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Season's Best Wishes to All

One of the real pleasures of the Yule season is the custom of putting aside routine and every-day business and take time



to express the season's greetings. In real sincerity, we wish for all our friends, members, and their families, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Newell J. Carman,
Local Union Manager

On behalf of the officers of Local No. 3

AFL-CIO to Seek Raise, Cut in Hours Ike's Labor Law Proposals Opposed

Opposition to union-curbing laws proposed by the Eisenhower administration, favoring of substantial wage increases and a shorter work week in 1958 to meet the double threat of reduced buying power and unemployment, and demand for higher social security benefits for old folks hit by inflation—these were features of the second convention of the merged AFL-CIO in Atlantic City.

Convention delegates declared that cut in buying power by the public despite increased output, and too large a grab of growing profits by big business are causing trouble in the nation's economy.

A resolution seeking to remedy this situation was unanimously adopted by the convention. It called for substantial wage increases, a shorter work week, and fringe benefit improvements as the basic 1958 bargaining policy.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Another important resolution calls for improvements in social security, in housing, education, civil rights, and a fight against unemployment.

Specifically this measure calls for an increase in monthly social security benefits by 10 per

cent so that the nation's old folks can get more than just starvation pension payments.

Declaring there are untold thousands of Americans—the aged, blind, disabled, and widowed—who live on the brink of daily privation because of small fixed incomes which have been eaten away by inflation, the convention called on the government to channel some of the huge national food surplus to them. The resolution pointed out that millions of tons of surplus food are constantly being destroyed because of spoilage and that this waste should be stopped.

The convention featured many moves and declarations on house-cleaning by various unions. It voted to expel the Teamsters union, the Bakers, and took action on several other smaller ones.

But an all-out fight was pledged against any proposals that would weaken the labor movement under the guise of smoking out corruption.

CURBING UNIONS

President Eisenhower's plans to curb union affairs by a new set of legal steps were told to the delegates by Secy. of Labor Mitchell. The proposals met with strong disfavor by the delegates and it was generally felt that the administration was trying to get too deeply into the internal affairs of trade unions.

AFL-CIO Pres. Geo. Meany
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Honor Roll of Blood Donors

SAN FRANCISCO

Ernest D. Barbre
Harry Butler
G. S. Colt
Chas. T. Maloney
Daniel M. Roberts
Mary Roberts
Wm. M. Roberts, Sr.
Arthur L. Thomas
Jack K. Nedes
William P. Anderson
Robert A. Martin
James L. Drury
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Wm. R. Stanker

SAN RAFAEL

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Mervin Askew
Ward L. Foote
Kirby Mitchell
Calvin Mitchell
Jack Nider

SACRAMENTO

C. E. Hoffmeyer
Estel A. Hoffmeyer
Don Root
Sidney Lee
C. A. Stonecipher

*Special thanks to Nina B. O'Hara, wife of Brother Ralph O'Hara who answered an emergency appeal for "Type O Negative" blood to be donated to Brother Bob Smith's wife.



SNOW JOB—It is a bit rough going in the higher altitudes these days for Local 3 members. This view shows the brothers at work on the C. S. Phillips job on Highway 89 out of Meyers, Calif. On the job are: Buck Pelton, Bud Penno, Bob Corder, Dick Phillips, operators, Cal Hubbard and L. Christianson, oilers, and R. Phillips on drag line.

RETROACTIVE PAY ON YREKA JOB

CONTACT THE REDDING OFFICE IF YOUR NAME APPEARS ON THIS LIST!!! The following is a list of members employed on M. W. BROWN-YREKA JOB and entitled to retroactive subsistence pay!!

As of Nov. 20, the following men who were employed on the M. W. Brown Project in Yreka, Calif., were issued checks representing retroactive subsistence pay. Please contact the REDDING OFFICE if you have never received your check, OR if there is any correction to be made in the amount received:

C. M. Allen
Earl Bartlett
C. T. Blake
Robert Buck
Carroll Burgess
Jess Cloud
E. W. Cluff
Richard Damon
J. D. Davis
Jesse Duncan
Jim Durkee
John R. Evans
E. Fatheree
Warren Goubatz
W. J. Graves
D. Gustafson
B. J. Hickman
Larry Hegan
Victor Hogan
Leonard Hovell
Frank James
Albert M. Kinney
S. R. Jernigan
Myrle Lema
S. Loughlin
Walter McLaren

H. McNeil
A. Miller
James Parrish
J. Paulazzo
J. D. Ralston
J. R. Ralston
A. R. Roberts
A. Rodak
M. H. Rowen
Ray Ruffner
L. R. Sackett
Paul Sands
Wieber Schaafsma
J. D. Schierman
W. A. Sewell
A. S. Slaughter
E. Strange
Burney Teissner
F. Tessier
J. E. Vernon
Herbert Vogler
Dave Varderbrugger
Carl Warner
Blake Williamson
W. R. Willingham
Forest Withers
O. Yarnell

Service Withdrawal Cards

Derl O. Brown, 3-A
Gilbert H. Edgerton, Jr, 3
Michael J. Hennessy, 3-A
Robert D. Robison, 3
Royal W. Shackelford, Jr, 3



LAWRENCE TINNIN
Stockton, Calif., Nov. 7, 1957

WALTER E. DeLONG
Rio Vista, Calif., Nov. 13, 1957

RAYMOND ROOT
Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 16, 1957

FRED MARCUS
San Francisco, Calif., Nov. 18, 1957

E. L. WILLIS
Tracy, Calif., Nov. 20, 1957

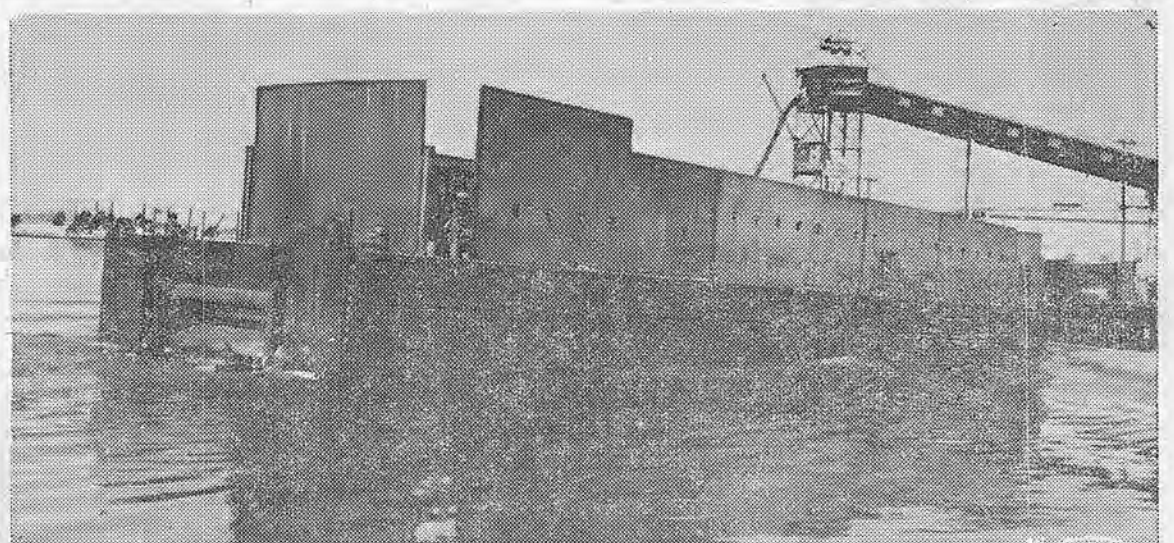
JOHN E. ESTEY
San Lorenzo, Calif., Nov. 21, 1957

FRANK S. PIERSON
Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 26, 1957

CECIL STALLARD
Yerington, Nevada, Nov. 26, 1957

JAMES TAKENOUCHE
Honolulu, T.H., Nov. 26, 1957

J. K. HARDIES
San Bruno, Calif., Nov. 30, 1957



WORLD RECORD DREDGE—One of the most powerful dredges in the world, being finished at Pacific Coast Engineering in Alameda for Utah Const. Co., is shown here just after launching. The 208-foot dredge will be

capable of moving 40,000 cubic yards per day. It will have a 9-foot 18-ton cutter head and generate enough power to supply a city of 5000. For more details see Oakland Local 3 report.

The City by the Golden Gate

SAN FRANCISCO JOB OUTLOOK STAYS FAIR

By HARRY METZ and BILL TOMBERLIN, Business Representatives

San Francisco and West Coast Yards stand a good chance to capture a "substantial share" of seventeen shipbuilding contracts to be awarded this year by the Federal Maritime Board. Two of the vessels, the board said, are planned for the American President Lines. This fact would give Pacific Coast yards a 6% advantage over East and Gulf Coast firms.

Contract awarded to Cahill Bros. (\$2,051,750) for construction of the Golden Gate Theological Seminary to house administration and classrooms.

S. J. Amoroso Const. Co. was successful bidder on two large projects, construction of a four-story addition at Langley Porter Clinic and a job of reconstruction at the Laguna Honda Home.

The kids will enjoy a new storyland to be erected at Fleischacker playfield. Project awarded to Hub-Pacific Bldrs. of Menlo Park.

Duncan & Harrelson Co. is doing a \$130,157 repair job to Pier 9.

Charles Harney was awarded a \$949,681 job of reconstructing Portola Drive between Twin Peaks Blvd. and Sloat Blvd.

Fay Improvement Co. is busy on jobs located at Balboa Reservoir, Chenery and Haight Sts.

M & K Corp. has a new project going on at the San Francisco State College for the Home Office Bldg.

E. J. Treacey, Mike Lynch, Fred Fairey and Mike Murphy all have jobs going on in town.

A recent article appearing in a local paper stated jobs lowest in nine years. To quote: "Employment in California declined more than seasonally in October and unemployment registered a September to October increase for the first time since the post-war layoffs of 1945 two State agencies announced."

Conditions seem to be holding up fairly well for this time of year. Hope they continue good.

Wm. J. Moran Co., General Contractor, is moving in on the new Public Parking Garage at 5th and Mission Sts. When completed this building will have 400,000 square feet of floor and will park 1,053 cars.

Kelly Bros., contractors from San Jose, are removing the overpass over S.P.R.R. at Brisbane, it being the haul road for Sierra Point cut-off road. This job completed this section of new freeway which is open to all traffic now.

California Steel has finished construction of the 250 foot smokestack at PG&E Hunter's Point plant, and are moving to Marin County on a tank job.

Chas. L. Harney has a new 50-ton Lima Truck Crane, with plenty of boom to go with it. This started work on the Embarcadero section of freeway about November 20. At present time Harney has two dozers, two Euclid scrapers and one Lima shovel on the ball park job.

P.C.A. plant at Brisbane is working two shifts, ten hours a day. We find a very good crew of Engineers on this job keeping the wheels rolling.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$43,232, for 0.2 mi. legth. conc. pvmt. & ptmx. surf. to be plc. on off-ramp & elec. work to be performed in Oakland, near 16th Ave., ALAMEDA COUNTY.



"YOU'LL HAVE TO ADMIT, HINCHCLIFF, WE BOTH HAD EQUAL OPPORTUNITY WHEN WE CAME HERE TO WORK FOR MY FATHER."

Field Survey Notes

INFLUX, A THREAT TO CALIF. UNIONS

By AL BOARDMAN, BILL MINAHAN and ART PENNEBAKER, Business Representatives

The month of November has been a steady month in employment for surveyors. The rush to complete construction work started last summer has held employment at its best level of the year. It does not appear that the month of December will be as good employment wise, with layoffs increasing since the first.

Much depends on the weather, with several big jobs planning to start after the first of the year.

It is becoming more and more vital that we protect our jurisdiction. It is the obligation of every member to inform his business agent when he stakes out a new construction job. We must do the site work on all construction. It is written in the Master Agreement that all site preparation in connection with the control of construction operations on locations and elevations of fills, excavations, piles, caissons and utilities shall be the work of the engineer. It is as much the duty of the membership of this Union to see that this work is done by the brothers of the organization as it is the representative's. Every time some other craft does this work, it takes money out of your pocket. Let your representative know when you stake out a new job.

More and more we hear about the RIGHT TO WORK FRAUD. And that is just what it is—a FRAUD! If this is such a red hot idea, why then have four states repealed it—five states rejected it by popular vote—seventeen states defeated it in their legislatures?

The prime movers back of the right to work FRAUD are the various employer groups. What these employer groups would like is a lot of workers scurrying about trying to outbid each other to see who has the opportunity of working for the lowest wages. It isn't your Union brother working next to you who would start this but the workers who are moving into California at the rate of several thousand every day.

Then the majority of the workers in a survey firm ask the Operating Engineers Local Union 3 to represent them, they don't just get the business agent that they see in the field—they get the full resources of over 20,000 brother union members. This includes seasoned negotiators, attorneys, labor law experts, as well as your business representative to design and enforce the agreement they work under. Each member of the Union has the full backing of these resources and these experts in the labor field. Read over your present agreement carefully. Compare it with last year's and the years before that. It has taken years to build the agreement into what it is today. It will take more years to build it into what it should be.

A 3E member invests \$5.00 a month in this Union. A few of the more obvious returns on his investment are a decent wage for a day's work, paid vacations, paid holidays, premium wages for overtime work, the best health insurance your employer can buy for you and your family, and grievance procedures for disputes. Your \$5.00 investment per month is the best investment you have ever made. A head chainman working all year will receive over 554% return on his investment in higher wages alone not counting \$135.84 for six paid holidays. Showing again that union business is good business.

The time has now come when, for the privilege of making this investment and the privilege of accepting these phenomenal returns, you must pay a price. Not in money—but in effort. Start talking. Your friends, relatives, the people across the street, where you get gas, anybody, anytime, but talk unionism and talk voting in the election for Governor of our State. The campaign platform of the Republican candidate has been on one issue—in essence—The Unions Must Go. When he says "union" he means YOU personally, because YOU are the Union. Convince your every acquaintance of the foolhardiness of the Right to Work FRAUD and of the foolishness of this Republican candidate for Governor. You can help beat him at the polls—just start talking.

A chap went to a quiet farmhouse to get some rest. The first night while walking around the unfamiliar grounds he fell into an uncovered privy that was being remodeled.

"Help!" he yelled. "Fire! Fire!"

In a short time the firemen arrived, as well as the farmer and his wife.

"What's the idea of yelling fire?" the fire chief said.

"What do you want me to holler?" asked the irate guest.



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Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present with the exception of Local Union Manager Carman who was excused. There were approximately 190 members present.

The Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2 and Executive Board Minutes of November 29 were read for the information of the membership.

The Minutes of the Special Meetings called in Eureka, Redding, Marysville, Stockton, Sacramento, Fresno, San Jose, Oakland and Santa Rosa were presented. Reading of these Minutes was dispensed with, with the exception of reading the names of those elected to serve on the By-Laws Committee, as follows:

Table listing members elected to the By-Laws Committee from various locations: Eureka, Stockton, San Jose, Redding, Sacramento, Oakland, Marysville, Fresno, Santa Rosa.

Letter from the International Hod Carriers, General Laborers and Tunnel Workers Local 961, Redding, thanking the Union for its cooperation during their recent labor dispute. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks received from Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Huntington and Pat; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Huntington; Margaret Smith and son; Mrs. H. Estey and family; Mrs. Clyde Whatley and daughter; Mrs. Patrick Donohoe. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Lyman A. Alexander, Henry Allgor, Bert L. Clem, H. J. Cannon, Fred Card, Thos. E. Davids, Anthony F. Faria, Jr., Cal Gower, O. S. Hicks, William J. Howard, Coy B. Hurst, Roy Ezia Holt, Helger Johnson, Robert Larkin, Elmer Lane, Arthur McFarland, Robt. McCroskey, Michael Moran, Manual Osorio, Chas. E. Potter, G. K. Ryder, Leroy G. Stark, Rex B. Sabey, H. B. Seal, Wendel Sandifer, Roy A. Trimble, Michael Tyler, Gerald Vierra, Joe Vyeda, Edward Willhoyt.

The following members were reported deceased: Jack Monroe, J. R. Smith, Walter E. DeLong, Patrick Donohoe, A. J. Kline, Emery Miller, Louis Elvick, Clarence Vantrease, Lawrence Tinni, Fred Marcus, E. L. Willis, John E. Estey, Raymond Root, Frank S. Pierson, J. K. Hardies, James Takenouchi. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

Applications for membership were read. It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendations of the Executive Board in regard to the application, be concurred in.

The reports of the Business Representatives were dispensed with.

It was regularly moved and seconded that nominations be open for delegates to serve on the By-Laws Committee. Carried. President Clancy declared nominations open and the following were nominated: Dan Matteson, Guy Slack, Ray Scarbrough, George Simon, George White, Bill Goddard, Loren Squires, Bill Walden, Everett Durkee and Jack Lloyd. Brother George White declined his nomination in favor of Brother Guy Slack. Brother Jack Lloyd declined his nomination. It was regularly moved and seconded that nominations be closed. Carried.

President Clancy appointed Brothers Ray Smith, Frank Johnston and William Reiner as tellers. He requested that members who had voted at previous meetings, refrain from voting at this meeting. The Tellers passed out the ballots. President Clancy declared a recess of 30 minutes.

The meeting reconvened and the Tellers announced the following results of the election:

Table showing election results: Dan Matteson 33, Wm. (Bill) Goddard 18, Guy Slack 61, Loren Squires 6, Roy Scarbrough 20, Bill Walden, George Simon 21, Everett Durkee 12.

President Clancy declared Brothers Guy Slack and Dan Matteson elected to serve on the By-Laws Committee.

Financial Secretary Russell Swanson read his report for the month of October.

Treasurer P. E. Vandewark read his report for the month of October, as well as the Auditor's report for the last quarter.

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

Respectfully submitted C. F. Mathews Recording-Corresponding Secretary

GOOD TURNOUT AT SACRAMENTO

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

The first district meeting held in Sacramento, November 20, is evidence that future meetings will be acceptable to our members in this area. Much enthusiasm was shown by the exceptionally good attendance. Our members have spoken and demand that their area be included in the ever-expanding labor movement and these meetings should provide a lot of information that all of us are interested in the present day trend of trying to upset labor's democratic rights.

Two brothers from the rank and file membership were elected to serve on the by-law committee. They are Bill Woodyard and Harold Quigg, and by the support that was shown these brothers I'm sure they will do an honest and constructive job for which they are called to do for our fine Local Union. The officers of Local No. 3 and the Business Agents in this office want to thank all the brothers for the fine response shown at this meeting.

Work in the area has reached the stage where the employer is either just about to complete his job or reached the point where no other jobs are of good judgment to open up this late in the season; consequently with this situation our "Out of Work" list is rapidly increasing every day. The continued spell of good fall weather has created a problem for our brothers who hate to be idle while the sun is still shining. We don't have any new jobs that are expected to start in the near future. This is creating a very quiet winter for this area although there are numerous smaller jobs that will be running keeping the contractors' steady crews reasonably busy.

BUILDING STOPS
Building construction is practically at a standstill with nothing in sight to relieve this phase of the industry. McDonald Engineering have crews on continuous pouring of concrete on the cement storage elevators on Ideal Cement's new distribution plant in West Sacramento. This is good for the short time it lasts. Crews work 3 shifts until completed.

The absence of scrap iron and tin has created a lull in the scrap yards although the companies keep their crews on steady. A price hike and a market would create more activity than exist in these plants at the present time.

