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A Strong Program for Jobs—

DEVELOP STATE'S NEEDS, RESOURCES, GOVERNOR IS TOLD

Rouse California into action on projects vitally needed in its new, post-war status, and at the same time produce jobs badly needed to keep its inflated population gainfully employed, Governor Warren was advised by a strong conference of business, labor and civic leaders in the state's capital on December 7, 8.

Public works, construction, civic needs, private building needs, and other projects that are or may be lagging for one reason or another should get immediate stimulus from our state government to get them moving, improve the state's outlook, and put men to work, the conference declared.

Although Governor Warren didn't put the matter of unemployment on his list for action at the special session called for Dec. 13, he indicated his deep concern for the problems outlined at this conference, and it was felt likely that beneficial results will be forthcoming from the statewide gathering. **600,000 UNEMPLOYED**

Labor participated actively in the various panel discussions at the conference, many of its recommendations becoming part of the final program adopted. They pointed to the likelihood that more than 600,000 will be unemployed in the state by spring, and asked for the following program:

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15,000 Arrive in Calif. Each Month

By E. P. PARK

On December 5th and 6th the Governor's Conference on Employment was held here in Sacramento. We participated in the section dealing with construction, public and private, and would like to pass along some of the information obtained.

Each month 15,000 more people come into the State of California than leave it. There is a natural growth, births over deaths, of better than 10,000. This is a total increase of more than 25,000 people each month. To meet this continual growth in population within the state, 125,000 new jobs must be provided each year. Construction must not only provide some of these jobs but must also keep employed those people already working within the industry. Of the estimated (Continued on Page 12)

Green to Green



Washington. — AFL President William Green (left) pins flower on Leonard Green (no relation), assistant general secretary National Union of Operating Heating, Domestic, Ventilating Engineers and General Metal Workers of Great Britain during latter's recent visit to Washington.

The Road Roller Can Kill, Too

Don't get the notion that the roller is not a dangerous machine! Here is a newspaper story with names, place and date purposely omitted. Read it.

"... was crushed to death beneath a 10-ton road roller yesterday. . . . The road rollers work in pairs, going forward a stretch of about 50 feet, then backing up for the same distance. The accident happened while the two road rollers were backing up. . . . saw one roller and started across immediately after it had passed. However, he stepped in the path of the other backing roller. . . ."

There it is. Sure, he should have looked to see where he was walking. There is no question about that. Little if any blame seems to fall upon the engineer. It was the other fellow.

But it is a good though cruel lesson. It should be taken to heart by every engineer.

THE ROLLER CAN KILL, TOO.

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

Gets 11,000 Volts

This month's reminder to the worthy brothers about observing all safety precautions on the job comes with the report of Bro. William Ryan's misfortune. (Not that he failed to observe safety rules.) Dredge operator on the Papoose on Napa river, he became acquainted with 11,000 volts on the cable barge. He is recovering in Highland hospital, Oakland.



Robert Fieth
November 9, 1949
Francis J. Bozarth
November 10, 1949
J. G. Crawford
November 28, 1949
Wm. R. Franks
November 30, 1949
George Wm. Anderson
November, 1949
L. I. Cushman
November, 1949

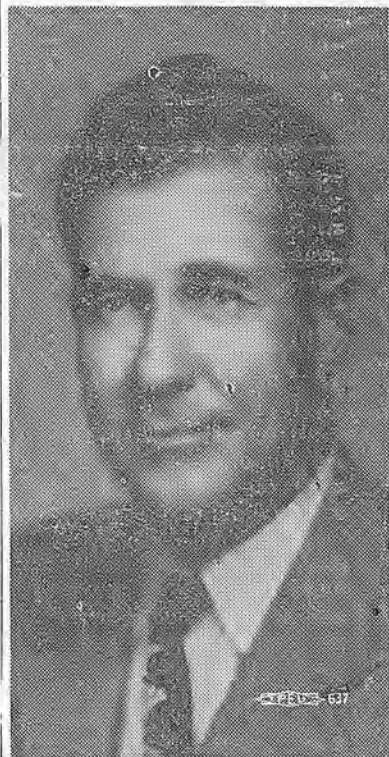
Trades Ask T-H Exemption

AFL Building Trades Department and the Associated General Contractors of America have filed a request with NLRB asking blanket exemption from Taft-Hartley labor law election requirements on the grounds that elections in this industry are impractical, costly, 90 per cent AFL supporting thus far, and wholly unnecessary.

Vandewark Named Assistant Manager

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL UNION NO. 3:

During the last ten years our treasurer, P. E. Vandewark, has served as business representative



P. E. VANDEWARK

in the Bay area, in addition to conducting the duties required as treasurer of Local Union No. 3.

The continued growth of our Local Union has also tended to increase the work of your Union Manager, until now it has reached the stage where some assistance is needed.

Therefore, I have appointed Brother Vandewark, assistant manager of Local Union No. 3. In the future he will be stationed at our union headquarters in San Francisco at 474 Valencia Street; where he will assist in giving service to the membership as well as to every district office within the jurisdiction of Local No. 3.

I now hope to find time to visit our district offices oftener than I have been able to in the past. Brother Vandewark will now be available to answer questions, and give advice and information when desired, during my absence from headquarters.

I sincerely hope that the above mentioned appointment will prove beneficial to Local No. 3 and that it will meet with the approval and satisfaction of the entire membership.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
VICTOR S. SWANSON,
Local Union Manager.

Thus there was climaxed two years of costly red tape caused by the ill-begotten Taft-Hartley law and a growing protest against its application to the building industry — protest alike from labor and management.

Management's appeal for exemption represents the wishes of a group of contractors' organizations which represent employers who do about 80 percent of the construction work in the U.S. Labor's appeal comes from the highest authority of organized building trades craftsmen.

VOTE UNNECESSARY
Decision to ask for the exemption was made following a meeting of contractors and union leaders with the NLRB several months ago, but announced only recently, according to President Frank Lawrence of the California State Building Trades Council.

Brother Lawrence pointed out that the appealing groups, in support of their position, declare that the NLRB itself has given up the idea of holding elections in this industry. A pilot election held in the Pittsburgh area cost the government considerable money and trouble and resulted in a 90 percent vote for the union. Attempts to hold other elections in Detroit and Philadelphia were abandoned as a result of this.

WRECK BARGAINING
President Lawrence stressed the point that it is not only impossible to comply with Taft-Hartley requirements in this industry, but (Continued on Page 12)

Another Big Freeze?

The worthy brothers in Utah and Nevada are fearful of another deep freeze like that which hit 'em last winter. Some Nevada boys have already high-tailed it southward with the ducks. In Utah, however, they have had an unusual lot of sunny weather, which keeps jobs going, and they pray for its continuance.

A Tall Deer Story

Bro. Owen Haney from up Trinity county goes out hunting every year for deer and took a pickup truck. Got his deer, a small one, was able to back the truck right up to it. Next day with a friend he hiked miles up into the sky and knocked over a seven-point buck so big that they had to cut it in half and lug it all the way back.

Mele Kalikimaka

Mele Kalikimaka a'me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou. That's the greeting this month from Bro. J. W. Waiwai, Hawaiian representative for Local 3. It means "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Compliments of the Season



As we go to press with this issue of the Engineers News another year of accomplishment comes to a close. The officers and representatives of Local 3 have worked very hard this year to obtain the gains for the membership which have been achieved.

At this time the officers and representatives of the Operating Engineers Local 3 wish to extend the Season's Best Wishes to each and every member and their families, and we hope that 1950 will bring better things for everyone.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 3-E MEETING . . . A special meeting of Technical Engineers Local No. 3-E will be held in the Union Offices at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 1950. (The meeting ordinarily scheduled for the fourth Friday of December, 1949, will be postponed).

SUGGESTION FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION . . . If every member would make a New Year's resolution to donate at least one pint of blood during the coming year, we would have an amount large enough to benefit our members and their families in case of emergency. Let's do it . . . it's not asking much!!!



It's Either Organization or Sweat Shop

By JOHN W. RUSSELL

"Living 1949" was a sordid but true story of the migrant farm worker, broadcast over one of the larger networks recently. It dramatized the pitiful existence of this wretched class of people. Existing in the year of our Lord, one thousand and nine hundred and forty-nine, in America, in a land of plenty, their plight may be best described as demoralized, debased, degraded, hungry humanity, without future and without hope in the world. Modern machinery has replaced the average farm worker for plowing, for planting, for cultivating, and for practically every phase of farming except HARVESTING. When harvest time arrives, the cry goes out for human hands. Thousands upon thousands of acres of certain crops cannot be harvested except by human hands. Migrant harvesters (human harvesters) go from one state to another and from one crop to another, to eke out a bare existence for themselves and families.

Harvesting is seasonable and limited in duration, traveling is expensive, pay is mediocre, and living conditions, in many cases, are simply miserable. Transportation from state to state, and harvest to harvest, is mostly "wildcatting." No license and no insurance! Humanity is packed into trucks. Men, women and children like so many sardines travel hundreds of miles without stopping for rest. Children become tired, mothers become weary and sick, but the truckloads of "slaves" keep rolling on and on to their final destination—the harvest field. Laws of the land require that cattle and all livestock in transit be stopped every thirty-six hours of travel, unloaded and given rest and food. But not so with human stock. They may be in transit for days and days with no legal protection as to their welfare. Once on the job lodging facilities are usually of the very poorest, conditions highly unsanitary, and long hours and low pay are the usual procedure.

