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## Union Manned Sea Bees Are A Boon to Navy

By WM. J. BROWN  
U. S. Navy Chief and Former  
Union Member

Since the first battalion was formed the backbone of the Seabees has been the labor unions. The skill and experience of the men in the unions has paid off. These men had families and homes, but they let their civilian tools lay, picked up the tools of the Navy and went to work.

At the peak of their strength they numbered a quarter of a million men. To be exact, 247,000. This vast pool of skilled manpower was made available through the unions. When the war was over these same men took up their civilian tools again. But these men at heart remained Seabees. That is the reason many have joined the Construction Battalion Reserve. This organization has been the ace in the hole of the Navy in this emergency. Many of our brothers are now overseas at this time. Again their skill has paid off.

Since the end of World War II, the Seabees have kept in training by maneuvers and by special task forces, such as operation high-jump, the Naval Antarctic expedition. The Amphibious Seabees have perfected the handling and operation of pontoons and causeways which they began during the war. They are still getting military training at the Seabee training center, Port Hueneme, Calif., and elsewhere, in line with the motto, "Construimus, Batuimus", "We Build, We Fight".

The Seabees have become a legend in their short lifetime. Their feats, marked by know-how and ingenuity, have aroused the admiration of all who have seen them in action.

Construction men interested in joining the standby Seabee reserve should inquire at their nearest Navy recruiting station.

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## 4 More Members In Military Service

Since our last report, four more members of Local 3 have taken out service withdrawal cards and are now serving in various branches of the armed forces. The total number of our members now in service was boosted to 245 by this addition.

Here are the latest names to go on Local 3's honor roll:

DON ALLGOOD  
PEDRO CORRAL  
RICHARD PLENINGER  
PAUL F. SEAWATER

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Shipments of excavating and earthmoving equipment during the third quarter were valued at \$159 million, a drop of 24 percent from the second quarter.

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Sale of used industrial and construction machinery is covered in a new ceiling price order effective Dec. 17, CPR 105. Ceiling is set at 85 percent of current factory price on rebuilt, guaranteed equipment, 55 percent otherwise.



Another year has passed. A year of half-peace. Though we are working for full peace, still most of us at home are happy with good job and wage conditions. We are living in a time of prosperity and plenty, the only bad feature of which is that much of it results from the stimulus of war or war prospects.

The unhappy possibility exists that we may come to depend upon war for good times, truly a dangerous condition.

In sober contemplation of this fact, we must resolve in the New Year that while working for peace and building a full defense status, at the same time we shall give constant thought and action to human welfare and peacetime progress. We must keep America strong but also a Democracy, for in truth the two qualities are inseparable.

This means adequate laws for the health and financial security of all our citizens, young and old alike. It means also, solid steps forward in such basic needs as reclamation, conservation, housing, and highways, to name a few. To neglect our daily and long-range welfare at home is as dangerous as to neglect a strong defense or the relentless pursuit of peace.

World leadership has imposed on our nation this three-fold task in 1952.

With this thought, we welcome the New Year and wish for each and all of you a pleasant holiday season and the best of health and happiness in the year ahead.

VICTOR S. SWANSON,  
Local Union Manager.

## Seabees Praised at Texas Navy Station

High praise for the work of the Seabees is carried in a recent issue of "The Beam," official paper of the U. S. Naval Air Station at Corpus Christi, Texas, and it so happens that one of our brother members, Bro. Joe Riley, is one of the Seabees stationed there.

There are 28 Seabees attached to the station and they perform duties ranging from surveying to rescue work, but with the primary job of handling the "trouble watch" when civilian workers are not on duty. In addition, they repair roads and ramps, renovate pontoon barges, maintain tank cars and pumps, and do a host of other chores. They performed heroic duty in the recent flood at Alice, Texas.

Bro. Riley is a chief petty officer and re-entered the service on March 19 of this year. He was one of Local 3's senior business representatives before his departure and is widely known among

the membership, having worked in various branch offices in Utah and California. This is his second "hitch," having served two years during World War II.

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### Quarry in Ocean

At Rockaway Beach Quarry down the peninsula, the boys are quarrying aggregates from the bed of the ocean. They get the best haul during heavy storms, when ground swells disturb the bottom and tides carry material close enough in to reach it with high line cable and drag buckets. No crushing necessary, stuff is ready to use.

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Low bidder, military housing project, Port Chicago, R. L. Fairless, Los Angeles, \$862,872.

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WSB has approved a 15-cent hourly pay hike for workers in the copper, lead, and zinc mining and refining industry.

## Heavy Work Load Resumes After Record Early Rains

Sunny skies were welcomed over most of Northern California and the remainder of Local 3 jurisdiction during the past week, and the heavy load of work on civilian and military projects was largely resumed, following a series of record-breaking storms in late November and early December.

Reports from Local 3 business agents all tell of a serious slackening of work during the period in which three successive storms blew in from the Pacific, dumped record rainfall in coastal and valley areas, then turned to record snowfall as it hit the Siskiyou and Sierras and swept on eastward across Nevada and Utah leaving those states heavily blanketed.

Rain disrupted working conditions more seriously than snow, as always, forcing our members to lay up until soggy ground dried out under the sun. In the snow country, drier conditions made it possible to resume work in many cases after the storms had passed on.

As a result, out of work lists boomed overnight in practically all branch offices of Local 3. But with the pressure of sizable backlogs, most contractors watched for every opportunity to resume jobs and carry them through to completion as soon as possible through the winter months.

Thus, the seasonal lull this year is not expected to cut down on jobs as much as in years past.

Shortage of materials is causing delay on some jobs but where this is the case, men and equipment can be directed to other projects where such is not the case.

With a fairly heavy demand for our members continuing, the officers wish to remind everyone to keep closely in touch with branch offices in case of layoffs or change of address so that union men may be kept on all jobs at all times and clearance of new men to jobs may be kept to a minimum in order that future job opportunities may be protected for members of Local 3.

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O. E. Blair	November 3, 1951
Howard E. Webb	November 3, 1951
La Verne Rigby	November 26, 1951
Ray Smith	November 29, 1951
George Hayes	December, 1951

## Sees Bright Future For Construction In Western States

Enormous growth of the West provides the construction industry with the greatest opportunity in its history, John F. O'Connell, industrial relations director for Bechtel Corp., told delegates at the 33rd annual meeting of Northern California Chapter of the AGC held recently in San Francisco.

Agriculture is booming in the West and "there are signs of industrial growth everywhere," said O'Connell. He predicted the West's population would rise three times as fast as the national average in the next 10 years, with per capita income running higher than anywhere else.

"This rapid growth presents challenges to the western construction industry," he declared. "Not the least of these is the continuing need for sound labor-management relations." He said days lost by work stoppage are fewer here than anywhere in the U. S., and urged both labor and management to continue to work out their problems "thoughtfully and realistically during this difficult time of half-war, half-peace."

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## AGC Labor Relations

A joint labor relations committee for northern and central state chapters of the AGC, appointment of Harold Ringrose of Swinerton & Walberg Co. as labor relations director, and purchase of the Schenley building at Battery and Vallejo Sts., San Francisco, to house offices of the two chapters, were approved at the northern chapter's 33rd annual convention held recently in San Francisco.

Named to the chapter's board of directors were E. L. Clements, Ben C. Gerwick Jr., Jack How, Gordon Pollock, J. E. Wilkinson, Ralph W. Brown, J. F. O'Connell, Chas. L. Harney, A. E. Holt, H. C. Maginn, B. F. Modglin, H. O. Parish, H. Earl Parker and Dallas Young.

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DPA certificate of necessity and tax amortization is announced for General Metal Corp., Oakland, ordinance, \$1,980,000, 65 percent.

## Official Notice to Members

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM in this issue . . . If you've moved since our last issue, fill it out and forward it to the main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco 3, Calif.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, Local No. 3-E, meeting will be held at the Union offices, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, Calif., at 8 p.m., December 28, 1951.

# IMPORTANT FACTS ON COMPENSATION

Following is another series of questions and answers providing information on Workmen's Compensation Laws, submitted by Commissioner Frank A. Lawrence:

**Question:** If, in successfully prosecuting a contested compensation claim an injured workman, or his dependents, incur expenses for x-rays, examinations and reports of physicians what, if any, right of reimbursement exists?

**Answer:** The injured workman, or his dependents, in such case, is entitled to reimbursement for such reasonably, actually and necessarily incurred expenses.

**Question:** If an industrially injured or diseased workman is dissatisfied with the treatment accorded by the attending physician does he have any right to change physicians?

**Answer:** Yes, in such cases and upon request, the employer, or its insurance carrier, shall tender the injured or diseased workman one change of physicians. It does so by nominating three additional practicing physicians competent to treat the particular case from whom the employee may choose one. If the injured or diseased workman so elects, the employer must procure commission certification of the competency of the nominated physicians. In any serious case the injured or diseased workman may require that the employer provide a consulting physician.

**Question:** May Workmen's Compensation Benefits be taken for the debts of an injured or diseased workman, or his dependents?

**Answer:** Generally no. Workmen's Compensation Benefits whether awarded, adjudged or voluntarily paid may not be taken for the debts of the person entitled thereto, except in those instances specifically authorized by law and then only upon direction of the commission.

**Question:** May an injured workman, or his dependents, assign the right to compensation benefits before payment?

**Answer:** No. A claim for compensation is not assignable before payment but this does not affect the survival thereof.

**Question:** Should compensation benefits due an injured workman, or his dependents, be paid to an attorney-at-law, or in fact, or other agent?

**Answer:** No. Compensation benefits must be paid directly to the person entitled thereto, unless otherwise ordered by the commission. Payments of compensation made to an attorney-at-law, or in fact, or other agent, except as directed by the commission may not be credited to the employer.

**Question:** What control, if any, does the commission have over the contracts or arrangements made for the payment of fees to attorneys and others representing an injured or diseased workman, or his dependents, in proceedings before the commission?

**Answer:** The commission has effective control over such contracts and arrangements. No charge, claim or agreement for legal services and disbursements made in connection therewith, is enforceable, valid or binding in excess of a reasonable amount. The commission determines what constitutes such reasonable amount and fixes the fee or disbursement in question.

**Question:** Does the date of injury have an important place in determining Workmen's Compensation Benefits?

**Answer:** Yes. The date of an industrial injury is of major importance in fixing the benefits payable for disability flowing from such injury.

**Question:** Are employees of railroads engaged in interstate commerce covered by the California

Workmen's Compensation Laws?

**Answer:** No. Since the amendment of August 11, 1939, to the Federal Employer's Liability Act, an employee of a railroad whose duties are in furtherance of interstate commerce is not entitled to the benefits of Workmen's Compensation Laws and the Industrial Accident Commission is without jurisdiction to award such benefits.

**Question:** Must heart injuries, to be compensable, be the result of unusual strain or exertion?

**Answer:** No. Heart injuries, as in the case of other disabilities, are compensable whenever a causal connection appears between the disability or death and the strain or exertion of an employment, regardless of whether such strain or exertion is usual or unusual.

**Question:** Is an industrially injured workman who is temporarily partially disabled entitled to full indemnity benefits where he cannot find work which he is able to perform?

**Answer:** Yes. If an injury has left a workman in such physical condition that he is only capable of performing limited kinds of work, the employer must prove that work of a type and kind which the injured workman can perform is available. Where such work is not available the employer is liable for full weekly indemnity for the time that his employee is temporarily partially disabled.

**Question:** If, following an industrial injury, an injured workman is found to have had a non-symptomatic and non-disabling arthritis, will he be denied the benefits of Workmen's Compensation?

**Answer:** No. The presence of non-symptomatic and non-disabling arthritis does not warrant withholding of compensation benefits and apportionment of permanent disability following injury will not be made for such pre-existing but non-disabling condition.

**Question:** If, in the treatment of an industrial injury, a workman's teeth are removed, is the employer responsible for the cost of removal and the replacement of teeth or dentures?

**Answer:** Yes. Where treatment of an industrial injury requires removal of a workman's teeth as a therapeutic measure, the employer, or its carrier, is liable for the cost of artificial teeth or dentures to replace the natural teeth thus removed, and the cost of their removal.

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## No Child Labor

**New York.**—The National Child Labor Committee opposed the use of boys and girls under 18 years old as an additional source of manpower during the present emergency.

Pointing out that census estimates reveal 1,634,000 children from 14 to 17 years old engaged in non-agricultural employment now, the committee urged that federal and state laws governing employment of minors be strictly enforced.

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# BLUBBERING FROM BLUE JAY

(or: WERE LIVING ON THE FAT OF THE LAND)

Here in the Greenland mountains Blue Jay is the spot Battling the ever-changing weather In the land that God forgot.

Up in the hills with a dozer Working up there till you're sick Doing the job of a sucker Too well paid to kick.

Here with the rocks and blizzards Here where a man turns blue Up on top of a glacier Three thousand miles from you.

The cold is coming and going It's more than we can stand Oh no, we are not convicts— We're the builders of this land.

We are builders of the N. A. C. We work for our hard-earned pay Guarding the millions of people For fifty bucks a day.

Living only with memories, Hoping to see our wives; Praying that when we return Our money wasn't spent in dives.

No one knows we are living, No one gives a damn; Back home we are forgotten For we are loaned to Uncle Sam.

Only eight months can we stand it, Eight months of our life to burn. Don't let the recruiter get you, And for God's sake don't return.

And when our life is finished To St. Peter we will tell: "We're all men from Greenland, And we've served our time in Hell"

—THE POLAR POET.

(Note from copy editor: Bud, we sympathize with you. We was there. In the Army. At \$50 a month. For one miserable year.)

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## Inflation Peril Held Serious by U.S. Advisers

**Washington (LPA)**—The threat of inflation remains serious, according to the Council of Economic Advisers. They discount the fact that the growth in personal incomes has been slower than forecast.

They point out that the defense agencies have not been spending funds at the rate expected, and there has been a slump in consumer goods, which they do not expect to last. Gross national product (output of all goods and services), after a steady rise since the Korean war started, showed a slight decline in the third quarter. That was due to a sharp drop in merchants' inventory, and a dip in construction.

Meanwhile it was predicted that the Office of Price Stabilization would soon permit auto makers to increase price ceilings, under the Capehart amendment.

OPS officials declared that retailers who raise prices of a single can or bottle of beer because of the higher excise tax are violating the law. OPS officials said 13,363 investigations of reported price violations were begun in October, and that at the month's start 14,463 cases were pending.

In Chicago, industry spokesmen said that retail prices are being forced down by increasing production of pork and beef.

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We both consider the people as our children, and love them with parental affection. But you love them as infants whom you are afraid to trust without nurses; and I as adults whom I freely leave to self-government.

—Thomas Jefferson to Dupont de Nemours.

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**REPORT immediately all safety HAZARDS!**

## Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Vice-President Foss, Treasurer Vandewark, Business Manager Swanson absent. These Officers were excused by reason of being away on business of the Union. Brother Petersen was selected to act as Vice-President.

A Synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 3 read and by motion approved as read.

A Synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of November 14 and November 28 read, and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from Elsie Reuter and family; Mrs. W. H. Murphy, the family of C. Dee Riley, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Jones and family, Mrs. Howard E. Webb, Mrs. Geo. E. France. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: J. W. Allen, Frank Azlin, Jack E. Anderson, Ray L. Agnew, Calvin R. Barnett, John Bailey, LeRoy Bryson, Don L. Cook, Lynn M. Critchlow, Ray F. Colby, Leo W. Ely, Smith W. Eakle, Harold E. Fitzgerald, Alex Fender, Paul Gallagher, Mason A. Hoburg, George Hicks, Virgil Idle, Frank M. Johnson, Wm. Jennings, Charlie F. James, Roy M. London, Norman Moreland, Kenneth S. Moore, Vance E. Neese, Floyd G. Pike, W. D. Sutherland, Geo. W. Sims, Carl Seymour, J. L. Saling, Roscoe Sinfield, John J. Starnetta, A. Earl Smith, Loyd Spencer, Elbert J. Trost, Silas B. Turner, James S. Troutman, Wm. A. Ward, D. L. Weger, Leonard Young.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: H. M. Forbus, Irving B. Geske, C. H. Noah, Howard E. Webb, Ray Smith, LaVerne Rigby, O. E. Blair.

The members stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

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

The Business Agents gave their usual reports which were accepted as given. It was brought out in President Clancy's report that members holding dual cards are taking jobs at some other classifications, awaiting a job as an operator on some work in the future. There is a resolution denying anyone taking jobs as a laborer, etc. being permitted to be cleared upon the same project as an operating engineer. It was regularly moved and seconded that this rule be enforced. Carried unanimously. It was regularly moved and seconded that this matter be referred to the Editor and an article be written regarding the matter and published in the Engineers News. Carried.

The Trustees Report was accepted as read.

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

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary.



Washington, D. C.

### Dollars With Wings . . .

Millions of families are finding that inflation is indeed running away with paychecks. The higher cost of living and the higher taxes leave less money for the comforts of life.

Now I repeat what I have said in recent weeks . . . this is a good time to buy . . . from a merchant you know to be reliable . . . but buy for cash, if you can.

