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LUMBER MILLS

Lumber mills in the northern part of the state are getting ready for a big year, reports from Recding and Eureka indicate. Many expansions are planned, and harbor facilities will be improved to move huge quantities of timber out of the richly wooded country. Del Norte county expects to cut a million feet a day. Engineers are starting dredging of Humboldt Bay to aid lumber steamers. Local 3 is gaining many new members in the industry. * * *

Good Progress Shown In Logging Industry

Good progress is being made in the organization of the logging industry, with several plants already signed up and the cases on file before the National Labor Relations Board for certification. We wish at this time to expressly thank our members who are employed in the logging industry for the splendid cooperation and assistance they have given us in this endeavor. In spite of the fact that several plants are already signed up, the logging and lumber industry is an enormous field and will require long and diligent work on the part of your representatives, plus the cooperation of all the members.—Victor S. Swanson, Business Manager, Local 3.

AGC on Jurisdiction

At its 29th annual convention in Dallas, Feb. 12, Associated General Contractors of America approved a plan for settlement of jurisdictional disputes which sets up a joint five-man board in Washington. AFL action on the proposal is scheduled to be taken on March 8. Disputes not settled locally within 10 days would be referred to the board, made up of two from labor, two from the contractors, and an impartial chairman. The AGC elected D. W. Winkelman of Syracuse, N. Y., president, and Adolph Teichert, Jr., Sacramento, vice-president. Wm. Muirhead of Durham, N. C., was reappointed secretary-treasurer.

Icy Ice Industry, Sickening Hospitals

As the industry is, so goes the nature of its labor relations, it begins to appear. Members of Local 39 find things cool in the ice industry, especially in regard to a raise in pay. And the way some hospitals short-change the paychecks of employees, despite written agreements, is sickening enough to put you in the hospital. The milk industry isn't so bad, reports show, and things haven't yet gone sour there. In the breweries, the outlook is fairly rosymaybe its the spirit of the industry after all.

Movie Yacht Engineer

Bro. W. G. Ferguson, Oakland member of Local 3, has returned from an adventurous trip in the Carribbean area as chief engineer aboard the Errol Fynn yacht, "Zaca." An interesting account of his experiences is given in this month's Oakland report.

Stockton Engineers Support New Blood Bank



Above is a view of the Red Cross San Joaquin Blood Donor Center in Stockton, which Engineers are supporting, along with other AFL unions in this area. Local 3 sent in 30 names to the blood bank to start the Engineers Blood Bank. Blood that formerly cost \$25 a pint is now free to these members and their families since they have signed up to donate. Members are urgd to join.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO

The NEXT REGULAR MEETING of the Operating Engineers, Local No. 3, will be held on March 6th, 8 p.m., at the Building

Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero St., San Francisco, Calif.

The GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE meets each Wednesday night at the Union Offices, 1095 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

DID YOU KNOW?????? The beneficiaries of any member whose dues are not paid for the current month lose their rights to

death benefits. NEW ADDRESSES:

BENO OFFICE 129 North Center Street Lunsford Building

REDDING OFFICE 1508 Tehama Street Redding, California

Reno, Nevada LABOR'S LIBERTIES ARE AT STAKE — REGISTER AND

Stationary Engineers Win All NLRB Votes

Local 39 has come through its first big batch of union shop elections with practically a 100 per cent batting average. Members are taking full part in the elections, showing commendable spirit. Oakland office reports all elections won. San Jose voted four and won four last month. San Francisco held and won elections in breweries, distilleries and chemical plants.

To Resume Friant Canal

Reports from Fresno on Feb. ruary 11 indicate that agreement has been reached by Reclamation Bureau and attorneys for four contractors calling for resumption of work on Friant-Kern Canal within 15 days on condition that adjustment of claims for increased costs due to the layoff be made when and if Congress authorizes an appropriation to cover them. Work was halted November 30 when federal funds were ex-

George R. Newsom, well-known secretary-treasurer of San Francisco Building Trades Council Temple Association, died Monday morning, February 16, at the age of 68 at French Hospital following an operation performed a week previously.



GEORGE R. NEWSOM

Funeral services are to be held at the Gantner, Feldner & Kenny chapel on Thursday morning, and Requiem High Mass will be held at Mission Dolores at 10 a.m. Interment is to be in Holy

Cross cemetery, Bro. George's passing is a great loss to the labor movement in San Francisco. He had devoted almost his entire life to the betterment of the working man in San Francisco and throughout the state of California.

Years ago Bro. Newsom was business agent for Local 22 of the carpenters. He was assistant secretary of the Building Trades Council for 10 years and for the past 26 years has been secretary of the council. His wisdom and vision was responsible for many of the improved conditions obtained by labor in the bay area.

Respected and loved by all who knew him, employers and contractors included, we say "God rest you, George. We will try to carry on as you have taught us."

METAL TRADES ASK STRONG WEST COAST

Pacific coast units of the International Union of Operating Engineers took an active part in eighth annual convention of the AFL Pacific Coast District metal Trades Council in Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 9-12 at which steps were taken to present the west coast's case for a strong western shippard industry for the triple purpose of employment, commerce, and national

defense.

From the Reports

Marysville dredge meeting got latest reports on condition of Bro. Glenn Hillis' pal "Cocoa," a beloved pint-sized dog who is on the sick list . . . Salt Lake is twin country, Bro. Dave Warnick getting 'em on Jan. 12 and Bro. Alma Ferre getting 'em on Jan. 5 . . . Bro. Roy Lovdal of Stockton was knocked down by a former war dog, which got loose from its owner, busted his hip . . .

Bro. Harvey Edwards, land-leveling in Stockton area, hit the highpressure gas line coming from Bakersfield and it blew a crater; he is now studying his insurance policy . . . Bro. Harley Lucke of Marysville is off for a hot stretch in Arabia, figures maybe to lose a few ounces from his 312 pounds . . . Bro. Clyde C. Camper, 57, suffered a stroke while at work; except for duty in the two wars, he has been on Yuba Consolidated payroll for the past 39 years . . . Bro. W. G. Ferguson of Oakland has just returned from a long Caribbean trip as chief engineer aboard the Errol Flynn yacht "Zaca."

Local Unions 12, 63 and 526, with jurisdiction covering the Southwest Region, have published the first edition of a regular monthly newspaper, the "Engineers News-Record," giving news of interest to engineers throughout the area.

Locals 3 and 39 join other western units of the I.U.O.E. in complimenting the Southwest lo-



J. C. FITZGERALD

cals in this undertaking, which will prove especially valuable in educating and strengthening the membership at a time when the Taft-Hartley law and other open shop drives make it essential that the trade union movement be fully enlightened and loyally determined if the movement is to survive.

Bro. J. C. Fitzgerald, international union representative in the Skates is associate editor. On the and Raymond Walsh.

The coast council, representing some 150,000 tradesmen employed in west coast shops and shipyards, voted to authorize a committee of four to be set up with a like number from management to join in a strong, united request to national legislators for the construction of ships in the west and for a government subsidy to assure maintenance of west coast ship-

CONVENTION ACTIONS

Other actions taken by the convention included the following:

- 1. Condemned Navy employment policies on Guam in which native labor is hired at sub-standard
- 2. Strongly urged all coast locals to insure that their members are registered to vote.
- 3. Took a stand against AFL Pres. Wm. Green's recent proposal for a 45-hour week.
- 4. Approved steps for a master coast ship-scrapping agreement.
- 5. Endorsed and made a substantial contribution to the Di Giorgio ranch strike at Bakersfield.

6. Re-elected Ralph Johns of Portland and Thomas Rotell of San Francisco as president and secretary, respectively.

7. Chose San Diego as the next

convention city.
S. Honored Pres. John P. Frey of the AFL Metal Trades Department by voting a plaque in honor of his services to the west coast

9. Voted to request a substantial wage raise for shipyard workers. 10. Voted to strengthen and expand organization of the coast

11. Heard reports of progress from 11 district vice-presidents. ENGINEER DELEGATES

Engineer delegates included the following: George W. Eggiman, representing the International Union and Portland Local 87; P. E. Vandewark for Local 3; Louis E. Egan and George L. Wesling for Portland 701; Joseph Albert and Russell T. Conlon for Seattle 302, and Ray Clark for Pasco Local

Brother Vandewark was named to the Grievance Committee and Brother Clark to the Law and Legislative Committee.

Delegates heard warm praise from President Frey for their work in building and maintaining a strong coastwide council and coastwide master agreements. Secretary James Brownlow of the Department declared that recent Navy Yard increases were larger on the coast than elsewhere in the nation because of the fact that the coast is better organized.

board of review are Bros. Skates, area, is managing editor of the P. A. Judd, C. A. Evans, Joe Regan, new publication, and Bro. M. A. J. J. Royce, Charles Schwartz,

EDITORIALS

ORIGINATION COMMENT

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION No. 3

Map Battle to Protect Bay Fishing; Dewey Heads Big Marin Rod, Gun Club



A. M. DEWEY

A. M. Dewey has been elected president of the Marin Rod and Gun Club for a second term. The club is one of the largest sportsmen's organizations in the state with a membership roster

of over 1700 members. Dewey is employed by the Johnson and Nelson Construction Company as an all-around operator. The headquarters of the firm is located at 117 San Anselmo avenue in San Anselmo. Equipment of every conceivable description for the moving of earth can be found at the company yards, ranging from a Beyers shovel down to Cats of different sizes along with the ncessary road building equipment. Five brother engineers are kept busy operating, and Dewey never forgets to mention that his employers are two "fine Sweeds" who have worked all their lives like a couple of gophers moving dirt.

While Dewey is a busy man we cannot lose sight of the fact that he has done a swell job for the hall in San Rafael. Marin Rod and Gun Club. He has been a member of the organization since 1928 at which time Victor the efforts of sportsmen of the type of Dewey that the Marin Rod and Gun Club has grown to be one of the largest sportsmen's organiza- life. tions in the country.

PROTECT FISH AND GAME

Through our affiliation with sportsmen throughout the state we are able to have a legislative representative at Sacramento to take care of the sportsmen's interests regarding hunting and fishing. When a bill detrimental to the sportsmen appears we oppose it. and when good bills are presented we lend a helping hand to put them over. At the present time signatures for an initiative on the November ballot are being circulated and the help of every interested person is solicited. We desire to take the nets of the commercial interests from the inland waters of San Francisco Bay and its tributaries. The first step will be to secure the required number of signatures and then receive the majority vote at the November election. If the proposition receives the endorsement of the people of the state it will mean that the striped bass and the salmon in the inland waters will provide the finest fishing for the ever-growing army of fishermen. A sport and recreation that should be enjoyed by everyone and not exploited by a few who have their own selfish

TROUT AND PHEASANT

reared and planted in Marin. Pheasants are reared and planted each year from our 42-bird rearing

pens at the county farm. Our skeet and trap fields operate each Sunday. Here is an excellent place for the beginner to learn to shoot a shotgun. At the present time we are building an additional skeet field. We also have one of the finest outdoor rifle ranges in the northbay.

We offer our members the privilege of fishing from the longest striped bass fishing pier in the world at Point San Quentin. Our blade on the job. activities are numerous, with our annual banquet in January, the barbecue in July and the regular monthly meetings the third Friday of each month in the Boy Scouts

The Marin Rod and Gun Club is a non-profit corporation and membership is open to male citizens Becker was president. It's through Our membership rolls contain men from every walk of life. We are interested in preserving, conserving, and propagating our fish and wild

Asks Big Bay Fill

* * *

SF Mayor Elmer Robinson last week announced proposal to reclaim 25,000 acres of submerged tidelands into useable industrial sites, in an arc running from Islais Creek to the southern boundary of San Mateo County. Engineers are studying methods of reclaiming the area which has water depth from one to eight feet. * * *

Newson Kraft Corp., which starts work in April on a paperboard and wallboard mill at Sacramento has boosted its cost of construction from \$14 million to \$17 million. The plant will hire about 1000 and turn out 500 tons of kraftboard, 500 tons of pulp, and 200,000 feet of wallboard daily.

* * * Being a good Samaritan on the road deesn't always pay, Bro. Floyd Manning of Oakland now believes. On Jan. 20 he stopped to give a stalled motorist a push and was robbed of \$512.

* * * Bro. H. C. Gillum of Oakland is in charge of a commissary at Saudi, Arabia, where 1000 men are Through our efforts trout are fed daily

Canal Shutdown **Hurts Entire Valley Region**

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

on three new jobs in this district in the past month. Harms Brothers of Sacramento, Calif., are starting work on a double lane highway between Herndon and Arcola School in Madera County. Jim Henry is superintendent, and Ray Austin, foreman, in charge of dirt moving.

Morrison & Knudsen Co. were successful bidders on nine miles of the Pine Flat road project and will probably start operations within the next two weeks.

A. Teichart Sons Co. submitted low bid to the Army Engineers for construction of the Mariposa Creek Dam on the Merced Streams group project, approximately one million yards of dirt to move. Latest word is that this project is being delayed because of right of way difficulties, however, word from Teichart's office in Sacramento states they expect to start about March 1.

Gunner Corp. have finally completed their highway job south of Fresno and will finish up the Poplar job in about three weeks.

PINE FLAT DAM

Piombo Construction Co. are still working on the South abuttment to the Pine Flat Dam but have completed the bypass road for this project and have already moved most of the equipment north.

H. Earl Parker has started work on the North abuttment of the Dam and will have quite a few of the Brothers working on the job in the near future. This company also has 16 rigs out on land leveling under Bill Erickson, who is operating 11 of his own rigs.

Sharp & Fellows are hitting a steady pace on their rock crushing job for the Santa Fe Railroad.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. are making good progress on the traffic diversion and overpass project. George France is subbing the dirt and has a shovel, trucks, two cats and one

C. M. Syar Co. are getting along with their joint state and county highway job at Corcoran, Calif., and should be laying hot stuff at this time.

We have approximately 150 of the Brothers out on land leveling jobs, working for the following firms: Jack Foster, Lewis & Queen, Ritchie, Patterson, Parker, Bill Eaton, Howard & Waight, Miles &

We are still waiting for word as to when construction will be resumed on the Friant-Kern Canal, however, bids have been advertised and will be opened on February 26th, on a new section that will extend the canal to the vicinity of Lindsay.

CANAL SHUTDOWN HURTS

The Canal is still definitely shut down. We have made inquiries from every source available and are beginning to wonder who is kidding who. Contractors state they quit work because of notification of lack of funds from the Bureau of Reclamation. The Bureau of Reclamation did not tell contractors to shut down and therefore cannot tell them to proceed. Representatives in Congress tell us that funds have been made available (Continued on Page 8)

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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. There were approximately 151 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting minutes of January 3 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board minutes of January 14 and of Fresno-Bids were opened February 4 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A communication was received from the Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders, Local No. 34, regarding the City of Santa Cruz attempting to repair the municipal pier at less than half the prevailing wage scale. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. George Baker and family; Mrs. Giannini; Mrs. Estelle Kendall and family; Eva Dalleske; Mrs. David C. Allan and family; and the family of Clyde C. Camper. Received and filed.

