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## What Is Brotherhood?

Bro. Swanson felt that the following article on brotherhood which has appeared widely in the U. S. labor press is a most appropriate expression for this season of the year when we stress the actual practice of "goodwill toward men." So it is presented here along with our most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members of the union and their families!

What is brotherhood? It is everything or everything is nothing. It is the catalyst that separates a human being from the beast of the jungle. It is the leavening of love and the scaffolding upon which society rests. It is the glowing light which has beckoned mankind along the tortuous path of progress from the law of the fang to the Bill of Rights. It is the cornerstone of democracy and the fountainhead of human dignity. It is the strength of the past and the hope of the future.

What is brotherhood? It is the biggest thing in the world and at the same time the smallest. It is a thousand union men walking a picket line for weeks or months to redress an injustice done to a single member. But also it is a housewife baking a cake for an ailing neighbor. It is battered and beaten GIs with bone-weary arms and frozen feet carrying wounded comrades out of the frigid wastes of Korea. But also it is a vigorous young man giving a lift to a tired old-timer working by his side. It is a hundred and fifty million people placing their homes, their savings

and even their lives at the disposal of the nation to protect the principles of liberty and equality. But no less it is Bill Smith mowing the lawn of the old couple up the street. It is a dozen or a hundred or a thousand people working together to maintain a church or a lodge or a union. It is the fifty-cent contribution or the hour of committee work given by the least of them.

What is brotherhood? It is the wisdom of Lincoln and the warmth of Gandhi. It is the humility of Jesus, the humbleness of Mohammed and the humanitarianism of Confucius. It is Catholic and Protestant and Jew living together in peacefulness and harmony. It is Italian and Dane and Bulgarian and Pole working side by side on the job and sitting shoulder to shoulder in the union hall searching for ways to advance the common good. It is the The Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. It is the Bible, the Talmud and the Koran. It is the essence of all wisdom of all ages distilled into a single word. But equally it is the understanding of neighbors and friends who sorrow at your misfor-

tunes and rejoice at your triumphs. You cannot see brotherhood; neither can you hear it or taste it. But you can feel it a hundred times a day. It is the pat on the back when things look gloomy. It is the smile of encouragement when the way seems hard. It is the helping hand when the burden becomes unbearable.

What is brotherhood? It is pioneer Americans of faiths and creeds and colors banding together to raise a barn for a neighbor. It is men in leather breeches and homespun shirts taking wagons apart and carrying them over the mountains, piece by piece, to get wagon trains into California and Oregon. It is working men risking their jobs, their homes and their futures to build unions capable of eliminating exploitation and poverty and industrial slavery. It is men and women working for a common cause that is bigger than any individual.

What is brotherhood? It is not life. It is more than that. It is that which gives meaning to life and makes it worth living. That is brotherhood.

## AFL Sees Hope In New Congress

(AFL Release)

AFL President George Meany declared that because of the liberal trend in the last election the next Congress may be prevailed upon to enact at least part of the AFL's progressive legislative program.

Discussing future legislative prospects in an editorial in the December issue of the American Federationist, Meany conceded that "on paper" labor lacks sufficient votes in the 84th Congress to assure favorable action on its major recommendations.

He pointed out, however, that members of Congress "are keenly alert to political trends" and that "the gains made by the liberal cause in the November elections may exert a convincing and constructive influence" on the actions of the next Congress meeting in January.

"We want America to adopt stronger policies with regard to international affairs and national defense because we are convinced that is the only way to preserve peace.

"We urge that effective steps be

taken promptly to fortify the national economy and reduce unemployment, because America cannot stand still without damage to our high standards.

"We call for thorough revision of the Taft-Hartley Act to remove its punitive provisions against labor and to make it an instrument of equal justice in the relations between unions and employers.

"We strongly advocate a program of social improvement laws to advance the American way of life. In this category are included an adequate public housing law, a desperately needed program of Federal aid to education, higher unemployment compensation standards, insurance against the cost of medical care and protection of the civil rights of all our citizens.

"It is more than time that Congress got started on this backlog of much-needed legislation. If the 84th Congress makes progress in these directions, labor will be the first to praise."

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### IN MEMORIAM

HUBERT SMITH  
Tracy, Calif., 11-24-54

PATRICK PRUITT  
Bethel Island, Calif., 11-20-54

E. G. STAPLES  
Sheep Ranch, Calif., 11-30-54

### Service Withdrawal Cards

Roger Hellman  
Wilburn L. Ready  
James Roling  
Charles S. Stewart  
Gene Waggoner.

Play it safe—follow safety regulations. Report all job injuries.

Look for the Union Label when doing Christmas shopping.

JOHN EDWIN NELSON  
San Anselmo, Calif., 12-6-54

### Official Notice to Members:

**Regular Meeting Postponed!** The next regular meeting will be postponed to January 8th, 1955, due to the fact that the 1st Saturday of the month falls on New Year's Day. The meeting will be held as usual in the San Francisco Building Trades Council at 200 Guerrero Street, at 8 p.m., Saturday, January 8th, 1955.

**Technical Engineers, Local No. 3-E** will meet on Friday, 8 p.m., January 28th, 1955 at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California. There will be no meeting in December because of the holidays.

### Plan Diesel Training Program in Oakland

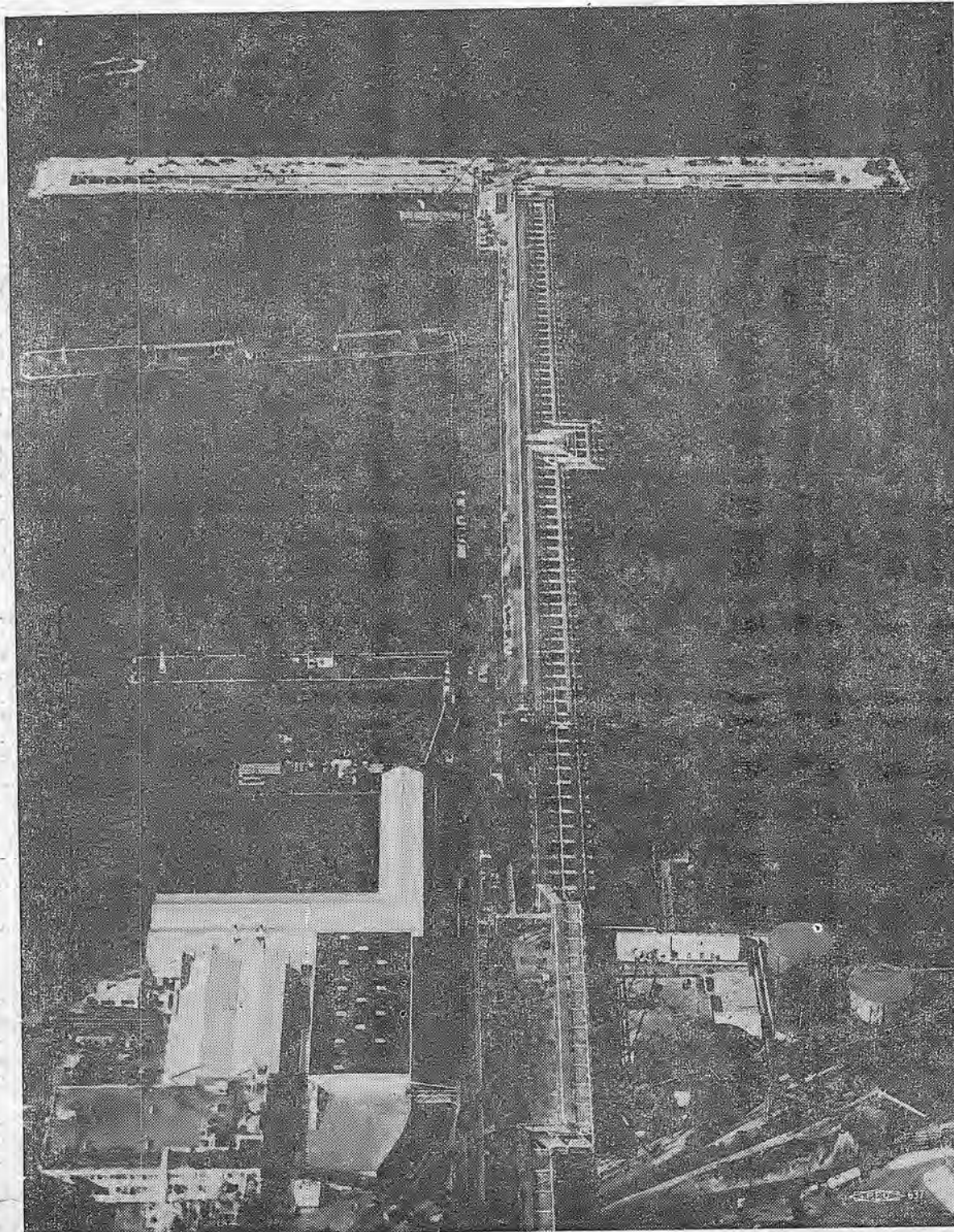
Brother Virgil M. Kling, shop foreman at the West Coast Engine & Equipment Co., 1077 Eastshore Highway, in Berkeley, dropped by the Oakland office recently at the request of Mr. Wright, general manager of the firm, to fill us in on a training program being put into effect by the Detroit Diesel Engine Division of General Motors, whereby this firm is conducting a brief training period for operators and maintenance men, who handle the equipment manufactured by their corporation.

It is anticipated that this program will be put on at the West Coast Engine Co., at the above address, on or about February 1, 1955. The classes will be held in the evening, in order to permit those employed during the day to attend.

Inasmuch as this firm has signed an agreement with this union, and as we have always enjoyed very cordial relationships with them, we would like to take this opportunity to urge all of you who may be interested in brushing up on the maintenance and operation of General Motors diesel equipment to contact either Brother Kling or John Meeks, at Landscape 5-2261, regarding the specific time that the program will be put on, and make the necessary arrangements to participate therein. There will be no charge for the course. The firm is now building an addition to the plant, so that there will be facilities to accommodate at least 100.

### Finish Oleum Wharf

This fine aerial view shows the new wharf recently completed by Ben C. Gerwick Co. for Union Oil at Oleum just below Carquinez straits, a job on which a good many Local 3 members worked.



## EDITORIALS



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## COMMENT

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## OUT THRU GOLDEN GATE

## 90% of Calif's Usable Water!

By JOHN REBER

While crossing over the Golden Gate bridge, did you ever contemplate that beneath that bridge and flowing out into the ocean through the Golden Gate is the fourth largest volume of fresh water flowing into the sea within the United States? You would have to be crossing over the Mississippi River, or the Columbia River, or the Mobile River to be passing over a bigger volume of water. And there is no river along our Atlantic Coast all the way from Maine through Florida which carries nearly so much fresh water into the ocean as flows out through the Golden Gate.

While driving across the Carquinez Bridge, do you ever consider you are crossing over our country's fourth largest "river" of fresh water just "up stream" from that certain location where it becomes the last and the final time and place where anything at all can be done about saving any portion of that fresh water and putting it to "work" for the overall development of California? Do you further realize that beneath the Carquinez bridge flows one-half of all the fresh water California owns and possess, or ever will own and possess?

But did you ever further ponder that, since another 40 percent of all of California's fresh water flows into the ocean up in the Redwood Empire Country where it is so remote, and from it would be so expensive ever to do anything about, that, actually the water which flows beneath the Carquinez Bridge represents 90% of all of California's usable supply of fresh water?

Are we Californians just going to remain so gosh-awful dumb as to continue to permit 90% of all our available supply of fresh water to just flow on out to sea beneath the Carquinez and the Golden Gate bridges?

Since all growth in California is limited by the available supply of fresh water, either we'll have to do something about conserving and using some of that water now wasting into the ocean via the Golden Gate, or we'll just sit idly by and allow California to be stymied in its overall development. And, because water is not only California's most valuable natural resource, but since water is also the key to all wealth in California, either we do something about saving and using some of the water now allowed to waste out through the Golden Gate, or we lose all opportunity of putting any of this water to "work;" and thus just bone-headedly lose all the wealth that water could be producing.

As most everyone knows, the Reber Plan is the only plan ever devised which proposes practicable planning to do anything about saving and using any substantial portions of that one-half (actually 90 percent) of California's water the "powers that be" have been allowing to waste out through the Golden Gate. By creating the two fresh

water lakes the Reber Plan proposes to create out of about six-sevenths of San Francisco Bay now filled with salt water, there is established the only way by which any of the fresh water now being lost out through the Golden Gate can be put to work and made to add to California's overall development and annual production of wealth.

## VAST IDLE LAND

If "put to work" on idle lands, an acre foot of water (there are approximately 1,000,000 gallons of water in three acre feet of water) can produce \$100 every year; and there are plenty of "idle lands" in California to put some of this wasted water to work on. In fact, its mere stratospheric mental arithmetic to figure out that since one acre foot of land requires two acre feet of water to make that land "produce"; and since every acre irrigated in California averages producing \$200 per year, then putting enough water on 5,000,000 acres would produce new wealth in California to the "tune" of \$1,000,000,000,000 (that's one billion dollars) each and every year. Where can we find 5,000,000 idle acres? The answer to that is that much land—and more—is right down in the San Joaquin Valley. Where can we find the water? Flowing out through the Golden Gate each and every year is an annual total of about 35,000,000 acre feet. Less than one-third of the water those "powers that be" allow to waste out through the Golden Gate every year and "put to work" on idle lands would add an annual extra billion dollars to California's wealth.

Furthermore, we have right here in the Bay Region more than half million acres of idle land also needing reclaiming and irrigating. And if you don't believe this, when driving across the Golden Gate bridge, just keep on driving and "circling the bay" in Marin and Napa and Sonoma, and Solano Counties, and you'll see hundreds of thousands of acres of gosh-awful "swamp land" which could be producing \$200 per acre with those Reber Plan fresh water lakes functioning. And you'll also see nearly as much acreage in low-elevation hills brown and barren all through the summertime which could be reached with these ultra-modern sprinkling systems and made to produce an all-year crop of grass which will make for "contented cows" and happy and prosperous dairy farmers.

## WATER FROM NOW ON

Bordering on the twin fresh water lakes of the Reber Plan would be twelve of California's 58 counties. With these fresh water lakes containing an estimated 10,000,000 acre feet of water, and receiving an annual total of an average of about 35,000,000 acre feet, there just could never be any doubts about those 12 counties having a firm water supply from the time the Reber Plan was completed right down the years till Kingdom Come.

Those twelve counties which would border on the Reber Plan fresh water lakes are Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Yolo, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo, and San Francisco. Since little San Francisco County has spent nearly \$200,000,000 on its Hetchy water supply system, can anyone deny that a water supply providing eleven big counties with all the water those eleven counties would require every day of every year from now to eternity would have

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Bookshelves in the kitchen are the latest touch in modern homes. They can hold recipe folders, cook books, radios, and even television sets.

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Many people who break their glasses while on a trip believe they have to get the prescription from their home optician. Actually, almost any prescription - eye - wear shop can provide new lenses duplicating the original if a major portion or even fragments of the broken glasses are available.

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Because a piece of furniture is labeled "solid" does not necessarily mean it is the best. Choice between solid wood construction and veneer—paper-thin sheets of fine decorative wood glued to less beautiful cores—depends on the purpose each is to serve. Solid wood is best for heavy sections, such as legs, and is desired for carving, while veneer allows uniform graining in matching patterns.

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To thaw frozen cake, place the cake on a cake rack in its freezer wrapping and at room temperature. An eight-inch, two-layer frosted cake will thaw in three and one-half to four hours at average room temperature.

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Pigskin gloves will remain soft if you add a few drops of glycerine to the last water in which you rinse them.

A curved-blade grapefruit knife may, of course, be used for loosening grapefruit segments from the rind. You'll also find it handy when you are removing seed pods from green peppers or the stem cores from fresh tomatoes.

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Interchangeable tops for glasses allow you to match them to various costumes.