Work in the repair shops is holding up as well as expected. A new addition to our organized shops has been added since last month. Island Equipment on Creeport Boulevard now are on signed agreement and employ members of Local No. 3. When in need of shop repairs check first and patronize the shops that are signed with Local No. 3. Have qualified mechanics and can do just about any kind of heavy equipment repairing.

In summarizing the accomplishments for this past year here in the Sacramento area: Work didn't start until late spring but once it got under way all of our brothers have had employment on the many projects that were in operation throughout the area such as Hiways, airfields, sub-division and section of the deep water channel. We have been fortunate to have had a reasonably good construction year. Looking forward to the oncoming year the proposed project should furnish employment for many Operating Engineers.

LEVEE CLASSES
If you are interested in attending the Technical Engineers Hi-way and Levee construction classes at American River Col-

lege hurry and sign up at the dispatch office. Classes started December 10 and will continue for 16 weeks. Instructor again this term is John Brown, a capable Brother Engineer. There is no charge for the course.

Representatives and Office Staff here in Sacramento, Paul, Ernie, Ed, Swede, Sue and Ruth, extend you and your family wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BLOOD BANK: Our sincere thanks go to C. E. Hoffmeyer, Estel A. Hoffmeyer, Don Root, Sidney Lee, C. A. Stonecipher who donated to our blood bank since our last report.

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

Tobriner Shows Fraud Behind 'Right-to-Work'

The fraudulent nature of the "right-to-work" label on the open shop package which big business is currently attempting to foist on the public in California was thoroughly exposed at the recent meeting of the San Francisco Building Trades Council by Mathew O. Tobriner, well-known labor attorney.

"It is the prohibition of a right," Tobriner told the Council delegates. "It takes away freedom—the freedom of the employer to enter into a contract with a union."

"It is Work Without Right—without the right of the majority, if they so choose, to enter into a union shop contract."

Tobriner came armed with citations from major decisions in the highest courts of California and the nation showing that over and again the courts have ruled that the union shop agreement is legal and in the public interest.

This view was perhaps most clearly expressed in the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court in a 1955 case trying to invalidate a union shop contract under Nebraska state law. The court's opinion, drafted by Justice Douglas, includes this sentence:

"One would have to be blind to history to assert that trade unionism did not enhance and strengthen the right to work."

Tobriner traced the attempts to foist open shop on the country in the '20s and linked them to the present conspiracy against trade unionism.

"It is a strange thing," he said, "that every time we get attacks like this it is always the employer in a pose of acting to defend the working man."

"How fraudulent a thing it is to see the Natl. Association of Manufacturers and the California Assn. of Employers, financed by the great moguls of this great moguls of this country, emerge as the champions of the workingman!"

Most eloquent evidence of the real intent of so-called "right-to-work" open shop legislation given by Attorney Tobriner was a copy of a letter from the mayor of the town of Pelahatchie, Miss., to a northern industrial firm inviting the company down to the southern "industrial paradise."

The mayor boasted that, "No one will tell you whom you must employ, and all detrimen-

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SO. SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Robert Farish, P.O. Box 707, So. S.F., \$33,000, for grade & drainage at the McClellan School Site.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$200,983, for 0.2 mi. precast prestress. conc. gird. brdg., grade & pltmx. surf. appr. rdwys., & const. hwy. elec. sys., Tipton at 6th, TULARE COUNTY.

OGDEN, UTAH, Contract awarded to Union Const. Co., 158 E. 53rd S.—Murray, Utah, \$235,128, for const. 5.708 mi. road, Vernal-Utah-Wyoming Streets.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., P.O. Box 2087, Stockton, \$55,349, for const. of storm sewer sys., Koch Lane (Lansford to Plummer) & Lick Ave. (Alma to Floyd-St.) in San Jose, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$197,691, for 2.9 mi. grade, untr. base to be placed & pen. treatment applied on Reservation Rd., betw. E. Garrison Gate & 0.2 mi. southeast of Davis Rd. and Davis Rd. betw. Salinas River Bridge & Reservation Rd., in MONTE-REY COUNTY.

FRESNO PROJECTS HIT WINTER LULL

By G. L. MOORE, J. D. MONROE and B. F. (Tiny) HELLING, Business Representatives

The seasonal slowdown in this area got off to a good start with the closing down of Morrison Walsh & Perini's jobs at Court-right and Wishon Dams. The main fill on Wishon Dam was completed the last week of November. All that remains for next year will be some concrete work and general clean up. The Courtright Dam will have a full season next year. Morrison Walsh & Perini are retaining a small crew of mechanics at Wishon repairing equipment, which is being hauled to their yard in Fresno.

The Haas Tunnel holed through on the down stream end; however, there was no lay-off as Kings River Constructors increased the crew on the remaining section of tunnel. The tunnel is due for completion about April 1st. At the Haas underground power house Rothschild, Weirick & Raffin are pouring concrete inside the solid rock chamber. They have subbed the steel erection to Kelley Rigging Co.

Consolidated Western Steel and Thomas Construction have suspended operations for the winter on the Haas penstock. The Prepekt Intrusion Co. on their contract to raise Black Rock Dam, have poured up to the height of the old dam. They will have to shut down for 45 days for the concrete to cure before they can proceed with the next 45 ft.

At the Balch Penstock, Consolidated Steel placed the first section of penstock on the lower end December 3rd. It was quite a project lowering this section, which weighs 36 tons, down the almost vertical rock slope. They have also placed the first section on the upper end. Rothschild Weirick & Raffin are moving right along on the addition to Balch Power House. Kelley Rigging have moved in to place the steel work. In the northern end of the district, needless to say, all work has been suspended for the winter. On the Tioga Pass Road jobs, Paul E. Woof Co. have a few men finishing up work near Wawona in Yosemite Park.

The rock plants in the Merced area continue to operate at this date but construction in that area is very slow. Fredericksen & Kasler have finished the dirt on the Madera Freeway and have moved their spread back to the desert. John Delphia Co. were low bidders at \$527,901 for three miles of Forest Highway at Bass Lake. However, they have not started as yet. Stewart & Nuss Inc. are ready for black top on the remaining half of their job on Ventura Avenue. This has been a slow job due to the traffic problem. Linton & Kilgore are winding up their paving job on Highway 41 from Shaw Avenue to Pinedale. Sub-

some plants even getting double what they got in their Northern Plants. This labor is truly American, not inflicted with the 'Something for Nothing' idea and works together joyously with management for the success of both."

That, Tobriner said, sums up "right-to-work."

division work is very slow due to the continued strike against the Home Builders Association.

Dan Caputo Company, after having waited several months for steel, are busy again on the Southern Pacific overpasses that will connect downtown Fresno with the recently completed Fresno Freeway. The Macomber Company have completed excavation on the new high school at Clinton and Cedar Avenues and have started construction of the main building. Griffith Company on Highway 198 out of Visalia have started moving dirt again on the north side of their job. They should start pouring concrete some time in January. Madonna Construction at Porterville are moving right along and they expect to finish the dirt work in about February.

Schall & Cain, on their Frazier Valley road job will have the dirt in this month. Dick Earley will mix the road mix. Engineers Ltd. have a 40 mile section of 34 inch pipe line out of Avenal. This line will tie in at Pinoche and they should finish this job the last of December. Gerald Brewster is still moving dirt at Coalinga. They have a spread of three DW20's and six cats. This work is at a chrome mine and has a lot of stripping to do before he can get to the ore. Ted Baun Construction have started their job at Five Points; this will be a truck haul job mostly.

No blood donations for the month of November. Lot of the brothers are not working now so why not form a group and make a trip to the Blood Bank and donate to the Engineers' Blood Bank.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish the members and their families a Merry Xmas and a very good New Year from Lynn, Jim, Tiny and Jo.

ILO Would Aid Unions in Asia

Measures to strengthen the organized labor movement in Asia have been formulated by the Fourth Asian Regional Conference of the International Labor Organization here.

The Conference adopted with USSR abstention the report stressing the need for strong, independent and responsible democratic unions and employer organizations; the promotion of collective bargaining in accordance with local conditions; provision of machinery for the settlement of disputes; and the removal of race, religion, nationality, language and color discrimination in employment.



MATHEW O. TOBRINER

tal State laws for industrial operations have been repealed. The Closed Union Shop has just been outlawed in Mississippi."

Then he went on to tell the happy consequences of the open shop victory:

"Then our wonderful labor, 98 per cent native born, mostly high school graduates, will lower average hourly industrial wage rates 6c to 49c below other Southern States, and from 50c to 95c below Northern States."

"You will also get a much higher average man production,

'THE RIGHT TO SHIRK'

Those "right-to-work" laws really should be called "right-to-shirk" laws, because they give a worker the "right" to shirk his responsibility towards his fellow-workers.

That responsibility includes an obligation for him to bear his fair share of the financial cost of maintaining the common bargaining agent, the union; to give time, effort and—when necessary—courage to see that it is run democratically; to stand by his fellow-workers and his union when the chips are down.

"Right-to-shirk," by contrast, is the "right" to take a free ride on the shoulders of others.



CHRISTMAS IN REDWOODS

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

Well, Brothers, it's that time again and if you haven't finished your shopping you better hurry. Old Man Winter sure has slapped us around this year to say the least. The rain fouled us way too early on the big jobs, and the good weather we have had has been too far spaced to do very much good. We can only hope that the new year will bring us better weather to relieve the pressure on our out-of-work list. It sure doesn't make us happy to see so many men out of jobs, of course many have jobs to return to, when they open.

We really haven't much to report as to new work other than what we reported last month. Most of the new jobs are let in the first three months of the new year so we'll have to wait and see. We will pass on the information as soon as it comes our way.

NORTH OF EUREKA

Shanley Const. Co. of San Francisco has started their sewage disposal plant job in Crescent City this company is headed by "Mike" Shanley who for some years was associated with Walsh Const. Co. in various highly responsible positions in this country and abroad. We have always found "Mike" to be a fair and just man in the past years with all the brothers and expect him to remain the same with his own company. Welcome to our area and may good luck and success be yours "Mike." "Jim" Story is the "Super" and "Wally" Wallace the foreman on the job. Brother Buck Followell has his dragline on the project and may bring in another for the underground work, probably one cat will complete the equipment for the present.

Pelican Bay still going strong with their rock sand and gravel plant, just about finished their paving job for the city, also completed their paving job for Osborne-Bowie at Requa.

B & R Const. Co. coming along very well with their school project, have most of the concrete poured. Barnhart Const. Co. just about shut-down on the Crescent Elk school due to a delay on the steel work. Osborne-Bowie and Marlin Tryon still doing a little detail work on their job at Requa, by the time this goes to press they will have their equipment moved out. R. H. Douglas was awarded a bridge job on the county road between Requa and Highway 101.

WILLOW CREEK

Kuckenbergs has shut down their job until spring they had only about a month left on the job when the weather set in. James Clack on Bluff Creek access road has also shut down for the winter. These two jobs have put quite a few members on the out-of-work list.

H. P. Hastings will have completed their bridge job on Bluff Creek by the time this article goes to press. Phillips-Weisberg and Erickson have finished pouring the deck on their bridge across the Trinity River in Willow Creek.

SOUTH

We have R. H. Douglas still working on the Salmon Creek bridge, in fact they have two bridges on this stream. John Lovett is coming right along with the approaches Lovett is an up and coming contractor in this area. Raymond Concrete Pile and Foster Drayage have moved in on job also.

Guy F. Atkinson has shut down on their job in Dyerville until spring. This job has also put many of our men on the out-of-work list. J. O. Archibald and P. H. Vincillione have moved their equipment back to their home yard, there is still over five-hundred thousand yards to be moved, and a lot of detail

work to be done.

Due to weather and right-of-way trouble, Engineers Limited have also shut down on their pipe-line. They have only twelve miles left, they have moved most of their equipment south to their job in Local 12 area, hope our Local 3 members can get cleared to this project.

IN AND AROUND EUREKA

Mercer-Fraser trying to keep as many of the brothers working as they can on small work here and there, Arthur B. Siri likewise. Brothers Russell Melohn, Tom Coy, Bud Balke, Al Boehl, hitting and missing around town with their equipment. Brother Tom Hull, local contractor driving the piles on the Arcata sewage plant for C. Norman Peterson Prime Contractor on the job. We are sure happy to see Brother Hull out and feeling fine after his recent operation take care of yourself and stay well old Buddy.

Bechtel Corp. making real good progress on the PG&E steam plant at Buhne point. We want to extend our congratulations to Brother Arthur Meyers and Roy Stevens on their election to the by-laws committee from this area. We can say without reservation that these two brothers are as highly regarded and respected as any two men in Local 3 for the many, many years they have carried a card.

Thanks Brothers for the fine attendance at our November 5th meeting we are real happy to see your interest in your Union.

Brothers that about does it for this time, may we of the Eureka office, Ken, Jerry and Hazel extend our warmest and sincere Holiday Greetings and a successful New Year to all the Brothers and their loved ones.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

CONCORD, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$47,777, for const. sewer extn. from Chalomar to Smith Rd., Concord.

CRESCENT CITY Contract awarded to Shanley Const. Co., 503 Market St., S.F., \$336,253, for const. sani. sewage works, inc. sewage trmt. plant, interceptor sewer & ocean outfall sewer.

MT. VIEW, Contract awarded to Manule Marques, Jr., 26789 Niles Rd., Hayward, \$29,867, for Tyrella Ave., Sani. Sewer Esten.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lord & Bishop, Inc., P.O. Box 812, Sacto., \$231,846, for 0.5 mi. gr. & surf. rdwy w/ pltmx. surf. on untr. base and const. bridge, New Hop Landing Bridge & appurts. across So. Fork Mokelumne River 3.7 mi. W. of Thornton, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.



"I made \$87,632,057.81 last week."

UKIAH AREA GRINDS TO A SLOW HALT

By GLENN L. DOBYNS,
Business Representative

Everything is at a standstill in this area and prospects look bad for the rest of the year.

Construction work on Coyote Dam—just two hours short of completing the earth fill—has stopped until next spring. The huge job of moving 6,000,000 cubic yards of earth stopped November 8, with only 3,000 yards needed to complete the fill. Contractor Guy F. Atkinson moved 70,000 cubic yards of earth at the peak of the operation last summer, but an average 18-hour work day netted nearer 45,000 cubic yards. The excavation work has been completed and concrete work started on the spillway when rain stopped the job.

The big gates have been installed and concrete work begun on the central tower, but that work has stopped also. The contractor is not expected to start the rip-rap work on the face of the dam before spring. There are no plans for impounding water before the winter of 1958-59 and, in fact, it will not be possible to do so as the control tower will not be finished this year.

The Guy F. Atkinson Co. Highway 20 job at Calpella has secured for the winter, as has the Humboldt Constructors at Longvale. Humboldt will have to keep a few men working all winter to keep the detour open.

Peter Kiewit Sons Company have closed down their work on the new bridge at Gualala. Tom Hanna is taking advantage of all good weather to get as much done as possible on the approaches for this bridge.

Pete Baratta was awarded the contract for clearing on the Coyote Dam Reservoir and expects to start about December 1. COAST ROAD

The Rockport Redwood Company Juan Creek job, was the eleventh Federal Aid Secondary road in Mendocino County and also the largest as far as roadway excavation is concerned.

This project was located approximately 20 miles north of Fort Bragg, the limits being between one mile south of Juan Creek and Hardy Creek, with the net length being 1.6 miles.

Bids were received for this job June 26, 1957, with the Engineer's estimate showing 772,000 CY of roadway excavation, cribbing, drainage facilities and last but not least 130 working days to do the job. At this point it should be brought out that in the area from Juan Creek to Hardy Creek the cuts ran up to 326 feet in height, which were planned to come down 50 feet on 3/4:1 slope to a bench 20 feet in width and keep benching on these intervals until reaching sub-grade. Practically all of this was waste and put into the ocean. Also traffic was to be permitted to pass through construction with no more than one hour delay. All of these little things added up to one large problem, but Jack Douglass, the general superintendent for Rockport Redwood Company, purchased himself another carton of gum and got together with his superintendent Frank Gibbs and foreman Ray Wallace and between themselves within twelve days planned and built a detour around the entire portion from Juan Creek to Hardy Creek. There were two short stretches of grade running up to 14% with the major portion being

Let's Have an Open Shop For Doctors, Bosses Too

By AL HARRISON

With all the publicity concentrated on the few bad apples in the barrel of Organized Labor and obvious moves of anti-labor forces throughout the country to promote "Right-to-Work" for nothing laws, it is a certainty that powerful forces are at work to discredit and destroy the right of the working man to bargain collectively and have a sense of pride and security in his work.

Any man in public office who betrays the trust of the people for whom he is supposed to work deserves the utmost punishment. But all persons in public office who misappropriate funds entrusted to their care should have equal publicity and punishment. Bankers, lawyers,

10% and a minimum twenty-four foot roadbed.

Actual grading started July 29, 1957, with the project being accepted November 27, 1957, a total of 76 working days or 58% of the working days allowed in the contract. Another interesting item is that the roadway excavation finished out at 887,000 CY., well in excess of the 772,000 shown on the estimate.

Brother Frank Gibbs was the project superintendent being assisted by two grading foremen, Brothers Ray Wallace and Dick Cunningham, with the following operating engineers making this job what it was: Warren Hughes, J. R. Hershman, George Harris, Lyle Graves, Carlton Dempsey, Doug. Clements, John Bottani, Tom Branda, Larry Brown, Albert Brusa, Clarence Cantrell, William Green, Bud Landcaster, Clarence Torgelson, Virl G. Varney, Dale Wallace, Gail Wallace, Cecil Yardley, Forrest D. Clark, Ken Christopher, Donald Davis, Ferguson Gardner, Max D. Holman, Paul Hals, Tom McMahon, Mike Pritchard, John Stevens, Eugene Stillwell, George Tuso, Floyd Webb, Hershcell Wright, John Williams, William Wilcox, E. L. Todd, Robert Toney, Ivan Moulton, Joe Marcellais, Edward La Franchi, Eino Kuivinen, and Harley Jolliff.

RUSSIAN AQUEDUCT

On the Russian River Aqueduct bid opening there were 26 bids submitted by 14 contractors, the successful bidders appear to be the Engineers Limited Pipeline Co. of El Cerrito, which offered to build the 3.23 mile section of 42-inch pipeline from the Russian River east to the County Airport for \$478,101.50, and W & S Constructors of Compton, which offered to build the 12.15 mile section of 36-inch line from that point to the Lake Raphine terminal reservoir for \$1376,775.37.

New work is pretty scarce this month, only have three jobs coming up at this time, they are: Grade and pave Redwood Court in Santa Rosa; construction of antenna and transmission line system at the Russian River Coyote Dam Reservoir project; and expansion and extension of the Santa Rosa water system consisting of 8,435 ft. of 12-inch pipe, 2,251 ft. of 8-inch pipe, 1,304 ft. of 6-inch pipe, and furnish and install a 500,000 gallon reservoir.

The first business meeting of Local 3 ever to be held in Santa Rosa was very stimulating to those members who attended, we are sorry that more members did not take advantage of this opportunity to meet and talk to our officers. Brother Pat Clancy officiated, assisted by Brother Vandewark. The main accomplishment of the business meeting was the election of two members to the By-laws Committee. Brothers Hank Pacheco and Sid McBroom were selected by the

ministers, and public officials take oaths and have their codes of ethics, but none are more dedicated to their work than the sincere labor representative.

