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Set Final Rulings On Local 3—AGC Welfare Plan

By VICTOR S. SWANSON, Local Union Manager

The impartial arbitrator, Sam Kagel, is about to make the final decisions with reference to the Engineers-AGC Welfare Plan. He has already handed down four decisions.

First, he ruled that the offices where the plan is to be administered will be located at 476 Valencia Street which is part of the Engineers Building.

Second, he decided that the administrator of the plan will be Chas. W. Sweeney, the same man who administers all of our Independent Welfare Plans. This, incidentally, is the man we requested, as his firm has worked on our other welfare plans in a most effective and satisfactory manner.

Third, Mr. Kagel named the New York Life Insurance Co. as the carrier. This company submitted the best bid and is also the

same company which carries our Independent Welfare Plans. They, too, have been most satisfactory to date. C. W. Sweeney Co. and Martin Segal Co. were appointed joint brokers.

Fourth, Mr. Segal was appointed a consultant of the plan. Why a consultant is needed, we are not smart enough to know; perhaps we will find out later!

All qualified death claims should have been paid by the time this paper goes to press. Doctor and hospital claims are now being processed and they, too, will be paid within a short time.

The impartial arbitrator has only two more decisions to make. One is in connection with attorney fees, and the other is deciding who shall be appointed as chairman of the Board of Trustees. After these decisions have been made we shall write a complete history of the arbitration proceedings in connection with the Welfare Plan, and we will then set forth the opinion of Local 3's Welfare Board of Trustees.

IN MEMORIAM

Clifford C. Miller
San Francisco, Calif.,
Dec. 26, 1953.

W. T. Bankston
Anaheim, Calif., Jan. 15, 1954.

Morton R. Baldwin
Abilene, Texas, Jan. 20, 1954.

John Porter
Visalia, Calif., Jan. 22, 1954.

J. C. Bourbin
Burlingame, Calif.,
Jan. 22, 1954.



Oldtimers, Note

All the boys who were physically able to get on the platform, got their picture taken on Sept. 2, 1912, at the Ruth, Nevada, Labor Day celebration. These brothers were working on the Guggenheim Copper mine and were organized as the "Associated Union of Steamshovel & Dredgermen," later amalgamated with the IUOE. W. M. "Billy" Welsh, now first vice-president of the IUOE, was president of the group in this picture. Most of these brothers have passed on. (Back row, 7th from left) Frank E. Young, is now a Berkeley contractor. James Puryear is still working at the copper mines in Nevada, on an electric shovel. Three other Local 3 members: Claude Yoder, "Hap" Cromwell (middle row, 9th from left) and Geo. Stevens, Sr. Local 12 members included are M. E. Martin, "Soup-bone" Kent (bottom row, 6th from left), and Leroy Francis (bottom row, 4th from left). (See page 12 for another picture.)

Winter Slack Now On Good Weather Helps Spring Outlook Good

Old Man Winter is pretty much in charge of Local 3's territory these days, but his rule has been pretty mild so far, a fact that has helped keep a good many jobs alive and prevented a heavy over-all jobless situation for our members.

The halls are full of men in most districts. Sacramento has 500 on the bench, Oakland 600, etc. But other districts report this is one of the best winters in years, and this can largely be attributed to the fact that this is one of the driest winters in many years.

A few of the Jupe Pluvius specials have come roaring thru from the North Pacific and dumped water and white stuff on the western shelf, but it has been a long late—Jan., early Feb., dry spell, leading many forecasters to predict serious drought conditions in the state this year.

Some contractors have taken advantage of this condition and cleaned up jobs wherever they could. Others have been timid, fearful of getting under way.

Thus, the picture is spotty—good here, bad there. But one other factor is pretty much the same and that is the Spring Outlook. This is largely on the good to very good side. And this cheers everybody up considerably, especially those on the bench.

As stated in the last issue or two of the News, the '54 outlook is good, with a big backlog of civilian needs to clear up. This is in clear contrast to most other lines of work, where there are "no help wanted" signs for the first time since pre-war days. That's about 15 years ago, brother.

So with cheering-note, let's take a quick gander around the broad jurisdiction of Local 3, via the business agent reports in this issue:

Sacramento: About 500 on the list. Folsom dam going round the clock basis, about year and a half left on this job.

Marysville: Airmy bids due on Feather river levee, 365-day job. Otherwise slow.

San Francisco: Good weather has kept jobs above average, chiefly on construction. Many contractors leery about starting out.

Redding: Slow now but outlook good for an early start. PG&E has multi-million projects on the board for Shasta area.

Redwoods: Slow, natch. But another month or so and we'll be moving.

Stockton: Ike's snafu farm program has caused farmers to hold off on land-levelling, customary in

winter, thus adding to our unemployment. But outlook for the year is very good.

Fresno: Good many small jobs are helping take up the slack.

Hawaii: Outlook is very poor.

Oakland: No improvement, 600 on list, some registering who have not been in hall for 7 or 8 years.

San Jose: Slow, natch, but very encouraging Spring outlook. New factories, Ford plant, expansions, Moffet Field, etc.

Peninsula: Jobs have held up, one of best winters ever. However, most jobs will finish by Spring, whereas usually there are some left over by time Spring rush starts.

Nevada: Mines keeping busy, also highways. Not too bad.

Utah: Slow, as always in winter, but future is very promising, with large industrial construction and other work due to start.

Hay Is for Corps?

Young man and his girl friend were swinging back to the city after an outing in Marin. Passing the \$4 million new Waldo grade approach to Golden Gate bridge, they noted bales of hay along the road, some of it scattered. (This, dear reader, is an ingenious device by our ingenious construction stiffs to help keep terra firma dryer, or at least not so gawdawful muddy as it often gets during this rainy season.)

Innocently the girl asked her friend what's all this hay for along the road?

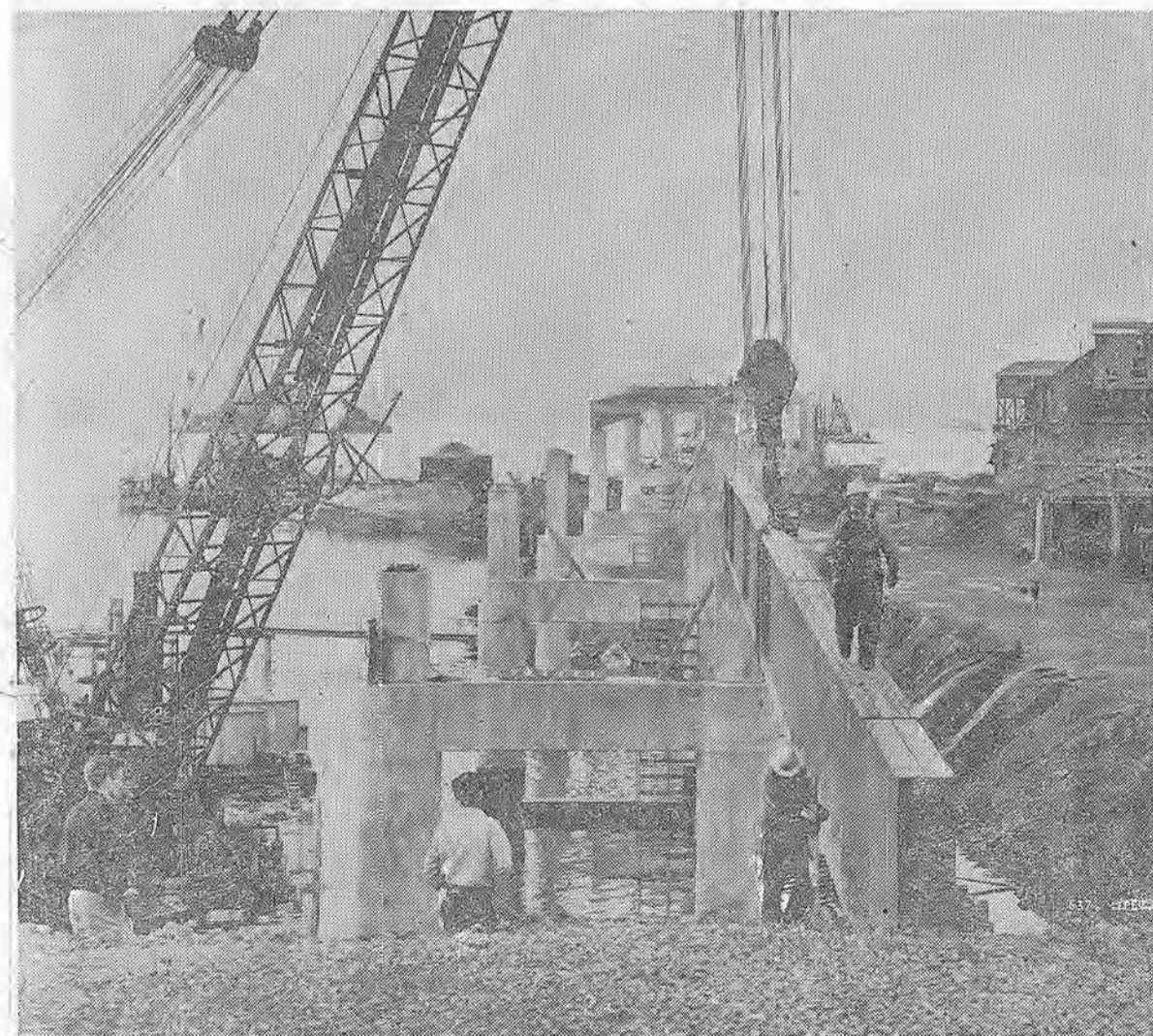
"Don't you know?" he replied, seizing on sudden inspiration at sight of the heavy equipment. "Why that's to feed the bulldozers!"

Service Withdrawal Cards

JERRY COLLETT
GLENN G. KNUTZ
JESSE R. MATTHEWS
DWAYNE PIERZINA
RICHARD A. THOMPSON

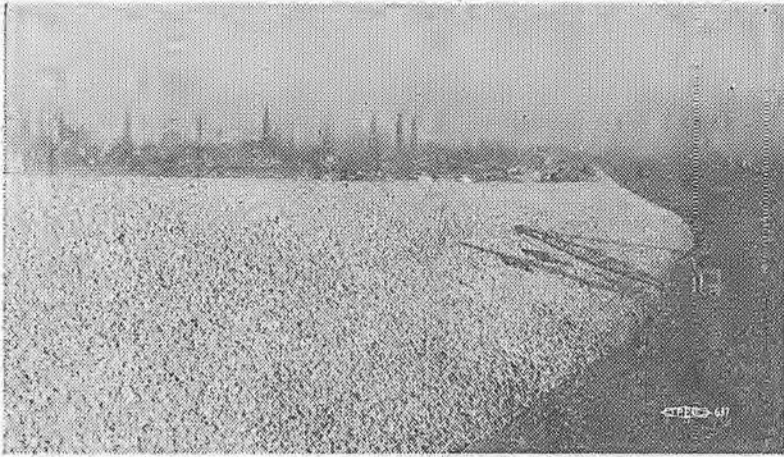
REPORT immediately
all safety HAZARDS!