### U. S. Orders Meat Sold to Soldiers . . .

The government has announced that federally-inspected slaughterers will be ordered next month to set aside part of their beef for the armed services. Price Director Mike DiSalle said this was necessary because the armed services face a severe meat shortage. The reason—which he did not mention—was that the big packing companies have refused to bid on contracts to provide beef to our men in uniform. There is more money in selling it across the counter at inflated prices.

### British Labor Sets Goal for U. S.

George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the AFL at a recent meeting of the National Committee of Labor's League for Political Education, compared the voting turnout in the recent British election . . . where 84 percent of the eligible voters went to the polls. In the 1948 American election . . . only 51 percent of the voters bothered to cast their ballot.

As one official said . . . "We can't be effective unless we vote . . . and we can't vote unless we register."

### San Francisco Lesson . . .

The greed of the real estate lobby knows no bounds . . . and misses no tricks. The San Francisco landlords are trying to get rid of rent control . . . they are running phony vacancy ads in the local papers to create an impression of adequate housing. Don't let your real estate agents fool you . . .

## 600 Protest Rental Boosts in Oakland

More than 600 persons have reported to the Central Labor Council in Oakland that their rents have been sizably increased since the City Council voted recently to remove the ceiling on rents.

Average increase for those whose rent was under \$50 a month previously has been 40 per cent, according to Wm. P. Fee, assistant secretary of the labor council. The overall average increase has been 33 per cent.

Typical rent increased recently reported were: from \$30 to \$50, \$39 to \$55, \$47.50 to \$60, \$35 to \$50, \$55 to \$80, \$30 to \$53, \$35 to \$100, and \$51 to \$100.

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Britain is expected shortly to re-establish the Home Guard with an immediate target figure of 200,000 men. When the Home Guard was disbanded almost six years ago it numbered 1,800,000.

# What's Doing in the Oakland Office

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, LOUIS SOLARI, L. L. LAUX, Business Representatives.

Since rain, wind and flood waters have been dominating the scene for some time past, we all know that practically every dirt job in the area is down tight, and anything more said on the subject would seem unnecessary. So we will try to disregard the weather and go on from there telling you what is still doing on the east side of the Bay. Approximately 250 clearances were issued during November, and while this doesn't compare to the summer activity it isn't bad for a fall month. At the last count there were between 250 and 275 registered for work but we expect this will have increased considerably by the time the news goes to press.

## GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

The Stolte, Gallagher and Burke job at the Naval Air Station in Alameda is pretty well rounded into shape, and as soon as they are able to go ahead again, three weeks work will see the majority of the project complete. This same situation is true out at Camp Parks where the only remaining work consists of picking up the loose ends.

Fluor recently hired a few extra men for one of their shut-downs and this little spurt of activity was especially welcome coming at a time when practically everything with the exception of shop work was down.

Bro. John Pestano Jr. is a member of the company of Pestano and Weber who now have offices located on Niles Road. These boys have a considerable amount of work slated for the future in Oakland as well as in nearby cities. Ernie Pestano, who is also an Operating Engineer, recently left Hayward and has set up an office in San Jose where he has several contracts.

Parrish Brothers will handle the dirt work on Bechtel's new PG&E job at Pittsburg. Approximately 15 Engineers have been cleared to the job and it is expected to take from 3 to 4 months to complete the contract. Out on Bechtel's job at the Continental Can Company, work has barely gotten under way. One Bay Cities rig is being used to dig footings at the present time, with Bro. Orin Southwick operating and R. E. Phillips doing the oiling.

The Bechtel job at Standard Oil will probably keep 9 or 10 of the boys busy this winter, while Humiston and Rosendahl continues to employ about 5 Engineers in the plant. Payne Construction Company is still busy reconverting the old plate shop at Yard Two where Kaiser will construct plane parts for Boeing. Seven of our men are on their payroll. This company also has a contract on the new State Health Benefit Building in Berkeley and recently moved in to place piles and foundations on this one.

Work has gotten started on the new 112-bed Eden Township Hospital on Lake Chabot Road in Castro Valley. Williams and Burrows, general contractors, have sublet the excavating work to R. A. Farrish of San Francisco. There is about one month's work to be done and the total of the job amounts to \$2,912,800. Bros. H. L. Williams and Glen N. Haley are operating scrapers, Bro. Glenn Ward is running dozer, and Bro. Boyd Cable is foreman.

Clements and Co. are keeping 14 of the boys going in their shop overhauling a rock crusher and it is expected that these fellows will be kept busy most of the winter on various repair jobs. Out in McGuire and Hester's shop another good sized crew is keeping busy. There are 21 of the boys on this payroll, and with most of the equipment in, it looks like they'll be busy for several months to come.

The new shop at Utah Construction Company's yard in Richmond is now in use and about 40 Engineers are engaged in the overhaul and repair of equipment. This outfit has one shovel working on the job at Selby, where an addition is

being built to the smelter plant.

The Mount Diablo Quicksilver Mine on Curry Creek Road out of Clayton, went into production on a 24-hour schedule on Nov. 14. The mine has operated periodically since 1875 and was last shut down in 1947. The onset of the Korean situation and the nation's critical need for the material which is used primarily in drugs, various types of munitions and instruments was a deciding factor in the resumption of operations. Forty tons of ore are now being processed daily but this will be stepped up to 100 tons in the near future. At the present time there are seven Engineers on the crew and this will be increased as production is upped.

The Industrial Equipment Company of 1022 77th avenue, one of Oakland's major equipment houses, has branched out considerably, according to John Quartarolo, sales manager. They are now the exclusive Northern California distributors for La Plant Choate earth moving equipment and have a complete line of repair parts for this machinery, in connection with the sales and service department. In addition they are distributors in the Bay Area counties for the following lines: Unit Cranes and Shovels, Worthington Pump and Machinery, compressors and air tools, Universal Crushing and Screening Equipment and Pettibone Mulliken Loaders and Buckets. They have parts and service for all this equipment in addition to new and used machines for sale. We are glad to see this company coming ahead in the equipment distribution field and wish them a great deal of success in this undertaking.

We have had a few calls for crane operators in the shipyards but this work has been exceedingly light during the past month and from all indications there are no major jobs scheduled for the immediate future. Moore Dry Dock has been awarded a contract to build the first of a new LSD, however, but it will be well into next year before active construction is started. It has been reported that this company will do the design work and act as central procuring agent for this new landing ship dock, which will be 510 feet long, 84 feet wide and displace 6500 tons. This is somewhat larger than the same type of equipment used during the last war.

Bos Construction has a \$14,854 contract for rebuilding a timber bridge over Refugio Creek on the Martinez Road near Hercules.

Another step forward in the rapid development of the East Oakland-San Leandro area as an industrial section was made recently when the Port of Oakland acquired 145 acres of land on the San Leandro Bay. Located below the East Oakland Freeway and north of the Oakland Airport the land will be reclaimed and developed as industries are obtained for it. During the past year several firms have moved into this area, and during November Trans-Ocean Airlines added their name to the ever increasing list with their announcement of plans for construction of a \$500,000 aircraft plant. To be located adjacent to the municipal airport at Hayward on a 30-acre site, the plant will employ several hundred people when com-



Shown above is Associated Dredging Company's "Baby Sucker," in operation near Oleum. This is one of the smallest rigs of its kind in the area.

## Dredger News

Dredge work remains very slow, and no new jobs have been let since last report. The Associated Dredging Company still have their little sucker working at the Standard Oil Plant in Richmond, and they also have two of their small clamshells working, the Curlew on the Napa River and the Delta No. One at Corte Madera. The "Baby Sucker" working at the Standard Oil is one of the most interesting dredges we have seen, and is, we believe, the smallest suction dredge being operated by a contractor in Northern California. It is powered by a G.M.C. Diesel 71 engine, develops 180 horsepower at full speed and will pump 4000 feet through a 10-inch pipeline.

A close check showed that it pumped 1296 yards in a 24-hour period or an average of 54 yards per hour. We have a full union crew doing the operating. Levermen: Helge Johnson, Jimmy Peterson, Roy Hinkley; assistant engineers: Art Klitske, James McCallister and Harry Peterson; mates: Charles Wells, George Wells and Eric Salenius. They just finished a six weeks job for the Union Oil Company before moving in on the job at Standard Oil where they are pumping out the sludge ponds. Bro. Ralph Moller is superintendent on the rig with Bro. Frank Ench dredge captain. This dredge was designed to handle small, hard to get at jobs and will undoubtedly prove very successful operating in small yacht harbors and inland

lakes. A picture of this portable dredge appears in this issue of the News.

Healy-Tibbetts got the clam shell job at the Standard Oil long wharf at Point Richmond, and they are operating two shifts, six days per week. Bros. Dave Byers and Bob Davis are pullings levers, George Kiefer and Vernon Menge are oiling, George Johnson and Mat Mathiesen are on deck and Vern Turner, Bob Miller, Bill Bowe and Jake Huyck are on the barges.

The Olympian Dredging Company has just about caught up with their levee work up the river. The Monarch is in the Rio Vista yard and the Neptune is in drydock at the Bethlehem Shipyard in San Francisco. They are keeping a few of the boys busy on repair work.

Dutra still keeps his two dredges the Mallard and the Edwards busy on levee work in the South Bay for the Leslie Salt Company.

The Pacific Portland Cement Company is still running two crews furnishing shell for their Redwood City cement plant.

The San Francisco Bridge Company is working about 20 members at their Belaire yard, doing a lot of repair work on their equipment.

Prospects for the near future are not too bright. However, there is a possibility that the Mare Island job will come up again soon, and bids are scheduled to be opened on the Stockton job on Jan. 9.

## News About the Brothers

Talked with Bro. Tom Perkins on the telephone not long ago. He was one of the people very seriously injured in the bus crash on MacArthur Boulevard over a month ago and he is still confined to Herrick Memorial Hospital. He will have to be there for a long time yet, but he does have a phone by his bed and says it helps break the monotony to get an occasional call.

Bros. Bill Brown and Pete Lambert are keeping the hot plant running for Oliver De Silva between showers. Got an umbrella, boys?

Well, winter has set in for sure! Best indication is the arrival of Bro. Cliff Dilley from his usual summer sojourn to Alaska! Every summer he goes up and stays right up till frostin' time—and he's back again, so better unpack those overcoats!

Bro. George Gisel recently left for New Zealand where he will be mucking machine operator instructor for M. & K. With 30 years experience Bro. Gisel is well qualified to handle the position and is looking forward to the experience very much. It is his first trip out of the United States and he made it by air with stops in Honolulu, the Fiji Islands and

pleted. No details are available as to the type of work that will be done, but construction of buildings and installations will start in the near future.

Auckland. George says he is going over broke and if he comes home the same way it will be an indication that he has had a good time.

In concluding the report from the East Bay area, in behalf of the business agents and the office force we would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the cooperation and support we received during the past year. While perhaps we were not able to please all those we contacted, we can assure every member in all sincerity that this was the goal toward which we worked. We wish to extend the Season's Greetings to all the members of Local 3, and to their families and loved ones, where they may be dispersed around the world.

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### Loan Sharks

In St. Louis, Mo., AFL and CIO officials who had violently opposed a new state law permitting exorbitant rates of interest on small loans had their inning when the new \$50 federal gambling tax went into effect. They quietly pointed to newspaper articles which reported, "Some gamblers in St. Louis planned to close shop and open legitimate small loan firms under a new state law which allows them 26 per cent interest—a rate of return equal to what they made as gamblers."

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The British meat ration was reduced from 22 cents to 20 cents a week as from Nov. 11, 1951.

## Union Helps All Workers!

Washington.—AFL unions which have won outstanding wage gains have indirectly helped all the nation's workers to get a pay raise.

More employers without unions in their plants are now before the Wage Stabilization Board asking pay increases for their unorganized workers than there are employers seeking approval of raises in unionized plants.

On top of that, the Salary Stabilization Board has now given blanket approval for raises for 5,000,000 supervisory and other salaried workers, to raise their pay to restore the differential between their earnings and those of the organized workers they supervise.

Foremen and other supervisory employees are going to cash in on the wage increases won by unions for workers. They will be permitted to catch up in percentage increases, by order of the Salary Stabilization Board, to restore the customary differentials.

As Director Joseph D. Cooper explained Nov. 21, the gap between supervisors and the employees has been "narrowed" by increases won by union negotiations. So the new order was issued to "maintain the historical relationships" between those under jurisdiction of the Salary Stabilization Board and the Wage Stabilization Board. The same goes for eliminating "intra-plant inequities."

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## Travel Time Ruling Could Affect All Building Trades

Building tradesmen all over northern California were this week studying a recent pronouncement of the U. S. Department of Labor.

The Department, in a ruling that may set a precedent in the construction industry, has charged a San Francisco Sheet Metal firm with violation of the Federal law which requires payment of time and one-half for travel time during a work week exceeding 40 hours.

An official of the Oakland Builders' Exchange, reported the charges placed a new interpretation on Federal laws concerning payment of travel time in the construction industry.

He said it has been the accustomed practice to pay straight time in the industry for travel time in excess of the regular 40-hour work week. In fact, the firm charged with violation had provisions in its union contract which specified straight pay for travel time.

Officials said the charges involve violations of wage and hour laws governing firms involved in interstate commerce.

The charges were placed against W. F. O'Keefe, Jr., San Francisco sheet metal contractor, following several weeks investigation of his books. Company representatives said no court action was expected since the firm was following long-time standard practices in the industry, practices specified in their contract with the union, and immediate steps were taken to comply with the law.

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### UP TILL MIDNIGHT

Madison, Wis. (LPA). — Truck drivers of the AFL Teamsters local here opened their new hall with what was described as "an old fashioned stag party"—they played cards until after midnight, or so the union paper said.

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Take care of your health and your union—your best friends.

# SACRAMENTO'S NEW TEMPLE IS A CREDIT

By E. P. PARK and H. S. CLARK, Business Representatives, Local 3

November 28 was moving day in Sacramento for practically all the unions that have, for years and years, maintained offices in the Labor Temple at 8th and I streets. Now it's the new Labor Center at 2525 Stockton boulevard, Sacramento's new monument to Labor which the Engineers helped

build. It's easier to find by location than by number. Remember, it's on Stockton Blvd. between the Fair Grounds and the County Hospital, and on the same side of the street. Our new phone number is Hillcrest 7-5795. All comment to date has been favorable. There is plenty of parking space and we're still postponing an appropriate opening due to certain phases of work still under way. The latest predictions put it sometime after the first of the year.

Something else which has taken place in this area and can no longer be classified as news, is the rainy weather we've been experiencing. It has brought about its usual unemployment problem but this year it is worse than any we have experienced, due to the influx of workers which hit this area during the summer. However, even this has its silver lining. There is a large amount of work to be done in this area as soon as weather will permit. In the meantime, Atkinson is down for the winter; Hasler, D&H is on a one-shift basis when weather permits, and the same goes for United Concrete Pipe on the West Sacramento Freeway job.

## RUSH ROSEVILLE JOB

A. Teichert was low on the P. F. E. job in Roseville and committed to do it this winter. There is also a job at Mather Field coming up and we should know the successful bidder by our next issue. There is considerable work around Grass Valley coming up as a result of the Camp Beale program. The T. E. Connolly tunnel job at Folsom is the only around-the-clock project at the present time. They are just getting underground and unfortunately this does not add to the number of Engineers employed. The shovels go off and the mucking machines take over.

H. Earl Parker has a few rigs on his sub from Merritt & Swain. Bro. Jim Hawley is bossing for this outfit on the first work they have done here to date.

We are spending these rainy days negotiating agreements in three plants where we recently won elections. These are the Hughes-Vertin Lime Co., with plants at Rattlesnake Bridge and Bowman; the National Tractor Co., here in Sacramento; and a particular pat on the back to the boys at the Graco shop at Woodland, where the vote was 34 to 1 in favor of Local 3.

## SUBDIVISIONS SLOW

The subdivisions in this area are at a standstill at this writing due to rain. These housing projects have at least another 30 days to go if the weather clears. All we need is Old Man Sunshine. The Fordsons and other types of small equipment on these jobs are moving a little at this time.

In the Placerville area, Rice Bros. have just about completed their Highway 50 paving job. We understand they have about three hours of operating time left if they don't get slides or rain again.

At Auburn, the California Rock Products Co. still is shut down. They keep the brothers busy repairing the plant and equipment and they usually start again along in April. Joe Chevreux also keeps his batch plant and gravel plants going at all times, so the brothers are kept busy operating or repairing. Bros. "Red" Woods, Joe Leal, Fred Campbell and "Pop" Gray keep the levers pulled for this company.

The rock, sand and gravel plants have kept busy—rain or no rain—although they had a couple of bad days. Two of the plants had to shut down because of high water but it only amounted to a couple of days and they are in operation again. The plants in the Woodland and Davis area are keeping in op-

eration, too.

The W. C. Railing Co. has shut down all their work for the time being. We understand that they are going to stand still until the first of the year.

## HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

Marvin Reed looking down the barrel of a transit . . . Bruce Farrow, Andy Fennamore and Ernie Nelson figuring how to put the stack back on a hot plant . . . Verne King pulling levers on a batch plant . . . Les Wilson rolling shoulders in the rain . . . George Juhasz giving the eye to the new Labor Center.