The sweating system has been practiced many, many times in this land of ours in days gone by; but in recent years it has been reduced to a minimum through social reforms and by the rise and vigilance of LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. Yet in this year, 1949, the current conditions of the migrant farm worker represent the extreme in the sweat shop system. Labor organizations are exposing this sordid mess; church missions are sending out help. Help can come from legislation, from charities and from many other sources, but the only final solution to this gigantic problem, we see it, is through organization.

It may be argued that this work requires no training, no experience, and that these people are down and out, and that there is an abundant supply on hand for these jobs, and therefore they cannot be organized. To some extent this line of reasoning may be true. However, there was a time when the garment workers toiled under the most degrading sweat shop conditions this country has ever known. It was one of the most competitive of all industries. Workers were recruited from the ranks of the untrained and unskilled, and especially from the many immigrants whose opportunities for employment were limited. They worked in unsanitary tenements, sewing garments, with tuberculosis and other infectious diseases rampant, for extremely long hours, and a mere pittance for wages. Today the garment workers and clothing industry is being well organized and its workers have risen from stark poverty to a place in the world of dignity, self-reliance and independence.

The coal industry was once nearly as bad. Miners went to work before dawn and returned after dark, never seeing the sun for days on end. They lived in hovels which most of us would not permit our poodles to live in. They bought their necessities of life from the employer, who saw that practically all their meager earnings went back into company treasuries. They worked under the most hazardous of conditions, and their standard of living could be favorably compared with the garbage rat. Today that is all different. Miners own or rent comfortable homes to live in and bring up their children in a decent manner. They have modern home conveniences, automobiles, and all the good things of life the regular American has. Working conditions are different, hours are shorter, payrolls are larger. The answer: ORGANIZATION.

Today the migrant farm workers are exactly where the garment and coal workers were 30 (odd) years ago. For a solution it may require different angles and different twists, because some of the circumstances are different. However, we believe, with proper support from society in general, with the public in full knowledge of the circumstances, and with firm and wise leadership, the migrant farm workers can be organized just as all other industries have been organized. By so doing a people who are without means, without hope, and without a future, will be lifted up to a place of dignity in this old world. In addition, Organized Labor will have added another strong link in its chain.

Natl. Farm Union May Sue Denham For Conspiracy

A suit against NLRB General Counsel Robert N. Denham for conspiracy to deny constitutional rights to agricultural workers is being considered by the National Farm Labor Union (AFL), it was announced Nov. 21.

The possible step by the union against the chief enforcement officer of the Taft-Hartley Act was made public at a hearing of the NLRB. The board was considering a trial examiner's recommendation that Denham's injunction, obtained against the Farm Labor Union and locals of two other AFL internationals, should be dissolved.

The injunction grew out of the strike at the gigantic Di Giorgio Fruit Corp. property near Bakersfield, which began some 25 months ago. Denham got his injunction to stop what he claimed was secondary boycott activity in support of the strike. But eight months later NLRB Examiner Bruce Hunt decided the injunction was improper because agricultural workers are not covered by the federal labor law.

Now, 16 months after the Taft-Hartley injunction was granted on Denham's request, the NLRB was considering whether it was legal. Its effect, meanwhile, was bearing down on the Di Giorgio strikers, hampering their strike activity.

Attorney Alexander H. Schullman, representing the Farm Labor Union and the other locals hit by the injunction, said the injunction should be set aside. The possible suit against Denham might be taken under the civil rights statutes of 1871, Schullman declared in his oral argument before the NLRB.

Octane ratings of gasolines sold American motorists during the past winter were a little higher than those of the preceding summer, tests by the U. S. Bureau of Mines show.

Social Security Bulletin

ATTENTION, MEMBERS OVER 65

To get monthly retirement benefits:

1. You don't have to retire for good. After you are 65 if you should stop working for a while because of sickness, a lay-off, or just because you need a rest, get in touch with your local social security office. A benefit may be payable for the months before you go back to work.

2. You don't have to be in need. This is an insurance program. Your right to benefits is not affected by your savings, property, or other insurance.

3. You don't have to apply in person. If because of sickness or other reason you cannot go to the social security office, write or call, or have a member of your family inquire. Do not delay.

You will not "use up" your benefits by drawing them as soon as you are qualified. Benefits are payable for life.

REMEMBER: You must file a claim. Old-age and survivors insurance benefits are payable only if claimed.

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Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Guard Edgecombe absent.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 5 was read and by motion approved as read. A synopsis of the Executive Board of November 30 was read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Card of thanks were received from Marion Bozarth, The Wulfert family, Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford, Mrs. Arthur Erickson and family, Mrs. Betty Flood and family. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Philip M. Avila, Lee Brown, Art L. Boyden, Earl Brambrink, Joe Casali, George Carter, Wm. W. Cargile, Wm. C. Folden, Leo R. Fulton, F. J. Gilmore, Jacob H. Huyck, Chris Holst, Harry W. Johnson, Frank A. Kuhre, Richard Lasser, James Lewis, Chas. E. Lowrie, Chas. A. Lanovette, Geo. W. Littlefield, Wm. McKinnon, Jack Mayberry, R. E. Murray, Samuel Piercy, John A. Patchett, John R. Power, Chas. M. Phenis, C. N. Richards, Fritz Redman, Joe Scholl, Geo. Spanne, Jack Salisbury, Geo. F. Sullivan, Marshall A. Smith, Gustave A. Schmidt, Orvel N. Sizelove, Jess Clyde Stauff, Arthur Sandoval, Z. F. Thomas, Barney O. Turner, Harold Van Scoy, Wm. Waters, Walter Lugrias, Wm. B. Ryan, Al Depew, James Johnson.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: George Wm. Anderson, Francis J. Bozarth, J. G. Crawford, Robert Fieth, Wm. R. Franks, C. N. Richards, Robt. R. Richards and Fred Wulfert.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. MATHEWS
Recording Secretary.

Leeches? Look Who's Talking

By KEITH HUTCHISON
In "The Nation," New York

We are often told that the present emphasis on security indicates a general weakening of the moral fibre of the nation. While the old breed of Americans built their own security by thrift and enterprise, disdaining to "lean on the state," the present generation, it is said, looks to the government for protection from such hazards as unemployment and old age. "Something for nothing," the economic moralists complain, has become the slogan of a large part of the population.

Needless to say, I do not agree with this view. It seems to me that the average man (or woman) who works hard for forty years or so contributes a good deal more to society than he takes from it. The fruits of his labor provide not only for his consumption but for the rearing and education of the young and for the constant additions to the capital resources of the country. Whether or not he makes a direct monetary contribution to the cost of a pension, he has in fact earned the right to decent maintenance when he retires.

Surely the real "something-for-nothing" boys are those who without working seek to appropriate the surplus wealth created by the labor of others—for instance, the heroes of the Wall Street sagas who contrive by stock-trading to convert a shoestring into millions.

We do not hear so much about the exploits of these rugged individuals now, but this is a good moment to recall their heyday, which came to a sudden end just twenty years ago.

"BLACK THURSDAY"

It was on October 24, 1929, that the greatest securities boom in history collapsed with a crash whose echoes have not yet entirely faded. That was "Black Thursday," when the turnover of the New York Stock Exchange reached the hitherto unheard of total of almost 13,000,000 shares, when the tape machines ran four hours behind the market, when billions were lost in paper values and thousands of spectators unable to meet margin calls were sold out. Five days later over 16,000,000 shares changed hands in another selling bout.

Some authorities were advising liquidation; others remained extremely optimistic. Stock prices, said Irving Fisher, the celebrated economist, on October 15, stood on "what looks like a permanently high plateau," and he expected to see the market go higher in the near future. "I see no reason for the end-of-the-year slump which some people are predicting," declared Charles E. Mitchell, president of the National City Bank of New York, four days later.

Up to this time both the big professional traders and the hundreds

of thousands of amateurs who had been drawn into the market had been far more eager to listen to the prophets of perpetual prosperity than to counselors who urged caution. As stock prices climbed dizzily through 1928 and 1929, otherwise sober business men had begun to nurse the most fantastic illusions. Watching a stock like Radio Corporation common rising from 94½ to 505 (allowing for a five-for-one split-up) in eighteen months, although it paid no dividends, they saw the prospects of speculative profits as unlimited. Wall Street had become the broad highway to Eldorado.

With each leap in the market more suckers were encouraged to plunge. Much of the tremendous market activity was the result of sheer gambling. It was possible to buy \$1000 worth of stocks for as little as \$100 cash and, if its price rose 10 per cent or more, to use the paper profit as margin for a further purchase.

In the get-rich-quick rush many people became part-owners of concerns about which they knew little or nothing. They would not bother to look at balance sheets; they were buying on future prospects, not past earnings. Someone who knew somebody who lunched occasionally with a Morgan partner had said that XYZ, Inc. was good for a hundred-point rise. That was enough to inspire an order to buy at the market followed by dreams of early retirement on a comfortable fortune.

LOST CONFIDENCE

We shall never know how many such dreams of something for nothing were shattered when "Black Thursday" was followed by black Tuesday: nobody took a census of lost shirts. What is certain is that the market collapse provided a psychological shock to millions who were not directly affected. There was a loss of confidence in private enterprise that has never been fully recovered, a loss of respect for captains of industry and kings of finance, many of whom were exposed by subsequent investigations as mean manipulators.