The following brothers were reported ill: Charles Craft, Owen Lee Starr, George R. Swicegood, Joe Aitken, David H. Stein, Nick Thill, H. H. Keown, Nils Hageland, Arthur Lee Chrisman, W. D. Bauguess, Robert Peterson, George Forsey, John J. Franco, Sam Arena, Thomas P. Cowen, Elbert F. Ford, Daniel W. Forsyth, Alvin Quaini, F. W. Arent, Lee Bryner, Harold W. Cholcher, John Oliver, Gordon E. O'Brien, Vernon D. Osborn, Eugene S. Prather, Ulric M. Harris, Jesse J. Kyle, Bert R. Match, Albert Naas, A. B. Duncan, Fred J. Von Roeder, K. S. Corning, William Gomez, Timothy Quinn, Emil Selzle, R. W. Stoll, A. H. Tipps, L. Ray Poore, Harry Lewis, Lyle M. Klohn, Roy Eastman, Reuben Andersen, Robert Deadmond, James H. Ray, Forrest S. Melton, Robert E. Trowbridge, Dominick R. Yetz, Hans Hansen, Nocholas Bacovich, Green Barnett, Julius S. Cable, Grant R. Childs, Stanley S. Sparks, Raymond Ransom, R. G. Cazier, Everett A. Bray, Daniel B. Grether, L. A. Wooldridge, Sr., Walter R. McGary, James Shippey, James E. Marion, Henry Ormond, George L. Allred, Vera Foley, Manuel Reynolds, E. O. Smith, Harry Totten, Vernal Osborne.

The following brothers were reported deceased, William V. Smith.

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Tony Madrid, Forrest S. Melton and Clyde Center. Report of the General Secretary-Treasurer was read by President

Clancy. The business agents gave their reports, which were accepted as

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Union invite a speaker from the Campaign Committee of the California Bill of Rights to appear at our next meeting at 9:00 p.m. Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary.

Veterans' information

Legislation necessary to bring about financing low cost housing for veterans as well as other citizens.

According to observations made while contacting many veterans, housing seems to be their greatest desire and necessity.

A petition was filed proposing a state constitution amendment to provide housing for low and middle income groups. The California housing committee sponsored the measure. The proposal would provide a State Housing agency to assist local housing authorities and non-profit housing associations in development and operating of lowrent dwellings.

Private contractors would build the houses.

Requirements include: that the houses be rented to families unable to afford current rates, that rents be adjusted to incomes, that developments be non-profit, that they be rented without discrimination Loggers Must Be and that the houses conform to

local master plans. LET'S GET BEHIND IT

That sounds pretty good to me, boys. Have you registered? If petitions are the answer to both emergency and a long range housing program it behooves all of us to get behind such a move.

I believe such proposals should include a measure that would exempt a veterans new home from taxation for a minimum period of 5 years.

Continued construction of veteran emergency housing isn't enough. They need and desire permanent structures as well as the public who have, in most cases, earned enough to make large down payments.

New housing for the low and middle income groups could be financed by the State and its municipalities by aiding private investors and builders through a limited dividend housing law under which the value of new housing may be exempted from municipal taxes for a period of years, and all State taxes waived. This should broadly aid in curing a sick industry of many of its ailments and help in the resumption of an adequate program of private home

BOOST HOME BUILDING

Broader tax exemptions would be means of stimulating private construction in this field.

The creation of a housing committee, representative of labor and industry in the home construction field, finance, government and

speedily a definite program to meet our needs for permanent low cost housing."

Veterans interested in the farm and home plan are urged to file applications for eligibility. A certificate of eligibility entitles the veteran to submit property for possible purchase at any time.

The Department of Veterans Affairs has money available for repairs or reconditioning, correction of excessive deterioration, and for altering or remodeling property purchased under the state plan.

San Francisco.-Nearly all occupations in the logging of pulpwood, chemical wood, excelsior wood, cordwood, fence posts and similar woods, and all occupations in sawmills, lath mills, shingle mills and cooperage-stock mills are included in the revised Hazardous Occupations Order No. 4 of the U. S. Department of Labor.

This warning was sounded here today by John R. Dille, regional director of the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions in the eight Western States.

The revised order, issued by Secretary of Labor L. B. Schwellenbach after public hearings in Washington, D. C., prohibits the employment of minors under 18 years old in all occupations in the logging industries with the exception of:

Work in offices or maintenance shops; work in the operation and maintenance of living quarters of logging camps; some work in the repair or maintenance of roads and railroads; work in forest protection; peeling of pulpwood under certain conditions; straightening and tallying lumber on the dry chain; clean-up in lumberyard, and clerical work in yards or shipping sheds.

labor provisions. * * *

Stockton members of Local 3 are busy on sections of the Eastbay water pipeline, with work expected to pick up considerably

FEATHER RIVER CANYON JOBS OPENING UP-BIG TUNNEL CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED

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

Marysville-M. & K. have added an 80 N.W. shovel and two more cats to the spread in the Feather River Canyon. The shifters on this project are Billy Brown, Mel Stoddard, Bill Ricker, Guy Lindsay and Bud Snowball. Ira Bashaw, masfer mechanic, has six repairmen and three oilers under his shop

command.

T E .Connolly has added a very few men to their crew due to waiting for equipment but will have another 1500 ft. compressor going by March 1st and then will be going full blast on their 17,000 ft. tunnel.

We understand L. E. Dixon of Los Angeles and Arundel Co. of Baltimore are the successful bidders of 24,000 feet of the longest tunnel with 10,800 feet to be let at a later date.

FLUID DRIVE RIG

Ed Parker has a spread of rigs on the levee job near Marysville and is trying out a new H.D. 19 tractor which is something on the fluid drive order: Parker also has a few rigs working near Marysville High School and a pretty good sized shop crew busy all the time. Luther Slack is equipment superintendent and Everal Songer is keeping all hands informed of unshop foreman.

Parker has six jeeps and mechanic on the Polander ranch near tified by Secretary Mathews that Princeton. He also was low bidder their agreement expires and that on the levee repair job on the Feather River in District 10, north them for the purpose of negotiatof Marysville. The amount was ing and adjusting wage scales. Sev-\$262,134.20. The 20 cents must be for a tax.

NEWS OF JOBS

men busy on the old dredge tail- p.m. One of the "important" subings near Oroville.

Merle Giboney is figuring on taking his rig down around Bakersfield for a month or so.

Harold Ainger of Willows is leveling 480 acres of ground for his own rice land,

Ed 'The Kid' King and Earl Heist have kept busy around here on land leveling jobs.

Valley Construction Co. has a couple of rigs laying up at present but the dragline is on two shifts at the moment.

Brother Harley Lucke of Paradise was in the office and paid dues for 1948 and 1949 and shoved off for Arabia for a stretch. Harley is a 312 pound man and says no doubt the heat may take off a few

We had a letter from Brother Roy A. Zimmerman in or on Guam. Roy says hello to all the gang. His address is M-K-K Sta. 15, A.G.F. Guam, Guam. They think so much of the place they dittoed.

Cahill Construction Co. of San Francisco is doing the work on the cannery addition at Gridley. Not too much work there for our mem-

Brother Sam Sturm and Vern Morris are now in business at Virgilia with complete service such as as food, drink, groceries and even the post office plus 8 or 9 cabins and apartments.

This office regrets to report the death of former Brother Marvin Covell, a former superintendent for Rice Bros. of this city. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Covell and family.

Brother "Red" Hester and myself took a drive-met "Red" at Redding and took off for Callahan, 46 miles out of Yreka, in Scott Valley. Yuba Consolidated has a dredge working there. The crew signed up and selected K. V. Adamson as their committeeman. Just 500 miles the round trip from Marysville.

Brother Clyde C. Camper, a member of the repair gang on dredge 17 had a stroke while working on the screen. Brother Camber was 57 years old. His service with Yuba Consolidated started in April, 1909, when he was 18 years of age, and with the exception of World War I, when he went into service and World War II, when a shutdown occurred, he worked continuously for this firm, thirty-nine years on only one payroll, (excepting Uncle Sam's) by his own choice.

The Local 3 basketball team and the second s

as winning games are concerned. They do, however, keep pounding away. Yuba is setting up a pair of practice baskets at Hammonton. This team should go places in the second half of the leagues series. Anyone interested in this game can contact the Marysville office.

Fritz Williams, one of the players and leaders of the team became the proud father of a baby daughter. Something to think of besides basketball, eh Fritz?

DREDGER CREWS BUSY

Capital Dredge is starting up another boat. Dredge No. 3 is now in the process of installing jigs and for the next six weeks will be the center of much activity. Brother Walter Heflin, the general committeeman on Capital 4 is very much in evidence around these boats and has done a swell job ion activities.

Natomas Company has been no-Local 3 requests a meeting with eral meetings were held at Natomas and will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month, Richter Bros. have kept their one at 10 a.m. and the other at 7 jects discussed at our last meeting was the condition of Brother Glenn Hillis' pal and constant companion "Cocoa." Cocoa is a pintsized dog of real importance in Glenn's circle, even to standing watch on the dredge. Everyone likes Cocoa and, from us to him, a speedy recovery.

Brother C. C. McKelvey has been asked to represent the brothers on Natomas 7. Guess it's O.K., eh, Mc?

And now comes the rain-P. G. AND E. PUTS GOLD

DREDGES ON SHORT SHIFT The Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has pulled another rabbit out of the hat. The "boogie" drought which we all agree has raised havoc on the cattle ranges as well as with the farmers who depend largely on rainfall, has suddenly hit industry. Without question the largest consumers of P. G. and E.

in Northern California are the mines, dredges and saw mills. Lucky are the power users who generate their own juice.

"In an effort to bring about the conservation of electricity during the peak hour, the Pacific Gas and Consolidated Gold Fields to cease operation of its dredge from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m." Right now - and no warning, this is it. And they talk of strikes, the cooling off period, and Taft-Hartley. Why can't that be made applicable to P. G. and E. ?

Who uses the juice otherwise? Is this a deal to force Shasta Dam current into the maw of P. G. and E.? What is more important to a community than industry? And to Marysville, aside from agriculture, gold is the industry. And 15,000 H.P. means payrolls, plenty of them. P. G. and E. are not concerned about them. Only P. G. and E.

According to E. C. Johnson, manager of the P. G. and E. Colgate division, the dredges use 5,000 horsepower. For Mr. Johnson's information, dredge 20 uses 2,000 horsepower alone, and the smallest of the fleet, Biggs 1 and 3, 1200 H.P. each. So the consumption is closer to 15,000 H.P. than 5,000. And what about the shops? These tools are also electrically driven.

Natomas Company at Folsom finds itself in a like position. If the P. G. and E. octopus cannot fulfill its requirements as a franchise holder and furnish juice to our industries, what is the answer?

hasn't been faring so well as far hand. We, the payrolls dependent mine.

Reno Office Is Moved: Dirt **Eaters Active**

By H. L. SPENCE Representative, Local 3

Reno-The Reno office of the Operating Engineers, Local Union 3, have moved their office into the Lunsford Building. 129 North Center Street, in Room 10. The phone number will remain the same as in the past, which is 2-2673. The

reason for moving the office is because the Firemen would not allow us to build a fire in the stove, on account of the chimney. I did not want to move, for it was a very good location, but we could not stay there without some heat. I think after everyone gets used to the new location it will not be too bad. Come up and see me and see your new office.

John B. Powers & Company was awarded the job of replacing the water line in Wadsworth, Nevada. They have quite a lot of other work around Reno; the regular crew seems to keep busy most of the time, and the big job he has at Inyokern is still going strong,

Isbell Construction Company submitted the only bid on the Second Street bridge. They are crushing a lot of rock out at their Second Street Crushing Plant. Most of their cat operators have gone to Ray, Arizona, as they have a big job down there. Some of the other boys around Isbells have a pretty bad cough, so it will be Arizona for some more of them soon, especially Chris Jensen and Bill Boegle. Brother A. G. (Al) Burnham was over from the Kimberly job to do some drilling on Rattle Snake Hill, but he got lonesome for good old Ely and went back so he could help keep the Bank Club going, especially the Fairbanks game.

LAND LEVELLING

The Silver State Construction Company is still land levelling in Lower Valley, near Lovelock (not Fallon as printed in the last paper) Andy Drumm has quite a crew up there, with Joe Solaegui, Henry Tonn, Leonard Wood, Harold W. Johnson, Matt Greve, H. (Curly) Smingler, Ross Bell, Travis Horn, Al Montrose, Randy Booth, and Red Malindy. Fields is the super, Joseph Montrose and Vern Nichols are the grease-balls. Believe me, these fellows are real land levelers. Warren (Pinky) Vaughn on the North West, south of Fallon, and Richard (Chief) Kingston on the Link Belt, this outfit is surely a dirt-hungry bunch.

Dodge Construction Company has W. (Tex) Rodgers and Bud Jacobsen leveling land around Fallon, with Brother Jack Chatelle the super. I guess the rest of the dear brothers will be up from the south soon, as the Vegas sunshine did not agree with the Brothers, Electric Co. has asked the Yuba and they will be happy to get back

> Hunt & Frandsen's gang is doing some repairing. The only one that does anything is Brother Ray Bucholz, of course. Z. Hunt and Hy Turner have theid little private contract, loading ore at Dunphy, Nev. AROUND THE JOBS

> C. J. (Pete) Hostetler has three pulls around Reno doing a lot of work, with W. R. Sherwin and Bert Roark on the rigs.

> Duque & Frazzini are hauling select material on their Second Street road job, with M. F. Gerhard and Roy Nielson on the North West shovel, and C. V. Hughes on the Buckeye.

> George Miller has quite a number of jobs around Reno and Sparks, with all of the fair-haired boys working most of the time.

> Dick Authur was in the Reno office, looking for some equipment to buy. He is operating out of Angels Camp, Calif. He tells me he has quite a spread.

> Earl Games is still going strong. Bill Games dug out a basement at Commercial Row and North Virginia Streets, next to the Ritz Hotel. I guess the Ritz Hotel almost fell into the hole, so they condemned the hotel building.

on this power, our power, have P. G. and E. now have the whip what? Your guess is as good as

Equipment Dealers— Engineers Win NLRB Vote at Sierra Tractor: More Elections Coming Up

Business Representative, Local 3

First NLRB election in the equipment dealer shops was won by Local 3, reports at press time indicate. This vote was in the shop of the Sierra Tractor Co., Redding. Many cases are now before the NLRB, and we hope to continue filing petitions for shop elections.

Many weary hours and precious dollars have been spent in connection with the organizing program in the Equipment Dealers Industry and now, after many months of work Local 3 has petitioned the NLRB to hold elections in nonunion shops up and down the entire valley. It is surprising how many landleveling, logging and construction rigs are being overhauled.

It isn't necessary to consult the calendar or the weather to know its winter-just peek into any of the following repair shops owned and operated by these tractor companies and you'll realize that the usual winter general overhaul job is being performed: Zumwalt Tractor Co., Colusa; Marysville Tractor Co., Marysville; Sacramento Valley Tractor Co., Marysville; Marysville Tractor Co., Robbins; Weaver Tractor Co., Woodland; Growers Supply Co., Woodland; Capitol Tractor Co., Sacramento; Weaver Tractor Co., Sacramento; Flood Tractor Co., Sacramento, and Burgland Tractor, Dixon. It's winter time, brothers! But we are doing something about

MUCH OVERHAULING

A lot of work is being done by tractor dealers whom we do not have agreements with, some Local 3 operators overhaul the rigs they have operated all summer and the balance perhaps is done by the regular Local 3 repairmen. During the winter months, why

should these shops increase their personnel by hiring non-union repairmen to do the work which rightfully belongs to members of

through no fault of their own? CUT WINTER IDLENESS

Suppose the majority of operators performed their own repair work. This group could work along side of the regular repairmen to eliminate all winter idieness and everybody would be happy, including the repair shop

This advantage works two ways. When spring comes around and shop work becomes slow, then the regular repairman can wipe off his tools, stow them for the season and operate the equipment he has overhauled the previous winter. What arrangement could be more desirable?

Our activity in connection with repair work has been carried cut in accordance with our jurisdictional award. Ultimately, we hope to service and repair all equipment operated by members of Operating Engineers Union.