Mel Wissler eating ham and eggs at 6:30 p.m. . . "Spike" Voudouris shutting down on account of moisture by the buckets full . . . Art Nevers still having trouble with his elbow . . . Gene Austin contemplating his sojourn in the hospital . . . Wade Sewell selling Christmas trees in North Sacramento . . . Oran Cobb having trouble with his car.

Marshall White unloading a back hoe in the mud . . . "Hutch" Hutcheson running the box on a hot plant . . . Bill Herzog wondering at which point in the South his equipment is going . . . Mike Hathman trying to talk the inspector into getting started on the Reeves job at Orangevale after the rain . . . Don Morris welding side racks on a pickup.

Bud Anderson wondering how much more rain . . . John Kaufman Sr. batching . . . "Smoky" Sutherland wondering how many times to turn over the mud before it dries . . . Willie Franklin maneuvering a grease truck . . . John Blair wearing a 1952 year button.

Congratulations to Bro. and Mrs. Mike Sage, blessed with a baby boy born Nov. 10.

Better health and luck to Bro. Jack Dodson, who was laid up for about two months; to Bro. Fred Salas, who underwent an operation but now is back on the job; to Bro. and Mrs. Stanley Coach, who were involved in an auto accident Nov. 30.

Thanks to Bro. Chris Hansen, who dropped us a note asking to be removed from our out-of-work list as he was dispatched from another office.

On behalf of the members of Local 3, we extend our deepest sympathies to the widow and family of our late Bro. Ray Smith, who died in an accident during the past month. Ray was a well known and popular member in this area and we shall all miss him deeply.

## BLOOD BANK

Many, many thanks to the following donors who so generously gave to the blood bank during the past month: Al Verduyssen, Mrs. Esther Briggs, Jack Roberts, Al Wyckoff, Ed Park and R. Steinbacher. These donations make our account just even and at this time we haven't even ONE pint on hand. Now would be a good time for you fellows who aren't working to give. Remember—you or your family may be the next ones needing this blood.

We take this opportunity to extend the best for a very merry Christmas and the happiest and most prosperous of new years!

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## Tuna, 18,388 Tons

A total of 18,388 tons of tuna was landed for commercial processing at California docks during September, packers reported to the Department of Fish and Game.

Albacore—whitemeat accounted for 2,397 tons of the total, with yellowfin weighing in at 10,673 tons, skipjack, 4,635 tons, and bluefin, 683 tons.

Bonito produced 102 and yellowtail 83 tons respectively. Pacific and jack mackerel landing totalled 5,923 tons.

# Santa Rosa - Ukiah—WET ADOBE IS A STICKER ON PGE JOB

The eight miles of 12-inch transportation gas main was let to Underground Construction Company last summer. After considerable delay by P.G.&E. over right-of-way and all the good weather was gone we find the contractor running into considerable loss and our brother engineers losing some overtime they should have had if the contract was let at the time it was awarded.

The job was bid on a 30-day work every day program, and would have been short and sweet. As it stands now we have Brother L. Baker on a Buckeye Trencher with his oiler paying out the mud with a crow bar. The oiler, Brother O. Bressler, doesn't enjoy it too well. On line up crew for the welder is Brother L. Johnson.

On the side boom cat lowering pipe is Brother H. Puckey with Brother D. Knapp on the Whirley. Clean-up crew consists of one pay loader with Brother V. Covey. On the cat loader is Brother W. Listoe with Brother C. Renfro on the Motor Patrol. Four compressors are being taken care of by Brother B. Archibald. Various other brother engineers have worked on the job with rented equipment from Arthur B. Siri, Inc. and R. Rapp, local contractors, who keep a few engineers on steady for their rental equipment.

It has been primarily an engineers' job other than the welding of pipe.

## SHEDS TEARS

Brother P. Madrid is the superintendent on the job and I have never seen such large pear-shaped tears before than Brother Madrid can shed every time it rains and his equipment bogs down. He says you just cannot trench in wet adobe.

They are three weeks late now on the contract, but if the weather holds and Brother H. Covey, master mechanic, can keep the equipment running for another two weeks Brother Madrid thinks the job will come out even if it is just in experience on the profit side. From now on they will know better than to bid them in the summer and work them in the winter.

On the other hand progress goes on and P.G.&E. has a gas main from storage tanks in San Rafael to Santa Rosa. This will eventually go north to Ukiah and etc., probably bringing gas from Texas and possibly Canada. It is a broad program, some day interlacing Texas gas with Canadian. This of course, means more work for our brother engineers.

Let us hope Brother Madrid gets his three weeks of sunshine for he claims he has enough experience now to last the rest of the winter.

## BIG SULPHUR MINE AT LAKEPORT BEGINS OPERATION

Sulphur mining in the Chalk Mountain area of the 3,300-acre Long Valley cattle and hog ranch near Clearlake Oaks, is now under way.

Mining rights of the sulphur deposit, estimated at more than 500,000 tons, has been taken over on a 5-year royalty-lease basis by the Chemi-Cal Corp. of Los Angeles.

The deposit is located across Cache Creek, which runs through the Dow ranch and a bridge will have to be built this fall if operations are to continue through the winter months.

Large quantities of high-grade sulphur, some testing 90 per cent, were found in this deposit.

Pug Hastings of Lakeport is building the roads.

Due to the severe storm we have experienced in this area the past week work is practically at a stand still.

Russian Gravel Co., Heins Bros. Gravel Co. and the Mirabel Gravel Co., all of Rio Del, are experiencing high water in their plants. Mirabel Gravel Co. alone has from four to six feet of water.

Just from this storm alone the

# NORTHBAY WEBFEET ON THE JOB DESPITE MUD

By H. O. FOSS and FRANK LAWRENCE, Business Representatives

As this goes to press the shores are drying off somewhat in this area! Life in the Engineers' office went on as usual though as we were fortunate to have been a few blocks from the flooded area.

The J. D. O'Connor spread must have some web-footed engineers working at Corte Madera—they just wait long enough for the HEAVY DEW to subside and then they're at it again. Mud doesn't seem to slow them up.

Brown Ely's job on the D Street hill suffered a few minor slides that kept Bro. Steve Giffen occupied for awhile. Work on the Sun Valley school yard area has been halted as it is now a sea of mud. However, the small paving job at Hamilton Field is still in progress.

The Mike Miller job—laying sewer from Schellville to Boyes Springs—has reduced the crew to a small maintenance and patrol force. Still about 1,000 feet of sewer pipe to be laid to complete the contract. No new trench will be opened up on this section unless we have a few weeks of good weather.

## ARSENAL JOB

The brother members working for Raymond Concrete Pile Co. on the job at Benicia Arsenal have been among the more fortunate as they worked through most of the deluge. There are three pile driving crews putting in footings on the new warehouse buildings. Stolte also is in there pitching, trying to pour concrete in those casings that have been driven. If this keeps up the boys will be growing webs between their toes.

Paving on the parking lots at the Arsenal has come to a standstill, although there is enough slope to them so that the water ran off. The base rock soaked through though, and will take several days of wind and sunshine to dry. C. M. Syar Co. has several contracts for these areas to finish yet.

The rains also caught up with the Parish Bros. job on Highway 40. The underpass even has the ducks fooled into believing it is a bona fide pond. Have moved several rigs to Travis Air Base, where they have a fair-sized job to do.

McDonald, Young & Nelson have been working as much as possible on the new east wing of the hospital on Travis Base, with two engineers on the job hoisting concrete at present.

Matt Little's job at the Veterans Home in Yountville has the spread so arranged that there is little time lost on account of rain. All work is now on second floor and everyone is up out of the mud and water. Two engineers on the job except when pouring; then there are an additional four.

Work at Basalt Steel Plant and Blue Rock Quarry still is in operation despite the elements. The steel quota outlook is a little brighter as more has been released for the construction of steel pipe; therefore no layoff of operators in that department.

We were very sorry to learn of the serious third degree burns suffered by Bro. Jack Curry of Napa. We understand it will probably be six months before Jack can return to work. Any brothers living in the Napa area may visit Jack at Victory Hospital, Palm Drive, Napa. We hope Jack has a speedy and complete recovery.

Macal Improvement Co. is in the process of rebuilding Pine Lake Dam in Benicia Arsenal, with a spread of five jeeps and two D-8s. Weather permitting, the job will

Russian River has already overflowed, and in one section close to Rio Del, a two-mile area is inundated.

Well, it is an ill wind that don't blow somebody some good—the heavy rains caused numerous slides on the Masonite road out of Ukiah. Arthur B. Siri, Inc. of Santa Rosa is standing by ready to move in for the winter's work of keeping the road open.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

take about two months. Bro. Kenneth Cline is running the spread.

Glad to see Bro. Les Peterson back in the area again. He has been in Kodiak since the first of April—says "best job ever had." Les was operating for the Ben C. Gerwick Co.

Bro. Bill Jenkins, formerly operating for Johnson & Nelson Co., is now selling real estate for Tom Kiernan at 19th St. and Broadway, Sacramento.

Bros. George Pallo, "Red" McAdams and Louis Giannini all are sporting those new BLACK AND GOLD buttons. Quite an addition to their hats!

We were sorry to hear of the illness of Bro. H. S. Bishop, working for Basalt, and also understand Bros. Walter Lynch, Joe Hardin and Albert McGowan are all hospitalized. Hope for a speedy recovery for all.

Bro. "Babe" Ghilotti of Ghilotti Bros. Co. reports they're now going into the paving business. Already have pinched off approximately \$10,000 job at the Drake School in San Anselmo. Keeping their engineers—namely "Duke" Windsor, Jimmy Rowlette and Cooper—BUSY during the winter months! Looking forward to a good year in '52.

Bro. Fred Jensen left the Buick in the garage Monday morning and went to work in his new yacht. Fred's office looked like Noah's ark. The only means of transportation in that area was via rowboat. Fred is expecting his new 25 N. W. hoe momentarily—another addition to the spread.

We are holding mail for Bro. Cecil Adkins.

## THANKS FOR BLOOD!

Our thanks to Bros. John Flores, Dick Padgett and Tom Hughes for their blood donations. How about putting YOUR name down for next month?

Glad to hear from Bro. Wm. L. "Slim" Collins—now in Assab, Eritrea. He says it hasn't rained there for over 12 years! Sounds a bit dry.

Harms Bros. have moved into the area as this goes to press. Are setting up a crushing plant at the San Quentin Wye; have a 70,000 ton job in connection with the A. G. Raisch job south of San Rafael. Bro. Wallis Basenko, operator; Bro. Rodney Roddam, oiler; Bro. Bill Gutridge, cat operator, and Bro. William Tregembo, foreman, are on the spread. They're bringing in a Northwest shovel with Bros. Inman and Poole as the crew.

Basalt at McNears has enough work till February and more orders are coming in all the time. During the blow in this area a barge got loose and made its way clear to Vallejo, coming to rest on the mud flats there before it was discovered missing. It was recovered with no loss—except time.

This office wishes to extend to all the brothers and their families wishes for a very merry Christmas and a sincere wish that '52 will prove prosperous for all.

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## Mrs. Kaiser's Estate Is About \$10 Million

Mrs. Bessie Kaiser, wife of industrialist Henry J. Kaiser, left an estate of approximately \$10,000,000 when she died on March 14, according to appraisal filed in Alameda County Probate Court this week. Her will, dated July 1, 1948, left nearly all of her holdings to the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation, a charitable trust set up by the Kaisers in 1948. Most of the rest, consisting of about half a million in stock of Kaiser Industries and \$327,000 in cash, goes to Kaiser. Bulk of the Kaiser fortune was made in wartime shipbuilding on the West Coast, while post-war ventures in various fields also have been profitable.

# News Roundup From Utah

C. R. VAN WINKLE, MERLIN BOWMAN, DON ELLIOTT and CHARLEY COCKAYNE

The weather has most of the work shut down. Utah Construction closed down Bingham Stripping job today. Parsons and Fife are going to start a little pipe work around the first of the year on their Salt Lake job, but the excavating will not start until spring. Gibbons & Reed got the underpass and overpass at Kaysville. They figured this job will start about the first of February. The delay on this job is getting the pile and getting it to the job site.

Rohr Airplane Company has a man in Utah trying to get a site to build a plant. They have been looking at a spot near Midvale. Myers Construction Company from Los Angeles, Calif., has the Wherry housing project at Dugway. They are going to get started on the excavation as soon as possible. Vit Construction Company, which is in with Columbia Construction Company, has the housing job at Hill Field. We are in hopes that this job will get started soon. Enoch Smith still has a few men on his water line jobs. Morrison and Knudson Company has its shop full of equipment and are trying to hold on to their key men.

W. W. Clyde still have men at Dugway but they have had a lot of lost time the past week. Cahill and Mooney have two operators left on their payroll. Cox and Colthorp have closed their gravel plant down at Dugway for winter. Olaf Nelson has moved their equipment back to their Logan shops for repair. Thayne Construction Company has its railroad job at Western Chemical very nearly cleaned up but still is keeping its operators busy.

Cannon Construction has its building job going good in Sugarhouse. Utah Construction Company is still going strong with its jobs on the dyke, Lark Tunnel, and 5840 Tunnel. This company is going to drive pile in the dyke for emergency gates.

Parsons and Fife are getting the pipe in on their Riverdale road job at Ogden, and also were low bidders on a good road job from Idaho state line to Plymouth, Utah. Wheelwright Construction still has a few small excavating jobs at Ogden which are keeping several railroad engineers busy. Morrin Construction is in good shape at its job at Second street in Ogden. Arrington Construction Company still going strong on its Bear River High School building.

Garff, Ryberg and Garff, on the Agricultural College at Logan, are getting most of their concrete poured in order to make work for men inside this winter. Carl Nelson's Construction Company has his shops full of equipment that he has had in Idaho this summer.

We have several good jobs that will be opened for bids after the first of January.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Clyde Christensen has been off work for the past two weeks with back ailment.

Archell Williams has had a piece

of slag in his neck and has had considerable trouble.

Pete Churchich was stricken with pneumonia and has been in the hospital for the past two weeks. He was electric shovel operator on Bingham Stripping job.

Glen Halterman, shovel runner at Iron Springs, is reported to be ill at the Veterans Hospital in Salt Lake City. An inquiry at the hospital over the phone elicited the information that his condition was good, if you can believe this type of information. At this writing, none of us has had a chance to visit him. Get well quick, Glen.

## Snow Hits South

Snow and cold has finally settled all over the southern part of Utah and from the way the members are coming in out of work, the contractors don't intend to start again for awhile. A few jobs are still going down next to the Arizona border where the winter hasn't hit too hard yet but the next storm may shut these down too. Strong Co. at Beaver, W. W. Clyde Co. at Glendale and Delta, Utah Construction Co. at Sunnyside just about covers all the dirt moving jobs in the south and on some of these jobs two and three days a week is all they are working.

There are still a few contractors at Geneva but they are cutting forces to a stand-by basis, hoping for better weather.

There are, however, a few busy spots around. I was at W. W. Clyde Co. shop today and they have cats, shovels, and trucks scattered all over the floor. It's a good thing there are some brothers there that know what they are doing or they might come out with a Teamster and Operating Engineer on each piece of equipment. The way the company is fixing up everything it looks like they plan a busy season for next spring. They do plan on starting their job at Helper some time in January. This job should put a few brothers back to work a little earlier than usual and should be a good job as the bid of nearly a half-million dollars doesn't mean it can be done in a day.

Graft Callahan on the Duschane Tunnel job expects to "hole through" Dec. 10 and a big party is planned in Park City the night of that day for all the brothers. "Oh my aching head."

All the brothers on this job have done a fine job and I am told have a good chance of going with the company on their next job.

## REPORT FROM THE MINES AND SHOPS

### KENNECOTT COPPER CO.

A report has just been received, as this article was being prepared, that the Wage Stabilization Board in Washington has approved the joint petition of the company and your union, for an increase in wages and reclassification of jobs as agreed to last September. While this information was received over the telephone and was not official, we have no doubt of its authenticity, as it came from an authoritative source. According to the company the new rates will be placed into effect and the back checks in the hands of the men before Christmas.

As this is being written, negotiations are still being carried on with the company over the "pension plan." Main difference at the present is over the compulsory retirement feature of the company's proposal.

Although we recognize that sooner or later an age limit will have to be drawn, we are fighting to keep this feature out of the first three year plan. The company has already agreed to an extension to July 1, 1953.

Main reasons for our position are that (1) most of the men eligible for retirement have never adjusted themselves mentally to the idea of retirement, (2) many of these same individuals have made no plans for retiring and (3) many are financially unable to retire at this time. Another point at issue is the allowing of men hired after 50 to work 15 years, the minimum requirement, so that they can qualify for retirement instead of being required to retire without pension rights.

A tentative date has been set for the commencement of negotiations on the wage reopener as provided in the new agreement. As these negotiations will be based, in part at least, on the increase in the cost of living, it may be March before the figures on the cost of living are available so that an adjustment can be made.

### IRON MINES

The refusal of the Wage Stabilization Board to approve the joint petition of the company and the unions for the whole increase agreed upon has raised several problems. Meetings have been held with the company in an attempt to solve these problems.

