busy pretty much around the year.

E. A. Forde too has a good crew of our Brothers working in the area, also at Napa.

Gerwick-Pomeroy job at Black Point Petaluma Creek Bridge is making good progress, according to John Forde, super; job is just about on schedule.

E. T. Haas has lots of work for our boys, and according to Bro. "Doc" Rosecrans they are making very good progress.

Frederickson & Watson on Highway 101, new overpass, making good headway, keeping the brothers busy too.

## BROS. IN BUSINESS

Brother David Scott can rebuild any hydraulic rigs to owner's satisfaction, down to digging spuds and milking cows! Give him a ring at GLENWOOD 3-6860; address, 749-A Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo.

Bro. Cy King is in auto service business, his shop called King's Auto Service, is located at 815 Olive St. in Novato; phone TWInbrook 2-5529. Bro. King has the authorized Carter Carburetor Service, approved Chevrolet Service, Sun tuneup, brakes, general repairs, parts and service, all cars.

Bro. Robert Young has taken a sales course and is now selling Watkin Products. He may be reached at 301 G St., San Rafael, call GLENWOOD 6-3624.

The following have been reported hospitalized: Brothers Tom Poague, Joe Faustine and Henry Allgore. Bro. Allgore suffered a heart attack on the E. T. Haas job, and is in San Rafael General; will be there approximately six weeks. Our best wishes for speedy recovery to the above. Also reported on the sick list is Brother Elmer Lane.

Bro. Louie Pavsee, master mechanic for Schall & Cain, recently returned from British Columbia on a hunting expedition and boasting of the following: 1 Moose, 1 Elk, 1 Mountain Sheep, 1 Grisley Bear, 1 Black

Bear. Bro. Paysee says this is his second trip, and only brought back the Elk with him this time. Says the fishing was good, too.

We heard by the grapevine that Bro. Dave Otis, general super with Parish & Harms, needs a little extra money—so he took on a little deal for shooting woodpeckers at \$5 a piece. But there was a penalty of \$30 if he hit any of the homes. We understand that Dave broke even.

Bro. Frank Zachary, we hear, has been bothered with skunks in his back yard lately. We really haven't heard yet what the damage was, but we hear that the skunk hit him first—then the shotgun went off.

Bro. Joe Korteum with Basalt made a fast trip East on the death of his mother. We extend our condolences to Bro. Korteum.

Napa's Kaiser Steel Fabricating plant has launched a \$1,500,000 expansion program.

The work now under way, according to Ernest Hsley, general manager, will insure a continuous work load and result later in increased local employment.

Present pipe forming machinery at the plant will be speeded up. To handle the augmented quantity of steel plate, Kaiser is installing a new crane and other handling and storage facilities.

Hsley stated that the growth here and at the Kaiser Fontana steel mill is designed to meet ever-increasing demands for steel and steel products in the West.

At the present time Kaiser Steel has 42 members of Local No. 3 employed at the Napa plant.

## NAPA-SOLANO SAFETY

Industrial leaders of Napa and Solano Counties perfected organization of a committee for the promotion of safety in manufacturing and industrial plants of this area. Labor and management participated jointly in the organization.

The Napa meeting was held as a part of a state-wide effort to cut down on worker injuries. During discussion it was pointed out by speakers the part spreading safety information can plant in saving the arms, legs and even lives of industrial workerse.

Everyone benefits when accidents are cut down. Insurance costs are less, workers are better able to care for their families, production is not impaired, and everyone wins, no one loses.

The conference makes every effort to stimulate widespread efforts in accident prevention in industry, particularly by management and labor; for it is acknowledged that real progress cannot be achieved otherwise.

## HELENA HIGHWAY

A \$1,307,000 project to relocate 2.9 miles of the St. Helena Highway in the Yountville area is included in a record budget of \$483,571,763 adopted for 1958-59 on Oct. 25, 1957, by the California Highway Commission.

In addition, \$50,000 will be spent to widen portions of State Route 128 between Rutherford and its junction with State Route 37 at Moskowite Corners in Capell Valley.

On the St. Helena Highway project work will include grading, paving and building structures for the initial two lanes of the future four-lane expressway from a point just north of Ragatz Lane to just north of Yount Mill Road.

Yountville will be completely by-passed, the new route going to the west of the town. At a point just south of Rock Villa, the highway will cut through the hill to the east and return to the present route, with frontage roads running from that point to Yount Mill Road.

The \$1,307,000 allocation provides \$735,000 for actual construction and \$572,000 for rights-of-way.

Bro. James D. Asbury has been working for Syar & Harms at the Windsor Sand and Gravel Pit. James is off work at the present time and has been under the doctor's care since October 13, 1957. He expects to return to work by the middle of November. We hope he will soon feel swell again.

Last week-end Saturday, Oct. 19, Brother William F. Simonds reported he had terrific luck fishing at Monticello Dam. The catch was black bass, and of course Simonds got the limit. You just can't beat it, black and the limit—that is.

Some Brothers haven't been as fortunate as member LeRoy Distefano. He reports it was his fatal shot that brought down a 180-pound deer in Shasta County.

It is very apparent that Bro. Edward F. Kirk is very happy with his purchase of a three bedroom home located on Redwood Road in Napa. This home includes one-half acre, fruit trees and a creek that runs by the front door. Edward plans to spend much of his leisure time fishing in the creek, as well as improving his home. Right now he is chiseling flagstone to be used for a walkway. Patience, man, patience!

Hohl's is keeping busy these days which just opened for business a few months ago. Several members have reported they are happy there is a coffee shop located only one block from the Engineers office in Napa. It is real convenient for our coffee drinking brothers.

Bro. Tom Finnigan, the boy from Ireland, was engrossed in a conversation the other day in regard to ways and means of planting and raising potatoes. We were quite amused at Finnigan's answer when confronted with the following question, "Do you advise wrapping the potato in paper in order to keep dirt away from the eyes?" Finnigan's reply: "No, just put glasses on them."

## MEMBER IS KILLED

A 29-year-old Napa father was killed instantly Thursday, Oct. 24th, 1957, in Los Gatos when the drilling rig on which he was working hit a power line. The victim was Bro. Clarence T. Wilson of 1691 G Street, Napa, an operating engineer with a construction firm. He was with a crew drilling test holes for the foundation of a new building when the accident occurred. He had driven from Napa to Los Gatos Thursday morning. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn, and sons Michael and Robert. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Eardie Moody of Napa.

We were sorry to hear that Bro. Jack Taddei has been off work for eight weeks due to a bad back, he was working for George Slinson. Hope you are doing better, Jack, and that you will soon be back on the job.

Member George Hymer, brother of member William Hymer



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Union Meeting

entered the hospital Oct. 4, 1957. George is to have his hand operated on. We wish him a speedy recovery, hoping he has the situation well in hand soon.

There is a great deal of fishing being done in the Napa River, but Bro. Jack Kennedy reports he hasn't had any luck yet. Jack has related only small fish stories to us.

Construction on the \$216,000 Salvador Sanitation District project is now under way. An \$89,267 contract for the trunk line and laterals to serve the 127 property holders in the 200-acre district was awarded Baldwin Construction Company of Marysville by the Sanitation District Board of Directors. The transite sewer consists of 6" main (7305 lineal feet), 10" main (6700 lineal feet), 18" main (1475 lineal feet), 4" laterals (3000 lineal feet), manholes (32). Brothers on the job are: Russell C. Richeson, Trencher Operator; William S. Humer, Oiler on Trencher; George R. Quigley, Oozer Operator. There will be more Engineers employed on this job.

J. R. Talbott of Talbott Bros., contractors at 1090 First Ave., received a safety award certificate from the Industrial Indemnity Co. in recognition of a year's operation without an industrial injury. The award was presented by Ernest L. Sander of the Sander and Jacobs Agency, which represents the insurance company.

VALLEJO SLOWER  
The rain has slowed construction down a lot in the Vallejo area, but we have showed a good pick-up in the last week.

Frederickson Bros. are laying black top on Highway 12 out of Suisun to beat hell trying to beat Old Man Winter.

Syar & Harms are going full blast again on Highway 40, hoping the weather will hold out so they can get their paving done on the access roads.

Bro. Archie Miller must get getting mileage by the amount of small jobs he's covering over the County of Solano.

M & K Corp. and Stolte are still going strong on their sewer job at Mare Island.

Parish & Harms have about all of their dirt work done on Travis Air Force Base runway. They have laid off two paving machines, leaving only one to finish up.

Hanna Construction are making a good showing on their Putah Creek Canal job keeping about ten Engineers busy.

Vinson Construction still going after the clean-up on their end of the canal and are hoping to be able to sell the whole job by March of 1958.

Bro. William Cargill has been home with the Asiatic flu for a week. Seems he had it bad for quite a while. We are all hoping that he recovers with no serious repercussions.

Bro. Jack Covey was home for three or four days with the flu and when we saw him he was about 6 or 7 pounds lighter.

Bro. Charles W. Ball has been walking around with a one-sided look. He had such a stiff neck that he had to take treatment from a doctor. Hope that by the time you read this, Walter, your

head is on straight again.

Bro. Herman Morton left for Eniwetok to work for the government on Oct. 15. He promised to send us a card (the one he pays dues on every three months). Good luck, Herman. We received a card from Honolulu on the 19th—Bro. Morton had a 48-hour lay-over and went swimming. Wish we were all so lucky at this time of the year.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all our Brothers who gave to our Blood Bank on Oct. 17 and to also mention that Bros. Thomas Hughes, Lawrence (Shorty) Freeman, Lou Bowman and Mrs. Morris McCleave were unable to donate even though they braved the women in white. We want to take off our hats to all these boys and their wives as this is such a needy cause. We received over 30 pints.

Thanks to the following donors:

Floyd T. Rolufs, Edward F. Kirk, Marvin R. Clark, Thomas J. Finnegan, Aaron Smith, Jerry L. Dorothy, John W. King, Herbert M. Maunder Jr., L. D. Copeland, W. J. Curry, Earl B. Malett, Floyd D. Miller, William Parker, William D. Poyser, Wayne Lee, James W. Every, Jim Watson, Raymond Beshears, William F. Clearwater, Charles A. Smith, Jess W. Garver, Johnie F. Walling, Glenn F. Moyer, Paul B. Middleton, Jimmie C. Moore, W. C. Drewery, Tony A. Lorenzo, Ronald F. Schuster (Air Force). From San Rafael area, blood donors for Octobers: Pauline M. Giffin and Peter Maneha.

Bro. Al P. Coontz, G. H. McCants, Harley Walker, Cliff Cotter, Glenn Parish, Jearl King Jr. and Ellis Phelps are all sporting large golden yearly buttons with pride. We have a good supply of these golden beauties for any Brother, right on hand.

Bro. Billy Kuykendall left for Sumatra on Oct. 28. We hope he'll send a card so we'll know how the work and conditions are over there.

Bro. Oral Burns was in the hospital again with the same trouble that he had a few months ago. Gee, Oral, we're sure sorry to hear this and hope that you are through with all this trouble.

We mourn the passing of Bro. William C. Dessel who died of a heart attack on Oct. 23. We all extend our sympathy to his family during this period of sorrow.

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SOUND YOUR HORN  
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# THE NEVADA ROUND-UP

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE, JOE MILLER and  
RUSS SWANSON, Business Representative

The McCammon and Wunderlich job on the Reno Airport is well along. The Super, Brother Robert "Bob" Woods, gets a bit "wild" once in a while, and has to buy a new hat every now and then, but he's a good fellow. He has really pushed that job along. Of course, he has lots of the good Brothers to help him. There's Brother Sheldon Homer from Fallon, Nevada, on one of the DW-20's, he's a fine operator, and his traveling partner, Brother Robert Nelson on the "9" dozer.

Believe me, those Fallon Boys are good, but they should be, they come from the Andy Drumm School. There is Brother Harold "Pineapple" Lewis on a 20. He really keeps things stirred up on the job, but the Pineapple gets the work done up in fine shape most of the time. Brothers Lloyd Larson, Melvin James and Orland Spencer are real peaceful Brothers.