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No electric bulb or fluorescent tube should ever be immersed in water. Just remove it from the socket, let it cool, sponge the surface with a soapy cloth, wipe it dry—and be sure the current is turned off when you replace it.

a value less than a billion? And can anyone deny that if these 12 counties of the Bay Region had all the water they will ever need, plus the cheapest industrial water to be found anywhere in the U.S.A., (industrial water today in the Bay Region is the most expensive in the Nation) that the Bay Region would very soon "grab onto" a billion dollars worth of industrial development?

Once San Francisco Bay is transformed into twin fresh water lakes with the waters warmed by California's sunshine, and with bathing beaches, water sports, fishing, and tourist lure, is there anyone who can deny that shoreline development around our Bay shores should not compare with what has already happened at Miami and Miami Beach, Florida, where the assessed valuation of what has been built in the past 40 years is nearly two billions.

How much longer are the "powers that be" going to deny to our citizens these billions and billions of dollars in potential wealth? How much longer must California permit one-half (actually 90% of the usable) of all its water to just flow out through the Golden Gate to tickle the whiskers on some old bull seal on Seal Rocks?

Californians could offer additional thanks this Thanksgiving Season to Army Engineers for the "heart-and-soul" manner in which they are going about their overall Bay Survey and those things embodied in the Reber Plan, resulting from that Act of Congress emanating from those U. S. Senate Hearings held in San Francisco, under Senate Resolution No. 119. Thus we do have a great deal to be thankful for. Army Engineers have launched what they claim will be the greatest survey this Nation has known.

## Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present. There were approximately 168 members present.

A Synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 6 was read and by motion approved as read.

A Synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of November 17 and of December 1 read, and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from George R. Reilly, Chairman, State Board of Equalization, offering Christmas Greetings, and thanking Union for the Labor endorsement during his recent campaign for reelection. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from the family of John Merow, Mrs. Donald J. Sherwood, Mrs. Myrtle G. Sherwood, Mrs. Margaret Pruitt, the Vaillancourt family, the Farnquist family and Mrs. Enid Hill. Received and filed.

The Trustees Report was read. It was regularly moved and seconded the Trustees Report be accepted as read. Carried.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Lewis W. Albright, J. D. Combs, Richard P. Cole, John D. Cherry, Arlie E. Darling, Fred DeAngelo, Carl E. Edwards, Harry Faison, Joseph Faria, Ralph Gilbreath, Elsworth Gabriel, Paul Gneek, Edward Hicks, Harold Hill, Wm. Hoffman, Floyd Johnson, Chas. J. Lankford, Robert E. L. McGee, Guila A. Ordway, Dan W. Perdue, Frank Piles, B. L. Pearson, Paul B. Ryder, A. L. Stockdale, Ed Smith, Ted R. Sager, Carl L. Schaefer, Bennett Terry, Earl Womble, Warren Walker, Fred B. Whittle, Louis Youree, Arthur Rundell, Joe Roper, Dave Dondero, James Johnson, Toby Davis.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Harold C. Hill, Ernest E. Yancy, Alfred G. Gerding, H. Vaillancourt, Hubert Smith, Eugene Gladwin Staples.

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

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

Brother Ed Park, State Labor Commissioner, reported on the activities of his office, calling attention to the number of cases tried by the Commission and the amount of money collected for workmen. His remarks were well received by the membership.

Brother Otto Never, President of the State Building and Construction Trades Council, spoke on the "causeways" being built in the Eastern States on which tolls are charged to pay for their completion. He recommended that the members take into consideration this method of building roads and to write him their opinions in regard to toll roads. His remarks were well received by the membership.

Brother John J. McDonald, Third International Vice-President, reported on his travels in the eleven Western States recently. His remarks were well received by the membership.

Manager Victor S. Swanson reported on his trip to the Hawaiian Islands and on the labor conditions there, as well as on his trip to Texas in regard to trouble in the local union there. He also read a letter from the Mayor of San Francisco in which the Mayor enclosed a group of scurrilous letters that had been sent to him, unsigned by "A Committee." His remarks were well received by the membership.

## NEW BUSINESS

The following motion, in resolution form, was presented by Brother Donald R. Meifert:

**WHEREAS:** Forces hostile to American trade unions, expelled members and disloyal members of this local union, have been engaged, and are now engaged in a campaign of character assassination, abuse, slander, vilifications and misrepresentation directed at the members, officers, business representatives and former officers and business representatives, and this Local Union, and

**WHEREAS:** Those engaged in these infamous practices do not hesitate to mis-state the facts and have repeatedly used the Communist tactics of the "big lie," and

**WHEREAS:** The time has come, insofar as it may lawfully be done, to put a stop to the activities of those dedicated to the destruction of our local union,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the President appoint a committee of three (3) members with full power and authority to investigate all such activities and to do any and all things necessary or advisable to lawfully protect the members, officers, and business representatives of this Local Union, and this Local Union, from such attacks, and to root out these union-busting, character assassins and put a stop insofar as they may lawfully do so, to such conduct, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That said Committee be authorized and empowered to do any and all things necessary or advisable and to spend any and all sums necessary or advisable to achieve there ends.

It was regularly moved and seconded the motion be adopted. Carried unanimously.

In accordance with the motion, President Clancy appointed the Trustees—Brothers Ernest Miller, J. A. Carahoff and Charles Davenport, as the Committee of three, to carry out the intent of the motion.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the appointment of President Clancy be confirmed by the membership. Carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
C. F. MATHEWS,  
Recording Secretary

Mark Twain was registering at a San Francisco hotel many years ago and noticed a mosquito buzzing around the page.

"Well," exclaimed the humorist, "this is too much! I've been bitten in hotels all over America but this is the first time a mosquito actually looked over the register to get my room number."

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A delegate-at-large is a gentleman who attends the convention without his wife.

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Ti Tolliver confides that the other day when he was shopping for the missus he caught himself asking for a fifth of milk.

"Do you ever have a difference of opinion with your wife?"  
"Frequently, old man. But she doesn't know it."

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We asked "Shorty" Sorrell if he minded the boys kidding him about being so short. "Humpf," he replied, "Do you think a dime feels small among a bunch of nickels?"

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Medical student: "I can't understand why a man's hair turns gray quicker than his beard or mustache."

Professor: "Oh, that's easy. His hair has a 20-year start on his whiskers."

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# Sacramento Jobless List Grows Each Day

By W. V. MINAHAN, H. S. CLARK and E. M. NELSON, Business Representatives

At this time there is a very long out-of-work list in this office with more names being added each day. Fredrickson & Watson Co. at Sly Park Dam have about four weeks to go yet before completion of the job. Baldwin Const. Co. moved several rigs to the Aerojet job to build a thrust testing unit.

Pollock Const. Co., at Nimbus fish hatchery, is progressing rapidly with the structures completed. This unit should be in operation in the early part of 1955. Claude Woods, with several rigs, has just about finished the dirt fill on this job.

Piombo Const. Co. is working between rains at Placerville. It looks like Spring before completion here. They also have a job at Applegate with Brother Curly Larson doing the gaffing. This project also has rain pains.

A. Teichert at Shingle Springs, with Brother Oran Cobb doing the ramrodding, is shut down for a week because of rain, but good weather will start them rolling again.

All rock plants are going to capacity with a good chance to run all winter. Rain had them shut down for only a day or two.

Subdivisions have also been down due to rain. A week of sunshine should see these jobs going again.

Continental Drilling will keep the brothers on their gallery job at Folsom Dam for most of the winter. It looks like April for the finish here. Selby Drilling is in the finishing stages with the dike grouting job at Folsom. Thirty days should complete this.

Shellmaker Hydraulic Dredge Co. has started their P.G.&E. pond cleaning job at Auburn. This is an eight-inch suction dredge going with three shifts at this time. They tell us that six months will complete this job. E. W. Simpson has completed the Forbay unit on this project.

Joe Chevreux is going good on the road job at Indian Reservation near Auburn.

Another week will see the Atkinson job completed at Folsom Dam powerhouse.

Granite Const. Co. were low bidders on the South Sacramento freeway with \$1,500,000. This job will consist of 13.1 miles of paving. The Roseville freeway job will be let on December 8.

Fredrickson Bros.' highway job at Madison has been closed because of rain.

Folsom Dam is now about 90 per cent completed and will operate this winter with a very limited crew.

## HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

MEL BAILEY sitting in conference; ORVILLE WRIGHT having coffee; JOHN HARTMAN likewise; CHUCK TAYLOR running a bridge crane; LES WRIGHT visiting the hospital; GEORGE SCOTT welding; LEE YOUNG looking for parking space; RAY ZANINI mucking boulders; LON BANKSON signing the 'out-of-work list'; BUCK PELTON tamping against structures; JACK WOLSEY rolling hot stuff; WHITEY OSBORN laying hot oil; LOYD DAVIDSON digging ditches; BOB HALL watching heading; T. W. (Scotty) SCOTT oiling a plant; VERN CANTRALL operating a rock plant; NORMAN WING running a Keystone rig; CHUCK KEITHLEY using the car telephone; DICK WISE likewise; JIM WITHROW looking towards home; BILL EDWARDS writing letters; GEORGE SCHREIBER out of the hospital; JAMES GORHAM checking in; BERT ATKINSON watching the card game; JAMES MOUNTNEY plowing mud; WHITEY CRISLER pushing rocks; LEONARD JENKINS building Indian Road; LONNIE DUBOSE raising chinchillas; SMOKEY SUTHERLAND turning on the rain; R. D. SUTHERLAND Jr. looking at another rig; NED VALENTINE clearing a right of way; LOUIS REEDER catching up; GUS MORITZ manufacturing wrought iron legs; PAUL BEAR building streets; FLOYD VANCE leveling lots; A. G. PERKINS hoisting; MEL LAWSON looking at the rain; JOHN MacMURDO staying in the hotel; ERNIE FLINT catching assessment No. 5; HAROLD ECKES looking at the sky; CARL CLARK checking in on the list.

Brother Art Dunton, Florin Welding, portable welders, cat-

parts. Brother Art uses the submerged welding technique to rebuild rollers, sprockets, idlers, etc. Call him at HU 6-2764.

Brother David Gerke has an HD10 with a winch, Austin-Western Badger, 3/4-yard dragline. Call him at Fair Oaks, YO 7-6178.

When in the Placerville area, drop in at Ellen's Kitchen, located 1/4-mile past Placerville on Highway 50. This restaurant is operated by Brother Marion Imel and his wife, Ellen.

Best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery go to: Brother Carl Beyer who is in the hospital for surgery; to Brother E. B. Loyd who is also in the hospital for surgery; and to Brother C. W. Stevenson, master mechanic for Fredrickson & Watson at Sly Park, who was seriously injured when

his pickup collided with a loaded lumber truck.

## BLOOD BANK

Sincere thanks to the following who donated at our Blood Bank during the past month: Mrs. Ruby Mosier, Harry Crigler, Wm. E. Vernon, Wade A. Sewell, Harold S. Clark, Chester B. Youngblood and Robert Cooper.

## NOTICE:

Meetings will be held in the Engineers' office on Thursday evenings instead of the second Monday of each month.

We of the Sacramento office, Bill, Hal, Ernie and Rose, wish to take this opportunity of extending wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year to all our members and their families. May the coming holiday season truly be the happiest for all!

# FRESNO JOBS AWAIT DRY SPELL

By LYNN MOORE and JAMES MOORE, Business Representatives

It is about that time of the year again when the snow in the mountains is falling, shutting down all the mountain jobs, and the rains have come to the valley, slowing down construction work and causing a larger out of work list. Peter Kiewit Co. and Frederickson & Kasler have started on their four million dollar contract at Castle Air Force Base, consisting

of a small extension on runways and resurfacing. The excavation on this contract has already been started. Peter Kiewit's equipment doing the excavating and Frederickson & Kasler will set up plants for the aggregate.

Stolte Inc. still have quite a bit of work on Castle Field Air Base and were recently awarded another contract of \$424,107 for construction of an armament and electronics shop building.

Clarence Ward Construction Co. were awarded a \$519,000 contract for buildings and some paving at Castle Field Air Base.

River Rock Inc. still have some work to be completed at Castle Field but have shut down the operation of their rock plants.

Gene Richards Paving Co. have completed the grading on their freeway job out of Los Banos and will start paving operations when weather permits.

Gene Richards Inc. and E. M. Underdown were also low bidders of \$221,020 on structures for a new approach to Highway 99 at Clinton Avenue, Fresno, Calif.

M. J. Ruddy & Son of Modesto have finished their sub grade on the Plainsburgh Road job out of LeGrande and will have to wait until Spring before they can black top this road.

R. E. Maxwell Company at Mariposa are still trying to work as weather permits.

Hubbs Equipment Company, from Colton, were low bidders on a \$121,000 contract to the Bureau of Reclamation for earthwork and structures on the Madera-Friant Canal, but have not as yet started.

C. K. Moseman from Redwood City started their highway job at Riverdale with Valley Paving of Pismo Beach subbing all excavation, except the bridges.

Granite Construction Co. were low bidders of \$185,273 to the California Division of Highways for 5-mile grading and surfacing on Jaynes Avenue out of Coalinga. Gerald Brewster of Avenal have started doing the grading on this contract.

Volpa Bros. did not quite complete their paving job out of Corcoran, lacked a few weeks to finishing.

Gordon H. Ball and San Ramon Valley Land Co. have a very good start on their Freeway job on Highway 99, starting at the Kern County Line going north and also were low bidders on the next section of Highway 99 in Kern County going south, which adjoins the first section. John Ferry from Glendale are moving in their rock plant and setting it up on the Tule River out of Porterville to make the aggregate for this job. Middleton Sequoia Rock Co. of Porterville are setting up a batch plant about 4 miles north of Delano to batch out of the structures.

United Concrete Pipe Co. at Delano still have quite a ways to go but have been short of material for the last month and a half.

Frederickson & Kasler are making very good progress on their grading and bridge job west of Porterville. Have about another month to go with the excavation.

Kovick Bros. have started on their contract of \$42,823 with the Bureau of Reclamation, for repairs to canal lining on the Friant Kern Canal in the Woodlake area. This is the time of the year when water canals can be turned off and several small contracts have been let for repair work.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. are moving in their paving equipment and setting up an office for their contract for paving of the Visalia Clover Leaf, Pacific Coast Aggregates' rock plant at Lemon Cove will furnish aggregate for this job, according to the report we received.

Morrison & Knudsen had a very slow start on their pipe laying job, with the Bureau of Reclamation, but have a little of the pipe laid. The Cen Vi Ro Pipe Company have had some changes to make in their spinners but hope they have most of the bugs ironed out now.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. are making good progress in between showers on their Freeway job north of town on Highway 99. The P & Z Co., drillers, have four rigs on this job drilling footings for the structures.

W. M. Lyles were low bidders of \$119,759.56 to the City of Fresno for a sewer system on the D Street Freeway.

Many of the local contractors still being kept busy with subdivision work. Stewart & Nuss Inc. received an additional contract on the Fresno Air Terminal for resurfacing of parking aprons.

We are again pleading for donations to the Blood Bank. It seems the brothers are not responding, we must do something about this as our demands are exceeding our donations.

Josie, Jim and Lynn, of the Fresno office would like to take this opportunity to wish all the brothers and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## Richmond Shipyard

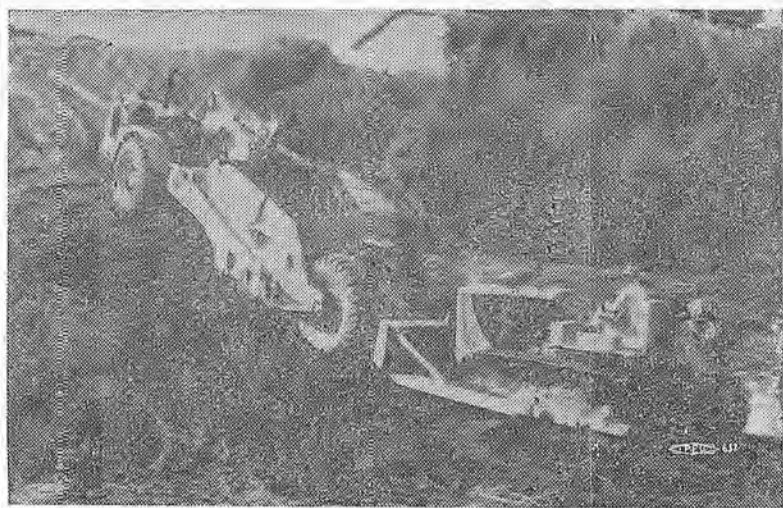
Shades of the war years—Triple A Machine shop of S.F. has leased famed Yard Three at Richmond and will do both ship repair and construction in the two big drydocks there. Other Bay firms with drydocks are Bethlehem, Todd's, and Moore's.

