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## West Coast Sets Out to Get Share Of Shipbuilding

A strong, coastwide campaign to get shipbuilding work into west coast shipyards was launched in San Francisco on December 8 at a widely-representative conference of labor, industry, government, and business.

Of \$2 billion in contracts under the government's current shipbuilding program not a penny has gone to west coast yards, for the building of which the government spent half a billion and whose workers broke all world records in ship contracts.

### ROB WEST PAYROLLS

The three coast states paid the government \$5 billion in taxes in 1945, and they are getting none of the large current federal expenditure on ships, thus cheating coast taxpayers and robbing communities of payrolls that belong to them, it was pointed out at the conference. Similar meetings are set for Portland, Seattle, and Los Angeles.

Pacific Coast District Metal Trades Council is taking a leading part in the drive, and is being joined enthusiastically by other segments of the port communities. The Engineers union is supporting the campaign to the fullest.

### COAST DEFENSE HAZARD

Big Steel, with ex-admirals now working for it through political contacts in Washington, has wangled all of the \$2 billion in contracts thus far, for its yards on the upper Atlantic coast, most of them company-union or low-wage yards. And through its new control of western steel outlets and some shipyards it is keeping tight control on new shipbuilding.

Western yards, meanwhile, are going to pot. Grass is growing on the ways. The millions spent to build up these yards and the skills of several hundred thousand shipyard workers are being lost forever. In the event of Panama Canal blockade, the west coast would be completely without these basic defense facilities.

## Utah Outlook Good

Outlook is good in Utah, Local 3's office there reports. Despite the vicious state anti-labor law, the Clegg-Vest Act, unions were able to secure sizable wage increases. Goal now is to repeal this act. Congress has OK'd the Central Utah Valley Project, which will bring from \$400 million to \$1 billion in construction work. Winter, however, has cut employment, so don't plan on seeking work there just now.

## Heavy Industry Show

Frisco's first full-scale construction trade show will be held at the Builders Exchange, 666 Mission St., on January 12-14. Manufacturers, suppliers, and equipment dealers will be on hand to introduce and display the latest materials, techniques, and devices now available to the construction industry. Newest equipment will be shown in a street display.

So. Calif. Edison Co. will build 260-foot dam, two mile-long tunnels, powerhouse, etc., at Auberry on the San Joaquin watershed.



**ON WAY OUT?**—The election returns have begun to be reflected already in decision and actions of federal agencies, a hint as to what may be expected from the cleaned-up 81st Congress. One notorious exception is the NLRB and its anti-union general counsel, Robert Denham. Union leaders hold that any basic overhauling of labor legislation will be incomplete if Mr. Denham is left in the picture.

## 1948 a Good Year, Local 3 Reports

Despite Taft-Hartley, despite high prices, and many other obstacles, there was considerable progress in good unionism for Engineers Local 3, a look-back over the year reveals.

Here are some of the year's highlights:

Eleven-state engineers conference in Phoenix coordinates strong western program of the IUOE.

Work started and well along on a Local 3 office building in San Francisco.

Local 3 jurisdiction extended to the Hawaiian Islands and Pacific area.

Bro. Frank Lawrence, Local 3 representative in Sacramento, elected president of State Building Trades Council.

Office opened in Salinas.

Next convention of the international tentatively set for the west coast.

Many negotiations with employers successfully accomplished, without loss of work to the members.

North Point sewage treatment plant in San Francisco, contract to M&K, Stoite, Fred Early, and Haas & Rothchild, \$8,289,525. San Lorenzo sewage plant to Franceschi Const. Co. of Fresno, \$739,504.



- We pause in tribute to the memory of these departed brothers:
- CARMELO MACLI —Died October 20, 1948.
  - V. M. SIMMONS —Died November 17, 1948.
  - J. H. ROBINETT —Died November 21, 1948.
  - WM. L. DEAN —Died November 22, 1948.
  - GLEN F. JENSEN —Died November 23, 1948.
  - A. E. STUART —Died November 26, 1948.
  - MANUEL L. HERRERA —Died November 30, 1948.
  - GEORGE L. VINCENT —Died December 6, 1948.

## Strong Reclamation Program is To Be Pushed in New Congress; Power, Water, Flood Needs Cited



The officers and representatives of International Union of Operating Engineers Local 3 wish to extend the Season's Greetings to each and every member of Local 3.

## See Better Break From "81st" for The Growing West

The newly-elected 81st Congress is confidently expected to put the West back on its way toward development of power and resources adequate to meet its tremendous postwar expansion, and steps are already being taken by labor, industry, and government leaders to insure this correction.

Western reclamation was a potent factor in the Nov 2 election, and those leaders sincerely interested in the West or awakened to it by election results, are now going all-out for federal assistance on power, water, and flood control projects long needed and most obviously deserved.

### BIG YEAR AHEAD

Recent announcements by Army, Reclamation Bureau, and other federal agency representatives indicate that the extensive postwar reclamation program which the reactionary 80th Congress endeavored to sabotage will be resumed in full scale during 1949.

The new Congress is expected to give the go-ahead signal on huge water-power-flood control programs in Washington, Oregon, California, Utah, and other western states. The long-range features of the program are also being strengthened by the election-approved Democratic administration.

### ACUTE POWER SHORTAGE

A conference of governors, mayors, and county officials from the three coast states in San Francisco on December 8 pointed up the acute need for power. Tremendous industrial and population growth is chief factor behind this need. It now appears likely that where private power firms are unable or apparently unwilling to meet the need, public power will step in. Public sentiment for this move is steadily increasing.

Water for millions of acres of potentially fertile soil and for new millions of people in the region is coming into sight with steady growth of dams, canals, and other facilities in every western state. Curtailment of unnecessary flood damage nearly always accompanies the harnessing of flowing waters.

IUOE members look forward with satisfaction to the new prospects in reclamation not only because it means jobs for them but also because they are residents and shareholders in the great western region.

## Snow on Feather

First snows have fallen on the Feather River district in the Sierras, also in Nevada and Utah, and the light, white stuff puts a crimp on outdoor construction projects, Local 3 representatives report.

## Engineers to Operate Welding Generators

National Joint Board for Settlement of Jurisdictional Disputes has announced the decision of Joint Board No. 17 in the dispute of the United Association of Plumbers and the IUOE over "operation of gasoline driven electric generators for welding."

"After consideration of the evidence and argument advanced by all parties, the Joint Board decides that the work in dispute is covered by Resolution 124 (American Federation of Labor, Norfolk convention) and is the jurisdiction of the International Union of Operating Engineers," said the unanimous decision.

Board members were John E. Rooney and L. P. Lindelof for labor, Frank W. Barnes and Cyril J. Statt for employers, and John T. Dunlop, impartial chairman.

## Mele Kalikimaka, Hauoli Makahikihou!

From the Paradise of the Pacific, from our brothers in Hawaii, and personally from Brother J. W. Waiwai, business representative of Local 3 at Honolulu, comes the above greeting, which means "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

## Kings River Power

Chairman M. G. Baron of the Federal Power Commission has recommended that the commission hold that development of water resources of the Kings River Basin should be undertaken by the U.S. itself, ruling against application of PG&E for building three dams on the river. His report, dated November 30, is said to reflect the election returns and reassure the federal government's long-range hopes for the complete Central Valleys water and power program. It recommends a \$53 million development in the Kings River area, including Pine Flat dam and power units, and the Wishon and Haas units.

## Two Big Canal Jobs

Low bids have been announced for two major additions on Central Valley Project canals, and work is expected to start shortly after the first of the year. Peter Kiewit Sons was low bidder on 27 miles of Friant-Kern canal at \$7,431,271, and Hubert Everist, Sr. was low on a new section of Delta-Mendota canal, near Patterson, at \$3,679,107.

Oakland Local 3 office issued 400 job clearances last month. Total for the year is 4,000.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### BLOOD BANK RESERVE FUND

The Local Union has established an account with the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank for the benefit of the members and their families. In order for this to be a success we are asking that the members make blood donations.

Drop in, or contact the San Francisco Office for an appointment. Now that the rainy days have started, many of the members will have some free time. If they will come in to the office, transportation will be furnished them to and from the Blood Bank.

Don't wait to experience in your own family the life-saving value of donating blood. HAVE IT ON DEPOSIT AS A PROTECTION BOTH TO YOURSELF, AND YOUR FAMILY!

### TECHNICAL ENGINEERS MEETING

A special notice will be sent to the members of the Technical Engineers Branch advising them as to the date of the next meeting. The meeting, which would ordinarily fall on the 4th Friday of the month, has been postponed as it would fall on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

SPORTSMEN'S NOTES

Number of arrests for violation of the Fish and Game Code, and fines imposed by California judges set a joint all-time high record during the month of September, it is reported by Chief L. F. Chappell of the Bureau of Patrol.

A total of 783 violators were arrested by State fish and game wardens. Fines and proceeds totalled \$44,167, half of which is retained by the counties where arrests were made. Chappell indicated the Division of Fish and Game may be able to claim the nation's record for monthly fines in October, on the basis of early reports from wardens.

BIG FISH CATCHES

California's salt water fishermen dipped hooks and lines into the Pacific Ocean and withdrew an average of more than four fish each during the month of August, reports the Division of Fish and Game.

Sport fishing catch statistics compiled by the Bureau of Marine Fisheries show 96,541 anglers took home a total of 425,290 ocean fish during the month.

Party boat operators reported catches as follows:

San Francisco, Bodega, Half Moon bays—10,330 rockfish, 2,860 salmon, 860 sablefish, 260 ling cod, 190 other species.

Monterey Bay—63,230 rockfish, 3,360 ling cod, 2,930 smelt, 2,820 kingfish, 850 cabezone, 3,910 other species.

Santa Barbara, San Simeon, Morro Bay, Avila, Hueneme—19,410 rockfish, 1,790 rock and kelp bass, 1,570 cabezone, 1,110 ling cod, 760 Pacific mackerel, 1,590 other species.

Santa Monica Bay—17,550 Pacific mackerel, 13,640 California halibut, 9,530 rock and kelp bass, 5,980 kingfish, 5,370 barracuda, 2,180 rockfish, 2,080 bonito, 5,530 other species.

Los Angeles Harbor—42,830 rock and kelp bass, 24,220 Pacific mackerel, 12,890 barracuda, 4,400 California halibut, 3,930 albacore, 3,390 kingfish, 2,450 sculpin, 5,090 other species.

Newport, San Clemente—38,250 rock and kelp bass, 31,580 Pacific mackerel, 16,720 barracuda, 5,300 California halibut, 4,360 albacore, 3,940 white sea bass, 8,470 other species.

San Diego, Oceanside — 20,700 rock and kelp bass, 10,350 barracuda, 1,700 white sea bass, 1,190 yellowtail, 920 bonito, 120 albacore, 1,780 other species.

British Unions Ask Production Step-Up

London.—The general council of the British Trades Union Congress last week warned its member unions that the labor organizations themselves must take a greater interest in problems of production technique if the Labor government's economic program is to succeed.

In a statement that will be presented this week to a special conference of delegates from all of the 200 unions affiliated to TUC, the general council said that labor must abandon restrictive practices and participate fully in joint labor-management production committees. Consideration must be given, the report declared, to ways of transferring workers to undermanned industries.

While competent industrial consultants can help meet Britain's production goals, the TUC top committee pointed out, they will need the active cooperation of the workers. It recommended that union shop stewards be trained in "the elements of production, costing and industrial relations."

The special union delegate meeting to convene this week will also discuss the first report of the Joint Anglo-American Production Committee, on which four American

THE AWAKENING

He's a likable fellow, the salt of the land,

As he pauses to mop up the sweat from his brow.

On his way to the factory, lunch box in hand,

Or skillfully steering a mechanized plough.

We see him again as he passes out mail;

Or fills up our tank at the nearby garage.

He's the door to door man who solicits a sale.

Or the barber who shaves us and gives a massage.

No matter the way that our footsteps may lead

We cannot avoid him—he's sure to be there.

He is harvesting, reaping or sowing the seed;

Without him our table would oftimes be bare.

In the city he's building. Or making news streets;

Or driving the streetcar or taxi we need,

Or selling shoes, clothing, bread, milk or some sheets;

But he's always been there and we pay him no heed.

And he for his part little asks but a chance

To be his own man and to build him a home.

If he yearns for some leisure his days to enhance,

He must crush out such dreams for his thoughts should not roam.

His but to sacrifice, his but to labor,

His but to carry the world on his back.

Of all he produces small part may he savor;

For capital digests the bulk of the pack.

No matter what happens he carries on still.

If he fails in his work there is no weekly check.

The welfare of loved ones depends on his skill

And oftimes he feels there's a foot on his neck.

'Tis no wonder at week-end he wants to relax,

At the ball game or bowling, or fun with the kids

To his mind or his energy offers no tax

As the tension and strain from his body he rids.

So we say he is stupid! No mind of his own!

And the mention of politics makes him feel pained!

He's good-natured and easy—but let him alone!

And don't try to take away what he has gained.

For now he's awakened—ideas are flowing!

The brain of the worker will bring forth a crop.

The soil is fertile and ready for sowing.

And the common man's thinking will put him on top.

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Washington Printers Ask Strike Vote

Washington (FP) — Printers working for major newspapers here asked the executive council of the International Typographical Union (AFL) November 8 for permission to take a strike vote. The move was approved with near unanimity by a membership meeting of ITU Local 101, which includes 650 working printers on four metropolitan dailies. Eight weeks of negotiations have brought no concessions from the publishers.

and eight British union representatives are serving. Although the American labor men are reported to have made numerous suggestions for improving British production methods, they are known to have been impressed with the amount of work that British labor is getting out of its aging equipment.



TO FIGHT INFLATION — Dr. Edwin G. Nourse (above) has been named by Pres. Truman to draft an anti-inflation program. While not citing specific contemplated measures, Nourse announced "there will be a definite program" to lick high prices.

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Big Construction Program Under Way In Western States

A check of construction contracts awarded in the past month shows many millions going into a wide variety of building and construction projects in the western states. Here are some of the major contracts awarded:

San Leandro hospital, Swinerton & Walberg, \$1,398,000.

Friant-Kern canal, Peter Kiewit, \$7,494,372.

Islais Creek Bridge, S.F., Duncanson-Harrison, \$1,214,277.

Columbia Basin Soap Lake Siphon, Utah Constr. Co., \$7,614,729.

Grand Junction, Colo., hospital, Mesa Constr. Co., \$1,758,871.