FIRST STEEL—NORTH BAY BRIDGE—



Steel arms reaching into the sky, marching in giant strides on concrete piling—that's symbolized by this historic picture of the first steel girder going into place on the \$60-million Richmond-San Rafael bridge. This first girder seems aimed at distant Mt. Tamalpais, across the bay. Size of the

piling is shown by men in background. Heavy equipment is at work in foreground, middle ground, and out into the bay. This Ben Gerwick-Peter Kiewit job is moving along rapidly to forge a long-needed link for the San Francisco Bay Area community.



HEFTY ROCK PILE is this big Whittier Narrows Dam job in Los Angeles, built to help stem those wild flash floods that jam up the metropolis, coming down from burned-out foothills. Rosemead Boulevard traverses the top of this dam, on which many an engineer was employed.

OUTLOOK FOR YEAR IS POOR IN ISLANDS

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ
Business Representative

Outlook for Hawaii employment this year not too good; 13,000 on unemployed list at end of January. No new work contemplated as yet to care for them. Present work and those in process will use the same work crews with a very small addition from the above if any at all.

Members of the Hawaiian Branch with enough know-how on equipment operating have been able to move in on some of the local contractors despite the anti-union attitude displayed by many of them. I'm proud to say these members are showing a good account of their skill to the detriment of many non-union equipment operators around town who have made it tough for us by working under scale with even kickbacks in time and pay.

John Nichols Contracting Co. gets all the excavation, underground, landscaping, and road work for the extended Aliamanu Housing project. We now have six members on equipment with this outfit.

Five members are with Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd., on the Hickam Airport apron job on graders, super C's, cats and roller.

Two members are now employed as cat skimmers with Oahu Construction Co. on the Kamehameha Heights job and the trunk sewer line job.

Two shovel operators and one cat skinner have been with V. O. Burkhalter the past three months on the Barbers Pt. job.

The tunnel project is now working three shifts. Only four members were able to get jobs there. Five members from Local 9, Denver, Colorado, were brought here as keymen for the job.

Contractors Mid-Pac goes back to Kwajalein with another Navy contract of \$2,500,000 to be used for new buildings and pier work to begin in March. A few members are still there at this writing.

Dredging at Okinawa still continues under the "force account" appropriation system of the Army Corps of Engineers pending other allocations under a contract basis some time this year. Our boys have all signed another year's contract.

Hawaiian Dredging is completing the pile driving work on the Wai-kiki Biltmore Hotel for the Bell Haven Realty Co. from the west coast.

Pacific Construction began breaking ground this week at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel site for Matson Steamship & Navigation Co. of San Francisco.

Oahu Transport Co., Ltd., will build a \$2,000,000 bulk sugar storage and shipping facilities for the Honolulu harbor this year. Hawaiian Dredging will do this work as the above company is connected as a subsidiary.

Ask \$14 Million For Folsom Dam

President Eisenhower asked Congress for \$14 million for the fiscal year starting next July for Folsom Dam, work on which is now about 65 per cent complete. Biggest single request in the \$70 million sought for California water and power projects was \$23½ million for the Central Valley Project, \$5 million more than this year, largest part of which will go on the Friant-Kern irrigation system. Included also: \$8 million, for the Monticello Dam, Putah Dam, and canals of the Solano project, work on some of which is already under way. Work is also scheduled to start on the Corning canal and pumping plant and the Red Bluff diversion dam of the Sacramento Valley Canal unit.

Nag—A woman who has no horse sense.

Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present with exception of Vice-President Foss who was excused. Brother H. T. Petersen acted as Vice-President.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 9 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of January 20 and of February 3 read, and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter of thanks was received from the American Legion Auxiliary, Post No. 16, Stockton, for aid in assembling Christmas boxes and for the use of the hall to do so. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Hazel M. Bourbin and family; Mrs. Leonora Souza; Mary Roche and family; John A. and Joseph Flores and family. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Alfred Azevedo, Howard T. Anderson, Warren B. Adams, J. L. Antrun, B. T. Batchelor, Claude Brown, Charles J. Basso, Allie Brodese, Roswell Button, Loys Basham, L. D. Banks, Leroy Bryant, Lee Curtis, James R. Cook, Fillmore R. Cross, Joe S. Coaty, Thomas D. Cain, Roy Cameron, Kenneth Cole, Wm. L. Duncan, F. E. Erhart, Joseph Faria, Ray C. Fields, C. H. Foote, Roy E. Forsythe, Joseph Frates, August Fernandez, C. M. Fredrickson, Robert Glover, Roe H. Gibbs, Fred H. Gomez, Bing J. Gee, Thomas Hahn, Walton Hitchings, C. F. Hall, Robert M. Henley, John T. Hall, Geo. Hatch, Dale Hack, M. Hillhouse, James W. Jones, Robert R. Jones, Basil Kaul, Al Klopotek, Paul Krug, Chas. F. Klemp, Lawrence Larsen, Herman Lowe, Evon Larson, Wm. McInturff, Geo. Madru, Earl S. May, N. F. Moss, Virgil Moore, Wayne Noble, Chas. Overman, John R. Owen, A. D. Prescott, Joe Pierce, F. Peckman, Angelo J. Rossi, Vernon Ruckman, B. F. Seymour, Alfred W. Staff, Wm. G. Stark, Edwin K. Sharp, Udell Sorenson, John Senechale, John Soto, D. Slaybaugh, L. B. Stratton, Fred Thomsen, Edgar D. Vest, Nicholas Zaccagnini.

The following members were reported deceased: Clifford C. Miller, W. T. Bankston, Norton R. Baldwin, John Porter, J. C. Bourbin. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

J. A. Whitlock, British Building Trades Representative, spoke on the British Health Services, which are called "health schemes" in Britain. He stated that the services had been misrepresented by our Press, and stated he desired to clear up this misrepresentation. All medical, hospital, dental, optical, X-rays and drugs are furnished free of charge, irrespective of the patient's income, all of which are paid for in the same manner as taxes in America. He stated that the majority of people in Great Britain are well satisfied with the "scheme" and set forth a number of examples. He stated that the patient has the right to choose his own doctor. One of his examples was the case of a member of his own family, whose illness required numerous X-rays, other hospital services, etc. that would have taken his life's savings, if he had to pay for these services himself. His remarks were well received by the membership.

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

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

Brother Frank A. Lawrence, Industrial Accident Commissioner, talked on the subject as to whether it was to patient's advantage to have the choice of his own doctor, or to have a specialist in his line to choose from. His remarks were well received by the membership.

Brother Ed Park, State Labor Commissioner, gave a short report concerning the actions of his Commission. His remarks were well received by the membership.

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

Respectfully submitted
—C. F. MATHEWS
Recording Secretary

Spain Bases Go To Anti-Labor Firm

(AFL Release)

Brown & Root Co., Houston, Tex., charged in a Senate subcommittee staff report with "cheap and shoddy practices" in dealing with labor, is one of the three construction companies in the building combination selected by the Bureau of Yards and Docks, U. S. Navy, to build project air bases and harbor facilities in Spain. The amount of the contract is expected to be \$250 million.

Brown & Root has back payments in the "thousands and thousands of dollars" outstanding against it in the Bull Shoals case, where the company fought against union certification for six years. The Houston firm was awarded the contract for the Bull Shoals Dam Project in Arkansas in May 1947, and fought against a union contract through the NLRB and the courts, losing in each case, with 94 employees ordered reinstated and given back pay.

RACKET SYSTEM

The staff report of the Senate Subcommittee on Labor and Public Welfare in the second session of the 72nd Congress termed the system set up in Arkansas by Brown & Root as "a racket which gave Brown & Root all the benefits." Violation of the Davis-Bacon Act, governing wage rates and working conditions on Government projects, was charged.

The Nacy considered several hundred contractors for the Spanish base and harbor construction, narrowed the field to nine combinations, and finally selected a

combination of Brown & Root, Raymond Concrete Pile Co., New York City, and the Walsh Construction Co. of Davenport, Iowa. Brochures were submitted by the contractors. Selection was not on the basis of bids.

There was an old man from Nantucket

Who kept all his cash in a bucket. His daughter named Nan

Ran off with a man. And the bucket? Nantucket. The dad followed them to Pawtucket

Nan and her man and the bucket. He said to the man "You are welcome to Nan,"

But as for the bucket—Pawtucket.

Careful Woman—One who loses only one glove.

Woman's Intuition — Suspicion that clicked.

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Waldo Grade Job Slowed

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

The Atkinson job on the Waldo Grade has slowed down as far as the dirt moving is concerned. The tunnel was shut down for about six days due to the slide at the mouth of the tunnel, caused by rain. The job in general is on schedule. Glad to see Bro. "Fuzzy" Wyman back on job . . . steel girdle and all.

Brother Herman Bottini has turned out to be quite a powder monkey. Seems he does more with the powder than equipment on their jobs at Strawberry.

Brother Tracy Floyd now a proud papa . . . January 22. A little gal, congratulations! Maybe next one an oiler?

Brother Paul Ryder, now in SAW business. Manufactures any type saw . . . also keeps everything sharp. Open for business at 411 Keokuk Street, Petaluma; phone: 2-2538.

Brother Charlie Hover dropped in the office to buy that green button last week. Related a few BIG fish tales on recent deep sea fishing excursion to Mexico.

Wonder if Charles gets commuter rates . . . spends so much time there, he speaks with Mexican accent now.

Most of the work at Travis now completed. Parish have about a half million job to do and are expecting to get started on the road job from the Base to Highway 40 very shortly.

Helwig Construction and North Bay Construction were low bidders and have been awarded contract for Sewer Disposal for the City and County of Sonoma.

B & B Construction received a contract for dismantling and erecting a new concrete bridge on Hanna Road. There will be another job let in the near future for repair on the bridge span that flooded out during this last storm, this being on the Petaluma Road to Sonoma across the Sonoma Slough.

Bert's Sewer Co. of Fresno received contract award at Boyes Springs for 1400 feet of sewer construction at the Housing Tract just off Donald Road.

Associated Construction and Engineering Co. has started the new building for the Plastic Luggage Manufacturing Co. We have had one engineer on project to do what hoisting there was involved on job.

Olympian Dredge Co. of San Francisco has moved in to dredge the San Rafael Boat Channel. This involves around \$91,709.