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An assistant has been defined as a fellow who can't get off.

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Any time a husband gives his wife flowers for no reason—there's a reason.



IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU—Help from a dozer is just what this fallen giant needs. When a DW-21 gets off the hill, it's quite a job getting her back, as these Southern California Operating Engineers can testify. The big wheels make dirt moving fast these days, but in an emergency it's the old track rig that gets us out of the hole.

First farmer: "Is that new neighbor of yours as big a liar as people say he is?"

Second farmer: "Well, I wouldn't exactly say he's a liar, but when it's feeding time I notice he has to send the hired man out to call the hogs."

# RAIN, SNOW IN REDDING

By E. A. HESTER  
Business Representative

It is bad weather. It is stormy in Northern California, snow in the mountains and rain in the lowlands. Has all of us inside looking out.

Practically all jobs are down and the prospects don't look too good for the next three months; this is nothing new as it never fails each winter. However, the outlook for next year is better than it ever has been before. A lot of big projects are being planned.

The champion road builders and bidders have done it again. They were the successful bidders on another freeway between Mountain Gate and that mighty Pit River Bridge. The successful bidder was none other than the firm of Fredrickson & Watson of Oakland, Calif. Their bid was \$785,555.55.

Somers & Stacy of Klamath Falls, Oregon, are moving equipment in on their eight mile canal project between Red Bluff and Corning. Brother Lyonel O. Adom and Brother Ken Porterfield are the first two brothers to land on this job with 2B Bucyres-Erie dragline; six LeTourneau pulls are coming in, they will run two shifts. However, we don't look for very much activity this winter. The Bureau of Reclamation is calling for bids on another project similar to this and adjacent to the above.

Bids will be opened January 6, 1955 on a county road job between Highway 99 and Ono; a distance of about 11 miles. This will be the largest county road job ever let in Shasta County.

The state engineers are still working on two more large highway projects between Vollmers and Dunsuir. We expect to see bids advertised on these projects in the very near future.

At Tulalake, Donald Graves' 13 miles of highway is down for the winter. Many other projects in this district are down due to weather conditions, but hope to go ahead when weather permits.

The out-of-work list is getting bigger and bigger every day. We have very good relationship and cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Employment. No moans, no beefs and no squeaks so far this year. Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—E. A. H.

Greetings of the season and best

would prevent it. But water can be had if the people of Sonoma and Mendocino counties would see eye to eye and demand action on Coyote Dam. To date much money has been spent at the actual dam site, drilling to bring up samples of underlying soil stratum and testing compaction of the soil. At one time the engineers had six lanes of test fill, each composed of a different type of soil or aggregate 80 feet long by 15 feet wide.

In spite of objections and bickering among undecided county factions, brisk activity goes on at the actual dam site by the engineers. There is one consoling thought—that if and when all opposition is removed, the engineers will be ready with the plans.

In closing this month's news we want to wish you, one and all, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

# SANTA ROSA JOBS HOLD UP

By GLENN L. DOBYNS  
Business Representative

December 1954, already! What has happened to the other 11 months? It seems but a few weeks back that the year 1954 was ushered in with so many prayers and high hopes.

Meditating about this past year bring to mind my Union Card and why I am so proud of it.

I am proud of my UNION CARD because it proves that I am an expert in my field.

It is my insurance of a decent standard of living.

It is my assurance that I can house, feed, clothe and educate my family.

It brings me into close relationship with workmen in allied fields. Our exchange of ideas broadens our thinking on technical, cultural and spiritual lines.

It gives me a deep sense of confidence in my own work—and in my future.

I'm proud of that UNION CARD. Contract was awarded to Helwig Construction Co. of Sebastopol for improvement to existing roads at Mendocino State Hospital.

Lake County gets \$650,000 for highways for its 1955 budget. Most of the money will be used for improvement of Highway 20 from Laurel Dell Lake to Tule Lake. However, \$140,000 of the amount will be allocated for work on the Long Valley Creek bridge, Guenoc cattlepass, and for rights-of-way on state highways in the county.

Arthur B. Siri, Inc. was the successful bidder for the flood control project, Mad River at Blue Lake, Humboldt County. This company also was awarded the City Parking Lot in Santa Rosa.

Lange Bros. of Lakeport were low bidders on the road job at Scotts Creek in Lake County.

Grading a 60-foot roadbed and surfacing to provide a four-lane highway on U.S. 101 for 2.1 miles between Reeves Creek and 0.9 mile north of Hillville was awarded to Frederickson Bros. of Emeryville. The bid was \$579,796.

Coyote Dam comes into focus again, as it always will until something is done about the water situation in Sonoma and Mendocino counties. Newcomers or visitors to our fair city of Santa Rosa never fail to remark: "What a lovely town, and quite large, too, but what supports it?" So far the one and only thing is agriculture. As far as industry is concerned, it has been discouraged for years and if industry did want to come into this locality the lack of water

# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By AL CLEM, L. SOLARI, L. L. LAUX, J. RILEY and B. BARR, Business Representatives

As you are all well aware, the rains are here again! It goes without saying that the requests for men have fallen off considerably. The only bright spot is that some of the brothers coming into the hall have a job to return to, as soon as the weather permits. And too, they realize that this is more or less a seasonal situation, and are all taking it in their stride. We can only hope that conditions do not get too severe before the sun again starts to shine on both sides of the fence.

Bro. Glen Dayton of Danville, and his crew, are clearing brush at the site above the Mt. Diablo Country Club, where a new earth filled dam is to be built. The dam will be 75 feet high, will reach a length of 350 feet at the top, and will require 75,000 yards of compacted fill, and when completed will impound approximately 150 acre feet of water. At the present time Bro. Dayton is keeping Cal Shoopman, Lee Garrett, and Clyde Simms busy on this project.

Fredrickson and Watson and the M. and K. Corporation, the successful low bidders on the 4.8 miles of new freeway, which will provide a six lane divided freeway reaching from Santa Clara Street, Richmond, to South of County Road No. 24, in El Sobrante, have moved in some of their equipment, and are getting underway. A look at a few of the facts and figures will give some idea of the magnitude of the project. There will be 1,650,000 cubic yards of excavation, 88,000,000 station yards of overhaul, 400,000 tons of imported base material to place, 37,000 tons of blacktop to lay, 42,000 cubic yards of concrete paving, 22,000 cubic yards of concrete structures, and 1,200 piles to drive. Nine overpasses will be erected. One pile-driver has already been moved in by the Raymond Concrete Pile Company, who have a sub-contract to do the pile driving. Fredrickson and Watson have rented Aguiar Brothers' trenching machine to dig approximately 22,000 feet of ditch, necessary for the moving and realignment of the existing sewers. On the job at the present time are Karl Poss, superintendent, Bro. G. A. "Erownie" Brown, foreman; Bro. Hank Railing and Bill Ellis on the backhoes, Bro. W. E. "Doug" Simmons is on a shovel, Roy Christman, Jerry Moore, Leon Ward, Earnest Sutton, Reginald Garcia, Terry Fisher, Carl Odell, and Sam Saunders on the dozers, loaders, and carryalls, Bro. Bill Bishop is doing the nut-busting, Jess Johnson is on the grease truck, and Ralph Johnson and Charles A. Williams are doing the oiling. As the job progresses, operators and equipment will be transferred from Fredrickson and Watson's dam job at Sly Park, Placerville, as that job is rapidly drawing to a close.

A little activity in the Utah Construction Company's Richmond shop is keeping a group of the brothers busy on repairing a cat, crane, some pumps and compressors, this equipment to be taken to some of Utah's other jobs as soon as it is once again in ship-shape condition. Still on the Richmond job is "plane-hopping" Andy Anderson, equipment superintendent, who returned recently from Utah's job in old Mexico. Just prior to his trip into Mexico, he had been in South America, where Utah has another big job going on. According to Andy, Richmond is only a hop, skip, and a jump from Arizona, the locale of another of Utah's jobs. The following crew is currently engaged on this repair work: Bros. Lou Cook, Art Charter, Charles Ford, and Henry Cridle doing the nut-busting; Mat Condran doing the welding and burning; Wendell Crossland, the operating, and Jim Luttrell doing the oiling.

McDonald, Young and Nelson have moved into the Walnut Creek-Danville Area to finish the flood control job started by the Stanley Kohler Company. Bros. A. M. Barton and Earl Moore, Warren Benner and LeRoy James are on the N. W. clam; Bro. Dale McKerlie is the dozer jockey, and Lawrence Souza is on the pumps and compressors.

Progress is being made on Baldwin Construction Company's sewer

job for the city of Rio Vista. The been overcome with a well-point system, manned by a crew of five. Bros. William Swane and Harry Cole are on the North West backhoe, Wally Hoover and Henry Gibson are on the P. and H. clam; Bros. C. L. McBurney and Chuck Williamson are on the Lorain Crane, and Tex Lowman is the pusher. The brothers have approximately 2,000 feet of line to lay to complete the job.

The Ygnacio Valley area near Walnut Creek is due for a transformation with approximately 4,500 acres involved. The master plan includes a 60 acre High School campus, a Junior High School, and numerous elementary schools.

Pacific Builders and Engineers are building homes in the Indian Valley area of Walnut Creek. From 700 to 1,000 homes will be built on this sub-division, which will be known as the El Verano Tract.

Fluor Corporation have a group of the brothers at work on the erection of the Unisal and Platformer, being built for the Union Oil Company at Oleum. This phase ties in with the C. F. Baun Company's unit, reported in our September issue, and with the off-plot facilities on which Bechtel Corporation is now working. This Unisal Plant is to be used for the treating of gasoline and butane for commercial use. Fluor is also erecting a separate unit to be used in the reclaiming of sulphur. This new unit will reclaim 65 short tons of pure sulphur per day. This sulphur will be one of the purest sulphurs obtainable and will be sold to outside firms. On this project at present are Bros. Paulus H. Miller, master mechanic; John Battenfield and D. L. Minnick crane operators; R. F. Abare, Gene Hanson, and Johnny Jarvis on the sideboom cats; John Kennedy and G. Ward are doing the oiling, and Johnny Gaffney is taking care of the compressors and welding machines.

Concrete Service Company from the San Jose district have erected a new gravel plant in Alameda County, located in Sunol Valley. Bro. Tony Zicovich is the owner of this concern. Bro. Verne Snyder, and old member of Local 3 helped put the plant into operation, and just recently assumed the duties of chief engineer aboard the new 1½-yard P. & H. dragline, where he is assisted by Bro. Bradler. Also keeping busy on this spread are Bros. Bennet, on a new Michigan Loader; Bro. Carson, on an A. C. loader in the pit; Bro. Colopy, feeding the conveyor hopper with an A. C. dozer; Bro. Graham doing the plan engineer work, and Bro. Williams doing the oiling.

Ben C. Gerwick have completed their wharf job for the Union Oil Company at Oleum. This new wharf will dock six of their large ocean going tankers. When it is in complete operation the old wharf will be dismantled and the pilings torn out.

On November 29th, the Hydraulic Dredging Company moved their dredge, The Papoose, in on the pumping operation they are doing in conjunction with the widening of the Toll Plaza, on the Oakland San Francisco Bay Fringe. A tremendous amount of mud will be removed prior to the pumping in of 750,000 cubic yards of sand. Thirty-four members of Local 3 are employed on the Papoose on a three-shift basis, and seventeen of the brothers are on the levee gang, which is working two shifts. For a brief period the Associated Dredging Company also had their dredge, The Sucker, at this loca-

tion doing preparatory work. "The Liberty" is working off the city of Leandro, building levees for salt companies. Ed Dutra has his dredge at Mt. Eden, where a new levee is being built on the Leslie Salt property.

## News About The Brothers

A most informative letter was received this month from Bro. John Tingen, who since July of this year has been working in the capacity of Master Mechanic for the M. & K. Construction Company, on a 346 mile pipeline job from Sui to Karachi, Pakistan. There are two spreads working on the project, with all the mechanics whom Bro. Tingen supervises being either English or Native, and John admits very definitely that he keeps wishing for a few Americans. He reports that Pakistan is extremely dusty, and that the dust is hard on both the equipment and the men's lungs. It is interesting to not how high prices are: American cigarettes sell for \$5.60 a carton, a fifth of whisky costs up to \$23.00, and beer costs \$1.50 a bottle. John's address is Bro. J. Tingen, c/o Pakistan Constructors, G.P.O., Box 3901, Karachi, Pakistan, and he would be happy to hear from any of the brothers who might care to write him.

A job as Assistant Superintendent over the mechanics and millwrights employed on the construction of will take Bro. Richard Snell away from the Bay Area for the coming the Bhakra Dam, in Punjab, India, year and one-half. Bro. Snell's family will join him in India, after a period of two months, and we are hoping to hear more from him at a later date.

One of the brothers, J. H. "Duke" Hubbard got a first hand look at the Los Angeles smog recently, and even managed to get himself lost and landed up in Pomona. The fact that he was accompanied by his brand new bride, Faye, whom he had married in Reno on November 20th, just may have had something to do with it. The Hubbards are now back in the Bay Area after a 5-day trip, which included a brief stay in Mexico, and are planning to buy a new home in this area in the near future.

On November 26th, Bro. Louis Hansen and his wife returned from a very enjoyable three-weeks trip throughout the middle and Northwest, where they visited with two of their sisters, whom they had not seen for eight years. The first portion of their time was spent in Calamur, Iowa, where Louis did a considerable amount of fishing and hunting, after which they went on to Minnesota where they visited with an aunt.

Bro. Vic Sands, accompanied by his son, recently enjoyed a five day hunting trip throughout the area around Redding. Vic's take included seven pheasants and four quail, and he tells us that beautiful weather and excellent hunting dogs contributed to the very fine time had by all.

One of the very last engineers to come down out of Chery Valley for the winter, stopped in to pay us a visit—Bro. Frank P. Smith, who stayed until the first snow started falling in the foothills. Frank says he spent a very pleasant summer at Chery Valley, getting in lots of good trout fishing, and it is his plan to return to the project this coming April.

Bro. Billy Williams is looking forward to moving into his new three-bedroom home, located in Palma Ceia Village, Mt. Eden.

We are sorry to hear that Bros. Bob Parker and Marvin Collins are confined to the Peralta Hospital, where we understand they are buddies in the same ward. On December 6th, just as Bro. Collins was being taken up to surgery, Bro.

## A Glance at the Year—1954

The end of another year puts one in a frame of mind to indulge in a bit of reminiscing, in which we consider at some length, the happenings of the months just past. A tremendous amount of activity in almost every phase of the Construction Industry is revealed for our observation. It might be well at this time to consider in some detail some of the larger projects where the services of the members of Local 3 have played an important part.

The year has brought about the completion of the steam plants built by Bechtel Co. for the P.G.&E. at Pittsburg and Antioch. We have seen, during this period, major additions and improvements made to the Associated Oil Company at Avon, to the Union Oil Company plant at Oleum, and to Standard, at Richmond. The phenomenal growth in population throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties cannot be over-emphasized and has resulted in the building of a tremendous number of new homes which have been accompanied by the development of new shopping centers, theaters, recreational areas and service facilities. All this construction has of course taxed the facilities of the existing building materials plants and in order to keep pace with the ever-growing needs, new gravel plants and quarries have been opened up in Southern Alameda County, and both of the major rock, sand and gravel producers, namely the Kaiser Company and P.C.A. have opened up additional quarries and have spent thousands of dollars in the development of their plants in Contra Costa County.

### NEED FREEWAYS

We are all aware of the traffic congestion caused by the large influx of population into this area and we often feel that we have been woefully neglected in respect to appropriations for new freeways which would alleviate these conditions. However, during the past year, at least one freeway was opened to traffic in Castro Valley, built by Fredrickson Brothers, and work is in progress on a number of other projects which will reach completion in 1955, and plans have been made for still others to get under way during the coming year. It is our hope that perhaps during the next year we will get a larger share of money allotted to these most necessary improvements.