Advocates of "Right-to-Work" say no man should have to join a union to hold his job. But, has Senator Knowland ever said that no doctor should have to be a member of the medical association before he can practice medicine? Has Vice President Nixon ever said that a lawyer should not have to be admitted to the bar to practice law? NO!

Still these are closed shop unions where members must pay initiation fees and dues to be eligible to practice in specified states and jurisdiction. And they are liable to fine and suspension if they do not conform to the rules of their association.

Let us have laws to make it mandatory for lawyers and doctors to have an open shop. Let's have a "Right-to-Practice-Medicine Law" and let's have a "Right-to-Practice-Any-Profession Law." Let's have a law to stop merchants, manufacturers, chambers of commerce, and employers from forming associations to exploit labor. Let's have a law guaranteeing the working man a fair share of the product he produces. These laws would be fair and equitable if enough of them were passed to keep the employers' hands out of the employees' pockets, and the job of the union representative would be unnecessary.

Congressional investigators have found numerous cases of fraud and graft in the farm subsidy program. How much of it has been brought to public attention? Do we read how \$1,200,000 annually goes into the pockets of farmers supposedly to curb government surpluses? To get the lowdown on how taxpayers are cheated out of millions we should all read "Look" magazine's October 1 expose on how farmers are paid not to plant on land they don't own. (Note—who wants to read the scabby "Look" magazine?)

And how 163 cases of misuse of drought relief money were sent to the Justice Department for prosecution. How price manipulations in cotton, wheat, corn, cheese, and other commodities brought huge profits to producers and agents without any commodities ever changing hands.

If we are to pass laws, let us pass some laws to right such wrongs as these. Let's pass laws favorable to the whole people and keep laws from being passed that are discriminately detrimental to our society. We will have to study our legislators' records and vote into office those who are being fair to the people.

brothers to represent this district.

Santa Rosa has quit keeping the office open on Wednesday evenings, we will start again next spring when the work picks up. A notice will appear in the paper in ample time for all interested members.

We in the Santa Rosa office would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year.

'57 Good Year in Northbay; Outlook is Good

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

As the year of 1957 draws to a close, all contractors in the area, as far as we know are satisfied. It has been a very successful year and prospects of jobs for the coming year look good.

Have you purchased your year button for 1958 yet? We have a supply of them in. Cost for 3 member, \$78.00 and 3A member, \$66.00 (include: Assessment No. 9 which comes due in October of 1958).

Brothers George Eridio, Walter Lynch and Frank Chaddock have already purchased a year card.

Brother Robert Killingsworth, a long time with Parish Bros. has recently returned from a six week vacation and dropped in to tell us all about it.

Brother Gene Skovbo has informed us he has taken a job as Engineer on board the S. S. MooreMac and will take a trip to South America this winter. Says he will see us in the Spring. Good luck, Bro. Skovbo.

Brother Henry Allgore is recuperating nicely at home now, after being hospitalized. Better hurry and get well, Henry—the fish will be biting!

Brother Fred Jensen seems to be the only "white man" on the San Rafael City Council—looks after the interest of the working man. Keep up the work, Bro. Jensen.

Parish Brothers are holding checks for the following members:

James D. Asbury, Roy H. Bryson and Frank W. Wilson. If they will contact Parish Brothers, their check will be forwarded.

Attention! Members working at Rock, Sand & Gravel plants: As this goes to press, we understand the printed pamphlets on Rock, Sand and Gravel agreements will be ready. Pick your copy up at our office.

NEED WORK DONE?

Pre-Mol Concrete Products and Steve's Trenching. Septic, 810 Gallon Tanks, Distribution boxes, drain tile manufactured and delivered. Owner — Bro. Steve Eggleston, 1104 Jordan Lane, Napa. Telephone: Baldwin 4-3932. Three years in business. Sherman Backhoe (buckets sizes for backhoe—18 inches, 24 inches and 36 inches). Also a five-ton A-frame hoist with a telescope boom.

Knight's Trenching & Tree Service, 3022 St. Helena Highway, Napa. Telephone, Baldwin 4-2301. Free estimates. Tree Service (removing, trimming, topping, cabling and chain sawing). Sewer Contract (manufactured, sold and completely installed with drain). Machine Trench Digging (12" to 18"—18" to 24" widths). Two machines to serve you for sewers, drains, foundations, water lines, septic tanks, gasoline tanks. Ten years in business in Napa County. Boom truck with winch in front, three-ton capacity. Pre-Fab concrete septic tanks, 810 gallon tank. Hydro-hammer with concrete cutter, asphalt cutter and trencher compactor. Oliver OC3 Trencher 12 to 18 inches in width. Case tractor, BeGe Trencher 18 to 24 inches in width. Five engineers employed throughout the year.

F. T. Anderson & Son, Excavating and Trenching, Septic Tank Holes, Leaching Fields, Swimming Pool Excavations, Ground Leveling, Backhoe takes 24 to 36 inch bucket, Loader 5/8 yard, Trencher 14 to 20 inch cut (4 ft. depth), Rubber Tired Loader and Scraper, D-4 Dozer. Five (5) years in business. Address: 600 Verano Ave., Sonoma (Telephone: Webster 8-4403.)

Stan's Trenching Service (Day or Night) Stan Praul, 1057 East Avenue, Napa. Telephone: Baldwin 4-6012. Pipe Lines, ditching, tank holes, 13 to 24 inch bucket, Backhoe (13 feet depth).

Bro. LeRoy Distefano is back at his home in Napa after vacationing for two weeks at Grand

Junction, Colorado. Accompanying LeRoy was member William J. Dulle, wife and their two sons. Brothers Distefano and Dulle are brothers-in-law, and this vacation was planned because of a broken finger Bro. Dulle received while working for C. M. Syar. It rained continually while they were in Grand Junction, but deer and pheasant hunting was the most enjoyable part of their trip.

For hire—tractor, scraper and loader—privately owned by Brother Rex Kaske, 1531 Trancas Road, Napa. Telephone: Baldwin 6-7674.

We are most unhappy to report that Brother Frank Matulas is in a S. F. hospital due to an old injury received last year. We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

It seems that most of our duck hunters this season are returning home empty handed. So goes the report from Bro. Tony Argento who hunted at Grizzly Island on Nov. 5th. Tony's companion "Brenda" looked as though she would do a real fine job retrieving, if only she had the chance.

The Capehart Housing at Travis Air Force Base is going full blast on their five hundred home job for the government. The prime contractor is Empire Builders and Sun Gold from Las Vegas, Nevada, with Brother Jerry Dorothy, Carlos Roxberg and Allen Morgan on fork lifts. The subs are Syar & Harms doing the excavation; Crocco & Hansen on the curbs, gutters and foundations; Van Valkenburg have the sewers, drainage and water; Collins Roof & Floor are doing the roofing, and the Engineering by Ed Schwafel of Vallejo.

Marshall & Haas on the Putah Creek Canal job are very happy with the weather. Brother Tom Hanna has the dirt work with three 20s and four dozers running.

Fredrickson Bros. should have the paving done on their Highway 12 job by the time this goes to press.

HIGHWAY 40

Syar & Harms are sailing right along on their Highway 40 freeway job hoping the weather will hold out. If they can get the Reis Street underpass done before the rains they have a lot of dirt they can move if the weather is not too severe. The back fill on the abutments to the overpasses are progressing very well.

Brother Lyle Engel who is with Fredrickson, Watson & Ransome is having a hell of a time selling his part of the Highway 40 approach to the Carquinez Bridge due to minor changes.

M & K Corp & Stolte's sewer job at Mare Island is five months ahead of schedule. The weather doesn't bother this job very much as they have plenty of water underneath at all times anyway.

The outlook for work in Solano County is very good for the coming year.

The last section of the Putah Creek Canal will be let on December 3rd. Highway 90 up through Winters will be let on December 11.

Hearings will be held very soon for the construction of the Martinez-Benicia Bridge and its approach freeways. This job is estimated at \$40,000,000, and it will link Highway 21 and Highway 40 to this new bridge. These hearings are expected to start

right after the first of the year.

Contemplated also is the improvement of Highway 75 from Benicia to Cordelia Junction.

SCOOP — The fourth section of the Putah Creek Canal has been let to Darkenwald Co. and Vinson Construction. They were low bidders and this will be a joint venture.

The San Rafael Office has received a new supply of WATCH FOBS . . . If any of the Brothers want one, you can forward us \$1.00 and we'll be glad to forward it to you!

We just received a letter from Brother C. F. Huffstutter who is working in Bangkok. He tells us that he can take the natives out with a "blow-gun" and make finished "Catskinners" out of them in thirty (30) minutes. Do you believe it? ? ?

Bro. Charles Mahoney is still on the backhoe for Baldwin Construction, but took time after work to donate blood on Nov. 6th. Please note—Brothers this donation can be made by you the first Wednesday of each month at the Presbyterian Hall located on Third Street across from the Uptown Theatre in Napa. For more information telephone Baldwin 4-7671, Engineers Office, Napa. The next date for blood donation is Wednesday, December 4th. Just call the above telephone number and we will make the appointment for you. In San Rafael —Blood donations can be made on the first Friday of each month at San Rafael Hospital and on the third Friday at the Elks Club. Call our San Rafael office at Glenwood 4-3565 for appointment. Members in the Vallejo area may call our office at Midway 4-2667 for information as to where they may donate.

Blood donations are important. The need for blood goes out faster than it comes in.

Bro. Paul Ryder's wife is hospitalized at Petaluma General and needs blood, having undergone a major operation. How about it Brothers. Let us hear from you.

Our heartfelt thanks is extended to those members who helped to swell our blood bank this month. Brother Marvin Askew, Ward L. Foote, Kirby Mitchell, Calvin N. Mitchell, Jack Nider and Charles Mahoney.

NAPA B.T.C. EYES 'FAMILY JOB'

Albert Giovannoni, a real estate man whose home and office are at 504 Brown St., Napa, was cited to appear before the Executive Board of the Napa County Building Trades Council. Giovannoni is building a boat harbor just north of Napa Bay on the west side of the river, according to Fred Schoonmaker, B. T. C. secretary and business agent. Schoonmaker said the man claims it's just a "family job," but he is already hiring a part time worker from Kaiser Steel to operate a home-made dredge. Before the harbor is finished, said Schoonmaker, pilings will be driven and a wharf built, and all major crafts will be involved. The above mentioned project and Albert Giovannoni were placed on the "We Do Not Patronize List" as of December 2, 1957.

TO GIVE LOVINGLY AND WELL

Each time we come around again to thinking about Christmas gifts, we get a better idea of just why we have been told

Tunnels Are Pushed On Trinity Dam Job

By J. B. JENNINGS
Business Representative

The Trinity Dam Project is still the Highlight of Construction in the Redding District. Dam workers switched to tunnel drilling last October when the rain-swollen Trinity river flowed over the base of the earth-fill dam, and halted all work on the structure. The river had been diverted through a tunnel during the summer while earth was packed into the river bed as a base for the dam.

The river will flow over the dam's base until next May, when it will be pushed back into the diversion tunnel again. During the winter, dam workers will line the diversion tunnel with concrete, punch a small auxiliary tunnel parallel to the diversion tunnel, dig a spillway tunnel to catch overflow water from the Trinity reservoir, and install huge steel gates and pipes and chutes at the inlets and outlets of the tunnels.

Work on the diversion tunnel—which will carry water through the dam and into a powerhouse—must be completed by May when the river is diverted through the tunnel. The river will run through the tunnel until the dam is completed in 1961.

Trinity project work promises to pick up sharply next summer, however, especially if Congress approves the bureau's request for \$41,736,000 for TRP work during the next fiscal year. This figure is almost twice as much as the \$19,902,000 being spent on the Project this fiscal year.

Trinity Dam Contractors have asked for a speedup in funds to carry out their revised schedule calling for completion of the dam in 1961 instead of 1962.

To supply the estimated 100,000 cubic yards of concrete to line tunnels around the dam the Contractors have put up a \$175,000 concrete mixing plant—a combination aggregate and batch plant. The huge plant, largest of its kind in Northern California, is located near the dam site on the west bank of the Trinity river. Cement is trucked from the Kaiser Permanente plant in Sunnyvale. The dam will be made of 30 million cubic yards of dirt and rock. Hauling the 9 million cubic yards of clay-like earth which is specified for the core of the dam, will be a \$1½ million job, which turns on rollers and spring. Huge towers will support the belt, which turns

that it is more blessed to give than to receive. For one thing, the business of giving seems more difficult every year as an ever-growing body of literature—moral, psychological and commercial—of advice-to-the-givers dings in our ears. If we listened to all the voices, overwhelming frustration would surely set in. How easy by contrast it is to receive. All we need to remember is to take a gift gracefully and gratefully, to be pleased. Giving should be no more difficult than getting. It can, indeed, be a simple and delightful art. Give only to those you truly love or really like. Give only because it pleases you to give. Choose a gift that will please the receiver in part because it will reflect your personal thought or consideration or taste. Seek a gift that will surprise. Do not give money except for a specified, thoughtful purpose. Do not give too much. Wrap the present yourself. Give it yourself. "Gifts," the proverb reminds us, "should be handed out."

on rollers, as it carries fill material from an open pit on a mountain 2½ miles from the dam site. Even with the high cost of installing the aerial tramway, a TDC official said hauling fill on the belt will be cheaper than hauling it by truck.

The old Altoona Mine, 35 miles west of Dunsmuir in a remote area of Trinity county is expected to become the state's number 2 quicksilver mine when production resumes next summer. Rare Metals Corp. of America, a subsidiary of El Paso Natural Gas Co., bought controlling interest in the mine's lease last month for more than \$1,000,000. It was the biggest mining deal in California this year. The mine, located in almost impassable mountain country, hasn't produced quicksilver in large amounts since 1902. Rare Metals Corp. expects to spend some \$400,000 for a 100-ton-a-day mill at the mine site. If the mine lives up to expectations, it will be second only to the New Indria Mine in San Benito County.

New Port Construction Co. of Portland, Ore., will be winding up their crushing job within approximately two weeks. This job has been operating on two shifts and has been an extremely good job for the Brothers in this area. We are happy to report we have signed an agreement with Deetz Crane Rental Service in Mt. Shasta, Calif. Mr. Deetz and his son are both members of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

The work in the Redding District is extremely slow. From a recent survey of the jobs throughout the area the work will continue to decline until spring.

At this time the Staff of the Redding office would like to wish the Members, their Families, and all of our Associates of the past year a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Healthy and Happy New Year, and we are looking forward to a bigger and better year in 1958.

SHIFT TIME was collected December 5, and checks are available at the Redding office for the following named members employed on the Gibbons & Reed Job:

Anton Bartole \$283.53
Michael J. Bibby—\$142.42
Charles Liebel \$140.83
G. D. McDonald—\$214.75
Myrl L. Moxley \$320.23
Tom E. Pilkington \$66.11
Don R. Root—\$139.24
Gill Story \$14.51
Paul E. Thomas \$33.83
Marion Triplett—\$26.04
James E. Watts—\$127.44
Sam Chrisman—\$329.00.

It's nice to have relatives over occasionally . . . in fact it's usually better that way.

WORKING DAZE



"Well, the boss said to drop everything!"

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

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

This November news report is not a great different than those that you've received in the past years. For by and large although the weather is holding very well, we find that many of our jobs are finishing and in addition the contractors are reluctant to break open any work that they may have, due to the fact that they are expecting the rains to start.

Therefore, the employment picture doesn't look too bright in the immediate future for this area. The number of clearances issued in this past month has fallen off at an alarming rate, we also find that there is a number of the members who are dropping into the office from other areas to find out how things are. We can only say that the prospect for employment in this area for the coming months do not look too good. As this is our last issue that you will receive before the holiday season and also the last Engineers news that will go to press in 1957, the Business Agents and the office force would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every member who it has been our privilege to work with and serve for the splendid cooperation they have extended us during the past year, particularly in reporting violations of the contract of the working rules to the local union office. It is these courtesies that you extend to us, however small they may seem, which makes the jobs in serving you worthwhile and we speak for and in behalf of those who have been able to pick up a few days work here and there by you reporting violations of the contracts, so let's keep up the good work, who knows, you may be the next one to be helped by someone reporting a violation of the contract.

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The J. Wilmoth Fencing Co. have subbed from Ball & Simpson the construction of all their highway signs and guardrails on the fifteen miles of freeway which runs from Jackson St. in Hayward to Warm Springs Interchange. Brother J. R. Wilmoth is operating the compressor and Brother J. W. Wilmoth is operating the Ford post hole digger. There is still about 10,000 guardrails yet to dig and place and paint.

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Alameda County will solve a century-old problem next week when a \$1,000,000.00 flood control and drainage project is completed on Alameda Creek. Alvarado, first Alameda County seat, has been subject to flooding for more than 100 years by high water from Alameda Creek. To correct this and to handle run off from the south Hayward area, the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District has realigned the creek channel from Alvarado to the Bay, widened the channel to 400 ft., constructed two levees along the creek banks and built a new bridge over Highway 17, north of Alvarado. The improvements under way for the past 2½ years, extend from the Smith St. bridge in Alvarado to the Bay.

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Krull & Pacheaco are taking off between 20 and 30 thousand yards of rock off Lassen Hill in Hayward, to be placed at San Lorenzo upper grade school. Brother Eddie Bush is on a loader, Brother Frank Capp on roller, Brother Roy Burk on blade and Brother Vern Walker is on a D-8 dozer.

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HENSLEY EQUIPMENT CO.

Mr. Clyde Hensley, president of Hensley Equipment Co. Inc., located at 800 Peralta St. in San

Francisco, is the man who could remember who is an operator and who is an oiler. The Brothers on this job are Herb Cantwell, John Lindgren, Bob Secheid, Frank Szendre, Joe Hellen and Howard O'Brien.

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Ransome Co. was awarded a contract from the city of Berkeley rebuilding streets. The work consists of removing and replacing 12 inches of sub base rock and four inches of plant mix. These start at 7th St. and Dwight Way to Sacramento St. There is 13 blocks in all. Brother Philip "Frenchie" Peris is foreman, Brother Burl Prince is blade operator, Brother Carl Prince is on a dozer, Brother Alex Chambers is loader operator and Brother Pedro Salinero is on a roller. The time limit on this job is approximately 90 days.

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D. Prodanovich is subbing from Dinwiddie Construction Co. They have 2600 ft. of 6-inch, 8-inch and 10-inch sewer pipe to be put in for the new shopping center being built at Fairmont and San Pablo in El Cerrito. Brother Bill Jarvis is operating a Parsons 155 trencher, Brother Flynn Gross is oiler and Brother John Moore is loader operator.

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Martin Bros. was awarded the contract from the Lincoln Development Co. in Pinole. The work consists of excavating 63,000 yds. of dirt, building house pads, putting in storm sewers, streets, curbs, gutters, sewer and water lines. There will be approximately 55 new homes built. On this project Brother Ted Kreiberg is foreman, Brothers Tom Burns and Roy Coats are on dozers, Brothers R. L. Parker and P. Jones are on cat and can, Brothers Dick Faria, Jess Bohannon and Dale Elveridge are on jeeps Brother Jack Kuger is on a blade, Brother Dee Bowerman is clam operator and Brother Slim Scribner is oiler. The time limit on this job is about three months.