They go along and do their work on the 20's, no worries, no troubles everyone calm, cool, and collected. Brother A. E. "Boots" Potash and Brother Arnold Odermatt are doing the finish work with the blades. While Brother Roger "Cookie" Heric, Brother Dutch Dowler, and Brother Floyd Trissel are doing some fancy work around the airport. Out on the dragline, loading the belly dump Euclids, is Brother Ralph "Slim" Cubberness and his faithful oiler, Bro. John "Skinny" Reeves. Now that's a long, tall crew. Either one can stand up flat footed, 6 foot 4 inches tall, and look each other right in the eye. They are a couple of real characters, but their wives like them. Brother "Jack" Holderman is doing the heavy duty repair work with the able assistance of Brother Tracy Horn, another Fallon boy. Those Fallonites are popular on the job.

Brother Shorty Snider quit the job. Seems he and Brother Bob had a few words that are not quite proper for printing. I think Shorty won the argument, but Bob gave him his walking papers just the same. The Stake Puncher, Brother Clifford Devine, has all the work he can handle, showing everyone just where to dump and keeping Brother Terry Fisher lined out on the blade.

Gibbons and Reeds' highway job, west from the California-Nevada State line has most of the muck and rock moved, most of the concrete and culverts are in, the rip rap is almost finished and the traffic is not too much of a problem any more compared to what it was this summer. They are putting down the sub-base and the rock as fast as weather will now permit. However, there is still quite a crew working out there. Brother George Mahe, the HDRM Foreman, has lots of break downs and troubles, but he has some real good Brothers to help him such as Brother Hugh Bodam, I think he's bossman too, Brother Dave Germain, Brother Phil Hansen, Bro. George Smith and Brother Paul Jolley. That Jolley boy is a real repairman. He has a bit of trouble with the law once in a while, but he's O.K. Brother Ed Jolley and his Oiler, Brother Shirley Craig, have done a fine supervisory job with all the handicaps they have faced. They've had some fine foremen on the job too. Brothers W. H. Arvin, Earl Baker, Bliss Cushing, and Deward Stringham. You know the foremen on the job can make or break it.

Brother Leonard Miller and Brother Richard Hardy are the blademen on the job. That Leonard seems to make it hit on any job he goes on. He must be good. Oh well, he comes from the Andy Drumm school too, so guess he has to be good. Brother

Dave "Windy" Howard is on the job, and he also remembers Drumm. He's good on anything you put him on including a foreman's job. And there is Brother M. Christian with his own blades on the job, working hard as usual. Bro. Wayne Straight and his oiler, Brother Joe Hopkins are on the Northwest shovel. They seems to have done a real fine job with that rig. Brother Guy Billeter and his oiler, Brother Earl Oltman have it made on that old Northwest: dragline, clam or shovel, whatever attachment they want to hang on the old "Clunker", they are ready and willing to do a good job.

Lagrange Construction Company has gone "prune picking" on me. They have most of their equipment on the Squaw Valley job and the Brothers, too. Bro. Carl Hass is the boss and Bro. Jay Baker is also bossing the job. Brother Lou Gates is working on the cat or pull or just drawing his pay. Anyhow, he's there. Brother Walt Hagen is on the backhoe and Brother Vince Puccinelli is his oiler. How lucky can that Hagen get. Around the home yard at Lagrange Construction Company, Harold "Gruesome" Imelli has his problems making out the payroll. This bothers him considerably and is a big job, but cheer up, Harold, that's just one of the joys of the construction game. The good yard boss, Mabel, seems to keep up her part of the work. Course Brother John picks on her sometimes, but all seems to be well with the Lagrange outfit.

Standard Slag Company started mining iron a couple of years ago in the vicinity of Wabuska, Nevada, not knowing just how long the deposit would hold out. Evidently the deposit is such that there will be plenty of work for some time to come. At first, it was anticipated that there would only be work for a short time. For this reason, the company has been paying the same wages and conditions as they are paying in Local No. 12's area. The time has now come for Local 3 to sign an agreement with the company and that is just what we are attempting to do. A proposal has been presented to the company and one meeting has been held. There will be more meetings in the near future and those Brothers employed there will be kept informed of the proceedings.

Thayn Construction from Salt Lake has been working on Highway 88, but have slowed down considerably for the winter. The company plans to move their hot plant in from Salt Lake this winter in order to get an early start next year in laying the "hot stuff." John Lawler is the Super with Link Harris and F. Larson acting as foremen. Brother Jerry Howell and Grant Dalton are the blade operators. Brothers Roy Tucker, Clyde Snedeger and Richard Nalder are the crane and shovel operators. Brothers Ira Hamrick, Albert Calvin and Orville Welch are the "Lubricating Engineers," oilers, when they're not being fancy.

Souza and McCue have started on their clearing job on the Mt. Rose Highway, and presently have three cats on the job. Snelson from Corning, Calif. have

## Attention Brothers

There will be a District Meeting for all Nevada members held on Dec. 20th, 1957. This meeting will be held at the Labor Temple in Reno, Nevada, the corner of North Arlington Ave. and Commercial Row. BROTHERS please attend this meeting. There will be a By-Law Committee elected. This is important. Be with us, one hundred per cent. ATTEND THE MEETING. DECEMBER 20, 1957.

been doing most of the clearing and also have three cats on the job. The Brothers are working at an elevation of 8,000 feet and with the snow due anytime, in fact, right this minute, it's here, it's hard to say just how much work will be done this winter.

The Nevada area has had its share of heartaches this last month. Brother Chris Petersen passed away on the job, October 14, 1957. The old rig down at Smith-Peterson's just doesn't look the same without Brother Chris at the controls. He had been a member of the Operating Engineers Local 3 since 1942. It's hard to believe that Brother Chris is gone, and our thoughts and sympathies are with his family.

The Brothers were also saddened by the death of Brother Jack I. Monroe on October 23, 1957. Brother Monroe had been in poor health for some time. He was also well known around here and in many other parts of the world too. At one time he was written up in Time magazine as "The Little Man Who Moved Mountains" for the work he did in Jordan. For this work he was given a medal by the King of Jordan. Brother Jack had been working for Gibbons and Reed while waiting for another overseas assignment. Our sympathy to his family.

Brother Tommy Eck has returned from his job overseas with the Morrison-Knudsen Co. He called up from his home in Pennsylvania and wanted to know if "this was the place." I assured him it was, and at that time he thought he would be out in about two weeks. But I guess Brother Eck is either traveling by Mule Train or else he has taken a short cut, via Germany and places like that. Hurry up, Brother Eck, all the Brothers are anxious to see you.

Brother Berl Johnson, the Bossman for the Paul Tholl Co. has finished up Tholl's work in Elko, Nevada, and is back taking care of the Tholl Company's interests in Reno and Sparks.

Our heartiest congratulations to Brother Don Morland and his new bride, Shirley Ann. The wedding was all done up in proper style in Oakland, California, on November 2nd. Hope that twin Brother Dale didn't cause any confusing situations. Sincerely, our best wishes to you Brother Don and the new Mrs. Morlan.

Here in the Reno area the Brothers are well fixed if they have car troubles. Brother Rube Blanchard has gone into the garage business, doing general repairs and servicing, while Bro. Cliff Letarti has taken over a gas station. All the local Brothers and those from out of town are urged to patronize Brother Blanchard at "S & S" Automotive Service, 344½ North Virginia Street, and Brother Letarti at "Cliff's Texaco Service Station," 1900 East Fourth Street. See—If Cliff's gas won't make it go, see Rube, he'll fix it so it will. Best of luck to both of you Brothers.

## Eastern Nevada

By JOSEPH MILLER

With the coming of the winter weather, the work in the eastern portion of Nevada has dropped off considerably. Three of the jobs in this district will be down for the winter by the time this paper comes out. Jack Parsons Construction Company of Utah, which has the job at Tuscarora, is already down. Hoops Construction Company has finished the dirt work on their job at Secret Pass in Ruby Valley and will move the equipment into wells or Elko in the next week.

Dodge Construction Company has finished the dirt work on their job at Shoshone, Nevada, which is about 30 miles Southwest of Ely and will crush gravel and put it on the roadbed as long as the weather permits, but will not oil until next year. They have cut down their crew quite a bit already.

B. C. Richter Company is working on a large string of equipment on their job at Clover Valley in an effort to get all of the pipe in and covered before they get too much snow or frost in the ground. They are going to keep working as long as the State will let them. We have received about six inches of snow here today, and if it should continue to snow or should the temperatures start to drop very much further, the northern jobs will probably have to call it quits for this year.

Utah Construction Company at Palisade, Nevada, will continue to work on the tunnels there until Christmas, the way that it looks now. They are progressing very well and the snow will not bother them too much. The sub zero weather will be the thing that will stop the concrete, and we are hoping that it will remain warm enough for them to complete the work this year, and then move to the other location for the coming year.

This has been a very good job for the Brothers, and there has been very little trouble on the job, with the exception of a couple of rather personal differences that had to be straightened out, and since that, all has been going along fine.

## SOUTH OF ELY

South of Ely, on Route 6, Rice Construction Co. has brought in some more machinery and has started to move dirt with some vigor.

There will be about fifteen rigs on the job during the first week in November, and I think that they are just far enough South, that they will be able to work for several weeks yet, and with a little luck with the weather, they may be able to continue thru the winter, we hope.

The next door neighbors to Rice Construction Company, that is the Stewart & Wells Construction Company, with their crews working just South of Lund, Nevada, are working steady and going along very well.

They are also hoping for some luck with the weather so that they might continue to work until the first of the year at least.

As for the mining industry, things look very dim. Consolidated Coppermines Corporation has laid-off some 65 men up to date, and no one knows just what the future might bring. All of the other mining concerns in this end of the State and also on the other end of the State have been following the same pattern. Everyone in the area is hoping for some relief for the industry soon, as it has caused a large number

## Public Roads 'Socialistic'

Even the public roads and highways are now being attacked as "socialistic" by the lunatic fringe of big business.

Dr. Emerson P. Schmidt, Chamber of Commerce economist, recently declared that "if we had privately owned streets and highways, operated as private enterprise," the problem of traffic congestion "would never have arisen and would be self-solving."

Dr. Schmidt's remarks are backed in full by the Foundation for Economic Education, a reactionary propaganda organization which has appealed to employers to stay in practice for the fight against "socialism" by arguing against "socialized" highways.

Apparently, Dr. Schmidt and the FEE believe there would be little or no congestion on the highways if the roads were operated by free enterprise because the tolls would be so high that only the wealthy would be able to afford to travel by car.

Privately owned roads, like the recently proposed privately owned postal system, might cut down on government spending, but it certainly wouldn't cut down on spending by the public.

## Press Neglected This Story -- Natch!

The story was one of the most newsworthy of the year, but in the vast majority of the nation's newspapers it was crowded out by flamboyantly headlined reports of the McClellan Committee hearings. The neglected story was a disclosure by B. H. Mercer, head of Fidelity & Deposit Co., the nation's largest insurer of business risks, that business embezzling has soared by nearly 400 per cent since 1944, with more than \$500,000,000 looted from business firms last year alone. "Furthermore," said Mercer, "the trend of embezzlement is steadily rising."

And if you think bankers are any more honest than businessmen, you'd better lock up your piggy bank. The American Bankers Association reported a 40 per cent increase in the number of major bank embezzlements last year, with 35 embezzlements of \$10,000 or more reported in just six months. Said one expert: "We know there are many thousands more embezzlements every year, but either they go unrecognized for several years or they make private arrangements for restitution."

Sixteen State Department of Motor Vehicles examiners were injured last year in accidents involving driver license applicants.

of people to enter the Unemployment Rolls.

That is the picture for this end of the state at the present time, and due to the season of the year I don't look for it to pick up any until spring. The out of work list is beginning to grow now in the Construction Industry, which is common for this time of the year, and this along with the scores of miners and mill hands that have been thrown out of work has really slowed things down here. I advise any of the Brothers that might be thinking of coming into this area to stay put unless they should be called in by myself or by the Reno office.

# Sutter County Board OK's Open Shop Law

By LES COLLETT, C. R. VAN WINKLE and BILL WEEKS, Business Representatives

We have to report this month that the Board of Supervisors of Sutter County passed the so-called "Right to Work" law by a vote of 3 to 2 on November 4th. We will have copies of the ordinance for our own studies, and will know later how best to combat this law. It was a clear case of Minority Rule.