Rural Opposition Blasts State Purchase of Valley Project

(State Fed. Release)

The misnamed "grass roots" movement pushing for state acquisition of the Central Valley Project was unmasked last week by the Tulare Advance-Register in an editorial comment on recent hearings held on the proposal by a State Assembly subcommittee headed by William W. Hansen, Republican, of Fresno County.

Of 27 witnesses who paraded before the subcommittee, only two, William Harrison, chairman of the Statewide Committee for California Ownership of the Central Valley Project, and O. W. Fillerup, a representative of the California Farm Bureau Federation, spoke in favor of state acquisition.

When asked by a subcommittee member where the drive to purchase the mammoth project was coming from, Harrison said that "interest is statewide . . . it comes from the grass roots," and proceeded to name such organizations as the State Chamber of Commerce, the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, the California Farm Bureau Federation, the Irrigation Districts Association of California, the Agricultural Council of California, and the Central Valley Flood Control Association.

Every one of these organizations, the Advance-Register pointed out, represent Big Business—"the lush green blades that spring from the grass roots," and all are opposed to the 160-acre limitation on the distribution of CVP water designed to encourage small family-size farms.

As the real "grass roots," the

Advance-Register pointed to the organizations represented at the hearings by the other 25 witnesses who opposed state purchase of CVP.

Among these true "grass roots" spokesmen were directors of irrigation districts along the Madera and Friant-Kern Canal and members of the Friant Water Users Association, who were unanimous in declaring that unless the state can come forth with a concrete plan for the purchase which would benefit the water users of the state in general, instead of the corporate farmers and other excess land holders, it had better keep hands off the CVP and, instead, spend the money needed to purchase the project to increase the water supply in California.

LASTING BEAUTY

Nothing makes the finish of a car last longer or look better than keeping it clean. This means washing it when it gets dirty and using a cleaner about twice a year to remove oxidized paint. After a cleaner has been used, of course, the finish should be waxed. With such attention, the original paint of an automobile will last for many years.

San Jose Outlook Picks Up

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

In this issue, Brothers, we have a little more encouragement to offer you for the coming spring, with new factories to be built here to supply the Ford Company, also more reconstruction for the NACA at Moffett Field, plus Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Co., who have embarked on a huge expansion program. This firm at the present time is employing approximately 128 members of Operating Engineers Local 3 in the Foil Division.

When the new addition has been completed it will increase the production capacity approximately 50 per cent, which will boost the output to 18 million pounds a year, and employ about 25 more Engineers.

American Bridge is making good progress now on the firm's multi-million-dollar project at Moffett Field, and they're casting an eagle eye on two more reconstruction projects on the two small supersonic tunnels which were completed several years ago. We understand that there is to be an expenditure of approximately five or six million dollars in the near future on this type of work.

Bethlehem Pacific Steel is nearing completion on the steel erection job at the Ford plant and expects to be moving the equipment to the Bay Area shortly. At present there are about 18 acres under roof at this plant. We have received information that in the near future there will be several plants moving into this area to supply the many needs of this huge production firm. Newcomb-Detroit Co., one of the largest makers of industrial ovens, spray booths, parts washers, and dust collectors, has announced plans to set up a plant at 106 Stockton Ave. This firm has a contract for

several million dollars to furnish all of its types of equipment to the Ford Company.

Granite Construction has resumed operations on their freeway job after several weeks of suspension due to the past inclement weather. They're in hopes of completing the finish work in the next few months. This firm expects to complete the job a year ahead of schedule, which will be approximately June 15 of this year.

Sondgroth Bros., of Mountain View, are fully occupied on a 50,000 yard excavation and compaction job on the new \$2-million Pacific Can Co. project off Alma Street. At present the Brothers have three Jeeps and about four Cats in operation. This is just one more huge industry coming to this area.

Austin Company expects to complete its two big jobs in this area within the next 60 days. E. A. Hathaway was the lucky bidder on the new \$500,000 unit at Agnews State Hospital. Tony Voss of Monte Vista was the lucky boy on the grading and paving contract on this project. A. J. Peters has nearly completed the last unit on the Hamline Underground job. Lowrie Paving are also putting a period on their contract for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. Same can be said for P&E Construction on their Willow Glen project. We expect to see much underground activity this spring in the Sunnyvale and Mountain View area. This about shows the picture for the area around San Jose.

SOUTHERN TERRITORY

We are sorry to report that work in the southern territory has slowed down considerably and it doesn't look too promising until spring. Coast Pipe Line has about three weeks left to complete their project at Davenport. Granite Construction has started a stripping job for Portland Cement, and has six rigs in operation at present. This firm was awarded a \$123,613 highway job near Watsonville, on which work will start very shortly. Granite has completed its paving job at Chular but has several small jobs around Watsonville, Salinas and Monterey.

The sand plants in this area, namely: Monterey Sand, P.C.A., and Kaiser Sand, are operating at normal capacity and are keeping many of the brothers busy.

Two large highway jobs will be let in the near future, the grading and resurfacing job on Mt. Herman road, which will run about \$108,000, and grading and resurfacing of the San Juan-Watsonville road, which will be about \$271,000. Bids also will soon be let on the Uvas Dam near Morgan Hill. These jobs, when in operation, will put many of our unemployed Engineers to work again.

William Radtke & Son of Gilroy were the low bidders on a building contract for \$98,825 and expect to start on this project very shortly.

PERSONALS

We enjoyed receiving an interesting letter from Brother Thomas F. Hinds, who has been in Casablanca for the past year and expects to be there for quite some time yet. He said that he saw Chuck Wooldrige, who is well known in this locality.

We are urging all the Brothers to attend a very interesting and educational picture to be shown at the Labor Temple in the main hall Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. This picture portrays the heavy construction in foreign countries, such as the building of highways, airports, dams, and pipe lines, and will feature safety measures used on these projects. This picture should be of interest and beneficial to all construction men and we are looking forward to a large attendance by the Engineers in this area. The film is shown as a courtesy of the Industrial Indemnity Co. and is free to all members.

Jenner Jetty at Russian River Mouth Badly Needs Repair

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

A \$175,000 repair item hangs in the balance for the Jenner jetty.

Sonoma County officials have made some progress in their Sacramento negotiations for state maintenance of the jetty at the mouth of the Russian River at Jenner.

The jetty was built by the state in 1929 to keep open the river mouth for migrating sport fish and that \$310,000 has been spent in maintenance since that time. Today the storm-battered structure has been weakened to the point of collapse. A petition signed by residents of the area said they were opposed to a repair job and that the river mouth should be kept open with a dragline.

\$150,000 is available for repair of the Noyo River. A large section of the eroded north jetty wall recently toppled into the water, severing the power line to the signal lights which guide fishing boats into the Noyo Harbor. The Congress has authorized but never allocated funds for construction of a 600-yard breakwater northwesterly from the southern rim of the outer harbor, and for extension of the 150-foot wide ship channel another half-mile upstream to provide badly needed mooring space.

Cleaning operations are in progress at the Russian River Gravel Company, West Windsor, inundated by the recent flood. Walter Doyle, owner, arrived at his property by boat. He said employees will spend the next several days seeking supplies that floated away. Most of the equipment was moved to higher ground when the river showed signs of overflowing its banks.

IT'S HUMAN NATURE to be shortsighted.

When residents of Mendocino and Sonoma counties vote on the Coyote Valley project in June, the winter's floods along the Russian river will have been largely forgotten.

Over-enthusiastic proponents of the project may at that time assure you that flood control would be obsolete. Determined foes may go to the other extreme and contend that Coyote dam would provide no flood control because too many tributaries enter the Russian river below the location of the dam.

Right now, while memory of the January 17-18 flood is still fresh, you might store the facts in your mind. The facts are that the Guerneville flood crest would have been three feet lower if Coyote Dam had been in operation. At Hopland, the flood level would have been about 30 per cent lower, and at Healdsburg it would have been about 11 per cent lower.

Two weeks after the splash of headlines caused by Sonoma County's announcement that it will file for appropriate rights to existing Russian river water, the facts of the case were still as muddled as the swollen stream.

The man in the street was asking: "Who owns Russian river water?" Can Sonoma County take water from Mendocino County?

Does the mere filing of an application for water give any county or individual priority over another?"

Most of the answers are readily available in a red-bound volume entitled "Water Code of the State of California." The basic philosophy of water use in California is clearly summarized in Section 100: State law recognizes four categories of water use. The highest, with priority over all other uses, is domestic water, essential to human survival, provided it is used without unreasonable waste.

The next three categories, in descending order of priority, are irrigation, industrial use, and water for recreation and fish life. Quoting from the Water Code: "All water within the State is the property of the people of the State, but the right to the use of water may be acquired by appropriation in the manner provided by law." How does this affect Sonoma and Mendocino counties' use of Russian river water?

It means, primarily, that water shall be used first and foremost to support human life. The City of Ukiah draws all its water from the Russian river. The City of Santa Rosa, as of today, derives none from the river. Therefore, if insufficient water flowed in the stream to supply both cities, Ukiah's needs would have to be met first.

The manner in which limited amounts of water are allotted to various categories of use after construction of a dam such as the proposed Coyote Dam is best illustrated by the Marin Municipal Water District's Carson Dam in the headwaters of Lagunitas Creek.

The district is required to maintain the normal, pre-dam flow of water in the creek by releases from the reservoir.

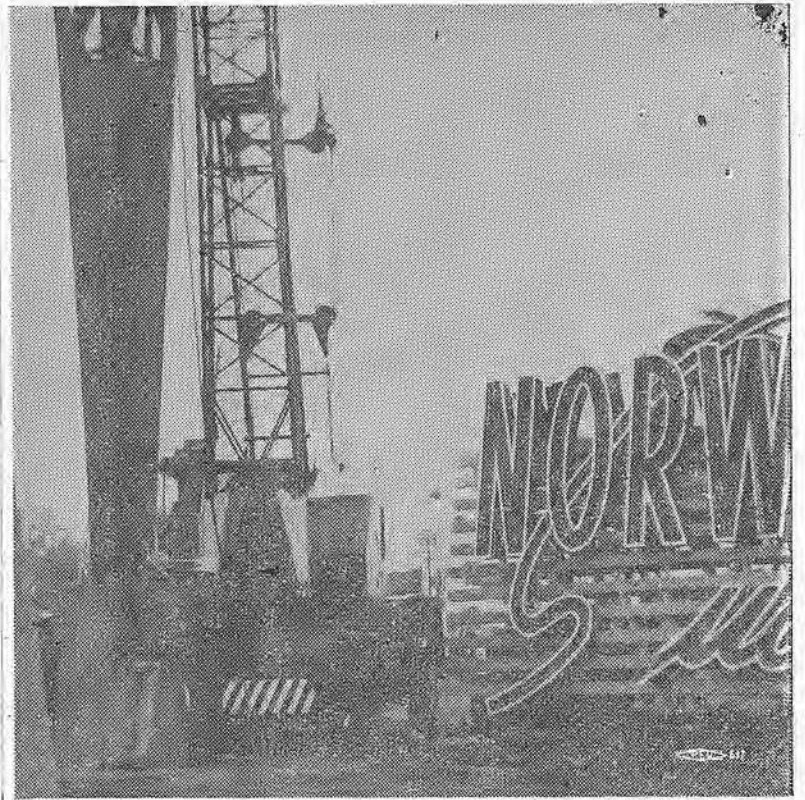
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Form Conference of S. Atlantic Engineers

Richmond, Va.—J. C. Turner, president and business manager of Operating Engineers Local Union 77, AFL, Washington, D. C., was elected president of the South Atlantic Conference of AFL Operating Engineers at an organization meeting here.