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Edwin J. Tobin is sub-contracting from Ransome Co. The contract is for \$18,000.00 and consists of laying 1640 ft. of 12-inch to 21-inch concrete pipe. The job starts at San Pablo Ave. and Dwight Way to West St. in Berkeley. Brother Charlie Gardner is on a N. W. 25 hoe and Brother Bert Isley is his oiler.

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The McDonald, Young & Nelson job on the new Kaiser Center Building in Oakland is coming along as well as can be expected. There was 170,000 yds. of dirt removed by East Bay Excavators. The Brothers working for them on this project are D. Rivers, Antone Brun and Bob Atkins. Vincent Rodrigues has a 38-B Bucyrus Erie working on this job also with Brother Larry Cooper as operator and Brother Arthur Sandoval as his oiler. The reinforcing rod was contracted by Judson, Pacific & Murphy who have two Brothers on the 25-ton Bay City. Brother Leo Wendt is operator and Brother Martin Best, Jr. as oiler. There is 12,000 cubic yards of concrete, five ft. deep which is a floating foundation for this building. There are eight electric pumps, sixty-five ft. deep which will pump 250 gals. a minute. The Brothers on the pumps are H. L. Webb, Fred Parker, Morris Casey and Clarence Peterson. Brother M. Barton is operator on the North West with Brother N. W. Spencer as his oiler. We hope to see a lot of Brothers employed this winter on this job.

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Ground-breaking ceremonies for Utah Construction Co.'s vast south shore division in Alameda were held Nov. 3, 1957. The south shore sub-division consists of some 400 acres created by dredging in excess of 9,000,000 cubic yds. of sand from the bay by the Dredge "Franciscan" which started operations November 1955, on a continuous around the clocks basis for a twelve month period. The new area is a planned residential community of some one thousand homes as well as a 65-acre shopping center. The first unit of the shopping center will include approximately 30 stores, 2 super markets, 2 service stations and a bank. The first building of the group is a J. C. Penny Co. store that is now under construction. The new store will be a tilt-up type and will contain 36,000 sq. ft. for the ground floor and 15,000 sq. ft. on the second floor. Nineteen acres will be developed for a library, school and park facilities. This new fill has also created miles of clean sand beach. This is quite a trib-

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ute to 190 Operating Engineers on the payroll of the Utah Dredging Co.

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Bigge Drayage Co. broke ground on a 37-acre tract near 98th Ave. and Doolittle Dr. in San Leandro that is to be the new Terminal which will consist of a 7200 sq. ft. administration building, two shops of 11,000 sq. ft. and 14,000 sq. ft. of floor space fully equipped for service and overhaul of equipment, 300,000 sq. ft. of 37-acre tract will be fully graded and paved to be used to park 200 pieces of rolling stock as well as 12 cranes ranging in size from 20 to 60 tons capacity. This will be the new home for the 24 Operating Engineers on the Bigge payroll.

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UTAH CONSTRUCTION CO.
One of the most powerful dredges in the world is being built by the Pacific Coast Engineering Co. of Alameda, for Utah Construction Co., San Francisco, the new dredge is designed to move more than 40,000 cubic yards per day. Its power plant, a De Laval Turbo Generator, has a 12,650 KW output, enough power to supply a village of over 5,000 population. Over-all dimensions of the dredge measure 208 feet long by 50 feet wide by 14 feet deep. The dredge pump has a 36-in. suction and a 30-in. discharge, powered by an 8,000 h.p. Westinghouse main pump motor, the largest ever built in the west. A 25-ton jib crane will be mounted on top to accommodate the maintenance crew in their work. A 325-ton digging ladder, which measures 78 feet long.

A 9-ft. diameter cutter head weighing 18 tons will be powered by a 2,000 h.p. Westinghouse electric motor, driving through a cutter drive reducer, one of the largest made by the Western Gear Corp. The cutter drive itself measures 13 ft. high by 11 ft. wide by 8 ft. long and weighs 57 tons. The new dredge will have two spuds weighing 45 tons each. The spuds are 95 ft. long and 42-in. in diameter, and are raised or lowered by a spud winch powered with a 150 h.p. motor. Combustion Engineering Co. of New York built the boiler for the dredge.

The boiler is rated at 137,000 lbs. of steam per hour, with operating pressure 625 PSIG at 810° F. and develops 15,000 h.p. at full load. For emergency service, a Caterpillar diesel engine drives an Electric Machinery Co. generator capable of a 400 kw. output. It is used when the main steam plant is not operating. A 5-drum swing winch is installed at the forward end of the house and is driven by a 250 h.p. Westinghouse electric motor. The center unit is a double drum used in raising and lowering the digging ladders. The ladder hoist consists of 12 parts of 1½-in. wire rope. Each swing drum spools 750 feet of 1½-in. wire rope attached at the outboard and to a 20-ton specially designed swing anchor. The two remaining drums will be used in future projects to op-

erate the swing anchor booms. The spud and swing hoists and the cutter drive motors operate on DC current which requires the installation of a 5-unit motor generator set. A 2750 h.p. AC motor drives a 2000 h.p. generator for the cutter drive; a 250 hoist; and a 150 h.p. generator for the spud hoist.

A 200 h.p. AC motor driven by the 400 kw. auxiliary diesel engine generator set is mounted on the common sub-base and is used as an auxiliary standby unit to drive the DC generators when the main steam turbine is shut down. All components of this 5-unit set were manufactured by the Westinghouse Electric Corp. Several members of Local 3 are responsible for the work of building this dredge such as the enginers operating the cranes, etc., employed by Pacific Coast Engineering Co. The design and arrangement of the Dredge "Alameda" was under direction of Mr. John Yasich, president and project manager of the Utah Dredging Co. together with Mr. Marvin Van Epps, chief engineer, and Mr. J. Mednick, mechanical engineer. The building of the dredge is under the direct supervision of Mr. James N. Mosher, resident engineer of the Utah Construction Co. and Mr. Russ Kohlen, machinery inspector together with Mr. Harold Flinn who will be chief engineer of the dredge, who are all members of the Operating Engineers, Local 3. When the dredge is completed other members of the Operating Engineers, Local 3, will be used to make up the balance of the engine room crew and deck crew.

Brother Chuck Day and Brother William Kovich, who are working for D. Prodanovich who is subbing a job from Gallagher & Burk in Union Oil Co., Oleum. Brother Chuck and Brother Bill are on a trencher digging through rock for two new jet fuel tanks that are going to be built in Union Oil Co. They will be approximately two weeks on this job.

Charles L. Harney, Contractor on the Walnut Creek by pass on Highway 24 and Highway 21. This is an \$8 million job. They have some 2,500,000 cubic yards of dirt to move and also some 30 structures to erect. They have already moved some 800,000 cubic yards of dirt and have completed two bridges, one channel change and three box culverts. They have graded most of the Frontage roads and are laying sub-base and will soon be laying black top. They also have 20,000 lineal feet of drainage pipe to lay from 8" to 54" in size. On this job they have the following equipment going: eleven DW 20's, five D-9 Dozer, three D-8 Dozers, four blades one Lima truck crane, two Lima crawlers, one Gradall, one loader, one boomcat and three trenching machines. Bob Kenning is the Project Manager with the Engineers working under the supervision of the following Brothers: James G. Clarke as General Foreman, Brothers Lloyd "Red" Bosby, George "Big Chief" Dupree and Sam Saunders, dirt foremen. There are three H. D. mechanics and three grease monkeys working under Master Mechanic Brother Harold Burnett, with Brother Lawrence Higbee as crusher foreman. We also have one pump man and three grade setters on this job. All in all, we have 50 Brothers working on this project.

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Oakland Area News

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McClure & Alameda Crane Service are doing the job at Lake Merritt in Oakland, consisting of a reinforced concrete wall about 1497 feet long on the West shore of Lake Merritt paralleling Harrison St. and Lakeside Drive. This precast reinforced concrete wall has panel units which set into slots in the precast caps of the two pile piers which are anchored to deadmen in the existing quarry fill. They are also putting another reinforced concrete wall 1,366 feet long on the opposite shore of this arm of the Lake, bordering Lakeside Park. The Brothers working on this job are "Red" Wilson, Evan Larson, R. W. Smith and Amory Pathbun.

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Williams & Burrows, Inc. of Belmont, California, has the contract to build 38 duplex housing units for the Army Niki site in the Berkeley hills. They have already done all the grading on this job and are now at work erecting the housing units which are well under way. At the present time they are grading and laying the base rock for the streets and roads. These housing units will take care of the Army personnel and their families who man this Niki site. At the present time we still have the following Brothers working on this job under the supervision of Brother E. Stephenson, Brother Donald Messery is a carryall operator and Brother E. Brown is on a dozer.

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Gallagher & Burk are doing a job for Union Oil Co. in Oleum. They are moving 60,000 yards of dirt and rock, mostly rock. There will be two jet fuel tanks on this site. They will also be building the roads and doing the paving. Brother Lloyd Hickey is foreman, Brothers Dusty Flynt and O. V. Hubbert are on dozers, Brothers Alvin Kirby and R. Price on cat and can, and Brother Jim Johnston on dozer and sheepfoot. This job will last until the end of January, 1958.

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Engineers, Ltd., was awarded a contract from Pacific Telephone Co. for laying 6,000 feet of telephone conduit. This job is located on Appian Way just off of Dam Rd. in El Sobrante. Brother Wallace McLean is Fordson hoe operator with Brother Clayton Hines as his oiler. Brother Doug Moore is trencher operator and Brother T. C. Shirley his oiler. This job has no time limit.

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Underground Construction Co. was awarded the contract from Pacific Telephone Co. in the amount of \$34,000.00. This job is located in Richmond and work consists of laying 5,000 feet of telephone conduit. The time limit on this project is approximately 60 days. Brother Bob Medarias is foreman with Brother John Florence as trencher operator, Brother Fohn Fargo as oiler and Brother Bill Pet-schuer on a loader.

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Fredrickson & Watson Construction Co. and Ransome Co. of Oakland, Joint Ventures, are working on the Orinda bypass on the San Pablo Ram Rd. There is 1.17 miles of new highway being aligned, bypassing Orinda village. They have about 90% of the concrete culverts completed and about 75% of the dirt moved which is some 150,000 cubic yards. They also have about 25% of the concrete box

culverts completed and about 75% of the dirt moved which is some 150,000 cubic yards. They also have about 25% of the drainage pipe in. There is about 1,500 feet of mortar lined ditch to do but this will have to wait until after the rains. On his job is Brother Paul Fields, dirt foreman, Brother Billy Burns is on a DW 20, along with Dave Faria, Robert Mitchell, K. E. Webster and Harlan Ward. Brother E. C. Smith is blade operator, Brothers Harry Carver, James Everett, M. E. Saunders and Ernest Walker are the dozer operators. Brother Hank Railing is on the N. W. 80, Brother James Wofford is oiler, Brother "Frenchy" Greney, Brother Barney Costello is grade setter, Brother Joe Palmer is the H. D. mechanic and Brother Pat Nicks is on the grease truck.

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Manuel Marques, Jr., was awarded the contract from Contra Costa County in the amount of \$22,976.80. This particular job is located on Barrett Ave. between Mira Vista and Carlston in El Cerrito. They are laying 3,300 feet of 8" sewer pipe; 10 manholes and 8,242 sq. ft. of hot plant mix paving.

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Brother Robert Marr who is operating a 25 N. W. backhoe and Brother E. S. May as his oiler are working for Lee J. Immel and are hired out to the City of Richmond digging and cleaning out ditches along the railroad tracks on Giant Rd. in Richmond.

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J. R. Armstrong Construction Company has the contract from the City of Richmond for the reconstruction of Wright Avenue, between South 23rd Street and South 25th Street.

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G. G. Williamson from Chico, California, was awarded the contract from the Contra Costa County Storm Drainage District, Zone 20 in Martinez. This work consists of installing 1186 feet of 24" storm drain, concrete pipe and clearing. This job was let for \$16,994.45 and is located in Parchester Village, one mile south Giant Road in Richmond.

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In behalf of the Representatives and the Office force in the Oakland area, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all of the members of Local No. 3, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D and 3E and their families an extremely Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

News About The Brothers

The Stork brought Brother Lynn Covey and his wife a baby girl by the name of Chris Ann. Little Chris arrived at the Providence Hospital in Oakland on November 24th, weighing 8 lbs. 2 ozs. She will be a little sister to their first daughter who is just 18 months old.

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Brother Charles "Red" Hanson was in an automobile accident on November 26th. While on his way home to Concord, he went 150 ft. over a bank of the Orinda side of the tunnel. Brother "Red" was in the hospital with three broken ribs, facial cuts and his head was skinned. He is now home from the hospital and we hope he will be back to work very soon.

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If any of the Brothers are interested in buying any jewelry or having it repaired, they may

Work Slows Down in San Jose

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

In spite of the fact that we have had an unusually dry fall season, work has slowed down considerably in this area. Many of the projects have been completed and contractors are reluctant to open up new work at this time of the year. Our "Out-of-work" list has steadily increased in length and with the first rains it will get much longer.

We are happy to report that our first meeting in San Jose, on Nov. 25, was well attended and hope that at the next meeting many more of the Brothers will take advantage of these meetings which now are held in local areas for the convenience of the members.

While most of the jobs are slowing down, Ball & Simpson have seen fit to put on 6 more Engineers, on their Freeway job to get as much work done on the Freeway and over-passes before the winter rains set in. Lew Jones are pouring the concrete on the over-passes and under-passes on this project. Baird Construction Company on this same job site have moved their Crusher Plant to the lower end of the job and expect to keep 6 Engineers busy all winter. A. J. Raisch are laying the black top on the Freeway and approaches.

Los Gatos Construction Com-

pany has just about completed all their work in this area and have shipped some of their equipment to Los Angeles on jobs that will last most of the winter. The firm is quitting the construction work and have sold their Euclids and D.W. 20's and plan to specialize in the laying of Telephone Cables only.

Piazza Paving have completed their work on the I. B. M. Plant, but are still working on their Sub-Divisions off Ross Rd., Prospect Ave., and Walnut Estates and have the grading and paving work around the new City Hall.

Lew Jones and J. C. Bateman Co. have started work on the new addition for the Bellarmine School and are also working on the new building for the Culinary Workers. John Carstensen of Hayward has completed his work on the canal for the Flood Control District and is finishing up his section of work on the City Hall.

Brother Morris Spessard who is working for Al Urricelqui went pheasant hunting at Bradford Island, across from Jersey Island. Brother Morris went out hunting twice. On opening day he shot one rooster and on the closing day of the season he shot four pheasants. Brother Morris says the hunting was good this season.

One of our Brothers has been home from work for two months from a broken bone in his leg. Brother Jim Jinkens has been with the Close Building Supply Co. for ten years and is now getting a vacation for himself. We hope that Jim's leg heals quickly and he is able to get back to work soon.

Brother Chuck Walden of Peterson Tractor Co. got his deer this year as well as a nice fat bear. Brother Chuck always brings in the meat.

Manuel Perry has returned to work at P. C. A. in Centerville after having lost some three months work due to an eye infection that almost caused the removal of the left eye. Fortunately for Brother Manuel it was discovered that gall stones were causing the eye infection and by immediate removal of the stones, the eye was saved and we have a happy Manuel back on the job.

Brother George Ward who is working for Blair Excavators operating a backhoe, went deer hunting and bagged a four pointer, weighing 235 lbs. Brother George took a week's vacation and went to Badger Wells near Camby in Modoc County. George says that he had a good time as well as a swell vacation.

Another Brother working overseas is Brother Jack R. Brown. Jack has been working in Peru for two months and will be there for one year altogether. He is working at an altitude of 8,000 feet just a short distance from Chili. They are building a railroad from sea level at Ilo on 3% grade to Toquepala at 15,000 ft. or 193 kilometers. This job is not recommended for anyone who wishes a social life, since there is nothing but continuous mountains of loose rock and no vegetation whatsoever.

are using five Engineers on the job. Sondgroth Brothers are keeping their Engineers busy all over this area, wherever there is a project under construction, some of Sondgroth's equipment is being used.

L. C. Smith has completed their Moffett Field over-pass job on the Bayshore Hiway, and this cuts off one more major bottleneck on No. 101 going South. We have had numerous requests to resume the grade setting and blue print reading school that was started in Oakland last year. If there is enough members interested we will start this class again. If any of the members are interested please notify the San Jose Office.

In the month of October there were 25 new housing tracts started in Santa Clara County. MONTEREY, SALINAS, SANTA CRUZ

Work in this area is slow as seems to be the general picture everywhere. Granite Construction Company has come to a standstill on their Hiway No. 1 job in Santa Cruz. They are not going to start the river job until next year. Allen & Bush are doing the clearing work on the river job for Granite.

Griswold Construction are about half through their sewer job for the City of Santa Cruz. Ed Keeble is putting down the base on their Freeway job at Santa Cruz and Macco Construction is driving the pile. Dan Caputo is going full blast pouring the concrete on the bridges and overpasses on this same job.

Work in the Sand Plants around Felton is slow with just an occasional flurry of work now and then. Work has come to a standstill at Hunter-Liggett and also in the Oil Fields. Granite have almost completed their Freeway job at Greenfield. Johnson, Drake & Piper are still working on the new building at the Soledad State Prison. Herrick Iron Works, Hickman Plumbing and Tomco Engineers are also working on this same job.

Phil Calabrese has been a very busy spread this last month doing Sub-Division work in Carmel Valley and road work in King City. Keeps Brother Phil busy keeping up with his boys working all over the Monterey Peninsula.

Granite Construction have started the East Garrison road job with three 20's, two Blades and two Cats on the job. Wilder and Jones have completed their sewer job in Salinas.

We received a very interesting letter from Brother Joe Bowling, who is working in Iraq. He says that the weather is extremely hot but hunting of wild game is good. He said to greet all his friends in this area.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Brothers and their families A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

"You used to kiss me," she said, so I leaned over and kissed her on the cheek. "You used to bite my neck," she said. When I got up and was walking over to the bureau she cried out, "Where are you going?" "To get my teeth," I mumbled.

Usually at this time of the year we have been able to place many of the unemployed Brothers in the Foil Plant at Permanente. This year due to the cut back in production the Plant will not be putting on extra help.

Manuel Marques were the low bidder on a \$29,867 sewer job on Tyrella Ave., in Mt. View and

Pisano Brothers are keeping six Engineers busy on the Faculty Housing job at Stanford; they are putting in the sewage line and connection. McQuire and Hester are keeping seven Engineers busy on their Storm-drain jobs in Sunnyvale. This is a two stage job, one for \$148,186 and the other for \$191,000. They have approximately 7776 feet of pipe to lay ranging from 66" to 12".

DISABILITY PAY QUESTIONS

Following is another installment in a series of questions about California's employment security system and authentic answers supplied by the Department of Employment. The following continues a discussion of the disability insurance program.

Q. Do I have to report to an office each week while sick, or send someone for my checks?

A. No, you do not report each week in person. Checks are mailed to you from the Disability Insurance District Office, with a continued claim form attached which you complete and return by mail if you remain disabled.

Q. Must a doctor sign the forms, and if so, why?

A. The Code requires that a physician, licensed in California or any other state, or a Federal medical officer, must sign the physician's statement on the first claim, certifying that you are disabled. For disabilities beginning on or after January 1, 1958, a physician licensed in any foreign country also may sign the physician's statement on the first claim.