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Salt Lake City—

GOOD WEATHER IN UTAH KEEPS JOBS GOING; GOOD YEAR AHEAD

By Renny Burroughs, C. R. Van Winkle and Louis Solari
Business Representatives, Local 3

Utah, the heart of the Intermountain Empire, is the new "Sunshine Capital of the West." After taking a terrific lacing last winter Utah's Engineers are getting a real break on weather this fall. Olaf Nelson, Anderson Construction Company, W. W. Clyde and L. T. Johnson all have found the weatherman their friend on the road jobs now running.

Utah Construction Company has Lark Tunnel, Cedar City, and Garfield in high gear at this writing. Grafe Callaghan is well established at the Duchene Tunnel job but is being held up by lack of motors and the powerline being built to the jobsite.

United Concrete is fighting for good weather to last until their pipeline reaches Highway 40 and they are out of Parley's Canyon. Their Provo Canyon job is driving hard but a good storm would shut it down for the year.

Vinnell Company at Murdock Dam will also close with the first snow.

Gibbons & Reed have almost completed a tough job putting in a sewer line near their bridge job in Salt Lake. Some equipment on this job was moved off of the road that Gibbons & Reed built from Bountiful to Antelope Island.

O. R. Smith is still backfilling and laying pipe north of Corrinne for Standard Oil but will shortly be Local 370's headache.

Big Jobs Ahead

New work coming up includes Ace Thorn's job between Francis and Pole Camp and the Mirror Lake road job that Murray Trucking Company and Vernal Sand and Gravel were low bidder on for 20c a yard. December 16th will mark the first day bids will be accepted on the Salt Lake Veterans \$8,500,000 hospital, although bids will not open until February 16, 1950. Bechtel will start their \$10,000,000 refinery job in March if weather is right. Utah Light and Power Jordan Steam plant will go to completion next year with better than \$7,000,000 worth of work yet to be done. American Smelter & Refinery Company at Garfield, have not yet let further work but it is expected that there will be about \$8,000,000 more work at their smelter. Our Utah State Road program should also develop a substantial amount of work for our Engineers. United's Provo Canyon job and the Utah Construction Garfield Refinery job should both be completed at the middle of 1950. Both Lark and Duchesne Tunnels will last for approximately two years on their over-all projects.

Out-of-work lists are beginning to stack up, although we are issuing about 15 clearances a week at present. Most of our jobs are short—from one day to three weeks, at present about 30 men are out of work in the state.

The prospects for 1950 look like we will be able to keep about the same number of Engineers busy in 1950 that worked in the state in 1949. This year at our peak we still had a few local members out of work. We hope all of these brother engineers will work in 1950 and have a long, good season.

At this time, the business representatives and office staff in Utah with all you engineers in Local 3, everywhere, a mighty big Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Dad and his small daughter were standing in front of a lion's cage at the park zoo. He was explaining how strong and fierce lions are. His young hopeful took it all in, and then said: "Daddy, if it got out of its cage and ate you up, what bus should I take to get home?"

At the conclusion of the Sunday morning service a man remained to talk to the pastor.

"I am a bus driver," he said, "and I wish you would tell me how you get so many of your people to move to the rear."

Shoe prices are 72 per cent higher than before the war and 30 per cent higher than OPA ceilings.

Honolulu—

Mele Kalikimaka a'me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou

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

The "Puka in the Pali" keeps coming back like a song. Federal highway engineers from the mainland after a study of the Kalihi and Nuuanu sites have recommended that the Nuuanu route be pressed to a speedy completion. They propose a four-lane highway on the windward side with four tunnels; the longest to be 1,000 feet. Territorial government is in favor of this move. However, opposing this is the city headed by its mayor, who favor a Kalihi route instead. (What politics will do—.)

Byrne Organization is now re-hiring for Kwajalein and Majuro on a small scale and will probably reach its peak by the latter part of February.

On the local front, many housing projects and sub-divisions are opening up with the greater part of all building materials being furnished by Lewers & Cooke who are very anti-union. This monopoly has worked against organized labor here by requiring that owners of homes hire building contractors as recommended by them who are also anti-union. On one project with 65 homes being built, there are no less than 30 small combines as building contractors.

Our organizing program in the Building Trades is gradually being recognized as we visit these jobs 3 days a week. We will initiate a program to actually get members in soon.

The Metal Trades Organizing program is still bogged down for lack of conscientious men to serve on its executive board before full recognition can be accorded the council in its labor relation dealings with top side Navy brass.

The holidays approaching seem to crowd the old year out, so with sincere good wishes for 1950, this branch expresses a Mele Kalikimaka a'me ka Hauoli Makahiki Hou (Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year).

Yule "Wise Men," Courteous Drivers

Dear Driver:

The Biblical story of the first Christmas tells about the Wise Men who guided their camels by a bright star in the East, to bring rare gifts of frankincense and myrrh.

This Christmas, the "wise men" of 1949 will be those drivers who pilot their vehicles according to the rules of defensive driving, and give courtesy—one of today's rarest gifts.

From now until December 25, the streets will be crowded with pre-occupied, package-laden pedestrians, as well as impatient motorists. Very few of them will be concentrating on pedestrian lanes, traffic lights, or general traffic conditions. With few exceptions, they take it for granted that you will look out for them—that, regardless of circumstances, you will give them the right-of-way.

To qualify as a modern "wise man" you will need to use extra caution everywhere—especially at intersections. When making turning movements through streams of pedestrians, don't forget that they always have the right-of-way—even if there is no traffic light. Failure to observe this suggestion can lead to an unhappy Christmas in two homes—theirs and yours.

The Season's Greetings to you and yours and—be a Wise Man—give courtesy for Christmas!

Sincerely yours,
Paul H. Coburn, Dir.
Motor Trans. Bureau.

Stockton—

GAS PIPELINE, LAND-LEVELLING, CANALS KEEP STOCKTON BUSY

By ED DORAN and FRANK LAWRENCE
Business Representatives

This is good news that we report from the Stockton Office. The Morrison-Knudsen Company have a gas pipeline job on McDonald Island west of Stockton and north of Holt. There are 20 draglines of all makes and descriptions operating around the clock. With the help of Ed Parks of Sacramento, Al Clem of Oakland and Joe Riley and Mickey Murphy of San Jose, we were able to place 120 dragline operators and oilers on this job, plus mechanics, cat skimmers, boom cat operators, mechanics helpers, pipe benders and various other classifications.

The Western Contractors have the trimmer and slip form going full blast on the canal west of Patterson. They also have a Marion walker coming in, to be erected on the job site. Over a hundred members of Local No. 3 are working on this job.

Landleveling is going full blast at this time of the year. Every old broken down cat that will run is doing some phase of this work. Some of them are working so cheap that I doubt that they will come out on top.

Andrew Bros. just moved in from Woodland on about 100 acres, five miles west of Stockton. They have five rigs on the job.

Pizzentini has two jobs going east on the Waterloo Road; about

10 miles. The other job is on the eight mile road about 12 miles west of Stockton.

Fallman and Sutley have finished their job on the Upper Jones Tract and are getting their rigs ready to go to Parker, Arizona.

Luk Chong from Walnut Grove has about 200 acres to level about 10 miles out of Stockton on the Thorton Rd. Also he has a large job three miles south of Farmington.

We have been so busy around here that we will cut this report short. At this time everyone is working and from the looks of things everybody should have a turkey for Christmas. A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.

Some Legal Aspects of Workmen's Compensation

In all states, there are three basic questions which must be answered in the affirmative before a compensation claim will be held compensable:

1. Does the accident bear a definite relationship to the employment?
2. Was the employer notified within the statutory period?
3. Was the accident a cause producing the disabling condition?

Though there is an infinite variety of other legal problems which may arise from a given set of facts, all cases must meet the above three criteria.

"AN ACCIDENT"

In all states, the basis of a compensation claim is an accidental injury. This seems like a simple enough term. Yet thousands of cases have been taken to the courts—even to the Supreme Court—in an effort to determine what constitutes an "accidental" injury.

It is clear that an employee who, while walking from the fourth to the fifth floor of his employer's premises, trips and falls and injures his back, has met with an accident; and the injury which results is obviously an accidental injury. But what about the painter who, while lifting a can of paint, suddenly feels a sharp pain in his back and it is finally determined that he has sustained a disabling back strain? Is his injury accidental? And what about a blacksmith who, while pounding a horseshoe into shape, suddenly is stricken with a heart attack from which he subsequently dies? Is this an accidental death? The various

states differ with respect to the answers to these questions.

CONNECTION WITH JOB

Even where an injury has finally been determined to have been accidental, there must be shown to exist a definite relationship between the accident and the employment. In some states it must be shown that the accident not only occurred in the course of employment, but actually arose out of it. Thousands of cases are taken annually to the courts to determine whether an accident arose out of and in the course of employment.

It is then necessary to prove that the injury or disease resulted from the accident.

NEED EXPERT ADVICE

In addition to the above three basic questions, many other legal issues may arise from a particular fact situation. Some employments are by statute excluded from compensation coverage in most states; farming and domestic service, for example. Within the past two years, at least one state has made an exception to this rule by including domestic servants who work a full 40-hour week for a single employer, in a city or town having a population in excess of 40,000.

A handful of might is better than a bagful of right.

—Max Stirner.