These meetings and these problems were the subject of discussion at a Special Called Meeting held in Cedar City, Sunday, Dec. 2. At this meeting approval was voiced by the membership of the steps being taken and suggestions made for the representatives' guidance. It is to be hoped that these suggestions prove acceptable and we can button this case up for this year.

### LANG COMPANY

Some delay has been experienced in getting action on the wage petition pending before the Wage Stabilization Regional Board in Denver. Both the company and the unions are doing everything possible to obtain a favorable decision in this case. Some action should be forthcoming in the near future.

### SAND AND GRAVEL

Operations in this industry are at a low level due to the season. Some difficulties have been experienced over the erection, by the Utah Sand and Gravel Company, of a plant near Garfield. These difficulties have been caused by the Ironworkers' claim to this work and the wording of our agreement. Everything, at this time, points to a peaceful settlement as everyone concerned is showing a cooperative attitude.

### CONTRACTORS SHOPS

Most of these shops are full of work and going along full blast to get the equipment in shape for next year. Most of the new faces around the shops are from out of the field and little or no new employment has been furnished.

Francis E. Price, cat skinner at Desert Mound, is in St. Mark's Hospital recovering from a spinal

operation to repair the results of an old accident that occurred a couple of years ago on the job. On our last visit to him he was somewhat uncomfortable but getting along fine. He expects to be laid up for five months.

Gary Kendrick, shovel oiler at Iron Mountain, was reported to be at Fort Douglas taking his physical for the army. Good luck, Gary.

We regret to hear that Hy Little, of the 13th South State Shops, has had to undergo a serious abdominal operation. No word has been heard as to his condition, as visitors haven't been permitted.

We regret very much to announce to our membership the death of Bro. Jack C. Blood in an auto accident Saturday, Dec. 1, 1951. Bro. Blood was involved in a minor automobile accident on Highway 40, west of the Salt Lake City Airport and was out of his car discussing it with the other party when a car came along the highway, struck his car and fatally injured both of them. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, Dec. 4, in Heber. Bro. Blood was the son of Bro. Tracy Blood, plant foreman at Iron Springs, and is survived by his father, mother and his wife. Unfortunately Bro. Jack Blood was not in good standing at the time of his death and was not eligible for the usual union benefits. We take this means of expressing to Bro. and Mrs. Tracy, his mother and father, and to his wife the sincere sympathy of the officers and members of Local Union No. 3.

## State Road Report

Winter is here in Utah with a vengeance and our state road maintenance crews are really hard at it. There is a certain amount of concern in the minds of truck drivers and equipment operators who are engaged in the seasonal pastime of moving snow. This has to do with the matter of liability in the case of accidents as related to the recent Insurance Liability Law.

We have discussed the foregoing matter with the Attorney General and we are informed that in the event of unavoidable accidents, the operator of state road equipment will not be held liable. However, in the event the operator is proven negligent, he probably could be held liable for damage. Therefore, his advice would be to purchase one of the plans offered as a rider to your own Public Liability Insurance, just to be on the safe side. Do not be high-pressured into purchasing anything costing over four or five dollars a year, as there are plenty of companies offering plans at these rates. If you need additional advice, contact our office.

Good progress has been made in our effort to secure an increase for you. We expect to be able to inform you before the end of the year of the increase which has been negotiated and which the Commission is trying to have approved.

It has been a pleasure to serve you during the past year and we are happy to extend to you and your families, the Season's Heartiest Greetings.

## NEVADA BOYS KEEP MOVING ON HIGHWAY AND ORE JOBS

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE, Business Representative

Andy Drumm is well along with his highway job east of Fernley, Nevada. Bro. Joseph "Chip" Montrose is the grade superintendent. Bros. J. C. "Bill" Caton and Charles "Red" Melendy are doing a little scraper work. Bro. Al Montrose is the grade foreman, and Al surely is doing a wonderful job as

foreman. Brothers Russell H. Hutchinson and Warren Whitehead are on blades. Brother Bernard "Shorty" Smith is pushing the pulls. Brothers Marvin "Timber" Renken and William "Pete" Sherman are operating the pulls. Oliver O. Sullivan is the head greaser. He is a real greaser, why he even slings so much grease that he gets himself greasy.

Wells Cargo, Inc. is almost to the finish line with the gravel on the Austin to Battle Mountain highway job. Brother R. J. Fields is running the crusher. Brother Lloyd D. McKay is his helper. Brother H. R. Watts is the head welder. Brother Sammy McCormick is the blade man. Brother W. C. "Bill" Duncan is feeding the rock crusher with a TD24. The Wells Cargo, Inc. boys tell me that they will be going south in 10 days or two weeks, but they will be back come spring to finish the oiling.

### COMING TO RENO

Isbell's highway crew which has been working at Jiggs, Nevada, will be coming into town for the winter. Brothers James Crossman and Clarence Wibel are getting things smoothed up for the winter traffic. Brothers Clinton Green and James D. Townsend are crushing a little rock between breakdowns. Brother Abe Collins is the head heavy duty repairman's helper. Now believe me he is a dandy when it comes to helping. Brother James Howe is on the new LeTourneau dozer. I think W. J. Isbell will give him an oiler next year when they get started on the other jobs. Brothers Earl Andreasen and Randy Booth are still on the electric pulls. I don't know what they are doing other than using them for pick-ups.

Brother George Sharrah has been promoted to a blade. He is coming up in the construction business. Between Brothers Maurice Burke and Lloyd Richards, they keep the Northwest shovel

buzzing. They are getting to be quite the shovel runners. Brothers Clarence "Bill" Boegle and George Conley might just as well retire with these young fellows breaking in there will be no place for George and Bill. However, Bill Boegle should have retired long ago. A man with a big ranch and lots of cattle should retire and settle down and behave himself.

### PUSH ORE WORK

Sam Simplot's iron ore mine south of Palisade, Nevada, is getting to be a tough go as far as the hauling is concerned. They may stop hauling to the railroad most any time, but Brother Verne L. Hunsaker and Brother Ed D. Howard, his oiler, tell me they are going to stay out there all winter stripping and benching off the job so that they can get a good early start come summer.

Dodge Construction Incorporated has started up quite an iron ore deal near Lovelock, Nevada. Frank Dunn is in charge of the mine. Brother W. Rodgers is on the cat. Brother Marc E. Thomas is on a shovel. Brother George Eckman is running the Dodge Construction Incorporated Perlite deal near Lovelock, Nevada.

American Ore has quite an iron ore operation, also near Lovelock. Brother Leonard Ellis is the assistant manager. Brother Silas W. Sloan is the head shovel runner. With a couple of good men like Ellis and Sloan on the job, things will really happen.

### ANACONDA JOB

The big Anaconda Copper Company job at Yerington, Nevada, has not gotten started as yet. Nelson Engineering has some equipment down there, with Brother Zane Hunt on the Northwest, Brother Jay Baker on the cat, and Brother Byron "Red" Bower helping them both. Brother Lloyd Guffrey is the foreman. But the job (Continued on Page Seven)

## SCHEDULE OF UTAH STATE ROAD MEETINGS

Next regular meeting of District No. 5 members will be Thursday, January 24, 1952, unless called earlier by post card. A meeting will be arranged in the northern part of this district and notices will be mailed as to time, date and place.

- Friday, Dec. 28, 1951, 8 p.m., County Court House, Logan, Utah.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8 1952, 8 p.m., 1969 So. Main St., Salt Lake City.
- Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1952, 8 p.m., Provo Labor Temple, 161 West 1st North, Provo, Utah.
- Thursday, Jan. 10, 1952, 8 p.m., Price City Hall, Price, Utah.
- Thursday, Jan. 17, 1952, 8 p.m., Roosevelt City Hall, Roosevelt, Utah.

## SCHEDULE OF UTAH MEETINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION, SAND AND GRAVEL, AND IRON MINE MEMBERS

- Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1951, Kennecott Copper Co. Members, 1 p.m., Mine, Mill and Smelters Hall, Bingham; 3:30 p.m., Mine, Mill and Smelters Hall, Bingham; 7:30 p.m., Midvale City Hall, Midvale, Utah.
- Friday, Dec. 28, 1951, 8 p.m., Iron Mine Members, El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1952, 7 p.m., Lang Company Employees, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City.
- Wednesday, Jan. 9, 1952, Sand, Gravel and Construction, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Friday, Jan. 11, 1952, Sand, Gravel and Construction, Provo Labor Temple, Provo, Utah.
- Tuesday, Jan. 15, 1952, Kennecott Copper Co. Members, 1 p.m., Mine, Mill and Smelters Hall, Bingham; 3:30 p.m., Mine, Mill and Smelters Hall, Bingham; 7:30 p.m., Midvale City Hall, Midvale, Utah.
- Friday, Jan. 18, 1952, Sand, Gravel and Construction, Ogden Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.

# SF BLDG. TRADES BACK SOLID FILL BAY CROSSING

The two halves of the San Francisco Bay Area, divided by water but mutually dependent, must be joined by a second crossing.

Rep. Franck Havenner thinks—and vehemently told the S.F. Building Trades Council so last Thursday night—that by far the best plan is for a solid fill crossing from “somewhere on the southern end of our waterfront.”

Rep. Havenner, who was introduced by Pres. John Hogg as “one of the best friends the labor movement of San Francisco has ever had and one of the best congressmen our city ever sent to Washington,” gave several very specific reasons for his choice of a “solid fill” type of crossing, which, incidentally, is one of the chief features of the Reber Plan:

1. So long as the war in Korea continues a second bay bridge is unlikely to win priority for the necessary steel. The Civilian Defense Authority, Rep. Havenner seemed to feel, might well be moved to underwrite a type of crossing not requiring large supplies of this scarce material.

2. Bridges are susceptible to destruction by bombing; a solid fill could, on the other hand, “only be mauled around a little.” Destruction of one or—in the event that there are two—both bridges would be an indescribable economic catastrophe for the Bay Area, dependent upon each other as both sides of the Bay are. Raw materials would be separated from the processing plants, in fact northern California might well be cancelled out as an industrial unit for a long time. And all bridges in San Francisco Bay would, in time of war, be “primary targets for bombing,” Rep. Havenner stressed.

The money for such a crossing very probably can be had. Havenner, after talking at length with Congressmen George Miller Jr. of Contra Costa County and S.F.'s own John Shelley, approached the Civilian Defense Authority in Washington, D.C., he told the Council.

In October, the chief counsel for the CDA answered that if the State of California presents such an application “we could certify it for a RFC self-liquidating loan.”

Another advantage possessed by a fill-type crossing is that it can be enlarged indefinitely.

## WHAT TO DO

Havenner, who told the delegates “we can get Federal approval for such a crossing, and get it now,” said that two preliminary steps must be taken: San Francisco, Alameda, and other Bay Area counties must agree on the type of crossing and form a permanent organization to push it; and the State of California must make application to the Federal Government for funds.

Havenner revealed that such a crossing soon will exist in Virginia, where the U.S. Army Engineers will construct a solid fill across deep water near Newport News.

Another aspect is that Navy authorities cannot object to such a crossing on the ground that it would interfere with naval operations in San Francisco Bay.

Havenner, whose talk was received with exceptional warmth by the delegates, said that he hadn't changed, politically speaking, “except around the waistline.” He said: “I haven't changed my views a bit since you first had enough faith in me 26 years ago to give me your endorsement, and I intend to adhere to the politics I adopted many years ago when you first elected me to office.”

The political aspirant, he declared, must decide early in his career whether to try to raise the standard of living of those who elect him to office, or to focus his attention on other less important issues. He paid a particularly

warm compliment to his colleague, Rep. John Shelley, calling him “one of the most intelligent representatives in Washington.” “He has ability, courage, idealism, and sincerity.”

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## How to Get Back Overpayments on Social Security Tax

(State Fed. Release)

An easier way for a worker who overpays his social security tax to get credit for the excess amount or a refund has been reported by Commerce Clearing House, a private legal research organization.

According to Commerce Clearing House, the change is authorized in new instructions issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue which inform the taxpayer:

“If more than \$54 of Federal Insurance Contributions Act tax was withheld in 1951 because you worked for more than one employer, the excess may be claimed as a credit against your income tax.

“The regulation will benefit the worker who earned more than \$3600 during the year on two or more pay rolls. If, for instance, he received \$3600 from each of two employers, the FICA tax deduction would be 1½ per cent on his total wages of \$6000, or \$90—an overpayment of \$36.

“Previously, the worker could claim a refund only by filling out Form 843 together with Form SS-9a containing evidence to support the claim, and send them to the Treasurer of the United States after the first of the year.

“Now he can simply note the overpayment on his income tax return, and it is applied to the tax due. Or, if withheld income taxes are larger than the sum due, the overpayment is included in the refund.

“The regulation is contained in the Bureau's official instructions for filling out the individual income tax return Form 1040, for 1951.”

## Making Ends Meet—

# Pork Is a Good Buy Now; Shoes May Be Cheaper

Pork is about the best meat deal right now.

The Agriculture Department reports that large numbers of hogs are being slaughtered. The more pigs that go to market the more pork prices go down.

The good pork situation is the result of last spring's big pig crop, the second largest in history. It only takes six months to fatten baby pigs for market.

Apples, which often go good with pork, remain reasonably priced.

For other fairly low-priced main dishes this month the Agriculture Department recommends broilers, fryers and even turkeys. Other good protein foods not too high-priced are canned tuna, frozen whiting, frozen ocean perch fillets, cottage cheese and dried skim milk.

Fruits besides apples which offer pretty good buys now are oranges, canned and frozen orange juice, raisins and dried prunes. There also is plenty of honey at fairly low prices.

## LOWER SHOE PRICES?

Shoe prices may be lower by next spring. Manufacturers showing new styles in New York say that low and medium-priced shoes may sell for from 50 cents to \$1

## Price Boosts Under The Capehart Bill

Washington (LPA).—It won't be long now until the consumer begins to feel the pinch of what President Truman called “that terrible Capehart amendment” to the controls law.

Price Boss Michael V. DiSalle called a press conference Nov. 8 to announce that the Office of Price Stabilization has finally formulated the regulations which will permit manufacturers to raise their ceiling prices by adding all cost increases from pre-Korea to July 26, 1951, as provided by the amendment.

The increase in manufacturers' ceilings “eventually” will probably be passed on to the consumer, DiSalle said. He said OPS “fought the amendment because we believed it would spur inflationary pressures,” and “hoped until the last minute we would get revision.”

The Senate, he pointed out, “voted overwhelmingly to revise the Capehart Amendment and make it more workable from an administrative standpoint,” but the House never got around to consideration of changes.

“We must, therefore,” he declared, “put these regulations into effect, even though they will result in higher ceilings on many industrial products. We have no choice but to allow manufacturers, if they wish, to adjust their ceilings.”

DiSalle said letters received by OPS strongly indicate the manufacturers do “wish” to adjust their ceilings and are just waiting for the word “go.” Also, he said, it's “quite likely” that manufacturers who already have gotten increases will file for more under the more liberal cost allowances of the amendment.

The manufacturers also are required by law to “reflect decreases in costs, if any, occurring before July 26, 1951,” DiSalle said. But indications were that the majority of manufacturers would be able to add up the figures to make the increases come out more than the decreases, with the consumer to pay the difference.

Also on Nov. 8 OPS issued regulations establishing dollar and cents ceiling prices on lamb and mutton at the wholesale level. A new formula for setting veal and calf meat prices also was issued. The new prices generally will be higher than previously, OPS said.

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**REGISTER TO VOTE — REGISTER TO VOTE — REGISTER TO VOTE.**

# OL' JUPE IS BOSS IN THE STOCKTON AREA

By ED DORAN, C. L. CASEBOLT, WALTER TALBOT, RENNY BURROUGHS, Business Representatives

It looks as though Old Man Winter has taken over in this district. He is the Big Boss right now and he says “no work.”

Utah's job at Bear River is virtually snowed in. The same is true of Piombo's job on Sonora Pass. Tom Connolly's job at Cherry Valley is not quite snowed in—but almost, while

most of the jobs at the lower elevations are rained out as of this writing.

In between storms, we will have a few contractors trying to work. The sewer job at Columbia has started but will undoubtedly make little progress this winter. George France Construction Co., Inc. is trying to complete its contracts in and about Columbia but not having much success. Harms Bros. is still working as weather permits on the Jamestown-Sonora highway job. One bright spot—everybody is working at Sonora Marble Aggregates, and happy for once.

On the west side of the valley, Western Contractors, United-Vinnell, M. J. Ruddy, United Concrete Pipe Corp. and C. Norman Petersen all have uncompleted jobs that will probably drag on indefinitely owing to the weather. Of course, the gravel pits are working when they aren't flooded out.

## HOUSING PROJECT

W. E. Robertson Co. is going ahead with its contract on the low cost housing project at Stockton. A. Teichert still is working on a number of small street contracts in the Stockton area when it is dry enough. Nomellini has started on the bridge at Paradise Cut but probably will not get very much accomplished this month. Work on George Pollock's Lower Sacramento Road contract has stopped for the winter.

The landlevelers should be happy now—no more dust. Of course, it's too wet to work, but just the same it isn't dusty. Even the contractors working in sandy soil have found it too wet to work most of this month.