There has been no appreciable amount of work let in this district since our last report, and we have two jobs closed down for the winter.

Walsh Construction Co. has about 750 feet to go on their Caribou Tunnel, and then will start their concrete lining. The Butt Valley Tunnel has about 2700 feet to go as of now.

With the short spell of good weather, O. K. Mittry & Sons have been getting a little more work done on their road job at Spring Garden, California.

We have quite a crew on the Darkenwald Co. job on the Belden Dam, and the cold weather is setting in up in the high altitude.

A. Tiechert & Sons are still running the plant at Rodgers Flat. Brother Duke Sutherland is on the "80"—he has certainly dredged up old Feather River. I've never seen any sluice box so don't guess he is getting out any gold.

Utah, Bates & Rogers on the Poe Tunnel are doing fine on the concrete and are now lining at Adit No. 1, and the Surge Chamber is just about driven to final depth.

Bechtel Corp. have about completed all the excavation on the dam, and ditto at the powerhouse.

Peter Kiewit & Sons Co. are getting the bugs out of their new equipment and no doubt will be driving tunnel soon.

McCammon & Wunderlich have cats and DW-20's scattered over about 13 miles of road, and the mud is really flying on this job.

Lester L. Rice & Sons have still got a lot of men working on various jobs around the country and seem to keep their gravel plant and ready-mix, and also their hot plant going fairly good.

H. Earl Parker has quite a bit of work including their big levee job in this area which is almost at a stand still at the time being. They are also working on the Fifth Street approaches job—Marysville-Yuba City. They are putting the finishing touches on their levee job on the Feather River in Marysville.

Lee Stephens claims he is nearing completion on his levee job south of Marysville. He has two very good foremen on this job—George DeSpain and Bill Lampley, both union brothers. Aldrin has his equipment working on this same project. We all hope the sun will shine for at least two more weeks.

Arthur B. Siri are doing very well on their job at Stonyford with Brother Tom Rich in command. One of our good brothers from this job, Sandy Parks is in the hospital at Willows, California as the result of an automobile wreck. We wish him a speedy recovery.

A. Teichert & Sons are still doing quite a bit of work in the Chico area, including their Highway 32 project which Brother Paul Matus says is nearing completion.

C. K. Moseman and Raymond Concrete Pile are doing very well on their Nicolous bridge job, although they are having a few water pains as the river is rising some due to our last storms.

Hertell have the contract removing the remains of the old Nicolous bridge with about four of our brothers working on their job—Frank George in charge.

Westbrook - M&K - Parker-Beale Air Force Base have curtailed operations until sometime in the spring. Also Marin Rock has shut down until they resume operations. Although Action Co. are still trying to do their work on this project.

Butte Creek Rock are still doing work all over the country, why I say this is because I see their pick-ups here, there and everywhere. But all joking aside this is a good company with a fine bunch of brothers working for them. A nice company to do business with.

—Les Collett & Bill Weeks

## NATOMAS COMPANY

The 1958 United Crusade in the Sacramento area is now in full swing and those of our members working for the Natomas Company are asked to "give their fair share" when solicited. Each of you will be, or have been, solicited for your donation or pledge and we want you to remember that it is people like us when in need who are the greatest recipients of the benefits.

What is the United Crusade? It is forty voluntary worthy organizations who are united in a drive for donations at one time of the year and whose work in the community has been judged by responsible citizens to be necessary and important to the community.

So when you are solicited be generous. You may make a cash donation or a pledge. Remember you may actually be helping yourself or someone close to you.

## YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS

The closing down of Dredge 18 for the winter is the big news with this company. This was caused by the fact that the dredge is to be moved across the river and the company was afraid of high water. The dredge in crossing the river would have to cross broadside to the current and sudden high water could capsize and sink the dredge.

The shutting down of the dredge necessitated the lay-off of about eighteen of the brothers and those that haven't are urged to register "out of work" at the Marysville office, and also to register for your unemployment insurance.

Being registered at our office will also allow us to keep track of you and call you back to the company's service when the dredge is reactivated next spring, that is, of course, if you are not working elsewhere or want to go back.

## GLADDING, McBEAN AND COMPANY

The slow pattern that has been developing the past couple of months has continued with a number of the brothers being laid off since our last report. In other words the company's hopes that they had reached the bottom of the slump hasn't been realized.

It is hoped by both your Union and the Management that the plans to stockpile certain ware for delivery next year will have stopped the trend. Also we hope that the architects will "get off the dime," pick out the colors, etc., so that the expected Terra Cotta contracts may be started.

## ROCK, SAND AND GRAVEL

Last month we reported that some trouble had been had in getting the new rates into ef-

## COMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dredger Companies: Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields Members meet Monday, November 25, 1957, in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville, and at the times noted below:

Natomas Company Members meet Monday, December 2, 1957 in the Veterans Hall, Folsom, and also at the times noted below:

10:00 a.m. for those unable to attend the night meeting.  
7:30 p.m. for those able to attend the night meeting.

Gladding, McBean and Co.: The Joint Board meets Monday, December 2, 1957 at 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln Industrial Council Office, Lincoln. The General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10, 1957, at 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium, Lincoln.

Concrete Pipe Companies: Subject to call, watch the bulletin boards.

Rock, Sand and Gravel: Meeting will be held some time before the end of November in the Teamsters' Hall, 818 Wall Street, Chico. Watch the bulletin boards for the date.

fact. That problem, as far as we know, has been solved, however, there are still some of our brothers, at this writing, who are waiting for their back pay.

This, we hope, will have been settled by the time this reaches you. If, however, some of you haven't received the back pay, we hope that you will let us know so that the proper steps can be taken.

We hope also that by the time you read these words that new agreements will have been executed with all the independent companies so that all, come the first of the year, will come under the pension plan by having your employer making the nickle an hour contributions.

The next meeting of this unit will be held in Chico and it is hoped that every member working in the Rock, Sand and Gravel Industry will make an effort to be present as there is much, like the pension plan, to discuss.

## CONCRETE PIPE COMPANIES AND N. Y. MACHINE SHOP

The Concrete Pipe Companies have also experienced some slowness due to the unprecedented early rains and the plants have been mostly stockpiling. Dry weather, if it occurs for any length of time, is expected to improve the chances for considerable field agriculture work.

There has been some discussion around the Yuba City plants of again alternating the meetings between Marysville and Chico. As this will be discussed at the next meeting of this unit, which will occur before this reaches the light, watch the bulletin boards for the meeting announcements.

The New York Machine Shop goes merrily, peacefully and quietly along with no problems arising or moaning or groaning. In fact it must be a happy place to work. Not only the crew, but the boss is congenial and that makes it hard to do more than

# REDDING'S BUSIEST SEASON IS STARTING TO TAPER OFF

By PAT CLANCY and J. B. JENNINGS, Business Representatives

After an extremely busy summer, the work in the Redding District is beginning to taper off! Although we have a few jobs in the area that are still on two-shift basis. The Shea, Kaiser & Morrison Clear Creek Tunnel job has started their third shift. However, at the present time we have approximately 75 Engineers on the job.

The Macco Corporation has moved in on their tunnel job for the Southern Pacific at Pollard Gulch, Highway 99 North. They are running two shifts. They have approximately 120 working days to complete this project. They have been on this project approximately 30 days. Although their second shift started Monday, November 4th, Brother Ted Bowles is the superintendent and Bro. Schrimmer is the foreman. Due to this particular type of job, Bro. Bowles states, "they will work rain or shine."

Gibbons & Reed's seven mile highway job, Hazel Creek, Highway 99 N. has dropped back to a single shift operation. With approximately 45 Engineers on the job.

J. W. Briggs road job to the Mt. Shasta ski-lift project ceased all operation due to the heavy snow. The chairman of the ski-lift predicts that in the early spring of 1958 the job will resume operation.

The Stolte Corp. on the mineral job is now in full swing and expect to wind their job up by the end of November.

The Alex, Robertson Pipe Line and Engineers Limited has moved back into Red Bluff to wind up their 165-mile pipe-line job.

We are happy to report we have signed the Northern California Rock, Sand & Gravel Agreement with the following name companies: Player Ready Mix, Red Bluff; Allen & Reed, Red Bluff; Yreka Lumber Company, Yreka, and Stewarts' Masonry Supply of Redding.

Bros. Paul Manfee of the B. C. Richter Const. Co. reports that their road job at Ono is winding up.

We would also like to report that we had a very large turnout at the first membership meeting held in Redding at the Eagles Hall, November 6th, 8 p.m., with approximately 160 members attending. At this meeting the membership elected two members for the new "By-Laws" committee, who are

mention the shop in passing.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Last month Brother Floyd T. Gaither of the Gladding, McBean and Company was getting ready to go hunting when something happened causing the gun to go off. The shot struck him in the left foot and it was necessary to amputate the foot. At last report he was doing fine in the Sutter Hospital in Sacramento.

Brother T. R. (Ted) DeWitt formerly of Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields, but who lately has been working in the rock, sand and gravel industry, underwent a hernia repair recently. He was in the office just before this was written up and reported that outside being a little sore he was doing fine.

Brother Emery Miller, formerly of Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields died suddenly and unexpectedly Friday, November 1, 1957. The funeral was conducted in Marysville with interment at Sieria View Cemetery. We take this way in extending to Mrs. Miller and the other members of the family the heartfelt and sincere sympathy of the officers and members of Operating Engineers' Local Union No. 3.

Bro. Clifford Martin and Bro. E. A. Wright. Bro. Martin is a cat-skinner and has recently been employed by M. W. Brown on his highway job at Buckhorn Mt. and Brother E. A. Wright is a compressor operator for the Shea, Kaiser & Morrison Clear Creek Tunnel job at Whiskeytown, Calif. The meeting was conducted by Brother Newell J. Carman, Local Union Manager, and Bro. Pat Clancy, President of Local 3, and Bro. C. F. Mathews, Recording Secretary. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

For the past three weeks Bro. Pat Clancy has been in the Redding district meeting with various contractors regarding the working conditions on the following projects: The Trinity Dam Contractors, Shea, Kaiser & Morrison's 11-mile tunnel job, Gibbons & Reed's highway job, Hazel Creek; The Macco Corporation, Pollard Gulch. Also, the following contractors on the Diamond Match project located at Red Bluff: Woolford & Bumbstead, Del Webb Const. Co. and the McCleanhan Plumbing. Also, M. W. Brown's project at Lewiston and Joe Lama's road job at Minersville.

Since Brother E. A. Hester has announced his intention of retiring, Brother Clancy will be in the Redding District temporarily. In addition to his duties as President of Local Union No. 3, Brother Clancy has been very busy throughout the six counties in the Redding District with Section 3-A of the Master Agreement.

We feel that the Redding District has had an exceptionally good year. On the Trinity River project, at its peak of operation we had approximately 350 Engineers employed. The outlook on this project for 1958 will be a "Bigger and Better Year."

The staff of the Redding office would like to take this opportunity to wish the members and their families a very Happy Thanksgiving Day!

## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Ora E. Elliott, 8931 Elrod Dr., Castro Valley, \$23,217, for install reinf. conc. storm drain along El Rincon Rd., near Danville, CONTRA COSTA CO.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Vincent Rodrigues, 226 Jackson St., Hayward, \$90,042, for impvt. of Line A2 from jctn. of Line A3 to Miami Ave., vicin. of Mt. Eden.

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SALINAS, contract awarded to Marshall Electric Co., 1701 Industrial Rd., San Carlos, \$63,143, for reconstr. street lighting sys. & widen Main St., Salinas, MONTEREY COUNTY.

## Famous Last Words



"I want to meet the boys in the shop."



# SACTO JUMPS AT SQUAW VALLEY

By PAUL EDGECOMB, ERNIE NELSON, ED HEARNE and BOB SORNSEN, Business Representatives.

Initial start on the development site for Olympic games occurred in October at Squaw Valley. Diversified Builders, Inc., are the general contractors on the 1st portion, contract of \$2,300,000, for constructing athletes housing units, bridges, channel re-arranging, water system, concrete ski jump and sewage disposal plant. The company's intentions are to get housing facilities as far along as possible before the heavy snow falls in preparation for a large scale program to start early next spring. The Olympic site has become known as "Squaw Valley," due to various obstacles encountered there.