The only way to love one's country is to make it loveable. The only way to save democracy is to make it work.—Edmund Burke.

YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY ACCOUNT helps to PROTECT you in your OLD AGE. Ask Your UNION SOCIAL SECURITY COMMITTEE, OR THE NEAREST SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE.

San Rafael— RIG 'FLOATS' ON MARE ISLAND LEVEL; WINTER JOBS SHAPE UP

By H. O. FOSS, Business Representative

On the Tyson & Watters \$60,000 plus contract on the reclamation work at Mare Island, Vallejo, Brother Jack Edwards is foreman with Brothers Lucas on the "6" and Van Gorder on the "8" and Brothers Vauhn Kent and Bill Evans on the Lima shovel. Brothers interested in equipment innovations should visit this job and look over Brother Rei

Brown and Brother Ray Adams' electric rig, who are building the outer levee where it is usually so soft a "snipe" can't walk . . . but the Brown & Adams rig does it . . . and it is well worth your time to stop and "look it over."

The Underground Construction Company has started their \$70,000 plus sewer job at Tiburon with 14,000 feet of six-inch and 8-inch pipe. Superintendent Pastore is in charge and Bros. L. W. Baker and Allgor on the trenching machine and Bob Maderios on the blade.

The "busy as a bee" contractor, J. J. Ongaro of San Rafael has his crew busy at all times . . . just goes on and on . . . as do the McGouran Brothers of San Rafael with a new loader on order and no indications of missing a meal.

The McCaffery Brothers of Mill Valley are divorced . . . Jimmie is in Lake County for "Pug" Hastings, the popular Lake County contractor, and from the grapevine route we hear that Jimmie has slowed down a bit . . . let's hope he doesn't run into Clear Lake . . . Charlie McCaffery has worked the San Rafael hills for almost 300 years and acquired a step and a half . . . one leg a foot shorter . . . and Brother Tommy McCaffery just keeps tagging along.

2 Kids, 2 Arms Broken

Our best wishes to Charlie's daughters for a quick recovery . . . the tots, seven and five years old, both fell out of a tree and each landed with a broken arm . . . and because of improper setting they both went through the ordeal of having it broken again . . . we hear "Punkin" is very fond of her doctor.

Brother Jimmy Hewitson with the Marin Equipment Company out Greenbrae way has a large assortment of equipment . . . anything, they have it . . . Brother Bill Jennings, mechanic at Golden Gate Equipment, can also fill whatever your needs.

Jensen & Pitts of San Rafael on their Vallejo project are snapping right along now that Brother "Dick" Padgett, recently injured, has returned to work.

Johnson & Neison are making a living and taking "bites" wherever they can . . . with Brother Sandy Mills now in the shop keeping equipment in "tip-top" shape.

Robert Rapp Construction Company of Santa Rosa are nibbling away on small jobs in the area, keeping several of the brothers busy.

Arthur Siri, contractor of Santa Rosa, has their winter schedule made up with about 60 engineers on the payroll and hoping it continues through the rains.

Paul Straub of Petaluma is keeping "Ripper" Lindley, "Buck" Buchanan and "Red" McAdams busy on landlevelling . . . dams, etc.

Parish Brothers of Benicia should be about finished at their Black Point project where the grading and paving of the bridge approach was recently completed . . . their large warehouse at the quarry in Cordelia for storage of equipment was recently finished and a high-powered mechanic is keeping busy . . . they have also bought a new powered pencil sharpener for future contracts.

The Novato Dam plans have been approved and it is believed the call for bids will be published shortly . . . and the same holds for the Marin Municipal Water District.

Robert McCarthy Company of San Francisco has started the sub-grading on the Alberts Recreation Center in San Rafael.

Baldwin & Straub, popular San Rafael contractors, are keeping busy on local work . . . Haas & Rothschild have just about completed their sub-grade on the Mc-

Reno— Boys Follow Ducks South for Winter; Some Nevada Work

By H. L. SPENCE
Business Representative

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, is finishing up the grading on the Fernley to Hazen highway job. He is stock piling the gravel which he probably will put on, come spring. Drumm has moved his tractor and scrapers and crew of Engineers on a dam job 30 miles north of Austin, Nevada.

Dodge Construction, Inc., has most of the grading finished on the Gerlach job. Some of the dear brothers from Dodge are going south for the winter.

Isbell Construction Company stripping job at Kimberly, Nevada, is going good with two North West three-shifts, two churn drill two-shifts and one churn drill on the third shift and a blade and tractor three shifts. Brother Geo. Laughton is foreman on the Heavy Duty Repair Work. Brother B. L. (Bud) Clem is the shovel repairman; Brother M. G. McCollum and Brother Frank L. Bernd are both boss men on the job. They keep everything going along in fine shape.

Earl Games' crew is going along in fine shape with Brother Frank E. Gillispie doing the heavy duty repair work in the shop. The rest of Earl's regular bunch of good engineers are on the sewer line or the sewer disposal plant.

Ben Lincoln is on the hoist at the new bus station in Reno.

Iryen (Shorty) Hudson is on the hoist on the extension of the River Side Hotel in Reno.

Martin Iron Works is erecting a steel bridge across the Truckee River between Sparks and Mustang Station with Brother Charles Rice on the truck and Brother Phillip Smith, oiler. Brother Alfred L. Mabrier, from Martin Iron Works, is on the sick list but will be back soon.

Some of George Miller Co's engineers have gone South for the winter, such Brothers as Frank (Bud) Miller, Joe Yurraspe and Tom Dean. The rest of the Miller Company is working in and around Reno, Nevada.

We have had a letter just a few days ago from Brother Herbert Nefstead on Guam. He does not work with non-union engineers, he makes applications for them and sees that they become union members.

Dear Brother G. M. Tucker paid a visit to the Reno Office and of course we are always glad to see him.

As the door man ran down to open the limousine door, he tripped and fell. "For heaven's sake, be careful," cried the club manager, "they'll think you're a member."

"Friends," said the preacher, "the subject of my sermon today is liars. How many in this congregation have ever read the sixty-ninth chapter of Matthew?"

Most of the hands went up. "You are the people I want to preach to," the preacher said, "there is no such chapter."

A fisherman was telling his friends about the one that got away.

"It was at least that long," he said, gesticulating with his hands. "I never saw such a fish."

And one of his listeners remarked: "That I believe."

Bald man—"Is your hair grower any good?"

Clerk—"I'll tell you a secret. We sell it at cost because it brings us so much comb and brush business."

"You shouldn't keep telling her you are unworthy of her."

"No? Why not?"

"Let it come to her as a surprise."

DiGiorgio Strike May Bring Farms Under Labor Laws

Washington.—The National Farm Labor Union of the AFL said that the two-year-old strike against the DiGiorgio Fruit Corp. in California may bring legislation in the next session of Congress to bring workers on such large farms under the federal labor relations and minimum wage laws.

Representative C. M. Bailey of West Virginia, chairman of a House subcommittee which conducted public hearings on the strike at Bakerfield, Calif., said that the DiGiorgio management had refused his offer to arbitrate the dispute with the AFL union "and the only remedy was legislation to bring workers on large farms under the labor relations and minimum wage laws."

Mr. Bailey indicated at the conclusion of his hearings that the House Labor Committee would sponsor such legislation at the next session of Congress.

The members of Congress heard both sides of the strike, which the AFL union called in October, 1947, to raise wages and eliminate unsatisfactory working conditions. Testifying for the union were Farm Labor Union President H. L. Mitchell; Hank Hasiwar, western representative of the union; Ernesto Galarza, union research director; James Price, union member who was the object of an attempted assassination, and other union members.

"Statism" Note

Note on "statism":
Before the end of the month, 3 million farmers will have electric lights because of the Rural Electrification Administration program begun in 1935.

All of these farmers still enjoy the right of free speech, free assembly, freedom of religion and all the other freedoms of American democracy.—(LLPE)

Danish Women Strike

Copenhagen — Housewives throughout Denmark have gone on a buyers' strike to protest high meat prices, which have risen 150 per cent since rationing was abolished in the country. The first week of the strike brought prices down somewhat, but housewives declared they would buy no more meat till bigger cuts took place.



GETS OUT VOTE!—Students of feminine architecture tell us Edith Mae Zilli is pluperfect. The 19-year-old Bronx lass has been chosen New York State finalist in the 8th annual Miss Stardust contest.

Redding— Blue Skies Keep Jobs Rolling Along For a Bit Longer

By E. A. HESTER
Business Representative, Local 3

Skies stay clear, temperature high and what few jobs we have continue to roll along.

The Fredrickson & Watson big highway job at Anderson, California, is nearing completion. General Superintendent Harash seems to be very happy. Some phases of this project have been very difficult. The next brother we have in second command here is Bob Kurtz. Bro. Joe Mancebo is the master mechanic; he can be seen here and there with a 36-inch monkey wrench, sometimes repairing a needle valve on a carburetor. It seems that Bro. K. W. Fox takes care of the clean-up gang. Bro. C. C. Smalley takes care of the crushing and hot plant, and how! Never hear any complaints about our good friend Geo. Passmore. He takes care of the books and passes out the pay checks. George is another one of those regular fellows, more power to him.