Bro. Bob Rackley, superintendent for Joe Aldrin, is busy scouting work around Fresno. Also working in the Fresno area is A. L. Craft of Oakdale. Weather permitting, Albert Vogel Jr. of San Jose is working a short job near Tracy. P. G. Andrew, who has Bro. Kenneth Howard shifting, is working on Maze Road near Modesto. There are also several landlevelers subcontracting on this job when the weather allows. Lindquist Bros. of Turlock are keeping fairly busy as they do a lot of sandy work in and around Turlock.

Bro. Vernon Dark was the lucky bidder on the graveling of about 18 miles of ditch from the end of the lining to the Mendota Pool. This is Bro. Dark's first contract and we look for NO trouble at all.

## GOOD YEAR AHEAD

It looks like a pretty fair program for next year but a mighty quiet winter around here.

Bro. Sal Curci has given up engineering in favor of training dogs. Sal's home and kennels are at Escalon and anyone interested in having his dog taught the difference between a Mallard duck and a White Leghorn hen should take him to Sal. Results guaranteed.

Bro. John B. Cummock's wife has been very ill during the past month and has needed several transfusions. A number of our good brothers generously donated the necessary blood and Bro. Cummock and the office wish to extend their thanks for the wonderful response from the members in this emergency.

Bro. William R. Lewis (Sgt. Lewis) arrived at Camp Stoneman, en route to Letterman Hospital, on Dec. 1, from the Army hospital in Tokyo. We welcome you home, Bro. Lewis, and hope you won't be at Letterman too long.

Sympathy is extended to Bro. Anthony L. Costa and family in the tragic accidental loss of his three-year-old son recently.

Bro. Ed Cooper of Tracy recently received word from the War Dept. of the death of his son, Pvt. William Cooper. Pvt. Cooper was

killed in action in Korea. Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Cooper and his family in their bereavement.

All of us at Stockton wish you a happy holiday season.

Notice: Hours at Stockton office on Saturday mornings will be from 9 to 12 noon, starting immediately.

## MY GUY

The mechanic's a guy that's on the go  
From daylight till dark, and can't be slow.  
His clothes are greasy and covered with grime,  
His face and hands are on the same line.  
When I call “Supper!” he says “Wait awhile,”  
And I find all his clothes dumped in a pile.  
His shoes and socks, one here, one there,  
His coat and hat are on my best chair.  
Supper is over, the dishes are done,  
I say, “Let's go out and have some fun.”  
All is quiet and so I look—  
To find My Guy reading a book.  
—NINA D. LARSEN  
Newman, Calif.  
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## Nevada Boys Mush the Snow

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has not gotten started yet. They haven't even gotten the cook house or bunk house built yet, but there are from 20 to 60 cars a day rustling the job from all parts of the United States.

The office girl and I wish you a pleasant Christmas.

I received a letter from Brother Jack Monroe who is in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. He sent me a picture of himself and the King of Jordan. Jack sent in a year's dues. I guess he intends to stay awhile. He has a real job. He is superintendent and master mechanic.

Also, I received a letter from Thomas Eck, who is in Karachi, Pakistan. He is general foreman, and he likes it fine. He tells me there are quite a few brothers from Local No. 3. He said to tell all the boys, “Hello!”

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## High Court Upholds Utah Check-off Ban

Washington (LPA). — Utah employers, if engaged in interstate commerce, can refuse to abide by union dues check-off agreements without being subject to state prosecution, the Supreme Court in effect ruled Nov. 5. It refused to review a Utah Supreme Court decision nullifying a law which makes it a crime for an employer to refuse to deduct union dues from a worker's pay.

Montgomery Ward and Co. had refused to honor a check-off of dues voted by an AFL Teamsters local in Salt Lake City and the state filed a criminal complaint against the firm. The case was dismissed by the district court which was upheld by the state court's ruling that the statute clashed with the Taft-Hartley law. Its opinion said that through the act the federal government had taken over the whole field of legislation dealing with check-offs.

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## LABOR AND SPORTS

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—One of the nation's top labor papers, Oregon Teamster, has added one of the country's first sportscasters to its staff. Rudy Lachermeier's column, Oregon Outdoors, appears each week.

# WEATHER PRESENTS OBSTACLE AT FRESNO

By H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE,  
Business Representatives

The Gene Richards Co. submitted a low bid of \$412,000 to the California Division of Highways for construction of a four-lane highway between Olive avenue and north of Shields avenue, in the city of Fresno. The job consists of all underground work, sidewalks, curbs, grading and paving, and will start this month.

Ted Baun Co. has started construction of 3.6 miles of outer highway between Selma and Fowler on Highway 99; amount of bid, \$101,048, for grading and paving.

Thomas Construction Co., of Fresno, will start soon on a concrete bridge across the San Joaquin River at Friant. This is a joint county and state job.

United Concrete Pipe Co. has completed its highway job at Snelling, and most of the operators have been transferred either to Sacramento or Tulare. At the Tulare Freeway job, Bro. Ray Austin is getting ready for paving operations. Earl Parker will be in soon to move the rest of the dirt.

## CASTLE AIRBASE

Work at Castle Air Force Base is completely shut down on account of weather conditions. However, Earl Parker had the grading about finished. Ball and Simpson will resume concrete paving and will start their hot plant as soon as conditions permit. Fred J. Early Co. still has plenty of underground work to do and will be busy until spring.

Barrett & Hilp Co. is still busy on the Castle Gardens job. However, Concrete Supply Co., doing the grading and paving, has been laying off until the ground dries up.

Swinerton & Walberg Co. is constructing a large concrete dairy building at Atwater and will keep several of the brothers busy for the next two months.

Eaton & Smith Co. and Piombo Construction Co. both are keeping the wheels rolling on their respective highway jobs in Mariposa County. These jobs are expected to continue all winter.

## LAND-LEVELLING

The usual rush of winter land-leveling has not started as yet in this district. Indications are, though, that the leveling contractors from the north will be moving in as soon as the cotton harvest is completed and the farmers have some money to spend.

There has been some delay on the pipe laying jobs in Tulare County due to rain. These jobs will continue, however, and the pipe makers, United Concrete Pipe, Concrete Conduit Co., and American Pipe & Construction Co., are all keeping the brothers busy at their manufacturing plants.

There isn't much to report on the Pine Flat Dam project as the job is continuing ahead of schedule, with a minimum of trouble and no turnover on employment.

The gravel plants in this district are all busy and will continue through the winter months, as they all have current orders to fill.

We have many more small jobs in progress in the district and the work outlook for next year is very good. However, we have the usual large out-of-work list for this time of the year.

May we in the Fresno office—Pete, Lynn and Jo—wish all the brothers and their families a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy new year.

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## Bag 147 Coyotes

Predator control specialists of the California Department of Fish and Game piled up a total bag of 558 enemies of beneficial wildlife during the month of October.

Leading the list, as usual, was the coyote. Ventura County, with a reported take of 19, added the top county bag to the State-wide total of 147 coyotes.

The lone mountain lion killed in October was reported by State Hunter William Dye of San Diego County.

# CHANGES IN LABOR CODE ARE NOTED

California State Industrial Accident Commission has issued the following questions and answers to clarify workmen's compensation laws:

**Question:** Are additional compensation benefits payable in the case of an illegally employed minor under the age of 16 years?

**Answer:** Yes. A new law has been enacted (Labor Code Section 4557) establishing liability on certain employers for a 50 per cent increase in the compensation benefits payable, not to exceed \$3750 in cases of injury to illegally employed minors under the age of 16 years.

**Question:** Has the Commission's rule of practice directing the service and filing of medical reports been expanded?

**Answer:** Yes. The rule requiring the service and filing of medical reports has been expanded to include the direction that following issuance of an order, decision or award in a pending case, all physicians' reports acquired by either party shall, upon request, be served upon the opposing party. The originals of such reports need not be filed at the time of such service, and in the absence of a pending proceeding.

**Question:** What, if any, changes have been made with respect to rehearings?

**Answer:** Rehearings are now called reconsiderations. The law, and the rules of the Commission implementing the same, contemplate filing by an aggrieved party of an appropriate petition for reconsideration within the time provided by law (20 days) in those cases where a final decision, order or award is objected to. On its own motion, the Commission may, however, direct and order a reconsideration of any decision within 60 days after its issuance. This power that resides in the Commission to reconsider on its own motion is exercised independently of any action on the part of an aggrieved person, and will be resorted to solely for the purpose of insuring uniformity of decision, liberality of interpretation, compliance with interpretive regulations, and a review of matters of first impression and important questions of law.

**Question:** What changes have been made with respect to petitions to reopen?

**Answer:** In those cases wherein a final award has issued upon a finding of employment, the Commission is without authority to reverse such finding on proceedings to reopen.

**Question:** Did recent legislation amplify the grounds of appellate review of the Commission's orders, decisions and awards?

**Answer:** Yes. There is a new ground upon which the appellate courts may be asked to review the Commission's orders, decisions and awards. This ground is that the order, decision or award was not supported by substantial evidence. This provision expresses in statutory language the substantial evidence rule by which the appellate courts have always measured the adequacy of the evidence upon which the award is based.

**Question:** Has the law been amended to authorize referees' decisions?

**Answer:** Yes. Permissive legislation has been enacted which enables commissioners and referees to issue original decisions. The character of the claim in which such decisions issue is determined by Commission rule. The statute and Commission rule contemplate decisions by panels in the following cases: orders approving and disapproving compromises and releases; orders denying reconsideration; orders granting reconsideration and decisions thereon; orders adjudging contempt; orders in disciplinary proceedings involving disciplinary proceedings against representatives or attorneys.

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Thought for Today: One way to save face is to keep the lower part of it shut.

## A Lesson in Every Accident

It is just too bad to have an accident. It is worse yet to have that accident and not profit from the lesson it can teach us.

By an act of the last Legislature, it is now a legal requirement that every work injury to an employee requiring medical service must be reported within five days after the injury. Failure to report injuries promptly is a misdemeanor and may subject the employer to a fine from \$25 to \$100 per day.

It is not alone important that the injury be reported promptly, but that the cause of the accident that led to the injury be investigated fully.

When there is an accident:

1. Find out exactly what happened.
2. Determine how accident could have been prevented.
3. Do something to prevent a repetition of the accident.

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If accidents can be said to have a lighter side . . .  
Gentlemen:

We have been advised that there will soon be an oversupply of labor of all types. Our company is one which is doing all it can to prevent the labor market from becoming glutted. Our jobs are being run in the most dangerous manner possible. If our unsafe conditions do not get 'em our overtime hours are guaranteed to eliminate many men from the labor market.

We can prove that our jobs are conducted in a manner best suited to the desires of careless workmen.

Applicants need not be worried about our safety rules. We do our work in a hurry and in order to speed up we have eliminated all safety precautions. You will not have to learn how to use safety devices. None of this new fangled equipment has landed on our premises.

No mechanic having any safety device in his possession will be hired.

We will hire only those having old gee-d-up tools. Men will report for work wearing thin soled, low top shoes. Those wearing sandals will be given special preference.

Anyone caught using a safety strap on high work will be fired.

Our first aid box (if any) may be located in a tent at least six blocks from the job.

We don't pay much, but don't worry about that, you will soon be a compensation case, if you live.

We now need twice as many men as we had, to replace those transferred to the hospital and the morgue last week.

To prove our statement that our jobs are the most unsafe we are submitting photograph of one of our jobs now in progress. We will give a prize to anyone finding even one safe condition in same.

HYRUM & KILLEM,  
General Contractors.

P.S.—We take this opportunity to recommend to our friends the Berryman Mortuary, wholesale and retail funeral directors.

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## 6 Lions, 170 Coyotes

An even 500 predatory animals, including six mountain lions, were removed from their hunting grounds during the month of September of hunter-trappers of the California Dept. of Fish and Game.

The monthly bag included 170 coyotes, 84 bobcats, 40 raccoons, 48 skunks, 29 porcupines, and 24 badgers, along with lesser varmints.

Of the six lions, five were taken in Fresno County and one in San Diego County.

# A BIG RAIN UP THE VALLEY; BUT HERE COMES THE SUN!

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

We of this office have no desire to make a weather report, but at this time of the year we are compelled to tell you that rain has come down by the buckets but the old sun is out today in all of its splendor and it will probably get the earth dried up enough to get most of the land levelers started back to work and we surely hope so.

Around Marysville proper, the H. Earl Parker Co. is doing the cobble job on the Yuba River, above the Simpson Lane Bridge, when weather permits, also quite a crew in the shops overhauling and repairing for next summer.

Rice Bros. keep a few men busy in their yard and plant for it seems there is always some demand for concrete in this district.

Archie Till Co. have a few days left out on the levees at Hammonton. Bros. Dick Whittington, Charlie Hienz and Irving Teal are on the cats. Smith Bros. have some cats on this spread. Bro. Fritz Redman is running one of them, and Bro. Smith in charge.

## LAND LEVELING

J. Harold Shaver signed the new agreement with Local No. 3 and is doing some leveling in the area as did Mehren Construction Co.

Voy S. McMath also signed the land leveling agreement and Bro. Speed Hughes is pushing the equipment.

The Foster & McHarg Co. of Riverside had to get a shut-down on their Honcut Creek Levee due to high water and took their rigs and two of our good skimmers, Bros. Bill Davis and Ted Moses to sunny southern California with them. They will be back in the spring to finish the job.

Piombo Construction only needed about one more week of good weather to finish their levee on Butte Creek—but such was not to be for you need a boat to get on this job.

H. H. Ruby Co. on the 13 bridges on the Oroville Wye job, had to suspend operations due to heavy rains but will try again as soon as possible.

Butte Creek Rock Co. of Chico, keep a steady crew all the time—however, their outside construction is slack at the moment.

E. K. Moseman on the two underpass jobs in Oroville, have managed to keep a few men busy despite the weather but don't know how much longer it can keep going.

Richter Bros. had to get out of the mountains above Camptonville due to snow and rain. This company is taking most of the equipment down around Fresno, and have a crew of mechanics in the shop getting it ready to go. Bros. Walt Hayes, Gerard Stewart and Woody Stewart doing the repair.

Walsh Const. Co. are moving and stowing equipment in their Oroville yard, with Bros. McAvoy, Shultz, Bynum and Edwards set to repair muckers, cars and trucks this winter.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

We are sorry to report Bro. Bill Hayes of the Butte Creek Rock Co. of Chico, is still off duty with an injured hand and hope to see him on a rig soon.

During the past month Bro. O. D. Sickels dropped by and gave out the news of his job in Brazil with

M & K Co., Inc. and also said when any of the gang got the Local No. 3 paper it was read by everyone on the job from the states, including John Reed, area manager. Bro. John Reed, who was tunnel superintendent in the canyon for Dixon Arundel Co. also stopped by and brought us up-to-date on the job he had in Turkey. We were sure glad to get the news first-hand.

Bro. Bill Clark, a superintendent for M & K Co., Inc. dropped in from his job for that company by way of North Dakota and Washington and told us about conditions in Local No. 49. We were very happy to see these good brothers and they always remember to write.

Inasmuch as this is the December issue of our paper, we, of this Marysville office, Irene, Bill and Les wish each and every one a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and God's richest blessings.

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## Navy Jobs Open

Aircraft mechanic, motor, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required; aircraft mechanic, rubber, \$1.76 to \$1.98 hourly, 2 years experience required; electrician, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required; electrician, aircraft, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required; electrician, lineman, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required; machinist, inside, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required; metal-smith, aviation, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required.

Operator, air conditioning plant, \$1.67 to \$1.88 hourly, two years experience required; pipefitter, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required; radio mechanic, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required; Sheetmetal worker, \$1.87 to \$2.11 hourly, 4 years experience required; typewriter repairman, \$1.76 to \$1.98 hourly, 2 years experience required; welder, combination, \$1.87 to \$2.07 hourly, 4 years experience required; wharf-builder, \$1.84 to \$2.07 hourly, 4 years experience required; apprentice fourth class (mechanical trades), \$1.26 per hour.

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# RAINCOATS STYLISH IN REDWOODS—8-IN. IN NOV!

By A. R. McCaffrey, Business Representative, Local 3

Heavy rains have arrived in the Redwood Empire. It looks like we will have the same kind of winter this year as they have had every winter in the past. During the month of November, 7.80 inches of rain was recorded in Eureka, according to reports from the Weather Bureau. This was 2.62 inches above normal.

Work in this area has held up exceptionally well this year. We have been short of operators most of the time up until the present rains. All indications at this time tend to indicate that the Operating Engineers will be plenty busy during the coming year.

Most of the larger jobs are shut down for the winter. They will start rolling again when the weather permits. Most of the brothers who have been working on these jobs headed south when the rains came, but we expect to see them back next spring.

Frederickson Bros. have been shut down both at Scotia and Alton due to bad weather, but now are working again. The only work left on the Alton Freeway is the finish work. A few weeks of good dry weather would see this job wound up.

### HIT HIGH GROUND

At this time they are moving their hot plant to higher ground. Old Jupiter Pluvius dumped so much water in the river that there was about five feet of it around the plant.

On the Scotia job, the clearing and dirt moving are at a standstill, and probably will not work until spring. However, Frederickson Bros. hope to work on the underpass this winter as much as possible.