Sacramento medical Bldg., H. W. Robertson, Inc., \$1,288,887.

McNary dam powerhouse generators, Umatilla, Ore., Gen Elec. Co., \$7 million.

San Francisco sewage plant, joint contract, \$8,289,525.

Alaska highway, Birch and Morrison-Knudson, \$2,885,453; Babler and Rogers companies, \$1,126,570.

Dept. Public Wks office bldg., S. F., S. J. Amoroso, \$1,556,659.

Los Alamos, N.M., high school, R. E. McKee, \$2011,663.

L. A. Municipal Airport, N. M. Ball, Harms Bros., H. Earl Parker, \$3,336,513.

In addition, many millions will go into schools, civic buildings, highways, power and flood projects, and industrial expansion.

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Winter Slows Work

Arrival of old man winter has started the annual seasonal slowdown for construction work, causing spotty paychecks for engineers. Rains cut jobs in the northstate area and farther south when the storms carry down the coast or central valley. Mountain districts get more rain, and the Sierras, Nevada and Utah have tasted the first full snowfalls. Many jobs are holding on as long as possible and resuming between storms, due to pressure for their completion.

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UNION MEETING

The meeting was called to order, it sure was no success. For after it was opened the chairman did the rest. He left the brothers in a huff, My, how they were burned; The chairman banged the gavel. And the meeting was adjourned. —By the Tunnel Stiff Engineer.

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Settlement of the oil strike, with the exception of Union Oil, has improved engineer jobs around the Bay, with plants open and oil available.

Report of last meeting

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

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6 was read and by motion approved as read. A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of December 1 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Christmas Greetings were received from George R. Reilly, member of the State Board of Equalization. Received and filed.

A letter was received from the Building & Construction Trades Council of Alameda County regarding working cards. Received and filed.

From the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank regarding donors who have had malaria. Received and filed.

A card of thanks was received from the Veteran Hospital's Christmas Committee for contribution. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Harry Allen and family; Catherine Bruderly. Received and filed.

The report of the Trustees was read and accepted as read.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Jim Aregger, Phillip Avilla, Arthur Azevedo, Lloyd H. Brown, Ray Brown, Lloyd Bryant, Melvin F. Carter, George Costa, Elmer Denver, Jr., Wm. L. Dupes, Theodore Gaffney, Marvin Hairell, Fred Hellyer, Edward Hoffman, Ernest Hopperstad, Glen F. Jensen, David A. Kelsay, Walter B. Lake, Robert Leamaster, Walter R. McGary, James D. Marchant, Gordon E. O'Brien, Norman F. Pruitt, Clyde D. Salley, H. E. Schmidt, Lawrence C. Shetter, George Simon, J. R. Smith, Jack Soberanes, Tine Stewart, Arthur E. Stout, M. E. Tavenner, J. Van Manen, Ira Warren, Albert White.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Harvey N. Hammond, J. H. Robinett, Glen F. Jensen, V. M. Simmons, Wm. L. Dean, Carmelo Macli, A. E. Stuart and Manuel L. Herrera.

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

There was a general discussion regarding transfers of members from other local unions into Local No. 3, no action being taken.

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

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

Urges Shooting Of Some Does

Controlled shooting of does in some areas is the answer to many of California's present deer management problems, a University of California zoology professor has advised the Fish and Game Commission.

Without taking action, Commissioners at their November meeting heard Dr. A. Starker Leopold urge restricted antlerless deer shooting on an experimental basis with the ultimate goal of assuring a continued and increased supply of deer in the future.

Leopold told the Commission: The management program carried on by the Commission and the Legislature since 1900 has produced more deer than can be handled in many areas. The all-time record kill of deer by hunters in 1948 and mounting deer depredation complaints in agricultural sections are surface evidences that the deer population has reached its limit.

National experts in deer management agree that deer populations thrive when 20 to 25 per cent of the herd is removed every year. In California, the only Western State where doe hunting is prohibited, the estimated annual harvest ranges from six to ten per cent.

Starvation and lowered resistance to disease and predators threaten many deer herds where over-grazing occurs. Removal of surplus does and spiked bucks in some areas would eventually increase the carrying capacities of the range and produce more legal bucks for the hunter's bag.

Better utilization of the deer crop is not only possible but necessary to assure continued survival of herds in some sections.

Leopold is making a three-year study of the deer problem under the provisions of the Pittman-Robertson Act, financed jointly by State and Federal funds. He was asked by the Commission to thoroughly investigate every phase of deer management in California.

Due to the urgency of developing an interim policy of deer management before Dr. Leopold's three-year study is completed in 1950, the Commission requested an outline based on 14 months of investigations.

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During the 1937-41 period in America some 2,350,000 cars were scrapped annually, as compared with 920,000 during the 1942-46 years.

Crusader



Ingrid Bergman, star of "Joan of Arc," joins the crusade against tuberculosis by purchasing her Christmas Seals early. Miss Bergman urges others to follow her example in a trailer which will be shown in movie houses throughout the country during the annual Christmas Seal Sale from Nov. 22 to Dec. 25.

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Productivity in U.S. Outstrips England

Geneva. — The International Labor Office made public a paper on labor productivity showing that the physical output per factory worker in the United States during a 5-year period was 2.12 times as high as in the United Kingdom.

The survey rated relative productivity in agriculture and transportation as about even in the two countries. It said that American output in mining also was higher but that this fact was due largely to natural conditions.

The factory figures, based on the 1935-39 average in 32 manufacturing industries, were compiled by L. Rostas, British statistician, and published in a document entitled "International Comparisons of Productivity."

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# Stockton— EVERIST BIDS \$31½ MILLION ON NEXT UNIT OF MENDOTA CANAL

By ED DORAN and RENNY BURROUGHS  
Business Representatives

Our big news in this area is the opening of bids for the next Delta-Mendota section of the Central Valley Canal. Hubert Everist bid \$3,679,107.10 for low bid. M. K. was next with \$4,344,158. From there on Bressi and Bevanda was next, followed by a joint venture group including Stolte, United Concrete and Ralph Bell, and high bidder was Peter Kewit Sons Co. The excavation went for \$.132 per c.y. and the compaction for \$.30. Work on this job will start about Feb. 1st, if the job is awarded as expected.

Karl Harmeling is moving his spread from the Fish Ranch Road job to two small levee jobs awarded by the Army Engineers on levees on the San Joaquin River at the Boggs Tract and the Stewart tract. Good winter work and approximately 80,000 yards involved.

Mintoh & Kuban are starting fair ground development projects at Sonora and Angels Camp for the Tuolumne Co. Fair Ass'n and the Jumping Frog Ass'n respectively. Largely structure is involved to the amount of several hundred thousand dollars.

### BRIDGE JOBS

Three small bridge jobs complete the new work let in this area the last month. On highway 4, west of Stockton, 2 redecking jobs are about to start and Dec. 22 the new bridge north of Terminous to Franklin will be let.

Westbrook and Pope have cleared and pioneered their road job west of Ham's Station on highway 88 have moved all equipment out until April.

Claude Wood has two draglines working at West Point on road work. Brothers Frank Femmons and Ed Hayes are operating, ably assisted by Vince Morris and Ralph Monk.

Gildersleeve has a small new bridge to put in at West Point and is starting preliminary work.

S. M. McGaw is paving the Claude Wood Peleteir Road job, with Brothers Ray Weesner and R. L. Cochrum on the paver.

At Ione, Beerman and Jones have shut down on account of rain but will start again soon. Brother Clint Collingwood has his cats on this job as has Brother Carl Williams of Tuolumne.

### "LAYING HOT STUFF"

Out at Oakdale Brother Roy Wadlow is cutting shoulders for Brother Roy Morse of Joe Ruddy's spread and Brother Joe Marshall sees that the plant runs intermittently to supply the necessary blacktop. In town this spread has Brothers "Junior" Duncan and Jimmy Pridmore on jeeps at their Modesto Airport job. Brother Al West has replaced E. E. Fritz working in this shop with Ned Bedross. Brother Fritz is now distributing a material to eliminate blowouts in tires and has been nicknamed "Easy Money" by his old associates.

Standard Materials are working steadily at many small jobs. We ran into Brother Louie King and his shadow Sie Kosich on Shaul's Riverbank sewer job where they were assisting Brothers Bob Wilder and Roy Wallace hanging a suspension pipe line across the Stanislaus. We caught Brother Travis Proctor blading out the area to be used by the Egg Laying Experiment Station on 99 highway the other day and he told us that he had laid so much black top this year that he was going to try laying eggs for awhile.

Putman Sand & Gravel at Riverbank is slowing down after their heaviest season. Shifts have run 14 hours a day there and the boys are glad to get back to regular time again. Brothers Russ Schubert, "Granny" Hall, Johnny Green, Joe Wynns and Monte Hicks are Engineers in this plant.

At Halcerin-Hammett production of plaster sand is going at full capacity with Brothers Carson and Dooley on the drag scraper plant and Brother Bill McKinnon putting in a new sand pump.

PCA has been busy on the canal aggregate and looks good at least until January first. Geo. French's plant has been kept busy with Hap Arbuthnot stripping with the P &

# Redding— Northstate Jobs Slow; Big R.R. Project in Jan.

By E. A. HESTER

Business Representative, Local 3

The Ted Bares Construction Co., of 365 Warwick Ave., San Leandro, Calif., and the Charles MacClosky Co., of 112 Market Street, San Francisco, have been awarded the Corning sewage disposal plant at about \$275,000. The town of Corning is situated about 45 miles south of Redding on Highway 99. Work has started on this project, and Brother Art Ridgeby is general superintendent.

The Railroad Relocation job between the Keswick and Shasta Dams has been officially advertised, and bids to be opened by the Bureau of Reclamation, Redding, Calif., December 29, 1948. This undoubtedly will be the largest construction job we have had in this district since the war, and I imagine it will be under way by the latter part of January.

In the meantime, we do not have too much to look forward to. The Frederickson & Watson job in Anderson, Calif., and the Frederickson Bros. job in Schilling are both winding up.

W. C. Railing Co. has a few days left on their job located at Montgomery Creek.

### TULELAKE JOB

Natt McDougai Co. has started work on their drainage project at Tulelake, operating with three draglines and a couple of cats. They have started off well, and the boys working there seem to be satisfied.

George R. Stacy Co., also of Tulelake, recently started work on the pumping plant. His bid was \$120,966, and is allotted 240 working days to complete this project.

We did have some slight difficulty with the Ramsey Construction Co. in the same locality; however, we believe this matter has been straightened out.

Harms Brothers have practically completed the majority of their work in Shasta County. Although they are still doing some work on the Adin Job, from recent indication they soon will be closing up for the winter.

Many of our Brothers have been callers at the office here in Redding increasing our out-of-work-list lately, as the work situation continues to be slack. In fact, about all there will be to look forward to in the next two or three months are dark clouds, lashing winds, cold rain, and snow!

### MERRY CHRISTMAS

As this will be the last news letter in 1948, I am taking this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

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# Cotton Maps Low Pay Fight

New York (LPA)—The big fellows in the cotton textile industry have decided that they'll campaign in Congress next session for a single law governing the figure beneath which wages are not allowed to fall.

This was the decision reached at a session of the Cotton Textile Institute here recently. There are now two laws in effect—the Walsh-Healey law covering work done on government contracts, which sets a minimum wage at the "prevailing" minimum, and the Fair Labor Standards Act which presently sets the minimum wage at 40 cents an hour for work on goods involved in interstate commerce.

Textile unionists had no trouble guessing how the cotton mill men decided to throw their weight. It'll be in favor of abolishing the more flexible Walsh-Healey provision, and substituting the FLSA 40-cent wage floor. And observers at the Institute's sessions say there's no question they will fight hard to keep that 40 cents from being raised to 75 cents or \$1 as proposed by President Truman and organized labor.

# Marysville— FIRST SNOW FALLS AT FEATHER RIVER CANYON POWER PROJECTS

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

Once again we come to the month of December and everyone has the Christmas spirit of peace on earth, goodwill to men and let me say, Brethren, that we of Local 3 have much to be thankful for, in the recent elections and also in that we have had good work, wages and conditions the past year. Before we go on with this column, we of the Marysville office—Florence, Bill and Les, wish our officers and members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Granite Construction Company is getting started on their road job near Chico and Paradise with one dragline and two cats at present with more to be added. Paul Matters is general superintendent and George Elliott is grade foreman.

McEwen Company have a dragline crew and one dozer on their job at Willow Glen Road.

Bechtel Company is making progress on their powerhouse job at Dobbins, and the dozer operators must be related to a hill-billy because it's straight up and down.

### NEWS FROM THE TUNNEL STIFF IN FEATHER RIVER CANYON

The first snow hit the jobs on October 28th and heavy rains came too, adding much to the discomfort of the men and much harm to the contractors' work and schedule. Some were not prepared for the winter elements.

The miners are very generous in giving financial aid to any injured brother. The various companies assist in this by withholding the donations from the pay check and it is given to the needy in a lump sum. Congratulations, this is the right spirit.

Pardon me, Mr. Winchell, but this office awards an orchid to the firm donating the lumber and labor to build a little house for the school children awaiting the bus at Guy's Resort in Belden. Most of the children belong to members of Local 3. There you are, men, Local 3 leads again.

A letter from a friend in Tampa, Florida, states the pay on a highway job there is \$.60 per hour. Don't all you Engineers line up at the window for your transfer cards.

Brother Frank Booth writes from Athens, Greece, and says he has seen a lot of places he likes better and that he will open a sandwich shop on his return. His slogan—The burger with a foreign education.

Brother Ira Bashaw and C. B. Wallace now own the repair shop and service station at Tobin's Resort in Storrie. We are glad to see these boys in business and ask our members to drop in to see them.

Brother Don Coykendall, a 3-A member, suffered a broken leg while on the job at M. K. Co., Inc.

Brother Kenneth Brazil and his family lost their living abode at Belden by fire and his wife and two small children barely escaped with their lives.

Earl Parker, one of our Marysville contractors, makes requisitions in new equipment, new jobs and a headliner—a new son. You watch him, Earl. Keep him away from Spike and Cliff.

The new job in this area is a 2,000,000 yard levee setback south of Colusa on the Sacramento River. Most of the equipment is now working at Ministerial Bend, also a levee setback, scheduled to be through about January 1st. Parker has 35 rigs working in the district.