Talk to repairmen whom you know and give them any information possible concerning our wage scales and working conditions and other advantages of being a mem-

A GROWING FIELD

As the landlevelers and the logging industry becomes organized, it is understandable that we must be more concerned about the welfare of the tractor shop employee. At the present time Local 3 is

concentrating on all organized tractor shop repairmen in Northern California so be on your guard and we'll win out. Many cases are now before the

N.L.R.B. and we hope to continue Local 3 who have become idle filing petitions for shop elections.

HUMBOLDT LUMBER INDUSTRY IS READY FOR A BIG YEAR— IMPROVE HARBOR FACILITIES

By OTTO E. NEVER Business Representative, Local 3

Eureka-This is a report from the territory where even the ducks used to carry umbrellas. Now they wear dark glasses. Del Norte County started out the New Year with a disas-

trous fire. The County Court House burned to the ground and all of the Court, District Attorney, Tax Collector, Surveyor and School Department records were destroyed. The committee appointed by the Board of Super-

like a roller coaster speedway, but anyway it's finished.

ORGANIZING DRIVE The State Department of Public

and realignment at Turwur Creek near Klamath.

Your business representative has canvassed the new lumber com- progress in our organizing here due equipment on the dock and yard ing. will be handled by Local 3 memthem to Local 3 ideas.

tory will have some excellent steady building their plywood mill at Bayjobs for our members, and as this

visors to secure new office equip- is a rough country with heavy timment and fixtures for the different ber, it necessitates using heavy departments has done a fine job in equipment which our members are securing what was needed for a competent to handle. It will be apvery small price. However, the new preciated by your business reprecourt house will cost about \$225,- sentatives in the timbering areas if 000, and with only \$32,000, it looks you can send in tips on companies like a tough go for the taxpayers. ready for organizing, including the Burman Bros. have completed a names of operators you know on new dock for Sause Bros. that looks the job. This organizing is one where everyone must pitch in and help. One thing is noticeable, in fact it stands out, that the new members we are taking in are a Works finally became ashamed of credit to this organization. We find themselves and allocated approxi- them real operators and a fine body mately \$200,000 for a new bridge of men that we can welcome to construction work later.

SLOWED BY ELECTIONS We are making slow but steady

panies who have bought large hold- to the necessity of having an elecings of timber in Del Norte County, tion under the NLRB supervision We find that as soon as water each time we organize a new comtransportation is arranged, a mil- pany. We'll give you data on this lion feet of timber a day will be in our next issue of the News. We cut. We have also assisted in bring- hear by grapevine that the coming in a shipping company to build panies we are working on are planthe necessary dock. All loading ning a raise to offset our organiz-

Construction work here is slow, bers. Some of the new companies but we still have a very few men are bringing CIO members with on the out-of-work list. Brother them from Washington, but we Tom Hull is still running his sewer have had no trouble converting job at Arcata, while Mercer, Fraser keep going most of the time. There Now that Local 3 has started to will be some new jobs when the organize in the woods, this terri- M & M Lumber Company start

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OFFI 1 TERMINOR

TEST BORES ON MUCH-NEEDED LOS GATOS DAM—SAN JOSE INDUSTRIAL JOBS PROGRESS

By M. G. MURPHY Business Representative, Local 3

San Jose-It now looks as if there is really going to be a Lexington Dam at Los Gatos. The Engineering Department has started test and tunnel borings for this long-discussed and much-needed project. These tests and findings will determine the different requirements and type of structures needed to conform with all safety factors and laws of the Engineering Depart-

ment. As we mentioned before, this dam is to be an earth fill and will impound 25,000 acre feet. Before they can proceed with the are adopting a new technique to construction of the dam, the highway must first be relocated and bunker. They just recently purso far bids have not been called chased five Terra Cobras and are for on this work. As yet, I have

NOTICE

To all brothers working in the Watsonville area, or any brothers who happen to be traveling through there, you may get your clearances, pay dues or report any grievances at our office which is located at 9 East Lake Street, Watsonville.

no definite information as to when bids will be called on this work, other than some idle chatter which sets the date at anywhere between July and December, 1948. So, fellows, don't get excited about this job yet.

SAN JOSE AND NORTHERN DISTRICT

There is very little change in the past 30 days in this district other than a couple of jobs - not exactly major - which were grabbed off by out-of-town contractors, namely, Hester and McGuire, who got an underground job for the telephone company on Almaden, E. T. Haas who got a ditch job on the General Electric building, and Parker, Steffins and Pearce of San Francisco who got the building contract for the plant (General Electric) which is in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000.

Union Paving were the successful bidders on the First Street job which, I understand, will be done jointly by the City and State. This job consists of widening and paving between Reed Street and South on First to the City limits. The bid price is approximately \$205,000 and work is to start soon after March 1st, or before. . . . Bethlehem Pacific have moved a truck crane in on the Fibre Glass job on Alviso Road (Bechtel job) and are setting steel for the main structures. Earl Heple also have a truck crane on the same project and expect to be there for some time... Earl Heple also is working on his Airport Village job and has it about 20 or 25 percent complete. The job runs to around \$190,000.

According to the latest information that I have received on the Municipal Airport, they will be calling for bids on the 5,200-foot ning to capacity. . . . Granite is runway within a few days. . . A. W. Jagow, manager for the J. C. Bateman Company, reports that this firm is keeping quite busy and trying to catch up on their backlog, which is in the neighborhood of \$200,000. This company maintains a steady crew of approximately 20 engineers and, from what the brothers say, it is a good concern with which to be hooked up. . . . Carl N. Swensen, who seems to specialize in school construction, has a nice job in Mountain View for approximately \$225,-000; also two in Palo Alto in the neighborhood of \$225,000, so no doubt he will be busy for a while. Brother Charles Hibbard seems to be one of the ace engineers for Carl but, to me, they are all aces. Well, I've said enough about this district, so let's go to . . .

SANTA CRUZ

Oh yes, still detour that Wharf. 'At this writing that 'Boy" is still walking slow and easy in front of Jose is the general contractor. . . Santa Cruz is a real good place for Sears Roebuck buildings. This conyou NOT to spend your vacation. equipment from his Belmont job aggregate (or concrete) and other don't have too much rain, that job struction were the lucky bidders work.

will be history, soon.

Felton—Pacific Coast Aggregates supply sand to their mill and hauling the sand down the mountain within reach of the dragline which in turn readily deposits it in the washers and bunkers. The new system is to build up a stockpile sufficient for five or six months' run, then to move the cobras to another plant and do likewisethen repeat the cycle. . . . Kaiser Company, adjoining this plant, are also going to full capacity and maintain a full complement of oldtime engineers-one in particular, Brother Johnson, the crane operator. Brother Johnson has been with the company so long that he's not quite sure when he started.

GOLD DISCOVERY IN MONTEREY

Monterey celebrated the 100th anniversary of discovery of gold in California in its own way. Recently a "Dozer" owned by the Granite Construction Company and manned by one of our own brother engineers, Brother Mazzurco, uncovered numerous cans and jars filled with \$20 gold pieces while excavating on the school job which is on the property of the old Gold Hill Will Martin estate - a wealthy landowner, nearly a half century ago. Police estimated more than 1000 persons jammed the excavation site during one night, hoeing, raking and shoveling through the clods cast aside by the bulldozers. It is believed that altogether, 400 coins with a collectors' value of approximately \$26,000 were taken from this site (some of the coins dated back as far as 1877). Why, oh why, wasn't I in Monterey on that day -maybe I could have made a little overtime dough.

Calabrese - Martin, well - known contractors in this area, are getting their new yard in shape and are moving their equipment in for the winter overhaul, if they get sufficient time. They are keeping very busy in and around this locality and at present time have their hands full with one job in particular-the one adjoining their yard. This is the site for an Eastern concern who contemplate building huge warehouses.

Monterey Sand, Pratco Company and Lapis (P.C.A. Plants) are runsitll busy on the excavation on the new school. . . . F. C. Stolte Company are also in on this job and Brother Buck Wall has his ditching machine on this project as well. As I mentioned before, there is considerable excavation to be done on this job (by Granite) as there is to be a huge athletic field and swimming pool in connection with the school - besides, many roads, etc. . . To date I have heard nothing more in regards to the Naval Training School which is to be built in Monterey (mentioned in my previous issues).

SALINAS

Raymond, Concrete Pile have a job on the Southern Pacific overpass and there are about 190 piles to be driven on this job. Brother Al Dodini is the "Dozer" operator and Brother C. H. Potter the "Driver" engineer. They should be nearing completion of their job very shortly. Dan Caputo of San the place (as Brother Clancy would Pacific Builders are progressing say). Brothers, I think the town of nicely on their J. C. Penney and cern has just completed the new Let's not forget. . . . Keeble has Lucky Store, adjoining. Talcott moved in a few more pieces of Lumber Company are supplying the and is progressing nicely at present materials which go into this type on his Santa Cruz job and if we of construction. . . . Granite ConNLRB Gets First T-H Injunction Against Boss

Washington, - The NLRB announced the granting of the first injunction under the Taft-Hartley law restraining an employer from unfair labor practices, as a federal judge put a restraining hand on the General Motors Corp.

Federal Judge John Bright in New York issued a temporary restraining order to keep GM from putting into effect a proposed employee insurance plan slated to begin February 1.

The corporation had sent out w rd of the plan to workers without notifying the union with which it has been under contract for years, the United Arro Workers. The NLRB asked for the injunction on complaint by the UAW that the corporation's action in not bargaining over the insurance program was an unfair labor practice.

on the Monterey Park job and expect to begin operations very shortly. There is a lot of smaller work going on in and around this locality. Stolte Company also has a small sewer job.

WATSONVILLE

Tyson & Waters of Sacramento were the lucky bidders on the fair ground job which went for approximately \$78,000. There will be considerable "Blade" and "Cat" work on this project. Mr. Waters informed me he is going to do his utmost to complete this job within 60 days, so he is employing two 10-hour shifts on five "Cats," a 'Blade" and one shovel. . . . Mc-Donald, Young and Nelson have completed their foundation job on the telephone building and have move their shovel to Oakland. Brother G. E. Bothwell who has been with this firm (I might say, Pete Young) for years, informs me they have a telephone job in Modesto, a P. G. & E. building in San Francisco, another job for the Union Oil Company at Oleumanother P. G. & E. job at Moraga, a J. C. Penney building at Santa Ana and the Jackson Furniture building in Oakland and besides that, they are bidding on the Fruitvale overpass. According to this backlog, it looks like this company will be busy for many months to come-Brother Bothwell, too. This just about sums up the activity of this locality with the exception of much small stuff, here and there. Due to the recent heavy rains some time but no one has any regrets. We sure did need rain.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

It is with regret that I report the death of Brother Al Giannini who, until he retired recently, was employed by the A. J. Raisch Company for a good number of years. Brother Giannini had been a member of the Engineers for the past brother members and many friends. ... Brother Charles M. Crane of Palo Alto just got itchy feet and the urge to travel, so he shipped out to Guam. . . . Brother Harley Davidson who was so seriously injured December 1st, is still incapacitated and unable to work. He

does get around a bit, though. Brother Roy "Shortie" Hamilton was in the office recently to pay us a visit and I was extremely sorry to learn that his wife had passed away in December. Know we all join in extending to him our sympathy over his great loss. . . Brother Nate Davis, a professional Churn Drill Operator, has returned from the South Pacific where he was employed as an instructor on Churn Drill Operations, and is now back at his old job with Permanente. Brother Nate says he is glad to be back in this country again. He said some of the students with whom he worked would tax the patience of anybody.

Brother Larry Croxen who, prior to the war, was a well-known "Ditching Operator" in these parts is now moving back to this territory. Brother Croxen did a hitch of nearly five years in "His Uncle's" Navy. He survived the war O.K. only to almost lose his life in an automobile accident. Due to the serious nature of the injuries received in this accident, Brother Croxen has spent the last nine months recuperating. He is now

SACRAMENTO HAILS IMPETUS TO DAM AND SHIP CHANNEL PROJECTS—OTHER JOBS OPEN

By F. A. LAWRENCE and ED PARKS Business Representatives, Local 3

Sacramento-The best news for this area was the President's request for \$3,370,000 for initial work on the Folsom Dam and \$2,500,000 for initial work on the Deep Water Channel. Accordingly, a delegation was sent East to appear before the Congressional Appropriations Committee and urge approval of these requests. Rumor has it that the mission was a success

and work may start as early as July, The Army Engineers have already started test drilling at the site of the turning basin of the Deep Water Channel.

More good news concerning the new wallboard plant has been released and what started out to be a \$14,000,000 project has been raised to \$17,000,000. Ground will be broken around April 1st and work will be completed in 18 months. Newsom Kraft Corp. are the owners and Merritt-Chapman and Scott of New York City are the general contractors.

We reported last month on the jobs due to be let here soon and to these we add a \$265,336 program for improvements at the Fair Grounds, and a half million dollar office for the Telephone Co.

HIGHWAY PROJECTS

Six miles of Forest Service road, a continuation of the Lynch job at Michigan Bluff, was supposed to have been let this month but to date we have been unable to get any further information on it. Lynch completed his part of this project but we understand he is leaving some equipment in the vicinity until the successful bidder on the new job is announced. It was a pleasure to do business with this outfit and we hope they are successful in getting other jobs in this area.

W. C. Thompson and Baker Bros. are still in the Forest Hills area, and on the Baker job we found our old friend, Bro. George Freeland, running the 80. Fredrickson Bros. took advantage of the good weather we were having and really opened up their job at Grass Valley. At this writing, however, there is six inches of snow on the ground up there. The storms of the last few days have brought snow down as low as Auburn so things are of the brothers were off for a short pretty well shut down in that area at the present time.

CANAL, LEVEE WORK

H. E. Parker and Van Vaulkenthe N. I. D. canal near Auburn. Another section was put up for bid, ation. but all were rejected and the work is being done by the N. I. D. itself. The crafts involved have not been able to enforce a closed shop, but and most of the men on the job are union.

The Peter L. Ferry levee job has slowed down to a walk and very few of the boys are left. Another of Putah Creek, will be up for bid as soon as right-of-way difficulties are ironed out, according to reports from the U.S. Engineers.

The Central California Construction Co. have started their job on the new Greyhound Bus Depot. Leo Lentz is doing the wrecking of the old garage and on the job at the present time are Brothers Ralph Smith, S. E. Elledge and Wm. Simpson.

AROUND THE JOBS

A Teichart & Son took a few of the boys off the out-of-work list the other day, to man their job at Rio Vista. Brother Bob Brock ran the day shift with Brothers Dave Sullivan, Bob Norris, Art Warneke, Don MaCasland, Willard Parker and Oran Cobb on the cats. Bro. Charley Homan had the swing shift with Brothers Leland Cline, B. F. MacAdam, J. E. Disney, Arland Wright and Jim Ashford on the cats. Brother Al Andregg and Brother Gionnoni were mechanic and oiler, respectively. They had to make this a round-the-clock operation to keep the tide from washing away all their efforts.

Brothers Metcalf and Wright have moved some of their equipment up from Stockton and are about ready to take on a little putting a few of the boys to work on their sewer job in North Sacramento.

Brother C. H. Johnson, better known as Alabama, has a nice little outfit now, consisting of a 12-blade, a roller, a water truck and an oil distributor. We wish him lots of

Brother A. Vanderhoof has a portable welder he wishes to rent. Can be reached by phoning Sacramento 9-0227. Brother Peter Scandalis is now out on withdrawal. He has opened up a cleaning shop at 248 Broadway, called the New Way Service. Lots of luck, Pete. STRIKE TOURIST GOLD

We took in the Gold Discovery Celebration at Coloma a couple of weeks ago and found people still striking gold up there. Particularly those who had staked out claims for concessions. Bro. Bob Massey, who has an orange grove near Fair Oaks, had an orange stand set up and was doing a lond office business selling his golden squeezing. Between fifty and seventy thousand people jammed themselves into that little town and ran the risk of being trampled to death by the exuberant natives who had all acquired horses for the occasion and insisted on galloping up and down the one and only street.