John DeLa Grange is the sub-contractor doing the excavating and all the underground work. He has a crew of Engineers on the job site. Contract for work on Hi-way 89 from Truckee to Squaw Valley will be awarded in the near future. This project as a whole will require many Operating Engineers before the proposed work is completed the next couple of years.

The outlook for a good fall was interrupted by a couple of heavy rains but a few days of sunshine has most of the jobs back on their normal operations. Hopes of a continued spell of good weather will enable our Brothers to get in some time before the season closes.

On major hi-way jobs this condition will make a big difference as to the near completion of McCammon & Wunderlich job on Hi-way 40 at Colfax, Parkers job at Newcastle to Auburn, Clyde Woods job on Hi-way 50 at Pacific House, on Teichert's Hi-way 99 job at Galt. On McCammon & Wunderlich job they have the finished grading about completed and the bulk of loose rock spread and are in the process of laying concrete treated base and paving. This job is working day light to dark. Bragato paving have a large crew spreading on the black stuff. H. Earl Parker is laying rock with intentions of starting to pave as soon as possible. Clyde Woods has his rocks all moved and are now laying sub grade. Teichert will be finished with their concrete

in a couple weeks. Frederickson & Watson will not do any paving this fall but have operations to the point for a start next spring.

On Freeport Blvd., McGillivray Construction Co. has their job about completed. This is a stretch of new hi-way that relieves a heavy traffic situation in that new and expanding part of the city.

Brighton Sand & Gravel has crew scattered about the area doing grading and paving jobs. **BIG CEMENT PLANT**

On the new million dollar Ideal Cement distributing plant, Raymond Concrete Pile has completed driving the piles. McDonald Engineering are pouring concrete footings for the big storage elevators.

Eugene Luhr has a large spread of scrapers working on the Toe Drain, in addition to his two 4500 manitowac draglines. McCal Development subcontractor has a spread of dirt moving equipment on this project. Progress is about 75% completed. This has been a smooth running job without too many interruptions. Another big contract on the deep water channel will be let soon.

Major sewer job now going on are Krpans job on Howe Ave. and Lentz Construction in the vicinity of Arden Way.

Runway extensions at McClellan Field are about completed. Gordon Ball is putting the finishing touch to this job at Mather Field. Operations are running at top speed with a lot of concrete to be poured.

Most of the jobs in the area are of the nature and the weather will be the dominating factor.

Attention to all Operating Engineers in the Placerville, Auburn and Grass Valley areas. A representative of this office will

# Sen. Alan Short Reports on Delta Water Problem

The Senate Interim Committee on Delta Water Problems met in Stockton, October 14 and 15 at the Civic Auditorium to discuss water problems of the Delta area.

In attendance during the hearing, was H. T. "Pete" Peterson, Business Agent of Operating Engineers Local 3, Stockton, who was interested because his members do much of their work on the rivers and channels.

Tuesday afternoon, "Pete" and a group of notable people of the Delta area accompanied the seven Senators on a boat trip during which they surveyed the rivers and channels.

Mr. Petersen had a first hand account from the Senators who accompanied him on this trip, of the problems if the water in this area is exported without replacement.

Senator Alan Short, Democrat, Stockton, stated that the friendly advice of "Pete" was very much appreciated by the Senate Interim Committee and he had made a very favorable impression on the Committee as a representative of labor in this area.

be in the Placerville employment office 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Auburn Bldg. Trades office 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Grass Valley Labor Temple 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on every Thursday for the purpose of signing your unemployment cards. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Classes for the Tech. Engineers Hi-way and levy construction course will be conducted again this year. Be sure and register with the dispatch office so you can attend these classes. Classes will start on Tuesday nites, December 10, continue for 16 weeks, at American River College, 1333 Grand Ave., Del Paso Heights.

District meeting will be Wednesday, November 20 at 2525 Stockton Boulevard at 8:00 p.m.

Remember this office is open every Thursday 8:00 a.m. thru 8:00 p.m. Other week days 8:00 a.m. thru 5:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays.

**BLOOD BANK:** Our blood bank is getting low. Come in and let us make an appointment for you to make a donation.

## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

OCT. 23, 1957

**SUNNYVALE,** Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$148,186 (Sch. A & B) for const. Sunset Ave. storm drain sys. in El Camino Real, Pastoria Ave., Iowa Ave., Mary Ave., Evelyn Ave., Sunset Ave., et al, Sunnyvale, **SANTA CLARA COUNTY.**

**HAYWARD,** Contract awarded to Oliver DeSilva, 233 Eden Rd., San Leandro, \$23,611, for reconst. Atherton St., betw. Commercial & Jackson Sts., Hayward, **ALAMEDA COUNTY.**

OCT. 25, 1957

**ARCATA,** Contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, 2832 - 9th St., Berkeley, \$288,413, for const sanit. sewer work addns. to treatment plant.

OCT. 28, 1957

**SAN FRANCISCO,** Contract awarded to Hub-Pacific Bldrs., 1020 Doyle Ave., Menlo Park, \$149,850, for const. Storyland, Fleischhacker Playfield, San Francisco.

**WATERFORD,** Contract awarded to Joe D. Miller, 3333 Edison Hwy., Bakersfield, \$91,333, for const. collection & outfall sewers & sewage disposal plant.

# STOCKTON AREA HITS FALL PEAK

By H. T. PETERSEN, WALTER TALBOT, AL McNAMARA and C. L. CASEBOLT, Business Representatives.

We are happy to report that here in the Stockton District this past month has been an exceptionally good one for this time of year for the employment of our members. This, of course, is due to the Guy F. Atkinson Cherry Valley Tunnel Project, Tri-Dam Contractors' five or six-week repair job on the Beardsley Dam tunnel gate, and the un-

usually large orders for landlevelers. In addition to the projects listed above, the miscellaneous jobs in the district are also in high gear to beat the winter rains, which could come at any time.

The Cherry Valley Tunnels are making good progress with two shovels and three cats working on a two-shift basis. We do not anticipate much underground work, however, before the first of the year as it will take some time to hole in.

The repair job by the Tri-Dam Constructors on the Beardsley Dam is of short duration, but the boys will make some Christmas money as they will be working ten hours a day and seven days a week until the job is completed. The lake behind the dam was drained in order to get to the gate and much rain will end the job . . . hence the good hours.

As for the land levelling, just about the time it appears that the farmers will tighten up on their purse strings, they all want levelling done at the same time. There must be a tax gimmick in it somewhere because these are the same people who hire Mexican Nationals to do the farm work. However, our boys are happy to get the work at this time of year, and sometimes it goes through the winter . . . between rains. Practically every contractor engaged in this business here in the Stockton area has hired a man and some as many as five operators this past month, which has been a big help in keeping the boys off the out of work bench.

Thomas Construction Co. of Fresno have started their road job on highway 49 north of Sonora. This job consists of about one mile of realignment and a bridge. This same company will have the new O'Byrnes Ferry Bridge opened by the time this is printed. The job was delayed due to a slide that developed on the southern approach.

Henry Hastings of Lakeport was the successful bidder to the Forest Service on eight miles of realignment in Tuolumne County. From all indications, they do not anticipate starting the job until spring as this job is in the snow belt.

Peletz Construction Co. of Santa Rosa have subbed the excavation work to George Williamson and Western Construction on the Tracy Sewage Disposal Plan. Also in Tracy the Jackson-Hopkins Company are working on the city storm drain job on the Grant Line Road.

### THREE MORE PLANTS

Three more industrial plants should be underway by early spring . . . they are: the new Mohawk Rubber Plant to be erected on Sharpe's Lane adjacent to the Johns Manville property, the anhydrous ammonia plant to be erected south of Lathrop by the Macco Corporation and to be used in conjunction with the Best Fertilizer Plant which adjoins it and the new food radiation processing plant to be erected on government property at the Sharpe Depot near Lathrop.

In a recent election an \$8,000,000, bond issue was passed by the City of Stockton for work on overpasses, underpasses and

some sewer work.

Transocean Engineering on Highway 88 at Jackson have just about finished with the cats and rubber-tired rigs. They have a Model 6 working two shifts in the rock cuts. They also recently purchased a new Standard Hot plant and hope to get some plant mix down before it rains.

Claude C. Wood Co. of Lodi was low bidder on a job in Stanislaus County. The bid was \$149,716.75 on two miles of road. They expect to get started right away as a little rain will help this sandy material.

H. Earl Parker was low bidder at \$837,550.80 on highway 88 above Jackson. The job will probably not be started this year as the snow gets quite deep up there.

A. Teichert & Son have most of the jobs around Stockton and are keeping quite a few of the brothers busy.

Asta Construction Co. have just about completed the lower Sacramento Road job. The last rain we had slowed this job up.

## MAN DESCENDED

Submitted by MRS. EVA K. RAGAN wife of Bro. C. Ragan, Stockton, Calif.

Three monkeys sat on a coconut tree,  
Discussing things as they used to be.  
Said one to the other, now listen you two,  
There's a certain rumor that can't be true,  
That man descended from our noble race . . .  
Why the very idea is a disgrace.  
No monk ever deserted his wife,  
Starved her babies and ruined her life,  
And you've never known a mother monk  
To leave her babies with others to bunk.  
Or to pass them on from one to another  
Till they scarcely know who is their mother  
And another thing you'll never see,  
A monk build a fence around a coconut tree . . .  
And let the coconuts go to waste  
Forbidding all other monks a taste.  
Why if I put a fence around a coconut tree  
Starvation would force you to steal from me.  
And here's another thing a monk won't do  
Go out at night and get on a stew.  
Or use a gun, a club, or knife  
To take some other monk's life.  
Yes, man descended, the ornery cuss—  
But brother he didn't descend from us!



"That's just another fringe benefit we give our hired hand."



**BEFORE AND AFTER.**—Here are two views of the same section of Highway 40 in the mountains east of Sacramento. This is a McCammon & Wunderlich job, started Nov. 14, 1956 and nearing completion. Pictures were taken at Bisschops restaurant. Project manager is John New; superintendent, Pat Stewart; foreman, Carl Gentry; crew Ed Bridges. Bob Stanley, Bill Thompson. Another job well down by Local 3 members.

# Work Holding Up Well in the San Jose Area

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

Due to the beautiful Fall season that we have been enjoying the past few weeks, work in this area has held up much better than we expected. Most all of the Brothers are getting in overtime in order to get the work completed before the rainy season sets in.

A. J. Raisch Paving Company have been working six days a week, 10 hours a day for some time on most all of their various jobs. At the present time they have their two Hot Plants in operation and will soon start operating their new Rock Plant, located on Monterey Highway just south of San Jose. This firm is doing paving work in several subdivisions in this area and hope to get started soon on their two street jobs on Capitol Ave. and McKee Roads.

Ball & Simpson are making very good progress on their freeway job, but found it necessary to lay off the second shift. However, when the rains do set in, they hope to continue work moving rock and so the Brothers should be able to work on this project for the greater part of the winter. At the present time they are using eight D.W. 20's, seven D-8 Cats, one N.W. Shovel and six Blades. Raymond Concrete Pile Company are doing the piling for the clover-leaves that are to be erected on this job. Heple Utilities are using three water rigs for the San Jose Water Works on this same job.

Piazza Paving are busy on several subdivisions in this vicinity in addition they are operating their Crusher & Washing Plant.

J. C. Bateman, who lost their yard on Stockton Ave. due to fire, have moved into new quarters on Walnut Street. They recently acquired a new Barber Greene Paver and have many jobs in progress under the supervision of Brother Hank Middleton.

M & K Corporation have started work on their 9 million dollar project at East Agnew. This will consist of the building of two dormitories, a cafeteria and roads leading to the site.

Wm. Vierra, who has been busy all summer on the widening of San Carlos Street, has only about 1/2 mile left on this project. This street has been a bottleneck for traffic for years for San Jose, and when completed will alleviate much of the congested traffic problem. This firm also is working in the Woodland Acres and Toyan Tract.

Coast Grading & Paving Company were recently awarded two good-sized contracts for paving in subdivisions, one located in Milpitas Manor and the other off Lawrence Station Road.