Q. May a dentist or a chiropractor sign the claim form?

A. Yes. Doctors authorized to sign your medical certificate include a physician and surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist, or chiropodist who holds a valid license from the state in which he is practicing; or an authorized medical officer of a United States Government medical facility if you are hospitalized in or under the care of a facility. For disabilities beginning on or after January 1, 1958, similar doctors in a foreign country also may sign your medical certificate.

Q. May a religious practitioner sign a claim form?

A. Yes, if the claimant in good faith adheres to the teachings of a bona fide church, sect, denomination or organization which depends for healing entirely upon prayer or spiritual means and the practitioner is accredited by the Department.

Q. If I adhere to a religious belief where healing entirely by prayer or spiritual means prevails, can I be exempt from disability insurance and the one percent tax?

A. Yes, if the religious denomination is accredited by the Department and you file with the Department a Religious Exemption Certificate.

Q. If I draw out all my state disability insurance, why can't I file another claim immediately if still disabled?

A. The law provides a maximum amount payable equal to the sum of 26 times your weekly benefit amount for any uninterrupted period of disability. A recovery or return to your regular and customary work for more than 14 days must take place before another claim can be filed.

Q. May I collect disability insurance while I am pregnant?

A. Only if medical evidence proves your disability is due to other causes and is not in any way connected with the pregnancy.

Q. May I collect disability insurance during a trade dispute?

A. No, unless: (1) the disability was caused by an accident, or required hospitalization, and (2) was not caused by the trade dispute and did not arise out of the trade dispute, and (3) would have occurred had there been no trade dispute.

Q. If my employer continues to pay me wages, may I collect disability benefits?

A. If your employer pays you less than your weekly wage, you may receive disability benefits

for the difference between the regular weekly wage and the amount paid by your employer, up to your maximum weekly benefit amount. (Wages do not affect the receipt of hospital confinement benefits.)

Q. If I am disabled and confined to a hospital, what benefits can I get?

A. If your disability began prior to January 1, 1958, you may receive hospital confinement benefits of \$10 per day up to a maximum of 12 days and basic benefits ranging from \$10 to \$40 per week during a disability benefit period. If your disability begins on or after January 1, 1958, you may receive hospital confinement benefits of \$12 per day up to a maximum of 20 days and basic benefits ranging from \$10 to \$50 per week.

BT Resolution Condemns Use Of Power Tools

A resolution was adopted by the Building & Construction Trades Council of Santa Clara and San Benito Counties at its last meeting and is printed here as a service to unions and union members, to explain opposition to use of power-actuated power tools.

Full text follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS The use of powder actuated tools is continually increasing in the construction industry, and

WHEREAS Most of such tools now in use are dangerous, not only to the user, but to other workmen and bystanders as well, in that these tools are, in effect, a "DEADLY WEAPON," and

WHEREAS The danger inherent in this tool is multiplied by the practice of so-called "one hand operation," and

WHEREAS There has been developed, and is presently available, a powder actuated tool of the "captive" type which prevents the missile used from leaving the end of the barrel if for any reason it does not stop at the proper distance into the surface in which it is being driven, and

WHEREAS The use of such "captive" type tools would eliminate the dangers now present in the use of power actuated tools, now therefore be it

RESOLVED That the State Building and Construction Trades Council call upon the Division of Industrial Safety of the Department of Industrial Relations of the State of California to take action to stop the use of these tools in "one hand operation" and require the manual operation specified in Section 1685 (d) (3) of the Construction Safety Orders to be in conjunction with, instead of preliminary to, the actual firing of the tool, and be it further

RESOLVED That the Division of Industrial Safety take action to set times beyond which the sale or use of other than "captive" type powder actuated tools would be prohibited, and be it finally

RESOLVED That, upon adoption by the State Building and Construction Trades Council, copies of this resolution be sent to the Governor, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations and the Chief of the Division of Industrial Safety of the State of California.

Motor vehicles in America covered 605,000,000,000 miles in 1956.

Observe Safety Rules.

Marysville Area Jobs Still Holding On

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

We are happy to report this month that some good jobs are still running in this area. The sun is still shining, altho it is cold. It is disgusting to the duck hunters, but most satisfying to operators. Inasmuch as it is real cold on the mountain jobs (8 degrees above zero) yesterday, let's start up there this month, and hurry to get down in the Valley where it is warmer.

O. K. Mitty Sons have a work suspension order on their Spring Garden Road Job above Quincy and are moving equipment and operators to their job near North San Juan, Calif. Brother M. O. Mitty stated they had done all they could do until next spring. M. J. Ruddy who has a sub on the same job for the paving has also shut down for the winter.

Walsh Const Co. on their intake portal for the Butt Valley Tunnel are having their share of headaches along with the P.G. & E., and it looks as if this portion of the job may have to suspend until about April of 1958, altho they were working yesterday, Dec. 2nd, as usual.

Brother Jimmy Smith, Walker under Wayne Wilmoth on the Butt Valley Tunnel reports mighty fine progress with about 1542 feet to go on the driving, and will then set up for the concrete. The only warm spot I could find there was the First Aid Office and the compressor room with Doc McCollough and Brother Browner. It was cold enough to wear sox.

Brother Orville Allen, Supt. on the Caribou Tunnel is not only a good tunnel man but makes good chili for this cold weather. His tunnel has about 340 feet to go to have the driving completed.

Utah, Bates & Rogers had a little lay-off on their Concrete crews, but have now called them back to finish the down steam portion from Adit 2, this will take about three weeks.

Peter Kiewit Sons Co. have finally just about got all their bugs out of their Jumbo and train and will no doubt be going full blast by the time this gets to print. George Smith is master mechanic on this job.

Al Regala, General Manager of Construction for Baldwin Contracting Company informed me that his Company has been anywhere from second to last on their bids the past month. I'm going to buy Al a sharper pencil for a Christmas present. Their work around their local plants remains steady.

Brother Harold Skeans, assistant to Floyd Helm on the 40-A Road Relocation Job for McCammon-Wunderlich Company have around 121 members of Local 3 on this project and will try to get in as much work as possible until the rains come.

H. Earl Parker Company has quite a crew on local work, and is moving men and equipment to a job in Daly City.

Pacific Bridge Company are about 80% complete on their Yuba City-Marysville Bridge.

Parker & Baldwin on a joint venture are doing the approaches on this job.

C. K. Moseman and Raymond Concrete Pile are still making progress on their Nicolaus Bridge Job although the water has held up part of the operation. Looks like it will be sometime in the Spring before they can continue the Main Channel.

Arthur B. Sire are doing very well on their job at Stoneyford. Looks like an all winters work for the boys here. Brother Thomas Rich is the Commander in Charge.

A. Teichert & Son are still working around Chico and trying to finish their Highway 32 job. Looks like they will have their gravel plant shut down for awhile for the purpose of adding to and remodeling.

Hertel has the contract of taking out the old Nicolaus bridge. This is quite an operation. They

dig a deep trench beneath the bridge then collapse it and push the dirt back over the trench. Looks like they'll have another thirty or forty days work. Progressive Steel Fabrication and Erection are dismantling the steel structure part of the bridge.

Herrington are driving the pile on their bridge jobs west of Gridley. They have two small bridges at this location with about six of the brothers working.

Butte Creek Rock are still doing some work in the gas fields around Butte City. They have acquired a piece of property in Butte City and are building a shop equipment yard and an office. Brother Rudy Clay and Bill Gates are running this show.

We of this office wish to say to all members and their families MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. Theresa, Van, Bill and Les.

Respectfully submitted,
Les Collett and Bill Weeks

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A Statement to all Units:

During the past year, in the opinion of the writer, considerable progress has been made by your Union for the benefit of all members. Wages have been increased, conditions have been improved, welfare insurance has been improved or increased for many, pensions, where these plans existed have been bettered or pension plans have been started for some who did not enjoy this added protection.

In the field of legislation the general Labor Movement, of which your Union is no small part, has been able to secure much better protection for the workers of the State as a whole including increased disability pay and more other benefits.

None of this was accomplished by one man or by a small group of men but the entire Labor Movement working with and under the leadership of intelligent and energetic leaders by you and acting under your instructions and mandates.

While, in reviewing the year's activity, there is much to be proud of, there is much more that could have been accomplished, much left to be done, and much to be fearful of in the coming months, if the ominous warnings appearing all around us are not heeded.

For gathering strength as it approaches is the dark storm cloud of an impending attack of great magnitude upon the Labor Movement. These enemies of Labor who are blowing up this storm of attack have only one aim in view and that is to take away the gains made by Labor in behalf of the membership during the past year and the years that went before.

Make no mistake about it while their words are honeyed to trap you they have only one aim in view and that is take away from you the benefits gained by Labor for you for their own personal and selfish profits. If this is not so then what is their interest?

While it is good at a time like this, as the year approaches its end, to review the incidents of the past months, note the progress made, perhaps do a little boasting, it is also well that we take note of the work and battles of the future as well as we

COMING MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dredger Companies:
Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields Membership Meeting regularly scheduled for Monday, Dec. 23 will be CANCELLED due to it falling so close to Christmas. The next meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 27, 1958 in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 Eye St. and at the times noted below:

Natomas Company Membership Meeting will be held Monday Jan. 6, 1958 in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom and also at the times noted below:

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

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Gladding, McBean and Company:

The Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council meets Monday, Jan. 6, 1958 at 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln Industrial Council Office, Lincoln. All Joint Board members, unless working, are urged to attend. The General Membership Meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1958 in the Auditorium of the City Hall, Lincoln. This meeting will be convened first at 1:30 p.m. in order to give the night shift members an opportunity to attend, remain in session until the business of the meeting is over, recess and reconvene at 4:15 p.m. for the benefit of the day shift members.

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Concrete Pipe Companies:

Subject to call. Watch the bulletin boards for announcement.

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Rock, Sand and Gravel:

Subject to call. Watch for the announcement.

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New York Machine Shop:

Subject to call as needed and held at the shop during the lunch period.

may and take steps to prepare ourselves.

To say to ourselves much has been done, much remains to be done and how can I do my part? And that is the crux the meaning, the reason for what has been said before. How and what can each member do to help the cause along to meet the challenge of the future and to build a better Union?

And you can help and help in a big way, and without too much effort. How? By attending your monthly meetings. Every unit represented by this writer has had a monthly meeting. Some have been well attended and some have not.

You would be surprised how discouraging it is to your officers and representatives to attend a meeting where but few members turn out. How much more difficult it makes the representative's day by day efforts in behalf of the membership when this occurs. And how much more effective he can be when the membership meetings are well attended and he feels that he has the whole-hearted support of, at least, the big majority of the membership.

So make yourself a good New Year resolution. Say to yourself I resolve to attend every regular and special meeting of my Union that is held in my dis-

RIGHTS ARE NOT TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED

It has been said that the surest way to lose anything is to take it for granted. I am afraid that there are too many members today in the labor movement, in fact too many Americans in general, who take the present wage and salary levels, hours of labor and conditions for granted.

To them the present day high standard of living, decent working conditions, etc., was handed to them on a silver platter, just happened or is a gift from On High. They know nothing of the toil and sweat, thought and worry, fighting and suffering that it took to obtain these conditions.

They little know, and sometimes I think they little care, that not too many years ago in America, if you please, if workers wanted to combine for their own protection they were subject to being charged with conspiracy and of being jailed. That they did not have the right to vote so that they could effectively protest such treatment.

That in order to eliminate such a disability the early labor movement started the agitation for, and eventually won, voting rights for all. Is it silly to think that this right shouldn't be taken for granted and can't be lost?

No it isn't for the very forces that are advocating the so-called "right to work" legislation also are busy as moles working in the darkness to place restrictive limits on this right by enacting provisions limiting those who can vote in bond elections, enacting tighter residential requirements, etc. So it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that some morning you could wake up and find your right to vote gravely restricted.

The right to an education was something unheard of in our early history. Most education was obtained in private schools or from tutors and the public schools that existed were mostly charitable schools so the level of education was decidedly low.

It was to eliminate this disability that the early American labor movement started the agitation, and with help of men of good will, obtained the present day public school system. Think you couldn't lose this or have it severely restricted? Well what do you think is happening today?

Who are the forces fighting the needed expansion of our public schools? Increasing teachers' salaries so that the right kind of men and women can be attracted to this very vital profession? Why, the very forces that advocate the so-called "right to work" legislation.

Who are the forces that are attacking all the other forms of social legislation obtained by the labor movement such as Industrial Accident Insurance, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance, the Wage and Hours Act and others?

Why they are the same forces that are advocating "voluntary unionism." They are not attacking on a broad front. Oh no! They chip a little here, a little there. They take advantage of every occurrence to point out our errors and sins to prove their point. It is an insidious and dangerous form of attack that has succeeded in eighteen states. And it can happen here!

They are well organized and financed. Able to hire the best, the cleverest and the most cynical of advertising experts. The type that believes that successful advertising consists of selling goods to people that they "don't want, don't need, can't use and can't afford." They are in the business of selling anything, goods or ideas, at a price!

So we had better wake up or one of these mornings we'll be rudely awakened by finding our right to organize effectively and greatly restricted. It's happened in Sutter County. They are preparing to try and have it happen in Yuba County and it will happen if you, the rank and file members, don't do something to stop it.

Whether or not these insidious forces that are busy chipping away at our rights and standard of living for their own selfish profit are to continue to advance or will have to retreat depends on whether or not you are awake and alert. You can fight back and defeat these forces by:

- BEING SURE YOU AND THE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY ARE REGISTERED AND VOTE.
- BUYING UNION MADE AND LABELED GOODS.
- TRADING IN STORES AND SHOPS DISPLAYING THE UNION HOUSE CARD.
- HIRING UNION HELP WHEN AVAILABLE.
- ATTENDING YOUR UNION MEETING AND READING YOUR UNION PAPERS SO THAT YOU MAY KEEP INFORMED.

—C. R. VAN WINKLE.

Social security benefits are a basic resource to be considered in planning financial security for workers and families at retirement or in the case of death. In addition to other types of insurance or savings, they may provide an adequate retirement income to survivors.

trict! If you do this you will be surprised how much more effective your Union will become. How interesting, educational and informative each meeting will be and how much easier, with all of us standing shoulder to shoulder it will be to meet the problems and attacks of the future.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all of you.



THE NEVADA ROUND-UP . . .

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

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, has moved part of his Fallon yard out to the old airport location. It looks like Andy is expanding. He has most of his equipment in the yard. Some of the Brothers are working around the shop and new yard, some are leveling land. I saw Brother Anderson and Brother Red Mal-ndi coming from a land leveling job out Yerington way, and Red is just as cocky and mean as ever, dishing out orders like a top sergeant in the walking army.

There have been numerous questions concerning the letting of new jobs in the vicinity of Reno. A lot of highway work is anticipated and at this writing there are three jobs, sections of Highway 40 coming up 1. Soda Springs on which bids have just been opened, with several North Hollywood companies joining to low-bid (\$5,052,434). From Boca east, bids to be opened on January 22. From Boca west, the bids due to be opened on December 18. We know that the length of each section is somewhere around 5 miles, but at present we do not have any exact figures. Probably by the time you read this the information will have been in the newspapers. Of course little work will be done on any of these until spring, for those mountains get plenty of snow.

Claud Youngs, along with Pyramid Construction, has finally left the vicinity of Beckworth, where they have been working on a new section of highway. Evidently the weather has not been the least bit in their favor. All of the equipment has been removed—even the scale. The company is afraid to leave anything of value that far away from the office. We don't blame them after talking to some of the state inspectors, because they say that it will be at least April before work can be resumed on this job.

Low bidder on that secondary road between McDermitt, Nev. and the Cordera Mine was awarded to Hoops Construction of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Isbell Construction Company is well along with its highway job, a section of No. 40, east of Sparks, Nev. Most of the dirt is moved, except the McCarron Hill section, which is all shovel work, and will take quite a while to move. It will be hard to handle with its traffic problem and the Southern Pacific track so close, but Mr. Arnold Blair will get the job done. The Isbell shop crew has a few problems, too. Brother George Lawton is the shop Super now, and he keeps the dear Brothers on the go.

The George Grifall Company seems to keep all of his boys going most of the time. Brother Roy Nielson is out at Stead Air Base quite often.

Mendenhall is supposed to start up his hot plant for a few trial runs. It is located at Stead Air Force Base, and the Army there is the boss. If the army wants "hot stuff" laid in this cold weather that is certainly up to them. Also at Stead, we find Isbell Construction with a couple of pulls and a dozer, grading for a school. Geo. Miller has a few rigs on sewers and pipelines.

Brother P. W. Burge's outfit goes along just like clockwork, but then it should, with Brother Edward Gnadig bossing, and Brothers Ray Williams and Freddie Polish on the job, doing all the work for him. Course Brother Burge helps out when he is not too busy elk hunting or playing around.

Brother Howard Johnston has his hands full as Super with the

ANACONDA COPPER

Now down at Anaconda Copper Company, at Weed Heights, the dear Brothers have more trouble and beef and worries than any other place in the great state of Nevada. They have seniority problems, cut-back-in-force troubles, and some other things that I can't even put in this ENGINEERS NEWS article.

On a much more serious note, news has come from Weed Heights, of the accidental death of Brother Cecil Stallard. Brother Stallard came to his death on November 26 at the Weed Heights Sulphur Stock Pile, where he was struck by a truck while he was standing by his Cat. We all wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Brother Lloyd Berger has fully recovered from his illness, and we are very glad to see his smiling face, and hear his hearty laugh again around the Reno area.

Dear Brother Harold "Pineapple" Lewis was on a business trip to Honolulu, Hawaii, expecting to return to Reno on Dec. 19, 1957. I hope he had a smooth trip and an enjoyable one, for he is one good guy.

I hope you haven't forgotten that your one good chance to meet the Brothers who work for you in the main office, down in San Francisco, and see all your local Brothers too, will come on December 20, right here in Nevada . . . Reno, to be exact. And remember that there is to be a By-Law Committee elected. The time is 8 p.m., and the place is 290 N. Arlington St. That is on the corner of Commercial Row and North Arlington (which used to be Chestnut). Let's show the San Francisco Brothers that we have a live bunch up here.

Brother Victor Lambert has really built up an outfit—a Skippie, a ditcher, and a truck or two. He is quite the contractor. More power to you Victor.

Dear Brother Henry "Hanko" Kiechler has finally got it made. Old Big-Shot Hanko has the C & R Motel in Fernley, Nevada (by marriage, of course, but he's got it). So—Brothers, when in Fernley be sure to stop and see Hanko. He will treat you well. I know for I have been there. Good luck, Hanko, in your new lease on life, and especially Good Luck to your lovely wife, for she will need it with you around.

Gibbons and Reed have slowed up somewhat in the past month. They are only working the one shift with Brother Jolley still in the saddle. The traffic problem is still as bad as ever so don't get any funny ideas during the week of going through that section of road without having to wait approximately 50 minutes. The location of this job is from the Nevada State line and thence eight miles west.

Lagrange Construction Company is hard at work up at Squaw Valley, trying to get in all the work possible before the heavy snow catches up with them, and a fine lot of Engineers Brother John DeLagrange has there with Vic Batie as Super and Brother J. Baker, equipment foreman and Brother Larry Juliot, grade foreman. Brother Ray Duvall is on the link belt dragline and Brother Rick Oldham on the 19B back-

Floyd Potter and Curley John Poty (the whistler) are at the Michigan and Skippie. Brother Pfiefer is on a blade, Brothers Morris Hartman and Jim Bonney are making the dozers go. Brother Reggie Fields, Walt Crabtree take care of the Mechanical department. Looks like Brothers Rav Travis, Lou Gates and Harold Beverlin are going to keep those electric pulls on the move steady now. Quite a turnover of engineers there for a while. Yes, and Don Ressois is a pretty good oiler too. And we don't want to forget those two workers who didn't turn prune-pickers, but stay home to keep things going there. Yard boss Mabel and Harold Imelli, Office Bossman.