Now comes the new operators, old in the area but blossoming like a sunflower, the sons of "Jack" Darrough—Jimmy, the contact man, Jack, the field superintendent—and Bob on the draglines. They have five pulls, five cats and three draglines together with the low bed. They are all working on agricultural work, land levelling and ditching. Besides going straight down the line with Local 3, they are very likeable chaps who should go a long way.

H, Brother Noah Board supervising the hot plant, and Bill Floyd and Bill Miller rebuilding the plant for 1949 production.

Claude Wood's Clements plant is still operating a stub night shift, trying hard to catch up on their stockpiling.

We have 75 men out of work but fortunately have a few jobs coming in due to the still dry weather. Late visitors at the office include Harold Owensby, Wingy Cardoza and Bob Carpenter from around the country.

This office sees one of Local No. 3's finest years ahead and wishes all our many members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. When it rains, drop in and see us and visit awhile.

We are happy to announce both Walter Johnson Co. out at Pollock's old shipyard and Calaveras Cement have paid off all back pay to our members and have put our new raises into effect. As members of Local No. 3, we all have many things like this to be proud and happy about.

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# Honolulu— What's Going On In the Islands

By J. W. WAIWAILOE,  
Business Representatives, Local 3

We in Hawaii feel grateful that we were assisted by Local 3. Although the potential membership of engineers is very much greater than registered here, we believe the nucleus listed will help build a good organization in the future as conditions with reference to work is made available.

The West Coast shipping strike has in a way slowed down construction here for lack of material but we should be back to normal by the first part of 1949.

We are very fortunate to have with us in Hawaii, Brother Tom Randall, A. F. of L. organizer from Los Angeles, assigned to this area to assist the building trades crafts by the A. F. of L. Executive Board.

GUAM IS SLOW  
Many of our members on Guam are returning due to lack of work there and the closing down of the M. K. P. K. & Sons contract. However, others in Honolulu have had to ship out to Kwajalein and nearby islands for the Byrne organization, a Navy contractor.

Many contracts on the various islands of the Hawaiian group are out for bidding but actual work may be started early next year.

George Pollock's road job on the big island of Hawaii has been hampered by bad weather, which is typical of that area.

This branch will act as Santa Claus to its members here during Christmas by distributing candy packages.

Mele Kalikimaka and Hauoli Makahikihou—which means Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Downtown parking problems are being partly solved in Chicago by a speedy shuttle-bus service between outlying parking lots and the central business center.

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A fertilizer plant is to be established in the Philippines to make synthetic ammonium sulfate. Pyrites containing 42 per cent sulfur from the island of Panay will be used as part of the raw material.

Ed Curtis is at Colusa with five jeeps and a push cat, land levelling a plot for "Slim" Davis, a former member of Local 3, now a commercial airplane contractor, that Brother Clancy should become acquainted with. Pat is the "careful navigation" type with his plane. "Slim" picks the telephone poles and fruit trees for his targets and, together with Brother Bill Cota, one of his star pilots, they give with a thrill a minute. Wonder how many Local 3 industrial aviators we have that dust spray, seed, yes, and fertilizer by plane.

Brother Mark Foster, who busts nuts periodically, doesn't have a hobby except this trip to Oklahoma that he's on now. Saw Mark on a rice harvester at Gridley with the "3" button on the hat. Saw him at his "Green" something at Olivehurst dispensing refreshments and if you want to know anything about a juke box, Mark knows that, too.

Lord and Bishop got a reinforced concrete bridge job six miles south of Nicholas—\$122,000.

Gold dredge activities are pretty steady with rigs at Calahan, Biggs, Hammonton, Folsom and Slough-house on steady production.

Five rigs are in the Snelling, LaGrange area. About 150 men. Brother Peterson of Fresno and myself have again started a program in this area and expect to file for our first company at this writing. This area was organized before the war, but the old-timers that are left but with few exceptions have established themselves most everywhere but in this district. Local 3 has many friends here, however, and whether or not the loose ends can again be picked up we'll soon know.

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# AUTO HINTS

Frequent causes of overheating of an automobile engine, advises the California State Automobile Association, include a broken or slipping fan belt, a clogged radiator, a defective thermostat, and a low water supply in the radiator.

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COURTESY PAYS—Sportsmanlike driving deserves to be matched with sportsmanlike walking, and the pedestrian who observes the principles of good sportsmanship is the one least likely to suffer traffic injuries, points out the California State Automobile Association.

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TRAINED FOR SAFETY—Skill helps to take the "kill" out of driving, leaving only the "S" for safety, says the California State Automobile Association, which calls attention to the fact that scores of California high schools are now contributing to the cause of traffic safety by teaching behind-the-wheel driving to students.

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MOTOR TUNE-UP—Modern automobile engines require accurate adjustments to deliver top performance. If starting trouble develops gradually and it is difficult to diagnose the cause, the California State Automobile Association recommends consulting a competent mechanic.

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Giant four-inch-long termite queens are among unique, rare species collected recently in Africa by American scientist.

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In 1922, America's "recoverable" crude oil was estimated at 373,000,000,000 gallons but since then three times that amount has been taken from the earth.

## Salinas -- Monterey--

## Monterey Bay Breakwater Prospects Brighter as Army Engineers OK It

By M. G. ("Mickey") MURPHY,  
Business Representative, Local 3

The prospects look much brighter now than they did a few months back for the long-proposed breakwater across the Monterey Bay. The Army Engineers have just recently recommended its construction and it may yet be a reality. Let's hope for action early in '49.

Conditions have tightened up a little bit in the Salinas area. This is due to the completion of some of the work—also to the on-coming winter. We have been going pretty

good on the oil fields of San Ardo and Greenfield. From authoritative sources I have learned that the Jergens Oil, who now have 22 wells operating, have just recently received the "Go" signal on 228 more on a new 2500-acre tract. Naturally, there will be considerable road-building on this project. Also heard they intend to construct an air strip (probably in the Spring) on their property, which is parallel to the railroad. Operations on most of this work will be suspended immediately upon the first or second rain but will be resumed on a much larger scale in the Spring. This also applies to the Texas-Barnsdale Companies. At present we have about 12 men employed in this industry but I am sure this number will be greatly increased in the Spring. The brothers now working are employed by different contractors—W. W. Bird, Vincenz Bros., Chas. Clausen, Franks Bros. and Harrison. The Texas-Barnsdale Oil have just recently acquired 3000 acres from the Salinas Land at Greenfield, and they intend to enlarge on their operations in this little city—possibly throughout the Winter or at least by next Spring.

## SOLEDAD

F. C. Stolte is making fairly good headway on their \$445,000 Medium Security State Prison job. This is just a small starter on the plans for the expansion of the prison . . . Brother Al Williams, a local Salinas contractor, has his new Bay City Shovel working on his sub job for Stolte at the prison and expects to be there for some time yet. Al also excavated the Municipal Pool for the City of Salinas. Perhaps I should say, for Stolte, as they have the general contract. In my last report you will remember that I mentioned a job which could not start until it rained. Well, from the way it looks around here now, the Sondag Bros. may be starting on the Jamesburg job (out of Greenfield) soon, as we have been getting some rain. Several jobs in this area have suspended operations due to the rain . . . Charlie Carrithers, local landleveler, is still busy on his levelling job near San Ardo and expects to hold about five or six throughout the winter . . . George Augusta, also a local contractor, has all his equipment out and is managing to keep most of it rolling and about six of the brothers on the payroll . . . Now for the bad news:—Macco Construction are drawing to a close on the Los Padres Dam. I am sorry to see it, too, as many of our boys will miss those larger pay checks. When you can hit \$250 or \$260 for one week, its not so bad—especially in these brief November and December days. Most of the equipment is now down to a single shift and the brothers are on the move—going north, south and east. (Hardly any are going west as you are not too far from the Pacific). Assistant Super Brother "Buck" Hope thinks they should be moved out, lock, stock and barrel by January 15, 1949.

## MONTEREY

I was in hopes of having some news for you in regard to the naval expansion project for this locality by now but I must disappoint you. There is quite a lot of work to come up in this area soon, however, I must also mention that this little city is in the market for a million dollar disposal plant, as well as much harbor work. Many of us thought bids would be called for by now. Maybe they are waiting for Spring.

## San Jose--

## Hibernate Hot Plants as Work Slows for Winter

By H. W. METZ  
Business Representative, Local 3

Work, as usual for this time of year, has fallen off. Most jobs are of short duration and no indication of any jobs of importance to be started before early spring.

J. O. Archibald has moved in six pieces of equipment to do the grading for the new Willow Glen High School. This job is expected to last about six weeks.

A. J. Raisch has finished the job at Fiberglass. The men here are more fortunate than some of the others in that Raisch has several small jobs to keep them busy. I believe this is the only contractor besides Leo Piazza running hot stuff here. The other hot plants are in a state of hibernation for the winter.

Earl Heple finished his sewer job in San Jose and had to lay off a crew of men. It may be well to state here that a good many of our differences with Heple have been settled. With the co-operation of our members, we can continue to improve the lot of all. A union is only as good as the members make it.

Wagner and Martinez are setting the steel for an additional floor to the Law Library at Stanford University. Brothers Hightower and Crowley are working on this job.

Maguire and Hester are still working on their sewer job at Santa Clara. The job has been a good one for several of our members.

Edwin J. Tobin is doing a similar job at East Palo Alto. We have three members employed there.

We signed a new agreement with Ditz Bros. granting an increase in wages for all classifications. This agreement was rather complicated to the extent that so many separate units had to be dealt with, some receiving 10 cents per hour increase and others 20 cents an hour.

The Permanente Company agreement has been opened again, which will mean a series of meetings before conclusion. The outcome of this will be reported in our next issue.

Leo Piazza Company is finishing the new 4,650-foot runway at the San Jose Municipal Airport. This airport has the possibility of becoming one of the outstanding airports around the bay. Southwest Airways is moving in on completion. Several other big airline companies are considering doing likewise.

Brother Dobyms has been working with me in this area and has done a swell job. It's been good relationship and I shall miss him.

In conclusion here I want to emphasize the necessity of wearing your quarterly button. Why the members in this area are so lax about wearing their union buttons is beyond me. Your button is the symbol of the Engineers' Union and signifies that you are a member of the finest organization in the labor movement.

It should be worn with pride by all members. There is nothing that gives your business agent more pleasure and satisfaction than seeing your union button on your hat, cap or shirt.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
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## State Labor Statutes Top Taft-Hartley Law

Washington.—The Taft-Hartley law yields superiority to state laws which "prohibit" compulsory union membership agreements but not to state laws which merely "regulate" such agreements, the National Labor Relations Board has ruled.

The issue came up in the case of Northland Greyhound Lines, Inc., and the Street Railway and Motor Coach Employees (AFL). The union petitioned the NLRB to poll the employees.

## Eureka--

## WORK SLOWS DOWN TO A WALK AS RAINY SEASON HITS REDWOODS

By OTTO E. NEVER, Business Representative  
and M. W. EDWARDS, Organizer

Here in the Redwood Empire the rainy season has set in. Work has slowed down to a walk, and the fact that lumber has dropped as much as \$22 a thousand hasn't helped conditions any. Many of the small logging outfits and sawmills have folded, leaving plenty of rubber checks in their wake.

The fir industry in this territory is in quite a slump; about 50 per cent of the woods and mills closing down. Until something is done about the price of lumber at the mill, they will probably stay down. However, the redwood operators are still going strong and there is no reason to believe that they won't continue to do so.

## 7000 IN LUMBER

There are about 7000 men working here in the lumbering industry and out of that, there are about 800 cat skimmers, donkey punchers, shovel operators, engineers, etc. I'm looking toward the time when those boys will all be wearing a "Big 3" button on the side of their hats. From my contacts with them, they seem to agree that an engineer should most certainly belong to the Engineers.

The Hawkins Logging Co. has signed our agreement and we are glad to have them. They are excellent loggers and can really build roads in the timber where the going is mighty tough.

The Coast Pacific Lumber Co. is due for their election in the near future. If you ask me, the employees there have been very patient. That man, "Mr. N.L.R.B." sure doesn't move very fast. We hope to see him speed up in the future.

We do look for plenty of construction work when the rainy season is over. At the present time the following work is contemplated:

## HIGHWAY JOBS

Four miles of cement treated base and resurfacing, north and south of Laytonville, about \$200,000; bridge and approach at Camp Creek, Orleans, no estimate; Freshwater Lagoon, all dirt moving, \$750,000; resurfacing, Klamath and Crescent City, 4.4 miles and 2.5 miles, total 6.9 miles; resurfacing at Booneville, about \$90,000; Hiouchi, about \$50,000.

Additional jobs will be announced later. Total amount to be spent will be about \$3,000,000, but this does not cover secondary roads.

Underground Construction is still trying hard to finish the bridge over the South Fork of the Smith River. Judson Pacific is putting in the steel.

The U. S. Engineers are testing for a quarry at Endert's Beach, rock to be used for completion of the jetty at Crescent City. If the rock is satisfactory, a road will have to be built from the quarry to the jetty. Five hundred thousand dollars has been appropriated.

Baldwin & Straub are waiting for steel to finish the bridge at Turwar Creek. Their job at Hunter Creek is ready for pouring.

Fred J. Maurer pulled off of the Simpson Logging Co. job. For what reason we are not sure, but we do know that Maurer showed them how to build roads.

Siri has finished at Klamath and moved back to Santa Rosa. C. M. Syar has finished up on his job south of Klamath and parked most of his equipment at Klamath as he hopes for a chance at some of the jobs here next spring.

Mercer Fraser is about through with its paving job on Broadway in Eureka, and they have started laying hot stuff at Rio Dell. Weather permitting, they will keep fairly busy all winter.

Ed Johnson still keeps his crew busy through fair weather or foul. Louie Conner has his rigs parked for the winter.

Fred J. Maurer has nine or ten of the brothers busy at Orleans and will move down to grade the approach from Weitchpec to the new bridge, as well as tear down the old bridge. Atkinson is finishing the decking on the new bridge at Weitchpec and should be through by December 15th.

South from Eureka, John Burman & Sons are held up at Bull-

Creek Park because of the weather. Ruby is winding up the bridge job and approach at Rock Creek. Malfitano and Macal are trying to fight mud and rain and complete their grade job at Briceland.