During this year the first steel was erected on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Several huge reservoirs were constructed in Richmond, Hayward and the Walnut Creek-Lafayette area by the East Bay Municipal Utility District, in order to fulfill the needs of these communities for additional water. In Southern Alameda County, a Flood Control District was set up and has employed quite a number of the brothers on this very necessary work.

Many of the members and their families who live in the geographical jurisdiction of Local 3 hear and read a considerable amount about Civil Defense and wonder if anything is actually being done about it. Many of them feel that there is not sufficient activity along this line. However, we have been fortunate in that; in the East Bay area there have been a number of guided missile stations set up. While these projects have not been of very large scope they have at least furnished employment for a number of the brothers throughout the summer. As long as world conditions are as they are, we hope that there will be more of these projects in the future.

In a few of the other phases of our industry, there has been less

Parker was being brought back. We understand that Bro. Ray Butterfield is also a patient at Peralta. We are sure that Bro. C. C. Smith, who is operating Beckett and Federechi's hoist on the hospital grounds will do all he can to keep these brothers cheered up, and we hope they will all be up and around in the very near future.

activity than normal. Work in the scrap yards, where a number of the members are employed, was somewhat curtailed during the year due to the economic conditions of the country as a whole. Nevertheless in our negotiations we were successful in obtaining an increase in wages in line with the increases received in other branches of the industry. The shipping and terminal operations have been exceedingly slow, as ore shipments have been severely limited, and the number of crane operators hired for ship-side loading has fallen off drastically. The amount of activity in the equipment shops has been nothing to brag about. A major change was the Merrill-Brose Co. going out of business, with a large percentage of their former employees going to work for the Bay Cities Equipment Company.

### EQUIPMENT DEALERS

We are rather proud of the agreement with the equipment dealers in this area, and can only say that our relationship with the employers have been extremely cordial. We feel we can say without fear of contradiction that the majority of the members employed in the equipment shops are reasonably satisfied with their positions. Work at the Pacific States Steel Mill was interrupted for two different periods of time during the year, our men normally employed there being therefore without employment for a considerable length of time. While we were able to furnish employment to a number of these members in the construction industry there were a few who missed some paychecks. We can only hope that in the coming year this situation will not be repeated. Work in the various shipyards in this area has also been exceedingly slow during this year.

We are all cognizant of the fact that the elections which took place during the year were of great importance to us all, and while not every candidate favorable to labor was elected, we feel that our average in the main was better than fair. We are particularly gratified that Bro. Don Doyle, a member of Local 3 was re-elected to the State Assembly from Contra Costa County that George Miller was re-elected to Congress from Alameda County, that Bro. Eddie Park was re-appointed to the position of State Labor Commissioner, and Bro. Frank Lawrence re-appointed to the position of Industrial Accident Commissioner.

### COOPERATION HELPS ALL

We would particularly like at this time to pay tribute to all the members of Local 3, working in this area, for their excellent cooperation with the Business Agents and office force. This cooperation has made our jobs considerably easier.

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## Blood Donors Urgently Needed!

This being the time of year when New Year's Resolutions are in order, we would like to offer our suggestion to all of the members for what we believe would be a most worthwhile one—it being to make the very earliest possible appointment to donate a pint of blood! A pint of blood can mean the difference between life and death. Requests for blood during this past year have been numerous and frequent, with a check of our records revealing that we were able to obtain only 19 pints with which to meet these demands. Of this amount all but four pints were released to wives and children of members. So we feel that it would not be out of order to ask each of you to urge your families to also contribute to this very vital reserve. For the past three months we have been unable to fulfill even one request. Won't you please take just the few minutes necessary for your blood donation, so that during this coming year our record in this respect can be one of which all of us can be proud!

# THE NEVADA ROUND-UP— MINING, HIGHWAY JOBS MOVE

By H. L. "Curley" SPENCE and JOSEPH "Joe" MILLER, Business Representatives

Isbell Const. Co. is working steady at their stripping and mining projects at Ely, Nev. The three pits, situated 9 miles west of Ely, are working 24 hours a day. Two 150-B electric, a 54-B electric, and two Northwest 80's are moving the material at a very good pace.

Four miles west of Ely at Lane City, Isbell Const. Co. has a 54-B Bucyrus diesel and a Northwest 80 moving several thousand tons of ore daily. This pit is on a two shift basis with the exception of the Mechanical Department. Brothers Lew Buckmaster, Henry "Doc" Lumby, Wm. "Bill" McQueen, Robert Picininni, David Folsom, and Noval Wright are the Heavy Duty Repair Mechanics that are taking care of these machines at both places. These Brothers really know their work, and are doing a good job in keeping abreast of the repair work. Brother Don McGowan is their "Boss Man" and he keeps the Brothers in plenty of work.

Brothers James Sturgeon, Randy Booth, George Bowers, and Harvey Hill are the foremen at the Kimberly Pits. These Brothers all came up through the Ranks and are a swell group of men to work for. They all know what it is like to do a day's work, and respect the men under them, and in return are respected, and well liked by the Brothers on the equipment.

The cat work on these projects is taken care of by a very reliable and efficient group of operators. On the D-8 cats, Brothers Earl "Shorty" Beckham, Lawrence Bloom, Chas. Dory, Manuel McCloud, L. C. Wood, Brick Smith and of course Nick "Lefty" Lemich will be seen pushing dirt around at the Kimberly Pits.

Then not too far away, Brothers Elmer Stark and Art Billet will be seen taking care of things at the Lane City Pit, with two Foremen, Ortie Lee and Frank Bernd keeping them on the move.

All of the Brothers at the Pits are happy now after receiving their back pay checks. This makes the Holiday Season look much brighter.

Between the Kimberly and Lane City Pits, we have Foley Bros. still going strong on the two shafts that they are sinking, namely the Kelinski and the Deep Ruth. At the Kelinski shaft Brothers C. P. Halstead, L. R. Linsea, D. I. Forsythe, and L. Kitchens all seem to be very content on the Hoist, and trying every day to help the miners make a bonus.

## DEEP RUTH SHAFT

At the Deep Ruth Shaft Brothers Nick Piscevich, Roby Wilson, Steve Mayne, Dick Hunt, H. Rogers and Wm. Austin are just "getting the feel" of the new hoists that were installed, and are getting production in high "gear".

In the shops things are going along fine especially for Brother C. D. Sickels, since he purchased a new Buick last month. What a "beaut"! Brothers H. L. Harold Gehres and Perry Stedman would be very glad to give it a test run for him, if he would let them get within ten feet of it!

In the machine shop, we have found things to be in the most capable hands, and every job well done by Brother Kenneth Holthus and the Adamson Brothers, K. V. Adamson, D. E. Adamson and W. J. Adamson. They all do a good days work, and do as it should be done.

W. W. Clyde Construction Co. of Springville, Utah, was awarded 8.711 miles on Secondary Highway 20 between Carlin and Palisade, Nevada. The snow will prevent them from working there this winter, but we expect to see many of the Brothers back on their payroll in the Spring.

## WINNEMUCCA JOB

Stolte Inc. of Oakland, Calif. were awarded a contract for an Air Force Communications Station at Winnemucca, Nevada. They were the successful bidder with their bid of \$729,099. They have started the job, and are keeping a few Brothers working. Brother S. E. Thomas is operating the back hoe, and Brother Mike Grich is doing the oiling. Brother J. H.

Hudson is on the cat, and Brother D. D. McKelvey is on the blade. These Brothers will be kept busy until the snow moves them out. "Frenchie" Crotteau is the Superintendent on the job, and is a very cooperative fellow and a fine Superintendent.

Silver State Const. Co. of Fallon, Nevada (Andy Drumm) is moving right along on their 7 miles of road on Highway 40 at Lovelock, Nevada with Brother "Chip" Montrose pushing the spread. Brothers Ralph A. Stevens, Charles Melendy, and Robert Nelson are doing the cat work ahead of Brother Al Montrose who is on the blade. Brother Richard Kingston is on the shovel and Bob Yturiaga is his oiler. These Brothers have done a lot of fine work for A. D. Drumm this year, and are continuing to do so on this job.

The Utah Const. Co. Tunnel Job at Chilcoot, California is moving right along. Brother Ira Bashav thought that he might lose his excellent oiler, Brother Jerry Morlan, when Jerry bought a motorcycle, then came to work with his side all bruised, and half of the hide missing from his face. Jerry is a bit more careful now, and I'm sure slower going around turns. He likes that oiling job, and wants to stay with it.

The Brothers believe that they will "wind up the Chilcoot Job around the first of '55, and then they expect to move to another tunnel job that Utah Const. Co. is going to do near Kettie, California. All total Utah Const. anticipates working on three tunnels in that area next year. They are all sort of itching to start on a new job now that they are so near the end of this one.

## LEVIATHAN MINE

The Brothers at Isbell Const. Co. job at the Leviathan Mine are glad to see their back pay checks since they have been told that the dirt work will end around the 18th of December, and then they will move everything out by February. Many of the Brothers will be transferred to the Pits at Ely and some will probably go to the Isbell project at Grants, New Mexico. Brother M. J. "Dugan" Pulsipher is really a happy man now! After having two daughters, his wife has just presented him with a fine son, Dugan J. Pulsipher. M. J. is content now, and says, "NO MORE, I've got what I've always wanted now".

Around Reno we have Steel Erection and Rigging Co. from Salt Lake City, Utah, doing the steel erection on the Reno Airport. They have a Loraine truck crane on the job with Brother Irvin B. King at the controls, and Brother Vernon E. Speck as the oiler. This is an excellent crew for the job they are doing. Both Brothers came with the "Rig" from Utah, and are here to stay for some time, as they have lot of steel to put up.

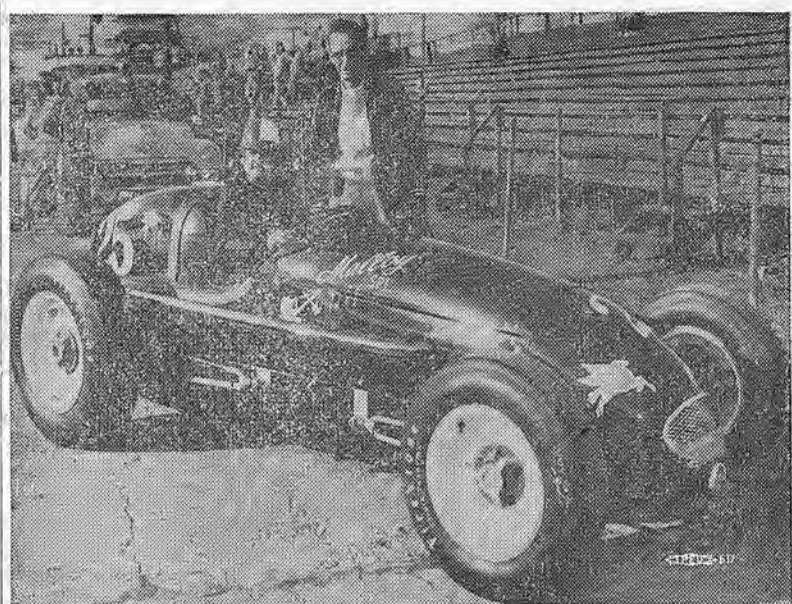
John DeLagrange was the successful bidder (\$23,987.) on the improvements to the entrance to Idlewild Park for the City of Reno, and will keep his boys busy getting this job done, and done right.

There are some Brothers who were working for Isbell Const. Co. on their stripping and mining operations who are now working elsewhere. Those who have not left a forwarding address should either contact Isbell Const. Co., or our office, and let us know what their address is so we can get their back pay checks to them.

"55" LOOKS GOOD! According to a release from State Engineer, Huston Mills, \$11,000,000. will be used on highways construction in 1955, and another \$2,200,000. worth of contracts awarded in 1954 will be completed next year. This along with the Building Program that is contemplated in the State

should make many jobs all over the State, and will give the Brothers working in the Area a very good year in 1955.

In closing, and since this is the last issue of our paper for 1954, we of the Reno office, H. L. Spence, Joe Miller, and Mary Brown (office girl), wish to thank all the members of Local No. 3 who worked in our area, for their fine cooperation during the past year. We wish everyone, and his family a very Merry Christmas, and a Joyous and Prosperous New Year.



ENGINEER-CONTRACTOR RACE TEAM—Emmett Malloy, Inglewood contractor, is shown standing beside his car, first to qualify at Indianapolis at a speed of 138.312 mph, driven by Jimmy Reece. This was the seventh fastest time on the first qualifying day. Head mechanic is Bro. Robert Philipp, Local 12 member, who is off-season mechanic for Malloy.

# WORK HOLDS UP IN THE SAN JOSE AREA

By A. J. "Buck" HOPE and M. G. "Mickey" MURPHY, Business Representatives

Employment in this area has held up very well for the past month, and we are happy to report that most of the brothers are working. Lew Jones Construction Company have recently been awarded three good-sized contracts; two of which will run approximately \$100,000 for the construction of bridges and approaches across Stevens Creek Road, the

third contract for \$63,725 for the construction of a Sewer Disposal Plant at Big Basin. Work will start on these projects very shortly if the weather permits.

P & E Construction have completed their sewer project on Lawrence Station Road and have moved their equipment to the Goforth Development job on Bower Lane, where they have about six weeks work constructing sewers.

John Mauck has completed his sewer job in Greenvale Manor but still has the curb and gutter work left to complete on this subdivision. Songdroth Bros. are bringing in the select material and will do the grading and paving on this project. This firm is also working approximately six Cats in the quarry at Los Altos and is also busy on several other subdivisions in this vicinity.

Atwater Underground Construction are still busy on their Calaveras Road job in Sylvan Gardens and expect to start work on another project in Gilroy very shortly.

Ed Keeble has started grading on the subdivision in Milpitas, and expect to start work on another subdivision north of Milpitas very soon. This firm is employing about 25 Engineers in the San Mateo District.

Pat Barclay has completed his job on Grant Road and will soon start work on his recently awarded contract on El Camino near Mt. View. He also expects to start work on his subdivision near Salinas.

If the weather remains favorable, L. C. Smith expects to start work on the Los Gatos Freeway within the next week or ten days. Carl N. Swenson Co. on the same project has opened the temporary detour and is now demolishing the old bridge, in preparation for the new bridge in Los Gatos.

Due to the installation of new equipment at Permanente we have been in negotiations with the Kaiser Aluminum Company in relation to wage rate and classification applying to this equipment. The contract with the company cannot be opened until June 30, 1955.

Seabrook-Stroud of Bakersfield are still busy on their various underground jobs in Santa Clara County but expect to wind up this work about the middle of January. J. C. Bateman has finished their grading work at the substation in Coyote but have most of their equipment out on several other jobs in this area. A. J. Raich and A. J. Peters, both well-known contractors in this area, are keeping well occupied at this time trying to complete their jobs before the winter rains.

Granite Construction under the supervision of Dick Lindsay is making good progress on their 42-inch sewer line on the outfall for the City of Watsonville; this firm also has several other good-sized jobs in this area, namely: a sewer job in Salinas, a grading and paving job for Flat-Top Smith, plus two

subdivisions. McQuire and Hester were awarded a \$17,396 sewer contract for the City of Salinas. Peninsula Paving and Grading Company were the low bidders on a \$16,000 paving and grading contract for the Monterey Airport.

Brother Phil Calabrese and Granite Construction are busy in the Monterey area on several projects.

George Renz of Gilroy has been awarded a \$29,723 contract for the construction of slab bridges across Tres Pinos Creek and has already started work on this project.

We still have five members working in the oil fields at San Ardo, but expect to have a little more activity here shortly when work starts on the new proposed oil refinery.

The brothers employed at the Chesbro Dam are still working 11 hours a day, six days a week and by the middle of the month expect to be within 15 feet of the crest of the dam at which time work will be discontinued until next spring when the dam will be completed. In the meantime the equipment will be used to grade the roads by-passing the Chesbro Dam.