Two other Washington men, R. D. Bailey, vice president of Local 77, and Claude W. Brown, business agent of Stationary Engineers Local 99, were elected to the executive board.

Forty-two unions with a total membership of about 30,000 were represented at the meeting.



WORLD'S BIGGEST sign, anyway that's what Los Angeles brags, is this \$50,000 "Norwalk Square" neon job put up by Operating Engineers on a 112-foot, 18-ton post by two 35-ton P & H truck cranes. Sign is visible five miles (if it isn't smoggy!).

LAND-LEVEL SLACK SLOWS UP STOCKTON

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

As yet the out-of-work list here in the Stockton office is still quite large, due in a large part to the lack of calls for land-levelers which in the past has kept all those who could level land busy at this time of year. Apparently this phase of work is due to drop off because of government regulations on crop acreage and the lack of farm subsidies which make the farmers reluctant to level at this time.

The construction work for the year looks very promising with several road jobs and Cherry Valley Dam, which will absorb those members who have leveled land in the past.

The first new road job to get started this year is the Clyde Wood & Sons road job near Jackson, with three cat-skinners one compressorman, two oilers, one shovel runner and a foreman.

Joe Meyers, who is subbing the dirt down to rock on this job also has one foreman, four cat-skinners, one mechanic and a grease monkey.

The Stolte-Stephens job at Clements is still in progress on the bridge, but Stewart & Squire who are subbing the dirt are losing time due to the weather.

The State Engineers are busy staking out a new road job near Ione, about 2½ miles in length to be let soon. Another between Alta-ville and Murphys which is in the offing this year and still another going through the town of San Andreas which involves several buildings to be moved in order to make room for a wider road to replace the existing alley that they now have. The Manteca By-pass on the 99 Highway should get started this year with the Highway 50 Bypass to be let at a later date.

Condiek Co. have nearly completed their storm drain for the City of Stockton in the Mormon Channel and M. Malfitano & Son should be going on their earth fill crossings by the time this is published.

Brother Frank Kerkens gets a day a week on Rothschild-Raffin & Weirick scoop-mobile pouring concrete at the State Hospital.

PORT OF STOCKTON

Frank Taylor's boys beat unemployment out at the Port of Stockton keeping the hoppers filled with iron ore whenever a boat can get through the fog bank which has been hanging over the delta for some time.

S. M. McGaw manages to keep a few Brothers off of the unemployment list with street repairs and a few small excavations for basements, service station tanks, etc.

Chancellor & Ogden are assembling two tanks for the Pacific Molasses Co. at the Port of Stockton.

Atwater Underground Construction Co. have moved their men and equipment to their job in Chico.

Tracy Rock & Gravel Co. are

out production for a few weeks, doing overhaul and making a few alterations to the plant; they hope to be in full operation as soon as the weather will permit grades to be opened; they are supplying material for a few small jobs from the stockpiles.

Tee-Kay Mines have laid off a few men the last month, due to cut-backs in their orders for manganese ore; they hope to be rolling again in a few weeks.

Stolte, Inc. are about finished with their irrigation project at Tracy and next week will see water again in the canal. The farmers will start irrigating their crops in the Tracy District.

Because of the shortage of rainfall, Pacific Coast Aggregates Co. are keeping their crew together by working two or three days per week. Their stockpiles are large and the sales are small.

Calaveras Cement Co. are preparing the plant for a run on white cement. The members are all working in spite of the usual winter slow-down in cement demands.

The company has recently taken delivery on a new drill. A Bucyrus-Erie Model 50-R Rotary, that will drill to 100 feet with three pieces of drill stem 33 feet each. In the initial test, a hole nine inches in diameter was drilled to 33 feet in 15 minutes. The motor generator set is much the same as is on the Bucyrus Shovel Model 120-B.

It has been reported to this office by Al Niblock's mother, that Al was recently married in Casa Blanca in Morocco. Al's bride is a native of Morocco, her name is Guillermina. Brother Blackie Forrest was best man. Chuck Davis also attended the wedding. We here in the Stockton office extend our congratulations to you Al and your new wife, so lots of good luck to you both.

W. T. (Ted) Bankston, a member of Local 3 and a former resident of Stockton and Northern California, passed away in Anaheim, Calif., with a heart attack on January 15, at St. Joseph' Hospital, at the age of 44 years. For the past year he was employed as a superintendent for Sully-Miller Construction Co. of Santa Ana, Calif. He was a World War II veteran in the Army Engineers, serving in China, Burma and India Theater. He leaves his wife Jean, his father, W. T. Bankston and two brothers and a sister. Our sympathies to those who bereaved.

THE RENO ROUND-UP---

Snow, Mines Keep Boys Busy

By H. L. "Curley" SPENCE and J. W. "Bill" BARR, Business Representatives

Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, Jr., has started on the Fallon to Hawthorne highway job. Brother Joe Soleagus is the head pusher on the job with Bro. Bud Jacobsen on the scraper and dozer or wherever Joe can fit him in. Bro. Charles H. Walsh is on a scraper helping put in some detours; however, the detours don't amount to very much. Bro. Ralph O. (Jug Head) Stephens with the help of Marvin (Timber) Renken are backfilling the old ditch and dozing out the soft spots along the right-of-way.

Bro. Richard (Chief) Kingston is on the Northwest dragline digging the new irrigation ditch. Everyone was glad to see Chief back with Silver State Construction Company. Oh yes! there is another outstanding brother by the name of Warren M. (Pinky) Vaughn. He is running the Link Belt Spreader Dragline. That Pinky is a real irrigation ditch digger. He has had a lot of experience digging ditches the hard way. Bro. Joseph (Chip) Montrose will be finishing with Andy Drumm's Pulls in Hawthorne, Nev. real soon and when Chip and the pulls move in on the Fallon Highway job the muck and mud will really begin to fly as Chip and the pulls are a real go-ahead outfit. Bro. Charles (Red) Melendy is on the well known "Pension" job around the crusher and the stockpile. I don't know what will really happen to Red when he comes to the Fallon Highway job. The highway passes right by Red's ranch and he will have to be home most of the time with his wife keeping a sharp eye on him. Poor Red won't be able to be out "whooping it up" every night like he generally does on the camp jobs. Al Montrose will too have to stay close to home for he lives near the highway job also. This job so close to home may change a lot of the brother actions around town after hours.

Young and Smith's highway job near Mina, Nevada, in Mineral County is moving right along, with 3-DW21's, 2 Blades and 6 Cats on the job. George Walker, Robert D. Burns and Hank Kiechler are on the DW21's. That "Hanko" is quite the Aweenty-One man. He sets the pace and the others have to try and keep up with him, for Hanko is a company man. Hank tells me that he is going back to Utah with Young and Smith. Bro. Roark is on the finishing Cat and he sure has reformed. He is taking the well known cure, no more drinking. I think he will go to Utah with Young and Smith also. Bros. Dutch Dowler is on the Blade doing the finish work. All of the brothers were on their good behavior until Bro. Harvey McNeil arrived and went to work on the Dozer. He got an advance on his pay and then things started to happen in the little town of Mina, Nevada, and as of this writing they haven't quieted down as yet. That Harvey is quite the boy, he wore out his welcome in Ely in short order.

GABBS VALLEY

Dodge Construction Co. and all of his dirt moving crew are making a long stay down in Gabbs Valley, Nevada. They must like the atmosphere of that little valley. They spend so much time in the "Bucket of Blood" that they feel that they own the joint, and resent the fact that they won't let them take the place home with them.

The brothers out at Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. near Fallon, Nevada, are quite pleased with their increase of wages but they are not very happy over the transfer of their good plant superintendent, Walt Johnson, but maybe the company will see fit to make E. J. (Red) Kelley or M. (Bill) Ericson superintendent of the mill.

The brothers down at Anaconda Copper Mining Co. at Yerington, Nevada, aren't very happy since they were cut down to 5 days a week operations. However, it may be only temporary until the company can get the "Bugs" out of the Acid Plant. I hope so anyway.

Hoops Construction Company was awarded the highway job 3 miles south of Palisades, Nevada.

They informed me that they may not start operations until latter part of March or April, weather permitting, of course.

LOVELOCK-IRON

The Iron Mines near Lovelock are keeping some of the brothers steady. Dodge Construction Co. has opened a new pit and installed a new crusher and the crew have more ore uncovered and more "high grade" in the old pit so Bro. Geo. Eckman will soon have the works on a production basis at the rate of about 35 cars per day.

Bro. Ed Barrington and son Ed. Jr. have their shovel overhauled and "simonized." Bros. Jimmy Sigler and Walter Berger have been working their shovel in the new pit and the dust is so thick they have a hard time finding the rig let alone polish it.

Brother Chas. Rowe is pulling iron ore from H. Earl Parker's iron pit with the assistance of the good brothers Jimmy Elston, Ike Spears, Floyd Parker, Pat Chandler and Ray Hoffman.

Brother Phil Hansen is overhauling equipment at Barrel Springs and has a gold dredger moved in and ready to set up.

Isbells Construction Co.'s stripping job in Ely, Nevada, is still keeping a good many of the brothers busy on a 3 shift, 6 day basis. The brothers at Ely have lost very little time this winter due to weather. The brothers on the Dozers and Blades have done a good job of keeping the haul roads open.

The brothers on Isbell's Sulphur stripping job at Leviathan have had touch of Old Man Winter with 29 inches of snow and plenty of cold wind, in fact the wind never stops blowing at Leviathan. Bro. Bob Pulsipher is the new swing shift shop boss, the equipment is in better shape already. Brother "Pop" Taylor, a number one Churn Driller, is laid up with a couple of cracked ribs. We hope that Pop will soon be back on the "Hill." Bro. Jack Speddan says "she is deep enough" for me. Bro. Jack got a new 120-B a couple months ago and got caught in a slide that smashed the generator set in the back of the rig. Last week Brother Jack caught one on the front end this time and that is too close and too deep.