## BRO. SIMMONS KILLED

We were profoundly shocked on the morning of November 17th when we received word that Bro. Virgil Simmons had been killed on the Redding Highway near Redwood Creek. Brother Simmons was moving a "jeep" and ran from Eureka to the Fred J. Maurer job at Orleans. It was while trying to negotiate a switchback turn that he lost control of the jeep, causing it to plunge over the grade and land 50 feet below. Brother Simmons was crushed beneath the jeep and was killed instantly. He leaves a wife and son who reside at Carbondale, Illinois. The remains were sent there for burial.

Brother Ed Selvage has just left the St. Joseph's Hospital after a long siege of suffering due to a dislocated vertebrae. Brother Ed received his injury when he jumped from the dragline cab to the ground; too old to take the bounce.

## CORPSE PULLS LEG

Turning to a lighter vein: We had a card from friend Harold Hudson, superintendent and general manager of Transocean's Landing Aids Station, and president, goodwill ambassador and handy man for Transocean Engineering Corp. He was at Berlin when he sent the card, installing some landing aids for Uncle Sam. A couple of weeks later friend Hudson made a survey for a field in a French cemetery near Paris. While walking along the runway, friend Harold jumped from the muddy runway to what he thought was a couple of 2x12's, but which turned out to be an open grave. He dropped down a couple of feet and his foot went through a coffin, locking his foot there like a bear trap. They tell me that Harold gave two whoops and then shot straight up as though jet propelled, saying as he landed topside, "Man, I'll swear that corpse pulled my leg." Well, who knows? The French are a peculiar race.

In closing may we wish you brothers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.  
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## Tobin Ups Minimum Wage On U. S. Contract Work

Washington.—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin increased the minimum wage for workers engaged in the manufacture of outdoor jackets and wool trousers under government contracts.

The wage minimum for heavy outer wear manufacturers was increased to 85 cents an hour. The former rates were 42½ cents for making outdoor jackets and 40 cents for leather and sheep-lined jackets. The new 85-cent rate applies to both.

Mr. Tobin raised the required minimum wage for wool trousers from 40 to 75 cents an hour.

Mr. Tobin also established a minimum 60-cent hourly wage for learners in their first 240 hours of experience and 65 cents for the balance of their 480-hours' training period.

The 2 actions mean that contractors for military apparel after Jan. 1 must pay those minimums on Army and Navy contract work.  
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Many popular American shade trees are not native. Some such are the Norway maple, Oriental planetree, horsechestnut, European beech and linden, Scotch and Austrian pines, Chinese elms, ginkgo, English elm and the English oak.

## Sacramento— EXPECT SIZABLE GRANTS FROM CONGRESS FOR FOLSOM DAM

By ED PARK  
Business Representative, Local 3

The outlook for the winter months in this area is not too encouraging. With only a few jobs of any size running at the present time, and these subject to shutdown in the event of rainy weather, the winter looms gloomily ahead of us.

Spring, however, holds more promises. By that time Congress should have set aside a large appropriation for continuance of work on the Folsom Dam. The problems in connection with the Deep Water Channel should all be ironed out and some work started on that project. The State of California should have its highway budget made up and we feel confident that it will include several large jobs for this area. Particularly as the Army has gone on record as favoring a four-lane highway on Highway 40 from Roseville over the Donner Summit. They list the present condition of this highway from the standpoint of defense as critical.

The New Year looks from here like one well worth welcoming.

### HIGHWAY JOBS

Westbrook & Pope decided to take advantage of the good weather we were having and opened up their job on Highway 49 at Camp-tonville. Brother Patterson is foreman on the job and Brother Verne Curtis is Master Mechanic. It looks, though, like they jumped the gun for last reports from that area list considerable snow in those parts.

The Clyde Wood Job on Mosquito Ridge is subject to the same conditions and it is doubtful if work can be continued throughout the winter. Due to the remote locality in which this job is located the turnover has been exceptionally large.

Peter L. Ferry has his job in connection with the Folsom Dam rolling now. Brother Larry Broad-bent is doing the shifting and Brother B. W. Fuchs (we are going to spell his name correctly this time) is the Mechanic Foreman.

We have had word from the U. S. Engineers Office that the Core Trench job for the Folsom Dam will be readvertised. No date for this has been given as yet.

### PUTAH CREEK JOB

H. E. Parker has moved a few more rigs in on his Putah Creek job. At present fifteen rigs are running two shifts. Brother Perry Parker has moved down from the Donner Job and has taken over as superintendent. Brothers Lloyd Parker, Wayne Morse, and Charlie Rowe are the Shifters. Brother Gamby is the Master Mechanic. When the heavy rains shut this job down a good many of the brothers are going to Los Angeles to work on the twelve million yard job Parker has down there.

The Guy F. Atkinson Co. is still continuing with preliminary work on the Roseville Subway. We have five members on this job now. The dirt work is to be done by J. R. Reeves and starting time will mostly depend upon the weather.

The Charles T. Brown Co. Job at Rumsey is progressing satisfactorily.

Lord & Bishop were low bidders on a bridge job at \$122,140. This is to be built across Cross Canal.

### PERSONAL MENTION

We were sorry to hear that Brother Nig Myler's father passed away recently.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go to the wife of Brother Vern Bushgens.

Brother Acie Dunlap is back on the job with the C. C. Steele Co. Brother Dunlap had been laid up since August with a gunshot wound in the hand.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Brother Walt Sherman, of Fair Oaks, a shovel operator at the Cutter Plant.

Brother Roy Hayts was injured November 9th when he was "kicked" by a Roller while working for J. R. Reeves.

Another J. R. Reeves employee, Brother Ray Heial is ill and in the Mercy Hospital.

Brother John H. Robinett passed away suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Sacramento

on November 21st. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Nov. 24th from the Miller & Skelton Funeral Parlor. All our sympathy is extended to the family of this departed Brother.

Brother H. E. Graf is back in the landleveling business for himself now. He has six rigs running at the present time with Brother Fritz Seizle doing the shifting. We wish this outfit lots of good luck.

Brother Don C. Johnson is the proprietor of a hotel and rooming house located at 2200 El Camino Avenue in North Sacramento. If any of you boys are looking for a place to stay, why not give Don some business.

Brother H. B. Gambell and his son are running the garage in connection with the Shell Service Station in Sierra City. Stop in and say "hello" if you are up that way.

Many familiar faces missing around our office during the summer are beginning to show up again. Brother Otto Van Gorder who spent the summer shifting for the Guy F. Atkinson Co. at Ukiah has finished up and is back home again. Brother E. J. "Heavy" Holmes is down from this job also, as are Brothers Johnny Hartman, Red Gorham, Clem Marchant and Les Wright.

Brother Dick Arthur dropped in to say hello. He was down from Angeles Camp and reported everything is shipshape with his outfit.

We now have a supply of the new Working Rules and wish you members would ask for your copy when you come up to the office.

Also, we wish to caution all members working in the Sacramento area to obtain a clearance from this office before going on the job.

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE!

With the cooperation of the members in this territory we hope to set up a Blood Reserve Fund under the name of the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 at the new Blood Bank in Sacramento. A Reserve Fund is blood insurance for all of you and your families. It also represents a substantial financial saving to you when blood transfusions are necessary. We deposit blood in the Reserve Fund to be used first for ourselves, the members of our family, and our own organization. This is something we should all get behind. In order to start our Reserve Fund it will be necessary to line up ten donors. So come on, fellows, be one of the first to volunteer. Contact this office for an appointment and further instructions.

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In closing this report for the month of December may we, of the Sacramento Office, wish all of you a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Profitable New Year.

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## Denham Will Follow Usual Tough Policy

Washington. — Robert N. Denham, general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board, and as such, the "czar" over the nation's industrial relations, announced he would follow a "business as usual" policy, despite the administration's pledge that it would seek repeal of the Taft-Hartley law.

Mr. Denham said here that he would keep on administering the Republican-sponsored labor law "as if nothing had happened," so long as it was on the books. He has some idea of his own for changing it, but "nobody has asked me for any so far he added."

## San Rafael— North Bay Jobs Keep Moving

H. O. ("Heine") FOSS  
Business Representative, Local 3

At the Utah Construction Company, Low Gap Camp, Brother Barney Apgar is superintendent with Brother Herb Whiting as assistant superintendent, and Brothers Lloyd Portlock and Ray Bishop as foremen. Mr. Harold Singer is the office manager of the Field Office. Mr. Roy Waggoner is the Woods Boss with Brother Joe Parkinson as Master Mechanic and Brother Norman Wing as Crusher Foreman. Brothers Cal Barnett and Roy Runge are the shovel operators. The very popular and courteous Miss Lavigne in the Ukiah office handles the walkie-talkie like a veteran; think she is kind of partial to the Engineers.

On the Navarro side of the project, Brother Chet Mayhew is Superintendent with Brother Tom Lane Assistant Superintendent and Brother Needham and Brother Sid McBroome as foreman. Brothers Hood, Linn, Kirk and McAfee are the shovel runners with Mr. Lynn Roberts the Office Manager. Brother Luce Huntington is in here on this side with his spread of rigs.

### CALPELLA JOB

On the Guy F. Atkinson Company Calpella project, Mr. McClure is the Project Manager, Brother Dick Alexander is the Superintendent and Mr. Jack Beale is the Assistant Superintendent. The sub-base is down and they will probably start paving as the weather permits. Erroll Platt is the very capable Office Manager here. Brother Paul Fry is the Master Mechanic with Brothers Teed and Gressot, foremen. Brother Jack Schaffer is on the feeding plant for Brother Fred Huntington's rig; with Brother Huntington foreman for the plant, assisted by his Superintendent Jim Humphrey.

At the Stolte-Harrison, Santa Rosa Freeway, Ed. Elliott is General Superintendent with Brother McDonald, Assistant Superintendent, and are now in the cleaning-up state with Brothers Tom Hanna, Barney Bell and Bob Russell as foreman with Brother Clarity, Shovel Operator with Brother Vanderhoof as Master Mechanic.

### GAS LINE PROJECT

Bob Rapp Company of Santa Rosa have a pipe line crew busy at the Kelly-Glass House Curve installing 2800' of 12" gasoline for the PG&E, with the same amount to be removed on re-alignment; and between Cordelia and Vallejo has 6200' of 2" installing with 600' on re-route. This brother is like fertilizer, all over the territory.

Teichert & Son have started the Napa cut at the Imola State Hospital with Superintendent Adolph Bowers and Brother Charley Homan, foreman and Brother Gus Walling, greaser. Brother Gus Magers recently returned from Reno (advised too cold in that country), is also busy on this spread.

At the Frederickson Brother project, Napa Road, W. J. Rowland is project Manager, Brother Fred Butler is Superintendent and Brother H. W. Keeler is foreman with Brothers R. D. Mayes mechanic, and Brother Patrick on the Drag Line and Ellenberger as oiler.

Joseph and DePaul who recently took over the Spaletta plant in Santa Rosa are keeping busy on small paving and grading jobs and getting set for early spring business with Brother Eric Henry, plant Engineer.

### NEWS OF BROTHERS

Our sympathy to Brother Earl Robertson and family in the loss of one of the twins, little Barbara, aged seven years, from cerebral hemorrhage.

Tyson & Watters of Sacramento have the \$30,000 job in Petaluma on the Marin-Sonoma Fair Grounds with Brother Jack Edwards, foreman, and Brother A. K. Bournan, Chief of Party.

Al Moretti, friendly contractor of Petaluma and points north is confined to St. Francis Hospital for

## Fresno— EDISON CO. PLANS DAM, TUNNEL, POWERHOUSE ON S. J. WATERSHED

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

Southern California Edison Company has announced extensive addition to its facilities at Auberry on the San Joaquin Water Shed. The project will include construction of a concrete dam 260 feet high, with a crest of 1000 feet; boring of two 20-foot tunnels, one 8000 feet and the other 5000 feet in length; construction of a power house and facilities and access roads. The dam will create a lake approximately 8 miles long. Bechtel Company has been announced as the contractor. Work to start next Spring.

Peter Kiewit Sons Co. submitted low bid of \$7,431,271 to the Bureau of Reclamation for the construction of an additional 27 miles of the Friant Kern Canal. Contracts have not been awarded as yet, however, the Company anticipates starting this work about February 15th, 1949.

### CANAL WORK

Arizona - Nevada Constructors completed lining operations on their contract during the past month and all trimming and lining equipment, crew included, have been turned over to Ashbach & Steenberg Co., who have already started lining on their contract.

Marshall & Haas Co., sub contractor on excavation for Ashbach & Steenberg, are making fair progress to date. They anticipate more equipment on the job after the first of the year, and they have McBride & Britton's spread working on compact embankment at the present time.

### PINE FLAT DAM

Morrison & Knudson & Hasler have just about completed clean-up work on their section of the

a major spinal operation. We hope you are home for Christmas turkey, Al. Brother Jimmie Holman is Al's lead off man.

Brother Tom Plumb, of Plumb & Hinton, is still piling logs for the Fiber Board Company with the town of Forrestville about buried with seven million feet with the source above Cazadero.

Brother Carl Barber is Master Mechanic for Poplar Machinery Dealers, 3035 Redwood Highway South, Santa Rosa. If this outfit doesn't have what you want, they will very quickly get it for you.

Brother Lee Williams, an old timer in the Ukiah area, is keeping Brothers Byers and Shaff busy operating his two rigs.

Brother Tom Windus also of the Ukiah area has disposed of his equipment and is now operating at Low Cap for the Utah Construction Company.

The Diamantine Brothers Transportation Corporation, Point Arena has recently signed contracts and now have a spread of rigs on the Navarro side of the Utah Construction project with Brother Joe Francis as Master Mechanic.

### GREENBRAE SCHOOL

E. A. Forde, popular San Anselmo contractor, is busy at the new School in Greenbrae with seven rigs of Ball Company working and Ted Irving is Superintendent, with Brothers Larry Scott, Gus Souze and Wes Babcock as operators. E. J. Collins, Jr., is Office Manager.

Brother George Hymer of Napa recently suffered painful injury to his left knee. Lets hope for a quick recovery!

Brother James Parsons is vacationing in Southern California for the winter but will return in the Spring.

C. M. Syar of Vallejo is doing the landscaping around the new building recently completed by Moore & Roberts, Yountville—a large yardage involved here with Brother Herman Cecil, foreman.

Brother Teter, formerly Master Mechanic for C. M. Syar leaving to take over the management of the Klamath Garage, Klamath, California. Good Luck!!!

J. Henry Harris of Berkeley are keeping busy on several projects in the Napa area as well as at the Napa County Airport on contract.

The Nelson Brothers are busy at the Cordelia Quarry with a small crew filling local orders.