Mercer Fraser have all their equipment and plants working on various jobs around the country. Most of their work at this time consists of paving, although they have done a little piledriving.

Fred J. Maurer & Son have been awarded a county bridge over Mad River, but may not start on it until spring. The bid was \$12,711. This company has several other

jobs in this vicinity, including a sewer job in Arcata.

A. C. Johnson & Son are putting in a small culvert on Myrtle Ave. in Eureka.

Bro. Louie Conner has some of his equipment working and the rest is being overhauled.

Bros. Bosch and Cummings are busy on several jobs between Arcata and Redwood Creek.

John Burman & Sons and Carr & Rocco are progressing on the bridge and approaches over Mad River despite the weather.

Bro. Tom Hull has been shut down on his water and sewer jobs in Eureka because of the weather, but probably will start rolling again after a few days of sunshine.

Bros. King and Kirkpatrick appear to keep busy on various jobs throughout the area, as do Bros. John Jackson and John Petersen.

In the northern end of the territory, C. W. Peterson is making some headway on his job at Patrick Creek and should be finished in a couple of weeks, weather permitting.

Bro. Dean Langford has finished up on his mill jobs and now is keeping the brothers busy on a logging show.

Fred Korthase seems to find work for his equipment on various jobs in and around Crescent City. He also has a mill job at Blue Lake.

Macco-M&K have completed the moving of equipment off the Crescent City job and have taken several brothers with them to work on the Isabella Dam project.

In conclusion, we in the Eureka office take this opportunity to wish you, one and all, a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

# THE REDDING AREA IS ALL WRAPPED UP IN SNOW

By E. A. HESTER, Business Representative

R. P. Shea Company, Indio, California, submitted the low bid to the Bureau of Public Roads, for clearing, grading and a bridge to be built at \$320,212.83. The job is situated about 40 miles west of Redding near Douglas City. Work is expected to start as soon as weather conditions permit. The contractor has 250 calendar days to complete the project.

Looks like we're going to have a lot of federal road jobs in the district. Bids will be opened in the very near future on a large federal road job nine miles north of Yreka, from Highway 99 to Horse Creek, a distance of about 12 miles. This is a rough stretch and will be a rock job.

Ray Byers continues with the clearing of the George R. Patterson federal road job at Wildwood. At the present time everything is well wrapped up with snow.

When weather permits we look for a lot of activity on these three projects.

Rolandi Jr. is going along very well and making good progress on his sewage disposal project at Red Bluff. We do not have very many Engineers involved on this job but of those we have I can truthfully say, "They are 100 per cent."

Haven't heard anything from Erickson, Phillip and Weisberg except that they have been awarded the 14 bridges and highway improvement between Red Bluff and Los Molinas on Highway 99E.

Preliminary work has started on the mining project at Bully-hill. Diamond drill testing starts this week. This may turn out to be a large open pit operation. However, no one seems to know just what the situation is up to date.

The weather continues to be bad, but the work situation for the coming season is looking better all the time.

The State soon will advertise for bids on a \$443,000 highway project in Lassen County. Also there are three highway jobs lined up for Shasta County, to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2½ million.

Siskiyou, Modoc, Tehama and Trinity counties also have a lot of work coming up. It seems that all we can do at present is to wait on the weather, which is very rough in any direction you may wish to travel. More than 10 feet of snow fell in Lassen Park, and according to past records the rain, snow and winds have just begun. Overcoats, fur coats, raincoats, overshoes, and chains are advised from Redding north, east and west.

This is a busy season for the County's road employees. They're all out there busily pushing the snow and keeping the roads open. Our next regular meeting for the County road employees will be on Dec. 22, at 4 p.m., in the Labor Temple, Redding. Another pot luck dinner, brothers. Please pass the beans, and get ready to shake a mean foot! A dance after the dinner, and we are looking forward to seeing your "smiling faces" and to a good time for all.

## CONSTRUCTION

(Condensed from "Daily Pacific Builder," Oct. 8-Nov. 30)

### COMMERCIAL, PUBLIC BLDGS.

Hayward: Hunt Foods warehouse, Swinerton & Walberg, San Francisco, \$1,247,000.

Inyokern: Randsburg Wash test range, Haddock Engineers, Montebello, \$765,000.

Treasure Island, Naval Station: Plans up, barracks, mess, \$5,000,000.

Copolis, Wash.: High freq. radio station, bids, due, \$6,000,000.

Los Alamos, New Mex.: Physics bldg., bids due Jan., \$3,000,000.

### SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS

Palo Alto: Wilbur Jr. High, bids due Jan. 10, \$1,000,000.

Paso Robles: School for boys, low bid, Maino Co., San Luis Obispo, \$1,803,000.

Castro Valley, Oakland: 150-bed dist. hospital, Williams & Burrows, Burlingame, \$3,145,500.

Hawthorne, Nev.: Elem. school, low, \$736,400, Walker Boudwin Co., Reno.

Bethel, Alaska: Native Service hospital, bids rejected, \$3,930,000.

Vallejo: Jr. high, Joseph Betten-court, San Bruno, \$1,853,000.

San Francisco: Sunnydale elem. school, Monson Bros., \$1,170,000.

Fresno: TB hospital, plans up, \$2,750,000.

Travis Airbase, Fairfield: Elementary school, plans up, \$1,100,000.

San Francisco: Sunset Jr. High, plans o.k.'d, \$2,800,000.

### HOUSING

Fresno: City housing, Oppenheim & King, Fresno, \$1,156,000.

March Air Force Base: Housing proj., Ray E. Frasure, L. A., and C. T. Lindsay, S. F., \$5,300,000.

Tucson: Wherry housing, Rubenstein Co., Chandler, \$2,600,000.

Oildale, Kern County: Bids due, public housing, \$1,000,000.

### HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES

Alameda County: Eastshore freeway, Jackson St., Fredrickson & Watson, and M & K Corp., Oakland, \$2,551,000.

Los Angeles: Harbor freeway, six bridges, Oberg Bros., Inglewood, \$1,160,000.

Tacoma: Port Waterway bridge, low, Anderson Co., and R. T. Early Co., Tacoma, \$1,342,000.

Trinity County: Weaverville, plans up, 17 miles, \$2,235,000.

### DAMS, RESERVOIRS, DREDGING

Cachuma Proj., Santa Barbara, Glen Anne dam, L. A. and R. S. Crow, El Monte, \$733,700.

Feather River Proj., funds for surveys to be requested of legislature in March, \$800,000, overall total, \$1,270,387,000.

Pend Oreille Co., Wash.: Dam, etc., Box canyon, plans up, \$16,000,000.

Dalles Dam Proj., Oregon: Head of Bonneville pool, bids due in spring, \$350,000,000.

Columbia Basin Proj.: Earthwork, pipelines, Cherf Bros., Ephrata, \$1,297,000.

Columbia Basin Proj.: Earthwork, laterals, Long Constr. Co., Billings, \$1,884,000.

Pine Flat Dam: Reservoir clearing, Schutt Co., Genoa, Wis., \$589,000.

Tuolumne County: City of S. F., diversion tunnel, power stub, Hetch Hetchy, low, Ralph A. Bell, Monrovia, \$747,700.

Isabella Dam Proj.: Macco Corp., Paramount; Morrison-Knudsen, L. A.; River Constr. Corp., Paramount, \$5,873,700.

Oroville-Wyandotte Irrig. Dist.: Hydroelectric proj., license requested, \$25,200,000.

Palisades Proj., Idaho: S. fork of Snake River, open-cut and tunnel work, Bureau Recl., \$1,242,000, low, J. A. Terteling, Boise.

## 80,725 Pheasants

In the 11 months prior to the current pheasant hunting season, game farm crews of the California Department of Fish and Game liberated 80,725 Chinese pheasants on property that is normally open to hunting.

The pre-season bird release will be followed by additional in-season and post-season liberations from 14 state game farms and more than 50 cooperating sportsmen's groups holding pens.

# FATIGUE CAUSES MANY ACCIDENTS

BOISE, Idaho.—Many industrial injuries are caused by fatigue, and every effort should be made on the job to prevent it as a measure toward lowering accident rates, according to Dr. James Coughlin, who addressed the recent safety conference here.

"Fatigue dulls one's senses, slows down one's reaction to stimuli and as a result when a snap judgment is required to avert tragedy, the response is inadequate and injuries result," he commented at the conference.

"Realizing the importance of this condition, with the carelessness that results from it and the accidents that are the final end result, it behooves us to do everything in our power to fight this situation and thereby prevent accidents," he continued.

"On the job every effort should be expended in watching for and preventing fatigue. A man working three shifts in succession to increase his take home pay is to be commended for his willingness to provide for his family," he said. "However, he is a potential accident case any time after his first shift is completed. Overtime that seriously infringes on one's normal off work period may be an accident rate raiser. In intensive and especially monotonous work, a twice daily break is recommended.

"First aid measures on the job are a safety factor," he pointed out. "There should be a first aid man and team on every job well trained in first aid principles."

In closing his discussion, he said "the incidence of injuries on the job is too high. It is my earnest

hope that this Safety Council will make us all safety conscious and promote constructive thinking on this ever increasing problem."

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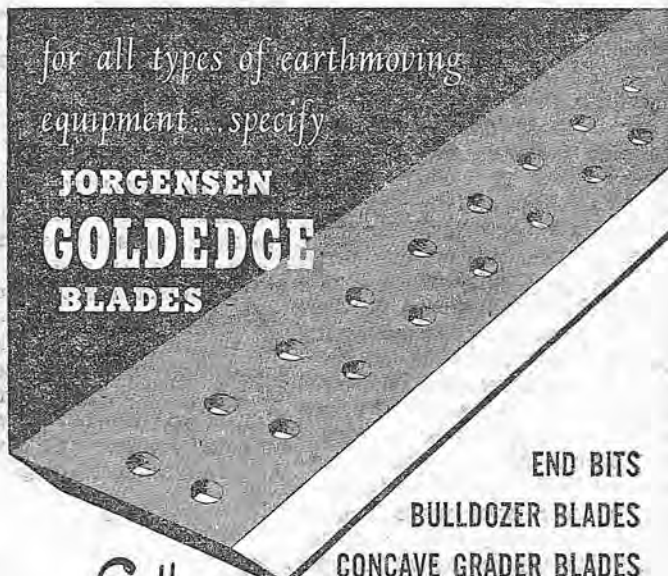
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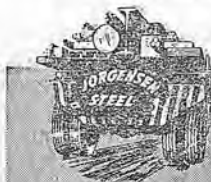
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# RAIN SLOWING WORK IN SAN JOSE AREA

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and A. J. "BUCK" HOPE  
Business Representatives, Local 3

Well, brothers, our report for this month is going to be brief. We have no new, major projects starting at this time and operations have been suspended on those we did have on account of the recent torrential rains. We are afraid some of those jobs will be closed down 'till spring. Others will open

up when the weather permits—allowing the brothers to earn a few dollars, but it looks very much like it is going to be tight around this locality until early '52. We are sorry to report at this writing that we have approximately 105 members on the "unemployment list."

Atkinson is expected to put a few engineers back to work, both at Moffett and the quarry, just as soon as the weather permits. This also applies to Clements on the highway job at Los Gatos, and Ed Keeble on McKee road. Outside of that we have nothing of note in and around San Jose with the exception of the sub-divisions, gravel pits, shops and Permanente, and these have been slowed down to a walk.

Raymond Concrete Pile have moved a "driver" in on the Hibernia Bank job on West Santa Clara. They have about 60 concrete piles to drive. "Pop" Alexander is at the throttle and Jerry Elton is the "pusher." This project has been held up for quite some time for reasons beyond the control of the owner, but at last is under way.

Frederickson & Watson submitted the low bid of \$1,260,000 on the Eastshore Freeway. The stretch of freeway will extend from Schallenberger Ave. to Trimble Road and will entail considerable work, namely, 80,500 yards of channel excavation and approximately 365,000 tons of borrow, plus a couple of over and underpass structures. So, when we get rolling on this one it should help materially to alleviate the unemployment situation in this area, which, we hope, won't be too far in the future.

Our latest information on the Lexington Dam, which came to us from a good source, is that bids will be called for on this work sometime in March. However, much depends upon the completion of the new highway around the dam location and the adoption of the final plans and the "Go" signal from governing bureaus.

Oh, yes, we must not forget to mention that operations are soon to start on a \$5,000,000 housing project on the old Paul Masson vineyards, near Almaden. One of the old and well-known San Francisco firms will be the owners and builders, Barrett & Hilp.

**SOUTHERN TERRITORY**  
In some parts of the southern territory, things are not quite so saturated as they are around San Jose. Sperling & Harrison, of the San Ardo oil fields, have been going right along with their nine "cats" and blades, and have lost very little time during this unsavory weather. This is also the case with that well-known firm of Vincenz Bros. They have seven cats, two cobras and three blades working in the oil fields. Brother Taylor has two cats on this same work, and the Valley Crane Service and the Brown Crane Service have their equipment operating in the oil fields, as well.

The Valley Trenching Co. have about a month and a half of work left on Ford Ord. The Stolte Company, Manuel Smith, Dorfman, and Barrett & Hilp are all still occupied on their sewer work in and around Monterey. Tanner & Haas are still busy on the Naval School, and the Allison Company are busy on the housing unit for the Navy. Granite has been down most of this past month on account of rain. Below is a list of the names of a few of the brothers working around Monterey: (Batch Plant Operators) Louis Tabiayo, George Tash and Clarence Leech. (Blade Operators) C. D. Gill, Bill Allen, Joe Travers. (Dozer Operators) Lewis Fitzimmons, Hank Marshall, Orville Braisher. (Roller Operator) Hubert Borba. (Hot Plant Operators) Skip Mabry, Charles Dameron, Virgil Irvan. (Crane Oper-

ators) Cloyce Turley. (Superintendent—are we right?), Norman Goodwin. (Oilers) Chester Turley, John Ragsdell, Ray Usrey, Ray Delaney, Bill Christenson, James Denton. (Digger Operator) H. Blackwell. (Superintendent) Harley Davidson.

F. V. Hampshire of Salinas was low bidder at a figure of \$504,202 on the new Del Rey Woods School in Monterey.

Everything around Santa Cruz has been shut down due to the recent heavy rains—approximately 14". McGuire & Hester got a small sewer job in Santa Cruz, and the Underground Construction Company have started their job there.

Castroville—Lyles Pipe Company have just started their three miles of 12" pipe which is going in here. The Robinson Pipeline Company have the contract to pipe gas into the town of Castroville and to lay the pipe in Castroville. There is nothing new at the P.G.&E. plant at Moss Landing. C. C. Moore Company are still quite busy there.

Natividad—Permanente Corp. have put another shovel at the quarry—double shift, which will make winter jobs for seven brother engineers.

Frederickson & Watson have been rained out on their Gilroy and Chular jobs. However, weather permitting, they can finish up these jobs in a couple of weeks.

### NEWS FOR AND ABOUT THE BROTHERS

First of all, we extend our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to each of the members and his family.

Brother "Tiny" Barnett, the "old-timer" who took a three-day job with the Bechtel Corp. nine years ago, was in the office a couple of days ago to say "Good-bye." He is headed back to New York for the same firm . . . Bro. Louis Kashka, who has been with Bechtel since the big pipeline job out of Needles, has been called back to New York on another one of their "Big Inch" lines . . . Just received a letter from Brother F. B. "Jack" Diamond, of Seldovia, Alaska, where he has gone into the restaurant and bar business. Jack intends to keep his engineer's card for the time being and sends his best to all the brothers of Local 3.

Just received a letter from an old friend of ours, Chief Brown, of the Sea Bees Recruiting Service in San Francisco. The chief needs many good operators and it is nearly a cinch to get a good rating if you get in early. In San Francisco contact him at the Federal Office Building, room 201. In San Jose, at the post office.

Brother "Chief" Valdez has just returned from French Morocco. Joe says things are getting kinda rough over there and the political situation don't look too good.

Brothers, before we close our last report for the year, 1951, we would like to say please get a clearance before you go to work. Also, if you are out of work, be sure and register and make sure the phone number you give is correct.

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## Shame on Us!

In the British elections in October 84 per cent of eligible voters went to the polls. In the 1948 U. S. elections only 51 per cent voted.

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### GUILD MAN KILLED

New York (LPA).—First member of the CIO Newspaper Guild here to die in action in the Korean war was Pvt. James J. Kopf, inducted last January. He was married five months before his death.

## More & More Deer

How California deer hunters have been able to increase their bag by more than 320 per cent during the last 25 years, while the ranks of hunters expanded 286 per cent, is graphically portrayed in the 1948-50 biennial report of the Dept. of Fish and Game, just off the presses.

When legislation requiring hunters to purchase and validate deer hunting tags went into effect in 1927, State game biologists were able to chalk up an annual kill of 19,507 bucks by 110,760 sportsmen.

In the 1951 seasons just ended, an estimated 315,000 licensed hunters accounted for a yearly bag which is expected to reach 64,000 bucks—an all-time California record. Several thousand antlerless deer, removed under special permit from critical range areas, will swell the 1951 take.