The Sewer Contractors are all busy working at full capacity to complete as much work as possible before the rainy season. P & E Construction are working on their underground jobs on Capitol Ave. and McKee Road and have several jobs in the Saratoga area. Ince Bros. expect to complete their work on Winchester Road in about three weeks and are also working in Woodland Acres in Los Altos. Sanco Pipe Line having completed their sewer job on Almaden Road, are working now on Campbell Ave. A. J. Peters under the supervision of their new Superintendent, Mr. Zimmerman, will be finished on their job at Monta Vista in about a month and will soon start on their new job off the Bayshore. They also have several other jobs in this area. Bilardi Construction Company are also busy on their project off Ross Road.

## PALO ALTO AREA

Several good sized building contracts have been awarded recently in the northern end of

this territory. R. E. McKee of Los Angeles were the low bidder on \$19,877,500 contract for the construction of a projected Veterans Administration Hospital in Palo Alto. Cahill Construction Company have started work on their \$844,800 Lucy Sterns Memorial Hall at the Stanford University.

Bahr & Ledoyen are finishing up their job on Page Mill Road in Palo Alto but are keeping their crew busy in their quarry on Alpin Road. They are employing about 10 Engineers.

L. C. Smith are putting the finishing touches on the overpass at Moffett Field and have begun work on the Lockheed Plant located near the base. Brandon Construction Company are rushing their numerous street jobs in Lakewood Village, to get as much as possible completed before the rains slow them down. P & E Construction is doing the underground work on this subdivision.

Brown & Cofman are the general contractors in the Cherry Chase Tract, building 80 new homes off Fremont Ave. in Sunnyvale. Freeman Paving are doing the dirt work, which consists of 25,000 yards of excavation, 5000 tons of rock and 1800 tons of plant mix. Howard Ray is the foreman on this job and at the present time are using a Blade, two 15's, and two Dozers.

Ed Keeble should have their channel job on Calabasas Creek completed soon. They are keeping six Engineers busy on Drags, Clams, etc.

Anderson Bros. Ready-Mix plants at Sunnyvale and Mt. View are keeping five Engineers busy on batching and mechanics. Concrete business is holding up well in this locality.

There are over 76 Housing tracts in this area, ranging from 25 homes to 500 homes; keeping from one to fifteen Engineers busy on each tract, not counting the underground work or street work.

## MONTEREY, SALINAS

Piombo Construction have put the final touches to the Uvas Dam and roads approaching the dam, and the Brothers working on this project have been sent to jobs elsewhere. Granite Construction has been delayed on their work on highway job until the concrete work on the two bridges is completed. Renz Construction is working on a few small road jobs in this area and also have work on the Basic Food Plant at King City.

San Ardo Construction Company are beginning work on their road job. At the present time they are doing the clearing but will bring in the Cats in a few days. Wilder & Jones have started their sewer job at Salinas with H. D. Haynie and his Northwest doing a good job of opening up the ditch.

M.J.B. Construction Company are in the home stretch on their Highway 101 job at Chualar. They have kept Central Supply busy this week supplying them with concrete for the finish work.

Johnson, Drake and Piper are just about midway with their job at the Soledad Prison. Herrick Iron Works are doing the structural work on this job.

Ed Keeble are working at full capacity again on their job in Santa Cruz, now that Central Supply have gone back to work. Granite Construction are making good progress on their High-

way No. 1 job north of Santa Cruz. This firm was the lucky bidder on a 4 million dollar road job that was just let near Santa Cruz. Work will start very soon on this job but as many of their other jobs have been completed, they will bring the Engineers from these jobs to continue on this new project.

## PERSONALS

If Brother Russell Anderson and Brother J. R. Stapleton will please notify the San Jose office of their mailing address, we will forward some mail that has been sent to this office for them.

We wish again to remind all the Brothers living in the Santa Cruz, Salinas, Watsonville, Monterey, Hollister and Gilroy area, that it is necessary for you to register each week in the San Jose office if you wish to draw your Unemployment Compensation.

## 827 Workers Killed On Job—1708 Are Left Helpless

One thousand seven hundred and eight family members were deprived of their breadwinner's earnings through job fatalities in California in 1956, as reported by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the State Department of Industrial Relations.

Almost 90 per cent of the 827 Californians killed while at work in 1956 left dependents. Six hundred and fifty-one wives were widowed and 966 minor children lost the head of their family.

Ninety-four percent of the 966 minors were under 18 years of age, and totally dependent. Median age of the children was 8 years and 8 months.

Don't you be a 1957 statistic.

## Computer Goofs

Maybe automation is the wave of the future but a mere man with a "brain" can still best it at checkers.

Saul Weslow, a former Canadian chess champion, took on a \$2,742,000 computer designed to help track earth satellites. Weslow said he knew he could best the machine when the computer made a weak maneuver about the tenth move. "But the machine dies hard," he said with admiration.



"It's frightening, sir... it's been sending out overtime slips since 5 o'clock."

# RAIN HITS THE REWOODS

By K. A. "KEN" BROOKS and W. G. "JERRY" DOWD, Business Representatives

Brothers it looks like that old rain is trying its best to stop us but we keep on struggling along whenever the sun shines down on us a day or so we still keep hoping for some more good weather yet this year.

We sure hope we don't sound like a cracked record in some of our reports but we are sure you want the news of the jobs as they progress, so here we go.

## TO CRESCENT CITY

Peter Kiewit's Jetty job is completed and the equipment moved out, this is a good opportunity to say we received a nice letter from this company expressing their appreciation to the Engineers for the skilled and cooperative operators on this job. We in turn wish to say thank you very much for taking the time to express your sentiments.

Pelican Bay Const. Co. paving the street used as a haul road for the big rock trucks on the jetty job, should be through in a couple more days. Aside from this, things are pretty quiet up north at present.

Shanley Const. Co., Inc. of San Francisco was awarded the contract for the construction of an interceptor sewer, treatment plant and ocean outfall system on the approval of the City Council and Public Health Service for a total of \$336,253 using alternate A, which provides for a diesel standby unit. The council action took place at the meeting Monday, October 28.

Bids for this project were opened on October 8 in the city clerk's office but had to be forwarded to the Public Health Service for approval before action could be taken. Bids must be accepted or rejected within 30 days after the advertised date. The contract says the project must be completed at the end of 450 days.

When the sewer project is completed sewage discharged into the ocean will comply with the standards set forth by the Water Pollution Control Board. At present raw sewage is discharged into the ocean in violation of these standards.

Osborne Bowie and Marlin Tryon just about done on the bridges and approaches near Requa on 101.

Norman I. Fadel have only a skeleton crew on the Big Lagoon job on 101 doing some winterizing so to speak. If they had the weather they could have finished this year.

## WEST, WILLOW CREEK

Kuckenber Const. isn't able to do much on 299 at Willow Creek because of the mud. They are doing the best they can to keep the road passable for traffic, and that's a job in itself some times. A month of good weather and good hours would complete the job but that's pretty hard to ask right now.

James Clack still trying to work on the Bluff Creek access road, one more rain will probably shut him down for the winter.

Phillips Erickson & Weisberg should have the deck on the bridge at Willow Creek poured by the time this goes to press.

Britt Pugh has completed the equipment rental contract at Lord Ellis and moved his rigs to Colusa on a land leveling job.

I. J. Ely have finished their oil treated base at various places in that area.

## SOUTH OF EUREKA

Engineers Limited making good progress on the P.G.&E. gas line in spite of all the mud, sure is a rough show, but the money is good, and the brothers are fighting it out.

Alex Robinson have about completed their part of the line at Forest Glenn.

Guy F. Atkinson job on 101 at Dyerville running under a full head of steam whenever they can, still two shifts. Sure one helluva job to keep this one manned, when it rains the skippers vanish, when the sun shines they don't seem to be anywhere around. One big problem has been taken care of, that is the detour, they have the traffic back on the old road for the winter. It was a nite and day job to do it when that old Eel River came storming on its way.

Bos Const. Co. have completed the bridge at Maple Hills.

R. H. Douglas working all he can on their two bridges on Salmon creek road.

## IN AND AROUND EUREKA

Bechtel Corp. making real good progress on the second unit of the P.G.&E. Steam Plant at Buhne Point.

Mercer-Fraser is really on the hop with the surfacing of the Loleta By-pass. This company as usual working all over the place. Arthur B. Siri keeping quite a few of the brothers busy. Around Eureka and Arcata most all the smaller contractors have something going around town.

Construction on the new \$600,000 Eureka city hall will be started before the end of the year and actual work on the new county courthouse, to cost about \$3,000,000 will be under way by April, 1958.

C. Norman Peterson, Inc., of Berkeley was awarded the contract to build Arcata's new sewage disposal plant when the city council met in adjourned session Thursday afternoon.

Peterson's bid of \$307,470 was low among the five contracting firms which submitted bids in July of this year.

The plant will be designed to care for a community of 20,000 persons and become necessary when the State Water Pollution Board ordered the city of Arcata to cease discharging raw sewage into Humboldt Bay.

Ordering of equipment will probably begin at once since the contractor has expressed a desire to start to work in the very near future.

Originally approved by the voters in April of 1956 when the estimated cost of the plant was set at \$230,000, the new plant will cost \$307,000.

The state hiway budget has allocated the following to the Redwood Empire so far, more to come we hope.

Humboldt U. S. 101, clear and grub for future freeway construction, Myers Flat to 1 mile south of Dyerville, 7.2 miles \$730,000; completion 4-lane freeway, Fortuna to .8 mile north of Fernbridge, 3.2 miles, \$1,500,000; construct 4-lane expressway, 1 mile south to .3 mile north of Mad River, 1.5 miles, \$920,000; construct 4-lane expressway, Patricks Point to .25 mile north of Big Lagoon, 3.6 miles, \$870,000.

U. S. 299, realignment, .1 mile west of Essex Gulch road to .2 mile east of Fieldbrook road, .3 mile, \$100,000; concrete arc culvert on Lupton creek, 14 miles east of Blue Lake, \$200,000.

Rights of way, \$455,000.

Del Norte—U. S. 101, construct one-way street couplet in Crescent City, .7 mile south of Elk Valley road to .4 mile north of Northcrest drive, 2.3 miles, \$590,000; rights of way, \$50,000.

That about does it for this time, see you next month.

# UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

By MERLIN BOWMAN, CHARLES COCKAYNE, GLEN FULLMER, GEORGE FARRELL and JAY NEELEY, Business Representatives

Construction of the much delayed Hunter-Grange Sewer project has actually begun, with six separate contractors on the job. The pipe work is being bid in four units plus the pumping plant and the disposal plant.

The first section was awarded to Smedley Plumbing Co. of Syracuse, Weber County, and the second to Duane J. Christensen Company of Murray. Both companies are comparative newcomers in this size of job. Christensen's job at \$421,656 is the largest section of the entire system.

Both companies have two crews each, going at present.

Statewide Plumbing Company of Murray was awarded the third unit at \$406,811 and Enoch Smith the fourth at \$385,043. These two sections are being held up for several weeks due to right-of-ways and technicalities in the bids regarding the removing of pole line. However, all that is behind them now and we should begin to see action.

Turner Construction Company of Heber City was awarded the pumping plant and after sending to the West Coast for a well point system, and getting the water under control, this job is really going along fast now.

Johnson Construction Company was awarded the disposal plant, for \$445,462. This company is also new in this field and work hasn't started as yet. We are trying to arrange pre-job meeting before the job actually gets under way.

Pro Con Company has also started work on the platformer at Philips Petroleum Company at Woods Cross. The piling by Raymond Pile has all been driven and we should see a lot of activity there now.

Fluor Corporation is about done at Standard Oil Refinery and in the process of moving over to Utah Oil Refinery for their job there.

Stearns Rogers Company is also installing boilers, etc., at Utah Oil Refinery.

Gibbons & Reed have an extension to the parking ramps at the Salt Lake Airport and are racing with Old Man Winter to complete the job.

Tolboe and Harlin are finally getting above ground on the new Federal Reserve Bank on First South and State Street after many problems with bad ground, caving banks, etc., which at one time actually threatened to undermine parts of State Street and First South. This caused much concern to the people in adjoining buildings. However, things are pretty well under control at this time.