### BLACK POINT JOB

Parish Brothers of Benecia were the successful bidders on the Black

Canal, however, this firm has from 6 weeks to 2 months work ahead of them on the Pine Flat Dam replacement road. Incidentally, we have been informed that the Army Engineers are requesting an appropriation of \$12,500,000 for the 49 fiscal year. If this amount is allocated, contracts will be awarded for the main structure some time next Fall.

H. Earl Parker is still digging on the north abutment and has considerable muck yet to be moved.

N. M. Ball Sons are making good progress on the Tipton-Tuare Highway job; Andy Webster is superintendent. Trewhitt Shields & Fisher have a contract on the structures.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. are just completing the Fresno traffic diversion and Overpass but will be moving dirt for the next 6 to 8 weeks on the Taugus Ranch job. L. Biasotti Co. have subbed the dirt moving from Atkinson on their Atwater Highway job and has his jeeps working there.

### NLRB ELECTION

The National Labor Relations Board conducted another election at Avenal for the Harris & Allen Co. to determine whether or not this Union should have a union shop contract. We were successful in this election and tentatively will begin negotiations on December 7th.

Generally work is holding up fairly well, however, the brothers drifting in from the North has created a large out-of-work list.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, Dec. 23, 1948, at 8:00 p.m. at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

May we take this opportunity to wish the many brothers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

—PETE, LYNN & JO.

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## Sen. Long Pledges Anti-T-H Vote

Cincinnati.—One more vote to repeal Taft-Hartley was chalked up at the AFL convention when newly elected Sen. Russel Long, son of the late Huey Long, predicted that "when Congress has been in session a month, we'll take the Taft-Hartley act off the statute books."

Point project which is not slated to start before Spring. Their mixing plant in the Cordelia-Suisun area is ready for full operations with Brother Sage in charge.

The State has shut down the Johnston Rock Company project of the Navarro River Bridge until Spring.

F. M. Crane, 610 North Pine St., Ukiah recently was awarded \$98,000 contract for the City of Ukiah reservoir.

George Slinsen, popular A.G.C. operator of Napa district has been very busy all summer on dam construction, and leveling, sub-divisions' grading, paving keeping seven members on the jump.

Harold Smith, St. Helena contractor, has finished the Petrified Forest Road and dropped back finishing the bridge and approach of Lower Lake.

We hear that Brother Bud Parker, for whom wedding bells are to ring soon, is busy keeping an eye on Brother Floyd Erickson of Petaluma who recently spent a few days fishing—good bass, too!

We would like to extend our Heartiest Christmas Greetings and Prosperity, Health and Happiness for the New Year to all members and their families.

# What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, Chas. Dees and T. D. Bryson, Business Representatives, Local 3

At this time of year, when we are inclined toward reminiscing, it might be well to turn back the pages and see what has been accomplished since 1948 came in with so much promise 12 months ago. As far as the East Bay is concerned, and we are primarily interested in the construction phase, there have been many good jobs completed, and in checking our records, we find that over 4000 clearances were issued from this office during the year. While, to the casual observer, this would indicate very good times for Engineers, we know that many of the boys, when totaling their yearly earnings, will find that the year wasn't too much of a success.

We can only hope that next year will have a different story to tell and that the many short jobs we had this year will be replaced by longer and steadier employment. One of the best jobs in the area was that of J. & J. Artukovich in Contra Costa County. This operation, a pipeline job for the East Bay Utilities District, kept many of the Brothers busy during the spring and summer.

Then there was the expansion program completed at the Columbia Steel Plant in Pittsburg, a 1948 monument to the industrial growth

of the West. J. H. Pomeroy had a contract out there and recently wound up their portion of the job. This was a good spot and we hope that we'll be seeing more like it.

Another milestone in California industrial progress was reached with the completion of Standard Oil's long wharf at Richmond. Ben C. Gerwick was general contractor on this work which furnished considerable employment for Local Three men. The Gravel Plants in the area are working full time to cope with the steadily increasing need for aggregates. To meet this problem P. C. A. at Eliot has erected a completely mechanical plant that is more than adequate

for their expanding needs.

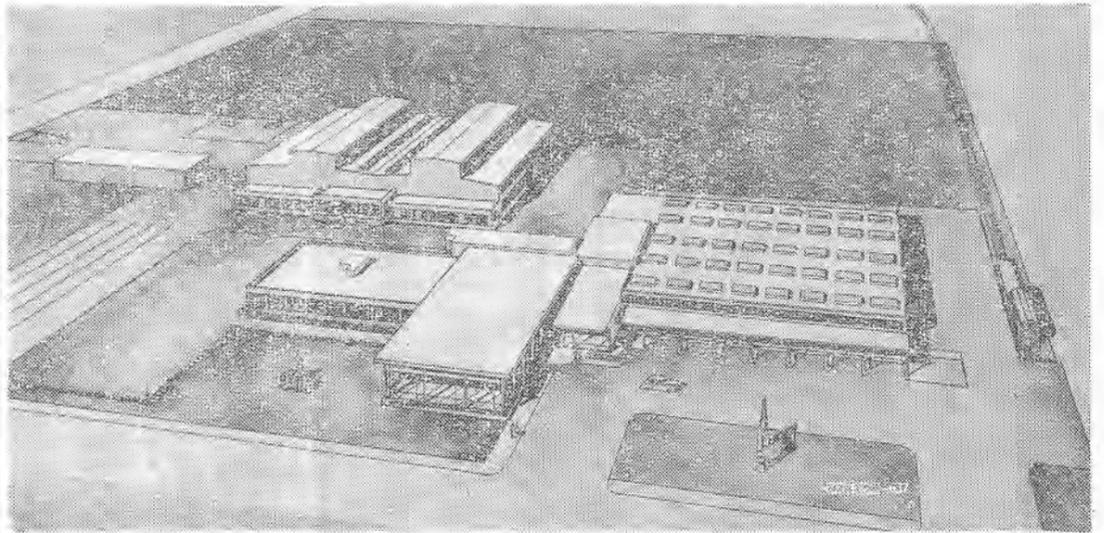
Subdivision work has been very good and many of the Brothers have kept the pay checks coming in while building roads and leveling for homesites to accommodate the ever expanding population of the East Bay. In all the maze of

activities, we find one industry, ship scrapping has practically become a thing of the past during the year. The one exception is the Learner Company of Alameda which still continues to operate. The Equipment Dealers had a busy year and over 175 members

were employed by the various companies in the area.

Of course, with all that has happened, we have had the usual minor beefs, but all in all, due to the excellent cooperation of the members we have been able to keep chiseling at a minimum.

## NEW PETERSON TRACTOR PLANT IN SAN LEANDRO



## GETTING AROUND THE JOBS:

During the past month there were over 400 clearances issued from this office. The majority of these were for jobs of short duration, however, and there are over 300 members on the out-of-work list at the present time. With the onset of rainy weather we can expect this number to increase considerably. Much as we regret to see it come, this is a condition that exists every winter and there isn't much we can do about it.

Work on Brother Gene Alves excavating job at the Antioch Fairgrounds is coming along on schedule, and is affording employment for several of the members. Brother Aleric Alves is acting as pusher.

Silva Brothers of Hayward have moved their equipment to Buchanan Field, where they are repairing existing runways. They have a contract to add an additional runway, and there are at least four members of Local Three who keep their planes stationed in this area, who will be glad to see the operation completed.

Across the highway from the field, we find the firm of McDonald, Young and Nelson have finished their contract of the structures on the sewage disposal plant for the Contra Costa Sanitary District, while Ferrabee and Kennedy are putting the finishing touches to the paving.

Fredrickson and Watson have completed the heavy excavating at Franklin Canyon and are moving their equipment to the San Leandro Boulevard job. Clements and Company meanwhile have completed their hot plant at Walnut Creek and are furnishing and laying the hot stuff on this project.

Brother Clyde Fletcher has charge of the welding machines on the Brown Brothers job at Bixler Station.

The Downer Construction Company is busy on their pipeline contract near Lafayette, while out at Danville the Stockton Construction Company is moving in on their new contract.

Brother Art Ring manages to keep his Jeep-mounted trencher busy on various small foundation trenches and footing jobs in and around Lafayette and Walnut Creek.

Brother S. P. Carrigan is operating his ditching machine for the C. J. & C. Excavators. This firm, keeping busy in the Concord, Pittsburg area, digging septic tanks and foundations and excavating for pipelines, expects to add a Cat to their spread within a short time.

Brother Chester Ratti is at the controls of Paris Brothers Crane on the Lake Temescal job. This is one of the projects that East Bay

residents are glad to see getting underway, as it marks the first step in the building of a four lane highway to run from Upper Broadway in Oakland to Hayward. Brother Bob Gruener is foreman on this spread.

Brothers Owen Foster and William Kambic are keeping Bob Malloy's Equipment busy on various small jobs at the present time.

If you happen to see Rhodes-Jamieson's scoopmobile cutting specially fancy ditches, rest assured that Brother Lester Schrag, who recently started to work for this company, is at the controls.

The shop and yard of the Utah Construction Company in Richmond is getting a good going over and will soon be in apple pie order, under the able supervision of Brother Don Anderson, Master Mechanic. There are several of the members working out there under the guidance of this well liked member, and we are hopeful that this project will expand in the near future.

Brother Ed Kelling, who recently finished his blade job for Biasotti at Crown Canyon, is currently employed by Oliver De Silva of Alameda.

Out on the Keeble job in Livermore, we find Brother Buck Hanna running the spread to the satisfaction of all concerned. Brother Walt Medinas is keeping the fill in good shape, Brother Carl and Clem Hoover are on the Puls, Brother G. W. Haley on the push cat, and Brother Charlie Marines is operating carrying, while one of our old timers, Brother H. M. Giovanetti is on the dragline.

The Johnson, Drake and Piper job on the Freeway is coming in goodshape, but due to the weather the Brothers employed out there are receiving some pretty spotty paychecks.

Since the employees of the various oil companies are back on the job and oil is available, there has been a noticeable increase in employment in the hot plants in the area. Martin Brothers at Concord are again operating at full production and Blake Brothers at Point Richmond are very busy in the hot plant as well as in the quarry.

During the past months the yard of the Independent Construction Company has been undergoing a complete face lifting. It is our understanding that this company has changed hands, with a large portion of the stock being controlled by the A. J. McCosker Company.

The Rock, Sand and Gravel business remains good with all plants apparently running at full capacity. The Kaiser Company is about

## WHAT THE BROTHERS ARE DOING:

Brother John Tingen, who returned from Greece on October 20th, left for Okinawa on Thanksgiving Eve. Said with turkeys at 85 cents per pound he had no regrets leaving at that particular time! Can't say we blame him—but wonder if he has tried to buy a pound of good old American Stew Meat lately? Johnny was in Greece for over six months and is returning to do a second hitch in the Pacific. Was out there for 15 months the first time, so really can't mind it too much.

On December 1st, Brother George Eabson boarded a plane at the Oakland Airport—the first leg of his journey to Arabia. Well known in these parts, George has worked for many local contractors, including Stoitte on the Tracy project

4/5 finished on their stripping job at Radum and they expect to be through by January 15th. The Pacific Coast Aggregates is gradually getting moved to the new plant at Eliot. It is not certain yet just how the change will affect our members, but at the last report it was not thought there would be any reduction in force. This company is using Euclid for transportation in the Centerville plant, but plan on going back to Cobras later. Loading is being done with a dragline at present. Inland Aggregates at Niles is going satisfactorily. The bugs are gradually being ironed out of their new plant and the material output is quite high.

The Ariss Knapp Company have their full crew busy on various jobs in and around Oakland.

Brother Jess Burch and Perry Bonham are on the dozers doing pioneering work for the F. E. Young Company out at the U. C. Cyclotron.

George Storms, Superintendent for M. K. and Hasler on the siphon job at Tracy, has taken over the completion of the project.

We ran into a new kind of operation in the worked-out digging at the old P. C. A. Plant at Niles. A pit has been excavated to a depth of about 40 feet below the creek bed and it seems that this allows the salt water from the bay to back up into this pit and then into the wells in the vicinity of Niles, Centerville and Newark. To cope with this situation the State has formed what is known as the Alameda County Water District, and this body is trying to divert the flood waters from Alameda Creek around the Hayward Fault. This fault consist of a water resistant strata of clay, which formed a natural dike, but which was broken by the excavation. The District is attempting to find

and Atkinson down at Mills Field. He expects to be gone for 2½ years and will be employed as mechanic—by the Bechtel Corporation, of course.

Still another East Bay Exodus—this time by Brother Al Patters, who is going up to Grand Coulee for Soule Steel. Al has been with this company for the past year, and expects to be employed on the Washington project for at least 18 months.

As for Brother Marty Vurpillat, he says these boys can do all the running around they want; but for his part he is going to stay home in Bakersfield and rest. Of course Marty has already done two stints on Guam, so he's probably entitled to a little vacation.

### IN AND AROUND THE OAKLAND OFFICE

Brother Joe Britt, up and around for a time, back in the hospital for another operation following his serious accident of last summer.—Brother Ernie Hopperstad doing a good job of maneuvering parking meter and telephone money—even though he's minus two fingers on his left hand.—Brother Roy Kemmitt proudly announcing the arrival of a daughter, born Nov. 14th.—(Continued on Page 9)

suitable clay to repair this fault or crack. At the present time they are using one cat and a dragline in the operation.

The Dredge Dwamish is about half finished with the San Leandro Bay job. That is, in the cut, but it looks very much like they will have to find more material if they fill the area that is diked off. The Olympian Dredging Company's Dredge Palmer has finished the job at Sacramento and is moving on to another clean-up job in the Stockton Channel for the Army Engineers. It was expected that this job would be started by December 6th. This Company has also put the clamshell Monarch to work in connection with a riprap job that is being done by the Hutchinson Company at various points in the Sacramento - San Joaquin Delta Country. Dutra's Dredge Mallard has moved up river to Liberty Island, while the Edwards remains at the Leslie Salt Company job near Moffett Field. The Association Dredging Company has the Delta No. 1 and Liberty No. 3 on the San Leandro job. The Simpson Brothers also have their dredge California on the same job. The Curlew No. 2 is on a job at Roberts Boat Harbor on Napa Creek.

The results of the Union Shop Election were O.K. but we still can't figure out who the 14 people were who voted no union! The

Above is the architect's drawing for the new San Leandro plant of Peterson Tractor and Equipment Company, Bay Area distributors for Caterpillar products. Located on a 20-acre tract at 955 First Avenue, this new layout replaces Peterson's former place in Hayward as headquarters for the company.