McCammon & Wunderlich have a few contractors a little envious in that there was some extra money made in the way of overburden at the airport. You know who took the profit. "Hawkeve" Schwartz, "the seeing eye" and foreman spends most of the time in the pickup now, in order to get his \$2 worth of heat?! It seems as though "Headbuster" Wood got the cooler end of the deal, Is "Okie" or Hawkeve going to buy the whiskey? Our apologies for not mentioning the able master mechanic who is Brother Jack Holderman. Junior Martin better learn which heater to fix first. He is the grease truck oiler. By the way if he is doing that, maybe he should have more money.

SEASON'S BEST!

Well, Brothers, another year is nearing its completion and at this time we of the Reno office would like to thank all of the Brothers for the splendid cooperation you have shown us here in Reno. We realize that with the "right to work (wreck) law" here in Nevada we have had some special problems but all in all the special cooperation which we have needed, we have certainly received. We would like to wish each of you the "season's best" in person, so please try to come to the Dec. 20 meeting to be held at the labor temple here in Reno. However for those of you who will not be here please let us extend to you at this time our wish for your very MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Rates in Rico

Washington Pres. Ralph Reiser of the United Glass and Ceramic Workers and James L. Rhodes, industrial organizer of Carpenters, have been named by the Department of Labor to recommend minimum hourly rates in three Puerto Rican industries. They are lumber and wood products; construction, business service and miscellaneous, and stone, clay and ceramics.

HAP HAZARD



Special Notice To Members in Eastern Nevada

The Ely office will be closed after the 14th of December, as I am being transferred back to the Reno office. I will still service the area, but, will be doing so from Reno as before. Will all of the brothers that have correspondence to mail in, PLEASE mail it to the Reno office, 185 Martin Ave., Reno, Nevada. Any CLEARANCES for work, will be issued from the Reno office from now on. Thank you all for your splendid cooperation while I have been in Ely, and may you and all of yours have the very best of everything during the coming holidays, and may next year be even better than this for the work season.

EASTERN NEVADA

The construction work in the eastern part of this state is fast coming to a close for the winter. Most of the road work will be shut down within the next week, and by the time that this paper comes out, there will be practically no road work going on. The dirt moving crews will be down, and there will be very little gravel crushing going on. Some of the jobs are down now.

Dodge Construction Co. has their gravel crew busy and will keep them going for about another month, if possible. They will come back and finish the job at Shoshone in the spring.

The same thing applies to Stewart & Wells Construction Co. at Lund, Nevada.

Rice Construction Co., or rather Rice Bros., Inc., is moving their dirt spread to Brawley, Calif., for the winter. They have a gravel crew going, and will probably work them for another two weeks, and then they will shut them down for the winter. They have a lot of dirt to move on this job, and will be back in the spring to continue work on their job, on Highway 6 at Lund Junction.

Hoops Construction Co., at Secret Pass, in Ruby Valley, is down for this year. They have moved into the yards at Elko, Nevada.

Utah Construction Co., at the tunnel job at Palisade, Nevada, will complete their job there by the middle of December, and will be moving out.

B. C. Richter Co. is still working as much as they can on their job at Clover Valley south of Wells, Nevada, and will keep working until the snows drive them out, which will be done within a couple of weeks, as I see it now. They also have a lot of work to be done on this job in the spring.

At the mines in this section, there has been no further curtailments of manpower, and I think that things may finally be leveling off. The first of next year may bring some changes, as I gather from the talk that is now going around.

Consolidated Copper Mines Corporation at Kimberly, Nevada, is in the process of installing the new Skip hauling system, and should have it in operation by April of next year.

A ravenous gent in Japan Ordered purple plums by the van. To the obvious question, "Won't you get indigestion?"

State Political Conference Set For Jan. 17-18

The California Labor League for Political Education will hold a two-day campaign conference in Los Angeles, January 17-18, it was announced this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL political body.

Haggerty said sessions would be held in the Statler Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The state AFL head declared conference emphasis would be on the following points:

- (1) Voter registration.
- (2) District-by-district review of State Assembly, State Senate, and California Congressional seats.
- (3) Analysis of statewide offices, including Governor and U.S. Senator.

Conference attendance will be limited to delegates from CLLPE locals, councils and political leagues.

Officers up for election in the June primaries will include all 80 Assembly seats, 20 of the 40 State Senate seats, all 30 Congressional seats and 8 statewide offices.

Haggerty said conference invitations would be mailed to all affiliates within the week.

Service to Members Must Guide Papers

Atlantic City, N.J. What is the test of a good labor publication?

AFL-CIO President George Meany, in a principal address to the International Labor Press Association convention here, put it simply:

"I think you have got to be guided by the very same principles that guide the trade union movements. Methods may change, problems may change, but you cannot change the principles that motivated those who set up this movement many years ago.

"The test you have got to apply in meeting these problems or anything to do with them is whether or not the things you are doing serve the interests of the workers who make up the general membership of our unions.

In his keynote address to the ILPA convention, President Gordon H. Cole said that the gathering was the "largest assembly of labor editors ever to meet under one roof."

He called for a major step up in trade union public relations to meet the competition of daily newspapers, slick magazines, radio and TV.

"This is vital if the trade union movement is to survive in this era of mass communication," he said. "Too many union officers are living in an age when most union members went to union meetings."

He added that "our problem today is to increase the proportion of our members who are not only willing but who are equipped with enough information to present the union program intelligently."

Enough working husbands and fathers have built up social security credits so that in the event of their deaths 9 out of 10 mothers and minor children

UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

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

The first phase of the much talked about interstate expressway from North Salt Lake to Pages Lane in Bountiful, was bid December 3, 1957, at a figure of \$1,351,505. The successful bidder being Tiago Construction Company of Salt Lake City and Denver. This job entails about 4½ miles of graded and drained roadway, 1,440,000 yards of Imported Borrow, and a lot of drain and pipe work, etc.; in fact it is a real good job in that it can be worked this winter.

Tiago Construction Company is no stranger by any means, even though this is the first work of this type the Company has ever done in Utah, however, they have had some big road jobs in Wyoming and Colorado, displaying a lot of new and big equipment, ample to complete a job of this size. Local 3 has always maintained very good relations with Jack Cook, Supt. for the Company in this area.

Morrison Knudsen Company was low bidder on the Dinosaur National Park Access Road in Uintah County, at \$325,480. About two miles of this job is in Colorado and the remainder in Utah, this should be a good job to start on as soon as the weather will permit.

L. A. Young and Vernal Sand & Gravel Company were awarded the section of Highway 40 from Fruitland to Tabiona Junction in Duchesne County, and work has started and should continue through the winter, weather permitting. As there is a lot of rock to move on this job and the cold weather does not seem to have much effect on rock work of this type, it should have a good chance to continue.

Contracting Corp., better known as Ralph Prout, has quite a job on the upper Provo River above Woodland and has started work right at Kamp Killcare, making channel changes and diking, with quite a lot of riprap. Two Pulls, three Cats, and a Backhoe on the job, are all wallowing around in about two feet of water and sub zero temperatures, which helps to create more obstacles; however this Company had a very similar job on the same Provo River last year, so they should know how to cope with the situation.

Another such contract on the same river will be bid this month, by the Bureau of Reclamation. As small as these jobs are, they are all appreciated, especially at this time of year, as each one helps to keep our out of work list moving a little.

The Hunter-Granger Sewer is still progressing, encountering some frost, etc., but nevertheless still working with an even Dozen Backhoes on the job and an equal number of Cats etc., and we are happy to report good relations with all companies concerned.

Work elsewhere around Salt Lake City is very slow at this time, but prospects of a good year ahead.

Tolboe and Harlon are working a small crew on the new Federal Reserve Bank at First South State Street, and another on the sewage treatment plant at 40th South and 6th West.

Stearns-Rogers and Fluor Corp., are still working small crews at Utah Oil Refinery.

Pro Con Company is stepping up tempo on the platform cracker at Phillips Petroleum and expect to reach peak of construction by January 1, 1958.

J. K. Thayne Company is still working on his Bureau of Reclamation job at Bountiful and should continue most of this winter.

All in all the work situation could be worse and with prospects of a good season ahead

and of Tiago starting on the new Highway program, we still have plenty to look forward to.

Northern Area

There has been very little new activity in the construction industry in this area the past month. The majority of the employers have been able to maintain about the same work force the past three or four weeks, so the out of work list has stayed about the same.

There is considerable work in the planning stage, but it appears as though it will continue to be slow in getting started. The weather will no doubt have some effect on how soon some of the jobs get underway.

The Morrison & Knudsen Construction Company job on the Great Salt Lake Crossing Project for the Southern Pacific Railroad is still going strong which is a tremendous asset to the employment situation. The job is operating on a seven day week around the clock basis with approximately 400 Operating Engineers busy keeping the fill moving. About the only thing that has any drastic effect on the curtailment of operations of this project is the high winds which creates quite a problem with the equipment working on the water. There is very little change in the status of this job (barring high winds and adverse weather) scheduled before early spring when the Lakeside operation and the Euclid haul on the fill is expected to get under way again which should require a few additional engineers.

At the present time, men are busy driving and loading coyote holes in both quarries on this job, in preparation for one of the largest non-atomic explosions ever detonated in this country. This blast is scheduled to be set off in early January and it is anticipated this shot will quarry sufficient material to complete the rock fill.

A high mark was reached on this project when during a thirty day period in excess of two million yards of material was placed in the fill.

Several other jobs are still in operation which should keep a number of the regular crews busy for some time, including the Fife job from Roy to Hiway 38. Larsen Construction Company on the Ram Jet Engine testing facilities at Little Mountain; Davis & Butler Construction Company on the North Davis Sewage Disposal Plant and Gateway Power Plant; Tolboe & Harlin Construction Company on the Weber Disposal Plant, with Sorenson Construction Company doing the dirt work; Waterfall Construction Company on Riverdale Sewer lines and Natural Gas services in and around Ogden.

Southern Section

Completion of the big fill at Wellington, Utah, by the Morrison & Knudsen Company, resulted in a big lay off of Operating Engineers. They have maintained a small crew on the Cats and for that we are happy. The job came at a good time and afforded work to many fine operators. Disagreements and a few misunderstandings marred the serenity of the job. Whenever that many men, and as much equipment are concentrated as

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

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

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

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

Kennecott Copper meetings, Wednesday, January 29, 1957, 7:30 p.m. at the Midvale Library Auditorium.

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

NOTICE: ALL CONSTRUCTION AND SAND & GRAVEL MEETINGS WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE BIG MEETING ON DECEMBER 19, 1957 AT THE LABOR TEMPLE ANNEX, 161 South 2nd East, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 8 p.m.

was the situation on that job, these conditions seem to be inevitable.

American Bridge Company crews have nearly completed erection of the red iron for the building on the Wellington Mills. This Company has maintained crews on three erection cranes during this job. Bro. Jim Estes operating the Northwest Truck Crane, and Bro. Bob Ford oiling. Bro. Armond "Ham" Hawley operating the 35 ton P & H Truck Crane with Bro. Bill Black from Huntington, Utah, oiling. Bro. Bill Barnes has been operating the Manitowoc with 170 feet of boom in it. Bro. Bob Roberts handling the oiling chore. Bro. Dell Simmons at the air tigger and Bro. Carl "Dutch" Steel manning the Compressor. Bro. Gale Madsen repairing the air tools and Bro. Frank Jenkins on the carrier completes this crew and a very fine crew it is.

A stir of activity from the Glen Canyon Area provided clearances for five mechanics from our office and a promise for more. We had some concern about this work lately, when it was reported the M.C.S. Company had shifted their exploration for aggregate to the Arizona side. Their return to the Wah Weep on the Utah side has let us breathe again, and the clearances aforementioned have made us confident. We anticipate a good long job for many members at this project.

W. W. Clyde & Company are busy building a camp on their job at the Cocks Comb on the Glen Canyon road. We predict increased activity on this job by the next issue.

The L. A. Young Company crews are all busy at present, and the location of their jobs indicate very little time lost this winter.

Whiting and Haymond Company were low bidders on an 8 mile section of road between Bryce Canyon and Cannonville. The low bid was \$308,472.10, the engineers estimate, \$333,167.22. This job may be worked this winter, depending on the weather.

Utah Construction Co.

We don't have a very good report to make on the Iron Mines at Cedar City. Curtailment of orders for Iron ore has resulted in a somewhat drastic curtailment of man power at the mines during the past month. There is, however, some optimism expressed among Management there, that at least part of the curtailment of orders, is because the consumers want to reduce their stock pile inventories at the steel mills by the end of the year and should result in an improved situation early in 1958.

At the Bingham Tunnel our

report is certainly on the brighter side. The work is going full speed ahead. The heading crews are in at the seven thousand foot point as of now. The ground is good, and indications, according to the engineers, are that it will continue good for quite some time. The concrete crew stay right on the heels of the heading crew and fortunately have not lost any time for several months on account of bad ground. We wish everything around the State was as good work-wise as at the Tunnel.

While we are at Bingham, we'll report on the situation at the huge Kennecott Open Pit Copper Mine. Low Copper prices and slow market have taken their toll at Kennecott properties in the area. These properties are the Mine at Bingham, the Mills at Magna, Arthur and the refinery at Garfield. These properties normally employ in excess of six thousand people. Cuts have been made all the way down the line right up to Main Street, the Company tells us. We haven't been hit as hard as some other units because the Company is trying to maintain the same production schedule and of course can not do so by cutting of shovels, etc. We don't believe it would have hurt Kennecott to have held the lay-off until after Christmas, their highest State tax was just paid which was in excess of nine million dollars.

At Vitro Uranium we have had a good year. Quite a large sum of money has been expended there, revamping the operations and an extra crew has been busy on the Roasters on an experimental deal. These two projects are near an end and the Company says they will have to wait the results of the Roaster experimental run before they can announce the future of that operation.

Western Phosphate at Garfield is normal. They will soon enter the shipping season which will mean jobs for quite a number of extra men for a few months.

San Francisco Chemical Mines up above Randolph, supplies phosphate to Western, and are

Season's Greetings!

We, your Business Agents, along with the office personnel, Wanda, Chloe, Lucille and Gail, wish to extend Season's Greetings to all Members and their families. May it include Best Wishes for a warm and joyful Christmas and the beginning of a bright and cheerful New Year which will bring forth prosperity, peace and happiness.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

Q. I have been suffering from Parkinson's Disease for several years. So far, no cure has been discovered, but my doctor tells me science may find a cure some day. Since this may not be a permanent disability, would you advise me to postpone filing a social security disability application.

A. Our advice would be to file an application, to be on the safe side. If your social security record is "frozen" now because of disability, it can be "unfrozen" if you recover some time in the future. Research may some day produce cures for many diseases now classes as "incurable".

Q. I am 70 years old, and receiving social security benefits. Is there any way I can get some extra money for my son? He is 39 years old, but he has never been able to support himself because of a brain injury he received as a baby.

A. Your son may be eligible for benefits under a new provision of the social security law. Get in touch with your social security office promptly to discuss it.

Q. My social security benefits are only \$40 a month. They would have been higher, except that I was injured at the age of 59 so I didn't earn anything for six years before I was 65. Someone told me this had been changed. (I still can't work.)

A. Yes, you may be eligible to apply for the "disability freeze." This will permit refiguring your social security benefit rate, so those six years won't count against you. See your local social security office promptly for more information.

operating at a normal level.

Lang Company has taken a few mechanics lately in the tractor shop for a winter job. Sand and gravel never did get into high gear during 1957 and of course the cold now is taking its regular winter toll. Super Keith Bradley, that ball of fire on the Pre-stress project is keeping a sizeable crew busy, seven days a week and some overtime. We hope that he can keep them busy through the winter.

State Road

On Wednesday, November 27, we called on the Governor at his office and solicited his assistance to help get the ugly mess of this so-called wage raise straightened out. He reiterated his previous stated position that he wants to see the State workers on a par with competitive industry. We left him with a contract which we have in effect with the Sand & Gravel industry in the State and some other data and he assured us that he would study the information with an aim to get the matter straightened out. He did indicate an amount of time would be necessary to accomplish this and we are awaiting his answer at this writing. We shall continue to prod this matter in every direction where any good can be done.

Women spend at least 75 per cent of their time sitting down, as figures show.

Be Careful: The fall of the year may not mean the weather!

STOCKTON EYES OUTLOOK FOR '58

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

Since this is the last report for the 1957 year, and as a rule a quiet month as far as construction work is concerned because of the weather and the holiday season, we will take this opportunity to give a quick run down on the 1957 year and the work

As you probably know by this time, the Tri Dam Project which was carried over from the preceding year was our biggest source of employment. This job finished in July with the exception of Tullock Dam which was under construction by the Arundel-Dixon Companies and was completed in November. Whenever a large job is completed, the labor market is flooded causing area unemployment until such time as a new job can be found for these people both locally and in other districts. This situation is hard to overcome whenever the district in which it occurs does not have enough new work to absorb these craftsmen, which happened here in the Stockton area.

On the brighter side of the picture was the awarding of Cherry Valley Tunnels job to Guy F. Atkinson and the Arundel-Dixon Companies with Atkinson sponsoring the job. This, of course, helped to alleviate the labor supply as did the unusually heavy demand for land levelers and some small contracts that were let which also needed a few men, leaving us at this time with an out of work list no larger than previous years.

Under new work for 1958 is the preparation of plans by the City of Stockton for the following projects:

1. Bridge at El Dorado St. over the Calaveras River.
2. Bridge at Pershing Ave. over the Calaveras River.
3. Underpass on Harding Way at Sacramento and Union Sts.
4. Overpass on El Dorado St. at Center St.
5. Subway on Harding St.

The two bridges over the Calaveras River will probably be called for bids in January or February with the other three projects later in the year.

Bonds were voted October 8, 1957, in the amount of \$6,702,000 and federal financing is being sought to help construction costs.

A. Teichert & Son were the low bidders to the State in excess of \$600,000 to grade and pave Highway 50 from the Bowman Road near French Camp into Stockton. This job entails one bridge and two culverts that might be worked in bad weather.

Jackson-Hopkins Company on the Tracy outfall sewer line are running into difficulties as they are digging below the existing water table and are getting a lot of cave in. At this time, they are taking the trenching machine off and using a backhoe.

MOUNTAIN JOBS

B. Miles Thomas of San Francisco are working on the Clavey River Bridge and approaches trying to get as much of the job completed before the snow shuts them down. This is the job that was awarded to Trans-Western Construction and who, which was no surprise to us, threw in the sponge and called it quits causing the bonding company to hire B. Miles Thomas to complete the job for them.

Also in this same vicinity Harold Hastings of Lakeport has started his eight miles of Forest Service access road near Long Barn which was not contemplated until next year. However, they have been taking advantage of good weather up to this time.

Beerman & Jones of Sonora

have broken all records this fall having been the successful bidders on two jobs at the same time. One is for the Twain Harte School District consisting of site work and drainage structure in the amount of \$33,733 and the other for Improvement District No. 1 of Jamestown for sanitary sewer system and pumping plant at \$55,549.