Plant and Dartnell were low bidders on the Provo River reignment work above Deer Creek Reservoir and also at Woodland at \$110,418. The job has not been awarded as yet. Bud Plant, being no stranger to most of us, is again showing up in the construction picture in Utah after spending some time in the Pacific Northwest.

Union Construction Company, better known as Heber Glenn Company, was low bidder on the next section of the Vernal to Maggett Highway in Uintah and Maggett County at \$235,128. Part of this work must start this fall, such as clearing and brushing. This could become quite a problem for Heber, as this is in the deep snow area of Utah.

## Southern Section

As is usually the case at this time of the year, the first storms have brought a deluge of unemployed to our lists. A few jobs will continue in parts of our area where the weather is less severe.

Industrial Construction Company is just now running into the toughest part of their job

from Mexican Hat to the Arizona state line. They have moved almost everything moveable with the 21's. While visiting the job last Wednesday I witnessed the D9 and hydraulic ripper tackle a powder job. "Better trade a couple of 21's for some good cat drills, Lalif." We were happy to find out that J. M. Sumsion Co. is negotiating to crush the gravel for this job. If they are successful, Sumsion's crew would be lined out for the winter.

The Strong Company is getting a good start on their Arches National Monument job. This road extends from the highway in Moab Canyon to the east eight miles. As the rock is very prominent on this job the weather is expected to make little difference to the operation.

James Reed Company is all through with the Moab Canyon job, and a beautiful road it is. Congratulations are due Superintendent Art Cranmer and a fine crew.

Wangsgaard Company from Logan, Utah, have their new Barber Greene hotplant on the job and hope to finish the surfacing before being closed down.

The Isbell Company stripping job at Fry Canyon still have enough dirt on the present contract to last until around the middle of January. We hope for another contract on this job.

Morrison Knudsen Company's job at Wellington is still going good. We hope this continues indefinitely.

American Bridge Company has a good crew on the same job. Very happy to see Brother Dell Simmons back in the harness after his operation.

The long awaited and much promised job on the remaining section of the Kanab Glen Canyon road is scheduled for letting on November 6th. This remaining section is advertised as two jobs. The largest is 12 miles, the other 5½ miles with both scheduled for letting November 6th. These jobs are both in a subsistence area and the contractor will be required to pay subsistence at the rate of \$4.25 per day worked. Both jobs should provide much needed winter work.

Brother Lewis Elvick's untimely death has left a void which we, in this area, will feel for a long time to come. Brother Elvick was stricken with a heart attack while at his job at Geneva for American Bridge Company. Our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Elvick and family.

## Northern Area

The work in this area has started to taper off and our Out of Work List has increased considerably due mostly to the completion of the pipe line jobs in Brigham City and Logan.

Some new work has started this past month and several jobs are scheduled to be bid within the next few weeks which will help matters somewhat.

Larsen Construction and Engineering Company submitted the low bid and has been awarded a \$1,396,227 contract for the construction of General Purpose Buildings and site development work on the Ram Jet Engine Testing facilities at Little Mountain.

## Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lang Co., Sand & Gravel, Iron Mines, Vitro Uranium, Kennecott Copper Corp., and State Road

Construction, Sand & Gravel Membership Meeting, 2nd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 So. Main St., Salt Lake City.

Construction, Sand & Gravel Membership Meeting, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.

Construction, Sand & Gravel Membership Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Provo, Utah.

Kennecott Copper meetings, Wednesday, December 1, 1957 at 7:30 p.m. at the Midvale Library Auditorium.

Cedar Iron Mines, Western Phosphate, Vitro Uranium, Lang Company, Sand & Gravel, State Road, all called meetings.

**NOTICE: ALL CONSTRUCTION AND SAND & GRAVEL MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.**

James Stewart Const. Co. has been awarded a contract for the railroad spur and River Water Pumping Plant to service the Little Mountain area.

Fife Const. Co. of Brigham City has been awarded a \$223,276 contract for the widening and resurfacing of Highway 84 between Nyes Corner and Roy.

Hilton and Carr Construction Company has been awarded a \$72,595 contract for an addition to the sanitary sewer system in South Ogden.

Bouschard and Stark has started work on the \$100,215 curb and gutter and paving district contract for Ogden City.

Kraling Construction Company from Minnesota submitted the low bid of \$69,500 for the clearing and fencing of the Pine View reservoir.

The most important news to reach this area this past month is that the Federal Bureau of Public Roads has approved the 42-mile section of Highway 30 between Echo Junction and Ogden to be part of the Federal Highway System. Although this move could possibly cause some delay of the two jobs previously scheduled to be bid this year, there will be considerable work on this tough section within the next two years. This highway link is the best direct route between this area and the Middle-west and the approval of this section of road should help create considerable activity in the transportation field.

## Utah Construction

The Bingham stripping job has finally folded. A few mechanics and welders remain on the job and word is that another contract will be let some time in April, 1958.

At the Bingham Tunnel, progress is good. The heading crew is now in about 5800 feet with the concrete crew right on their heels. Morale is good and the crew of Operating Engineers has changed very little since the job started.

Down at the Cedar Iron Mines there has been a slight curtailment due to the slack market for iron ore. Genial Ed DeMoss, superintendent and Mark Pratt, his assistant, are doing their best to hold the rest of the men on the job. Apparently, the company's intention of building an ore reduction mill at the mine is being delayed until the market for ore heads back toward normal.

## Kennecott Copper

The recent manpower cutback at the mine did not cut very deep into the Operating Engineers' department, as it appeared to be the case when the company first notified us of its intention to reduce forces. For this we are grateful.

We do hear, however, that the rumor monger, who rears his ugly head about every two years, is passing the poison around again. This time he claims that the Operating Engineers' local officials had gone to the company and made agreement with them to cut off the shovel pitman and angledozer helpers. Nothing could be further from the truth.

**If this is ever done you brothers will be the ones who make the decision.** We do, however, advise you brothers who are working on these jobs to do what you should in order to maintain them.

L. A. Young Construction Co. has moved in at Lynndyl on their road job and are driving pile at their bridge job at Leamington. We hope this rough weather we are having doesn't stop them.

## State Road

The recent raise (???) administered by the Commission turned out to be a definite cut in take home pay for the big majority of the State Road Maintenance employees. On the basis of what will be saved in District No. 2 the salary increases granted by the Board of Examiners throughout the state organization will be paid for at the expense of the hourly paid worker in the Road Commission Maintenance Dept.

We are doing all in our power to secure a decent adjustment. We are all for the 40-hour week; however, we are also in favor of there being sufficient earnings provided in that 40 hours to give a man sufficient pay to exist on.

These new rates fail to do this. The State Road employees have only been taking home enough pay for a bare existence on a 48-hour week basis and certainly can not stand the cuts in pay which have been made as a result of the increase. Some men will be cut as high as \$39.00 per month in take-home pay. In no instance has a salary reduction been made by the Board. On the contrary salaries have been increased from 5 to 15 per cent for the same time worked. The new wage scales were supposed to come close to meeting those paid in competitive industries in the state. This they failed miserably to do. We cannot see any justice in it and shall continue to do all we can to help correct the matter.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville County Rd., Sacto., \$14,780, for const. Calif. Ave. storm drain, 225 ft. N. of Fair Oaks Blvd. & S. to cross drain, 900 ft. S. of Fair Oaks Blvd., SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**Attend Union Meetings!**

## High Cost Hits Cal. Old Folk

Los Angeles

George McLain, chairman of the California Institute of Social Welfare, last week announced the start of a sweeping, independent cost of living survey for those on the old age pension in California.

McLain said the purpose of the survey, voted last week by thousands of elderly members of his organization, would be to determine how the rise in the cost of living has affected the state's 264,000 men and women living on Old Age pensions.

He noted that the State Department of Social Welfare limits the food cost per month for pensioners to \$28.50. McLain called the figure "unrealistic" and pointed out that it has remained unchanged since 1949, despite a steady rise in the cost of living.

The organization voted to conduct its own cost of living survey after the State Department of Social Welfare was directed by the Social Welfare Board to make a similar study. A Senate interim committee is already engaged in a parallel survey. However, McLain said he feels the recipients of pensions should have some say.

McLain said the results of the survey will be published in his organization's newspaper, the National Welfare Advocate, and made available to the Department of Social Welfare, as well as to the interim committee.

## COPE Appeals For Greater Participation

An appeal for further help to attain 100 per cent participation by union members in the current fund raising drive of the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education has been made by National COPE Dir. James L. McDevitt.

In a letter to presidents and secretary-treasurers of international unions and to secretaries of local unions, McDevitt said that if labor is to combat successfully the reactionary legislation now being pushed by industry in an effort to cripple organized labor, "it is very necessary that we have the support of each and every one of your members."

Some local unions which have collected voluntary contributions to COPE equivalent to at least \$1 for each member are continuing their campaign in hopes of doubling or even tripling their present contributions, McDevitt said.

Although 1957 is an "off-year" with no regular congressional elections, McDevitt said that AFL-CIO members have shown a remarkable interest in political action. By mid-October, the number of unions in which 100 per cent of the members have contributed to COPE reached a figure that was not attained last year until mid-December.

**ATTEND your union meetings REGULARLY!**

## How Sudden Death Hit 63 at Work

Sixty-three Californians were fatally injured in work accidents recorded during August, an October report from the State Department of Industrial Relations discloses.

Who were they, and how did it happen?

Eight farm workers were killed on the job. (1) A Mexican National fruit picker received fatal injuries when the truck carrying him to the job was hit head-on by another vehicle. (2) A farm

### CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

MILLBRAE, contract awarded to Bernard Gayman, 48 So. Linden Ave., So. S.F., \$21,324, for const. water line in Helen Dr. & Anita Lane, Millbrae, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

AGNEW, contract awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgomery St., S.F., \$2,937,000, for General Work on east. of receive & treatment bldg., Food Service Bldg. E. Area, & addn. to food service eqpt. W. area at Agnews State Hospital, Agnew, Calif.

NAPA, contract awarded to Baldwin Contr. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 269, Marysville, \$89,267, for const. of Sani. sewers in Salvador Park, et. al., in Tajas & Imola Avenues, city of Napa.

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tractor was stuck in a ditch. When the operator attempted to drive it up the steep slope of the ditch, the tractor flipped over backward onto him. (3) A ranch foreman, driving a panel truck to pick up wheat, died when his truck hit the side of a bridge and he was thrown onto the pavement. (4) A laborer, working on a school farm, climbed onto a tractor and started it, although he was not permitted to operate a tractor. As he started downhill, he threw in the clutch instead of the brake. When the tractor gained speed he jumped off and was crushed by the vehicle. The tractor did not overturn. (5) A milker was killed by a cow. He was working from a stool between two cows when the cow he had finished milking, kicked him, knocked him from the stool, and then stepped on his abdomen. The worker had been instructed to turn each cow out of the barn after it had been milked but he had failed to do so. (6) Another milker, cleaning a barn, fell to the cement floor and fractured his skull. (7) A farm worker, on a ladder, was picking pears at the edge of a farm road. A jeep hauling a loaded trailer came down the road. The worker attempted to jump clear of its path but slipped and fell beneath the trailer wheels. (8) A farm hand's wife sustained fatal head injuries when she fell from a horse while moving cattle from one pasture to another.

Six California workers were killed in airplane crashes.

### CONSTRUCTION

Heavy construction equipment was involved in six on-the-job deaths. (1) An electrician was helping repair a welding lead connection next to the track of a locomotive crane. The crane backed down the track and ran over him. (2) A road grader operator left his grader on a steep hillside, in order to speak with another worker. He didn't set the brake and left the motor running. He had lowered the scarifier attachment into the pavement in order to block any movement of the vehicle. Engine vibration caused the scarifier teeth to become loosened from the macadam surface. The

grader began to roll downhill. The worker attempted to jump the runaway vehicle but he was thrown off. The heavy rear wheels of the rig passed over him and crushed him. (3) A crane operator was killed when the mobile crane he was driving collided with a train at a grade crossing. (4) A pipelaying machine overturned on a slope and the operator was crushed to death. The machine, designed for use in a narrow trench, had a high center of gravity and was unstable on the rough ground. (5) A scraper operator was crushed under his rig when it overturned. The vehicle rode up on the side of 2-or 3-foot high pile of spillage at the side of the roadway and toppled over sideways. (6) A motor grader operator was crushed to death when his grader overturned on the slope of a river channel excavation. Ordinarily, the grader would have been attached by a cable to a caterpillar tractor, which served as an anchor. However, on this occasion the operator failed to attach the anchor cable before starting down the slope.