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## Peterson Tractor Now in San Leandro

Peterson Tractor & Equipment Co., Bay Area distributor for "Caterpillar" products, has moved from their old Hayward location into a big, new plant in San Leandro. On a 20-acre plot, Peterson has built what the company terms "the biggest and finest equipment-distributor set up in the world."

The new plant consists of four major buildings—repair shops, parts, storage, display floor and general offices—with painting, steam cleaning and sand-blasting equipment housed in a separate structure.

The shop building, where approximately 85 members of Local No. 3 are currently employed, consists of two clear-span bays, each 100' x 180'. Overhead cranes, forklifts, mobile cranes and especially designed dolly-jigs help to speed the work of repairs. At present the shops are humming because, in addition to the regular flow of repair work, the company is handling the overhaul of a number of U. S. Army D8 "Caterpillar" tractors.

The first of this month marked the beginning of Peterson's 13th year of service to the Earthmoving Industry in the Bay Area. During this time the firm has grown steadily and all indications are that this coming year will be another year of progress. We wish to extend our sincere good wishes for the continued success of this company.

results were 195 for Local 3 and 14 for no union!

Brother Maurice Enos recently left for Mexico where he will be working for the Associated Dredging Company. He planned on traveling by Pan American to Mazatlan, which is a Pacific Coast Port where the work is to be done. Several other key men, including Arvid Carlson, Otto Wie, and Mel Croft were scheduled to go. Brother Frank Ench is to be Superintendent on the job and Enos will act in the capacity of shore superintendent. The work which consists of deepening of the Mazatlan Harbor, is being done for the Mexican Government, and it is expected it will take approximately one year to complete. With the exception of the above named men the company will hire native labor exclusively.

# Round-up of the news from Utah

By C. L. CASEBOLT, J. E. RILEY and C. R. VAN WINKLE, Business Representatives, Local 3

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

May we first bring to each and every one of our members, the members of their families and the officers of our Union our most sincere wishes that they enjoy a very Merry Christmas and that 1949 brings peace, happiness and prosperity to them and to the whole world. At this season, at this time of the year, when we celebrate the birth of Him that came to bring us "Peace on Earth" it might be well if each and everyone of us pauses for a moment or two to give thought to that "hope of the ages," "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

Because for this Nation of ours, for us and our families to enjoy peace and prosperity, the whole world must enjoy peace and prosperity. Because poverty, hunger, pestilence and war aren't things that we can quarantine ourselves against, as like an epidemic they have an unholy manner of spreading. So we thought we would take up a little of your time to tell you about a little-known activity of the American Federation of Labor, to which your International Union is an active affiliate.

Through the few pennies each one of us pays through our International Union each month in per capita tax to the American Federation of Labor, there are being maintained in Europe, Asia and South America roving representatives who are doing more to establish good relations for our people and our Nation than all the strutting generals who are blundering us into war by their direction of the foreign policy of our Nation. And if peace is maintained in the world, if we are not engulfed in a world war of unprecedented magnitude and fury, they will deserve a lot of credit.

Because where distrust of our Nation is being sown by our diplomats, Labor's representatives, paid by us, are bringing to Labor in foreign lands the hand of fraternal fellowship and sowing the seeds of friendship and trust. Where food and clothing are needed, they see that it is delivered, where the new free trade union movement needs financial aid, they see that they get it, when advice and council is the need, they are there to give it. And as Labor is powerful in many foreign governments these acts of unselfish service to our brother union members the world over is doing more to build up the prestige of our Nation than all our diplomatic moves today. Through such direct contact between peoples may well be realized the hope of the ages, "Peace on Earth."

## LOOKING BACK

Progress can only be measured by looking back over the road we have traveled. The dawn of 1948 saw Labor in Utah shackled by two very vicious anti-labor laws, the Federal Taft-Hartley Act and the State Clegg-Vest Act, which our enemies confidently expected would destroy the labor movement of Utah as soon as existing agreements expired. Instead, your Union and the other building trades unions were able to obtain one of the highest increases in wages granted in the United States and were able, not only to maintain our membership, but to increase it. This was due, not to these laws, but to the determination and wisdom of our members and officers who made up their minds not to be fettered by these laws but to make progress despite them. Furthermore the workers of Utah proved themselves to be not as dumb as the National Association and the Utah Association of Manufacturers thought them to be.

Work on the whole, until the present weather entered the picture, has been good and our membership, for the most part, have enjoyed, as far as the high cost of living would permit, a fairly prosperous year. There is a larger amount of work going on at this time of the year than has been at this time in previous years and there is every prospect that it will remain as high. November 2nd brought a very unpleasant surprise to the reactionaries of this State and we can confidently look forward to the forces of progress going forward with increased tempo. All in all it has been a

good year for our membership and our Union and we may well look back upon 1948 as the turning point in the history of our Nation and State.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We are confidently looking forward to a better and more prosperous year in 1949. From information at hand we believe that there will be more work done in Utah next year than since the war and the outlook is bright for our membership and our Union. For the two are inseparable and one is helpless without the other. Authorization by Congress of the Central Utah Valley Project is now almost an assured fact. This will bring to this State between four hundred million and a billion dollars worth of construction work. A great portion of which will be the type performed by our members.

This project will increase many-fold the amount of irrigated land in the State, bring increased water and electrical power for new industries, thus assuring increased agriculture and industrial projects, which in turn will bring more work for our members. Mining expansion will be greatly accelerated by the assurance of adequate water and electrical power for their development and the assurances of near and ready markets for their products caused by the increased industrial development.

Around thirteen millions of dollars will be available to the Road Commission, half or more of which should be used for new road construction next year. Besides this there are a number of unfinished road projects this year which should be off to an early start next year, thus assuring us of calls for men early in the season. The Utah-Idaho Power Co. is definitely planning on the spending of some sixteen millions of dollars on new plants and facilities in Salt Lake and Utah Counties, with the plant in Utah County slated to start around February. Utah Copper Co. is proceeding with its new refinery near Garfield and additional expenditures are rumored.

We have been told that there is considerable additional work on the planning boards for Geneva. Oil development is still a big subject of conversation with hardly a part of the State that isn't subject to exploration and wildcatting. Already there is talk of additional refinery facilities around Salt Lake City. The iron mines around Cedar City are in for further expansion if present increase in facilities can be used as a criterion to judge the future.

Uranium exploration is occupying the interest of several firms according to the newspapers and private reports and there ought to be some interesting developments along these lines. Kaiser-Fraser is developing new coal deposits in Carbon County and we believe you can confidently expect several companies to announce expansion programs early in 1949 as part of a National program on the part of industry to encourage the writing of a tax bill that will encourage plant expansion. All in all, subject to the whimsies of fate or a world-wide war, it looks like 1949 will be a very good year.

## LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Much talk has been had of late, since election day, of the fact that Labor has grown up and must assume its new responsibilities. We believe that this is so and to be sure that the fruits of our victory are not lost your representatives are taking a leading part in shap-

ing up Labor's legislative program in Utah. This will require much work, time, effort and money, as there is much to undo and much to prepare. A few of the many problems facing us are as follows:

First and foremost is the repeal of the Clegg-Vest Act, an act that was in many ways more restrictive than the Taft-Hartley Act. Protection of our rights to draw unemployment insurance is another if the important jobs facing us. Did you know that it is actually a part of the reactionaries program to remove seasonable workers from the unemployment insurance rolls? You can see where this would leave us and strengthening our rights to better unemployment benefits is definitely a job we cannot leave to others as we are too vitally interested to take such chances.

Improving the Employment Securities Act so that benefits can be drawn when a worker is sick or incapacitated and increasing the benefits when unemployed is one of our problems that is vital to our membership. Strengthening the Industrial Accident Compensation Act is a necessary job facing us so that our members can be better protected against want when injured, especially when permanently injured or when suffering from

## One Million Homes!-AFL

Cincinnati.—The kind of housing legislation the AFL will fight for in the next Congress was made clear at its convention here.

A declaration adopted by the delegates specified that such legislation "must include an adequate program of farm and rural housing, slum clearance and urban redevelopment, and aids for financing of large-scale cooperative and non-profit housing for middle-income families."

Also: "Direct Federal aid to local housing authorities for construction of public housing projects as the only possible way of securing decent homes for low-income families now living under crowded, unhealthful and slum conditions."

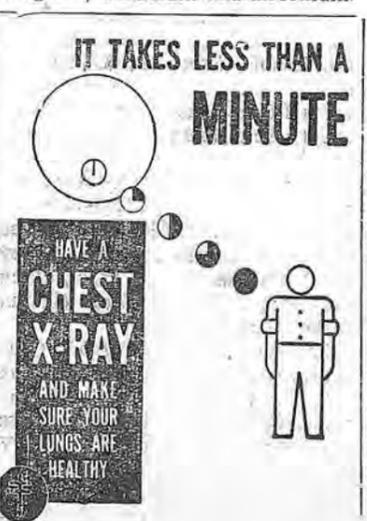
One new feature of the resolution was the fact that it proposes erection of 1,000,000 locally controlled low-rent housing units—twice the number proposed in the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill which died in the 80th Congress.

## GOP Moved to D.C.

Dewey's stooges had the election so completely sewed up that they started to settle in Washington in swarms two months before Nov. 2. One group of the Albany "brain-trusters" rented five whole floors of one of Washington's newest office buildings and furnished them lavishly. Dozens of them gave up their New York homes and purchased expensive Washington residences or leased huge apartments.

In stainless steel there may be, in addition to iron and chromium, one or more of the following: aluminum, carbon, copper, columbium, manganese, molybdenum, nickel, nitrogen, phosphorus, selenium, silicon, sulfur, titanium, tungsten, vanadium and zirconium.

IT TAKES LESS THAN A MINUTE



HAVE A CHEST X-RAY AND MAKE SURE YOUR LUNGS ARE HEALTHY

industrial diseases. Increasing the authority of the Industrial Commission in the collection of unpaid wages is a problem that we must meet by additional legislation.

Repeal of the Lien Act on property of Old Age Pension Recipients, so that our aged fathers and mothers will not feel embarrassed in applying for these benefits is part of our program. There are many more vital and important legislative matters that face us and require our attention which space does not permit our mentioning, all of which are vital and important to our membership. So if in January and February you are told that we are at the State Capitol, you will know what we are doing as legislation and politics are, today, a very important part of a labor representative's work.

## MAKE THIS XMAS A UNION LABEL XMAS

One of the fundamental principles of the trade union movement is the principle of giving aid, comfort and help to each other. It was this principle that was struck the hardest blow by the Taft-Hartley Act and the Clegg-Vest Act. We practice and preach it during emergencies, such as strikes, but we are more apt to practice it in the breach at other times. Let us, at this season of the year when we are supposed to put all our good principles into practice, really put this principle into practice by giving union labeled gifts. They will be better gifts because they are made under union conditions by fellow union members.

## A WORD TO THE WISE! Winter has struck Utah! And

## Dewey's "Common" Man

Truman campaigned eight weeks; Dewey six. Truman made 271 speeches; Dewey 170. Truman traveled 22,000 miles; Dewey 16,000. For six weeks 170 speeches and 16,000 miles the "candidate in sneakers" fought for the nation's "common man." In Dewey's vocabulary the "common" man, of course, was the man who owned 5000 or more shares of General Motors "common" stock.

# TEC

By AL BOARDMAN Business Representative, Technical Engineers Division No. 3-E

Negotiations have just been concluded with the Pacific Manufacturing Company of Santa Clara, California, for a new wage scale covering the journeymen, mill draftsmen, and their apprentices. These negotiations resulted in a 7 per cent raise for all classifications. None of the conditions in the contract were changed.

Negotiations with the Bay Area Land Surveyors Association have been concluded and the contract will now be submitted to the surveyors association for approval. The members of Local No. 3-E will also vote on the contract at a future meeting.

## SF CIVIL SERVICE

A charter amendment proposed by the Civil Service Employees Association of San Francisco to provide for public hearing on legislative control governing the method whereby non-competitive contracts, particularly those involving engineering design, may be awarded. The purpose of this legislation is to provide a public hearing in connection with large public funds when contracts may be made without competitive bids. In the past it has been the legal right of the different city departments to award engineering and architectural contracts for city work. The fee can be set by the Director of Public Works and the city will be compelled to pay the fee. The San Francisco Building Trades Council approves the measure, while the Northern California Chapter,

this has caused considerable curtailment in employment. Until spring there will be but few opportunities for employment. Under these circumstances we feel constrained to advise anyone against coming to Utah to seek employment as the present unemployed membership will be more than able to take care of all available work. We would also like to advise that only under exceptional circumstances will transfers, withdrawal cards, reinstatements or new applications be accepted until such time as our present unemployed members are working. Unemployment among our membership has also been aggravated by the strike at the Kennecott Copper Co. by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, which has shut the Bingham Mine down, throwing our membership employed there out of work and increasing the normal number of unemployed at this time.

## What the Brothers Are Doing

(Continued from Page 8) Brother Carl Anderson sporting a dingeroo of a hand painted tie—and it's so close to Christmas! — Brother Ray Carpenter leaving for Portland and warning all that the next stop might be Arabia.—Fred (Baseball) Parker Jr., back home for a spell, following a season in West Texas, pitching with the Mexican Winter League — won 13, lost 7.

Talked with Bill Bailey recently and he tells us he has taken over the Plumb and Hinton shop in Pittsburg, and that henceforth it will be known as the Bailey Machine and Repair Shop.

MERRY CHRISTMAS! We'd like to extend the Seasons Greetings to every members personally, but since that isn't possible, we take this way of wishing each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year—from every one of us in the Oakland Office.

## Engineers Architects Draftsmen

American Institute of Architects stands in opposition.

## STATE WORKS

The State Public Works Board has authorized employment of private architects on more than \$10 million dollars worth of state construction. It is the first time in ten years that private architects have been used on state jobs.

The San Francisco Airport hopes to spend \$12,750,000 on airport expansion in the next five years. The Water Department plans to spend \$20,385,000 on new mains, supply lines and reservoirs. An additional \$12,385,000 would be expended during the five years following 1950. Most of these funds will come from bond issues. Hetch Hetchy Water Supply plans to spend \$28,538,000 during the next five fiscal years, chiefly on construction of a Cherry River Dam. Total cost of this project is listed as \$25,525,000, most of which the Federal Government is expected to supply. Other money will be needed for the construction of the second San Joaquin pipeline and installation of spillway gates at O'Shaughnessy Dam.