## PERSONALS

We are very happy to report that Brother M. G. "Mickey" Murphy has been released from the hospital and is convalescing at his home and that his condition is greatly improved. Brother H. T. Petersen is still working in the San Jose area during Brother Murphy's illness.

We would like to remind all the unemployed members living in Santa Cruz, Salinas, Watsonville, Monterey and the Gilroy Districts that they must register each and every week in the San Jose office, either by mail or phone, in order to be eligible for their Unemployment Compensation.

And as the Holiday Season is again approaching we wish to take this opportunity to extend our most sincere wishes for a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.



"Okay—the meeting lasted till one o'clock. I believe you! I believe you!"

# Rain is Boss In Redwoods

By A. R. McCAFFREY  
Business Representative

After a big season in the Redwood Empire, the weather man has finally taken over. During the month of November we had exceptionally good weather, enabling the brothers and contractors to complete several jobs over the area.

Our out of work list is growing, but due to the fact that several of the brothers have gone south for the winter, we have hopes of keeping it at a minimum.

Mercer-Fraser Company of Eureka have recently been awarded several jobs in the surrounding area. A rock and slope protection job, about 0.1 mile of selected rock slope protection to be placed on roadway shoulders about 15.5 miles east of Rt. 1, Humboldt County; construction drainage facilities between 3.5 miles east of Blue Lake and 1.0 miles west of Willow Creek; removal of railway ties, work involves removal of railroad ties on 5th street from D to F streets, and 5th street, from H to M streets to Myrtle Ave., and placing mineral aggregate; street resurfacing on Fifth street, Eureka.

Tom Hull of Eureka, Pelatz Company of Santa Rosa and Pat Barkley of San Jose, are going right along on their sewer collection jobs.

Arthur B. Siri Co. of Santa Rosa are finishing up their flood control project on the Mad river at Blue Lake.

Burman & Sons are working on their housing project on Humboldt Hill whenever weather permits.

Humboldt Constructors and J. Delphia have closed down their job on Berry Summit for the winter but will start again as soon as spring arrives.

J. L. Conner has some of his equipment doing pioneer work in the Ferndale area, opening a new road between Ferndale and Rio Dell.

There are various small jobs throughout the area working when it isn't raining, mainly graveling roads, piledriving and inside work. Now that winter has settled down for earnest, the contractors will start overhauling their equipment to get ready for even a busier year in 1955 than this year of 1954 has been.

By the time the next Engineers' News comes out the office here in Eureka will have a new address. It will be 2428 Broadway, the site of our new office building.

We wish to take this means of extending Holiday Greetings to all the brothers and the hope for an early spring.

# Utah News Roundup

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

The Christmas season is once more upon us and from the looks of things it will be a "White Christmas." Old Man Winter has really arrived and most of the jobs in the higher elevation country are down or will be real soon and the men are coming in to get their names on the "out of work" list as well as to sign up for that "old rocking chair."

Work has held up well this fall due to the mild weather we have had. Many of the jobs that were supposed to last over until spring have been finished, except for a little clean up and probably the paving on some of the state road work.

W. W. Clyde road job at Wanship is very near the clean up stage, with just the grade above the new bridge remaining. The gravel work on the Wanship Dam is still going strong but we can expect some cut back soon, although this depends a lot on the weather we encounter. Some of this project could very easily run all winter, especially the work in the shop. This should take almost until Spring to get all of this equipment back in operating condition.

Work should start this week on the lining of the tunnel and should keep some of the boys busy for another six to eight weeks.

Work on the bore has been completed and the crew has been cut back to one shift. "Duke" Miller has been transferred to Australia and "Whitey" Walker expects to join him there in the near future. Too bad he can't take a few more of the crew with him. I'm sure some of the local guys would like to go down under for a couple of years.

Reed & Jensen have curtailed operations on the Mirror Lake road project, but are still going on the Vernal-Manila road. These two jobs will be held over for some Spring work for some of the Brothers, but past experience has shown they won't be able to get into these jobs until late May or early June.

Gibbons & Reed's work at Dugway turned out to be quite disappointing for the men who went out expecting an all winter job. It seems the frost prevents the Company from getting the compaction required on this job. All operations with the exception of one crusher, have been shut down. The Thorn Company job at Dugway will probably do the same thing.

Gibbons & Reed were low bidders on the new sewer line connecting the old pumping plant with the new plant at North Salt Lake, but through some discrepancy in the bid, the job will be rebid later this month.

Chicago Bridge & Iron Company have two small jobs going in this vicinity and are employing Local 3 men.

F. & S. Company at Kearns are still working several No. 3 men and may pick up a little more steam soon. This company is building new low cost homes at Kearns and have recently introduced a new model frame house that seems to have stimulated sales to the point where they may soon employ some more help soon.

The County sewer is still going 100% and we are praying it continues all winter as we really have a lot of No. 3 men on this project who are depending on working through the winter.

All in all the work situation isn't as bleak as it was a year ago, but we do have a number of men out of work just as we do every winter. So, as soon as you become unemployed be sure to get your name on our out of work list and then sign up for your unemployment compensation.

## Northern Area

The majority of the employers have taken advantage of the mild fall weather this past month and have kept all but a very few of the members busy in this area.

A few of the contractors have moved some of their equipment to the yards, but are keeping a number of men employed in the shops overhauling and preparing for future work.

There have been a few men terminated from some jobs, but fortunately there has been enough

new work start or openings on other jobs to take care of most of the Brothers.

Wilkinson Bros. Construction Company from Morgan were low bidders for the gravel grading and resurfacing of the Tomlinson road west of the 2nd Street Depot.

The low bid for resurfacing of the 12th Street entrance to the Utah General Depot was submitted by Wheelwright Construction Company.

The results of the scheduled bid opening on December 15th for the Weber Aqueduct, Diversion Dam and Reservoir should be available by the time this news reaches you. This project should be under construction by the first of March, weather permitting.

Wheelwright Construction Company have kept a number of engineers busy on their curb and gutter job at the Deaf and Blind School, crushing gravel for Davis county and Clearfield city and excavating and laying pipe on the water purification plant in Ogden Canyon.

Gibbons & Reed Company have a few men busy on their crusher in the mouth of Weber Canyon and completing graveling and surfacing work in and around Ogden.

The Water Purification in Ogden Canyon is progressing good with all crafts involved having very satisfactory relations with the Davis & Butler Construction Company.

Young & Smith Construction Company have kept a full crew busy on their Echo Canyon road job and pioneering right of way on the Davis aqueduct.

## Southern Section

Workable jobs are at a premium in our area since the winter weather has caught up with us. We had very few dirt jobs going in our section, so we will feel no great loss there. We are fortunate to have a few building jobs to furnish employment for some of our people.

Plewe Brothers Construction Company are building a new high school at University Avenue and 12th North in Provo. While they have only two operators on their payroll, the sub-contractors on this job have used quite a few of our members.

Tolboe and Harlin Construction Co. of Provo were low bidders on the new First Security Bank Building on University Avenue and 1st North in Provo.

Consolidated Western Steel Company's pipe fabricating plant at Geneva is the job that will afford work to the greatest number of our people. The construction has been pushed on this project in spite of recent storms. Grading of the construction site was finished by Whiting & Haymond in record time. This company is now engaged in covering the graded area with slag from Geneva Steel Plant. The slag surface is compacted and affords a clean and solid surface from which to work. This has added greatly to facilitate the program and the ability to work in all kinds of weather.

Raymond Concrete Pile Company's two rigs are still tamping in the piling. Bro. Bill Match who has been operating the skid rig, has had to leave Utah because of his wife's health. We will miss Bill and Local No. 12 will gain a good union member. Brother Bill Austin is pulling the levers on the steamer now. Brother Austin broke in on the skid rig at the Moab bridge job and we are happy to see him get the break.

There is a report on some new construction at Monticello. The H. K. Ferguson Company has an-

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN MEETING SCHEDULE

### Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lang Co., Sand & Gravel, Iron Ore Mines, Vitro Uranium Corporation, Kennecott Copper Co.

Construction, Sand and Gravel members, 4th Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Construction, Sand and Gravel members, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West First North, Provo, Utah.

Construction, Sand and Gravel members, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.

Vitro Chemical Company, 3rd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lang Company — All Called Meetings.

Cedar City Iron Mines, Wednesday, December 22, 1954, 8:00 p.m., El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah.

Kennecott Copper Mines, Tuesday, December 28, 1954, 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m., Civic Center, Bingham Canyon.

## Schedule of State Road Meetings

State Road Meetings will all be Called Meetings.

nounced their intention to build an addition to the mill at Monticello. The figure on the new work was not announced but is reported in excess of a million dollars. The building and construction trades have been invited to meet with company and Atomic Energy officials at Grand Junction, Colorado on December 15th when details will be announced.

The work of Ragnar-Benson, Inc. on the Moab bridge is rolling very smoothly again. We have one of our brothers holding the reins at the site now. Brother Vance Abbott is running the show and Brother Derl "Swede" Olsen has taken over the duties on the crane. Both are reported to be doing very well.

Lenn Creer Company has been awarded a contract on a sewage system in Moab. This company is just finishing a similar job at Blanding and the Moab job will fit nicely into making a winter long project for these boys.

There are some familiar faces turning up at the construction shops. The most recent to join the shop ranks from the field are such prominent nut busters as Brothers Rueben Griffiths, Sam Fratto and Boyd Adams at W. W. Clyde's shop. At Thorn's shop I see the smiling countenances of Brother Hilton Burch, back from the Uranium country. It is well that these people can come into the shops for the winter season. I think also the contractors know when they have a good thing.

The membership voted unanimously at our last meeting to change the meeting night, so after this next meeting of December 10th, the meeting at Provo will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Come out, we will see you then.

## State Road

Coming into the home stretch of the year 1954, we can't say we've nosed into the lead, but we certainly haven't lost any ground. However, as we've been pounding away in the past few issues, we can't impress too strongly on you the fact that with the time remaining before the Legislature meets, we've got quite a bit of contact work to do with the men who are there officially. Favorable reports are coming in from around the State indicating that some good work is being done. The question is, "Have you done your part?" It may take only a few minutes of your time but they may prove invaluable in time to come. Remember your future as a State Road employee may be at stake in this deal so don't push the idea to one side and take a position that it's not your responsibility because your effort might be just what's needed to tip the scales in the right direction. Again, here is what we are out to accomplish. First, Job Security—whereby the only reason you can be removed from your job is failure to properly perform your job. Secondly, a right to present your side before an official commission committee before dismissal. Thirdly, a right to have some voice in your conditions of

employment through a representative of your own choosing.

On the personal side, we are saddened by the untimely death of genial Brother William Townsend of the 9th East Shed in District No. 2. Bill, as he was affectionately known, has been a member of Operating Engineers and a good one ever since we first came into the State Road picture. He always had a few pleasantries to pass on when we called and we'll certainly miss seeing him around.

## Cedar Iron Mines

We've seen a very poor year at the Iron Mines and hope 1955 shows a decided improvement in the situation. The nation's steel picture begins to look brighter so we look for a better year as far as Cedar Mines are concerned. At this writing, the word is that work will be finished at the Burke Mine around the 18th of December, unless another contract is awarded to Utah.

Their idea of a Christmas present is anything but good, but we'll keep our fingers crossed and hope and pray that something will break by the time you read this article.

Brother Vandewark has taken up the matter of Rule 14 with Utah Construction's Attorney, Jacobsen at San Francisco and he reports that Jacobsen is going to get a letter to their Salt Lake office on it immediately. It is difficult to understand why, when we reach an agreement on a matter, and the first time it is enforced the company says, "that's not what it means." However, we are looking forward to seeing Jacobsen's interpretation, as we believe he has the same opinion that we have on Rule 14.

## Construction--Southwest

The Air Force job at Virgin is not moving as fast as we had hoped for. Smith, Wood and Northrup have completed their work on the road up the side of the mountain and have cleared some brush on top.

Dittweiler Plumbing Company has the contract to lay a three inch water line from the river to the top about 9,000 feet, with settling ponds and pump houses and have started work on their phase of the project.

It is our understanding that the contract to build the runway will be let about December 15th. That will be a sizeable piece of work and we hope whoever lands the contract will get started right away. A couple of school houses have been started in St. George. Witt Construction Company has one and Hogan & Tingey the other. There is very little work in sight there for engineers.

## Kennecott Copper

The Health and Welfare program seems to be taking precedence over other things at the mine these days. Since its inception on the first of November, many questions have arisen concerning the application of its various benefits. We are trying to become informed as fully as possible about all phases so that we may be of assistance to you

## Help Fight TB



## Buy Christmas Seals

Observe Safety Rules!

when you find it necessary to use the plan.

Brother Everett Hibbard has been named to act as-liaison man for Operating Engineers on the mine so if you have a problem contact him about it and he will help you. If you can't reach him contact us at the Salt Lake office and we will be happy to assist you at any time. If you encounter difficulty on the job which amounts to a grievance, contact your regular stewards. They have the right to take the matter up in the same manner as provided in the agreement for settlement of other grievances; the only difference being that they will take up Welfare problems with Les Hablin at the mine and Dave Houston's office in Salt Lake.

It is our intention to disperse all the information we gather at the regular meeting, so if you have a question or problem you need help with, we will do our best to give you the answer or get it for you.

## Merry Christmas

Again we come to the time of year when hearts are gay and peace and good will prevail throughout our land of America. We seem to have a great deal to be thankful for at this time, inasmuch as the world is at peace and we see no threatening clouds of war in the very near future.

Our blessings are many and it is with sincere appreciation that your business representatives and office personnel thank you for your cooperation and faith in our attempt to do a good job for you and the organization. We believe we have made progress but only through the combined efforts of a were we able to do so. It is our earnest desire to continue to improve working conditions, wages and other benefits so that we may always maintain the high standard of living which exemplifies America. We ask that each and every one of you brothers take an active part in the organization so that we may reach an even higher goal for you and your families.

At this time we have several ailing members who are concerned over. Brother Earl Drown suffered a broken leg some time ago on the Utah Construction job. Complications have made it pretty tough on Earl but we understand things are looking much better after his recent hospitalization. Brother William Taylor was gassed while working in the Gibbons & Reed shop several days ago but is now out of the hospital and feeling better. Brother Legrande "Ozzie" Iversen was severely burned on the Utah Crane & Rigging job but is recovering. Brother Lee Gillman is nursing a broken arm and burises but is recuperating. Brother Tom Curtis is fighting an eye disease which has given him many hours of anxiety. Tom's courage and determination is remarkable. Brother Lee Barker has a heart condition which put him to bed for awhile. Brother Francis Price hurt his back but it is now on the mend. Brother John Adams has had a long seige of illness due to a case of pneumonia which led to complications. We know Johnnie has what it takes to lick this thing. These brothers along with Hugh Gainsforth and Chuck Conners have had their share of illness in the last year. Let us all join together in praying that the New Year will bring forth the restoration of their good health.

And so as the New Year approaches, we are looking forward to a rosy future in construction. May each and every one of you be blessed with good fortune. To you and your families . . . A VERY BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

# Heavy Rains Play Havoc With Marysville; Some Jobs Move

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

The "Superior California" area has had a lot of adverse weather since our last news report and has played havoc with all jobs in the area. However, there are a few bright spots which we will attempt to relate.

The Halvorson Co., on the road job at Spring Garden, still have a few members on the job, but are expecting old man winter to close in at any moment. M & K Co. Inc. have about 2500 yards of rock to move on the rip-rap job at Rock Creek Dam and will ship the equipment out. This job has lasted over eleven weeks and has been good one for our people. H. Earl Parker Co. on the P. G. & E. road job near Jarboe Gap still have about two more weeks of one shift work for the operators. Stolte Co. Inc., with Jim Foose as superintendent in charge, have Al Williams' P & H Crane digging footings for the upper bridge across the Feather River for the P. G. & E. Poe Tunnel Project.