The brothers on Foley Bros. job at Deep Ruth and Kellinske shafts are in "Bonus Muck" and the hoistmen are really earning their money. Bro. Geo. Rood, the master mind of Nuts and Bolts and his crew of first class "Nut Busters" have everything in top shape. Bro. K. Holthus is the head man and "gun doctor" at the star pointer shop.

Two Electrocuted, Operator Convicted

The third conviction in 1953 for violation of Section 385 of the California Penal Code, which makes it a misdemeanor to bring any object within six feet of high voltage lines, occurred Dec. 28 in Whittier. Sentence of \$100 fine or 50 days imprisonment was imposed on the well-drilling rig operator who, on Sept. 17, placed and operated the steel structure of the rig within two feet of overhead high voltage lines. When the hoisting cable of the rig contacted the lines, two men working below were electrocuted.

There is no pleasure in having nothing to do. The fun is having lots to do and not doing it.

A political war is one in which everybody shoots from the lip.

Sacto Idle List Stays High

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

The report this month will sound like a repetition of our December issue insofar as work is concerned, and other conditions in this district.

We are suffering from "out-of-work-listitis." To date we have somewhere between 400 and 500 registered, with no relief in sight, at least for the next couple of months.

The Savin Corp., builders of Folsom Dam, once again lost their upstream coffer dam, but luckily they were high enough with the main structure to continue operations without any interruption. The brothers on this project are pouring concrete on an around-the-clock basis. It looks like another year and a half for the boys on this job.

Winston-Johnson, builders of Nimbus Dam, suffered a break in their coffer dam also. Here again we report no damage and no shut-down. This structure is also high enough to keep the brothers working. It will be completed late this year.

The Piombo Construction Co., low bidders on the Placerville freeway with a bid of \$809,980, have started at this writing and are progressing rapidly, with more equipment arriving daily. Brother Whitey Williamson does the gaffing on this right-of-way. Pete Connor and Paul Bear are on the cats, with more engineers to go to work Monday, Feb. 8. This looks like an ideal winter job for these brothers. The formation here is D.G. and rock.

The Henningson Bros. Co., with a batch plant at Placerville, is looking forward to finishing the concrete on the Piombo project, which consists of overpasses and head walls. The concrete on this job measures somewhere between four and five thousand yards. The Henningson Co. also has building materials of all types and van service; call Placerville 99, ask for Brother Bill or Norman.

Also setting in the middle of this Placerville freeway we have the only welding and machine shops in this area operated by brother engineers. M&M Welding and Machine Shop is owned by Brothers Gus Moritz and Mel Lawson doing the assist. Brother Ed Hunter owns and operates the Hunter Welding Shop with Brother James Hutton giving the assist. This shop also specializes in all types of wire rope. They do all phases of welding and are equipped with portable welding machines.

The T. E. Connolly Co. has made good progress on its tunnel job at Sly Park. They're getting ready to go underground in the very near future.

GRAVEL PLANTS

The gravel plants in this vicinity have kept the brothers busy to date, and the future looks promising. There is some curtailment of production in some plants but the overall picture is encouraging.

The Keebles Construction Co., doing the road job at the Antioch bridge, is progressing rapidly. Raymond Concrete Pile Co. has moved in to do the pile driving. Future months should see this job rolling, barring rains, of course.

The Graco shop at Woodland is keeping the brothers busy. This company also is trying to keep its crew intact. We're hoping they will not be forced to cut down.

L. G. Lentz and Lord & Bishop, doing the sewer job on the south side, are in the completion stages. Another two or three weeks should see this project sold to the City.

Stockton Construction Co., who also have a pipeline job on the southwest side, are about 75 per cent complete at this writing. The next issue should see the job finished.

Stolte Co. keeps a few brothers busy on their sewage disposal plant job. This project is also in the finishing stages. They also have a job at McClellan Field that should run for another year. Engineers on this job are John Hyde and Richard Goodwin.

U.P.K. are in the finishing steps on all their projects. The West Sacramento freeway is now at a standstill. Looks like it'll be spring before this freeway is released to traffic. This company has practically completed its structures on the North Sacramento and Roseville freeways.

Duncanson & Harrelson have two or three weeks to go on their trestle replacement job on the west side. They should be through

in 30 days unless high water curtails their operation.

The Gordon Ball freeway job at Davis has been shut down due to wet grade. All that remains on this project is the concrete paving, which will have to be done in dry weather.

In checking the "Yes Sir" Sea Food Restaurant on Auburn Blvd., operated by Brother Roy Pierce and wife, we find the service and food excellent . . . but no butter-milk. How come? Brother Roy's place is located opposite Danisio's. He informs us that he is equipped to handle up to 40 people in the banquet room. Call IV 9-9702.

The Basalt Rock Co. was low bidder on 18 miles of levee repair and overhaul near Rio Vista which will start as soon as we have a low water level.

H. Earl Parker Co. picked up two levee jobs on the Sacramento River, which also will begin as soon as low water permits.

The overall picture in heavy construction looks very good for this district, with several road jobs coming up for bids within the next couple of months, and considering the work that has been held over, we should enjoy a very good 1954.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

Pete Conner changing a channel; Paul Bear pioneering; Ralph Hillhouse craning cement; Gus Moritz taking an hour for lunch; Mel Lawson likewise; Norm Henningson looking over a road job; Johnnie Wunschel, lubrication technician; Carl Miller driving through mud; Mike Tennison running wind pumps; Harold Eckes watching; Shorty McCollum setting penstocks; Whitey Resh at work on a bridge; Buck Pelton calling in; Smokey Boehm signaling; Bob Lynch, wrong signature; George Kirk driving a panel; E. B. Loyd pulling a tamper; Ted Sager changing phone numbers; Cecil Field called back; Chester Youngblood, beltline mechanic; E. E. Owens driving a pick-up; Lightning, high up; Bill Lamoreaux cutting wood; Lee Young visiting Sacramento; Red Gorham pumping gas at 12th Ave. and Sacramento Blvd.; John Small getting certification; Loren Tabor checking in; Marion Imel moving to town; Pat Caldwell catching his dues; Bob Cooper moving; Roy Bell still working at Folsom Prison for Fred Early Co.; L. W. Winne back from the Service; Allen Tate in Sacramento; Lou Giffen looking at diamond drills; Red Durfee bailing rock; Walt Gavrillko running?; George McFarland getting certified; Les Decker selling insurance; Ed Bridges and Norman Harry visiting Placerville; George Ruoff changing rigging; Clarence Burris inquiring about health and welfare; George McFadden on a rear chain.

Though we are somewhat late in getting this publicized, we wish to congratulate Brother and Mrs. George Yost, who became the proud parents of twin girls born last November. We were just late in receiving the glad news. Our congratulations also go to Brother and Mrs. Spilke Gagle upon the arrival of their baby girl born in January.

We offer our sincere wishes for a very speedy and complete recovery to Mrs. John Senechale, who, this day, is undergoing an operation at Sutter Hospital. We hope that by the time this issue is published, Effie will be up and around and feeling better than ever.

Again we call your attention to the importance of safety while on the job. Remember that even a very slight slip of hand or foot can result in serious injury or even death. So, fellows, be extremely cautious of any hazards on the job site and take every precaution to protect both yourself and your fellow workers.

We are still calling for men to

enroll in the Civil Defense program. Keep in mind that the things you learn through this program can well be applied to everyday use, too.

BLOOD BANK

This month's vote of thanks goes to the following people for their interest and donations to our Blood Bank: Mrs. Ada Wilkinson, Irvin Silverberg, Melissa Silverberg, James Cargill, Wm. S. Edwards, Mrs. Mildred Cargill, Jack Dundee, Lester Landrum, Bernard Kimmert, George Chilson, Walter E. Gray, Estel Hoffmeyer, Clarence E. Hoffmeyer, Charles L. Van Orman, Mrs. Callie Milleson, and Mrs. Barbara Shinn.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to these and to the many who have donated to our account in the past. We have been extremely short on blood and have been in need of donors. To date we have three credits at the Blood Bank. So you see, we can still use a few more pints to put us on the safe side.

Remember, the office is open every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 for your convenience.

Act Now on Jobless!—AFL

Miami.—The national economy still is "organically healthy," but it will not stay that way if the Eisenhower Administration doesn't take immediate action to bolster mass purchasing power. The American Federation of Labor issued this warning as it took up the problem of growing unemployment as the first item of business in the annual winter session of the Executive Council.

The nature of the present critical situation is not fully shown by the report that 2,360,000 persons are now unemployed," the AFL said.

According to Boris Shishkin, research director for the AFL, the actual decline in the number of jobs in the last seven months was 3,349,000.

The council found the decline in jobs came at a time when the labor force should have been increasing—by 400,000, as measured by increased population and the season.

Shishkin said the Government figure did not include persons laid off for temporary periods, or those working three or four days a week because of job curtailments.

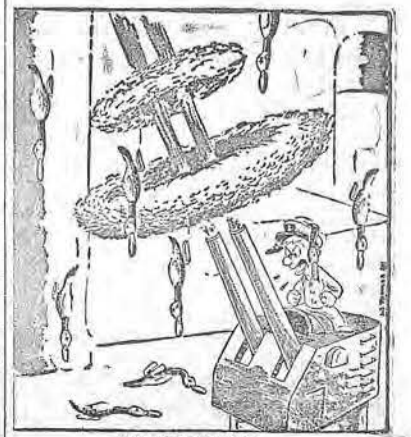
"We are headed for serious trouble unless there is prompt governmental action," the Executive Council declared.

Sewing Circle—A gathering in which more husbands are darned than sox.

Hell—What, even if you can lick it out of the enemy, war nevertheless is.

Gold Digger—A woman who falls in love at purse sight.

You can't clean up the world with soft soap. It takes grit.



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What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, L. L. LAUX, L. SOLARI and J. RILEY, Business Representatives.

It is necessary that we again report that there has been no real improvement in the work situation in the Oakland area. Our out-of-work list reveals that over 600 members of Local 3 are currently without employment. Several men have registered who have not been in the hall to register for work for seven or eight years. We will appreciate it if those of you who are on the list, and are called back to your last employer will notify the office, so your names can be taken off the out-of-work list. We would again like to remind you to be sure you are registered to vote.

The City of Oakland's 34th Street Storm-water Pumping Station, which will pump 162 million gallons of water each 24 hours, designed to drain the area reaching from San Pablo Avenue to Wood Streets, between 20th and 34th streets, the numerous storm-drainage lines, and outfall storm drainage system begun July 31, 1953, by a number of firms responsible for different portions of the project, have kept a number of engineers busy during the winter months, and will continue to provide work for these brothers during the winter months. The September issue of the News presented a picture of the initial stages of the project, and a look at the present activity reveals that considerable progress has been made. Bro. Joe Britt, with his oiler Ed Anderson, are pulling timbers and pouring cement with M. and K.'s Northwest 80, at the pumping station project at 34th Street.