It seems they finally had to call in Bro. Les E. Christman to finish this job, and believe me it didn't take him long to get that last 100,000 yards of muck moved. But he had a lot of Privates First Class in this army, and they are: H. E. Bogley, M. A. Bailey, C. C. Barnett, C. E. Carter, J. C. Crossland, P. O. Crossland, I. F. Dale, Jim Dale, Glen Darling, L. T. Engel, P. E. Fields, M. G. Hall, O. J. Hayes, O. D. Hill, J. R. DiLulo, Bill Hoover on the back hole. Now Corporal E. L. Johnson is back on the rig. D. M. Kurkendal, W. B. Lake, Cliff Martin, L. L. Meloy, W. E. Miller, D. E. McDonald, C. L. Parker, J. R. Ricks, B. E. Royer, G. T. Schnordt, Ben Shanahan, H. L. Steward, L. Talley, H. C. Turman and last but not least that famous brother of his, L. A. Christman.

Jobs Winding Up

Harms Bros. highway job at Weed, Calif., has been finished. Most of the men have been laid off.

Malitano & Sons' road job at Susanville has closed down for the winter.

Johnny Delarange and his gang are still doing some ditch work in Alturas.

R. B. Guerin Co. continues to roll along at Cedarville, Calif.

R. B. Henitz still is employing about 35 of our engineers on the relocation job at Keswick, Calif. They expect to start their highway job near Fresno very soon.

Brennan and Brown will finish the French Gulch job by Christmas.

Ross Layton has started his clearing job for the Bureau of Reclamation at Squaw Creek. Bro. Jack Tucker is in command of this project, and as to conditions, he is one of the loyal brothers who do the job well.

O'Conner Bros. of Red Bluff aren't doing much at the present time but I have noticed five or six of our brothers are still hanging on.

The Bureau of Reclamation will call for bids for architectural finish-work at the Shasta Dam Power Plant on Dec. 20.

Christmas is nearly here once again and our best wishes go out to each and every member for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

BEAR SENSE

Question: "Is it true a bear in search of insects and grubs will, unlike a man, turn a stone over with an outward toss instead of pulling it toward him?"

Answer: "This is a trait that has been rather well established by observers. A man turning over a stone usually draws it over directly towards himself, to the imminent danger of his toes; but a bear knows better than that."
"Nouvelletes," Quebec.

San Francisco

FRISCO JOBS SLOW BUT LARGE PROGRAM IS SET FOR NEW YEAR

By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ
Business Representatives, Local 3

Work conditions in this area are very slow, with a large unemployed list to face every day. There has been sufficient contracts awarded here to take care of the unemployed but most of the work will not start until after the first of the year. In fact, the outlook for the new year in all of Local No. 3's jurisdiction is very promising, there has been more contracts awarded and the total exceeds any prior year in our history, with the exception of the war years.

Dinwiddie Construction job at Parkmerced is in full progress with all of the material hoists in operation; six truck crane crews and compressor generators. This job will run for several months yet before the concrete work is done. The plastering work will have to be completed after that.

M. & K. Corp. have about completed the Lake Merced tunnel job; they were the successful bidders on the addition to the present tunnel on which they will start work very shortly.

Ben C. Gerwick piledriving job at Lake Merced is practically finished, very few piles left to drive.

MacDonald Young & Nelson and M. & K. North Point sewer treating plant job is in full swing with several of the brothers busy on the project.

M. & K. Corp. North Beach sewer treating plant job is still in the heavy construction stage; several rigs are busy on the project handling materials, concrete, etc.

Judson Pacific Company is busy hanging steel on the Islais Creek bridge. Duncanson & Harrelson are the prime contractors on this job and have about completed the foundation work.

Swinerton & Walbergs two building jobs on the Standard Oil Annex Building and Mt. Zion Hospital are still in progress, with all of the brothers staying by their jobs.

Freeway Progress

Chas. Harney Company is busy on the new Freeway, most of the dirt moving having been completed, except for the fills that will have to be finished after the concrete work on the overpasses is done. All of the pile driving for overpass foundation work has been completed. The brothers in the shop are busy on all types of heavy repair work. The Lake Street sewer job is about completed.

Eyman-Michaels and Ken Royce Company yards are both busy repairing and conditioning surplus machinery; a large force of our brother Engineers are busy in these two places.

Granite Construction Company has started on the Alemany overpass job at El Camino Real. Some of the excavation work has already been done.

Personal Touch

The activity is nil and void on the foreign fronts—that is as far as the construction work is concerned. The report of last month showed that a number of our brothers have been signing applications with Bechtel but up to that date we had not heard of any of those who had signed going out. At the writing of this article, with the exception of those who may have gone and have not informed us, just one member is on his way and he is going to Arabia as a shovel runner. Wayne E. McBride is the member that we are referring to and Wayne has signed a contract for 18 months and expects to stay and complete it. Good luck, Wayne—Don't forget to bring back plenty of the "green stuff".

It's kind of discouraging for those of you who want to go overseas at the present time for there is hardly a thing doing unless you have the "ins" with some contractor who has work out of the country and you contact that contractor on your own accord.

A short time ago we received a letter from Roy Carpenter who has recently returned, after being surplused out, from Afghanistan where he had been working with M&K. We didn't see Roy down this way for on returning to the mainland he headed for Seattle to visit some of his friends. He asked

us to say hello to all of his friends and to let them know that he is now on his way to Monrovia, Liberia, and is working with Raymond Concrete Pile Co. Our guess is that if you know the right person, and can do the work, there is always a chance to go somewhere. How about it Roy? The next time you set foot on the mainland, drop in and say hello, and in the meantime take it easy and take care of yourself. Thanks for the letter and don't forget to write again.

Raymond Adams was in the office a while back and plunked down 80 fish and said to apply that on his dues. He is now paid up until the middle of 1951. Ray has decided to go out to sea for a while so he thought that he had better get ahead on his dues a little before going out. (If more of the brothers did likewise instead of trying to take a withdrawal card every time they went off for a few months, it would be a lot easier for all concerned.) When you have had your fill of the sea, Roy, don't feel a bit backwards about putting your name on the out-of-work list.

At the present time we have 11 pints of blood credited to our account at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank. This is the best that it has been for some time, but it still isn't enough to insure this union in complying with all of the requests that may come in. We have been very fortunate lately in not having any requests for blood but many things could happen and we would like to be able to say at all times that there is plenty of blood for anyone who may need it. This month only one member has gone to the Blood Bank and donated his blood—BILL RANEY is this man and we want to thank you Bill for taking the time and giving your blood. If anyone else would like to donate some blood, please feel free to call the S.F. office and we will be glad to make all of the arrangements for you.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION — I WILL GO TO THE IRWIN MEMORIAL BLOOD BANK AND DONATE AT LEAST ONE PINT OF BLOOD DURING THIS COMING YEAR.

Being as this is the last issue of the Engineers News for the year 1949, the San Francisco Office at this time would like to wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and the most PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Sam Carelli in Coronet told of taking his little daughter to visit a friend's farm where for the first time she saw cows, chickens and pigs. Carelli said he was in the house talking with his friend when his daughter burst in.

"Daddy," she cried, "some of the little pigs have knocked down a big pig and are chewing the buttons off his vest."

Worry is like a rocking chair. It gives you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

At a college examination a professor asked: "Does the question bother you?"

Replied the student: "Not a bit, sir; but I'm having a lot of trouble with the answer."

"Pop, what does it mean when it says a man attends a convention as a delegate-at-large?"

"That means his wife wasn't along."

Said the actress to the actress: "That's my new leading man. And frankly, I don't know for sure that I care for where he's trying to lead me."

Peninsula

To Open Bids on One-Yr. \$3,500,000 Job at S. F. Airport

By CHET ELLIOTT
Business Representative, Local 3

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is advertising for bids on the \$3,500,000 construction job on the San Francisco Airport, which will be opened the first week of January, 1950. Along with the extensive grading operations connected with this work, the job calls for pipelines to be constructed, 400,000 tons of crushed rock to be laid, and 100,000 tons of asphalt paving. These operations will run throughout the coming year and provide a long term of employment for 150 to 200 members of Local No. 3.

The Sperry & McCue Company, contractors, with headquarters at Milbrae, are rapidly expanding and at the present time are operating street grading and paving jobs in Milbrae; paving jobs in San Mateo for the Parrot Estate Company, resurfacing work at Greenhill Country Club, grading for Barrett & Hilp in San Mateo, and paving work in Half Moon Bay. Brother McCue along with Brother Keyes are supervising these projects and Brothers Gill, O'Brien, Benedetti, Haddock are operating the cats, blades, rollers, etc.

Barbertini Company has moved into Colma with a string of cats on a street grading and paving job with Brother Jack McGuire in charge. This firm also has a job in South San Francisco—Brothers Durst, Evans, Murphy, Hall and Barbertini are doing the operating of equipment on these jobs.

San Mateo is the scene of great activity in apartment house building construction. At the present time J. Bettencourt, Dinwiddie Company, Barrett & Hilp, Wm. C. Smith and Williams & Burrows are busily engaged in erecting over 20 million-dollar building projects along El Camino Real and other parts of the city. These various projects provide work for many operating engineers.

On the Shoreview Real Estate Development and Land Reclaiming fill job in San Mateo, contractors Frank Smith, Bragato Bros., Chas. Berger and L. C. Smith with six shovels and a large fleet of trucks and cats are operating at full capacity trying to move as much dirt as possible before the heavy rains set in.