W. C. Tait Company of San Francisco have A. Teichert and Son doing the excavating and grading for the new Mohawk Rubber Company Plant to be erected on Sharps Lane.

M. & K. Corporation were the successful bidders for the new grandstand at the County fairgrounds but as of this writing they have no engineers working on the job.

MOKELUMNE JOB

Lord & Bishop have started the bridge job across the Mokelumne River three miles west of Thornton. Moe Sand Company is hauling the sand in with barges for the approaches. They have a clamshell unloading the barges and a cat and carryall hauling the sand to the approaches.

Joe Richards has moved in on his levee job at Lodi with three cats and three rubber tired rigs. This levee is to protect Lodi from high water in the Mokelumne River.

Transocean Engineering Co. at Martell have practically finished the dirt and rock on their Highway 88 job and are starting to lay off men. They have a new crusher and hot plant set up at Buena Vista. They will probably not get any hot mix laid unless the weather stays good.

Work in the Lodi area has slowed down. Rice Bros. have moved most of their equipment to Ely, Nevada and Brawley, California.

Claude C. Wood Co. keep a few brothers busy around Lodi on small jobs and a county road job south of Modesto.

Atwater Underground Construction Co. have a few weeks of work left on their sewer job at Altaville. They have started to move some of the equipment to Byron where they have a new job.

McClintock Const. Co. is finishing up his job three miles above Angels Camp for the Folsom Prison Honor Farm. He has a dozer and a loader cleaning up around the buildings. These buildings are pretty fancy for an honor farm.

Brothers, the Blood Club is depleted again and we request that you do something about it. It takes but a little time on your part and with the rainy season upon us there is no reason for not finding the time. Brother B. H. Heuston has been the long contributor these past months. Our hats off to you, Brother Heuston.

As we approach the holiday season, we of the Stockton Office would like to extend to you and yours a sincere Merry Christmas and a joyous and prosperous New Year.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Rett Co., 4551 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacto., \$104,611, for 2 bridges & 5 culverts to be const. at various locations in SO-

Construction Awards

Compiled by P. E. Vandewark

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874 25th Ave., S.F., \$15,538, for laying of 4" 7 8" cast iron water mains in Mariette Park Subid.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Galbraith Const. Co., 993 Blossom Way, Hayward, \$67,042, for const. of Line K-5 in Hayward, Zone 2 Proj. for the Alameda Flood Control Dist.

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to S. H. Cervantes, P.O. Box 475, Fairfax, \$41,699, for const. Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary outfall sewer in MARIN COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY UTAH, Contract awarded to The Contracting Corp., 319 Dooly Bldg., Salt Lake City, \$45,044, for 0.911 mi. const. conc. brdg. over 29' span, UTAH COUNTY, on SH115 over Spanish Fork River.

DEL PASO HEIGHTS Contract awarded to M. R. Carpenter, 907 Front St., Sacramento, \$126,718, for const. underground utils., incl. water, storm drain, etc. at the College in Sacto.

Camp KANE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Claude C. Wood Co., P.O. Box 5991, Lodi, \$149,716, for 2.0 mi. lgh. to be graded & paved w/ptmx. surf. on untr. base, an East Modesto Rd., betw. Service & Hatch Roads STANISLAUS COUNTY.

REEDLEY, Contract awarded to Person & Bullard, 1514 Sycamore St., Turlock, \$47,509, for alter. irrig. ditch on East Ave., involv. 10,450 lft. 42" poured in plc. conc. pipe.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacto., \$62,049, for improve Avenue Circle & Right of Ways within & adj. to River Park No. 8.

HOOPA, Contract awarded to F & W Const. Co., P.O. Box 217, Ukiah, \$49,963, for const. bridge 92' long over Sootish Creek & 0.21 mi. grade rd. approaches on Rt. P-11 & const. extns. to abutment wing wall 20' long, on brdge. over Supply Creek on R. S-12, loc. approx. 3 mi. from Area Field Hdqtrs., Hoopa Indian Reservation, Hoopa, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgomery St., S.F., \$101,101, for site & foundation work at Home Office Bldg., S.F. State College, San Francisco.

TWAIN HARTE, Contract awarded to Beerman & Jones, P.O. Box 698, Sonora, \$33,733, for site work & drain. strucs. at Twain Harte Elem. School.

HAYWARD, Contract awarded to Watkin & Sibbald, 6 Bridge Ave., San Anselmo, \$87,902, for site impvt. at Tennyson Hi School.

FRESNO, Contract awarded to Wm. M. Lyles Co., P.O. Box 495, Avenal, \$26,419, for const. water dist. system.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., P.O. Box 2087, Stockton, \$14,484, for const. of trunk line storm water sewer, to serve Brookside Village in the city of Stockton.

Poisoning by toxic dusts is much more likely when they are inhaled than if they are swallowed. Dusts that reach the lungs can pass directly into the blood and be distributed to all parts of the body. Workers eat only three times a day and thus limit somewhat the possibility of taking in poisonous dusts. But they breathe sixteen times a minute.

Help Wanted

WANTED: Female workers. Will pay slightly less than 16c an hour.

WANTED: Dishwashers. Will pay same wage as in 1941.

WANTED: Roofers, Painters, Carpenters. Will pay 27c an hour in "brass money."

WANTED: Butchers. Will pay \$21 a week less than Butchers in Los Angeles.

No California employer in his right mind would waste his money on such absurd newspaper ads. Neither would any California worker in his right mind respond to any of these ads—not yet that is! But it is possible that these ads could appear and receive response in at least three "Right-to-Work" states today.

A recent AFL-CIO survey reveals that Arkansas' minimum wage for women workers in local business is set at 15.6 cents an hour. However, the report notes that in 1956 wages as low as \$7 a week (15½ cents an hour) were being paid in some counties of Arkansas—a "Right-to-Work" state.

Employers in "Right-to-Work" states use many dodges to avoid paying fair wages. Not the least of these is the employment of farm help—exempt from the minimum wage law—as skilled craftsmen at incredibly low rates.

One of these exploited workers has written to the AFL-CIO Building & Construction Trades Dept. to tell of his employment as a tenant farmer near Rome, Georgia—a "Right-to-Work" state. Paid \$3 for an 11-hour day, the worker was used on roofing, painting and carpentry jobs. For 26 days of work, he received \$78—slightly over 27 cents an hour. Pay-day comes only once a month in the form of "brass money" which is good only at the employer's commissary.

In Arizona, another "Right-to-Work" state, wages for Culinary Workers have actually decreased since passage of the union-busting legislation. Prior to its enactment, Dishwashers were paid \$8 a day plus their meals. Within a few months after passage, the wages of some Dishwashers had been lowered to as little as \$1.25 a day plus board. This was lower than the 1941 wage of \$1.50 a day plus meals.

The Meat Cutters in Arizona have also felt the repercussions of the "Right-to-Work" in their state. In 1937, the members of Local 109 in Tucson, Arizona, enjoyed the same wages and conditions as their brother members in Los Angeles. Today, however, the Arizona Butchers are \$18 to \$21 a week behind those in Los Angeles and they do not receive health and welfare benefits, a pension plan and many other fringes that have been secured for the Los Angeles Butchers.

These are typical examples of how "Right-to-Work" legislation confer on the worker the right to have his wages cut, the right to go from employer to employer seeking work at whatever wages can be got, the right to be deprived of benefits.

Make no mistake about it; the reactionary men who are now directing the "Right-to-Work" campaign in California have as their aim the reduction of the California worker's economic status to that in Arkansas, Georgia and Arizona.

This is the law that Senator William F. Knowland admittedly wants to inflict on California labor—the law which he will work to pass if he becomes Governor of California—the law which will turn the industrial relations clock back 50 years.

SALT LAKE CITY, Contract awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., Box 231, Springville, Utah, \$1,203, 416, for 5.401 mi. 2½" rdmx. bit. surf. & conc. bridge over 20' span on SHR No. 259 from Cock's Comb to Paria River, KANE COUNTY.

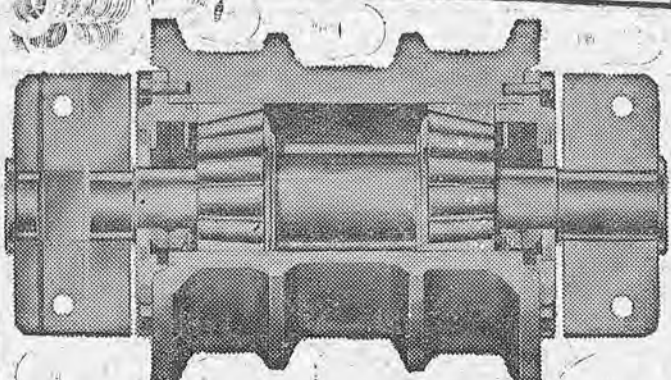
CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Hoops Const. Co., P.O. Box 431, Twin Falls, Idaho, \$400,197, for const. 10.985 mi. secondary hwy. sys. on FAS No. 619, betw. Cordero Mine & McDermitt, in HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NEVADA.

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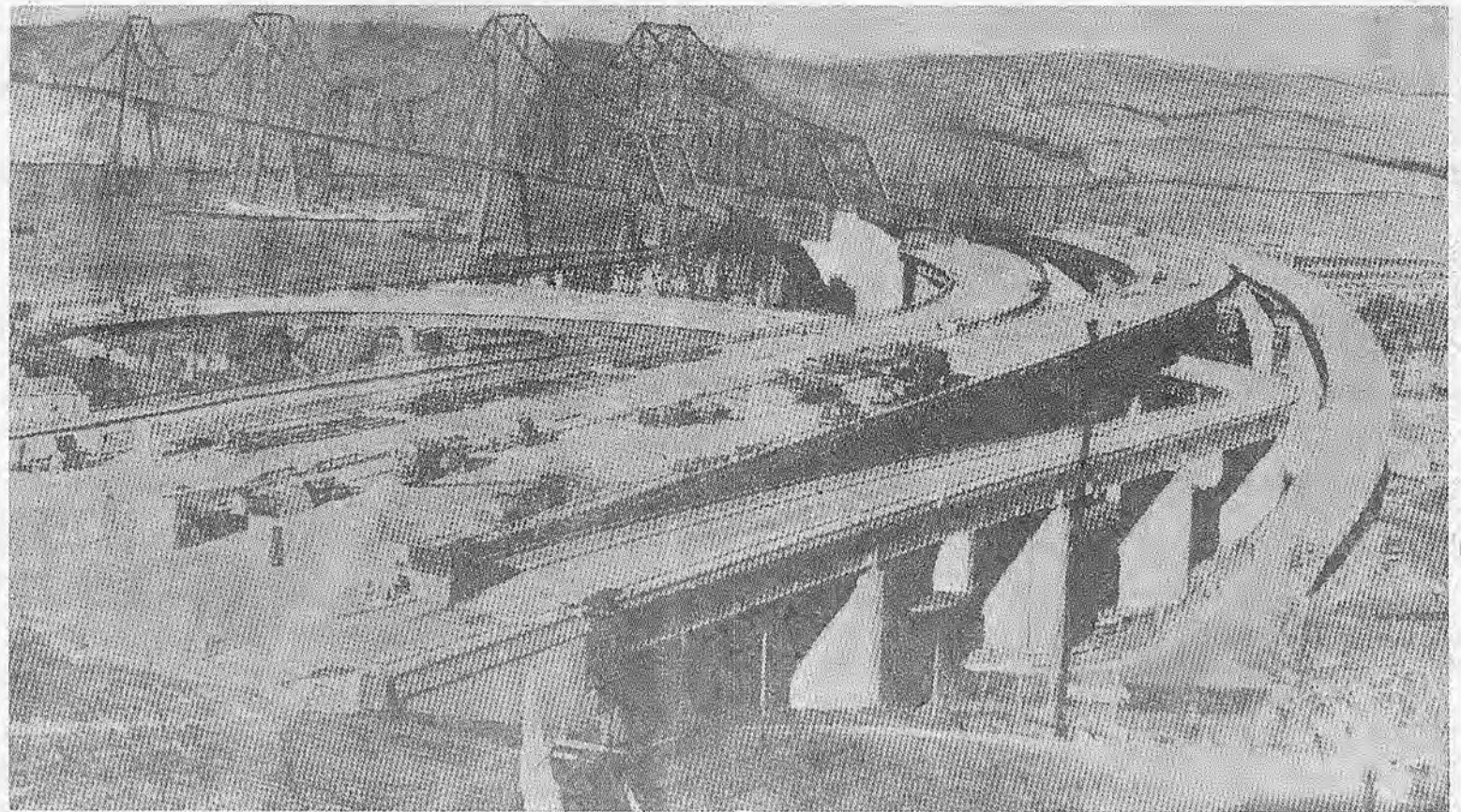
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CARQUINEZ CRISS-CROSS—Work is on schedule on the \$40 million bottleneck-buster which soon will let you drive unhampered, except by a million other cars, from the Bay to the first open stretches of Sacramento valley. Heart of the giant open-up project is the Carquinez crossing. The mate to the present bridge is yawning over the chasm in fine fashion these days;

its first tower is visible in this picture; the bridge is a \$26 million job. The massive approach system, in foreground, is another contract, a third job is the enormous cut-and-fill process this side of the approach, and the fourth is the hurricane path being cut thru Vallejo area on other side of the river.

Protect Yourself With a Safety Clause!

(If You're Buying or Renting Equipment, or Placing Contracts)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Since many of our members have gone or are going into business for themselves, the following information from the Calif. State Division of Industrial Safety is particularly important. Safety is everyone's business!)

More and more employers are coming to realize the value of "safety clauses" in contracts for purchasing or leasing of equipment and machinery, and in contracts for installations and buildings.

There is no doubt that employers would be spared the cost of corrections on equipment, machinery, and buildings to make them conform with Safety Orders, if proper attention to California requirements were given at the time of purchase or construction.

Employers who have been farsighted enough to include a "safety clause" in their contracts have often reaped much benefit from it. Here are a few examples.

In buying a gantry crane, one of our shipyards stipulated in the purchase order that it must be up to the requirements of our Safety Orders. On checking the crane when it arrived, it was discovered to be not up to standard, and the manufacturer had to bring it up to standard at a cost of \$5,000. But for the protective clause, the employer would have been out that amount.

In another instance, the Division was asked to make an in-

spection of a major piece of equipment that had just been installed at a refinery. More than a dozen violations of Safety Orders were noted, and of course had to be corrected. However, as the refinery's purchase contract had specified that the equipment must conform with State Safety Orders, they were spared the great expenses that were necessary to bring the machine up to standard.

Another example concerns a joint venture by two major companies, whose contract for the construction of buildings and for equipment to be installed included a safety clause.

Inspection by a Division engineer revealed 84 violations, which of course the contractor had to correct. By the inclusion of the safety clause, the companies engaged in the joint venture saved themselves a small fortune.

In order to aid employers in this objective, the Division's Bulletin 135 strongly advises employers to have some such phrase as the following included in their contracts:

"The articles covered by this

LUNG TROUBLE CAUSED ON THE JOB KILLS 2,000 YEARLY

Dust anywhere is not beneficial, especially if there is too much of it. Also when dust irritates the lungs and breathing passages, it becomes a serious threat to health.

The lungs and breathing passages can tolerate a considerable amount of ordinary dust, but too much of the harmful kind bring on lung diseases. The more serious lung diseases are caused by dust from silica, coal, beryllium, bauxite, asbestos, talc, and mica. The minor ones come from iron, bagasse (the vegetable fiber of sugar cane),

and cotton.

Workers employed in the mining of hard coal, gold, copper, silver, and zinc and in quarrying, grinding and sandblasting of granite, sandstone and quartz, make up the known cases of silicosis under workmen's compensation. Foundry workers exposed to sandblasting have been victims of the disease. Iron welders develop a bronchitis sometimes, but it disappears with no ill effects if they cease exposure. Iron deposits in the lungs sometimes make an x-ray of the lungs look similar to silicosis. But iron inhalation produces no true disability.

The best safety precaution is to prevent dusts from reaching the breathing area. This can be done by one of three methods:

●Controls to stop dust at its source, or greatly reduce it; or wet processes in place of dry;

●Precautions against allowing dust to escape into the plant (exhaust ventilation);

●Individual respirator protection.

If you are in doubt about the amount and kind of dust to which you are exposed, ask for a dust count, by engineers, called industrial hygienists.

Increasing realization of the value of the safety clause is seen in the joint resolution of the Governmental Agencies Section and the Construction Section at the last Governor's Industrial Safety Conference in Los Angeles last February.

The resolution urges all local, State, and federal agencies to clearly require in their contracts for public works, full compliance by contractors with State Safety Orders.

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ENGINEER EROSION—On the rugged coastline of Northern California, wind and wave have carved some giant statuary out of giant cliffs. This aerial view shows how much quicker process of erosion that is performed by Operating Engineers. It is a federal aid secondary road 20 miles north of Fort Bragg. Cuts on this job ran to 326 feet in height,

made in 50-foot drops to benches down to the shoreline, with the waste being tossed to the pounding waves. The 76-day job was wrapped up by Thanksgiving, after much head-beating over the problems involved and a total of 837,000 cubic yards moved. (For more details see Ukiah report.)

In the Islands—

ISLAND BEEF IS CLEARED;
NEW CONTRACTS SIGNED

By OTTO E. NEVER, Business Representative

The report from District 15, the islands of the Pacific, shows the usual problems and benefits that all our representatives and organizers face throughout the territory of Local 3.

Since the visit of our manager, Brother Carman, we have been faced with a wildcat strike at one of our biggest projects, the Meyers, McKee and Nordic job, a \$21½ million Capehart housing at Schofield Barracks. We are sincerely grateful for the complete support given this office by Brother Carman in this matter and by the unanimous support accorded us by Brothers Richard Gray, president of the Building Trades Department; and Maurice Hutcheson, general president of the Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Through the efforts of a small group of dictatorial labor representatives a chaotic condition which they had started was changed to a sweeping victory for the Basic Crafts and the support of public opinion for our move to ignore the strike and to continue to work. We were told by the dictatorial minority and I quote, "that unless we went along with their program they had ways and means to take care of us physically or otherwise." From this statement I am sure that our Brothers throughout the jurisdiction of Local 3 realize how we felt when Brother Carman gave us his complete support.

This small minority, which has attacked our organizing program, had very nearly broke our friendly contractors by wildcat strikes and their refusal to furnish two of the key subcontractors. This small minority even defied President Richard Gray's letter to abandon the strike and to live up to our agreements. We can now report that we, the majority of the building tradesmen have complete control of the situation and are signing new contracts because of the confidence we have inspired in the contractors and the general public, that we intend to live up to our contracts and to secure the best conditions possible for our membership; and we intend to do it legally and not by goon tactics.

At the present time, in addition to the \$21½ million Capehart building program at Schofield Barracks, there is an additional \$2½ million building program that will start in about 90 days or less at Fort Shafter and Tripler General Hospital. The successful bidder on this job was M. J. Brock and Son of Los Angeles. An additional \$400,000 contract for Capehart housing at Lualualei and Barbers Point will undoubtedly be let to Lenn Construction Company of Los Angeles. Additional Capehart housing contracts will be let as fast as we can supply the building tradesmen for the jobs. We are patiently waiting for a report on the commencement of the \$40 million Standard Oil refinery job at Ewa which will eventually entail about \$100,000 in construction because of the moving of other industries into this area to support the refinery.