### MURDEROUS TREES

Four workers were struck and killed by trees or logs. (1) The foreman of a tree surgery crew was preparing to help remove a dead tree. The top of the snag broke off and fell on him. (2) A fallen tree slid 1,000 feet down a mountainside, struck a catskiner working below and killed him. (3) A timber faller was falling a 26-foot rotten snag. The snag fell and smashed the worker to the ground. (4) A loader was sitting on a log at the landing, waiting for a truck to arrive. A butt log being lifted nearby slipped from the tongs. It fell, striking a log on the deck, which swung around and hit the seated worker.

Explosions claimed two lives. (1) A technician, working in the laboratory at an ordnance plant, was killed and three other workers were injured when a powder blending machine in the laboratory exploded. (2) A worker in a scrap metal yard was attempting to light a weed-burning torch preparatory to melting lead from junk metal. The fuel tank of the torch exploded when he applied oxygen under pressure instead of compressed air to the kerosene-filled tank.

A cotton ginner was lying on the corrugated iron roof of a gin building while helping to dismantle the structure. The section of roof slipped and he fell 24 feet to the cement floor below.

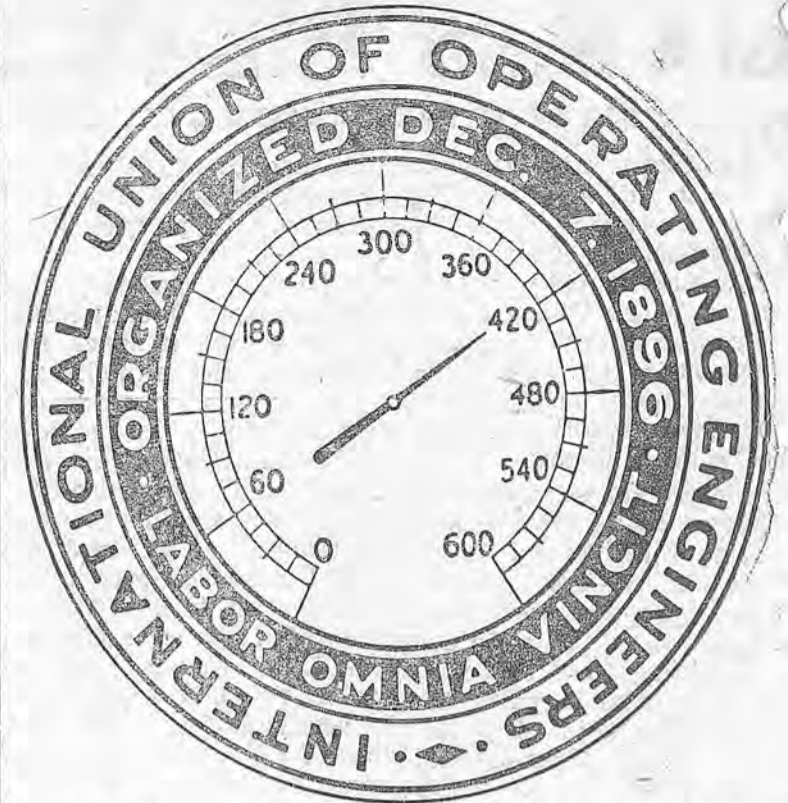
A fair grounds laborer was mowing grass with a tractor and mower attachment. The tractor tipped over on a slope and the worker was crushed beneath it.

A warehouseman stood on a wooden crate cover which was being carried on the forks of a lift truck. The truck stopped and the worker fell about 8 feet to the floor. He sustained fatal head injuries.

### AVALANCHE

A photographer was trying to take motion pictures of a man-made snowslide. A cannon was fired into a snowbank to produce the slide. The cameraman was caught in the resulting avalanche when he misjudged the distance and ventured too close to the danger area.

A carpenter was killed when the guard on his radial saw came loose. The guard became engaged in the saw blade and was thrown at the worker's



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## Pre-Winter Rush Is Now on in All Local 3 Districts

By PAT CLANCY, President, Local 3

Despite unprecedented early rains and snow in nearly all districts of Local 3 jurisdiction, the construction industry is now rushing to get in its final licks before the annual winter slowdown.

Most districts report a heavy push in all types of jobs, even tho it means slogging in the mud now and then, which indicates that the entire region was caught with its shovels down by the early wet season.

The rains have continued in north and coastal areas, cutting the "Indian Summer" dry spell very short, but even in these areas contractors are moving fast either to wind up certain jobs or to gather up loose ends.

Nevada and Utah were fortunate in holding off old Jupe Pluvius during September—when the first rains arrived in California—so the inland states were able to finish off the work season in a little better style.

The north coastal area has been hardest hit by the rains rolling in from the north Pacific. The yearly slow-up has definitely got under way there, but every day of sunshine is being utilized nevertheless.

Around the bay, major jobs have been interrupted by the

head.

A 12-foot ditch collapsed on a laborer as he installed shoring. A 15-year-old boy, employed as a laborer at an asphalt plant, was pushing sand from a sand pile into a chute leading to an underground conveyor. The sand caved in and he was drawn into the hole and buried beneath the sand.

frequent rains, but here, too, work has resumed at every opportunity to help make up for the loss of valuable time caused by the early September rains. There is a fairly heavy load of freeways, downtown business buildings, and other work occupying our members on both sides of the Bay.

Valley districts from Redding to Fresno are involved in sizable waterpower projects, from Trinity and Oroville in the north to Cherry and Kings in the south, and these are pushing on as long as absence of snow and cold will permit.

### CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

FERNDALE, contract awarded Mercer-Frase Co., 2nd & Commercial St., Eureka, \$21,473, for reconstr. port. of 4th St., Schley Ave., Howard St. in Ferndale, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

BELMONT, contract awarded to C. J. Wood, Inc., P.O. Box 203, Redwood City, \$42,465, for const. of Panorama Heights Subdivision in Belmont, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

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# 1st A-Power Plant Now Operating

Throwing switches on a control panel that looked like part of a space ship, PG&E engineers last Thursday morning sent a flow of atomic-created electric power flowing into Bay Area homes—the world's first privately operated nuclear electric power station.

It was only 5000 kilowatts, out of PG&E's five million capacity, but rather the historic moment opening an era marking transition from the fast-depleting natural fuels over to the new atomic power source.

The new plant lies in the rolling hills of Livermore valley at Vallecitos and looks like a big domed silo and a cluster of farm buildings. But inside these buildings is a tamed atomic bomb, with its smashing neutrons harnessed to man's needs.

Bechtel and General Electric cooperated in building the project, a boiling water reactor, from which steam is generated within the reactor vessel itself, using light water as the moderator and coolant.

The reactor core is housed in a steel pressure vessel, 7 feet in inner diameter and 20 feet high, with 3 3/8 inch thick walls. The core is made up of more than 100 stainless steel clad fully enriched plate-type fuel elements, containing a total of about 23 kilograms of U-235. Later in the development programs, low enrichment type fuel elements containing up to several tons of uranium-Oxide will be used.

The water enters the bottom of the pressure vessel and is heated as it rises through the core. Provision is made to operate the reactor either with natural circulation, using the buoyancy of the steam to move the coolant through the core, or with forced circulation, using a large pump to force water and steam through the reactor. The operating pressure in the vessel is 1000 lbs. per square inch, and the steam temperature is 545 deg. F.

Steam generated by the heat of the nuclear reaction rises to the top of the vessel, from which it is led to the conventional turbine generator. After going through the turbine, the spent steam is led through a condenser, after which the water formed is returned to the reactor pressure vessel. The direct connection between the reactor and the turbine eliminates the need for costly heat exchangers.

### LOWER PRESSURE

A feature of this reactor is the inclusion of a system which can be used to simulate dual-cycle boiling water reactor operation. In this operation, hot water is removed from the pressure vessel at the top of the core. It is run through a steam generator to produce steam at a lower pressure and temperature than that produced in the reactor. In normal dual-cycle operation, this steam would be directed to a lower pressure stage of the turbine for additional power. However, in this simulated dual-cycle operation, the secondary steam generator is exhausted through a stack rather than being used in the turbine.

The reactor is housed in the lower portion of a dome-shaped steel containment vessel, 48 ft. in diameter and 100 ft. high. The reactor is surrounded by up



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to 8 ft. of concrete shielding, with an upper shield of steel weighing 80 tons.

The containment vessel is sealed airtight during operation of the reactor, and has been tested under internal air pressure of 56 lbs. per square inch to give additional protection against the escape of radioactivity to the atmosphere.

Controls for the reactor and generating plant are consolidated in the adjacent control and office building. A television viewing screen, part of a closed circuit TV system, is mounted in the control panel and enables the operators to view the interior of the reactor housing and instruments installed there.

The actual electrical output of the plant is 5000 kilowatts, with total thermal power output of the reactor 20,000 kilowatts.

### PLANS FOR REACTOR

The future of commercial atomic power depends on the reduction of current costs of nuclear fuel, and an increase in the efficiency of present reactor designs.

The General Electric Developmental Boiling Water Reactor was designed and constructed for use by the Company in its extensive research programs in reactor development. Primarily, the reactor will be used to develop operational data for application to the design of the Dresden Nuclear Power Station, which the Company is building near Chicago for the Commonwealth Edison Company and the association of firms known as the Nuclear Power Group, Incorporated. The data obtained will include information about stability of fuel under irradiation, coolant technology, and operational stability under boiling conditions.

Another important use of the reactor will be operational training. It is anticipated that operators, employees of organizations which have purchased General Electric reactors, will be given training in reactor operations here.

The DBWR is a significant milestone in the development of commercial atomic energy by private industry. The lesson learned during its construction and future operation will be a major contribution to the search for economic electrical power.

## Appetite Teasers ★

### ELBOW MACARONI GOLDENROD

- 1—8 ounce or 1/2 lb. package elbow macaroni
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Dash pepper
- 2 1/2 cups milk
- 1 pimiento, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 3 hard cooked eggs

Melt butter, blend in flour and seasonings, add milk and cook, stirring until sauce is smooth and thickened. Cook elbow macaroni according to package directions and combine with sauce, pimiento, parsley and chopped egg whites. Top each serving with egg yolks which have been pressed through a sieve. Makes six servings.

MARYSVILLE, Contract awarded to Baldwin Contracting Co., P.O. Box 269, Marysville, \$37,910, for rem. & repl. exist. bridge over Jack Slough by 3 multi-ft. arch pipes; headwalls & railings to be const. on Loma Rica Rd., betw. Sta. 0-00 0 Sta. 15-00 loca. abt. 8 mi. NE of Marysville, Calif.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Antioch Paving Co., Rt. 1, Box 640, Antioch, \$11,985, for Pine Hollow Rd. grade revision at Clayton Wood Subdiv.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Saginaw Const. Co., 3904 Illinois St., Fresno, \$19,521, for const. of streets, curbs & gutters in Fresno County Impvt. Dist., Figarden Estates, FRESNO COUNTY.

SANTA CLARA, Contract awarded to Coast Grading & Paving Co., 1145 Auzerias Ave., San Jose, \$14,792, for the impvt. of Wilow Ave., from Santa Ana Dr. to Lawrence Sta. Rd., Santa Clara.

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# Living Costs Up For 13th Month

Washington The cost of living has gone up to a new high again for the 13th straight month. During September the Consumers Index hit 121.1, one-tenth of a per cent over the figures for August and 3.4 per cent over the figures for September a year ago. Although the index went up only one-tenth of a point, the picture would have been much blacker if it had not

been for a sharp drop in food prices which fell nine-tenths of a per cent as compared with a rise of six-tenths in housing, seven-tenths in apparel and four-tenths in medical care.

The boost in the cost of living had particular meaning for railroad workers who have escalator clauses in their contracts calling for cost-of-living adjustments as of November 1. Non-op contracts, for example, call for a cost of living boost of 5 cents an hour plus a 7 cent boost negotiated last year. In all the non-ops will have added an extra 25 cents an hour to their pay checks during the past year. Wage changes for the Ops vary among the unions, but are along the same lines.