We send congratulations to Bro. D. McAdam and his wife, who became parents of a future engineer January 11. Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to Bro. Emil Selzle, who underwent a serious head operation and, although out of the hospital, is still not in shape to go to work.

Our belated sympathies go to the family and friends of Bro. Donald Russell, who was killed in a plane accident some months ago. It has just come to our attention.

To all the engineers who accumulated 1200 hours or more at the California Rock Quarry at Cool: Write to this company and request your vacation pay.

We still have a large out-of-work list, but hope that in our next berg have finished their jobs on issue we can report that many of the jobs now pending are in oper-

Humboldt

(Continued from Page 3) 24 years and will be missed by his the prevailing rates are being paid side, and the Mutual Plywood Company will start moving dirt in 30 days at Fairhaven. DREDGING IN BAY

> U. S. Engineers will start dredging the Humboldt Bar and other large levee job, along the banks sites in Humboldt Bay at once so that lumber steamers can start loading lumber for intercoastal and export trade.

> > Fred Maurer & Son keep a couple of cats busy and their Smithsonian Institute truck crane. Bosch & Cummings have put on another 1/2-yard shovel and keep their crew working 6 and even 7 days. Eureka Sand & Gravel keeps moving material 5 days a week.

> > Brother Louis Conner keeps four brothers busy six days, 9 hours. One thing about Brother Louis, he demands the best skinners and mechanics but no member has ever complained of Brother Conner's treatment.

> > Phoenix Construction Company at Piercy keeps a small maintenance crew busy. McEwen has his rigs busy around Willits. Nothing doing in the Fort Bragg area except a small piling job on the Navarro River.

NEWS ABOUT BROTHERS

Had a phone call from Medford, Oregon, on January 26 from Brother Al (The Goose) Mongrain. He said he was leaving for Seattle the next day to report to the United Fruit Company for a dirt moving job in Panama. Job is for 18 months and is on the West Coast in the northern part. Pay is based on (Continued on Page 11)

Stockton Local 3 News Roundup

Stockton -Our jobs in the Stockton area are still in the it. Also in this territory, we expestimated to cost \$1,000,000. River- | 90,000-acre-feet storage for water preeminary stages of employment. The Barrett and Hilp job on the south sewer plant is shaping up fast. Teichert's crew has the main excavation completed and the Barrett and Hilp equipment is all on the job. Brothers R. S. Foudrey and K. Barnes are on the Brown Hoist clamming gravel and Brothers

George Madru and Rudy Lazano are on the truck crane. Brother conditions on the new contract. Chris Friis is operating the T.D.9

We expect the Teichert spread to be stringing out soon on their road job up at Pioneer Station above Jackson and, with the completion of this contract, we understand that these Cats will go to Merced on the Mariposa Creek

M. J. B. added a third Pull to their Stockton freeway string on February 2, with Brother Harry Carver up. Brothers Bert Genereaux and Shorty Zingleman are on the other two Pulls with Roy O'Dell on the snatch Cat and Marion Beebe dozing. Compaction has been a problem on the job. with Brother Norman Pruitt handling the day shift and Willie Melton the swing shift on the sheepsfoot. Brothers T. E. Douglass and Jimmie Potter are cutting the slopes on the blades. This spread is complete with three old M. J. B. standbys, Brothers Oscar Medalen stott, on the grease truck, Hank Linkert as pusher, and Alvin Krein as h.d. mech.

FREEWAY JOB

Brothers Leon Ermatinger and Hiram Huff are busy lining out the structure end of the freeway job for Lord and Bishop. Under the supervision of Dick Haggerty, this contract will bring back many of the old Mossdale Bridge crew to build the subways for the freeway. A carpentry yard and the M. J. B. batch plant have already been set up by these brothers. The aggregates will be supplied by George French's Tracy Sand and Lodi sewer canal from Thorton Gravel Company. French is adding another crusher to his pit at Kerlinger and has taken over the old Perriera pit adjoining his property on the west. We understand he intends to convert this plant for a road rock supply.

Out at United Concrete Pipe's new plant, Brother John Cramer is ably whipping this unit into shape. Brothers Jack Alexander and Virgil Armstrong are on the truck crane out there and Mac Frink and Carol Airola are on the Cats. S. M. McGaw's crew has just finished the asphalt slab to sur- | ton Morris, Bob McNamara went round the batch plant and the footings are in ready for the steel, which should have arrived by the time this has gone to print. Two deisel-electric cranes will handle the 30-foot sections of 68-inch pipe. One is a brand new American, the other a converted steam rig. This company would like to have its pipe job on the way by March 1. Tract. They have a \$3,000,000 section between Kettleman Lane and Pardee

PIPELINE JOB

Artuckovitch Brothers were in with Brothers John Saltis and L. B. Stevens on a truck crane dragline and Brother G. B. Ritchie on a D4 dozer to put in six sections of pipe under the Woodbridge Irrigation Canal on North 99 Highway. This is all that this company will do on its \$1,095,429 section of the East Bay Pipeline until April 1, when they come in to take it from Kettleman Lane to Holt.

Stockton Construction Company is winding up its South Sewer job and will be taking its spread to Modesto to tie on the next section of the Modesto sewer where the Lenkeit Company has been finishing up the backfill with Brothers J. L. Nicholson and George Peabody on a truck crane.

HARVESTER PLANT

We had a fine visit with the crane operators out at International Harvester last week. Brothers Clay Henry, Emil Meyer, I. E. Coffey, Ernest Odear and Seth Smith do the hoisting in this plant and have a plenty tough time keeping the job organized and according to contract. We are now negotiating with the company

The Walter T. Johnson Company, out at Pollock's old shipyard, is cutting the superstructure off four ships and by the time you receive this, they will have the first two hulls in the two basins ready to cut up. At present they are moving the center Colby over on the dock side to team up with the American on the superstructture work. A stiff leg is being for them now. erected in the center of the gates on the two basins to take the Colby's place in raising the gates. The hull scrap will be easily handled by the two outside Colbys. A crew of old Pollock Engineers are on the job again: Ed Fox, Bob Warnick, Walter Mack, Irvin Longengaugh, Ernie Brown, Bill McKinnon, Cecil Smith, Harley Bauguess, and John T. Godding are the Local 3 men in the yard.

Work is slow in the Lodi area with Claude Woods steadies. Fred Cooper, Joe Zeissler, Harry On-"Peewee" Monk get their full weeks in the shop but Bert Holmes and Glen Galaven on the outside are a little spotty on their time. Claude's gravel plant is a nice operation with a good future. organization recently has knocked off some very nice orders for United Concrete Pipe's new yard.

Barton and Anderson on the Woodbridge fishladder job are about through. A nice small job.

DEEP LAND LEVELLING

Brother "Brownie" Brown went on his own and rented Stockton Construction's dragline to dig the to the slough. Brothers Harold Lowry and Ike Haley operated the rig for him. It was a good piece of work and we hope Brother Brown gets some more. He has the confidence of the Lodi city engineers for the excellent work he did for them and for Jim Webster in Lodi last summer.

Brothers McBride and Britton took their spread of four Cats 16 miles south of Bakersfield to a landleveller's paradise. There are cuts as deep as 28 feet. Brothers Art Murrison, Ernie Smith, Claywith them for a 10-hour, 6-day deal on two shifts.

Out on Staten Island the other day we had a nice visit with Al Rider's gang: Bud Gordon, Frankie Cole, Ollie Burks, Glen Decker, C. Armstrong and Charlie Bussler. The spread is split now, with most of the rigs moved to the Brack

Ralph Warren drilling test holes for another year's production at fill work. the Gladding-McBean plant. Brother Chester Butts had the International loader in high gear loading out last year's stock piles.

BIG PG&E JOB At Mokolumne Hill, Ray Neilsen's gravel plant is facing expansion to produce aggregates for lining the completed PG&E tunnels. This compact plant was originally intended for a family affair, but is rapidly becoming big

time. Dam and power house projects on the PG&E jobs are pouring cement steadily nowadays and machinery and penstock steel is coming in every day. The potentials for electric power production on the Mokolumne River have really

been exploited by this project. Beerman and Jones at Sonora are working their plant steadily supplying asphalt and rock to many small jobs. There is nothing big going on in this section, but you can always find Brother "Red" Barnett on the blade somewhere around town and in the plant George Morrison keeps his shovel digging so that the big deisel plant never shuts down.

pect to sign an agreement with bank is planning a new sewage Maxwell, formerly of Hyatt and Maxwell, who is operating a loader and a Cat on construction work.

RIVER COUNTRY

E. J. Warner expects to start the Stevens Bar Bridge on the Big Oak Flat Road by February 15 and is working hard to clean up his work in the valley. Merle Warner's plant at Bellota is shaping up fast with some 60 feet of conveyor assembled at the time of our last visit. Warner sold the old Calaveras River Bridge which he replaced last summer to the Webster Ranch, near Linden, to use on their crossing higher up on the Calaveras River. He is placing it

Valley Steel's crane, with Brothers L. L. Scribner and Robert Wilder, put up the steel on the new Pacific Avenue Post Office recently-a nice addition to our

Two new Engineers, D. V. Long and M. W. Totman, have the Fordson business cornered in Stockton. These two brothers own their own rigs and do a lot of excavation considering the size of their equipment. Brother Ted Nichols covers Lodi in the same manner and now Lindsey Holmes brings one into Modesto and Tracy, ably operated by Johnny Therkelsen.

Brother Manuel Nunes is one of the quietest members in the Engineers' Union, but this sole employee of C. J. Feaver is really hard at work. Feaver contracts crop work as well as construction and we have seen Manuel busy on two subdivisions recently, and also on a business lot.

BRIDGE, AIRPORT

Herringer Brothers were low bidders on the Riverbank Stanislaus River bridge out of a field of 17 bidders.

Woodrow Bird is having good luck with dry weather on his Jackson Airport job. His operators are staying with him and we have been able to send up five or six additional members.

Phillips, Erickson & Weisberg have finished their Empire Bridge job on the Tuolumne River. Brothers Albert "Red" Stratton and Virgil Idle have moved their dragline to Oakland for the next job. "Red" lives in Concord and for awhile was commuting daily between Empire and Buchanan Field at Concord with his two-place Aeronca. "Red" really likes to fly.

We ran into Brothers A. L. Hollis and Charley Frasier on the Lindsey College Park subdivision in Modesto. They are running a trencher for the Valley Trenching Company. Valley has been fairly busy this winter. They have just completed the initial trenching on the new Catholic school and convent on Maze Road at Modesto. Pacific Coast Builders has this job Up at Ione we found Brother on a \$519,950 contract. Joe Ruddy & Son will do the excavation and

BIG BUCKET BUSY

At present Ruddy's jeeps are levelling land on the creek bottom between Riverbank and Empire, with Brother Jack Hudson on the dozer push Cat.

Business is quiet at Standard Materials and Munn and Perkins yards. Much equipment is being worked over and all outside jobs are small. Standard's shop with Brothers M. P. Williams and Lloyd Thompson, at last is beginning to dig out from a big backlog of repair work.

Over on the M & K canal job we visited the Monhagen the other day and found the crew happy and the big 15-yard bucket into good digging, loaded over the top on every pass. The swing shift had done 8,600 yards in seven and onehalf hours the day before.

Stockton is expecting several small construction jobs up for bids soon. Poultry Producers and the Flotill Cannery both intend to rebuild after fires. Herman Hoffman, consulting engineer, has just turned in his recommendations for the location of a new public boat club. Let's get on the bandwagon, harbor. Lodi has a hospital and brothers! This blood is available Calvert Transfer Company in a \$250,000 War Memorial Building at no cost to each of us-and to

disposal system.

ERP KILLS JOBS

A recent report by Stockton City Manager Hogan has knocked in the head any immediate hope for work on five large construction projects which will certainly have to be developed at a later date. Back from a flying trip to Washington, Hogan reports that diversion of funds to European relief has set back expected appropriations for: (1) the Farmington dam, a \$3,000,000 flood control project; (2) dredging of the San Joaquin River and Burns cut-off gan Dam to increase the present number is 9-9793.

conservation purposes; (4) development of additional military supply installations in this area to minimize the danger of atomic bombing in the Bay Area; and (5) a \$1,000,000 San Joaquin River levee repair and construction program. Holding up federal appropriations on these projects is a serious blow to expanding construction work in this area but each of these projects will certainly develop when money can be appropriated.

Our Stockton out-of-work list is due to be revised and all brothers who are still available for work and wish to be on the list are refor industrial site development, a quested to contact the Stockton of-\$5,000,000 job; (3) raising the Ho- fice after February 15. Our phone

News About the Brothers

Brother Jimmie Potter has pur- Red Cross will handle the techchased a new home. Jimmie has a wife and new daughter who will appreciate the new set-up. He says a trailer house doesn't keep you worrying about a lawn but he is willing to tend a garden to get off the wheels.

Brother George Adler up at Claude Woods' gravel plant has a new motor scooter for transportation to and from work. During the winter days he runs broncoriding Cowboy Airola a close second dodging puddles and occasionally does a loop the loop. We saw him pretty muddy one day!

Art Chrisman, who suffered the loss of sight of one eye handling a dragline cable some months ago, is happily at work at Woods' plant again. It was a real comeback for a courageous Engineer and a good dragline operator.

Perry Clayton, one of Woods' catskinners, is now on a lifetime job, he hopes, skinning a Cobra for P. C. A. at Kerlinger.

Brothers Harold Lowery and 'Whitey" Yeager are both off Stockton Construction's payroll for a couple of weeks. We suspect Harold is spending his time oiling his guns and reels for another year of hunting and fishing, and we know "Whitey" is headed to see the folks back in Texas.

Brother Fred Adams has had a rough six weeks on the out-ofwork list and took a trip to Monterey, fishing, to change his luck. He did all right, bringing back the \$12 pot for the biggest fish and a nice mess of smaller ones besides.

Brothers "Rip" Edwards and Harry Bartell are real boosters for the new trailer court on 99 Highway east of the Fair Grounds. It's well payed and has good bath facilities, they say.

Dick Arthurs, from up at Angels Camp, was in to say hello the other day. Clearing in the hills has kept his Cats busy all winter and he was expecting to add another rig to his spread.

our union are the Jones boys of Riverbank. L. L. is plant man for American Transit Mix and his brother is now welding for Ruddy.

Adam Frederick just made the out-of-work list after nine months with Asta Construction of Rio Vista. He started on their Fairview Terrace job, then went to Rio Vista with them.

Brother O. G. Rexroth, trenching machine operator for Edwards Brothers, has been doing a nice job for us weary Engineers. He has distribution set up for the Kaiser dishwashing and drying machines. He will gladly sell you one of these outfits and guarantee it to keep you out of the kitchen.

Sorry to hear that Leo Fallman's son, a Stanford University student, shot himself a short while ago. Leo is a partner in Fallman and Sutley, landlevellers.

AID BLOOD BANK

Local 3 sent in 30 names to our local blood bank to start our Engineers' Blood Club here in Stockton. Blood that formerly cost us \$25 a pint is now free to those Engineers who sign up for this Trades Council for our wages and Brother Bill Snodderly ably herds to build three elementary schools, sign up to donate. The American are involved.

nical details and Brother Ross Stevens, dispatcher, will take your signature.

The members of our Troop 61 Boy Scouts Committee for 1948 will be Bob Warnick, Ernest Brown, Bill McKinnon, Ed Doran, and Renny Burroughs.

Brother Grady Young is working for his brother Bill, of Tracy, and is spending more and more time at the controls of Bill's truck crane, a sweet little rig.