Richter Bros. of Oroville, have moved their crusher from the U.P.K. job on the Chico Wye to the Yuba River bottoms out of Marysville, to do some work for Brown-Ely Co. Brown-Ely Co is really slowing up on their highway job in Yuba City due to the rains. Kaiser Sand & Gravel will be converting to Euclid Dump truck as quickly as possible but are just too busy right now to shut down. It is sure nice to find a firm with business that good at this time of the year. Butte Creek Rock Co. of Chico stay on a fairly even keel all the time. New York Machine Shop keep the same good crew all the time and pick up an extra man once in a while.

P. J. Moore called back some blade men this week to finish his portion of the Oroville Truck route so that Baldwin Co. can finish the paving. Baldwin Co. have finished the paving on the Butte City road with Bert Bengsten in charge. Los Atos Const. Co. have moved in some equipment to move the dirt on the Granite Const. Co. on the Freeway, south of Marysville. Frank Beach Co. have had a couple trenching machines in the Orland-Hamilton City district with Dick Cox in charge. The Baun Const. Co. on the work in the Willows-Maxwell area have been on and off again on account of rain. Archie Till has five rigs in the Hammondtown district, with Dana Gollenbush in charge. Bro. Norval Smith also has his cat in this spread. H. Earl Parker Co. put a few rigs back to work on the Sacramento River but the rains will knock them off again. This company has all its landlevelling rigs curtailed at the moment. The Shellmaker Corp. was around Oroville a few days doing a little work for the P. G. & E. on one of their canals.

Bro. Charlie Lloyd was successful in getting a contractors license and to celebrate same, took off on a trip to Utah. He says he will be ready for excavating, grading and paving when he returns. Lester L. Rice & Sons have one crane busy near Gridley loading rock. Bro. Geo. Belote sold his firm to the Baldwin Contr. Co. and is now working for them.

### PERSONAL ITEMS:

Bro. Grover Pearce was seriously injured in a car wreck just north of Yuba City. He is in the Fremont Hospital in Yuba City and will be confined for quite a while. It is with regret that we inform our membership of the death of Bro. Donald J. Sherwood, Supt. of Butte Equipment Co., in Gridley, as the result of a truck accident, the latter part of October. We take this means of extending to Bro. Sherwood's family, the sincere condolences of the officers and members of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

We have had a pretty good year in the Marysville district and inasmuch as this is our December issue, we of the Marysville office, (Van, Irene and Les) wish to thank all members for their splendid cooperation and want to take this opportunity to wish each member and their families a Merry

Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.  
—Les Collett  
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### INDUSTRIAL REPORT

Important Notice to Gold Dredger Co. Members:

By an overwhelming majority the By-Laws of Local Union No. 3, have been amended to provide that the Good Standing Fund Assessment shall be levied annually, on or before October 1st of each year, instead of by call of the Executive Board.

Therefore, all members who are participating in the Good Standing Fund and who are on the check-off will have this assessment of \$1.00 deducted from their pay. Members not on the check-off should add \$1.00 to their next remittance of dues or \$1.00 will be credited to the assessment, as assessments are due and collectable before dues, and you will be billed for and additional dollar for dues.

Also the age limit for the Burial Fund has been raised from 45 years to 55 years and it is now possible for all members under 55 years of age to participate in this fund. Details as to how you may become a participant of this unexpensive insurance fund may be obtained from your representative or by inquiring at the office. This assessment will also be an annual one and may be checked-off out of your pay.

### NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GOLD DREDGER COMPANIES: Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields:

As the next regular meeting will fall on December 27th, the fourth Monday, and will fall within the Christmas holidays, the next meeting will be postponed and if any matters come up that require consultation with the membership, a special meeting will be called, which will be announced by posting in the usual manner.

Therefore, the next meeting will be held Monday, January 24, 1955, in the Engineers Hall, 1010 Eye St., Marysville, at the following times:  
10:30 a.m. for the night workers.  
7:30 p.m. for the day workers.

### THE NATOMAS COMPANY:

The next regular meeting of your unit will be held the first Monday of the New Year, January 3, 1955, in the Veterans Club, Folsom and at the usual times which are:

10:00 a.m. to give the night an opportunity to attend.  
7:30 p.m. for those members working days.

### CONCRETE PIPE COMPANIES:

The statement above, which heads this column, also applies to the members of the Operating Engineers employed by the Concrete Pipe Companies. There will be, however, questions such as when each member was initiated, which will determine whether or not the assessment of 1954, will be due and payable. So please inquire as to whether or not it is owed by you if you are not informed in the meantime.

### NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT:

The next joint meeting of all employees in the Concrete Pipe Companies within the unit of the Unions, whether members of our Union, or of the Laborers or Teamsters will be held the second Monday in January, January 10, 1955, in the Teamsters Hall, 818 Wall St., Chico, at 7:30 p.m. As the question of agreement reopenings, and this applies to all units, will be a matter of great concern after the first of the year these meetings should prove of utmost interest as it will be necessary for the membership to make their desires known regarding any contract changes thought needed. Every member, who has his family and own welfare at heart, will attend all meetings the first part of the year unless prevented by some unavoidable incident.

### Retiring Members Note

An important notice to retiring members:

Your union may be of help to you in the collection of your social security, and especially in advising you how to collect your unemployment insurance after retirement, or disability unemployment insurance—whichever, if any, you may be entitled to draw. So save yourself a possible loss to yourself and family by discussing these matters with your representative. He will be glad, in fact he is paid, to help you.  
—C. R. Van Winkle.

### GLADDING, McBEAN C.:

The announcement, heading this Industrial Report, does not apply to our members employed by the Company, as this matter is already included in your dues.

Since the last report the election of committeemen in all departments has been completed. The following is the list of your Committeemen by departments:

- Miné and Mill Department—Bro. R. Menchinella.
- Main Factory Department—Bro. Dave Mitchell.
- Maintenance Department—Bro. Ray Dutra.
- Terra Cotta Department—Bro. Bob Rich.
- Night Shift—Bro. Ed Burgess.

Any brother in any of the above department, who has any grievances or other matters to bring up may do so through the above committeemen. They in turn will draw them to the attention of your representative, if they are not matters that can be solved in your department directly with your foreman.

Serious matters will be reduced to writing and the brother or brothers affected will be asked to sign the grievances. Confidential matters of general nature will not be revealed to the Company but will be turned over to the representative for his investigation and your names will not be used. Personal matters of pay or seniority, of course, will require use of the name or names of the brothers involved.

The representative will be available, as usual, each Friday, however, if any brother has any matter he wishes to talk to the representative about, he may arrange an appointment through the committeeman in his department.

Now brothers, we are trying to set up a system that will, under the agreement, prevent grievances from arising and settle them quickly if they do arise. It will not however, work if we do not have your cooperation; in fact, no system will work without your cooperation and if you want an efficient unit you may have it, at the small expense of your cooperation.

### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council will be held Tuesday, Jan. 4, 1955, in the Lincoln Industrial Council office, at 4:15 p.m.

The regular meeting of your unit will be held Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1955, in the City Hall, Lincoln, at 4:15 p.m.

Attendance of the above meetings will be mandatory for all committeemen, except the night shift committeeman.

### PERSONAL NOTES

The following brothers, having reached the age of retirement at the Gladding, McBean plant, will retire on December 31, and as most of them have had long service with the company and all have been good members of the union, we take this means of extending to each and every one of them our heartfelt and sincere wishes for many happy and useful years of retirement doing those things that their hearts have always desired: Emil Bohme, 19 years with the company; Manuel DeGouvea, 33 years with the company; Joe Pacheco, 52 years with the company; Juan P. Duran, 31 years with the company (in this case there may be a reconsideration); Basilio Olivas, 27 years with the company; Luis Olivas, 30 years; Trinidad Amaya, 30 years; Edward Aalboe, 14 years, and Carl Lindroth, 9 years with the company.

The following brothers have already been retired due to having

# WET SLOWS STOCKTON

By ED DORAN, W. M. TALBOT, M. W. GRIFFING and C. L. CASEBOLT, Business Representatives

In order not to be repetitious with the other offices of this Local we will say that it is not dry here in the Stockton area. The report for this month is not too much different from last with a few exceptions.

A Teichert & Son were the low bidders on another stretch of the 99 highway, between Turner Station and Stockton, consisting of 3.1 miles and three bridges with the low bid of \$723,000.

Another state job was set Nov. 24th, on highway No. 120, between Escalon and Oakdale, which was awarded to M. J. Ruddy, of Modesto. This job is in a type of sandy soil so they may do a little work this winter, whereas the Teichert job is in adobe soil so the most they can expect is to do a little work on the bridges.

Beerman & Jones from Sonora, were the successful bidders on a small job on highway 108, near Twain Harte, amounting to \$15,000.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. on the Cherry Valley Dam job have a few operators still on the payroll. At present they have 2 shovels, one dragline, one blade and 4 cats on a two-shift basis. The mechanics and welders are still in good number until the parked equipment is overhauled then the axe will fall. Three technical engineers on the job cross sectioning the dam which should not take too long.

### ALL PURPOSE RIG

Brother A. J. (Pat) Clow is a man who gets around quite a bit. He owns only one truck crane (so he says) but everywhere you go over this district you will see "Pat" on his crane, setting steel—digging a ditch with a dragline or digging footings with his clam shell or else breaking concrete with the ball. Pat has every attachment for his rig to do any kind of job that he may be called upon to perform. He can be reached at HOWard 5-4460 Stockton. Brother Lavern Wagoner is his able assistant (oiler).

It is with deepest regret that we report the death of Brother Hubert Smith, Bro. Hubert fell from and was crushed by his 12 blade, while working on the 99 freeway at Manteca (A. Teichert's job.) He was one of our top blade men and always has a pleasant smile and a good word for everyone. We of this district will miss him very much and everyone extends their sympathy to his bereaved family.

We also regret to report the passing of Bro. Eugene Gladwin

reached the age of retirement and being ill and unable to return to work: Paul Gneck, 16 years with the company, and Antone Fiorelli, who is in the Weimar Sanitarium suffering from an abscess on or in one of his lungs, but according to reports is showing marked improvement, 31 years with the company.

Bro. J. M. Bailey, of the Natomas Co., retired December 1 after 35 years with the company. We extend to him the same sincere wishes that we did to the above brothers. . . . Bro. Walter Hefin, genial and efficient committeeman on Dredge No. 21 of the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields, suffered a serious accident on Wednesday, November 17. According to reports, he was oiling a coupling on a jig, when his clothing caught somehow, resulting in torn muscles of his left arm and a cracked socket ball of his left shoulder.

This accident was of the type that can't happen, but does, as apparently there were no projections or other places for clothing to catch. To prevent such accidents from occurring again, guards have been placed around these couplings. The accident will cause Bro. Hefin to be laid up six to eight months. A speedy recovery, Walt! . . . Bro. Richard Stevenson, cage maker at the Yuba City plant of Valley Concrete Pipe, has been suffering from arc burns to his eyes. Arrangements have been made with the company to have glasses fitted to him in the hope that this painful occurrence may be prevented in the future. . . . Bro. Sam Isaminger, relief winchman for Natomas Co., and Bro. Everett Fisher, oiler for the same company, have been reported off duty because of illness.

Staples, a Calaveras Cement Co. employee of long standing—we also wish to extend our sympathy to his family and many friends.

### PENSION PLAN VOTE

We had a fairly good turnout at our regular meeting for the Calaveras Cement Co. Employees Local 3D, in San Andreas, December 2, and would like to see many more of you at our next regular meeting to be held on Jan. 6, 1955, in the Union Hall in San Andreas, starting at 7:30 p.m. Come in and learn first-hand what goes on at these meetings.

Our pension plan selection vote was taken Friday, Dec. 3, from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m., and from 2 - 4:30 p.m. and the results of the vote was almost 2 to 1 for the participating plan, the voting place was the carpenter shop on the plant premises.

Brothers, our blood bank is depleted. Of the 21 pints that we had on deposit with the blood bank which was drawn out by different ones, only one pint was replaced and this has since been withdrawn. The Delta Blood Bank, who took over the operation from the Red Cross has an entirely different setup.

Everyone who withdraws a pint of blood is billed for \$33.75. The amount will be automatically reduced by \$25 upon receipt of a written release by the blood club chairman. The remaining \$3.75 represents the "processing fee." As we have no blood club anymore and that it would be impossible to run one without going through the Delta Blood Bank, except by direct transfusion which would involve getting the right blood type donor, it remains up to you as donors as to whether we have none at all, or the Delta Blood Bank plan.

We of the Stockton office wish to take this opportunity to wish all of you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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## Haggerty Named To U.S. Employment Advisory Group

(State Fed. Release)

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, was this week named to the Federal Advisory Council on Employment Security.

The Federal Advisory Council, made up of 35 members representing employers, employees, and the public, advises the Secretary of Labor and the Director of the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security on policy and operations relating to the administration of the federal-state system of employment security agencies.

Public members named by Mitchell include Clarence W. Bird, national employment director, American Legion; Clarence A. Kulp, chairman, Department of Insurance, University of Pennsylvania; David F. Schlothauer, executive director, American Veterans of World War II; and Dale Yoder, professor of labor and industrial relations, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Chairman of the advisory group is Fedele F. Fauri.

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### PUT A GUARD OVER ALL FOOT TREADLES

A box maker was assembling a box in a nailing machine. A piece of shooK fell on the foot pedal and before the operator could remove his hands, one arm was caught and crushed. All foot treadles which are used to trip a machine must have a guard over the treadle. It should be placed in such a position that the machine cannot be tripped by falling material or by accidentally stepping on the pedal.

# Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark and Harry Metz)

NOVEMBER 8, 1954

**CASSTLE AFB**, Contract awarded to W. K. Kendall, P. O. Box 1033, Mt. View, \$106,588, for completion of 76 permanent family quarters at CCastle AFB.

**STOCKTON**, Contract awarded to Lord & Bishop, P. O. Box 812, Sacramento, \$30,836, for reconstituted trestle approaches and decking on steel swing span across Bishop Cut on Atherton Road, approx. 8 mi. NW of Stockton, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Friant CConst. Co., 4929 Hedges St., FFresno, \$14,471, for repl. conc. box culvert w/96 inch conc. pipe at Modesto Irrig. Dist., near Modesto, STANISLAUS COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., P.O. Box 683, Fresno, \$38,539, for const. reinf. conc. bridge, approaches graded & detour, across San Pedro Creek, 8 mi. South of Jct. of Rt. 55 & 56, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

**RICHMOND**, contract awarded to H. K. Ferguson Co., 411 W. 5th St., L. A., for const. a new engine laboratory at Richmond, Calif. Lab. will have basement, 2 floors for research labs., shop facils. & offices w/total floor area of 41,000 sq. ft. A new wing on the main laboratory-admin. bldg. to provide

an addit. 33,000 sq. ft. floor space for chemical labs. & engineering offices is also incld. in the expansion program. Cost of the new facilities is approx. \$1,500,000.

**LINDSAY**, contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$42,823, for repairs to canal lining, Friant-Kern Canal, Central Valley Project, near Navelencia & Exeter, in FRESNO & TULARE COUNTIES, Calif.

NOVEMBER 9, 1954

**EL CERRITO**, contract awarded to Reichhold & Jurkovich, 5104 Barrett Ave., Richmond, \$11,354, for reconst. Colusa Ave. betw. Fairmount & Eureka Aves., in city of El Cerrito, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**McCLELLAN AFB**, contract awarded to Affiliated Engineers & Contractors, Inc., 2228 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento, \$69,799, for const. Communications Bldg., Utilities & paving, and extension of water, sewer, gas and power lines, etc., at McClellan Air Force Base.

**TRACY**, contract awarded to United Conc. Pipe Corp., Old Highway 99, Modesto, \$57,000, for furn. & laying 3,200 lft. of 48 inch steel pipe encase in conc., from Byron-Bethany Rd. SWly, IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY..

NOVEMBER 10, 1954

**MONTEREY**, contract awarded to Peninsula Paving & Grading Co., 829 Del Monte Ave., Seaside,

\$15,008, for grade & pave taxiway and parking apron extension on South side of Monterey Peninsula Airport, Monterey, Calif.

NOVEMBER 12, 1954

**MT. VIEW**, contract awarded to Associated Engineers, Inc., 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$16,355, for water main extension in Hope Street.