Stolte Inc. have several sections of the storm drainage lines to install; one section is along 32nd and Campbell Streets to 32nd and Wood, and then down Wood to West Grand Avenue. This portion will tie into the other section, which is along Campbell Street to the M. and K. pumping station. Twenty members of Local 3 have been employed by Stolte on the project during the Winter months. Stanley Koller has another section of this storm drainage line to install, their portion being the section from 34th and Wood Street, out 34th to Peralta, and then along Peralta to Adeline and San Pablo Ave. The ten engineers presently on Koller's payroll will probably be kept busy on this project for the next two months.

McGuire and Hester, who have the contract for the Outfall Storm Drainage System report that 82% of the structural work has been completed at the present time. The remaining work to be completed is extending the storm culverts across State Highway 40 to the outfall into San Francisco Bay, and the construction of four tunnels under the S.P. and other railroad tracks to Beach Street and Yerba Buena Avenue, adjacent to the Key System underpass.

The tunneling operations consist of holeing through the earth, under the tracks with four 8-inch borings, and then lining the holes with steel liner plates 18" by 36", securely bolted in place. Installations of 72" re-inforced concrete pipe will be installed through the liner plate tubes, and a 3" concrete jacket applied between concrete pipe and steel liner plate. The liner plate installation is being conducted with three crews working on eight hour shifts. McGuire and Hester have just been awarded a \$350,000 contract for the last portion of this storm drainage line, which will run from 24th and Campbell to West Grand Ave. They are moving their equipment and engineers over onto this job as soon as they complete the other portion of the drainage system.

TUNNEL QUARRY

The Tunnel Rock Quarry has contracts to crush and deliver approximately 400,000 tons of crusher-run material to various construction firms in this area. Peter Kiewit will use 180 tons of crusher run and rip-rap on the East-shore extension from Ashby, north to the Albany Race track. Fredrickson and Watson have ordered 90 tons of crusher-run for the Orinda Crossroads. Mr. A. C. Goerig is owner of this quarry, and R. E. "Dick" Rush is the producer. Local 3 is represented at the quarry by

Bro. Phil Cavanaugh on a shovel, Bro. Carmen Bradford, Plant Engineer, Jimmy Shore, operating a 3 yard loader, and Steve Halliday and Dale McKerlie doing the oiling.

Stolte Inc. have a contract to erect an additional unit for the Fiberboard Products Company, Antioch, which will be known as a recovery unit. The new building is part of the expansion program now underway by this firm. The boiler unit will be installed by Combustion Engineering and Boiler Company. Bigge has already set the structural steel which will form the framework for the boiler itself. Ninety-three tons of structural steel are involved in this project. To date, five cars of boiler parts have arrived at the job site. Local 3 now has five engineers engaged in various phases of the work.

A \$84,156 contract was recently awarded to McGuire and Hester by the East Bay Municipal Utility District, for the installation of approximately 17,000 feet of cast-iron and asbestos cement water mains and appurtenances in Alameda, Oakland, and San Leandro. Bro. Harry Nelson is foreman of this project, which is currently employing six engineers.

El Cerrito Building Materials are moving their Batch Plant from Fairmont Avenue, El Cerrito to the Eastshore Freeway. Excavating for this plant was completed by Blair Excavators and Bay Cities Excavators, prior to the setting up of the plant by Bigge Crane and Rigging. This plant will be used to batch the cement for the roadway on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, and will be in operation by March 1st.

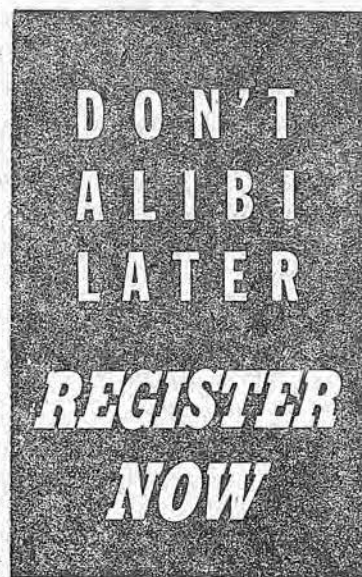
Independent Construction Company have been awarded a \$10,992 contract for the installation of 700 feet of storm sewer-pipe along Allendale and Brookdale Avenues, in Oakland. Three of the brothers will be kept busy on this job for the next month. This company also has five engineers busy re-surfacing 7th street from Broadway to Cypress street, Oakland.

L. C. Jensen started work during the middle of January on a sanitary sewer job located behind the Hayward High School, on Russell Way, Castro Valley. The difficulty of the work is increased by the proximity of a creek to the job site. This contractor keeps nine members of Local 3 busy on a year-round basis.

Five of Ball and Simpson's mechanics, who have come off various construction projects on which this company has been involved during the months just past, are now being kept busy on repair work at the Ball and Simpson shop in Berkeley. Bro. Bill Sorenson is shop superintendent, and is ably assisted by Bro. Loyal Ferdig, master mechanic from the Petaluma job, Tony Young, master mechanic on the Sonora job, Jay Bostic, master mechanic on the Freeway job, and Forrest Trumbo, mechanic. In addition to his duties in the shop, Bro. Sorenson is one of the owners of Bassco Drayage Company, which is engaged in the hauling of heavy equipment.

TANKS AT AVON

A number of contractors employing Local 3 men have jobs underway at Avon, at the present time. Consolidated Western Steel have started work on their new tank assembly project at Associated Oil Company, with Bros. C. A. Baker operating a truck crane, L.



E. Squires, a cat, and Billy Morgan doing the oiling. Fluor Corp. is getting underway on the construction of additional units for Associated. Winton Jones has just completed excavating for the foundations for these units. C. F. Braun has also started erecting an additional warehouse to be used by Associated for the storage of oil products. "Wimpy" Jones also did the excavating on this one. Duncanson and Harrelson have a pile-driver at work on a wharf pier job at Avon. Chicago Bridge and Iron are continuing to keep several members of Local 3 on their payroll on tank repair work at Avon.

C. F. Braun and Company are now well underway on the erection of a new "cat-cracking" unit being built for Shell Oil Company, Martinez. C.J.&C. have a sub-contract to dig the footings, with Bro. S. W. Carrigan at the controls, and William Mundell doing the oiling. Bro. Reno Cairo is operating a Manitowac Crane, with John Piper oiling the rig, and Bro. W. B. Gibson is operating a loader. Winton Jones also has a crew working with C. F. Braun, on their contract. California Steel Products' tank repair job for Shell Oil is also well underway.

Judson Pacific Murphy's repair shop, located in the company's Emeryville yard is headed by Bro. Slim Ciochon, master mechanic, and Brady Torbert, shop foreman, who are assisted by J. W. Johnson D. B. Williams, mechanics, and B. Turovich, mechanic's helper. This crew is responsible for all the repair work on 8 truck cranes, 3 diesel semi-trucks, 10 flat-beds and 15 pick-ups. These men also do field repair work on welding machines and compressors.

McGuire and Hester have seven men working in their repair shop in East Oakland, where because work is extremely slow, the men are rotating the time, working one week, and then being off the next. Bro. Eugene Burkhart, equipment oiler, had to be off work recently for a week and a half, because of a severely burned hand. Bro. W. E. McLean was recently hospitalized for five and one-half weeks, but is now able to be back to work.

BATTERY PLANT

Fay Wills will do the excavating for the new Battery Manufacturing Plant in Antioch. Gould-National Batteries Inc. are going to build a \$1,000,000 plant on a 20-acre site south of town.

It is gratifying to be able to report that since our last issue, additional contracts have been let for new schools, bridges, refinery expansion work, remodeling, and pipeline work, canal maintenance, and a variety of other construction projects, which will create many jobs for the members in this area in the months to come.

Gallagher and Burke have 51,000 yards of dirt to be moved on their road job at Sunol and Pleasanton Highway Bros. Oscar Sesker and Carlyle Burk are operating cats, C. D. Campbell and Lawrence Mehafeff are operating jeeps, Frank Mancebo is on a blade, and John Slevin and Carl T. Rood are on carryalls.

Dredging News

There has been a slight but noticeable improvement in dredging work, during the past month, with practically all of the members now working.

We are sorry to have to report that on January 26th, while Bro. John Hermanson was working for Olympian Dredging Company on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge job he had the misfortune to get his hand caught under a cable and lost the tips of three fingers.

The San Francisco Bridge Company still has the Dredge Pronto doing pre-dredging on the Eastshore Highway job. The Hinds is in their Belaire yard, where they are getting it ready to go out on the freeway project.

Hydraulic Dredging Company are finishing their stripping job for the Eastshore Freeway, and will tie up at their Rio Vista yard to do some much needed repair work. They are at present doing some sounding at Alameda Air Station, and it is reported that they are going to Idaho

sounding a prospective job at Sandpoint, Idaho.

The Pacific Dredging Company has finished their job at Coos Bay, Oregon, and at the last report were sending their Dredge "The Olympia" to the San Francisco Bay area. It is reported that it will be docked at the Bundison Yard in Pittsburg.

Associated Dredging Company still has the Sucker, Curlew, and Liberty doing drainage work at San Mateo, with the following men employed on these dredges: Bros. C. Anderson, T. Boone, E. Carlson, C. Case, C. Donahue, J. Elliott, F. Ench, R. Enge, P. Erickson, H. A. Faison, R. Hinkley, H. Johnson, M. Johnson, R. Jones, N. Miller, R. Moller, R. McAllister, R. Mc Dermott, E. McElroy, C. McNabb, P. McQueen, E. L. Nelson, F. Nelson, J. Peterson, W. Peterson, E. B. Pike, R. Rego, R. Rich, W. Rist, S. Salenius, B. Scatina, D. A. Scran-ton, C. Simpson, W. Stafford, C. Storie, A. Suokko, C. Wells, E. L. Youree, R. G. Youree, G. Wells, J. Huyck and W. R. Alexander.

News About the Brothers

The weather in the Bay Area seemed somewhat on the cool side to Bro. Vernon Clow, in contrast to the summer heat he had just left in Australia, at the time of his departure from that country down-under, early in January. Bro. Clow, who for the past two years has been employed as Superintendent for the Utah Construction Company on their dam job near Eldon Weir, Australia, found it necessary to make a flying visit to the states, because of illness in his family. It will be another two years before the dam on which Bro. Clow is working will be completed.