Brother Ernie Chamberlain, on Biasotti's blade, is doing the final runway dressing for Charlie Weber's new airport just north of the College of the Pacific. Ernie tells us that Assemblyman Weber is going to use a clover runway rather than a paved one. To us, it sounds like Charlie all right; he did most of the job with farm labor, claiming he was levelling it for rice.

Brother Pete Petersen, who recently returned from a Christmas holiday in the East, is now on the Mayson's crane out at the Junior College.

Brother Joe Souza, blade operator for Gordon Capp, is moving into a new home in Stockton. After a long layoff due to an accident on the Rough and Ready Island job, it it nice to know that this brother is getting back on his feet again. Joe says that this house will be a lot closer to work than the old place at Manteca.

Old-time oiler Roy Lovdal had a bad deal February 4. Out for a stroll in the evening, a former war dog escaped from its owner and bit Roy's behind, then knocked him down and broke his hip. Roy is now at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Forrest Melton, an old M. & K. Engineer, died in Manteca recently. Condolences to his family.

Brother Art Marsland, a former Biasotti mech., has a nice Shell Oil service station in partnership with Ed Colby. The station is at Linden Road and Sargent Avenue. The boys plan to put in a lunch counter soon to give their customers complete service. Drop in and see Art.

Daryl Allen, dozer and catskinner for George Patterson on a Tulare landlevelling job, had a bad case of dust pneumonia. He is recovering but states that dust down there is the worst ever this dry year.

Brother Harvey Edwards, levelling land for C. E. Rohn, had a rare experience the other day when the ripper he was pulling struck a high pressure gas line that comes from Bakersfield to the Bay Area, near Tracy. A Portuguese neighbor described it well to the gas company's office, over the phone. Quote: "A big wind she blow like hell, she scream and roar! Come quick!" Unquote. It was lucky that Harvey wasn't smoking and that he shut the rig off quickly. The gas blew a goodsized crater over the pipe, and it was about a half hour before the gas was shut off. Chuck Rohn is wondering now how his insurance policy reads.

It will be of interest to Engineers to see what contractor gets the canal job between M. & K. and Everest sections, upon which bids were scheduled to be called Februthrough the Bay Cities Metal Sonora operates one Cat and to be constructed. Modesto plans the members of our families-if we ary 3. Six million yards of dirt

News from the San Francisco office

wound up.

By P. E. Vandewark, Pat Clancy and Chet Elliott, Business Representatives, Local 3

Son Francisco - Work in San Francisco county and vicinity has been greatly reduced due to wet weather, and contractors not wanting to start new work or to proceed with the old jobs because of winter and expecting rain day by day.

Since-our last News report, we of the M. & K. Company. attended a meeting of the Western Conference of Engineers held at at this meeting dealt with the Phoenix, Arizona, The conference from practically every Engineers to location on railway maintenance Local Union in the eleven western states. Matters of vital importance to the Hoisting and Portable Engineers were discussed at this conference. A letter from the M. & K. Company regarding Engineers employment on railway maintenance work was brought up. The subject matter was referred to a committee consisting of Brother Eagen of consummated the new agreement Portland, Oregon (Local 701), Bro- for the Building Material and Agther Charles Evans of Los Angeles gregate Retail Yards covering San (Local 12) and Pat Clancy of Local Francisco, San Mateo, and Santa 3. Seventh Vice-President Swanson Clara. Also, negotiations have been arranged for a meeting to be held going on regarding the new agreein our San Francisco offices with ment covering the Scrap Iron the committee as appointed at the Yards for Oakland and San Franconference and the representatives cisco-

The main subject of discussion transfer of employees of the company as they move from location work. As this will affect members in every Local in the western states, and also outer Locals, it was decided that the committee's recommendations would have to be talked over, and approved by the General President.

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tion of everyone involved, we hope. The Stone & Webster job at

normal. The M. & K. water line job in San Francisco is expected to be completed this month as they are

winding up now. Charles L. Harney's 7th Street job in San Francisco has been pro-

ceeding very slowly. The Barrett & Hilp job at the Junior College, with approximately six members involved, is about

The Pacific Coast District Metal

Straightened out the matter on |9th, 1948, was well attended by and are now producing rock for the ports. Matters of importance concerning the Pacific Coast Master Hunters Point is proceeding about Shipbuilding and Ship Repair agreements were of prime interest as well as a unified stand in regard to wages and working conditions.

PENINSULA DISTRICT

Work in this area has picked up somewhat since the last issue of the Engineers News.

six cats and caryalls into Menlo quarries have been opened up. Park and are busily engaged on street and utility work.

The Guy F. Atkinson Company in Vancouver, B.C., on February their crushing plant at Brisbane a large number of Local 3 men.

the garbage dump to the satisfac- delegates from all the Pacific coast Bayshore Freeway job at South

On the Bayshore Freeway, Carrico & Gautier are pretty well along with their steel erection job on the overpasses. The J. H. Pomeroy Company on the same project are still standing by due to the steel shortage.

The rock and sand business is at its peak in this district at the Freeman and Hatlett have moved present time, and several new

All the local contractors in this area are busy on real estate development work. New projects are Trades Convention which convened have completed the erection of opening up daily, and these employ

News about the brothers:

Busy Engineers! Report the pany in the same capacity or larg-Maurice Smiths, a boy, Charles er, not knowing at this writing. in the six-year period. Averaged Nicholisen a baby "sorry no gen- Frank being an old-time Engineer \$3,619.53 per year. Figures an avder". The Russell Keornaghans an and Union man was 17 years in erage of \$108.58 per job. adopted boy, plus Wm. J. Moores Alaska on mining and construction the proud parents of a baby boy January 18. Real Engineers, we

Jack Cashman slipped up to Reno and put a ring on a beautiful gal, saying he enjoyed the trip plus having a lovely wife.

Wm. Vickery came home from Arabia, being injured in an accident; going to Denver, Colorado, for an operation. Bill says the food is good, hours are long and conditions usual as to the overall operations. One man's opinion.

We find Gene Yates, Orrin Wilson, Ed Kinney, Lewis Levine, plus several other boys home from Okinawa, and the job is winding up as far as some of the men are concerned. Robert Knapp is still there plus several other members whose names we do not have. Gene Yates is on his way back for another contractor. Ed Kinney is reputedly going back to the Islands for another hitch,

Guam men seem to have come home on every boat or plane this last month.

Walter Ridgeway, Adolph Pluth, Loyd Dennewille, Roy Paddock, Charles Baker, L. D. Wright came home from Guam, with several members going back for respective contractors.

One of the better cat-skinners, V. M. Simmons, wrote us saying he was on Guam also.

Earl Gates spending some time in Mexico was reported being back there after thinking he would stay home. Mexico must have something to lure the boys back.

Herman Wild, not seeing his folks for several years, decided that now was the appropriate time to take a trip to his native land, Switzerland, via plane.

BACK TO PHILIPPINES

Philippines for another contract, picking up addresses of the G.I.'s friends to contact while down there in order to express the service men's appreciation of their treatment while there during the war. Cementing friendly relations which the world so badly needs.

Eddie Vadness wrote to Chet Elliott about being in Arabia, sending in his dues, requesting the Engineers News.

Tommy Helean writes his good friend, McGuire, from Arabia informing him they are having trouand that they were moving closer are violently opposed to partitionknown according to dispatches in the daily papers.

Pat Callahan changed contractors in Guam. Missionaries for the workers with their true interests at heart are not too plentiful as everyone thinks of himself first and the H ... with everyone else, but big smiling Patrick happens to fall in the minority category for which we sincerely commend him. Thanks for your help and initiative, Callahan.

ALASKA TO OKINAWA

foreman for A. & J. on Okinawa, 2. He figures he averaged 16 jobs transferred to the Marsman Com-per year.

plus Attu and Anchorage during the war. His work record being such that Jeff Olsen of Marsman immediately hired him on separation from A. & J. as their operations have taken a decided drop for the present. Engineers of Local 3 are becoming known the world over.

L. E. Gritman, writing from Manila, being employed as a superviser over employees of the firm on construction. Considering the conditions of the Filipino workers, here is something to consider.

A native blade operator or catskinner gets the large sum of 40 to 42 cents per hour. If the native happens to be a good Civil Engineer he is paid as much as 95 cents per hour. If he is a common laborer the sum of 20 to 22 cents per hour. Ask some of the working class whether they would prefer this wage, with the fish and rice diet and the Taft-Hartley Bill that go together, or whether they prefer good Union conditions and a higher standard of living and wages, that go together. When we said ask some of the working class, we meant the ones that think good of the Taft-Hartley Bill and no good of Organized Labor.

Skip Paulson, Andy Conway, Red Russell, A. J. McCaffrey, Harry Hansen, Wm. McGuire, Curly Larson currently going to Greece.

THANKS TO ROY

Thanking Roy Carpenter, recently returning from Greece due to physical trouble and ever working for the interests of Local 3 members, also furnishing his company with competent men. Conditions were more or less controversial regarding the local issues in the country, saying the local population were for and against but de-Lew Bellinger going back to the ciding not to say who was right and who was wrong, we leave the issue to the people involved. This Local wishes to thank Roy for the members in securing the lucrative jobs for them, also the members wish to thank him.

> We regret to announce that Stanley Meyer's wife died on January 19th, and the funeral services were held at Reily's in the Mission District.

This Union endeavors to answer all correspondence in regard to the overseas projects. Also, we are ble all along the main pipe line endeavoring to send newspapers to the members who are overseas. to the coast. Commenting that the However, we do have a problem Arabs don't like Uncle Sam and as to the fact that immediately upon sending the newspapers to the ing the country, which is so well men we find them back home. If you are not getting your newspaper, please write in and we will do our best for you.

DOES YOUR UNION PAY OFF! We thought it might interest

you to know that one of the brothers dropped in to the dispatcher's office a few days ago. He had kept a record of the jobs he had been sent out on in the last six years, the amount of money he had received, and presented us with the following facts:

1. That he had been sent out on Frank Bandy, formerly general 101 jobs in the last six years.

3. He made a total of \$21,717.17

CAN YOU TOP THIS!

* * * Canal Shutdown (Continued from Page 2)

over and above that requested by the Bureau of Reclamation. In the meantime the Contractor, the Bureau of Reclamation and Representatives of Congress and Senate have been holding meetings in Washington, D.C., for the past several weeks and now it begins to look like one of the Round Robin deals. Somebody is going to get shoved to one side and I don't have to tell you what that is going to be; the poor working stiff that was actually building the Canal.

Before this thing is done, Congress will be congratulating the Bureau; the Bureau congratulating the Contractors; the Contractors wondering how to dodge paying Uncle Sam a little extra income tax. In the meantime, the farmers in this community are losing crops because of lack of water, the small business man has suffered a loss because of the lack of purchasing power of 2,000 men employed on this project, and little old John Q. Worker will have to scrimp like he -- for the balance of the year in order to pay up the debts incurred during the three months' lay off

The next regular meeting will be the 4th Thursday, February 26th, 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

Report for Stockton Area

(Continued from Page 7) negotiating, you reach a point

where economic action is indicated. Then Mr. Taft and Mr. Hartley step in-through their representatives-and pat the employer on the back and say, poor boy, won't these nasty unions let the employees work for nothing? The employer says no. Taft and Hartley say this is a free country and splendid work he has done for the you workers can't strike but must stay on your job for at least 30 days and give him time to find some strikebreakers so we can keep this plant going (some law, eh?).

> I would recommend that our members in Local 39 see the picture called "Captain Boycott" when it comes to their local movie theatre. It has a very good object lesson in it even if it did have an Irish setting. Those of you who are familiar with the early history and beginning of organized labor will recognize the beginning of that history.

Visited the General Mills plant at Lodi and was informed they will be delayed in starting operations until about April 1. Looked around the boiler room and it has not been completed. Decided to see Brother Hale, the chief engineer at Woodbridge Winery while in Lodi and drove out to his plant only to find cobwebs on the boiler glasses. The super informed me that Brother Hale had decided to shut the plant down for a couple of weeks while he stayed out at his ranch doing a little ploughing and seeing whether the chickens

were laying any eggs. That's all for this time, fellows.

Than.

What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, T. D. Bryson and Glenn Dobyns, Business Representatives, Local 3

Oakland-Work in this area is practically at a standstill at this writing. We all expect a definite slump with the onset of winter weather, but our local work situation got an added slap this year with the slow down of the various canal jobs in the area. This work, originally scheduled to proceed through the winter, has hit some pretty rough going due to lack of

appropriations. All the large construction companies have most of their equipment in the barn and 20-inch welded water pipe, 7,400 the number of major jobs in oper- feet of 12-inch caulked joint pipe ation in the East Bay can be and 8,400 feet of 10-inch caulked counted on one hand.

between 400 and 500 with very cluding superintendents and operlittle relief in sight for the immediate future. We certainly get equipment as soon as they get no enjoyment out of writing this leveled out. kind of report and you can rest assured that as soon as things take an upturn we will be passing the word on to you.

During the past month several of the brothers have been laid low by colds and the flu. In many instances no notification has been given, and no replacements sent to the job. We would appreciate having you give us a call if you are going to be off the job for a few days, and in that way we can provide another brother with the much-needed work until you are ready to return.

GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

Out on the S. U. H. B. job at Tracy they are fabricating a drilling machine to be used in digging holes for the piling. There are about 30 mechanics and welders. 24 cat operators and two shovel crews on this job, which has been slowed down due to lack of funds. They are operating on a one-shift basis and it is doubtful if this will be stepped up until some time next summer.

There are about 65 mechanics employed by Stolte in the yard gaged in taking down the whirleys in East Oakland. However, it is in Yards One and Two in Richexpected that this number will be mond. This equipment has been cut as the work progresses.

have started on a good-sized pipe- is in charge of dismantling facililine job for the E.B.M.U.D. in ties in Yard Two for the Santa Fe

The job consists of 8,400 feet of joint pipe. They have six Engi-Our out-of-work list is hitting neers on the job at present, inators. They expect to use more

> Work on Peterson Tractor Com-Avenue, West, in San Leandro is now in progress. The company purchased the 20-acre site some time ago and the new structure the size of their present quarters in Hayward. The grounds will be large enough to accommodate a proving and testing ground so that all equipment coming into the plant for repair and reconditioning will be thoroughly "road checked" before being released. This feature will also prove valuable in testing and proving special equipment which the company constructs. The old site has been purchased by the American Can Company and it is expected that the new steel and concrete structure will be ready for occupancy about July 1.

McGuire and Hester have an 8,000-foot sewer job in operation in Berkeley, but most of their equipment is in the shop at pres-

There are two rigging firms enpurchased by various concerns and is to be shipped to different parts R. Goold and Son of Stockton of the country. Ransome Company the vicinity of Orinda Crossroads. Railroad, owners of the property.

Dredge News

and there s not much in the off- report it appeared that Jake will ing for the immediate future. get a substantial part of his loss However, there are several jobs back. To say the least, this cercoming up, or at least in prospect. tainly was a commendable thing The San Francisco Bridge Company has been sounding in San Leandro Bay, where the City of · Oakland is contemplating construction of a boat channel to the pany has been awarded the con-Oakland Municipal Airport. This tract for the U.S. Army Engineers should be a pretty good sized job, if and when they decide to go Ready Island, Stockton. They are This company was also low bidder on a large job at Coos Bay, Oregon. I understand that it is a joint venture with the Standard Dredging Company, with the Bridge Company holding the major portion of the job, and I believe they are going to use the dredge Hinds. This is rather a large job, but all the details are not worked out as yet and the contract has not been awarded to

Johnson Western Company's dredge Alamitos is still busy on the Leslie Salt Company job at Redwood City Yacht Harbor. This work will probably last another month or six weeks. The company has finished pumping on the freeway job in East Oakland but is still using a few men removing the pipeline and cleaning up.