# Daily report of awards for construction

Compiled by P. E. Vandewark

**NOVEMBER 10, 1948**

**SAN ANSELMO.** Contract awarded to Johnson & Nelson, Box 11, San Anselmo, \$6,436 for grade & surf. San Anselmo Avenue betw. Ross Ave. & Bolinas Avenue.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 - 37th St., Sacramento, \$23,258 for const. vitr. sewers in Edward Coyle Assessment District.

**NOVEMBER 12, 1948**

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to Addoc. Elec. & Mech., 223 Clara St., S.F., \$146,404 for inst. 30,700 1 ft. 4" & 6" C. I. & asb. cem. wat. mains in CONTRA COSTA COUNTY 715,600 1 ft. 2" to 20" C. I. & stl. water mains in ALAMEDA COUNTY, L. S. No. 444.

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to Oliver & Coburn, 1006 Pardee St., Berkeley, \$5,774 for const. Sequoyah pumping plant at Oak Knoll Reservoir site in Oakland, under L. S. No. 443.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Ted F. Baun, 324 Princeton Ave., Fresno, \$141,544 for 5.0 mi. widen pavement with crusher run base & surf. exist. pave & pave widen, with plt. mix surf. on portions & const. plantmix surf. on cr. run base on other portions, on Clovis Avenue, betw. Ventura Avenue & Shaw Avenue, FRESNO COUNTY.

**STOCKTON.** Contract awarded to S. M. McGaw, Elks Bldg., Stockton, for asph. conc. surface on Pershing Ave., betw. Country Club Blvd. & Telegraph Avenue.

**STOCKTON.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 103 N "E" St., Stockton, \$8,423 for asph. conc. surf. on Harbot & W. Washington St., betw. Pershing Avenue & Port of Stockton.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & F Sts., Marysville, \$297,537 for levee setbacks & bank protection along Sacramento River & at Randall Isl., Merritt Isl., under Sped., No. 1355.

**STOCKTON.** Contract awarded to Manuel Smith, Rte. 1, Box 351, Winton, \$28,420 for const. conc. storm sewers in Map B, Pacific Gardens Subdivision.

**NOVEMBER 15, 1948**

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$35,440 for grade, surf., etc., Masonic Ave., betw. Geary & pavement on North.

**BERKELEY.** Contract awarded to F. E. Young, 599 Colusa, Berkeley, \$107,400 for grade & drain work at Cyclodrome (Bevatron) Blvd.

**DAVIS.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 - 37th St., Sacramento, \$19,974 for reconstruct & pave of truck crops & farmyards roads, Univ. of Calif., Davis Campus.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., S.F., \$12,827 for asph. conc. surf. on Silliman St., betw. Amherst & Princeton Sts.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean, S.F., \$1,625 for reconstr. Sloat Blvd., betw. 41st & 42nd Aves.

**BERKELEY.** Contract awarded as follows for const. warehouse site & roadwork at 184" Cyclotron Area, Berkeley:

(1) To J. Henry Harris, 2657 9th St., Berkeley, \$42,426 for const. warehouse site & access road.

(2) To F. E. Young, 599 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley, \$13,600 for const. by-pass road.

(3) To O. C. Jones & Sons, 4th & Cedar, Berkeley, \$14,180 for const. west parking lot extension.

**SAN JOSE.** Contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Paving Co., 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$154,600 for grade, place compct. fills, const. underground utilities & surf. at Willow Glen Jr. & Sr. High Schools, Cottle Ave. & Malone Road.

**NOVEMBER 17, 1948**

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to E. J. Treacy, 452 Dewey Blvd., S.F., \$8,047 for laying 4" mains in Columbia Square, Erie & Trainor St., S.F.W.D. Contr. No. 497.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., Box

873, Sacramento, \$16,613 for grade & surf. streets in Braun Tract.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to J. R. Reeves, Box 1072, Sacramento, \$5,807 for grade & surf., 46th St., 12th & 14th Avenues.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to J. R. Reeves, Box 1072, Sacramento, \$4,346 for grade & surf., 40th St., betw. Broadway & 8th Avenue.

**FRESNO.** Contract awarded to Wymore Const. Co., Inc., 1340 Blackstone, Fresno, \$5,883 for const. sidewalks, curbs, gutters in Courtland Avenue, from Glenn Avenue to Eklund Avenue; Fountain Way, from Glenn Avenue to Eklund Avenue; & Eklund Avenue, from Courtland Avenue to 137 ft. south of Fountain Way in Fresno, under R. I. 206-D.

**NOVEMBER 18, 1948**

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Duncanson-Harrelson Co., DeYoung Bldg., S.F., \$1,214,277 for const. Islais Creek Bridge on Third Street.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Westbrook & Pope, 2331 Fair Oaks Blvd., Sacramento, \$136,054 for 2.6 mi. grade, surf. with surf. matl. on base bitum. surf. treatment, betw. Cook's Station & 0.4 mi. E. of Ham's Station, in AMADOR COUNTY.

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.** Contract awarded to L. A. Young Const. Co., Richfield, Utah, \$66,861 for 1.343 mi. grav. surf., bridge S.R. No. 221, DUCHESNE CO., UTAH (FASP No. S-282(1)).

**NOVEMBER 19, 1948**

**AGNEW.** Contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson, P.O. Box 558, San Jose, \$197,500 for (general construction) reinf. conc. Farm Colony Ward Building, Agnew State Hospital.

**WALNUT CREEK.** Contract awarded to Oakland Sewer Const. Co., 9915 Walnut Street, Oakland, \$14,669 for const. vitr. sewers in Local Impr. Dist. Number 11.

**SANTA CRUZ.** Contract awarded to Leo Cardwell, 530 Pacific Ave., Santa Cruz, \$1,250 for 10,000 sq. ft. paving at erar of board of education office.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Gordon L. Capps, Box 583, Stockton, \$7,731 for repair Freeman Bridge, across Consumnes River in vic. of Wilton, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.** Contract awarded to Parson & Fift Const. Co., Box 563, Brigham City, Utah, \$69,533 for 3.901 mi. rdmx. bit. surf., FAS Rte. No. 16, betw. Bear River City & Chase, BOX ELDER CO.

**SANTA CRUZ.** Contract awarded to Kermit McGranahan, Rt. 4, Box 724, Santa Cruz, \$198,796 for const. two industrial arts shop bldgs. at corner of Weeks Avenue & Otis Street.

**NOVEMBER 22, 1948**

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$363,877 for 9.2 mi. grade & cr. gravel base & const. reinf. conc. girder bridge betw. 2 mi. east of Chico & Paradise, BUTTE COUNTY.

**UKIAH.** Contract awarded to F. M. Crane, 610 Pine St., Ukiah, \$98,389 for const. 2,500,000 gal. reinf. conc. circular water storage reservoir.

**NOVEMBER 23, 1948**

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Clements & Co., Hayward, \$53,362 for paving & misc. repair work at Seaplane Port Area at S.F. Munic. Airport, under Airport Contr. No. 113.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, Pennsylvania and Army, S.F., \$81,174 for extending Crystal Springs Pumping Station, under S.D.W.D. No. 500.

**SAN JOSE.** Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 S. Montgomery St., San Jose, \$5,212 for asph. conc. pave, gutters, curb, etc., Alberta Ave., between Pine Ave. & Fairview Ave.; also Fairview Ave., Glen Una Ave., Fairview Ave., westerly 241.76 feet, under R. I. No. 8182.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Arthur W. Baum, 1890 Jefferson St., San Francisco, \$45,645 for constructing a passenger concourse at the San Francisco

Airport, under Airport Contract No. 114.

**UKIAH.** Contract awarded to Barret & Hilp, 918 Harrison St., S.F., \$90,000 (approx.) for const. plywood factory bldg., 1,000 x 300 ft. at Ukiah.

**SAN MATEO.** Contract awarded to Louis C. Dunn Co., 799 Monadock Bldg., S.F., \$200,000 (approx.) for const. a 3-story office bldg. on Second Ave., adjoining the Times Bldg., to be occupied by the San Mateo Times & Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.

**REDDING.** Contract awarded to D. B. & G. E. Stutsman, 1543 California Street, Redding, \$13,684 for const. storm sewer in alley E. Market Street, from Shasta Street to Placer Street & in Placer Street from said alley to Market Street.

**NOVEMBER 24, 1948**

**SAN LORENZO.** Contract awarded to Franceschi Const. Co., P.O. Box 528, Fresno, \$739,504 for const. sanit. sewage plant.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to M. & K. Corp., Financial Center Bldg., S.F.; Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland; Fred J. Early, Jr., Co., 369 Pine St., S.F.; and Haas & Rothchild, 274 Brannan St., S.F.; \$8,289,525 for const. North Point Sewage Treatment plant, incl. influent & effluent sewers.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$108,269 for 1.7 mi. grade & plantmix surf. betw. intersec. State Rt. 8-B with Imola Ave., & intersec. State Rt. 8-A with Foster Road & on So. Jefferson St. to S. city limits of Napa, NAPA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Lord & Bishop, P.O. Box 812, Sacramento, \$122,140 for const. reinf. conc. slab bridge over Cross Canal, 6 mi. S. of Nicholas, SUTTER COUNTY.

**FRIANT.** Contract awarded to Munn & Perkins, 316 River Road, Modesto, \$254,299 for const. earthwork, canal lining, structures, turnouts, Sta. 1983 to Sta. 3876, Friant-Kern Canal, Central Valley Proj., Calif., under Spec. No. 2392.

**NOVEMBER 26, 1948**

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to Healy-Tibbitts Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., S.F., \$597,793 for installing Section IV, reinf. conc., South Interceptor Sewer, Oakland, under S. D. No. 28.

**CEDARVILLE.** Contract awarded to Tyson & Watters, Box 1914, Sacramento, \$30,300 for grade & roadwork to 34th Dist. Agric. Assn., Cedarville, MODOC CO.

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$8,387 for inst. 190 1 ft. 42" corr. metal pipe in 98th Ave. & MacArthur Blvd., 98th & Bancroft Ave. & Hesperion Blvd. & S.F. R.R. ALAMEDA COUNTY under L. S. No. 445.

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to American Pipe & Const. Co., 787 - 85th Ave., Oakland, \$130,317 for furn. R.C. sewer pipe for Sec. II, So. Intercept. Sew., Oak., S.D. No. 27.

**NAPA.** Contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, 2657 - 9th St., Berkeley, \$40,459 for const. 2 taxiways at Napa County Airport, 6 mi. S. of Napa.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Browne & Krull, Rte. 2, Box 568, Los Altos, \$37,898 for repairs to wood decking of Daguerre Point Dam & retard const. along Yuba River, Calif., under Spec. No. 1371.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Karl C. Harmeling, 1710 Mt. Diablo, Stockton, \$13,825 for const. levee repairs along Calaveras River & lower end of Bobbs Tract, San Joaquin River, Spec. No. 1375.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Hutchinson Co., 7360 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, \$89,670 for levee repair at three sited on Jersey Isl., 2 sites McDonald Tract, along San Joaquin Deep Water Chann. under Spec. No. 1376.

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA.** Contract awarded to Olof Nelson, Box 413, Logan, Utah, \$744,092 for const. Charleston Blvd. Underpass & approaches, CLARK COUNTY (FAGM-FG-UG-006-1(2)-006-1(3)).

**NOVEMBER 29, 1948**

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded

to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$141,205 for const. curbs, gutters, asph. conc. pave, in Orchard Terrace.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Biltwell Const. Co., 4745 Geary St., S.F., \$245,877 for const. 2d unit, rehabilitation of Kezar Stadium, Golden Gate Park, S.F.

**NOVEMBER 30, 1948**

**MARTINEZ.** Contract awarded to Silva Bros., 1662 Bridge St., Hayward, \$101,104 for grade, drain & surf. runway (east-west), Proj. No. 1, Buchanan Field, Concord, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**FRESNO.** Contract awarded to Robert E. Jolly, 4724 Tyler St., Fresno, \$12,549 for curbs, gutters & sidewalks in Fresno, under R.I. 205-D.

**DECEMBER 1, 1948**

**TALMAGEE.** Contract awarded to Helwig Const. Co., 115 S. Main St., Sebastopol, \$17,800 for impvts. wat. sys. Mendocino State Hospital, Talmage.

**SAN PABLO.** Contract awarded to Atlas Pipe Co., 5301 Genoa St., Oakland, \$8,010 for const. sanit. sewers in Dist. No. 23.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Minton & Kubon, 1045 Sansome St., S.F., \$245,000 for const. exhibit buildings in 39th Dist. Agricultural Assn. at Sonora.

**MARTINEZ.** Contract awarded to B. & R. Const. Co., 110 Market St., S.F., \$346,046 for const. new elem. school bldg., Alhambra Ave. & "L" St.

**DECEMBER 2, 1948**

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & "F" Sts., Marysville, \$864,687 for const. levee setbacks & bank protection at 10 sites along Sacramento River, betw. Colusa & Meridian, under Spec. No. 1370.

**DECEMBER 3, 1948**

**WALNUT CREEK.** Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$349,073 for const. sewers in Local Improvements District No. 1.

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded

## Here's What AFL Wants in Social Security

Cincinnati. — Improvements all down the line in social security were demanded in a program adopted by the AFL convention. Major changes sought by the AFL from the next Congress will be these:

1. Extension of old age and survivors insurance to include all wage earners and self-employed persons; "material increase" in all benefits; liberalization of retirement tests so as to permit eligible persons to continue part-time employment without jeopardizing benefit rights, and finally, an increase in payroll deductions on employees and employers to finance the program.

2. Permanent and temporary disability benefits to include provisions for retraining and rehabilitation.

3. Health insurance—this to be broad enough to provide not only for the costs of medical care and service, but to include construction of hospitals and health centers, training of medical personnel, and development of research.

4. An ultimate federally-controlled unemployment insurance system, and meantime, federal standards to eliminate "jokers" in state laws which strip many unemployed workers of benefit rights.

5. Expanded aid to needy aged and dependent children.

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Plant disease research is a continuous process because organisms causing certain of the diseases are likely to change or mutate; a crop plant resistant to the disease may become susceptible to the changed organism.