When this dam is finished, it will be the largest dam in the Southern Hemisphere. There are four or five other Local 3 men on this project, and approximately 26 Americans in all. Bro. Clow's wife and children are with him in Australia, and were fortunate in obtaining a fine new home located approximately two hours driving time away from Melbourne, Australia. The Clows' find the prices on meat considerably lower in Australia than here; however canned goods cost practically double what they do at home. While Bro. Clow had lots of good things to say about Australia, he also gave every indication that home looked mighty good to him.

Bro. Loren Jones stopped in to say so-long for awhile, just before taking off for Belen, Mexico. Loren was thinking of remaining in Mexico for the next six months and working for Vega Engineering on a reclamation project.

Bro. Larry Kinkead, who works for Pacific Coast Aggregates, made a trip to Boise City, Oklahoma during January, so that he could be present at his parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration, and sat down to a table on which seven different kinds of meat were served—Elk, Wild Turkey, Quail, Pheasant, Roast Beef, Ham and Chicken. Larry was also bragging about steak for breakfast, while visiting at the old home place.

Bro. Geo. Jaujou puts his spare-time when no work oiling is available to good use putting together a 21-foot Criss-Craft from a kit, which he intends to put to good use during the coming months on bass fishing expeditions.

Every possible week-end that he can possibly get away finds Bro. Fred Gibson fishing for stripped bass, in the Antioch area, and he tells us that he has been pretty lucky lately.

A letter reached us during the past week from Bro. Joe Thornley, who is one of the boys from Local 3, who went down with Kevry's

equipment into Local 12's territory for a pipe-line job this company has in Banning, California. Joe writes that all the boys feel that they are being treated very well, which is good to hear, and that the job is progressing satisfactorily. Joe said to tell all his friends in Local 3 hello, and that he would be seeing them all in April or May.

Bro. Mel Lambert also took time to write us a letter from Nakobe, Japan where he is working for Atkinson, as one of their technical advisors, on a large dam being built by Japanese Contractors, about six hours travelling time away from Tokyo. Mel was enjoying a few days holiday in Tokyo, when he wrote, and said that at that time Toko was experiencing its first snow-fall of the year.

Bro. Frank Rose never fails to have either a fishing or a hunting yarn to spin each time he drops in at the office. He illustrated his most recent story with an entire role of pictures taken of his two hunting dogs, which are part Beagle and part Pointer. Bro. Rose and his wife got the limit of pheasants each day they hunted during the recent season, making Knight's Landing Sportsman Club the headquarters for their expeditions.

P. & H. Truck Crane, a TC 10-55 Bro. Loy Clark purchased a new P. & H. Truck Crane, a TC 10-55 with a boom and backhoe, and drove the crane 3050 miles from the factory Excenaba Michigan to Oakland. 2000 miles of the trip was made through ice and snow, without the use of chains.

Bro. iJm Johnson dropped in to say so long for awhile, before taking off for Arizona, where he will spend the next few weeks doing assessment work on his mining claim.

One of our old-time crane operators, Bro. Frank Leadebrand is now the owner of the Circle Cleaners, located at 2683 Frauivale Avenue, Oakland, and will be glad to have any of the business the members may send his way.

Bro. Lou Eck has recently purchased the San Leandro Crane Service, located at 19943 Redwood Road, Hayward, which specializes in all types of truck crane work.

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WATCH THE TRAFFIC

Constantly anticipate traffic situations. Keep your eyes moving. Know what's ahead. If there is a car at the curb or one at the side of the road showing a wisp of exhaust vapor—it may be in front of you in the next second. Can you stop? Is there room to pass?

REPORTS FROM SAN FRANCISCO

By S. E. SMITH and LEO F. DERBY

Notice to open contracts for the month of April were sent to the following firms:

- The Catholic Cemeteries — San Francisco
- Cypress Lawn Cemetery — San Francisco
- Union Square Garage—San Francisco
- Elk's Club, No. 3 Building — San Francisco
- Lakeside Golf & Country Club — San Francisco
- California Barrel Co. — San Francisco
- Consumers Yeast Co.—Oakland
- Marin Ice Co.—San Rafael
- Sacramento Bakeries—Sacramento
- Fresno Hotel—Fresno
- Roma Wine Co.—Fresno
- R. T. Collier Corp.—San Jose
- Union Ice Co.—Firebaugh
- National Ice & Cold Storage — Watsonville
- Pajaro Valley Cold Storage and Apple Growers Ice & Cold Storage Co.—Watsonville
- Owens-Illinois Glass Co.—Oakland
- University of California—Berkeley.

The following contracts were completed during the month of January:

- Southern Pacific Hospital — San Francisco
- International Mineral & Chemical Co.—San Jose
- Warner Theatre—Fresno
- Stonestown Corp.—San Francisco
- Best Foods, Inc.—San Francisco
- Alameda Laundries—Oakland
- Mills College—Oakland
- San Francisco Office Bldgs. — San Francisco.

Contracts in the course of completion are:

- San Francisco Laundries
- San Francisco Hotels
- Ice & Cold Storage, San Francisco and Oakland
- Eng Skell
- Hiram Walker
- Lyons Magnus
- Schwabacher Frey Co.
- Tea Garden Products
- Pure Carbonic
- Liquid Carbonic
- Euclid Candy
- C. A. Swanson & Son
- Consolidated Chemical
- Planters Nut & Chocolate Co.

It appears that the Employers are willing to complete negotiations on many of the above contracts. However, there is nothing definite to date, although the Laundry Industry will be settled by the time this goes to press, as

Still Some Room In Apprenticeship Class in Oakland

By HERB H. SIMS
Secy., Apprentice Committee

In our wonderful country we are offered many rights as a citizen. The one right I wish to speak of is our right to an education. Your Stationary Engineers' Class is proof that there is a need and a want of this opportunity.

It is a pleasure to report to you, one and all, that we now have twenty-one (21) enrolled in this class—three (3) more are bringing their registration fee to the next class. All twenty-six chairs were occupied on Thursday, January 14, 1954. We have an average attendance of twenty-two.

We not only have an instructor trained in the Engineering profession, but Mr. Meloy also is a trained instructor, for he has been instructing for twelve years on the subjects which cover our field of work.

We intend to build this class up to thirty members. **THERE IS YET ROOM FOR YOU**—Call your Local 39 office for additional information—TW. 3-8007—or Herb Sims at LA. 3-9551 after 6:00 p.m.

The majority of this class are journeymen engineers who are attending this class for the sole purpose to learn and to advance in our trade—these men should be given a pat on the back because they are gaining respect for our trade from the people outside of our trade and from the Employers themselves. These men are looking into the future. **Are you looking into the Future.**

negotiations are reaching a rapid tempo. We have hopes that the next month's report, will show completion of all contracts that have been proceeding slowly during the process of negotiations.

A great deal of work still remains to be done on our Apprenticeship Program. All members, especially Chief Engineers, should contact us, as we need their valuable assistance in the expansion of this program.

It is to improve the craft and our knowledge of all members within our jurisdiction. We must maintain the night school that encompasses Engineers as well as Apprentices, as our program is not sufficiently large enough to maintain an average class under the standards set forth by the School Board of the City and County.

To all members who are interested in self advancement, please contact this office for further information. **Help Us Place More Apprentices** on the job under our training program.

There has been considerable discussion in recent months in regards to Health and Welfare. Those who are covered under the Stationary Engineers Welfare Plan, please be advised that a booklet is now being printed and will be ready February 24th. The reason there was so much delay in the printing of this booklet was because of the insurance company's restrictions as to the wording and other minor details. So please bear with us a little longer.

We notice that attendance of our regular monthly meetings has fallen short of a healthy number of members. Please exert a little more effort and try to attend our meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month. **Let's Have a Good Attendance at the Next Meeting, Which Will Be March 2nd.**

REPORT FROM SAN JOSE, SALINAS & WATSONVILLE

By R. A. CHRISTIANSEN
Business Representative

I shall endeavor to briefly give you a resume of activities in these areas during the month of January 1954. I will extend my apologies to members in these areas for not getting a report written up for December 1953. This was in fact due entirely to being quite occupied in visiting with members of my family returning from Korea and Japan where they had been spending from 18 months to 33 months, but not on a pleasure trip. It was good to know that the United States is still the best place in the world to live in.

During this month I found myself stressing negotiations, particularly with the Hotels of San Jose, the North American Insurance Company building, Garden City Pottery, and with the Salinas Freezer Storage Company. It is good to report that of these, only but the hotels, have been concluded and contracts now in the hands of the Company representatives for official signatures.

Contracts have been opened with the Ice Industry both in San Jose, Salinas, and Watsonville, Calif., and with the R. T. Collier Corp., Alviso, Calif. We shall soon call meetings for the specific purpose of ascertaining the wishes of employees in these industries, after which such demands will be submitted to the Employers for approval.

It no doubt also will be of interest to the men in the Fluid and Milk Mfg. Company plants to know that negotiations are on; that some progress has been made with the Fluid Milk Companies, but that the case is now before the Federal Conciliator. We hope soon to have some good news.

Also, I have been designated to help, if possible, the engineers in and at the Sequoia Hospital, Redwood City, and the San Mateo Community Hospital, to procure a better rate of pay. We are happy to do our best and that they are now all members of Local 39.

I have to report the passing of

Press for Start on Giant Feather River Project

With north state rain waters flooding down the rivers and wasting into the sea, and with south-state water needs mounting to the crisis state, the need for quick action on start of the huge Feather River Project has catapulted its way right onto the main stage, front and center, at Sacramento.

Governor Knight, face to face with the water problem and with seriously increasing unemployment in the state, is very conscious of Feather River, has touched briefly on it, but is being forced by circumstances into a direct, decisive stand for action in the near future.

Organized labor is looking to the Governor for action on this project as one of the key employment potentials affecting Northern California's 400,000 AFL members.

Meanwhile, the rains are here and the threat of floods with them. And still pouring into the state are thousands of new residents each week, building the basis for big new power needs that only Feather River can provide.

Probably few if any projects in California in recent years have had so broad a bearing on the welfare of the state as a whole as does this \$1½-billion proposal to capture a large chunk of the north-state's two-thirds water supply and direct it south into the sun to the south-state's two-thirds supply of humanity.

This sensible conservation of water, flood, power, and population aids stretches out nearly the length of this long state, from the north woods to the southern border desert land, benefitting all areas as it courses southward.

Preliminary surveys are under way, and talk of late has been on financial procedures. Governor Knight has proposed direct appropriation of state funds for purchase of the Oroville Dam site in order to get the ball rolling, but he apparently holds for general obligation bonds on the principal costs—in other words, put it to a vote—and he admits voter approval may not be easily attainable. Some other surer method of financing so obviously needed a project should be sought by the Governor and state officials, it is generally believed.