According to the figures released in the report, all-time records for annual deer kills are as common as wardens on the opening day of the hunting season. They have occurred 11 times since the tag return records were kept—in 1928, 1930, 1931, 1937 to 1940 inclusive, 1946, 1948, 1949, and 1951.

Except for the years of the deep depression (1932 to 1936) and World War II (1941 to 1945), the state's reported deer kill has been increasing an average of about 2,500 bucks a year.

Perusal of the quarter-century kill record shows, however, that the individual hunter's chances of bagging a buck have improved only slightly. Twenty-five years ago, there was one buck taken for every 5.7 hunters. This year, tag returns are expected to show that, exclusive of the thousands of antlerless deer taken in special hunts, one buck was killed for every 4.9 hunters.

How long can California's annual deer kill keep climbing? Game managers and experts of half a dozen governmental agencies believe that the maximum sustained yield has not yet been reached. If—and all hands agree that it's a big "if"—intelligent practices to protect and improve range conditions can be continued, the average California hunter can expect to bring home at least one deer every two years from 1952 until eternity.

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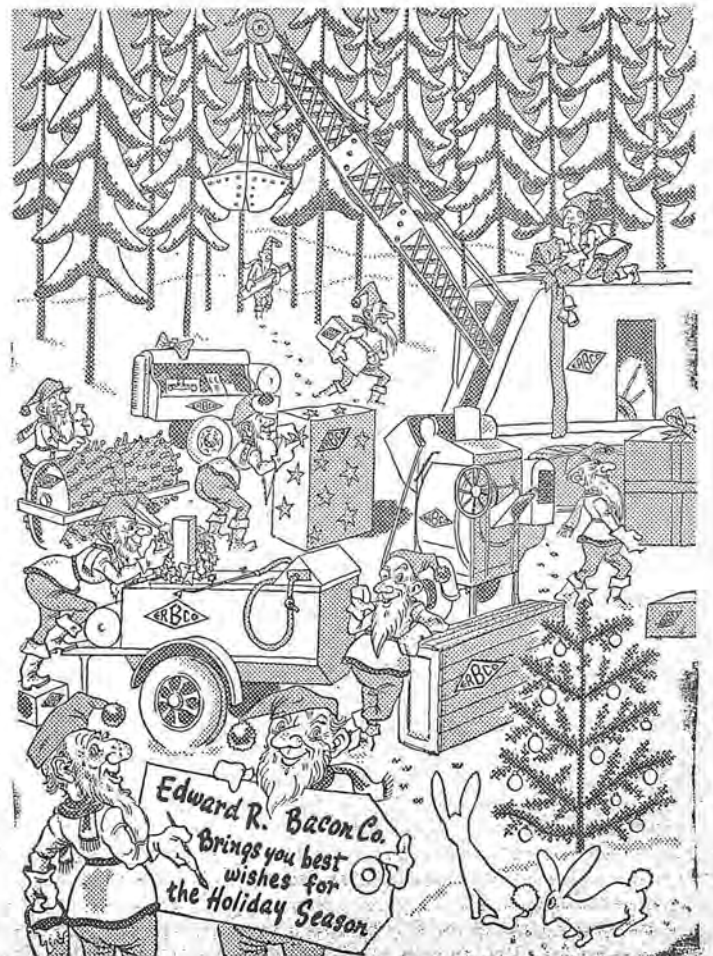
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# Daily report of awards for construction

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## NOVEMBER 13, 1951

**PIEDRA**, contract awarded to Schutt Const. Co., Genoa, Wisconsin, \$619,496 for resvr. clearing for Pine Flat Proj. near Piedra on the Kings River.

**SAN ANSELMO**, contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., 629 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Rafael, \$3388 for paving parking lot and sidewalk area at Sir Francis Drake High School and sidewalks at Tamalpais Union High School.

**RICHMOND**, contract awarded to Bechtel Corp., 220 Bush St., San Francisco, \$1,500,000 for const. Alkane plant facilities expansion at the Richmond Refinery.

**OAKLAND** contract awarded to The Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 West Cutting Blvd., Richmond, \$94,542 for install. pipe on hangers beneath bridge, etc., new hwy. bridge, from Alameda to Bay Farm Island.

**TRACY**, contract awarded to Johnson Western Constructors, Box 6, San Pedro, \$338,353 for const. Columbia Pump. Plant No. 1 Mowry Pump. Plant and delivery systems, Central Valley Proj., loc. 3 mi. N.E. of Mendota.

## NOVEMBER 14, 1951

**MARTINEZ**, contract awarded to Allyn L. Burr Co., 2417-28th St., Sacramento, \$21,000 for const. tennis courts.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contracts awarded for the following:

(1) **Track removal** and reconstr. pavement on Townsend St., betw. 3rd and 4th: To Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$24,761.

(2) **Grade surf., Broadway**, betw. Fillmore and Steiner, and Steiner, betw. Broadway and Vallejo: To Chas. L. Harney, 575 Berry St., S. F., \$15,322.

**RICHMOND**, contract awarded to Carl Overaa, 520-16th Street, Richmond, \$2,990 for const. ramp for the Rec. Bldg., Alvarado Park.

**SAN LORENZO**, contract awarded to J. H. Fitzmaurice, 2857 Hannah St., Oakland, \$8,625 for site work at Bohannon School.

**BURLINGAME** contract awarded to Guerin & Morgan, P.O. Box 517, Los Gatos, \$23,727 for site clearing and earthwork at new Burlingame Elementary School, located on Quesada Way Extension, in Mills Estates.

**RICHMOND**, contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., S. F., \$0.617 per cy. for 13,600 cu. yd. dredging of berthing areas, Muni. Wharf No. 1, Foot of Garrard Blvd., Outer Harbor, Richmond.

**MARTINEZ**, contract awarded to Eugene G. Alves, Rt. 1, Box 390, Pittsburg, \$87,336 for 1.421 mi. grade and surf., Mt. View Truck Route, betw. Pacheco Blvd., and Arnold Industrial Hwy., CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to Crocco & Hansen, 1010 Tennessee St., Vallejo, \$4417 for conc. pave Templar Alley, betw. 180 ft. west of Marin St., and Sonoma Blvd.

## NOVEMBER 15, 1951

**CARSON CITY**, Nevada, contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$61,838 for 3.026 mi. grade, drain, surf. secondary hwy. sys., betw. pt. 3 mi. SE of Mason and 1/2 mi. NE of Masor, LYON COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Lord & Bishop, P.O. Box 812, Sacramento, \$349,825 for const. underpass, tracks of S. P. Co., "J" St. & bridge over "J" St., & 0.25 mi. rough grade city streets, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Brighton Sand & Gravel Co., P.O. Box 2604, Sacramento, \$26,887 for 0.6 mi. grade R.R. beds and const. drain. strucs. betw. Washington Underpass & Tower Bridge, YOLO COUNTY.

**MARE ISLAND**, contract awarded to Chas. T. Hoyer, 949 Bayshore Blvd., Burlingame, \$7,400 for raise levees around dredge spoil, at the Shipyards.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan Avenue, \$3,246 for remove 30" cast iron pipe in Locksley Ave., betw. Lawton and Moraga.

**SAN FRANCISCO** contract awarded to Martinelli Const. Co.,

1580 Folsom St., S.F., \$83,300 for remodel. offices of Geary Street Car House.

**MOSS LANDING**, contract awarded to Shellmaker, Inc., 124 W. 4th St., Los Angeles (Corona Del Mar), \$79,265 for dredging channel and const. floating docks at Moss Landing Harbor.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Hart & Hynding, 389 Clementina St., S.F., \$23,085 for const. Admin. Bldg. for the Farmers Market.

## NOVEMBER 16, 1951

**MARE ISLAND**, Contracts were awarded as follows: (1) Ferguson Brothers, 8923 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$29,881 for repairs to Cedar Ave. Line (Spec. No. 31977, 12th St. (No. 31979), 15th St. (No. 3-1982, and California Ave. (Spec. No. 31983). (2) Martin Murphy, Rt. 2 Box 894, Walnut Creek, \$4,290 for repairs to line south of building No. 535, under Spec. No. 31985.

**BERKELEY**, Contract awarded to Ace Excavators, 1020-44th Avenue, Oakland, \$10,622 for grade and surf. roads at School for the Deaf.

**CONCORD**, Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, P. O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$22,990 for const. curbs, gutters etc., High School Avenue, betw. Crescent & East Sts.

**TOOELE**, UTAH, Contract was awarded to Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Co., Santa Clara, California, \$54,556 for const. 100,000-gal. elev. steel water tank, Dog Area, Dugway Plov. Grounds.

**AVENAL**, Contract awarded to Kovick Bros., Const. Co., P. O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$76,155 (conc) for const. sanit. sewers.

**OGDEN**, UTAH, Contract was awarded to Floyd S. Whiting, Murray, Utah, \$156,560 for 1.876 mi. grade & surf. Zion-Bryce Canyon National Parks Approach Road, Sect. C3, Portion (1951), Dixie National Forest, KANE COUNTY.

## NOVEMBER 19, 1951

**REDWOOD CITY**, Contract was awarded to Peter Sorensen, 927 Arguello, Redwood City, \$6,900 for addnl. parking area at Menlo-Atherton High School.

## NOVEMBER 20, 1951

**NAPA**, Contract awarded to M. Weber, 4867 Mission St., San Francisco, \$25,439 for const. water lines & tanks, 2 mi. W. of Napa.

**SAN RAFAEL**, Contract awarded to Jensen & Pitts, 931 Second St., San Rafael, \$12,258 for grade, drain and armor coat on Fawn Drive, MARIN COUNTY.

**VISALIA**, Contract awarded to Trehitt, Shield & Fisher, 926 Parallel Avenue, Fresno, \$147,900 for addn. to Tulare Co. Juvenile Detention Home.

**SACRAMENTO**, Contract was awarded to Erickson, Phillips & Weisberg, 3341 Telegraph, Oakland, \$584,512 for widen. 14 reinf. conc. bridges & appr., betw. Deer Creek Overflow & Mill Race Creek, TEHAMA COUNTY.

**REDWOOD CITY**, Contract was awarded to Ed Keeble, Rt. No. 4, Box 46, San Jose, \$9,400 for 2.5 mi. clear & grub, Portola Road, in SAN MATEO COUNTY.

**HAYWARD**, Contract awarded to Swinerton & Walberg, 723 Webster St., Oakland, \$800,000 (approximately) for const. of a warehouse on West "A" Street.

**VALLEJO**, Contract awarded to Basalt Rock Co., Inc., 900-8th St., Napa, \$2,144 for 10,400 sq. ft. paving at Franklin Jr. High School.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Contract was awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan Avenue, San Francisco, \$3,246 for remov. 30" cast iron pipe, Locksley Ave., betw. Lawton & Moraga Sts.

**SALINAS**, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$13,183 for improv. W. Alisal St., from Homestead Ave. to 160 ft. west of San Vicente.

**SAN MATEO**, Contract awarded to F. W. Smith, Box 726, San Mateo, \$848 for grade & pave. Ensenada Way turn-around.

**RICHMOND**, Contract awarded to Healy-Tibbitts Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., San Francisco, for 250,000 cu. yd. dredging at the Company's Richmond Long Wharf.

## NOVEMBER 21, 1951

**MANTECA**, Contract awarded to Pat Barkley (c-o Joe Brock Co., 548 S. Spring Street, Los Angeles,) \$16,530 for const. culverts along French Camp Outlet Canal.

**CARSON CITY**, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$61,838 for 3.026 mi. grade, drain, surf., secondary hwy. system, betw. a point 3 mi. southeast of Mason & 0.5 mi. northeast of Mason, LYON COUNTY.

## NOVEMBER 23, 1951

**CARSON CITY**, NEVADA, Contracts awarded as follows: (1) ELKO CO. (F 002-5 (4): 8.727 mi. const. por. SH shs., betw. Whitehorse Pass & point 19 mi. S. of Wendover—To Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 2351 Reno, \$415,577. (2) LINCOLN CO. (S 639 (2): 5.842 mi. const. por. secondary hwy. sys., betw. point near Comet Mine & pt. 5.5 mi. south, incl. two spurs - To Wells Cargo Inc., 1775 East 4th St., Reno, Nevada, \$110,526.

**SACRAMENTO**, Contract was awarded to Baun Const. Co., P. O. Box 1281, Fresno, \$101,048 for 3.6 mi. grade, surf., betw. Selma & Fowler, FRESNO COUNTY.

**FIREBAUGH**, Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., P. O. Box 495, Avenal, \$4,200 for const. storm sewer.

**MODESTO**, Contract awarded to A-1 Const. Co., 1216 Sunrise Avenue, Modesto, \$1,380 for const. sidewalks at Roosevelt Sch.

**VISALIA**, Contract awarded to Rice Bros. Inc., P. O. Box 1489, Marysville, \$42,680 for 1.6 mi. of road & 0.3 mi. of spur track to grade on Rd. No. 8-E at ATSF RR spur track, 3 mi. E. of Alpaugh, & on Rd. 8-E at ATSF main line, 5 mi. east of Alpaugh & at RR crossing & spur track in Allenworth, TULARE COUNTY.

**ALAMEDA**, Contract awarded to John H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley, \$3,211 for repav. & expansion of City Parking Lot, rear of City Hall.

## NOVEMBER 26, 1951

**EMERYVILLE**, contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$12,672 for surf. playgrounds of Anna Yates, Ralph H. Hawley & Emery High Schools, loc. in Emeryville.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., 4929 Hedges St., Fresno, \$75,066 for const. reinf. conc. girder bridge supported on cone, framed bents, acr. San Joaquin River at Friant, FRESNO & MADERA COUNTIES.

## NOVEMBER 27, 1951

**SANTA ROSA**, contract awarded to Robert M. Rapp Co., 705 Bennett Ave., Santa Rosa, \$2612 for const. alts & additions to sewers in the District.

**FRESNO**, contract awarded to Hopkins & Sons, Rt. 12, Box 216, Fresno, \$19,769 for grade, haul dirt and const. fence & curbs at Roeding Elem. School 1226 West Dakota St.

**TRACY**, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$8295 for gravel roads & const. bridges near Tracy Pump. Plant, 9 mi. N.W. of Tracy.

## NOVEMBER 28, 1951

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$34,259 for sanit. sewer sys. in Edison Ave. Assess. Dist. No. 77. Co. San. Dist. 2.

**SANTA CRUZ**, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$19,817 for const. trunk sewers in Fair Ave., Wanzer St. & Modesto Way, betw. Oxford Way and San Jose Street.

**COLFAX**, contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., P.O. Box 2087, Stockton, \$13,965 for const. sewer system addns.

**CONCORD**, contract awarded to San Ramon Valley Land Co., 685 Delaware St., Berkeley, \$45,600 for 115,000 cu. cut & fill grading at Pleasant Hill High School Site.

**CARSON CITY**, Nevada, contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 2351, Reno, Nevada, \$415,577 for 8.727 mi. const. portion of SH hwy., betw. Whitehouse Pass and point 19 mi. west of Wendover, in ELKO COUNTY.

## NOVEMBER 29, 1951

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Silva Bros., 236 Main St., Hayward, \$6394 for const. parking area

at Southern Alameda County office bldg., on Fremont Ave. betw. Centerville and Niles, ALAMEDA CO. **LEGRAND**, contract awarded to H. Sykes, Box 626, Patterson, \$15,787 for const. Mariposa Creek Gaging Sta., near LeGrand.

**MARE ISLAND**, contract awarded to Donougher Plumbing & Heating Co., 1603 Turk St., S.F., \$9300 for const. repairs to fresh water lines on R.R. Ave.

**MARE ISLAND**, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$5390 for paving & drain. repairs for maint. vicinity Bldg. 811.

## NOVEMBER 30, 1951

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S. F., \$283,250 for track removal on 22nd St., betw. Mission & Chattanooga Sts., and on 24th St. betw. Dolores & Hoffman & on Chattanooga betw. 22nd & 24th & on Dolores betw. 22nd & 24th.

## DECEMBER 3, 1951

**ROSEVILLE**, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, for const. pavement, railroad trackage and water system at light repair yard.

**STOCKTON**, contract awarded to Louis Biasotti & Son, P.O. Box 587, Stockton, \$56,600 for repairs to roads and gutters at Stockton State Hospital.

## DECEMBER 4, 1951

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to James Bitcon, 628 Louisiana St., Vallejo, \$34,988 for const. Cerebral Palsy School Bldg. (Carol Vista School).

**BERKELEY**, contract awarded to Albert Hirschfield & Peter O. Mattei, 25 Sunset Drive, Berkeley, \$2697 for const. of alterations to the basement of the City Hall.

**SALINAS**, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1700 Moorpark Ave., San Jose, \$5000 for the following work: Alts. to Villa St. Pumping Station, \$4000; Abandonment of W. Laurel Drive Station, \$1000.

**HOLLISTER**, contract awarded to George Renz, 555-5th St., Gilroy, \$6990 for improvements to the City Pumping Plant.

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to John H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 Eastshore Highway, at Jones St., Berkeley, \$8970 for grade and pave at California Maritime Academy.

**YOUNTVILLE**, contract awarded to Slinsen Const. Co., P.O. Box 551, Napa, \$15,203 for const. roads, walks and parking area, and grading & drainage at Veterans Home, Yountville.