J. O. Archibald with a string of 18 cats and jeeps, who has been grading for the large salt beds for Leslie Salt Company at Belmont and Redwood City has been forced to temporarily suspend operations on his work due to the nature of dirt involved... this is all dredged-in land and is very difficult to work except during the dry season; however, Olie has managed to put practically all of his equipment to work on other jobs throughout the county.

The Macco crushing plant at Brisbane, is getting active after a short period of idleness and have been able to put some of our worthy brothers back to work.

The Skyline quarry, operated by contractors Keeble & Brown, have suspended operations and have a crew of engineers busy dismantling the crushing plant. "Brownie" Brown is busy searching for a new location to set the plant up again in order to resume operations... The Whipple Road quarry, Rockaway quarry, Ken Royce, Peter Sorenson and A. & B. quarries are still enjoying a brisk and healthy business.

Although there are two huge construction projects practically ready to begin operations in this district, your representative does not look forward to very much activity on either of them until the heavy rains are over.

In closing this report I take this

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Engineers
Architects
Draftsmen

By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

It looks like the Carpenters are attempting to make an issue of the Technical Engineers jurisdiction. It has long been the policy of that group to keep the Technical Engineering field in a state of disorganization. Past attempts to organize this field have always met with total resistance of the same group... for years we were barred from the Building Trades Councils, and in every show-down with the employers, a Carpenters' representative would be at hand to testify against our organization.

Housing Tories Hot in Oakland

(State Fed. Release)

Real estate hysteria reached a new peak in Oakland last week when the so-called Committee for Home Protection launched a recall drive against three city councilmen because they sought to bring low-cost housing to the community.

The Oakland City Council, like some 30 other local governing bodies in California, recently voted to effect a federal loan to cover proposed construction of 3000 low-rent public housing units.

Such loans are allowed under the new Federal Housing Act passed by the 81st Congress as a vital part of the Truman Fair Deal program.

The Oakland real estate powers are directing their attack on Councilmen Scott Weakley, Raymond E. Pease, and Joseph Edward Smith, three of the five councilmen who voted for the loan application.

Councilmen Douglas Sweeney and Frank Youell, who also voted for the measure, are not eligible for recall because they have not served six months in their present term of office. Oakland has nine councilmen.

Bakersfield Unions Stop Libel Suit

Retail Clerks Union No. 137 and Butchers Local No. 193 of Bakersfield, both A. F. of L., have signed a dispute settlement agreement with the Joe & Lewis Market, under which principal picketing objectives are granted and a pending \$35,000 libel suit will be dismissed.

The Bakersfield Superior Court had previously denied an anti-picketing injunction, and twice sustained the unions' demurrers to the complaint that signs used in picketing activities were "defamatory." Labor attorneys Robert W. Gilbert and Charles P. Scully represented the Retail Clerks and the Butchers' locals, respectively, in the recent court action and settlement negotiations.

By the terms of the written agreement the Joe and Lewis Market has promised Butchers' Local No. 193 that it will not sell fresh meats outside of union store hours, and pledged to negotiate a union contract with Retail Clerks' Local 137 covering any employees which it may hire in the future. At present, the store has no employees and is operated entirely by the owners.

Over-Road Temos Strike in Ohio

Cleveland.—Some 8,000 members of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL) struck against 139 truckers represented by the Ohio Over-the-Road Employers Assn. on Nov. 20 after week-long negotiations collapsed.

The union has been seeking a pay boost of 25c hourly, a company-financed health and welfare fund and other benefits. Rejecting health and welfare demands, the employers offered a 10c hourly pay raise plus an increase of one-fourth cent a mile.

The strike, which brought long-distance trucking in the state to a halt, was originally scheduled for Nov. 17. At that time the Teamsters postponed the deadline in an effort to iron out differences.

opportunity to extend to all members of Local No. 3 a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

In the past these efforts have been successful in disorganizing the Technical Engineers. It has also played a major role in blocking all attempts to strengthen labor's hand in the building trades field. We are all aware that the Engineer is the key man in any construction organization and that his attitude toward labor is many times the weighing factor in whether the job is run under good conditions or bad.

The latest drive on the part of the carpenters has met with little success for the very simple reason that the carpenter is not qualified to do the Engineer's work. The costly mistakes made by incompetent craftsmen bars them from the Engineer's work. It does, however, temporarily put a roadblock in the way of organizing and getting better conditions for the Technical Engineers, as when your business agent has to spend much of his time squabbling over minor jurisdiction it leaves little time for organizational efforts.

Conditions Good

Conditions in the construction field are good considering the time of year, with many of the big jobs at their peaks. A bright future lies ahead as the city has a big building program starting in the spring. The Housing Authorities are beginning to show signs of life—with San Francisco leading the way. The overseas work should get underway by next summer. All in all, the next two years should be busy ones for the Technical Engineers.

We are still meeting with a great deal of opposition in establishing our wage scale as the prevailing wage. It is the opinion of your business agent it will take a real issue and show-down fight to put it into effect. The petty officials and city engineers have taken it upon themselves to block all our efforts to force them to live up to the state law. This group has long been the dictators of the conditions and wages of the city and county Technical personnel and are largely responsible for the less than laborers' scale paid these classifications.

The contract with the Pacific Manufacturing Company has been reopened but the firm seems to think that they are being imposed upon when we ask for better wages and conditions. Strike sanction has been asked of the Santa Clara Building Trades Council. Sanction is being held up pending action on the part of the Pacific Manufacturing Company.

There will not be any regular Technical personnel and are large—the fourth Friday of this month. Instead a special meeting will be held on the first Friday of January.

Editor and Publisher, which keeps a weather eye on the newspaper profession, relates each week some of the allegedly typographical errors which creep into the newspapers. The Muncie (Ind.) Star in relating the inauguration of Chaim Weizman as president of Israel, reported: "Thousands of spectators lining Jerusalem's streets cheered and wet for joy as they viewed the procession."

But the St. Petersburg (Fla.) Times went even further. In a classified ad, under "Antiques and Restorations," it said:

"Figures & Busts Reduced. Sensation reduction of other things. Imported old bags at your own prices."

Asked to name the four seasons, a little Virginia girl in grammar school wrote: "Squerl, rabbit, groundhog and poid cat seasons."

What's doing in the Oakland office

AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, Business Representatives

Progress on Richmond's Civic Center is continuing at a rapid rate, with the City Hall, Hall of Justice and Library completed and numerous other additions scheduled for the near future. Dedicated to the city's war dead, the development is being financed through a bond issue of nearly four million dollars, and at the present time, work is about 10 per cent complete on the new Auditorium and Art Center. The prime contract on this job has been awarded to the Clinton Construction Company with Ace Excavators subbing the earth moving. The streets in this area are undergoing considerable face lifting as well, and at present O. C. Jones and Lee J. Immel have paving and surface jobs in operation in the vicinity of the center.

Out in Walnut Creek, P. and J. Artukovich have 16 members employed on the construction of new sewer lines for the Sanitary District. Most of the pipe has been laid on this project and work is slowing up to a certain extent.

Over in Concord, E. E. Lowell has 5 engineers working building roads and leveling up in general on the Phil Herrity and Goforth and McGah housing tracts. M. G. M. Construction Company has a job in progress at Gregory Gardens Number Three, where they are laying water lines for the Phil Herrity Company. This company employs approximately 10 engineers steadily and keeps busy in the Contra Costa territory. Aside from the job at Gregory Gardens, they have several other operations in progress for the Coast Counties Gas Company and at present are winding up jobs of relocating lines at Avon, and placing water, gas and sewer lines at Camp Stoneman.

Brother Cecil L. Moore, who is on withdrawal from Local Three as a result of illness, is successfully operating his own construction company in East Oakland. He started building this business several years ago and at present has 9 cats and a shovel busy on various operations within the bay area. One of his largest jobs is a grading contract at the Sunnybuilt Homes Tract in San Lorenzo. He also has a subdivision job in Hayward and two in Vallejo. Brother Moore has just returned from a vacation to New Mexico and Texas where he did a little turkey and quail hunting. He says he had lots of luck—all of it good, and he feels his hunting expedition was a definite success.

Approximately 11 Engineers are employed by various contractors at the West Vaco Chemical Plant at Newark. The United Engineering and Constructors have a contract for remodeling of this plant, and have sub-contracted a considerable part of the work.

During the past month we have had an enlightening experience with a local gyppo contractor, located in Alameda County. This small-time labor exploiter has come up with a new wrinkle, claiming that the Cherrypicker and certain types of cranes are "tools of the trade." Of course, in keeping with this bright thought, he is also very reluctant to pay the prevailing wage scale. We presume if this sort of thing went on and became an established practice, before long some of the contractors would expect Engineers to furnish their own cats and shovels when they come on the jobs, and soon starvation wages would be the order of the day. Needless to say, we are bending every effort to discourage this sort of business, and with that thought in mind, have taken action which led to a settlement of this particular dispute. We are hopeful that this settlement will bring these boys to the conclusion that the heavy equipment industry can't be reorganized all at once.

Johnson Drake and Piper have approximately 20 Engineers employed on their job in East Oakland where they are constructing

arteries into the Freeway. This operation is effected by the rainy weather, but the boys expect that between rains they will be able to move a little dirt.