A rather interesting thing happened on this job recently. One of the members, Jacob Huyck. while working on the pipeline, lost his wallet containing \$170 which he had planned to use in making a payment on a G. I. loan. The loss of this amount made it extremely difficult for Brother Huyck to meet his obligations and at the same time feed his wife and seven children. The boys on the job became aware of this situation and really does a fine job, and, if you our good friend Chase McCoy, su- will give him a call at GLencourt perintendent on the job, took 1-4697, he will be glad to give you charge and started off a collection a demonstration in your home.

Dredging has been very slow with a good-sized donation. At last to do and shows a spirit of good fellowship among our members, as well as very fine cooperation from management.

The Olympian Dredging Comat the Naval Annex on Rough and now laying the pipeline, which involves considerable work, as they have to put a submerged line across Stockton Channel so that the movement of ships in the Port of Stockton may continue unhampered. Pumping operation were scheduled to start about February 15.

The Associated Dredging Company has the Liberty and Curlew working. The Delta No. 1 is tied up at their Pittsburg yard. Brother Ross McAllister has gone to Eureka, where there is a small job for the Jupiter.

The Pacific Portland Cement Company is working two crews on their drege Texas at Redwood City but they are expecting to have to lay off one shift on account of the power shortage.

The Standard Dredging Company has their dredge Belmont working again on development work at Belmont. Captain Grant states that they have enough work in sight to keep busy for two or three months.

And then if you want a vacuum cleaner demonstration that will do everything but peel the supper spuds call on Brother Al Holmes. He is selling a type of cleaner that

News About the Brothers

bull with the brothers, and have for Miami and home. just about come to the conclusion that chatting with some of our more traveled members is one of the best ways of really finding out what's going on in the world.

For instance . . . Brother W. G. Ferguson dropped in one morning last week after a very long absence. We asked him where he had been keeping himself and he said, "Oh, down around the Carribean and Mexico." With considerable questioning we finally pany's new \$650,000 plant on 132nd found out that he had been chief engineer on Errol Flynn's yacht, the Zaca, since August of 1946. As we kept on prying, the story of his trip unfolded-a tale lousy will be approximately three times with adventure, uninhabited islands, uninhibited natives, and enough action to hold the attention of a dyed-in-the-wool thrillerdiller fan.

The trip started with a cruise down the coast of Lower California and Mexico, with stops at several out-of-the-way islands. At Acapulco, Mexico, the yacht was chartered by Orson Wells and Rita Hayworth, who used it for five weeks shooting scenes for one of their pictures. Later the party visited the San Blas Islands off the coast of Panama and learned something of the native Indians-Who, by the way, wear rings in their noses and are not the least at about 8:30 that evening he was bit impressed by either yachts or movie stars. From there their travels took them to Cartegena, the principal port of Colombia, where they had the misfortune to run aground on a sandbar, upon which they roosted unhappily all Christmas day.

Finally, as the sun was sinking slowly in the west, just like in the travelogues, a Panamanian steamer hove into sight and hauled them back into deep water.

Following this experience they started in the general direction of Port au Prince but their hex was still with them and they ran into a terrific storm. After three days of pounding and battering, they limped into the harbor at Kingston, Jamaica, and all hands felt very much relieved and a bit surprised that they had made port at all. Here the vessel underwent extensive repairs, after which it proceeded on to Port Antonio, where it was impounded by the British government, pending a salvage

At this point Brother Ferguson had a lot of leisure time and ample opportunity to become acquainted with the natives and their first things you learn if you are to be there any length of time, and business back there for some time value your possessions, is the important part that padlocks play. You buy lots of 'em and be sure to use 'em on anything you want to keep for more than 15 minutes after your back's turned. He seemed to be especially impressed by the oddities of certain of the native ladies. From his description, these Amazons seem to be king-sized B-girls, and extremely light-fingered. They make a practice of roaming about in pairs, fleecing any stray lamb (or goat) who is unfortunate enough to fall into their grasp.

Turning to what we felt surely must be a happier subject, we asked Bill about the refreshment situation down there. His face lit up and his eyes took on a reminiscent gleam as he gave us a detailed description of the "best doggoned drink in the world." Here's the recipe: Take a jigger of good Jamaica rum, Blend with fresh, tangy ginger, in a tall frosted glass. Mix well and hand immediately to a man with a thirst! Bill says that he had always prided himself on being a Scotch and soda man, but now he is a dyed-in-thewool rum and ginger fan. However, he said that when it began to roll around toward the holiday

With work practically at a home. So on November 5 he standstill, we have been able to packed his straw suitcase, bid the spend some time in the hall during Zaca adieu, sold 47 used padlocks the past few weeks, shooting the at auction, and boarded a plane



Above is shown the Zaca at Port Antonio, Jamaica, British West Indies

Brother Thomas K. Moore is back in Oakland for a few weeks but as soon as spring breaks he expects to be heading back to Rice Fork Lodge. Tom has been managing the resort, which is located about 35 miles northeast of Ukiah on the Potter Valley Road, for some time. There is very good fishing and fine deer and quail hunting, and he says that while it is far enough off the beaten path to make these sports really good, still the roads in are in very good condition and accommodations at the lodge are excellent.

Brother Floyd Manning is wondering whether being a good Samaritan is such a hot idea after all, and the reason for his doubt is directly traceable to the evening of January 20. It seems that driving along, minding his own business, when a citizen with a stalled car flagged him down and asked for a shove. Glad to oblige, Brother Manning eased his car up until they were bumper to bumper. Then the distressed one asked him if he'd mind checking to see if the bumpers met properly. By the time Floyd had gotten out and walked to the front of the car, Mr. Motorist-in-Distress was there too-with a 45 caliber automatic pistol in his hand, the business end of which was poking our hero in the ribs. About this time a Negro accomplice came out of the shadows and frisked him thoroughly and expertly. The search proved worthwhile as Floyd, unfortunately, had \$512 on him. Needless to say, they took this and then told him to start walking. He contacted the police as soon as possible and was able to give a fairly good description of the two but to date he is still short not only the money but also compassion for distressed motorists.

Just received a letter from Lemmon, South Dakota. Brother customs. He said that one of the Van Houten and his sons have been engaged in the construction and say that things are going very well. They have five D-8 Cats and scrapers working and the outlook for work during the coming spring and summer appears to be very good, with many projects scheduled to start in that area in the near future.

> Anyone spotting a nighly polished jeep wending its way northward in the general direction of Alaska can feel reasonably sure that the pilot is none other than Brother Claude Powers. Claude purchased the vehicle especially to make the trip, but found it awfully airy, so he equipped it with an aluminum top. Now it is not only snug and warm but has the added advantage of shining like a brand new teakettle. He knows its pretty early to start north, but by getting under way now he's sure he'll be there in ample time for spring work. Then too, there's lots of fine game along the roads and he has visions of cruising along, easy like, taking pot shots as he

Brother Harry Dick recently received a letter from Brother H. C. Gillum, from Saudi Arabia, and he seems very enthusiastic about the season this past year, rum or no place. Says the weather at this rum, he got an awful yen to come time of year compares favorably

with our own San Francisco climate. He is located a stone's throw from the Persian Gulf, near a wonderful beach, and he says they only have to travel five miles to get really good fishing. There is complete air conditioning in mess halls and living quarters, which keeps things under control when the thermometer climbs. Brother Gillum is in full charge of the commissary and is justly proud of the fact that they are serving 1,000 men three times a day, and keeping most of 'em happy too!

One of our oldtimers, Paul Harper, was back in the Bay Area recently to arrange funeral services for his brother, N. C. "Bud" Harper, who passed away on Okinawa in December. "Bud," who also had been a member for many years and whose passing was mourned by many, was laid to rest at Sunset View Cemetery in Oakland on February 10, Paul wished to express his appreciation and that of his family for the kindness of brother Engineers. He is especially grateful to those brothers on Okinawa who assisted in the memorial service out there. He also wanted to extend his thanks for the financial assistance rendered by the members of the International and by "Bud's" fellow workmen on the island.

Brother Vera Foley is up and around again following an operation which confined him to the Veterans Hospital in Oakland for some time. Brother Jess Burns has also been hospitalized following a concussion suffered in an auto accident February 6, but at last report he was coming along nicely.

Brother A. Del Conte, who has been operating a successful excavating business in the East Bay for some time is now engaged in a new enterprise. He became interested in this work, which consists of building stone fireplaces, berbecue pits, ornamental walls, patios, etc., while doing excavating work on a residence upon which rock construction was being done. As he watched the work he became more and more interested and finally finding the business was for sale, decided to have a go at it. Known as Lesher Patios - A Del Conte, the company has a yard located at 741 Delaware street, Berkeley, where samples of available rock from many parts of the country are on display. While Brother Del Conte has his equipment, consisting of several trucks, a D-6 cat and a D-4 loader up for sale, he says he still considers himself very Brother R. C. Van Houten, from much an engineer and wishes to express his appreciation for the consideration and cooperation he has received from his organization.

> Brother and Mrs. Joe Venti are the proud parents of a son, born the latter part of January. We have heard stories of people being born with silver spoons in their mouths, but Joe swears this little feller arrived with one of the new yearly buttons clenched in his teeth.

> Brother Bill Berry is back in pusiness for himself once again. Many of you patronized Bill's used furniture store out on MacArthur Blvd. (had some darned good buys, too, if you'll remember) and no doubt you'll want to drop in and see him now. This time he's selling used cars and he says to come on out to 330 E. 12th street, and take a look at some real bargains!

NOTICE

Due to the fact that practically all jobs im the Oakland area are operating on a five-day basis, we find it impractical to continue the 8:00 p.m. closing on Friday mights.

THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE AT ONCE, THE OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 5:30 P.M. FRIDAY NIGHT.

Round-up of the news from Utah

By C. L. Casebolt, T. L. Clark, C. R. Van Winkle and L. G. Ostler, Business Representatives, Local 3

Salt Lake City-First meetings have been held with the ate unit vote for it. Such elections for circulation among our members project soon - Clyde wants to new Labor Committee of the A.G.C., Intermountain Branch. This committee will be headed by Mr. George Putnum, well known head of the Utah office of the Utah Construction Co. Mr. Putnum's attitude has always been very fair and it is to be hoped that the choosing of such a fair-minded and able man reflects a change in the attitude of this Chapter for the better.

The first meeting, at which you were represented by Brothers Casebolt, Van Winkle and Clark, disclosed a general satisfaction by all parties with the main body of the agreement as it now stands, with the exception of wages, of course; however, it was agreed that some changes might be necessary under the Taft-Hartley Act. For this reason the contractors asked for a recess of negotiations until Feb. 19, to give them time to attend the

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National Convention of the A.G.C. at Dallas, Texas, at which convention they expected to become better acquainted with the steps necessary under this act.

In return for agreeing to such a delay, the Contractors' Committee agreed to (1) present to your committee a written proposal embodying the changes they feel necessary under the Taft-Hartley Act and (2) complete the negotiations before March 1st. In this last they may be a little optimistic unless they have decided to show a little more generous attitude toward the wage question than they showed last year.

PROBLEMS INCREASE UNDER TAFT-HARTLEY ACT

We are faced by several additional problems under the Taft-Hartley Act than we were faced with last year. One of those problems is that of Union Security. Under the Taft-Hartley Act a union shop is not supposed to be legal unless a majority in the appropri-

in the construction industry are almost an impossibility, that is, if the construction industry is ruled to come under the act, which everyone seems reasonably sure will happen, unless a favorable court decision somewhere along the line might narrow the interpretation of the act.

Another of these problems is the maintenance of the customary union hiring halls. Such hiring halls are traditional in the construction industry and perform a valuable service to both the members and the contractors. Whether agreements containing a clause making it mandatory to call such halls for men, as in the past, are legal is subject to some doubt. We are confident that the contractors will be as anxious as we are to maintain the usual hiring hall provisions.

The matter of our customary method of the settlement of jurisdictional disputes is another puzzler. Under our old method such disputes were referred to the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor for decision and the unions and the contractors agreed to abide by the decision. Continuance of such clauses are probably illegal as the law gives to the National Labor Relations Board power to settle such disputes.

A plan was proposed, we are informed, to set up a national board between the national chapter of the A.G.C. and the Building Trades Department to make recommendations to the Board for the settlement of such disputes. Some opposition to this plan has developed among the contractors, especially in the Western States, because jurisdictional disputes have not caused much trouble in the West and because the jurisdictional lines have been drawn up differently in different parts of the country. It ean readily be seen that national decisions, approved by the Board, might cause more, not less, such disputes and upset the balance between the trades in several locali-

WHO ARE WE DEALING WITH?

One of our knottiest problems with the Contractors Committee is who they represent. Last year it was understood that all the members of the A.G.C. would sign the agreement when consummated. This did not happen and this led to several disputes, the embroilment of your Union with the Clegg-Vest Act forcing us into court and some of these disputes are still pending. This year we want to know who the Labor Committee of the A.G.C. are acting for before we continue negotiations. In this we feel that our members are in full accord.

ROCK, SAND AND GRAVEL NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED

Negotiations with the Rock, Sand, Gravel and Ready-Mixed Concrete industry has been held up pending the settlement of the question of the "union shop." Petitions were obtained by your officials signed by our members working in these plants requesting such elections. Informal hearings were held before a National Labor Relations Board Examiner. At these hearings the employers consented to the elections and elections in several plants were set for the first week in February; however, for some reason these elections were postponed and had not been held at this writing. It is believed that they will be held, unless the Board should rule that the Act does not cover this industry, before this is being read and negotiations will be resumed. OTHER UNION SECURITY

ELECTIONS

It will be necessary to hold similar elections in several other plants and shops under agreement with Local Union No. 3 in Utah. Petitions have been circulated and signed by 100 per cent of our membership, we are happy to report, in the Utah Construction Company's shops in Salt Lake City and its iron mines at Cedar City. A petition is being circulated at this writing among our members employed by the Kennecott Copper at

Bingham and one is being prepared

the membership employed by the Lang Company and the Keigley Breaks but its pretty high. Quarry. All in all it has been a busy period and promises to be a busier period for your representatives.

SOME FUNDAMENTAL UNION PRINCIPLES EXPLAINED

Occasionally some members complain about being harmed by a brother member. These complaints are of a number of types and are usually settled by your representatives without much trouble but it was thought it might be well to occasionally speak in these articles about some of the fundamental principles of the trade union movement, especially, as it is more necessary than ever that our members be and act like good union men.

One of the fundamental tenets behind the trade union movement of himself these days and passing is that competition among working men for jobs tends to lower wages, increase hours and make working on January 4th; congratulations, conditions worse. Therefore working men organize and establish these days, his wife presented him minimum conditions of employment with twin boys on January 5th; for their membership to eliminate this competition. Also, to further gan suffered a serious loss last this principle, they agree to a mini- month, his father was struck by mun code of ethics to govern their relations among themselves. In the obligation taken by each member in your loss, Johnny. of our union he agrees that he "will not harm a brother member."

What these principles are, what this code of ethics consists of is contained in the General Constitution of your International Union, agreements of your Local Union. If you haven't copies any one of the offices will be glad to supply you with copies. Get them, read them, study them, you'll find it interesting and worth your while.

WORK POSSIBILITIES

As this is being prepared it is snowing and the ground is covered by snow. This, of course, has a deterrent effect on the work, But, despite the weather, we are more than optimistic about the immediate future possibilities for work. Never, since the finish of the war projects, has Utah faced such a tremendous amount of construction work. It more than vindicates the foresight of our business manager, V. S. Swanson, in establishing and mantaining an organization in Utah, much of the time at considerable cost to your local union. Utah is on its way to be industral-

NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE ABOUT WORK

Thursday, February 5th, work actually started on Kaiser Co. project at Ironton-work on its housing project and coke ovens in families did not receive the bene-Carbon County expected to start at any time-Utah Construction Co. actively pushing work on dike at these accidents is being made by Magna - Morison-Knudsen preparing to start Army job at Skull Valley. Army promises that living conditions of workmen will be its chief concern.