On a yearly basis the September boost in the cost of living again cut into the "real" wages of factory workers although their position over the months

August-September improved slightly because of increases in wage rates and hours worked. Take-home pay for a factory worker with three dependents averaged \$75.63 per week in September or 32 cents higher than in August. This was about 90 cents higher than a year ago, but actually represented a 60 cents loss since buying power was 2 per cent lower, or roughly \$1.50, in September than in the same month last year.

REDDING, Contract awarded to Claude L. Youngs, 5910 Spruce Ave., Sacto., \$31,322, for const. County Hwy. 40-E, in SHASTA COUNTY.

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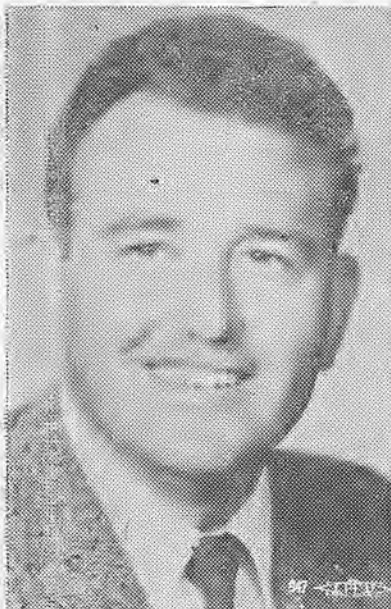
E. A. "RED" HESTER

Brother E. A. "Red" Hester, who first became a business representative of Local Union No. 3 in March of 1939, has announced his intention of retiring.

"Red," who is now 65 years old, has had a colorful history in the labor movement. He first joined the Associated Union of Steam Shovel and Dredgermen in 1911 and although that organization later amalgamated with the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredgermen in 1914, it was not until April of 1927 that they amalgamated and became part of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Throughout the years Brother Hester has held various offices. In 1927 he was elected President of Local No. 45 and in 1936-1937 he was elected President and Organizer of Local No. 45-A in Los Angeles, Calif. In later years, while serving as business representative for Local No. 3 in the Redding area he was elected President of the Building Trades Council of Redding, Calif., and held that office for a period of six years. He also served two years as President of the Central Valley Trades Council which was instrumental in helping to organize the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation in California.

We wish Brother Hester many happy and healthful years ahead in which to enjoy the pension he so justly deserves!



WARREN LE MOINE

Brother Warren LeMoine who is the second youngest Business Agent in the point of service went to work for the Local Union on April 6, 1957 and was assigned to work out of the Oakland Office where he has been covering the area of Southern Alameda County.

Warren, who is now 33 years of age, first made application for membership for Local 3A in

# Sutter Gets Open Shop

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WE MUST DO IT!

The following is, briefly, a few of the things we can do:

As this issue will be decided on the political front we must make sure that we, and all the eligible members of our family, are registered to vote. Even if our work requires us to move around quite a bit we can establish a permanent residence somewhere, register and return there to vote.

Then we must inform ourselves of the issues and how the various candidates, regardless of party or office, stand on the issues. You can best do this by attending your union meetings, reading your union papers and discussing the issues with your fellow union brothers, and most important, with your family. AND THEN MAKE SURE, EVEN IF IT ISN'T TOO CONVENIENT, THAT WE VOTE!

We must know the agreement under which we work, live up to it and see to it that the other members do likewise. Off the job we must support our fellow trade unionists by trading where the Union Shop Card is displayed, demanding Union Labeled goods, supporting the legitimate picket lines of other unions and by using union labor, when needed and available.

If we do these few simple things we need not fear, for the forces of righteousness are on our side and an enlightened membership is our best assurance that right will prevail.

## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

FORT BRAGG, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$52,993, for const. of outfall sewer

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., Box 683, Fresno, \$117,628, for 0.9 mi. grade, pave w/plttx. surf. on untr. base. bet. 3.9 & 3.0 mi. NW of Sonora, TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Spears Const. Co., P. O. Box 1124, Modesto, \$952,000, for const. of maximum security jail for SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

1941; before he was able to complete his application he answered the call of his country and served in the U.S. Army, in the Ordnance Division, in the South Pacific area for three years.

Inasmuch as he comes from a family of construction people, upon his discharge his first thoughts were to get back into the construction field, and he again made application for membership into Local No. 3A in April of 1946. He reclassified to Local 3B and received his Journeyman card in 1947; working in various capacities on different projects for contractors throughout the East Bay Area.

In fact, at the time Warren went to work for the Union he was employed at the Parr-Richmond Terminal Co. in Richmond as a Whirley Operator, working in bulk cargo operations, making considerably more money per week than he receives working as a Business Representative.

However, being an ardent trade unionist for some time back, he always had an idea that he would like to work for the Union, so when the opportunity presented itself he immediately severed his connections with the Terminal Company and went on the payroll as one of your representatives. In conclusion we would like to say that because of his cooperative spirit and keen interest in this field he is a fine co-worker.

# Survey Men Survey Jobs

By Al Boardman, Bill Minalan and Art Pennebacker

It is nearing that time of year when all good surveyors should take a look at the future. Among the Army construction starts on projects to be built during the year ending next July 1, 1958, are the following amounts to be spent in the following locations:

- 1. Alaska Housing Projects ..... \$12,578,000
- 2. State of Georgia ..... 3,584,000
- 3. State of Maryland ..... 9,179,000
- 4. State of Alabama ..... 12,763,000
- 5. State of Virginia ..... 8,443,000
- 6. State of Texas ..... 17,668,000
- 7. State of North Carolina ..... 2,049,000
- 8. State of Arizona ..... 3,192,000
- 9. State of California ..... 5,406,000
- 10. State of New Mexico ..... 16,685,000
- 11. State of Kentucky ..... 6,187,000
- 12. State of Washington ..... 3,685,000

On the Continental U.S. Classified locations, \$22,685,000 will be spent. \$15,000,000 will be spent at continental U.S. Classified Air Defense Facilities. Some of the larger project—a missile lab to be built at Fort Bliss, Texas, twelve million plus dollars; shops, roads and buildings at Fort Knox, Ky., six million plus; barracks and facilities at Fort Rucker, Alabama, ten million plus; White Sands Proving Grounds, New Mexico, sixteen million plus.

West of the bay work is steady. A little more activity in subdivisions around Santa Clara and San Jose counties—a new hospital building at Agnew — another at Palo Alto—four parties running line through the poison oak on the Lockheed job in the Santa Cruz mountains and a several hundred unit military housing project at Fort Ord constitutes the larger jobs. The military housing at Fort Ord is being held up by the State of California. The highway department wants to put a freeway right through the project. When they untangle this one there will be work for three or more parties. There has never been a tremendous lot of work in the Monterey or Santa Cruz area, however Nolte and MacAbee have recently moved offices into Santa Cruz.

There is a lot of growth in new industrial building in the bay area but not in dollar value and not jobs for the Technical Engineers. The big portion is warehouse type with few or no partitions and tilt-up walls. Consequently, the trend is to engage a survey firm to do the necessary staking.

At this writing, black clouds are in the sky and rain is falling so the work situation could be changing as you read this. Barring the wet weather, work looks good now, and in the future.

### A MISTAKE

A man telephoned the police to report that thieves had been at work on his car.

"They've stolen the steering wheel, the brake pedal and the dashboard," he complained.

A police sergeant said he would investigate. Then the telephone rang again.

"Don't bother," said the same voice—this time with a hiccup. "I got into the back seat by mistake."

## CONSTRUCTION AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., Arundel Corp. & L. E. Dixon Co., 10 W. Orange, So. S.F., \$8,136,420 (Sch. "A"), for constr. of Canyon Cherry Development, Cherry Power Tunnel & related work.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to H. P. Hastings, P.O. Box 546, Lakeport, \$99,968, for reconstr. Long Barn-Clavey Rd. at Wrights Station, STANISLAUS COUNTY.

# MORE CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

By OTTO E. NEVER Business Representative

News from the Paradise of the Pacific shows every indication of more construction work. The last job awarded was \$4,700,000 for the Molokai Irrigation project. Morrison-Knudsen and Hawaiian Dredging were the successful bidders. Same companies will do the \$40,000,000 Standard Oil refinery job. The Molokai job will be mostly tunnel work and is estimated will take four years. The Standard Oil refinery job will last approximately two years.

On the island of Kauai, Bro. Raymond Aki completed and signed the new contract with the E. F. Nilson Construction Company. Although the writer is not satisfied with the contract, it is a step in the right direction. We received from 20 to 35 cents an hour increase. This will now pave the way for the Nilson Construction Company to take on some territorial contracts as well as private work, as the company has been tied up because of strike conditions for a period of four months.

With the visit during the week of October 27th of International vice president and union business manager, Newell Carman, a great many pressing matters in this territory were taken care of. A meeting between the Plasterers and Cement Masons and the local representative resulted in the appointment of a full-time business agent for the Plasterers and Cement Masons, doing away with the continual jurisdictional problem between Local 3 and the Plasterers and Cement Masons as they were continually operating engineer's equipment.

Further, the arrival of Bro. Dick Gray, president of Building Trades Dept., and International General President Maurice Hutcheson of the Carpenters, sets up a definite program for the Building Trades Council and its affiliated members. With the great amount of construction work now going on on the island of Oahu, jurisdiction must sooner or later be recognized.

In the past, jurisdictional trespassers and independent unions in the Building Trades and the dictatorial attitude of certain craft representatives made it impossible to establish any confidence between organized labor and the employer. Work stoppages against friendly contractors created a feeling of distrust and in many cases hatred between possible friendly contractors and the Building Trades unions. It appears now that these matters have been satisfactorily adjusted and we look forward to a great and faster growth of the unions throughout the Territory of Hawaii.

It is particularly important that this move start on the island of Oahu and the city of Honolulu. A sound organizing program and the respect of jurisdiction will also go a long way creating confidence in unionism with our prospective membership. One must bear in mind that these islands are the melting pot of the Pacific and the place where East meets West in a head-on collision, and where one individual attempts to dictate a policy financially favoring himself against the welfare of the membership, organized labor will soon fall. With the splendid job done by Brother Carman, we are now on a definite beneficial organizing program to the entire AFL-CIO movement.

With the close cooperation now in effect between this district and the San Francisco main office of Local 3, we expect to secure more union contracts from mainland contractors who are now bidding the larger contracts being let here in the is-

lands. The tunnel job for the irrigation project at Molokai — one example. The future building of hotels on Maui by American Factors and Matson Hotel Corporation will be another. The present job of the Pacific Dredging Company at Kawaihae, which will start about December 2nd, is another illustration of the cooperation of our San Francisco office.

Many of our Brothers have written us from the mainland regarding employment here in the islands. For the benefit of all of those who are interested, we state the following for their information and guidance: Wages here are from 50 to 75 cents an hour less than mainland wages. Operators are expected to be universal operator particularly able to handle a backhoe. Living conditions are about 30 per cent higher than they are on the mainland. Housing is critical and rents are about 50 to 100 per cent higher than mainland rents. Many of our contractors are of Oriental extraction and they favor operators of their respective origin. No member of Local 3 should attempt to come here without writing to this office for full and detailed information.

We are, of course, pleased to cooperate in every way, but our ability to serve our members is limited because of the very few contractors with whom we have contracts. This is a pioneering area as far as organizing is concerned, and we do not have fringe benefits and welfare plans that are now in existence on the mainland.

If any member is interested, please write and advise of qualifications. Under no condition should you attempt to misinform this office as to your qualifications. You will not only embarrass yourself but the local representative as well if you are unable to perform on a job to which you are cleared.

We wish to take this opportunity to send greetings to our Brothers who have gone from here to the mainland. We recently received a letter from Brother Jimmy Apao who now resides at 320 Cherry Rd., Newark, Calif. Brother Jimmy is pleasantly surprised with the better type of equipment used on the mainland compared to the obsolete and junky equipment given operators here in the islands. We can only say Brother Apao that the islands are still the friendliest place in the world and that swimming is as good as ever, and we still have not learned to eat poi at the luaus. To all members on the mainland we say to you, you will never find more loyal or friendlier brothers than those who come from Hawaii.

In conclusion we are happy to report progress.



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