**ELDRIDGE**, contract awarded to Beacon Construction Co., 780 Natoma St., S.F., \$395,527, for alterations to hospital, including mechanical & electrical work at Sonoma State Hospital, Eldridge, California.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, 575 Berry St., S.F., \$28,741, for off-ramp roadway graded & surf. with plantmix surf. on cement treated base at the Vermont St. off-ramp at Mariposa St., San Francisco.

**FRESNO**, contract awarded to Stewart & Nuss, Inc., P.O. Box 886, Fresno, \$33,840, for resurf. of parking aprons at Fresno Air Terminal, with plantmix surf.

NOVEMBER 15, 1954

**FIELDS LANDING**, contract awarded to Bechtel Corp., 220 Bush St., S.F., for const. of Humboldt Bay Steam Power Plant located at Fields Landing, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, near Eureka.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$63,972, for grade, pave, etc. Fruitridge Oaks Unit No. 4.

NOVEMBER 16, 1954

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Geo. C. Renz Const. Co., 555 5th St., Gilroy, \$29,723, for 2 RC slab bridges const. across Tres Pinos Creek, 11 mi. SE of Hollister, SAN BENITO COUNTY.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, for const. roadway & drainage for roads adj. to Cotton Terminal Warehouse, Outer Harbor, Oakland.

**PINOLE**, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$4,503, for reconst. 2nd Ave. betw. San Pablo Ave. & Nob Hill Ave. in city of Pinole, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**SALINAS**, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$17,396, for const. N.E. sanitary interceptor sewer betw. Calif. St. Freeway & Sherwood Dr., Salinas.

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to Harms Bros. & C.M. Syar, P.O. Box 1431, Vallejo, \$0.3090 per sq. ft., for approx. 23,240 sq. ft. of paving, Hogan Jr. High School, Vallejo.

NOVEMBER 17, 1954

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$19,857, for const. earthwork bit. pave, roadway repairs, etc., Naval Hospital, Oakland.

**SANTA CLARA**, contract awarded to A. J. Raisch, 900 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, \$3,461, for resurf. Los Padres Blvd. in city of Santa Clara.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Low Jones Const. Co., 1535 S. 10th St., San Jose, \$45,397, for exist. bridge & approaches to be widened across Stevens Creek on Homestead Road, 5 mi. W. of Santa Clara, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

**CARSON CITY, Nevada**, contract awarded to W. W. Clyde Co., P.O. Box 231, Springville, Utah, \$830,011, for 8.711 mi. of SR No. 20 & FAS Rt. 577 S-602 & S-577.

**FRESNO**, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., 3306 Winery Ave., Fresno, \$119,759, for const. sanitary sewer system additions, "D" street freeway, city of Fresno.

**ORANGEVALE**, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1921 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$7,075, for pave 4 areas w/asph. conc. & 2 areas w/tanbark & 1 drain. line w/connection to exist. catch-basin.

**RICHMOND**, contract awarded to Oliver de Silva, 2333 Eden Road, San Leandro, \$7,554, for pave & resurf. work at El Cerrito Hi School W. T. Helmes Jr. Hi School & Richmond Union Hi School.

**MODESTO**, contract awarded to Kevy Const. Inc., 655 Peralta Ave., San Leandro, \$16,598, for const.

Norwegian Ave. sanitary trunk sewer, city of Modesto.

**MILL VALLEY**, contract awarded to John A. Alexander Co., 2620 Zoe Ave., Huntington Park, \$172,373, for const. streets sewers, pump. plant & pressure sewer line in Enchanted Knoll Subdivision, city of Mill Valley, MARIN COUNTY.

NOVEMBER 19, 1954

**OAKLEY**, contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, 2832 - 9th St., Berkeley, \$81,565, for const. water treatment plant.

**OAKLEY** contract awarded to M.G.M. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1056, Concord, \$75,686, for const. water distrib. system in Water Dist., CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

NOVEMBER 22, 1954

**TIBURON**, contract awarded to Canto & Coull, 1814 Clinton Ave., Alameda, \$38,043, for rem. & repl. fender piles & tmbr. & instl. adml' struc. steel members, So. Pier, Naval Net Depot, Tiburon.

**EUREKA**, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$12,199, for remove railroad ties & place mineral aggregate on 5th St. betw. "E" & "H" Sts. to Myrtle St. in city of Eureka.

**EUREKA** contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$34,815, for resurf. portions of 5th St. in city of Eureka.

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA**, contract awarded to W. W. Clyde Co., Box 231, Springville, Utah, \$330,011, for 8.711 mi. surf. etc.

NOVEMBER 23 1954

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$3,315, for rem. surf. & repl. w/new pltmx. surf. etc. on 7th St. extension, Naval Supply Center, Oakland.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Associated Pipeline, Inc., P.O. Box 66, So. S.F., \$14,446, for lay 4 inch 8 inch & 12 inch cast iron mains in Cambridge St., Felton to Wayland & in Bacon St., Cambridge to Harvard.

**STOCKTON**, contract awarded to D. A. Parrish & Sons, Inc., 3128 E. Miner Ave., Stockton, \$2,630, for const. sanitary sewers in portion of Burkett Villas, in city of Stockton.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to E. J. Treacy, 924 Irving St., S.F., \$8,151, for lay 8 inch CI pipe in Alemany Housing Project.

**RICHMOND**, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo, San Pablo, \$4,164, for reconst. Central Ave. at Hoffman Blvd. & S. P. RR city of Richmond.

**HILLSBOROUGH**, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 255 19th Ave., San Mateo, \$93,778, for pave. curbs, gutters sewers water lines etc. Country Club Manor, Hillsborough.

**SPRINGVILLE, UTAH**, contract awarded to Thayne Const. Co., 2021 E. 27 South, Salt Lake, \$203,703, for const. of a sanitary sewer system.

**CLOVIS**, contract awarded to H. Sykes, Box 626, Patterson, \$7,031, for const. access road, gaging station & cableway outlet channel to Little Dry Creek Big Dry Creek Reservoir, near Clovis.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to John A. Carstensen, P.O. Box 37, Castro Valley, \$33,311, for improve Laguna Creek betw. vic. of 4th St. & vic. of Mission St. in Irvington.

**MARTINEZ** contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$100,902, for improve 3rd St. betw. Market Ave. & Verded Ave. const. bridge over Wildcat Creek, a road from Wildcat Creek to San Pablo Creek, bridge over San Pablo Creek, road from San Pablo Creek to County Road No. 20 & County Road No. 20 from 3rd to Goodrick Sts., CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

NOVEMBER 24, 1954

**DALY CITY**, contract awarded to Oscar C. Holmes, P. O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$19,320, for const. booster pumping station and force main in the District.

**MARE ISLAND**, contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., 46 Louise St., San Rafael, \$8,536 for rem. ex. deteriorated green untr. piles and reconst. new R.C. extensions

and includ. conc., reinf. steel, excav., etc., involv. 75 piles under 2 bldgs., at M.I.N.S., Vallejo.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to G. G. Williamson Co., Wilson Landing Rd., Chico, \$9,821 for const. 24-in. dia. unreinf. cast-in-place conc. pipe, Sta. 21 and 43 to 47 and 62, lat. 135-1, loc. 2 mi. NE of Orland, GLENN COUNTY.

**RENO, NEV.**, contract awarded to LaGrange Const. Co., 3484 Lakeside Dr., Reno, \$23,978 for improv. to entrance to Idlewild Park, Reno.

NOVEMBER 26, 1954

**SAN BRUNO**, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., S.F., \$3,399 for const. 60-in. storm sewer in Huntington Creek, Cherry and Maple Ave.

**SAN BRUNO**, contract awarded to Harrod & Williams, 290 S. Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, \$138,220 for const. Public Library Bldg., in city of San Bruno.

**EUREKA**, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co. and Mercer-Fraser Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial Eureka, \$3,950 for 0.1 mi. sel. slope protect. on rdwy. shoulder abt. 15.5 mi. east of Rt. 1, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 91 Watsonville, \$185,273 for 5 r grade and surf. and const. RC slab bridge on Jayne Ave. betw. S. 138 and Sacramento Ave., from Coalinga easterly, in FRESNO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Clements Const. Co., Box 667, Centerville, \$57,729 for 12.3 mi. pltmx surf. over exist. pave. betw. 1.8 mi. S of San Joaquin County line and Newman, STANISLAUS COUNTY.

**SAN CARLOS**, contract awarded to O. C. Holmes, P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$11,751 for const. alleys in Lyon & Hoag Subdiv., city of San Carlos.

NOVEMBER 29, 1954

**EUREKA**, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co. and Mercer-Fraser Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial, Eureka, \$13,882 for drainage facils. const. betw. 3.5 mi. E. of Blue Lake and 1.0 mi. W. of Willow Creek, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

**SAN PABLO**, contract awarded to Oliver DeSilva, 2333 Eden Rd. San Leandro, \$25,650 for play ground surf. and drainage, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$1,512,027 for abt. 5.1 mi. to be graded and paved with PCC on cem. tr. base, pltmx surf. pl. over exist. pave., cem. tr. base and rock tr. base and six RC bridges to be const. betw. 0.5 mi. S. of Elk Grove Rd. and 1.8 mi. S. of Florin Rd., in SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**MT. VIEW**, contract awarded to Pat Barkley, 2870 Stevens Creek Rd., San Jose, \$18,183 for const. Evelyn No. 4 sanit. sewer extension.

NOVEMBER 30, 1954

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving, 1755 Evans Ave., S.F., \$7,500 for rem. exist. damaged area of AC pave. and repl. with new AC pave., S.F. Naval Shipyard, S.F.

DECEMBER 2, 1954

**OGDEN, UTAH**, contract awarded to Wheelwright Const. Co., 2300 E. Ave., Ogden, Utah, \$14,343 for 0.268 mi. grade and surf. 12th St. entrance to Utah General Depot, WEBER COUNTY.

**FALLON, NEV.**, contract awarded to Dodge Const. Co., Inc., Fallon, \$5,000 for repr. and addl. bit. pave to exist. pave., at Naval Aux. Air Station, Fallon, Nev.

**OGDEN, UTAH**, contract awarded to Wilkinson Const. Co., Morgan, Utah, \$33,681 for 2.84 mi. bit. surf., Tomilson Access Rd., WEBER COUNTY.

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## Ed Morgan for AFL

American Federation of Labor announces it will sponsor a nightly radio news program on 175 ABC stations starting Jan. 1, with Ed Morgan, CBS news director, as commentator. The program will be heard at 8 p.m. mountain time and 7 p.m. coast time. Stations carrying the program include: KWRN in Reno, KUTA in Salt Lake City, KIXX in Provo, and these Calif. stations: Bakersfield KPMC, Sacramento KFBK, S.F. KGO, Porterville KTIP, plus others in S-

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# BACK CITY SLUM FIGHT

The Supreme Court, in a decision giving sweeping authority to states as well as Congress to condemn land for slum clearance projects, upheld the right of a city to acquire run-down areas and then to lease them to private owners for redevelopment.

**ANSWER CHIEF QUESTION**  
Redevelopment programs have been adopted in 34 states and have been sustained in court proceedings 20. The chief question has been whether land taken under the authority of a state government to condemn land may be sold or leased to private developers.

Justice William Douglas, who wrote the unanimous decision, said a public end may just as well be served through an agency of private enterprise than through a department of government. . . . We cannot say that public ownership is the sole method of promoting the public purpose of community redevelopment projects."

The court said that "if owner or owner were permitted to redevelop these redevelopment programs on the ground that his particular property was not being used against public interests, integrated plans for redevelopment would suffer greatly."

**THE ON D.C. CASE**  
The ruling was made in District Columbia case involving a department store owner who argued at his property, slated for redeveloping under a redevelopment plan, could not be taken on grounds that the law is unconstitutional. A special three-judge Federal court ruled that a city may take title to real estate if slum clearance cannot be effected any other way. It also ruled that the property so taken subsequently may be sold to private interests. But the court added that the property may not be taken merely to create a more pleasant neighborhood.

Beef stew slowly simmered over an open campfire has a flavor all its own. Seasoning salts make it easy to fix. For three pounds of beef add three-quarter teaspoon of onion and celery salt and one-fourth teaspoon garlic salt. Lay in a bay leaf if you have it. The longer it simmers the better the taste.

# 42 Million Cast Ballots Nov. 2

With returns still incomplete from many states, it appeared that approximately 42 million votes were cast in the Nov. 2 elections, considerably short of the predicted 45 million, but still a record for a mid-term election.

Approximately 1 million more votes were cast in the 1950, when an estimated 41 million went to the polls. In 1952, when President Eisenhower defeated Adlai E. Stevenson, an all-time national record of 61,093,955 votes were counted in the Presidential race.

Unofficial returns showed that voters cast 1,750,000 more ballots for Democratic than for Republican candidates. Tallies across the Nation showed Democratic candidates received nearly 22 million votes; Republican candidates, more than 20 million. Outside the South, Democratic candidates polled 19,823,519 votes, Republican candidates, 19,451,674—a difference of 371,845 in a total of 39,275,193 votes.

The total vote is computed from the highest votes cast in individual states. In some states it was for governor, in others, for Senate or House members. In Georgia and Louisiana, it was on state constitutional amendments involving school segregation. The total does not include votes for minor party candidates.

# INJURED CRANKING A 1912 BUICK

An old car fancier was cranking his 1912 Buick. The engine kicked back and the man suffered a broken wrist. Although the use of the self starter has practically eliminated this hazard for the motorist, there still exist thousands of tractors and stationary gasoline engines that must be cranked by hand. Injuries from this source are a frequent occurrence. To crank an engine, be sure the gears are in neutral—retard the spark—place the thumb on same side of handle as the fingers—pull up or over; never force the crank down. Most magnetos are provided with what is known as an impulse. If this impulse gets stuck, the engine will fire ahead of time, or not at all. Have the impulse inspected by a skilled mechanic regularly.

# In the Islands—

# New Projects Are Planned For Hawaii

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ  
Business Representative

Henry J. Kaiser, a friendly newcomer to Hawaii, aided by a combination of circumstances, has lifted the curtain for a preview of what can only be described as dazzling. Whether the curtain goes up to stay depends on the willingness of Hawaii to help translate visions into action.

The Kaiser Community Homes under Fritz Burns will handle the Ala Moana Tourist Resort beginning immediately with the demolition of present homes as soon as they are vacated. This project may not get into full swing for the next three months. Their contemplated hotel center for Kailua, Kona Hawaii, which costs will amount in the millions, is pending territorial approval on land issues.

The vision as portrayed by Mr. Kaiser for Honolulu on a 65-acre island outside Ala Moana Park which could be realized by an expenditure of approximately fifty million dollars and to bring in much more to bolster the economy of the islands will no doubt move all interested in these islands to do something about it.

Standard Oil Company of California demonstrates its faith in Hawaii by announcing their selection of a site here for a \$30 million dollar refinery to start sometime next year. They are looking for a 150-acre site upon which to erect a multi-million dollar plant which will employ from 700 to 800 persons at a payroll of several millions annually.

The Multi-Deck Corporation of America will erect a parking building that will accommodate 574 cars, to cost one million dollars, on the corner of King and Alakea street, early next year.

Pacific Construction Company is low bidder for the section 111 portion of the Palolo Homes of the Hawaii Housing Authority with a bid of \$623,900. Work will start in January and is expected to take 300 days to complete.

Dredging intended to prevent typhoon damage to shipping at Itoman, Okinawa, is just about completed, according to Brother James McCandless, acting captain and leverman, who has just returned for a much needed vacation before returning.

Brother George W. Gibbs, Laborer's union consultant and conciliator is sharing office with us and doing a good job on behalf of the Laborer's Union Local No. 368, while Mrs. Gibbs acquires a nice tan on the beach at Waikiki.

Although there will be quite a number of projects slated for next year, it is hoped that all affiliates of the local building and construction trades council will have a program geared to organize these jobs. The council now is committed to organize the material supply houses and yards. First on the agenda is Pacific Concrete & Rock Co., Ltd., who is the only other unorganized ready mix concrete supplier. The business agent of all affiliates now meet every Tuesday morning.