Steel coming in for Devil's Slide Cement Plant - Work at Geneva Plant being actively pushed by Utah Construction Co., Amsler-Morton and Custodis Chimney Co. expected in by March 1st; other contracts expected to be let immediately — Morrison-Knudsen and Olsen Manufacturing Co. establish shop in Provo for fabricating pipe for Utah Power Co. water line, some talk of this being permanent plant - Salt Lake Aqueduct work being carried on during winter months by United Concrete Pipe Co., tempo of work expected to increase in near future, company talking of locating permanently in

Bechtel Corp. establishes offices in Salt Lake City, work on Standard Oil Co. refinery expected to lary in the South. get under way as soon as site chosen - Rumored Sears and Roebuck has bought out Provo Foundry — Whiting and Haymond starts Price Airport, frost making it hard going - Utah Construction Co. oushing housing project at Dragrton, work for operators finished however, for a possible future inout expect to do another housing junction.

employed by the Pacific Bridge start as soon as possible at Salina Company at Park City, Similar pe- Canyon and Point of the Mountitions have been circulated among tain - Thorn Co. says prospects for starting up early good at Cedar

> Utah Construction Co. had best months in history at Iron Mountain and Iron Springs in December, lack of cars may have kept them from breaking December record in January - Heeb Glen low on road contract on St. George, Enterprise road but hasn't started yet-Black Ridge road project between Cedar City and St. George not let yet, as far as we know (this in answer to a number of inquiries) - Road Commission says will be a number of road jobs let this Spring -Number of cities and counties planning road projects, sewer projects, etc. - All in all, it looks like a busy year.

PERSONAL NOTES

Don Wilcox is acting real proud out the cigars. A blessed event brought him a bouncing baby boy Don - Alma Ferre is seeing double best wishes, Alma - Johnny Loan automobile in Orem and died shortly afterwards; our sympathy

Talk about seeing double, Dave Warnick is passing the hat around these days instead of the cigars. A double event having occurred in his family on January 12th, his wife giving birth to twin boys. the By-Laws of your Local Union Both weighed around four pounds and the working rules or working each and are doing fine, according to Dave. Best wishes, Dave.

Russell Blackett is walking around with a bandage over five stitches, which closed a gash in his head obtained when he was trapped in the cab of his shovel when it rolled 30 feet into an excavation, otherwise he was uninjured. Congratulations on your narrow escape, Russell - A regrettable accident occurred on January 16th at Wind River, Wyo., on the Gibbons and Reid job. Brother Wm. V. Smith was crushed to death between the belts on a Euk loader. Our sympathy is extended to his family, especially to his father, who is a brother member of Local Union No. 3.

A series of regrettable serious accidents have occurred at Bingham, resulting in the deaths of Miles McDonald and Geo. P. Johnson, shovel runners, and a serious injury to George Robinson, an oiler, who is at present in St. Mark's Hospital, Salt Lake City. Neither of the two fatally injured were members of Local 3, having withdrawn during the escape period last year and consequently their fits provided by our union in such cases. A thorough investigation of your Union with the cooperation of the company to prevent, if possible, the occurrence of such regrettable accidents. Business Representative Ostler has been assigned to Bingham Canyon until this matter is settled satisfactory to your Union.

Judge Shelves NLRB Injunction Petition

New York.-In its second defeat in a row, the NLRB was denied a petition for an injunction to halt an alleged secondary boycott by the Wine, Liquor and Distillery Workers (AFL) against the Schenley Distillers Corporation.

The company had accused the union of violating the Taft-Hartley Act. It said the union hampered distribution of Schenley products to help another local on strike against a Schenley subsid-

Judge Sylvester Ryan said the subsidiary group had returned to work and there was "no present likelihood of substantial and irreparable harm" being done by the union. He ordered the NLRB petition to be kept on the docket,

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Northbay Jobs Active: Napa District Busy

By H. O. FOSS

Representatives, Local 3 San Rafael-We wish to welcome a new firm inaugurating in this area-members of Local No. 3-Brothers Schafer and Madsen, who are turning out a good pioneering and grading job. They can be reached at Sausalito 445-M.

McGuire and Hester, contractors, have strung out on their outfall sewer job in the Mill Valley area. This project involves on track, a figure of \$82,000. Brother Carl Booth is the operator on the trenching machine here and Brother Bicinier is the oiler, with Brother Al Fogt on the loader and Brother Aldrich as foreman-incharge.

On the Neil Martin housing project at Mill Valley, the F. E. Young Company has brought in a small spread and this project should be finished by press time. Brother R. J. Young is the foreman here and doing a bang-up job.

BIG NAPA JOB Roberts will soon be getting under way on their \$2,800,000 extension project on the Imola Hospital at Napa. C. M. Syar is to do the made on this project. excavating and grading.

Brothers Bob Major and Ralph Glover are holding down the pumice pit for the Basalt Company on though things are picking up for the Basalt Company inasmuch as they have eight LSMs to dismantle for junk. Our Brother T. W. Stillman, formerly on their job at Crescent City, is the master mechanic of the construction repair department at their Napa yard. The shovel crews on this job (the quarry) are Brothers Sherman Quinlin, Suer, C. B. Dresal, Rossi, Neil Porter, and Kahalehoe. Brother Joe Casani is the superintendent ting. at the quarry.

Brothers Loves, Eddington and Mufich do most of the outside trenching machine and paving work for Basalt Rock Company in the Napa area—all this in charge of Brother Frank Grameldi.

BOYS GO OVERSEAS Brother "Slim" Collins from the Atkinson job at Fort Bragg checked out quickly for the Atkinson job in Greece. . . . Guerrillas???

Brother Bird, formerly with the Ben C. Gerwick Company in Petaluma, also took off for overseas. He's headed for Arabia, with the though the boys like to look at Bechtel outfit. . . . Happy land-the planes," that doesn't pay for ings!!!

fice in April. In a recent letter he shall enjoy, before long!!! says: "Had enough."

Brothers Formasi and "Blackie" Cook have a couple of rigs for a manage to keep quite a few of long job at Covelo, building dams the boys busy developing their for Moretti or Petaluma. That housing project. leaves the home works in the competent hands of Brother Johnny Holman.

soning but still is on the job look- learn more about this. ing after his interests.

Baldwin and Straub, a local con- years and employed by Hutchintracting firm, keeps quite a few members busy on excavating for tracted the old-fashioned pneumofuture homes in this area.

JOBS FINISHING Van Vlakenburg is buttoned up and we are just wondering when as he can raise his arm. Let's hope we will hear from them again.

The Pacific Pipe Line Company is fighting the pipe on the final the low bidders on the \$1,210,000 should let the office know regularend of its job at the Napa city limits, and the Underground Construction Company should be completed on their work at the Sausalito-Fort Baker telephone job at this writing.

operating perfectly and gives him Combes, here in the office-"come

Technical Engineers, Draftsmen Join Local 3-E; Official Notices Given

By J. D. VANDERLAAN, Business Representative Technical Engineers, Architects and Draftsmen, Local 3-E

The brothers and sisters of the Technical Engineers' Division will be glad to know that 100% of the members have joined Local No. 3-E. The response to this move was enthusiastic and immediate with members scattered from Eureka to Fresno, mailing in their applications. The necessary paper work

has been pretty well completed and was accomplished with a minimum of wasted effort due to the fine cooperation received from the members.

The Engineers News carries information on all of its pages which will be of interest to members of the Technical Engineers Division in addition to this regular column. Your attention is called to the box on Page 1 which carries official announcements of importance to

Brother A. G. Hansen, with the Reugg Company at Black Point, has been overhauling and getting in shape their equipment for work or rental. They can be reached at Novato 951-R.

REDWOOD DISTRICT

The Redwood District Conference It is expected that Moore and held in Santa Rosa January 10 was attended by your business representative and I am happy to report that some progress has been

Brother R. J. Thomas is assuming the duties of Brother G. E. Jenkins on the Dr. Ottinger deal, Point Reyes. Brother Jenkins, we the Monticello Road. It looks as are informed, is returning to complete his studies so that eventually he may be "one of the boys" who will give us all the lessons. Again, may I say that our brothers are varied and clever in their pursuits!!!

> The Stout Company of Merced is doing a little highway work in Lake County. They are really marking time until spring.

M. & K. has some work to finish in Lake County, weather permit-

NAPA SEWAGE PLANT

The returns of the 1947 elections are showing up now in that the City of Napa has voted \$1,000,-000 in bonds. This is a worthy project in that it is for the installation of a needed sewage disposal plant.

It was nice seeing Paul Respini of the Petaluma district last week. dropped in at the office and He is still running around the state of California-working for the State..

Our Brother Stanley E. Giffen, who left late last year to inaugurate an aviation school in Louisiana, has advised us that "even the training, so he is heading back Our old friend, Brother L. L. to California. . . . Last reported Oldaker, now on his second hitch in Mesa, Arizona. We expect to at Guam, is to check in at the of- have him in our hair, which we

> HOUSING PROJECT DeLucca and Sons, San Rafael,

SOMETHING TO WONDER AT -Bobo, the contractor, of Ignacio, has entered into some type of re-Brother Steve Zappentini, of the lationship with Brother Blake. firm of the same name in San They are doing a great deal of Rafael, has "enjoyed" blood poi- excavating and we would like to

One of our old-timers. Brother We are happy to report that O. L. Asher, an member for many son for 30 years, recently connia-in the New Look vein it is called Virus X. Brother Asher will be back on the levers just as soon that is soon.

> Parish Brothers of Benicia were Highway 40 job which will run east from Carquinez Bridge and probably will get under way about the middle of March.

As reported in the last issue, our secretary, Doris Murphy, ten-Brother C. U. Kreiss, who does dered her resignation, effective as work for the Schultz outfit of of February 6. It seems that one Redwood City and gets in this area of the boys-his name is/Desnoyer, for work on their large subdivi- a member of Local 3, believe ussion, has one of the smallest vest- finally prevailed upon her to say hammer. pocket editions of a Caterpillar on "yes." So now we have one of record; however, it seems to be the San Francisco gals, Monica mean Grand Coulee?'

all. For the construction men, job information is carried throughout the paper.

Division 3-E members are urged to attend the regular Local 3 meeting the first Saturday of each month, at 8 p.m. in the Building Trades Temple, 200 Guerrero St. San Francisco. The next meeting will be on March 6th, 1948. There were very few of our members at the February meeting and we want to make a good showing at every meeting so that the Local 3 members will get to know us and our problems. The better we are known, the more successful we will be in our efforts to improve our wages and working conditions.

GET REGISTER NUMBERS

You will receive an official membership number, referred to as a "register number" from the Inter-national Office. This number will be typed on your membership card and it is important that when paying dues the identification card is mailed in, along with the remittance, so that the register number can be typed on the card and the card properly stamped for payment.

Members may pay their dues either directly to the main office by mail, or to any of the branch offices of Local 3. Stewards will no longer collect dues but will devote their time to seeing that the agreement is enforced, and acting as a liaison between the members and the business agent.

Field men particularly should wear their union buttons at all times on the job. This has long been the rule in Local Union 3 and acounts in part for their success. Every member should appoint himself as a committee of one to see to it that every "S.I." he meets has a button on, or is reported to the business representative.

MEETING NOTICE

Our regular monthly meetings will continue as follows: The first Friday of every month in the San Francisco headquarters at 1095 Market Street, Room 401, Grant Building, San Francisco, and the third Friday of every month in Oakland at 1440 Webster Street. These meetings should also be well attended as the big field of organization ahead of us requires the efforts of all members

Some progress has already been

1. A new agreement with the Pacific Manufacturing Company of Santa Clara has been negotiated. This includes wage increases of up to \$30 per month, and is retroactive to January 1st. This makes a total of \$70 in two years.

2. Dutra Engineering Company of Newark is organized 100 percent and is paying the wages requested.

3. An agreement was signed with N. Cirino, Civil Engineers of San Francisco, covering his eight employees at the Union scale.

Other progress will be reported as we go along.

Any member out of work should report promptly to the Union office since we want to place every member we can first, when orders come in. Also you are reminded again that there are no unemployed or free dues, so members out of work ly, and keep their dues paid up as a member suspended for non-payment of dues is required to pay all back dues, plus a reinstatement

Next month we hope to have a big report!

* * *

"Grand Coulee!" yelled the Chaplain as he hit finger with a

"Grand Coulee,? what do you

"That's the biggest dam in the

Humboldt

(Continued from Page 4)

yardage moved. Expect to hear from him after he starts working and will report to you readers what the job is like in detail.

Brother Clyde Phillipsen is in the maternity ward of the General Hospital for a general overhaul, Brother Pat Furnish reports the trouble all started with a folded boom, so you figure it out. Brother E. B. Pratt of Arcata Landing Aids Station was finown to Wake Island by Transocean Air Lines for six weeks' work. Gets his same pay, plus overtime for Saturday with board and room free. Also, he can set his own working hours; beer free and cold at all hours. What could be sweeter? We have a contract with Transocean at Arcata and our members have never had occasion to file a grievance.

If good weather continues, Basalt should be back at Crescent City by March.

We are sorry to announce that get a good troller.

Hopes for construction of the much-needed Lexington Dam at Los Gatos are seen in the start of test and tunnel borings.

* * * Parish Bros. of Benicla start in mid-March on \$1,210,000 improvement of highway 40, east from Carquinez bridge.

林 林 林 San Jose industrial jobs are gohave held first meetings with the new labor committee of the AGC Intermountain Branch.

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Retail food prices in mid-November were 39 per cent higher than in June 1946, when OPA ex-

one of our outstanding fishermen, Bill (Big Stoop) Reed has slipped to third place as a fisherman. His brother, Walt Reed, has been skunking Bill on every trip. Brother Bill Boots has become such an outstanding fisherman he plans on going commercial as soon as he can

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(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark) Mormon Channet, under Spec. No JANUARY 12, 1948:

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Arundel Corp. & L. E. Dixon, 409 So. California St., San Gabriel, for const. main. tunnel, 22,800 lft., located at Chambers Creek & Jackass Creek, 43 mi. & 41 mi., respectively, east of Oroville, Calif., on Feather River Highway. Spec. No. 2761.

Oakland, Calif.: Contract awarded to Atlas Pipe Co., 5301 Genoa St., Oakland, Calif., \$11,834, for constructing vitrified sewers in Mountain Blyd. from existing sewer manholes in Mountain Blvd. adjacent to and south of Aliso Ave. to Belfast Ave. and in Knoll Ave. from Mountain Blvd. southwest-erly, under Act. 1911.

JANUARY 13, 1948:

Fresno, Calif.: Contract awarded to R. M. Madsen, 4775 Madison Ave., Fresno, \$2,792, for concrete walks, curbs, gutters, etc. in Harvard Ave. betw. east line of Van Ness Blvd. & west curb line of Wishon Ave., Fresno, Calif., R.I. No. 184-3.

Carson City, Nev.: Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nev., \$148,210 (as stated issue 1-8), for 13.728 mi. grade & roadmix surf. State Highway Secondary System from junc. U. S. Rte. 40 30 mi. s. E. of Golconda to Redhouse junc., Rte. 18, Sec. A, Humboldt Co., Nev. Project No. S613(3).

JANUARY 14, 1948:
Salt Lake City, Utah: Contract awarded to H. W. Glenn, Bx 2017, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$165,223, for gravel surf. S.R. No. 18 betw. Veyo & Central, Washington Co., Idaho (FASP No. S-24/5) Idaho (FASP No. S-24(5). Salt Lake City, Utah: Contract

awarded to Whiting & Haymond, P. O. Bx 88, Springville, Utah, \$169,999, for const. of Carbon Co. Airport, near Price. Utah.