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Racing boats, with hydrofoils under their hulls that lift them well out of the water when traveling fast, are capable of great speed. The hydrofoils are wing-like parts that project downward and backward.

to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$349,198 for constructing sewerage separation project Unit No. 1, Eighth to Ninth Avenues, between Lake Merritt Channel southerly of Eighth St., to E. 22nd St.

**MONTEREY.** Contract awarded to Harold C. Geyer, P.O. Box 1190, Monterey, \$75,957 for const. nine cottages at NCS Naval Sch., General Line, Monterey.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Elvin C. Stendell, 2278 Market St., S.F., \$182,300 for (General Construction) Engine Co. No. 27, on east side of Sanchez Street.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Parish Bros., P.O. Box 119, Benicia, \$354,579 for 3.1 mi. grade & plantmix surf. (portion) on cem. treat. sel. matl., betw. Ignacio wye & Petaluma Cr. Bridge, MARIN COUNTY.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$3,350 for grade, & pave, Ogden Ave., betw. Ellsworth & Gates, S.F.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., S.F., \$1,381 for grade & pave Goettingen St., north of Olmstead St., San Francisco.

**DECEMBER 6, 1948**

**MARYSVILLE.** contract awarded to Fred Kaus, P.O. Box 101, Stockton; \$8,341 for 3.7 mi. conc. barrier posts & curbed traf. islands, betw. N. Sact. viaduct & ½ mi. east of Ben Ali, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** contract awarded to R. O. Ferguson Co., 521 E. Acquia, Visalia, \$27,575 for furn. & inst. traf. signal & hwy. lighting sys. at intersec. of Hesperion Blvd. & Eden Landing Rd. in Mt. Eden, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Tyson & Watters, Box 1914, Sacto., \$2,580 for water development, Podesto Ranch, Preston School of Industry, near Ione, AMADOR COUNTY.

**DECEMBER 7, 1948**

**REDDING.** Contract awarded to J. P. Brennan, Zeis Bldg., Redding, \$48,670 for enlarging & lining the lower reservoir of Munic. water system.

**MENDOTA.** Contract awarded to W. J. Scane, P.O. Box 483, Fowler, \$4,363 for const. 2,400 ft. 4, 6 and 8 in. sewer lines.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 150 N. 28th St., San Jose, \$46,578 for repair 2 exist. swing-span steel bridges over Old River & Middle River, betw. 13 & 18 mi. west of Stockton, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

**MARYSVILLE.** Contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacto., \$11,254 for 0.17 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on cr. run base at N. Sacto. Off-ramp, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**STOCKTON.** Contract awarded to R. Gould & Son, P.O. Box 190, Stockton, \$12,949 for furn. & inst. traf. signals & hwy lighting at intersec. of Rt. 4 & Cressey Way in City of Livingston, in MERCED COUNTY.

**MERCED.** Contract awarded to Pritchard & Son, 522 8th St., Modesto, \$42,399 for const. 1-story annex to City Hall in Merced.

**FAIRFIELD.** Contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., San Francisco, \$62,117 for const. steel & conc. bridge over West Dredge Cut of Yolo By-pass at Liberty Island Road 637, 10 mi. north of Rio Vista, SOLANO COUNTY.

**DECEMBER 8, 1948**

**GALT.** Contract awarded to Claude C. Wood Co., P.O. Box 599, Lodi, \$3,830 for placing crusher run base & penetration treatment on G St. betw. St. Hwy. III-Sac-4-A & 7th St., Galt, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**SANTA CRUZ.** Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$3,529 for const. relief sewer on King St.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to H. C. Reid, 389 Clementina St., S.F., \$10,550 for install. street lighting system on Harrison St., betw. 2nd & 10th Sts., under BLH & P No. 70.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S.F., \$175,774 for removing tracks and repaving on Haight St. betw. Market & Stanyan Sts.



# News From The San Francisco Office

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

Conditions of work in the area are below normal for this period of the year. A large number of the Brothers are on the unemployed list due to several reasons. The waterfront strike, which was just recently settled and not back to normal yet, has resulted in a lot of the Brothers being unable to work along the waterfront upon work in which they are ordinarily employed. There also has been a considerable drop in the amount of contracts which are usually let at this time of the year. Several large improvement projects such as street paving, sewers, and track removals are planned by the City but have not been let, as of this date. Although at present there are several large building projects under way, furnishing needed employment for a large amount of the Brothers.

Stone & Webster job for the PG&E is still under way, although it is rapidly nearing the completion stage. Several of the brothers employed on this project are being transferred by the company to their new job for the PG&E at Moss Landing, which is of like construction only a great deal larger.

M. & K. Corporation tunnel job at Lake Merced is now beginning to show progress, since the company has been able to overcome the water threat. The job will soon move into a full three-shift operation and most of the crew are already on the project.

### TRACK REMOVAL

Chas. Harney has several jobs in operation including the large Fillmore street job, which consists of track removal and an entire new street repaving job. All of the brothers employed in Harney's shop are being kept busy on repair work.

Eaton & Smith has most all of their rigs working either on the excavation for the new Metropolitan Apartment House project at Lake Merced or on the new juvenile home on Twin Peaks. Their shop boys are also busy on repair work. We still face the problem of certain of the brothers, who still like to break the working rules in regards to changing equipment during the day. Certain of these brothers will undoubtedly have to face the union if they continue to break the rules.

### MISSION ROCK

Clinton Construction Company job at Mission Rock is running very smoothly. Several rigs are busy on the projects, from pile-driving to the handling of steel and building materials. We are wondering how long it will be before Brothers Ray Green and Dave Seiders wear out their little railroad.

MacDonald Young & Nelson have the contract to build four, 10-story apartments for the Stone-son Corporation, located in the Lakeside District. There is one shovel, several cats and a mixer-mobile now busy on the job. The

same project will also include a large number of new modern homes.

M. & K. Corporation, who were awarded the eight million dollar sewer treating plant at North Beach have not started construction upon the project yet.

### STANDARD OIL BUILDING

Swinerton & Walberg building job for the Standard Oil Company is progressing. American Bridge Company has a derrick set up and are now ready to start on the steel erection. The company also has a large building on Geary street with a material hoist in operation.

Cahill Bros. has two large building projects under way. A new theatre on Geary street and a new warehouse on Bryant. Material hoists and compressors busy on both jobs.

Mouson Bros. have the contract for the new Juvenile Home in Miraloma Park, upon which they are just starting the foundation work.

Most of the scrap-iron yards are all busy at the present time, thereby keeping all of the brothers busy.

Ship-repair work is very slow along the entire waterfront, but now that the waterfront strike is settled as well as the pressure which is being placed on Congress for additional work on the Pacific Coast, additional work should be forthcoming within a few months.

### Personal Touches

The question of Blood Donors has arisen in the past few months, so here is a little story that should warm you up, and possibly make your heart respond. A brother, A. R. GREGORY, was in the San Francisco Office at the time a notice requesting Blood Donors was posted. He, at one time, was in need of blood himself, so knowing how great some tragedies are, immediately went to the hospital and donated for someone he had never known. Another brother, BEN BUCK, has been more than liberal in supplying blood to the bank for the use of the members

## Reno— Winter Slows Up Activity in the Nevada Area

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

Old Man Winter has arrived and the work has slowed down as usual in the Great State of Nevada. However, the Isbell Construction Company seems to keep most of its good crew of Engineers busy, which is appreciated by everyone. Isbell hasn't started its job in the rail city, Sparks, Nevada, yet.

Dodge Construction, Inc. has a gang down at the Topaz Lake Highway job. The project is in Local 12 jurisdiction.

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, has finished its highway job in Smokey Valley and has moved most of the equipment into the yard in Fallon, Nevada.

Hunt & Fransen is nearing the finish line on the Hicokeson Summit Highway east of Austin, Nevada, but is going strong on the mine and ore haul job at Dumpry, Nevada.

George Schilling Company is well along on its ditch job on Casazza Drive. Earl Games is digging holes on Lincoln and Douglas Alley and Virginia Street for the Sierra Power Company.

George Miller has quite a number of pipeline jobs in Reno, and Ted Tiegent keeps the crew busy doing something most of the time.

John Powers Company has all of its crew working in and around Reno. Brother John DeLagrange keeps the boys working.

and their families. BROTHER BUCK makes a REGULAR CONTRIBUTION EVERY 12 WEEKS. He reports that it has not affected him in any way and if anything he feels better!

The Committee would like to commend these brothers for their unselfish donations, and all of the members should be grateful to them. We hope that they will set an example to members who have not donated as yet. We realize that it is sometimes hard for members working on the jobs to find time to make an appointment, but with the winter months now approaching many of the members will not be working in the rain; and if they will get in touch with the San Francisco office, or come in personally, we will be more than glad to see that they have transportation to and from the Blood Bank.

REMEMBER . . . Our account with the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank has been set up to take care of our members and their families when an emergency arises.

Very few men have been showing off for foreign work. Naturally, we can't know everybody who takes off so if there is a chance of letting us know, we would sure appreciate it. Either get in touch with us by mail or drop in to the hall and then we can let some of your friends know in what direction you have gone.

Earl Russel, who has been working up Marysville way, has departed for the Philippines as a foreman for M. & K. Good Luck, Earl!

A few of the "Welcome Homes" go to James Pressly and Tom Mestratua, who have recently returned with a completed contract with Pomeroy, from Guam. Also back from Guam is J. C. Randall, who has put in a stretch with M. & K.

Harland Antone has added another completed contract to our list. He has been working for Bechtel at Aarbia.

This will be the last issue of the Engineers News until the New Year, so to you fellows at the various outposts, and to the Brothers here, at home, A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

## We Need More Labor Men in Washington, D. C.

By M. G. EISENHART  
Assistant Intl. Representative

Now that we are over the hump with the election and our President has been given a new contract for four more years, we are hopeful that this contract can be completed and campaign promises fulfilled, so that no penalties need be applied for an unfinished job. Tools were furnished for a good job and good use of them is expected.

A complete job in cleaning house of dead wood, such as Career Diplomats, who have no conception of a working man or his needs or the problems he confronts daily. These should be replaced with competent Labor Representatives, Representatives of the People, who know how to deal for human beings. You have read and reread how our Career Diplomats are schooled in trade and finance matters and how to spend billions of dollars for that purpose, but their training on how to save human lives to gain these principles are very limited.

Our labor leaders have, for years, been successful in their dealings with employers for the betterment of all concerned in wages and working conditions and by lobbying for better laws such as Social Security, Workmen's Compensation, Old Age Pension, Unemployment Insurance, more and better Public Schools, and many other benefits for the betterment of humanity.

So why should these great talents be limited to Labor alone. If they can do this for Labor they can also do the same for our Government, for it was through Labor that the United States became the greatest nation on earth. It is by the constant alertness of our Labor Leaders for the need of the people in general and their ability to organize and fight for their needs that we have arrived at the present stage. Mr. President, these facts cannot be denied.

It is time we deal in the value of human lives and not the value of gold and give the people of the world and truth of American Labor and its accomplishments, through the people who did the job here and they will, in turn do the same thing there, because our Nation is made up of all nationalities and creeds.

## Factory Wages Reach Record High in October

Washington.—The Labor Department said that average weekly wages for 13,400,000 factory workers hit an all-time high of \$54.64 last month.

Their wages increased nearly 50 cents a week during October, the department said. The average factory worker was at his job 40 hours a week during October. This was 12 minutes a week more than in September.

Average hourly earnings were estimated at \$1.36, a fraction above the September average.

## Oil Boomtowns

Reports from the area south of Salinas indicate boom towns are springing up in company with the oil boom now on there. Engineers report much road and other work, which, however, will be slowed down through the rainy season. Hundreds of wells are being drilled in the vicinity of San Ardo and Greenfield.

## DeLuxe Trucks

Bro. Murphy, reporting for Local 3 from the Monterey Bay area, tells of a new truck crane on the \$50 million PG&E power plant job that is so de luxe that it is equipped with a radio, electric coffee maker, and an electric shaver.

## San Mateo County— Bayshore Freeway At South City Near Completion

By CHET ELLIOTT  
Business Representative

The Guy F. Atkinson Company have their Bayshore Freeway job nearly completed at South San Francisco and expect to open the new overpass to traffic before Christmas.

At the San Francisco Airport the Morrison-Knudson Company have reduced the personnel of their job, considerably. This is due to the winter months, they do expect to employ many engineers when the rainy season is over.

Pacific Pipe Lines and Engineers Limited of El Cerrito, Calif., were the low bidders on the one-half million dollar pipe line job, extending from Redwood City to Millbrae for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company.

The San Mateo County Road Department have been very active during the past few months throughout the district. While visiting the jobs at San Gregorio and Menlo Park this representative contacted Brothers Peterson, Curly Bourne, and Ed Boullivant.

L. C. Smith and Frank Smith are operating at full capacity with three shovels, several cats, and blades, on their fill job for the Conway & Culligan Company's huge housing project near the Bayshore at San Mateo Village in San Mateo.

For the past week, or ten days, unfavorable weather conditions have slowed down the activities of the contractors and also the members in this area. However, the opportunity for employment for members of Local No. 3 does not look too black for this winter if the rainfall does not exceed a normal year.

In closing I wish to extend to all the brethren a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Real Estate Lobby Isn't Giving Up Yet

New York (LPA)—It was a sobered and not too cheerful group of real estate operators who gathered for the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. They'd seen their hopes of lifting of rent controls and the death of all public housing measures erased by the election.

However, they valiantly pulled themselves together, passed resolutions against rent control and public housing, and gave retiring Senator Albert Hawkes (R., N. J.) a plaque for "distinguished service to the real estate industry of America." Hawkes, needless to say, gave the better years of his life to the service of the real estate lobby in the halls of Congress.

Hawkes responded with a dreary warning that "so long as a majority of our people seek to give less for a dollar, and if they are going to be led astray by the philosophy that they can get something for nothing or that the world owes a living to the indolent, the shiftless and the sluggards—there is no hope for the redemption of America."

The delegates were presented with two forecasts of the number of homes to be built next year. F. W. Dodge Corporation predicts a seven per cent drop over this year's total of about 950,000 units. Dexter Keezer, economist for McGraw Hill publications, said the current rate of homebuilding would continue through 1949 and perhaps 1950. Then, Keezer warned, either building prices would be lower, or there will be a "substantial bust" in the construction industry.

The thunderstorm is probably the greatest hazard of all-weather flying because of the tremendous wind forces involved. Lightning seldom injures a plane seriously but the flash, noise and ozone odor may frighten even the most experienced pilot.

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