Work on Oakland's Sewage Disposal System seems to be progressing on schedule at this time. Healey Tibbitts, who have the underwater section of the outfall sewer, are using one derrick in their operation. Ben C. Gerwick and George Pollock, contractors for the construction of 11,000 feet of the line above ground have a number of Engineers employed. On Stanley Kohler's portion of the work, which consists of the construction of the pumping station, work is coming right along, while Stolte United continues, unhampered by weather conditions, on their underground project, in connection with the North Interceptor. Incidentally, the E. B. M. U. D. has called for bids for the South Interceptor. This is the second time that bids have been called on this job, and it has been announced that this group will be opened on December 22.

Dredger News

At this writing ground work is practically at a standstill on account of the rain, and as a result our out-of-work list is getting pretty heavy. The few dredges we have working are continuing right along, however, as the wet weather doesn't affect their operations. The Hydraulic Dredging Company will have two or three more weeks for the Papoose on the Napa river job. The Pronto will be taken in to finish that part of the work up near the city of Napa, where the channel is too narrow for the larger dredge.

The San Francisco Bridge Company has moved the steam dredge Walatka to Vallejo, where they have a contract for the Mare Island Navy Yard. This is a clean-up job and no one seems to know how long it will last. With the completion of the job, however, they will move up the Napa River. The Welatka will be working on that portion of Hydraulic Dredging's contract where power is not available for their electric dredge. From the looks of things now the crew on this dredge should be working for the next three or four months.

The Olympian Dredging Company has finished with their dredge Palmer, and at this time they haven't anything operating. Mr. Palmer states that they have several things that should go in the near future.

Dutra's two clamshells seem to keep busy. The Edwards is working off Alviso, and the Mallard is in the vicinity of Belmont. Both dredges are working for the Leslie Salt Company.

The Associated Dredging Company has two of their clamshell dredges working. The Delta No. 1, at San Rafael and the Curlew on the Napa River near Dutton's Landing.

Brother Garland Parnell, who has been working for the Pacific Dredging Company, loading pipe for the Pudget Sound job, was quite seriously injured recently. He fell into the hold of the barge and suffered several fractures and multiple bruises. He was confined to Alta Bates Hospital for some time, but has now been released.

Brother William Ryan, was badly burned when he contacted the 11,000 volts of electric current on the cable barge, in connection with his duties as dredge operator on the Hydraulic Dredging Company's Papoose, on the Napa River. He is now confined to the East Oakland Hospital, but from all reports is well on the road to recovery.

Brother Al Stratton won a pitcher and six glasses! Ordinarily this wouldn't be too much of an item, but the way in which he won the prize and the distance he traveled to get it is a bit on the novel side. It's this way: Al's pilots his own plane, an Aeronca Chief, and recently he made a trip to Rock

Island, Illinois. In case you are wondering how this ties in with a water pitcher, here is the story: Al learned that there was to be a group flight from Iowa to Illinois, with a prize at the end for the private plane having come the greatest distance. He was a little late in getting started, but arrived just as they were making speeches and getting ready to distribute the prizes. He introduced himself and told them he had come quite a piece, from Concord, California, in fact. No one else could compete with this record and so he walked off with the trophy, the aforementioned pitcher.

Flying is an old story to Brother Stratton. He commuted from Concord to Fresno for some time, and thinks nothing of hopping up to Redding to look a job over, or of dropping down to San Diego to see what's going on, but to date, this is the longest trip he has undertaken. This trip, made in three days, was planned primarily as a visit to relatives, but he ran into a dearth of dragline operators, however, and the first thing he knew he had the plane tied down and was pulling levers on a brand new N. W. 80 at Rock Island. This could have continued for some time, but he was anxious to return to California and so he left the dragline in the lurch, finished his visit and headed home. He returned by the southern route, with stopovers at Carlsbad Caverns, El Paso, Tuscon, Phoenix and Bakersfield. It was an eventful trip, and certainly inexpensive as far as repairs were concerned. The only money he had to spend in this respect was 15 cents for a gasket, which he replaced in El Paso. Al said that by the time he got home he had enough flying to do him for a while, and so tired of the plane that he didn't go near the airport for three weeks. The trophy? Oh, yes. He had that expressed home, and when he arrived it was waiting, shined and polished, one of the most prized water sets in the State of California!

We regret to report that Brother "Whitey" Collett is again confined to the hospital. He recently suffered a broken hip in a fall at his home and will be laid up for some time. The doctor says he can have visitors, however, and any of you brothers driving by Merritt Hospital might drop in at room 102 for a few minutes' chat with him.

Brother R. T. Young has reopened his watch repair shop at 3219 Foothill Blvd. He is fully equipped to handle all types of work, and says—should the job be too big, he can break out his set of heavy-duty sockets to do it—So be it wrist watch or town clock, bring it in and Brother Young can give it a thorough overhaul.

Brother Bob Pollard is getting about with the aid of crutches. In September he was returning from a hunting trip when his car was forced off the road and overturned. He was pinned beneath it and came out with a badly fractured ankle, and it will be some time before he is able to get back to the job.

At this time of year, when most Engineers are foresaking mountain country in favor of the bay area, Brother L. E. Gritman is reversing the order. We recently received a card from him at Selma, Oregon, and he tells us that in the past two weeks they have had enough rain to bring the salmon nearly up to his back yard. He says that even watching them appeals to him a lot more than trying to work in the winter time, and so, unless a cougar or a bear decides to make a meal of him we can expect to see him back in Oakland, come spring and dry weather.

And while we're on the subject of Oregon, Brother Lee Kendrick recently sold his home and moved up to Salem, where he has been employed all summer. He is working with Warren Northwest Paving, and says that any of the boys who happen to be up that way

might drop by and say hello.

We have heard deer stories and deer stories but still think Brother Owen Haney has one of the best. It seems that every year Ownie hunts up around Trinity County. This year he went out equipped with a pickup truck and all the fixings—and got his deer. It was a small one, to be sure, and he was able to back the truck right up handy, load it and haul it in with practically no trouble. The next day, however, he made another trip, and never dreaming that he would be so lucky as to bag another he and his companion just walked. They covered some pretty rugged ground, and about the time they got two miles straight up from civilization, they got themselves another, only this time it was the granddaddy of deers, rough, tough and heavy. With no means of transportation other than their backs they had no alternative but to cut the animal in half and lug it back to camp. Brother Haney swears that next year his hunting will be done in sight of the road, because carrying half of a seven-point deer down a mountain doesn't come under the heading of fun.

While deer stories have been plentiful, our feathered friends, the pheasants have drawn the usual number of tall stories, too. There are the brothers who are excellent shots — it must be so, 'cause they tell us. Some even go to the extent of explaining how they can knock off a bird with a rifle. But it remained for Brother Walt Medinas to come up with a new approach. Now Walt is a busy man, what with making a living and his duties as councilman of the town of Pacheco, he doesn't have too much time to waste. Due to all his activities he has little time to roam far afield looking for birds, but has to do his hunting around home. There are pheasants out that way, but these local birds have been shot at so many times that they are very wary, and every time they see a gun they back quietly into the brush and sit waiting till the hunter goes by. Walt made several attempts to sneak up on them but to no avail — that is, until he came upon this idea. Now he just saunters along, paying no attention to 'em, till suddenly he reaches in his back pocket, pulls out a club and knocks them over the head. One would think that the wiley birds would become club shy as well as gun shy. We asked Walt about this, but he assured us modestly that isn't liable to happen as he moves so fast with that stick that no living pheasant has ever been able to see it!

Brother Jimmy Shore dropped into the hall the other day. Out of the hospital 12 days, Jimmy seems to be feeling fine, and is looking forward to a complete recovery from his old injury. Many of you will remember that he was critically injured two years ago when he was run over by a truck. Since that time he has been in the hospital four times, had five operations, five bone grafts and has been in seven casts. He feels that it is all going to finally pay off, as he is regaining the use of the hip the doctors once thought was beyond repair.

NOTICE

Until further notice the Oakland office will be open 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Saturdays.

In the coming days many of the members of Local Three, their families and friends will be requested to sign a petition for a special election to recall certain members of the council of the city of Oakland. Why are these councilmen to be recalled? Because they committed the heinous crime of voting to request the Federal Government to make available funds to construct additional housing units within the city of Oakland! We all know the desperate need for more housing within the

city, and most certainly we want to keep in office those people civic minded enough to fight for it. Therefore, we urge you not to sign this petition. Do not stop there, however, but make it a point to explain to as many people as you contact, why they, too, should not sign it. By acting in this manner you will be doing yourself and your community a service.

Politically, the coming year will be one of importance to members of our union and to all working people, as it is a year of State as well as national elections. California Representatives will be elected to the Congress of the United States. We feel that in this last month of 1949 it is none too early to start urging each of you to register and to study coming issues carefully so that you will be able to express your wishes at the polls next November.

With the coming of the New Year, we want to again thank you members working out of this office for the excellent cooperation extended to the business agents during the past 12 months. By being alert and on the job, reporting infractions upon your working rules and agreements you have helped to maintain for the membership conditions which have been acquired during the past years. Let us keep in mind the old timers who made many sacrifices to gain these objectives and let us all resolve to continue working together that we may maintain these gains and, perhaps, achieve a few of our own. In closing this portion of the report, in behalf of the business representatives and the office force, we want to wish each and all a Healthy and Merry Christmas, and may you all have a Happy and Prosperous year in 1950!

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THE CURE

A five-year-old boy had been having trouble at the hands of a small school-fellow. One day, on his return from school, he remarked to his mother: "Johnny isn't nasty to me any more; every time I see him, I hit him to keep him kind."