JANUARY 15, 1948:

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$921,-103, for 7.1 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on cement treat. base and on untreated rock base betw. San Joaquin River & Arcola School, Madera Co., Calif. (VI-Mad-4-A). JANUARY 16, 1948:

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to T&B Const. Co., 3 Oliver St., San Francisco, \$75,900 (1) 350 acre clearing, Part "A" (3) 461 acre clearing, Part "C" (3) 461 acre clearing, Part "C" and to Trisdåle & Parsons, Bx 882, Project City, \$44,388 (2) 324 acre clearing, Part "B", for clear overflow areas, Colusa Weir Outlet Channel & Sutter Bypass, Sacto. River, under Spec. No. 1316.

Sacramento, Calif.: C on t r a c t awarded to Olympian Dredging Co., 525 Market St., San Francisco.

Co., 525 Market St., San Francisco, \$224,316, for 372,000 cy. dredging in Stockton Deepwater Channel &

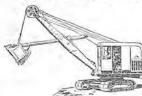
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Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & F Sts., Marysville, \$3,750, for rent dragline for use in digging test pits, Kings River deposit area. mouth of Hughes Creek, Spec. No. 496-0.

JANUARY 19, 1948:

San Jose, Calif.: Contract awarded to Parker, Steffans & Pearce, 135 So. Park St., San Francisco, for const. plant in San Jose for producing electric motors. JANUARY 20, 1948:

Berkeley, Calif .: Contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., San Francisco, \$2,401, for furn. & drive 93 piles in Berke-

ley Harbor, for Garbage Dept., and pull & redrive one pile.

Visalia, Calif.: Contract awarded to F. Fredenburg, 1717 Garibaldi Ave., Temple City, \$21,029, for const. 2 reinf. conc. slab bridges across Tule River, 11 mi. west of Tipton and 5 mi. northwest of Tipton, Tulare Co., Calif. JANUARY 21, 1948:

Napa, Calif.: Contract awarded to Moore & Roberts, 693 Mission

St., San Francisco, for const. south-ward group at Napa State Hospital, \$1,887,777.

Sunnyvale, Calif.: Contract awarded to C&N Pump & Well Co., 2451 The Alameda, San Jose, \$7,920, for development of a well

at Schroeder plant.

Richmond, Calif.: Contract
awarded to Carl Overaa & Co., 520
16th St., Richmond, \$316,040, for
const. classrooms in Richmond School Dist., Richmond.

JANUARY 22, 1948:

Oakland, Calif.: Contract awarded to R. Goold & Son, P.O. Bx 190, Stockton, \$152,475, to install 8-in., 12-in., 16-in. & 20-in. cast iron, and 20-in. welded steel water mains from Los Aromas Pumping Plant to Sleepy Hollow Subdivi-sion & in San Pablo Creek Hwy & Glorietta Blvd., Contra Costa Co., under L.S. No. 409.

Fresno, Calif.: Contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., 145 W. Shields Ave., Fresno, \$28,875, for const. sanitary sewers in Block 30, Hazelwood Tract.

Mountain View, Calif.: Contract awarded to Karl C. Harmeling, 1710 Mt. Diablo Ave., Stockton, \$51,401, for sanitary sewers in Escuela Annex. JANUARY 23, 1948:

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Fay Imp. Co., Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, \$879, for pave on Amhurst St. north of Silliman.

Willows, Calif.: Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 66th Ave., Oakland, \$67,817, for const.

vitrified sewer system.

JANUARY 26, 1948:

San Mateo, Calif.: Contract
awarded to Wm. Horstmeyer Co.,
23 Mars St., San Francisco, \$137,630, for const. classroom bldg. at Shoreview school site, Cypress & Kingston St., San Mateo.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to E. F. Hilliard, 1355 43rd St., Sacramento, \$2,121, for grade & surf. alley betw. K & L and 20th & 21st Sts., in Sacramento.

Colusa, Calif.: Contract awarded to Michael O'Hair, P.O. Bx 287, Colusa, \$8,086, for const. wooden bridge across Sycamore Slough.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Contract awarded to Olson Const., P.O. Bx 89, Salt Lake City, \$60,969, for alt. and rehab. Bldg. 93, at Ft. Douglas Military Reservation, Salt Lake City, under Spec. No. 18948.

JANUARY 27, 1948:
U.S. Navy Public Works Pro-

gram: On Jan. 13, the U.S. Senate passed Bill (S1675) authorizing the Navy Dept. to proceed with construction of the following projects: Continental U. S.

Alameda, Calif. Air Station: Test cells for turbine engine, \$230,000. Mare Island, Calif. Ammunition Depot: Vacuum system hsg. bldg. A-216, \$64,000.

Monterey, Calif. Post Grad. Schl.: Develop post grad. facilities, \$2,-

Sonoma, Calif. Radio Station: Addition to radio operating bldg.,

Outside Continental U.S.

Adak, Alaska, Operating Base: Ship rep. facil., cold storage bldg., ice cream plant and milk facil.; 2 storehouses, dispensary, util. dist. system, incl. wat., sew. & elec. power, heating plant, etc., \$11,-296,000; Supplementary Radio Activity-Operations Bldg. and assoc. facil., \$2,500,000; Radio Station, Consolidate Comm. facil., incl.

Balboa, C. Z., Submarine Base: Fire alarm and spklg. sys., bldgs. & piers, \$222,500.

fill at Apra Harbor, util. dist. sys., incl. elec. transmission, steam generating plant, island water supply sys., water storage & distrib., sew. & drain sys. and extension of roads, barracks, mess halls & galley, \$24,040,000; Medical Center: Devel. hospital facil., incl. bldgs. & access., \$30,000,000; Air Station: facil, for fixed operation of mobile ground control approach unit, \$16,-500; Ammunition Depot: High explosive storage facil. & access., \$14,000,000; Supplementary Radio Activity: Bombproof communication facil., etc., \$6,750,000; Radio Station: Perm. communications facil., incl. bldgs. & facil., \$3,750,-Supply Center: Perm. facil. 000; Supply Center: Perm. facil. incl. storage bldgs., fuel pipe lines, etc., \$14,675,000; Marine Force Base: Devel. facil., incl. storage bldgs., etc., \$9,823,000; Submarine Base: Marginal bulkhead, incl. base site prep., etc., \$1,670,000.

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Continental U.S.

Hamilton Field, Calif.: Family quarters, additional fire station, \$1,372,600.

San Francisco, Calif.: Letterman General Hospital, family quarters & utilities, plan const. 1,500 bed

gen. hosp., \$1,392,820. Fort Mason, Calif.: Family quarters, \$401,750.

Gakland, Calif. Army Base: Family quarters, barracks & utilities, \$231,000.

San Francisco, Calif. Presidio: Family quarters, \$790,750. Sacramento, Calif. Signal Depot:

Irrigation & sprinkling, \$47,970. Camp Stoneman, Calif.: Family quarters, \$878,570.

Outside Continental U.S. Whittier, Alaska: Devel. of port facil., \$5,322,277.

Fairbanks, Alaska — Airfield at Mile 28: Family quarters, barracks, \$2,021,118.

Ladd Field, Alaska: Family quarters, bachelor quarters, barracks, operational facil., hospital, com-

munity facil., \$11,694,850. Elmendorf Field, Alaska — Fort Richardson: Family quarters, bachelor quarters, barracks, storage facil., communication facil., school, motor pool facil., \$10,190,375. Adak, Alaska — Base & Airfield:

Family quarters, barracks, communication facil., \$4,334,600. Fort Yukon, Alaska: Establish fighter field and operations facil.,

bachelor quarters, barracks, mess hall, \$4,160,950.

JANUARY 28, 1948:

Sanger, Calif.: Contract awarded to Midstate Const. Co., 427 Bryant St., San Francisco, \$196,-

123, for const. Lincoln School.

Reno, Nev.: Contract awarded
to I. Christensen, 234 Gardner,
Reno, \$71,005, for Cochran Ditch covering.

JANUARY 29, 1948:

Oakland, Calif.: Contract awarded to O. A. Fogelberg, 1416 Benton \$93,986 for instal 2-in., 4-in., 6-in., & 8-in. water mains in Contra Costa County, Calif., under L.S. No. 410.

Berkeley, Calif .: Contract awarded to Edwin J. Tobin, 1000 Carleton St., Berkeley, \$5,145, for storm sewer on 3rd St.

Fresno, Calif.: Contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., 145 W. Shields Ave., Fresno, \$26,836, for sanitary sewers in East Ave., betw. Butler & California Sts.

Carson City, Nev.: Only bid received from Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Bx 2351, Reno, \$96,287, for const. Truckee River bridge & approaches near State Hospital on FAS Rt. 705, Washoe Co., Nev., FAS 701(1). JANUARY 30, 1948: Berkeley, Calif.: Contract award-

ed to Steadman & Powell, 1034 45th Ave., Oakland, \$28,366, for const. firehouse on Shasta Rd. nr. Grizzly Peak Blvd.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to L. Biasotti & Son, P.O. Bx 587, Stockton, \$25,635, for const. levee setback along right bank of Old River at Mi. 33.1, un-

der Spec. No. 1327. FEBRUARY 2, 1948: Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., 785 Market St., San Francisco, \$767,745, for relocating Hughes Creek Road from Sunnyside Sum-

mit to Trimmer, in Fresno Co., under Spec. No. 1324.
San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to J. G. Gratton, 730 Laguna Honda Blyd., San Francisco, \$7,435, for drilling and casing a water well in Lincoln Park, San Francisco.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract

of Sacramento, 59th St. & Folsom

FEBRUARY 3, 1948:

San Rafael, Calif.: Contract awarded to John Carcano, 122 Clorinda Ave., San Rafael, \$11,536, for const. double 8-ft. 8-ft. reinf. conc. box culvert across Mahon Creek, 1st & D Sts., San Rafael.

Berkeley, Calif .: Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 66th

Ave., Oakland, \$63,969, for const. of domestic sewers on Virginia St. Stockton, Calif.: Contract awarded to M.J.B. Const. Co., Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$56,606, for grade, drain & surf. Kensington Way, etc. adjacent to Stockton Jr. College. FEBRUARY 4, 1948:

Monterey, Calif.: Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Ltd., P. O. Bx 900, Watsonville; 1.(A) \$29,-315, for grading, surf., etc., Alma & Figueroa Sts; 2.(B) \$10,603, for grading, surf., etc. Pierce St. betw. Jensen & Franklin.

Stolte, Inc., Oakland; 1. (A) \$30,-189, for surf., grading, etc. Alma & Figueroa Sts.; 2. (B) \$10,963, for grading, surf., etc. Pierce St. betw. Jensen & Franklin Sts.

San Francisco, Calif.: Contract awarded to Dinwiddie Const. Co., Crocker Bldg., San Francisco, \$106,858, for alt. to S. F. Museum of Art, Vet. War Memorial Bldg., San Francisco.

FEBRUARY 5, 1948:

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract 80, near Wawarded to Master Plumbing & No. S-279.

Guam Operation Base: Dredge & awarded to Brighton Sand & Grav-Heating Co., Inc., 5th & Gilman II at Apra Harbor, util. dist. sys., el, Bx 2604, Sacramento, \$34,901, Sts., Berkeley, \$72,677, for land-cl. elec. transmission, steam gen- for const. warehouse site in City scaping, drill well, furn. & install pumping equipment betw. Sacra-mento Viaduct & ½ mi. east of Ben Ali, Sacramento Co.

San Jose, Calif.: Contract awarded to Union Paving Co., 163 Sutter San Francisco, \$205,493, for widening So. 1st St. betw. Reed & south city limits. FEBRUARY 9, 1948:

Reno, Nev.: Contract awarded to John B. Powers Co., Reno P. O. Bx 1487, \$2,300, for repl. approx. 1,500 lft. of 6-in. & 8-in. water main in Wadsworth, Washoe Co.,

FEBRUARY 11, 1948:
Modesto, Calif.: Contract awarded to A. R. Liner, P.O. Bx 43, Merced, \$288,405, for const. 10 to 15 classroom elementary school in the Airport District.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & F Sts., Marysville, \$262,134, for enlarge east levee, Feather River, from Simmerly Slough upstream 4.8 mi., under Spec. No. 1311.

Sacramento, Calif.: Contract awarded to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$403,-000 for const. Mariposa Dam spillway on Mariposa Creek near Merced, under Spec. No. 1326.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Contract awarded to Wheelwright Const. Co., 2300 E Ave., Ogden, \$72,677. for const. 2-in. roadmix surf. road & conc. & steel bridge, FAS Rte. 80, near Warren, Weber Co., FASP.

LOCAL 3 WINS NLRB BALLOT 3 TO 1 AT REDDING—LUMBER TALKS ON-MILLS OPERATING

By E. A. HESTER Representative, Local 3

Redding-International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 3, won an N.L.R.B. election with the Sierra Tractor Company of Redding-three to one in favor of the union. I believe that this is a good progress that we have made for the company, and, since it provides many good jobs for our well-qualified brothers, it is a good progress for the union too. It is my

sincere hope that this will spread der. It will be a grand setup for all concerned.

We have also made some progress in the lumber industry. Shasta County Building and Construction Trades Council recently negotiated a wage scale and an agreement with the Shasta Plywood, Incorporated. This mill will be located three miles north of Anderson. The floor space in the main building will be of concrete and will cover more than two and one-half acres. When in operation the company expects to employ more than 300 men.

GOOD WEATHER

Due to the good weather that we are having, most mills in Northern California continue to operate. The Triangle Lumber Company, near Hayfork, will continue with a full crew until the 15th of February, when the mill will close down a month for repairs. Others will be likewise, unless bad weather halts operations before that time.

Work is progressing rapidly on grading of the approach to the Cypress Street Bridge, across the Sacramento River in the southeast portion of Redding. Frederickson Brothers expects to be finished with that phase of the job by February

James I. Barnes Company is nearing the completion of its contract for erection of piers across the river for the bridge. Erection of the steel is scheduled to start by the end of March.

HIGHWAY JOBS

Frederickson Brothers are also getting well under way on their highway job near Schilling. They have six cats and two shovels in operation, and expect to double this amount in a short time.

Frederickson and Watson are also progressing rapidly on their eightmile stretch of relocation of highway 99 near Hornbrook. Looks like the boys will be there until late this fall.

Harms Brothers continue with a large crew near Keswick and Shasta Dam, and will for several days to

The Underground Construction

from Canada to the Mexican bor- Company has completed its work in Redding, and are moving south. They are now in Red Bluff and Chico. We regret to see their people moving out, because they are what we call a regular bunch of fellows.

Carr and Rocci have finished their bridge job in Corning, and are moving to a new bridge job in Red Bluff,

Monty Brown of Redding is moving his equipment to a Federal Road job north of Alturas, Taking 13 Engineers along to do this job, including Leo Hartford.

There is some work going on in all parts of this district, due to the dry winter that we are having. And it appears from present conditions that employment will increase to a high level this year. And we expect to exceed 1947, which was a

* * * San ose industrial jobs are going ahead rapidly, biggest recent contract being the new General Electric plant by Parker, Steffins and Pearce at \$2 million.

Could Petrillo Sign Him Up?

Washington, - As a rightthinking labor leader, President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) doesn't want to irritate a potential member.

During Petrillo's grilling before the House labor committee, Rep. Thomas L. Owens (R., Ill.) pointed out some figures from President Truman's economic

These figures, as cited by Owens, indicated that workers are making double the amount needed to keep up with the cost

Owens then asked Petrillo: "You wouldn't dispate the figures of the President, would you?"

Petrillo replied: "Oh no, of course not. He is a potential member. He's a piano player, isn't he?"