## DECEMBER 5, 1951

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., P. O. Box 1389, Fresno, \$411,957 for 1.8 mi. grade, surf. drain, Blackstone Ave., Olive to 0.25 mi. N. Shields, Fresno, FRESNO COUNTY.

**SALT LAKE CITY**, contract awarded to Sorensen Bros., and England Bros., 1330 W. 4200 So., Murray, Utah, \$188,886 for 9.537 mi. grade, drain and bitum. surf. SR No. 73 betw. Utah County line and Deseret Chemical Depot, TOOELE COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to H. A. Anderson, 19 East Maple St., Stockton, \$6235 for grade, pave and const. drainage system at City Substation, 20th & North "B" Streets.

**SAN LORENZO**, contract awarded to Robert B. McNair, 3745 Rhoda Ave., Oakland, \$26,947 (Unit 1), and \$6140 (Unit 2) for const. sewage pumping station, lift station and connection to force main, etc.

**MENDOTA**, contract awarded to Wm. Lyles Co., P.O. Box 459, Avenal, \$5140 (transite) for const. 1540 ft. 6 in. water mains for the City of Mendota.

**SAN RAFAEL**, contract awarded to Fred Drayer, 6052 Broadway Terrace, Oakland, \$21,400 (Sch. A) for 40 acres clear and dispose of brush and trees, Damsite Area.

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$3282 for const. parking lot at Maple & Miller Avenues.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan Ave., S.F., \$9381 for const. and removal of track on 1st St. and Fremont St., at Mission, und. MRR No. 406.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan Ave., S.F., \$66,922 for const. Ocean & Phelan Ave. Terminal.

**LATHROP**, contract awarded to S. M. McGaw Co., Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$65,766 for surf. storage areas and hard standing at sheds N3 and N4, Sharpe Gen. Depot.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Harold T. Treacy, 48 Sotelo St., S.F., \$8181 for lay. 6 in. C.I. mains in Molimo Drive and Forester St.

## DECEMBER 6, 1951

**ALAMEDA**, contract awarded to John H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley, \$7767 for improv. Central Ave., east of Fernside Blvd.

**SANTA ROSA**, contract awarded (General) to Ralph Larsen & Son, 64 S. Park St., S.F., \$91,613 for const. branch of c. bldg., State Department of employment.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Bauer Const. Co., 309 SW 6th Ave., Portland, Oregon, \$4,488,900 for 500 units at Presidio of San Francisco.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to R. P. Shea Co., P.O. Box 218, Indio, \$320,212 for 4.507 mi. const. Douglas City-Peanut Road, Trinity National Forest, TRINITY COUNTY.

## DECEMBER 7, 1951

**SUNNYVALE**, contracts awarded as follows for improvement McKinley School Grounds.

(1) Grade & armor coat: To Pisano Bros., 1700 Moorpark Ave., San Jose, \$6000.

(2) Sprinkler Sys.: To Pisano Bros., \$2700.

(3) Landscape: To Stephen Vistica, 70 N. El Camino Real, San Mateo, \$2929.

**EUREKA**, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$1280 for const. conc. curb on "W" St., betw. Russell & Hemlock Sts.

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## Firm Provides Scholarships for Workers' Children

Cleveland (LPA)—Children of employes of the Solar Steel Corp. here and in six other cities will be provided with college educations through an initial \$150,000 fund. "We hope to take over the burden of putting aside money for many years for a great many of our employes," said President Sol H. Friedman. "If our colleges are to receive the financial support they deserve, business corporations must replace the private benefactor as the major source of funds."

Scholarship, providing for payment of 90 percent of the college bill, including living expenses, have been set up at Harvard, Western Reserve, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Brandeis universities, and others will be included as required, Friedman said.

Aid first will be given to children of 125 salaried employes, and then extended to those of 500 non-salaried workers. The firm has plants here and in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, River Rouge, Mich., and Union, N. J.

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## BARBER 68 YEARS

Newton, Iowa (LPA).—When AFL Barber Fred Young celebrated his birthday he had his friend, former banker and mayor Frank Woodrow, call at the shop for the same grooming he'd been getting for 60 years. But Fred started barbering eight years earlier—the birthday was his 86th.

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## WHISKEY, 5 MILLION

Peoria, Ill. (LPA)—When the Hiram Walker plant here filled its five-millionth barrel with good bourbon it called for a celebration, with the Coopers represented by International President James J. Doyle and Local President Clarence Randall.

A man's station in life depends largely upon which train of thought he takes.

# DESPITE WEATHER, CITY JOBS HOLD UP

By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ, Business Representatives, Local 3

Despite the wet weather, work in the San Francisco area had been holding up fairly well . . . The Claude Fisher Company (a Los Angeles firm) was the low bidder on the new Veterans Hospital to be erected at Fort Funston. However, the contract has not been awarded as yet, and even though

they were low bidders until the contract is awarded they cannot be sure of the job. Our sister local in Los Angeles informs us that this company is O.K. as far as they are concerned, and always goes along with them. Next lowest bidder for the job was Piombo Bros.

The Public Utilities Commission of San Francisco awarded the contract for the new Lake Merced Pumping Plant to Rothschild, Raffin, Werick & Pacific Bridge Company, which is a joint venture and amounts to \$1,064,570. They should start excavating within 30 days.

The Freeway low level tunnel is proceeding about as usual. Also coming along O. K. is the remodeling job at the Flood Building . . . The West Winds Company, at Pier 54, are very busy on navy work for which they purchased a 40 Loraine. Also going strong at Pier 64 is the Triple A.

Some jobs slowed down for a couple of weeks on account of rain . . . these include Harney's job, on the S. F. Freeway; Lowrey Company & Archibald Company at the S. F. Airport, and the track removal job of Fay Improvement Company at Larkin and O'Farrell which is coming along slowly due to the heavy traffic in that area.

Eaton & Smith are finishing up on their Ocean Avenue job, while Emsco Company still keeps one man busy watching their air compressors. They are still trying to run air compressors without engineers—guess they just like the business agent's "company."

No other news to report . . . but plenty of best wishes to the members and their families for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

## OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

By RUSS SWANSON

Winter is approaching and the San Francisco office has been receiving a number of phone calls (as usual in this season) from all parts of the country regarding the chances of overseas employment. So far we have not been able to give very favorable answers towards this question but there have been a lot of rumors from various contractors that this coming year will bring a lot of employment for the fellows who want work out of the country. The only authentic report we have received so far is that of Atlas Construction and this report shows that after the holidays there will be a lot of operators of all types needed but at the present time the only operators who are going out are PULL operators. This work will be in French Morocco where a lot of engineers have been going and coming all year and there have been various reports regarding the situation as it is over there. There is one report from M & K, however, that there will be quite a bit of work in Vancouver, B.C., beginning sometime in the spring and from the information that has come to us—this work will consist

# Peninsula District— PENINSULA WELCOMES SUNSHINE

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

The activity of the Operating Engineers suffered a temporary setback during the past month in San Mateo due to the inclement weather. However, the dry weather and sunshine we have enjoyed for the past few days has enabled some of the projects to start operations and if present weather conditions last, more members of Local 3 will return to work.

Douglas and Woodhouse of Redwood City with a large crew of Engineers are operating at full capacity at all points in this area on school jobs, street work, building excavation and paving. Foreman, Brother McClure, and operators, Evans, Thompson and Corse, are busily engaged on the campus for the Sharps Park school, and foreman, Brother Woodhouse, and Jack Wood with operators, Brothers Barnes, Pittard, Schwartz and several more are endeavoring to finish their grading and paving jobs in San Carlos, Woodside, Redwood City and other Peninsula cities, while weather conditions are favorable.

The California Aggregates at Rockaway Beach on their quarry operation have a large crew of Engineers employed under the supervision of Brother Phil Blay. Operators, Brothers Emmick, Hayes, Thompson, West, Emerson, Dick and Shanklin, are trying to build up the stock piles of rock while the material is dry enough to work.

### OCEAN QUARRY

At the Rockaway Quarry at Rockaway Beach foreman, Bill Voight, with Brothers Johnson, Phillips, Cismondi, and Arluck are taking aggregates from the bed of the ocean. This method of obtaining rock and sand for building purposes is a very unusual operation due to the fact that the most opportune time to secure the material is during the heavy storms when the action of the water disturbs the ocean's bottom and the tides carry the material close enough to shore where it can be reached by a high line cable and drag line buckets. No crushing operations are involved. The material after screening is ready for use.

The Henry Doelger Co. at Colma is again expanding its operations after a few months of minor activity, judging from the information in this office. The present expansion program will continue for the entire coming year. While visiting the scene of operations this representative contacted foremen, Brothers Schmidt, Marliare, and Porter, and operators, Davis, Murphy, Meadows, Myers, and mechanics, Zang, Ford, Smith, Cotten, and many others. About 20 Engineers are employed on this work.

In South San Francisco the Healy Tibbits Co. are adding Engineers to their payroll, mostly heavy duty mechanics on repair work.

The United Concrete Pipe Co. are completing their huge pipe line project. Brothers Nicholas, Young and Sanders are now finishing up a few odds and ends. This has been a long job for many Engineers.

Brother Geo. Franks of Los Gatos, with the assistance of operators, Brothers Allen, Haack, Jeanotte, and Tobacco on the cats and blades, is industriously engaged on the grading for the new school building at Ray Park in Burlingame.

In closing this report brothers I would like to take this opportunity to wish you one and all—a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Total new construction in the U. S. dropped seven percent to \$2½ billion during November, much of it due to the regular fall decline in highway work.

of railroad relocations, dams and various highway jobs.

### PERSONAL TOUCH

As has been stated before—most of the activity on the foreign fronts has been from French Morocco and Atlas Construction.

Sid N. McBroom has departed for French Morocco to work as a blade operator. . . Mike Perrett, by this time, should be hard at work at the same place . . . Bruce Cromwell has been getting a few breaks and has been working as a light equipment operator for the past few months . . . Roy Carpenter has been there for some time and sends a "hello" to everyone.

James Pressley is on the mainland again after doing a 5-month stretch in Morocco. He says that as far as he was concerned, all was pretty good . . . Fred Sell is home again after 7 months and tells us that the money was good but the food was "lousy." . . . Frank Fredrickson just got back after 4 months and says the weather was too damp for him and explained to us that all this propaganda about natives uprising is softening, that does not or has not affected the brothers who are working in French Morocco . . . Frank also tells that "Baldi" Baker is still there and expects to stay a while. Tex Smith was there for 5 months as "super" and states that his son, Burl L. Smith, has been there for over a month, and as far as he knows everything is O.K. . . . Ed George spent 4 months there and tells us the weather was good but the supervision "stunk." Ed was working with Bill McQuire . . . Skip Paulson and Bill Lake and also a number of brothers whom he couldn't mention by name.

Received a letter from Hollis Dewing, who is in Guam. He said that it was a good job, and he likes it fine. Said to tell all the boys "hello."

"Friday" McDaniels was working for Peter Kewitt in Greenland for five months and is home again and says the job was shut down for the winter but should start up in the spring sometime. He may go back at that time.

John E. Reed was in Turkey for a year, working with Hamilton Overseas Contractors.

We know that there are a lot of brothers working overseas that we have not heard from. If you know of any brothers working overseas or of any information that may help some one in finding overseas employment, please write a letter and we will try to put this information in writing in order that those members who are interested may know what is going on as far as overseas employment is concerned.

In closing we would like to wish all the engineers, wherever you may be—a Merry Christmas and the Most Prosperous of New Years.

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### TROPICAL DIEGO

San Diego (LPA).—In most of the country, golf clubs are being tucked into closets for the winter but here golfer members of the Waiters & Bartenders local opened their month-long annual tournament Nov. 3.

# Field Surveying Report

By AL BOARDMAN and W. V. MINAHAN, Business Representatives

Operating Engineers' Local 3 was officially certified by the National Labor Relations Board as sole collective bargaining agent for the Technical Engineers, Classifications are: Chief, Senior Inspector, Instrument Man, Inspector, Field Assistants, Class First and Second. This certification became official Nov. 26, with the result that the union shop clause in the Land Surveyors Agreement becomes effective 30 days after certification. On that date condition of employment will depend upon union membership for all present and future employees. Future employees will have 30 days in which to complete their application. Maintenance of membership will also be a requisite of employment.

The above is a great stride on the road to better wages and working conditions for the Technical Engineers. It could only have been achieved through the full cooperation of the officers and members of Local 3. The result of the NLRB-conducted election proves beyond a shadow of doubt that the Technical Engineers want organization and that they are satisfied with the progress made to date by Operating Engineers Local 3.

Rain has put a crimp in some of our major jobs, with flood conditions shutting down most of the housing construction. Employment of the membership has held up in good shape and we can look forward to a busy year in '52. Members who are out of work should make sure they are registered with the union as some very good jobs are coming up in the very near future.

Your representatives would like to remind the membership that except for the first Saturday of the month the office will not be open Saturday mornings. Instead, we will be on duty Friday nights from 7 until 9 o'clock, and on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. Bro. Boardman is usually in the Oakland office on Thursday mornings for a short time.

The next meeting will be in San Francisco on Friday, Dec. 28, at 8 p.m. The address is 474 Valencia St.

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# Hawaii— PUBLIC WORK PUSHED IN THE ISLANDS

By J. K. WAIWAILOE

Bids on four major highway jobs to cost more than \$2,000,000 will be called between Christmas and New Year's. Three of the jobs are for Oahu and one for Hawaii.

Approval of the department of interior and bureau of the budget of legislation authorizing more than \$14,000,000 in public improvement bonds for Honolulu city-county and Maui county governments was announced by our delegate to Congress. Approval by the two federal agencies clears the way for house interior and insular affairs committee action.

Largest of the proposed bond issues is \$6,000,000 for the Kalihi tunnel and approach roads. Next is \$5,000,000 for new city-county schools. There is also \$1,600,000 for city-county parks and playgrounds and \$1,000,000 for Oahu flood control. The lone Maui bond issue is \$500,000 for flood control.

### NAVAL STATION

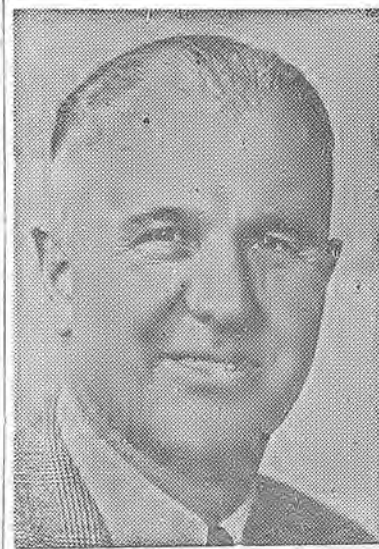
Contractors Mid-Pac are gradually rehiring men for their job at Kaneohe Naval Air Station and will be calling for all classifications the first part of January, 1952. They are also negotiating with the Navy for new rates on dredging and shore work for the Philippine Islands as the dredge Jefferson is now definitely bound for Subic Bay, Manila, in January.

Pacific Dredging Co. has called for three dredgemen the past week and all indications are certain of continued requests until they have enough men to handle two dredges in Okinawa.

Bros. Ernest Chee and Lemon Wharton, who have been with M. & K. the past 2½ years in Ceylon, India, are back in town for a deserved rest of at least 60 days before hiring out again. They are desirous of maybe hooking up with Moss Hoover in South America on their next hire. Bro. Thompson Kilauano left three weeks ago for Byrne Org's job in Turkey.

The regular meeting of this Hawaiian Branch was well attended yesterday with about 75 members filling the little hall. We have hopes of better participation and assistance by our members for 1952.

# Geo. Loorz Escapes In Plane Crash; Pilot Is Killed



GEORGE C. LOORZ

George C. Loorz of Alameda, general manager of Stolte, Inc., and his wife Grace were among four persons who escaped serious injury in a plane crash in Reno recently. Pilot of the plane was killed.

The two-engined Stolte plane left Oakland Airport for Sterling, Ill., on a business trip at 7:45 a.m., its first stop to be Cheyenne. Over the Sierras it ran into a severe storm and iced up, all equipment going out, and one of the engines quitting.

The pilot, Clarence W. Booth, 30, of San Lorenzo, a skilled ex-Air Force pilot, managed to find Reno Airport in the storm but as the plane came down it hit power lines, bounced off a house, and crashed.

All passengers managed to climb out of the ship, but Booth was trapped, and as flames quickly covered the ship it was impossible to rescue him in time.

Loorz suffered severe facial lacerations.

Minor burns were suffered by Miss Raymonde Rousseau, 26, of Cupertino, and a fourth passenger, Dick Combs, 32, Stolte engineer, got only a scratch on the nose. Mrs. Loorz wasn't even scratched.

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# Study Quail Wings

Game biologists of the Dept. of Fish and Game believe they can learn something about California's quail species if they have enough quail wings to look over.

They issued an appeal during the current quail hunting season to hunters asking that the outer, or tip, half of the birds' right wings be mailed to the Department's Food Habits Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley. Each should be identified if possible, showing sex and species—mountain, valley or Gambel's.

Study of the wings will provide valuable information about the percentage of birds hatched this year, and other biological tips which will help in future quail management plans.

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