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America is a land of superlatives. Sprawled over 3,000,000 square miles, encompassing fertile farmland and vast concentrations of mortar and steel, it is a fabulous and fantastic dream-come-true. It is a land whose freedom is symbolized by the Goddess of Liberty at the nation's front door, a land studded with miracles to rival the seven wonders of the ancient world.

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Blast Slave Prison Labor

Labor and the building industry have joined to fight a trend in which county officials are seeking to do public building work with prison labor and under-cut established building trades wage rates. Suits filed by the state and local building trades councils in three cases are being watched with interest by building tradesmen throughout the state.

"Slave prison labor is one part of the Communist system that is most revolting to the American people, and its use by local county administrators in this country is a blot that must be wiped out," declared P. H. McCarthy, Jr., chief counsel for the State Building and Construction Trades Council, sent in by Council Pres. Frank Lawrence to assist in these cases.

M. C. Wagner, business agent of Tulare and Kings County Building Trades Council, has filed suit as a taxpayer and an individual against the county, questioning its right to construction of a \$40,000 courthouse, firehouse and jail without letting-it out to bids by contractors.

COVER-UP SHOWN

He points to government code provisions requiring that work in excess of \$2,000 must be let out for bid. He also charges the Board of Supervisors with fraud in that in their preliminary and final budgets they set up the work involved under the title "Payment to Contractors." State law requires full publicity before a budget is adopted, so that interested parties may appear, but no one contested the innocent subject of "payment to contractors."

The county is attempting to put up the building with prison labor, and a second suit has been filed challenging the right to do this work with prison labor.

"This suit is the first step in ridding this taint of Stalinism from the economy of this state," McCarthy declared. "No state dedicated to the principles of free enterprise can countenance the use of prison labor on work that should be performed by its free citizens."

WAGE-BUSTING MOVE

In a third suit, in which the plaintiff is Trueman Jennings, a journeyman electrician, the Board of Directors of the Strathmore Public Utilities District (28 miles out of Visalia) is charged with pre-determining a wage rate substantially below that of the AGC and prevailing rates of the area. Common labor is paid \$1 per hour.

The action was brought to set aside the wage rate as a violation of the labor code and to declare void the contract of a non-union contractor on a job in that district. Two contractors involved also are named as defendants, to stop the job, a sewage disposal plant.

All three actions have the vigorous backing of the Tulare and Kings County Building Trades Council, the State Council, and the Tulare County Builders Exchange.

STATEWIDE INTEREST

Interest is focused on the suits because of the statewide concern over the use of prison labor on building work, emphasized at recent conventions of the State Federation of Labor and the State Building Trades Council. Suit has been filed despite the fact that Attorney General Howser recently issued an opinion justifying use of prison labor by Tulare County.

Similar situations have arisen in several other counties up and down the state, and these cases will establish precedents of interest and value to all sections of the state.

The prison labor move is a wage-cutting try, and that of ignoring established wage rates in an area is also wage-cutting, it is pointed out.

Judge Frank Lamberson, judge of the Superior Court, issued orders to show cause, in each case, returnable Dec. 20, ordering the defendants to show cause why temporary injunctions should not be issued against them. With pub-

Strong Program For Jobs Needed

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Expanded social security at both state and national levels.

Continued and expanded public works program, with aid to localities by both state and federal agencies.

Full use by localities of existing legislation, particularly in the field of housing.

Encouragement of free collective bargaining in order to maintain industrial peace and bring about higher wages and greater productivity.

Support for the Maritime Commission's plan to repair 134 ships in the reserve fleets.

Other proposals made by the general conference were:

Develop new industries in the state.

Reduce freight rates so it won't cost so much to ship California products east.

Reduce and eventually eliminate importation of Mexican nationals for farm work.

Reduce taxes on new businesses to provide more incentive for expansion.

Aid urgently-needed building projects for public health and welfare and also those needed to expand business and industry.

State and federal aid to communities to build new water supply systems.

Increase the coverage, duration, and amount of unemployment insurance to improve the ability of workers to adjust to changing job opportunities.

STATE COMMITTEE

The conference recommended that the Governor appoint a statewide standing committee of representative leaders of management and labor to study the history of successful industrial relations in the state for the purpose of applying the benefits thereof to labor relations by making its findings available to community or regional groups.

It urged that representative leaders of management and labor be urged to collaborate on a community or regional basis in the management-labor conferences, such conferences to convene at regular intervals to consider timely problems affecting the opportunities for employment in the area and in the state.

Workers Over 40—In order to encourage the maximum employment of older persons, the following steps should be taken: 1. Classify all available jobs within a company and identify those which can be filled adequately or better filled by older workers; 2. Arrange and plan for an orderly shift of older workers to such job as each individual reaches the age or condition requiring such shifts; 3. Make government service available to achieve these objectives.

Public Works—There is an opportunity and obligation for government, federal, state, and local, to stimulate and sustain the private economy by the construction of public works essential to the conduct of business and industry. Such projects as are urgently needed should be constructed as rapidly as possible.

Construction—Further study of the state's employment problem by a special committee is needed; use of prison labor on public construction projects should be eliminated insofar as possible.

lic accounts involved, the court actions have served to stop the work.

Trades Ask T-H Exemption

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that the strict application of the law would wreck long-standing collective bargaining practices and hamper building activity. The State Building and Construction Trades Council, he said, is doing everything possible to support and encourage this request for exemption.

Meanwhile, the State Council played a big part in fighting an employer attempt in Reno to drag unions into court over T-H injunctions, which resulted in a decision by the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court that private individuals may not go to the courts for injunctions.

RENO TRY BLOCKED

Appeal now is only with the U.S. Supreme Court, and it is not considered likely that Reno employers will go this high in an attempt, not shared by all employers of the area, to break unions through costly court actions. Apparently Reno was chosen for this fight because most building tradesmen and their employers work back and forth across the State line from Reno to Lake Tahoe area, which would make the case come under interstate commerce and therefore under the federal Taft-Hartley law. But Judge Foley interrupted this scheme by throwing the employer try for an injunction out of court.

President Lawrence reports that work is being rushed to complete proceedings of the highly-successful 34th convention of the State Building Trades Council held recently in Santa Barbara. These proceedings will be distributed to all affiliated unions and officers in the near future.

The convention infused the State Council with a new spurt of life and created a very bright future outlook for California building trades unions.

Engineers took an active part in the conference. President Lawrence is a member and former business representative of Local 3. He was re-elected, along with Secretary Lee Lalor of the Laborers, for a three-year term. Two vice-presidents are engineers, Al Clem from Contra Costa county and Ed Parks from Nevada and El Dorado.

Small Tractor Cleans Big Pipeline Trench

(State Division Release)

The installation of a section of the mammoth pipe line, destined to bring natural gas from Texas and New Mexico to the Bay Area, has of course brought its problems. Plans included excavation with a large trenching machine capable of cutting a trench approximately 3 feet wide and 6 feet deep in one pass.

Men are not required in the trench itself for pipe-laying work, since the steel pipe sections are assembled and welded together above ground. However, trenching machines usually leave some loose chunks of earth which must be removed or broken up before the pipe can be lowered. If men were to go into the trench to carry on this clean-up work, shoring and bracing for their protection would be a requirement under California regulations. Pipe-line engineers proposed, instead, to crush the earth chunks with a cylindrical roller pulled along the trench floor by a tractor small enough to operate inside the trench. Division engineers readily accepted the plan, since it practically eliminated the necessity for workers to enter the trench. As an additional precaution, the Division required metal shields on each side of the tractor, to protect the operator from earth that might roll in from the side.

This method will, it is expected, eliminate many hours of hazardous exposure that would otherwise have been necessary.

Small Boy: "Dad, is 'Rotterdam' a bad word?"

Dad: "Why, no, son. It's the name of a city."

Small Boy: "Well, Sister ate all my candy and I hope it'll Rotterdam teeth out!"

"Mary is keeping her engagement a secret."

"How do you know?"

"She told me."

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15,000 Arrive in Calif. Each Month

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4.2 million employed workers within the state, 5.6 per cent are in construction, or, as of September, 1949, 191,000. This is slightly under the 208,000 employed as of August, 1948. It is expected, however, that employment will be maintained during the next several years with some decline seasonally between the months of November and March.

OUTLOOK GOOD

The national outlook for 1950 is good. A total value of construction is to be put in place equal to the 1949 record of 19 billion.

On the state level the dollar value of construction in California by the U. S. Engineers for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, was \$23,965,500, for the year ending June 30, 1950, (estimated) \$38,786,900 and for the year ending June 30, 1951, (estimated) \$63,000,000.

The Bureau of Reclamation volume in California for the fiscal year ending the same date as above was \$49,600,000 and estimated for the years of 1950 and 1951, \$56,700,000 and \$81,100,000. Construction to be done by the State of California for the year ending June 30, 1950, is estimated at \$348,703,000. Other construction by miscellaneous large activities is estimated at better than \$23,000,000 for 1950.

It is interesting to note that during the past ten years construction in California has shown an 84 per cent gain and during the first half of this year accounted for nearly 12½ per cent of all construction activity within the United States.

With this and other data at hand the report of the section dealing with construction was optimistic.

Another 61 miles of big central valley canals are contracted for or ready for bid and will get started soon. Both Friant Kern and Delta Mendota canals have new stretches ready to start.