# DON'T TRUST YOUR LIFE TO UNSAFE RAIL

Two plumbers were walking on a 14-foot long swing scaffold which was protected with a back rail. The back rail was a 2x4 dressed as a 1-5/8x3 1/2 railing. A surge of the scaffold threw both men against the railing. When the railing broke, both plumber fell to the ground. A twelve-foot spacing on a 2x4 back rail is just not enough protection, especially when its strength has been reduced by being surfaced on all four sides. A clear undressed 2x4 on a 12-foot span will only support 130 pounds with safety. When two men are on a platform, a full 2x4 dimension and a center support for the rail should be used. Such a rail will safely stand a load of 300 pounds. For specifications on swing scaffolds, ask for Bulletin No. 155.

# 20 Contractors Blacklisted by U.S.

Cincinnati—Twenty building contractors who "break down hard-earned labor standards, cheat their own workers and place fair bidders at a competitive disadvantage" were "blacklisted" by the Government during the year ending last June 30, Secretary of Labor James Mitchell said.

Mitchell told the 27th general convention of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America that the number of such cases was five times as large as for the whole 17-year period from 1935 to 1952.

Contractors employed on Government-financed jobs may be barred from Federal projects for three years if they violate Federal wage laws.

Before you build a terrace or patio remember that light colored surfaces will reflect heat into your house while dark colored ones will absorb it. For this reason, it's best if the terrace or patio be as dark a color as possible.

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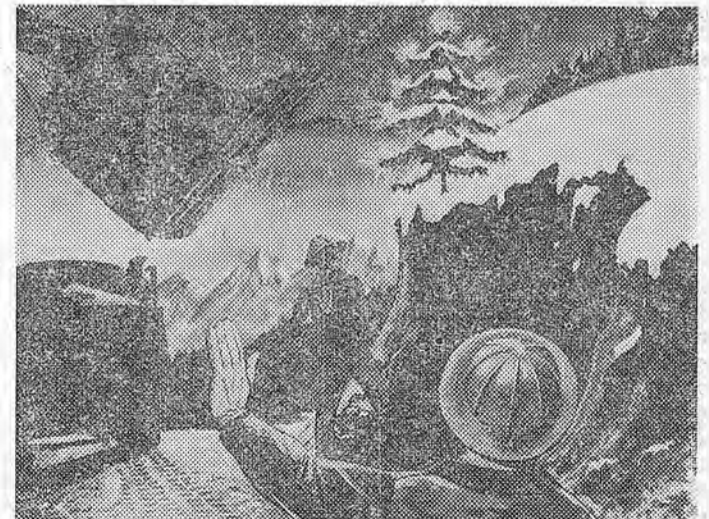
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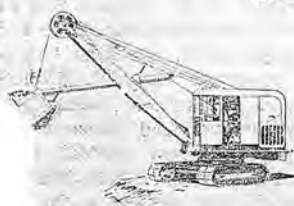
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# BIG GAINS IN S.F. DURING 1954

By PAUL EDGEcombe and PAT CLANCY, Business Representatives

Since this is the last report in 1954 we like to look back and take a brief check on the year's accomplishments. This past year has added to the benefits for Local 3 members, most important being the operation of the Health and Welfare program which has aided many in time of sickness. In addition, the union was able to negotiate a wage increase of 7 1/2 cents per hour without resorting to any work loss. As the construction industry grows, our union has been able to keep in step with the growing trend.

Checking back we can see the accomplishments of many of our members on several of the larger projects that are now completed. Among these are U.S. Hospital, the addition to Children's Hospital, Hamm's Brewery, Burgermeister Brewery, portions of the new downtown freeway, Golden Gate Bridge rebracing, landscaping at Balboa Park, State College, Giannini School and Sunset Playground, and many small jobs too numerous to mention.

Most important to us are the new jobs that has started or the ones that are coming up. Now operating, weather permitting, are jobs on sections of the freeway. Guy F. Atkinson has a two-shift on the Brisbane section; concrete is being poured on the part from Alemany Blvd. to Third Street by Chas. Harney. Eaton & Smith have made progress on the Fourth and Fifth Street section, while Keeble & Caputo's section is at a standstill now.

Building construction in operation at present includes American Can, Equitable Life Insurance, Pa-

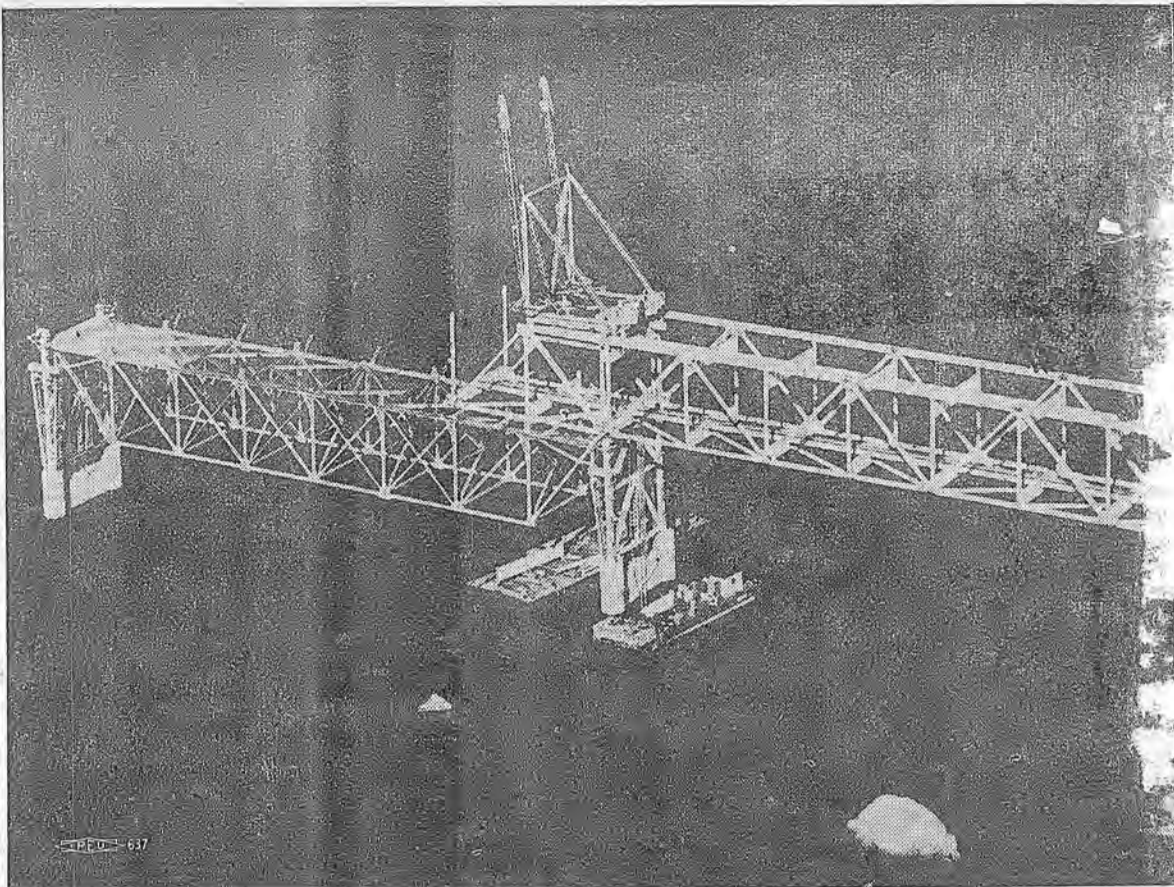
cific Mutual Insurance, and San Francisco Housing projects, along with some apartment houses and garages.

Home building subdivisions are numerous and involve a lot of dirt moving. Some of these are Rollingwood, Rancho Buri Buri, Serra Highlands, Midtown Terrace, Westview and Westlake. These projects have furnished employment for many of our members and some have many working days before completion.

The Supervisors' finance committee has taken action to speed construction of the proposed freeways here. Recently this group appropriated \$1,750,000 for a portion of the southern freeway. This section of the freeway to be built by the city will link the Bayshore freeway with the Army Street crossing of the bay.

It all adds up that 1954 was one of the best in the construction industry and the outlook for 1955 is encouraging.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## "Traveler" Span Helps Build the Real One

A portion of the main span of the new \$60 million Richmond-San Rafael bridge is shown in this aerial view of the fast-moving project. The real thing is at the right. The aluminum "traveler" is at the left, serving as a base on which to set steel in the

permanent span. This is one of the first times the method of construction has been tried. On the work to the left can be seen the safety (Picture by Jim Jennings of Operating Engineers Local 3).

## Do You Know It?

### YOUR WELFARE PLAN

By P. E. VANDEWARK  
Assistant Local Union Manager

A question and answer column appeared in the last issue of the Engineers' News, and this is a continuation to better acquaint you with your Health and Welfare Plan.

1. Question. Who determines the hours required?

Answer. The board of trustees at the outset of the plan fixed the hours required on the basis of the income to the plan. (At the outset of the plan the reserve of hours was set at 415 but by action of the board of trustees was later raised to 475 hours.)

2. Question. What happens to the excess hours over and above the 475 which I am allowed to accumulate?

Answer. All hours in excess over those of your maximum reserve are placed in the general fund to build up a surplus for future raise in benefits.

3. Question. When do I lose my coverage under the plan?

Answer. At the end of the month when your reserve of hours has been reduced to below 115 hours. (Steps are now being taken to provide a method whereby the employe may pay his premium through the welfare plan for a maximum of three months.)

4. Question. When do my dependents lose coverage?

Answer. Your dependents will lose coverage at the same time as you lose coverage.

5. Question. Which of my dependents may lose coverage?

Answer. A. Your wife, if you become divorced or legally separated. B. Your dependent children when 19 years old or upon marriage.

6. Question. Am I and my dependents covered for conditions that existed before we became eligible for this plan?

Answer. Yes. Even conditions connected with chronic ailments, tuberculosis, tonsils, adenoids, hernia, hemorrhoids, varicose veins, polio (except in the case of excess benefits), quarantinable diseases, service-connected disabilities, and catastrophic diseases.

7. Question. What injuries or diseases are excluded from coverage?

Answer. Any injury or disease created by an occupational hazard which could arise out of your job are excluded because they are covered by state workmen's compen-

sation.

8. Question. What type of hospital or sanitarium may we use?

Answer. Any recognized hospital or sanitarium for specific diseases.

9. Question. What type of doctor may we use?

Answer. Any person operating under a license as a medical doctor, orthopedic surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, chiropodist, and Christian Science practitioner. (To be continued in the next issue.)

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## Truck, Trailer Licenses Now Due

The Department of Motor Vehicles will renew registrations of commercial trucks and trailers, buses and taxis, and all house trailers for the 1955 vehicle registration year between December 1 and February 4.

Paul Mason, Director of Motor Vehicles, announced in Sacramento that 1,062,000 potential registration cards for 1955 have been released in the mail to owners of such vehicles.

"The potentials are pre-punched cards containing a description of the vehicle, the owner's name and address, and a statement of the fees due for 1955 registration," Mason said. "Every owner is instructed to print or type his name and address on the stub, in accord with the form in which it is printed on the larger portion of the card. On payment of the fees at any branch office of the Department of Motor Vehicles, the stub will be returned to the applicant to serve as the 1955 registration card for display in the vehicle. A single 1955 tab for attachment to the rear license plate will be delivered at the same time."

Mason also reminded motorists that persons who apply for transfer of registration and ownership of motor vehicles after December 1 are required by law to pay the full registration fee for the following year.

Statements for owners of 5,000-

## Field Survey Notes—

### SURVEY PACT COVERS CAL.

By AL BOARDMAN  
Business Representative

Big news has come up from the South. Operating Engineers Local 12 has signed a supplementary agreement with the Southern Chapter of the Associated General Contractors. This, with Local 3's contract with the Northern and Central Chapters of AGC, brings all Technical Engineers working for private contractors under collective bargaining agreements.

The Southern California agreement calls for 10 cents an hour contribution to the Operating Engineers' welfare plan. The wage scale calls for Rodman, Chairman, \$2.52 per hour; Instrument Man, \$2.76 per hour; Party Chief, \$3.05 per hour. This supplemental pact expires on the same date as the Operating Engineers Agreement—April 30, 1955. This is a great step forward for Local 12 and it will standardize conditions in all parts of California. In the past, firms which were union in Northern California could, upon moving to the southern part of the state, become non-union. We will now have statewide union conditions. Congratulations, Bros. Twombly and McClure of Local 12!

Significant action was taken by the Board of Public Works, City of San Francisco, when it let out to the private engineering firm of DeLeuw Cather & Co. approximately one-half million dollars in engineering. This work includes the Fell Street Freeway engineering. This sets a precedent of letting out public works engineering to private engineering firms. This procedure is being followed by an increasing number of governmental agencies. This is the first time this procedure has been followed by the City and County of San Francisco.

During the last month the firm of Hamilton & Associates, of Oakland, Calif., signed a contract with Operating Engineers Local 3. This firm is doing the engineering work for DeVilbiss in Contra Costa County. We welcome them to our growing list of fair firms.

The next meeting of the 3-Es will be January 23, 1955, at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco. There will be no meeting this month on account of the holidays.

5000 automobiles will be mailed on December 27, for use during the general renewal period, January 3 through February 4.

## Members of Local 3 Enjoy a Good Year in the Peninsula Area

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

Although the bulk of the heavy construction work got off at a late start the first part of 1954 by the middle of summer employment for members of Local No. 3 had reached the highest peak in the last ten years and the number of members cleared to jobs continued to increase until the rainy season began. Most of the members who are now idle have jobs to go to as soon as the weather permits and a great number of contractors have stated they intend to operate their jobs throughout the winter and will work every day it is possible to do so.

During the past month the Thomas Construction Co. of Fresno were awarded the contract for the construction of the new bridge across San Mateo Creek at Pedro Valley and this firm now has three tounrapulls and two cats working on the detour around the bridge site.

The L. C. Smith Co. of San Mateo were the successful bidders on the underground work and the street grading and paving on the Country Club Manor Real Estate

## Fight for Ship Work Helps Bay Area Jobs

Constant demand by Bay Area labor, industry, and civic leaders for a fair share of tax-supported ship work for defense-vital shipyards on this coast has resulted in several sizeable jobs being allocated to this area in recent weeks, including these: \$15 million for two new destroyer escorts at S.F. Bethlehem, \$5 1/2-million conversion on Carrier Wasp and \$5-million helicopter transport, both at S.F. Naval Shipyard.

The latter yard is just past the half-way point on a \$67-million angle-deck conversion on the Carrier Bon Homme Richard, and Bethlehem is busy on a \$50-million contract for five fast Mariner-class freighters, both jobs also won for this area by community demand. As a result, employment in the shipyards at present is holding up very good.

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## State Construction

Some \$40 million will be spent by the state for construction in Central Calif. next year, including these projects: \$15 million at UC, \$5 1/2 million at UC Medical Center in S.F., \$2 1/2 million at Deuel Institute at Tracy, \$5 million at Napa hospital, \$2 million at Maritime academy, Vallejo.

Development project in Hillsborough. This firm employs nearly 100 Engineers on the many large construction projects they have under operation in this area.

At Redwood City the Oscar Holmes yard which has been started most of this season due to the fact that all of their operations have been across the bay is the scene of renewed activity. Two mechanics working on equipment in preparation to their new sanitary sewer pumping plant project at Daly and street work at San Carlos.

Superintendent Brother McCoy assisted by foreman E. McCann, Jones, Davis and man and a crew of 50 operators and heavy duty mechanics succeeded in moving about 100,000 cubic yards of dirt on the Estate Real Estate Development project, where a forest of trees stood on the hills just a few months ago is now level ground and Contractors E. T. Haas and the Lowrie Paving Co. are constructing the streets and installing the underground systems.

Business for the many crushing plants and building material yards has been very good throughout the year and the members of Local No. 3 employed in these plants have enjoyed a prosperous year.

The Piombo Construction Co. moved January 1 from San Francisco to a 10-acre headquarters east of Bayshore Freeway at Street overpass in San Carlos. New facilities will consist of a story frame office building, 10,000 square foot shop.

Before ending this report I like to extend to all of you my wish that you have a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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