On the island of Kauai things are at pretty much of a standstill as no new work has been let and other than some road work which will be let this coming spring or summer, there is not much possibility of keeping all of our Brothers busy on that island. They will have to be transferred to other parts of this district in order to keep them busy.

ON OAHU

Here on the island of Oahu all

of our members are busy and we are now in the process of negotiating a contract with the Hercules Construction Company and with the Nehi Beverage Company of Hawaii, Limited. This may be a surprise to some of our members on the mainland, to deviate from the industries on the mainland, but here on the islands, we are attempting to organize the unorganized in every manner possible and in every industry possible to make more secure our bargaining power and also to offer greater opportunities to our membership.

At the time of this writing we are negotiating with State Tile Limited, for a 16½ per cent increase. So far we have agreed on four paid holidays, two weeks vacation with pay, health and welfare, and union shop and preferential hiring. We are asking an additional 10 cents an hour straight across the board for all classifications. As our contract expired on November 15, our members voted to strike and walked off the job on December 1.

The over-all picture here on the island of Oahu is very bright now that we have been able to prove to the contractors our ability and willingness to live up to and fulfill our agreements. We hope to have a steady and continuous signing of agreements with the various contractors.

On the island of Molokai the tunnel job reported in our previous issue is still hanging fire. We have no definite date as to when the job will start.

The island of Maui has no progress to report. We look forward to the building of hotels by American Factors and the Matson hotels. This will entail between \$10 and \$20 million and will be a continuous building process over a period of several years.

THE BIG ISLAND

On the island of Hawaii, also known as the Big Island, we are anxious to start organizing but because of the fact that it is such a distance away, we are unable to organize and police the island at this time. However, at Kawaihae on the northwest portion of the island, the Pacific Dredging Company now has their dredge ready to commence work by the 16th of December and should be going full tilt by that time. We expect to have a full crew on the job at that time and the work should continue for a period of at least 10 months. It is our hope that the Pacific Dredging Company will be able to keep this dredge in the territory continuously so that we will have a competitor for the Hawaiian Dredging Company, which will eventually assist us in organizing Hawaiian Dredging and any other dredging company that might enter the territory.

We again wish at this time to pay tribute to the assistance of Brother Carman, our business manager, in helping us to organize.

Also without the loyal support of the membership we could accomplish nothing. Such members as Yukio Arashiro, Lawrence Tavares, Eddie Ulmer, Tim Byrne, Freddie Mallabey, Solomon Maunu, Wilbur Collis and John Kepilino, our able steward

Jobless
Benefits

Q. May I collect disability insurance while I am pregnant?

A. Only if medical evidence proves your disability is due to other causes and is not in any way connected with the pregnancy.

Q. May I collect disability insurance during a trade dispute?

A. No, unless: (1) the disability was caused by an accident, or required hospitalization, and (2) was not caused by the trade dispute and did not arise out of the trade dispute, and (3) would have occurred had there been no trade dispute.

Q. If my employer continues to pay me wages, may I collect disability benefits?

A. If your employer pays you less than your weekly wage, you may receive disability benefits for the difference between the regular weekly wage and the amount paid by your employer, up to your maximum weekly benefit amount. (Wages do not affect the receipt of hospital confinement benefits).

Q. If I am disabled and confined to a hospital, what benefits can I get?

A. If your disability began prior to Jan. 1, 1958, you may receive hospital confinement benefits of \$10 per day up to a maximum of 12 days and basic benefits ranging from \$10 to \$40 per week during a disability benefit period. If your disability begins on or after Jan. 1, 1958, you may receive hospital confinement benefits of \$12 per day up to a maximum of 20 days and basic benefits ranging from \$10 to \$50 per week.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

MOFFETT FIELD, Contract awarded to Sondgroth Bros., P.O. Box 1055, Mt. View, \$19,333, for patch & resurf. portions of certain station roads & streets, incl. but not limited to, patching as required, tack coat, pltx. surf., seal coat & traffic paint restripin as necessary at Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, Calif.

SAN LORENZO, Contract awarded to Krull & Pacheaco, Box 408, Decoto, \$40,250, for site work on upper grades sch. Part 1, in San Lorenzo Sch. Dist., loc. on Via Barrett at intersec. of Bachman Rd., San Lorenzo.

FRESNO, Contract awarded to Larios & Volpa, 3606 Tyler, Fresno, \$44,903, for paving streets in Northgate No. 2 Tract 1594, bounded by W. Gettysburg, N. Teliman, W. Shaw & N. Fruit Ave., city of Fresno.

at the Capehart project; and, of course, our co-worker Brother Raymond Aki at Kauai. These and many more, too numerous to mention, have even lost their jobs many times because of their sincere efforts to help Local 3 succeed in its organizing program.

I wish also to thank the entire membership for their continued unanimous support of myself in the various matters that have appeared before us in our meetings. Certainly, our union cannot help but succeed as long as we have the complete cooperation and confidence that we now have in our membership in this area.

In closing it is my hope that this message will reach all of our members before the holiday season and that I may wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Workers Income Drops—
But Dividends Go Up

Total personal income dropped during September for the first time since December 1956, with workers in the commodity-producing sector of the economy showing the heaviest loss, according to the monthly report of the Commerce Dept.

Total income, which was running at an annual rate of \$346.8 billion in August, dipped \$300 million to \$346.5 billion in September. The producers—workers in manufacturing, construction, mining, forestry, agriculture and fishing—saw their annual rate drop to \$101.9 billion compared to \$102.8 billion in August and \$103 billion in July.

Wage and salary payments decreased for the first time since April, hitting an annual rate of \$241.2 billion after reaching a record \$241.7 billion in August. Proprietors and rental income sagged from \$51.2 billion in August to \$51.1 billion.

On the other hand, personal interest and dividends continued their upward climb. They rose to an annual rate of \$31.7 billion, compared to \$31.6 billion in August and \$31.4 billion in July.

YOUR JOBLESS BENEFITS

Following is another installment in a series of questions about California's employment security system and authentic answers supplied by the Department of Employment. The following continues a discussion of the disability insurance program.

Q. Do I have to report to an office each week while sick, or send someone for my checks?

A. No, you do not report each week in person. Checks are mailed to you from the disability Insurance District Office, with a continued claim form attached which you complete and return by mail if you remain disabled.

Q. Must a doctor sign the forms, and if so, why?

A. The Code requires that a physician, licensed in California or any other state, or a Federal medical officer, must sign the physician's statement on the first claim, certifying that you are disabled. For disabilities beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1958, a physician licensed in any foreign country also may sign the physician's statement on the first claim.

Q. May a dentist or a chiropractor sign the claim form?

A. Yes. Doctors authorized to sign your medical certificate include a physician and surgeon, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, dentist, or chiropodist who holds a valid license from the state in which he is practicing; or an authorized medical officer of a United States Government medical facility if you are hospitalized in or under the care of the facility. For disabilities beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1958, similar doctors in a foreign

country also may sign your medical certificate.

Q. May a religious practitioner sign a claim form?

A. Yes, if the claimant in good faith adheres to the teachings of a bona fide church, sect, denomination or organization which depends for healing entirely upon prayer or spiritual means and the practitioner is accredited by the Department.

Q. If I adhere to a religious belief where healing entirely by prayer or spiritual means prevails, can I be exempt from disability insurance and the 1 per cent tax?

A. Yes, if the religious denomination is accredited by the Department and you file with the Department a Religious Exemption Certificate.

Q. If I draw out all my state disability insurance, why can't I file another claim immediately if still disabled?

A. The law provides a maximum amount payable equal to the sum of 26 times your weekly benefit amount for any uninterrupted period of disability. A recovery or return to your regular and customary work for more than 14 days must take place before another claim can be filed.

Nineteen of the peaks of the Andes mountains exceed 20,000 feet altitude.



To you—our sincere appreciation for your friendship and best wishes for the coming year.

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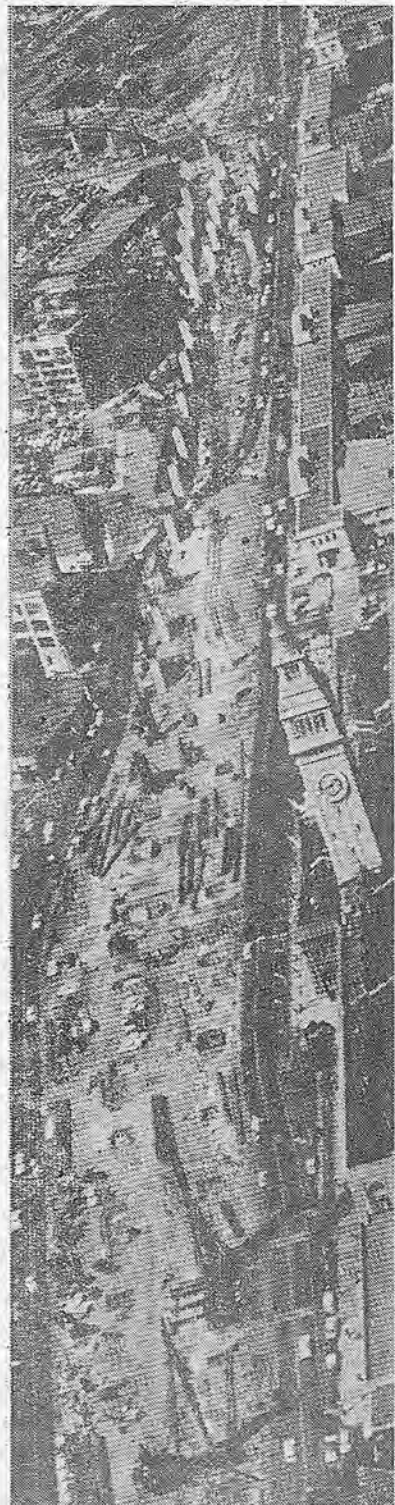
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San Mateo, Hub of the Peninsula Big Real Estate Projects Are Help to Job Situation in This Area

By CHET ELLIOTT and BILL RANEY, Business Representatives

It appears as though we are exceptionally lucky in the San Mateo District as far as employment for the members of Local No. 3 is concerned. About the time of the year some of the State Highway and city street jobs are completed, then new real estate development projects open up. The H. Earl Parker Company of Marysville, California, were the successful bidders on five million yards of earth moving for the McKeon Development Co., at Colma, where they are to grade two hundred acres of hilly land to accommodate one thousand homes. Superintendents "Slim" Alt and Albert Parker, assisted by Master Mechanic brother Moffatt and Foremen Brothers Sid Murray, L. W. Brown and B. Murray, together with a large crew of cat and rubber tire operators, are endeavoring to get started on this large earth moving project. Several cat and rubber tire operators have been cleared from this office to the job the past week.

Oddstadt Homes, at the Farm Hill Subdivision in Redwood City, are starting work on the grading of another unit of this huge real estate development project. The J. O. Archibald Co. have sub-contracted the grading of lots and streets. Brother Robert Smith who is superintendent on this work, has operators and oilers, Brothers Hutchinson, Dennon, Thomas, Kelly, Gansberger Pietrick, Griffith and Shouse on the job at the



EMBARCADERO FREEWAY—This aerial view shows progress made thus far on the \$40 million freeway connection between the Bay's two famed bridges. There is a lull on the big job these winter days, but work resumes at every opportunity.

present time. Brother Smith plans to have at least 25 engineers on this work when it gets into full operation, and as it is all rock at this location, these worthy brothers should be able to work fairly steady during the rainy weather. The Bragato Paving Co. have contracted the paving and the erection of curbs and gutters and the From Engineering Co. have the survey work which combination will employ many members of Local 3.

BIG OFFICE BUILDING

The outstanding large building project of the year was started during the past week in the City of San Mateo, when the Austin Co. of Oakland began work on the Hayne office building, at Fifth Avenue and El Camino Real. The Collier Investment Co. of New York, owners of the properties, are spending \$7,000,000 on the erection of a modern office building, which, when completed, will house a corps of 2,500 office workers. This will mean a several million dollar pay roll to the community. The Austin Co. have sub-let the preliminary work such as clearing the land and excavating for the foundations to the O. C. Jones Co., of Oakland, and the Cleveland Wrecking Co., of San Francisco.

The Rockaway Quarry, the oldest concern of its kind in the area, has decided to quit business. Due to the fact that the relationship between the Union and this firm was always of the most friendly nature, it is with regret we report this company will sell most of its holdings at auction, including the 100-acre site, mixer trucks, tractors, batch plant machinery, screening plants and dump trucks. The company, however, will continue to operate the sand pit at Sharps Park, where a few engineers will continue to be employed.

Foreman Brother Boyd Cable has called this office for cat and pull operators which were cleared to the Pete Farish Co., to begin work on the excavation and drainage system for the McClellan school, which is to be erected on the McClellan Nursery properties in South San Francisco.

It is the general consensus of opinion of the great majority of Local Contractors, that the coming year of 1958 will be a much more active year than the one just passing, and it is predicted that employment opportunities will be much greater, in this area.

This is our last report to you for the year 1957. Although we have not had as much real estate development work as we had last year, we have still had enough road and highway work to make the year a profitable one for you Operating Engineers. The outlook for 1957 is exceptionally good, and weather permitting, we should get off to an early start.

In closing, the personnel of the San Mateo Office wish to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of the Brothers and their families a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

Biographies of Local 3 Business Representatives



H. O. FOSS

Bro. H. O. "Heinie" Foss has been a member of organized labor for the past 50 years. At present he is vice-president of Local 3 and business representative in the San Rafael office. He has been a business representative of the union since 1941.

After leaving the farm, in his youthful days, he joined the Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in 1907. Later he held membership in the Locomotive, Enginemen, and Brotherhood of Trainmen, in the Switchmen's union of North America, and the Order of Railway Conductors.

After these various periods in the railroad game he moved into the steam shovel and dredge field. He joined Local 641, Oakland, in 1922 and later transferred to San Jose Local 842, where he served as chairman in 1923. Heinie transferred into San Francisco Local 59 later, and he was president of that union at the time of its amalgamation with Local 3 in 1939.

Heinie has served as delegate and president of many Building Trades and Central Labor Councils over the years in different parts of the country.



JERRY DOWD

Bro. Jerry Dowd became a member of Local 3 in 1940. In the past 17 years he has worked for practically every major contractor in the area, as cat and rubber tire skinner and as foreman. All who know him consider him one of the best.

At the time of his appointment as Business Representative for Local 3 he was employed as foreman on the Coyote Dam job in Ukiah by the Guy F. Atkinson Co.

Jerry has been a strong union man for many years, and when the opportunity to become a Business Representative presented itself he was more than happy to accept.

LOCAL 3 JOBS SEE WINTER SLOWDOWN

By PAT CLANCY, President, Local 3

Annual slowdown has hit the West's construction industry, bringing that annual slowdown in paychecks that is not too well come now in the Christmas and holiday season.

As a result, out of work lists are rising sharply in nearly every branch office of the union. Jobs keep going whenever it is possible, but on the whole the great majority are either shut down or slowed down. Often this takes place in spite of the fact that the sun is shining brightly, and the good brothers naturally would much rather be at work than be idle.

The members have been diligent in reporting job violations, and for this we extend our sincere thanks. This is a help to all.

Members are reminded that 1958 dues buttons are now on hand. Shop early, get your '58 button now!

Here is a quick round-up of the situation existing in the various Local 3 districts:

Utah: Some highway projects, outlook is fairly good.

Nevada: Highways, both east and west of Reno, mining.

Redding: Trinity dam is the big job, now holding up (in tunnel projects) for the winter.

Eureka: The rainy season has arrived, quite slow.

Ukiah: All at standstill now.

Marysville: Jobs holding on with every hour of dry weather.

Sacramento: Good turnout at district meeting, jobs winding up.

Stockton: This is THE quiet month, due to holidays, weather.

Fresno: Major shutdown, some mountain, road work.

San Jose: Dry fall has been good, could hold on, but contractors naturally reluctant to start anything.

San Mateo: Some housing, industry work under way.

Northbay: Has been a good year, outlook is excellent.

Oakland: Sharp drop in jobs, some dredging, freeway work.

San Francisco: Jobs holding up fair.

Hawaii: Fairly good construction program.

Construction Awards

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Contract awarded to R. M. Jensen, Brimhall Const. Co. & Nelson Bros. Const. Co., 347 W. 16th St., S.L.C., \$712,959, for 12.01 mi. 2½" rdmx. bit. surf. on SH250 from Buckskin Wash to Cock's

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$3,861,295, for approx. 2.2 mi. channel impvts. & levee const. of the San Lorenzo River; 5,500' conc. flood wall on Branciforte Crk.; interior drug. sys. w/2 pump plants for levee & conc. lined channel; elec. & appurt. wk., San Lorenzo Flood Control Proj., San Lorenzo River, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Baun Const. Co., P.O. Box 4057, Fresno, \$770,395, for 17.4 mi. to be graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on untr. base & an RC bridge to be const., betw. Glenn & Codora Four Corners, betw. Orland & 1.6 mi. E. of Sacto. River & betw. Glenn & Hamilton City, GLENN & BUTTE COUNTIES.

rep., he was more than elated when the opportunity presented itself.

He is now Business Representative working out of the Eureka office.

AFL-CIO to Ask Wage Raise and Cut in Hours in '58

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said he was especially doubtful about administration proposals to curb picketing and labor boycotts, and to require wholesale reporting of union financial and constitutional procedures.

He said the reporting proposal would set up a new bureaucracy only a step removed from the licensing of unions. Another proposal opposed is one for holding of secret ballot elections in unions.

IMPROVE SAFETY

A strong plea to unions to give more attention to bargaining for improved safety measures was made in the convention.

"Almost every union can benefit from a fresh look at its safety activities—the payoff is in members' limbs and 'lives,'" so read a portion of the collective bargaining report.

Pointing out to the huge loss in wages and employer income caused by job injuries, the report said most safety programs "have sagged into a routine which is effective only against the major or most apparent hazards. . . . New concern over the need for avoiding all injuries can itself generate improvement."

Suggestions made were:
1. Get a broad pledge from management that it will provide safe and sanitary conditions.
2. Write specific requirements on matters of special importance on the industry, for example, on particular equipment, rules on safety facilities.
3. Negotiate definite procedures (including safety committees) for handling safety matters.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Baun Const. Co., P.O. Box 4057, Fresno, \$604,690, for 11.0 mi. 2-lane hwy. to be graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base, Lassen Ave. betw. 0.5 mi. SW of Five Points & 1 n. NE of Fresno Slough by-pass, FRESNO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Continental Const. Co., 4671 - 24th St. Rd., Sacto., \$1,577,000, for const. new three-story Sutter Jr. Hi School on Alhambra Blvd. & "J" St., city of Sacto.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, 575 Berry St., S.F., \$949,681, for reconstr. of Portola Dr., betw. Twin Peaks Blvd. & Sloat Blvd., San Francisco.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Contract awarded to Fife Const. Co., Brigham City, Utah, \$223,276, for 2.336 mi. pltmx. bitum. surf. road on SR No. 84, from Jctn. SR84 & US91, N. to Jctn. SR84 & SR38, WEBER COUNTY, UTAH.

NEVADA CITY, Contract awarded to Valley Engineers, P.O. Box 412, Fresno, \$50,107, for const. collection sewers in Pla-Vada Subdiv., near Kingvale.