At any rate, there are anxious glances at Sacramento these days from many thousands of central

state citizens—and on their minds is one subject—Feather River, let's get going!

One in Nine Are Hurt in Calif. Mines

During 1952 one in every nine workers employed in California's metal mines sustained a lost-time injury.

The injury rate in metal mining was nearly three times the average rate for all California industries combined—113 disabling injuries per 1,000 employees compared with 39. The rate in metal mining was exceeded only by that for the lumber industry.

Although the injury rate in metal mining is high in relation to that for most other industries the picture is not entirely a gloomy one. The metal mining industry has recorded substantial rate reductions since 1950. The table below presents injury rates in California metal mining in recent years, based upon the most recent employment estimates for the industry:

Year	Disabling injuries Per 1,000 employees
1948	169
1949	168
1950	172
1951	138
1952	113

These are some of the highlights from the report **Disabling Work Injuries in Metal Mining, California, 1952** issued by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research. The report presents details on types of accidents in underground, surface, milling, and dredging operations and is available from the Division upon request.

FILIBUSTERS

This is the first session of Congress that ever opened with three filibusters.

1. The St. Lawrence Seaway.
2. The Bricker amendment restricting the President's treaty-making powers.
3. Statehood for Hawaii.



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Brother L. Heiberg, on January 18, 1954. Brothers E. Peterson, and Martin W. Petersen, back on the job. Brother O'Dell underwent surgery this past week. Brother Byron Gates recuperating at home but will soon report for work again. I can state that they've all been in our hearts with the sincere wish and prayer for their recovery. Brother Wanser formerly with the Falstaff Brewery, has due to ill health, taken out a Withdrawal Card and will go back to Rhode Island.

We have held our regular meetings in San Jose, Calif. Always room for more. Please attend, meet your fellow workers and let's get acquainted. A special meeting was held in Salinas. In that area meetings will only be held when special issues are to be considered. You may visit San Jose anytime. **YOU'RE WELCOME.** Please know we will endeavor to make it worth your while if you come.

Government Now Admits Jobless Total Of 2.36 Million

Washington (LPA)—While government officials insisted there was nothing to worry about, the Census Bureau reported that by Jan. 9 unemployment had jumped to 2,360,000, up 510,000 from December, on top of 400,000 in November. Union economists insisted the true figure was considerably higher. Canadian labor reported the greatest unemployment since the end of World War II.

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Utah News Roundup

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

At this particular time of year it is difficult to say what the future holds for us in the construction industry.

Work looks very promising for the coming season, with prospects of some large industrial construction projects during the summer; by this we mean the chemical plants to be built at the old Remington Arms plant and also the big one in Sanpete County. There is also some talk of a uranium plant at Moab.

At present it looks as though the Salt Lake County sewer project is temporarily stopped again, but the City has quite a water and sewer extension program on the agenda for the coming season.

Utah Construction Co. has finished its two small jobs at Bingham, but has hopes of some more work in the near future, and is getting ready to start the Murray slag job again.

Some building construction is going on around town, but they are using very few No. 3 men. Bechtel Corporation is still working with a skeleton crew at Jordan Steam Plant. Larry White is still holding down the nut and bolt end of the job, with Ray Rider and his oiler, Garth Ferguson, handling the Lorain truck crane. Carl and Ralph Enman, the two "Swedes," are taking care of the A-frame and compressors. All in all it is a good job, but very unlike the Bechtel Company jobs of old.

Little change at Dugway. Robert E. McKee Co. is still working a small crew and Jacobson Construction Co. has a small addition to Dugway High School gym. More work to be let this summer in the grid area.

Dropped into the hospital to see Brother Earl Drown, who is still recovering from a broken leg he received when the Jumbo that was being dismantled at the "H" Line tunnel overturned. He seemed to be pretty contented, with plenty of good reading material and pretty nurses. Take it easy, Earl, the good jobs will probably still be forthcoming when you are able to go.

We understand that Gibbons & Reed are really going ahead at Las Vegas on their airport job—working six days a week. A little time was lost at first when some rain was encountered, but they're catching up fast.

F&S Construction is in full swing again at Kearns on their huge housing program, after a short delay due to frost and other unforeseen obstacles. At present five No. 3 men are employed there with promises of more as soon as weather permits. The company expects to move some rubber-tired machines, probably D-W-21s, in from Denver soon.

American Bridge has started quite a remodeling job in the old Garfield Smelter—pretty ticklish work, too. Replacing columns and footings in the main building without any shutdown or even slow-down of the plant's operation. We expect to have a couple of No. 3 men on the job in the near future.

We are well into the month of February, so we are over the hump, so to speak. Spring can't be too far away, so hang tight; 1954 promises to be a good year.

Northern Area

Future work for the coming year looks very good as soon as some of the scheduled projects get started. Some of the proposed work seems slow in getting under way, particularly if you are one of those unemployed.

The usual winter weather has kept most of the jobs in this area very quiet the past few weeks. We hope the normal winter storms come this month, so that when spring rolls around on the calendar we will have had our worst weather.

Although a number of the contractors have jobs to start on as soon as weather permits, there is not as much work to be completed this spring as there has been in past years, and the employment picture will be slim until additional jobs are awarded.

The progress of Utah Construction Co.'s Gateway Tunnel job has been exceptionally good and they should hole through about the middle of April, leaving about a month and a half of clean-up work and the concrete lining to complete.

Young & Smith Construction Co. has had some difficulty in detouring traffic on the Deweyville road project and had to shut down the job for a few days but are back to work at this time. Some of this company's equipment is already on the Echo Canyon job and should start soon and keep a good crew busy for several months.

The men working for Germer, Abbott and Waldron have been busy most of the winter, between shop work, landleveling, and the Montpieler and Penrose road jobs. They have several weeks more to complete the work on the Montpieler job and enough work left on the Penrose road to keep them busy until the sun starts to shine.

Several members have moved to Mountain Home, Idaho, for the J. B. Parsons Co., and others are busy on the bridge and road west of Richmond. The Plymouth job is closed down at the present time, with about two months of excavating and placing of select material before the oiling is ready.

Olof Nelson Co. is keeping a few men busy around the Logan area and expects to start on the Smithfield loop road and the balance of the Moroni job as soon as weather permits.

L. T. Johnson has enough work to keep most of his equipment busy for several months on the Idaho road project and the balance of the Plain City road. L. T. also was awarded a job for crushing several thousand tons of material for Weber County.

A number of other jobs that will be under way as soon as spring comes include: Fife Construction Co., on the Plain City road; Waterfall Construction Co., on the Bountiful; and the Roy curb and gutter and drain projects, also a number of new gas line extensions and services; Wilkinson Bros. Co., on the Croysden road and bridge; Sorenson & Brimhall, surfacing the Chalk Creek road; Floyd Whiting, graveling and surfacing the Echo Canyon job; Western Steel Co., erecting on the Science Building at State Agricultural College.

Future industrial expansion appears very favorable for the Utah area. The necessary requirements to entice industry to build in this area are here and we hope more industry will utilize the available facilities.

Southern Utah

With the days lengthening and becoming warmer, we look to the approaching season with confidence. Things are beginning to squirm a little, after a pretty dormant winter season.

Utah State has advertised five gravel stock piles to be awarded Feb. 12. These stockpiles do not offer work for a large number of our members, but at this time are mighty welcome.

A contract was awarded to Alfred Brown, Inc. for the construction of two telephone exchange buildings in this area. One is to be built in Orem, where it will be most welcome, as this community has the most congested telephone service of any place in Utah. The other exchange is to be in downtown Provo. P. L. Henderson is the excavating contractor, and our relations with this company are the best.

Technicalities have prevented award of the Provo sewer contract. Award was to have been

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

Construction, Sand & Gravel members, 2nd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Construction, Sand & Gravel members, 2nd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West 1st North, Provo, Utah.

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

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

Lang Company—All called meetings.

Cedar City Iron Mines meeting, Friday, March 5, 1954, 8:00 p.m., Hotel El Escalante, Cedar City, Utah.

Kennecott Copper Mines meeting, Tuesday, March 16, 1954, 1:30 p.m., Civic Center, Bingham, Utah.

Schedule of State Road Meetings

Cedar City, El Escalante Hotel, called meeting.

Salt Lake City, 1969 South Main St., called meeting.

Cache County Court House, Logan, Utah, called meeting.

Provo Labor Temple, called meeting.

Duchesne, Roosevelt, Vernal, Tabiona, called meeting.

District Nos. 3 and 4, called meetings.

Feb. 2. Will reserve this information for the next issue.

Bechtel Corporation at Castle-gate is having a race with the weather in constructing a settling basin in the vicinity of the Price River. This basin is for settling the water to be used in the boilers at the powerhouse. The company would like to finish this construction before high water starts.

Utah Crane and Rigging Co. has a stiff leg mounted at the 135-foot level of the boiler building on the powerhouse and will be able to finish the erection from this point. We look forward to a boost in Operating Engineer personnel at this job soon.

J. M. Sumsion & Sons are enjoying a good winter season on their job at Moab. Weather in this section has been ideal. Much activity is expected here as the summer season progresses. Construction of a processing mill for uranium is contemplated, also a housing program is being drafted. This, with the million-dollar bridge expected here, should make for a busy summer at this location.

Frank Barben's job at Hite, Utah, is having some supervising trouble. This job is really out in the bad land and it seems the state engineer is taking advantage of the fact. We hope to have a solution soon.

It is not too early to urge you, fellows, to become acquainted with your senators and their records for the coming elections. We know for sure the anti-labor senators will again introduce the so-called "Right to Work" bill. It will take everyone's efforts to whip this vicious legislation.

Brother Burley Ames is absent from W. W. Clyde's shop while he is recovering from a hernia operation. Our wish for Brother Ames is a speedy and complete recovery.

I have mislaid the facts of additions to the families of two of our good brothers. To "Brothers Derl" "Swede" Olsen of Price, Utah, and Merlin Smith of American Fork, Utah, and their good wives, our sincere congratulations.

UTAH SAND & GRAVEL

At this writing we have had considerable grievances with regards to our seniority within the sand and gravel plants. We feel that the companies are discriminating against some of their older employees, but as long as our membership will stand behind their representative as they have been doing we feel that these problems will not become too serious and can be handled without too much difficulty. Your representative is very proud of the support he has received from these members and will try to take care of all problems that may occur just as soon as possible.

LANG COMPANY

Your representative has had various meetings with the management of the Lang Company in the

past few weeks. They seem to be in doubt as to what they can do with their employees, as the work is very slow in their shops. They do not want to give termination slips, because they want all the men back on the payroll just as soon as the work comes in. They are trying to hold their men by giving them two or three days a week and trying to split the work evenly. We appreciate the good will and good workmanship of the Lang employees and the way that this company feels toward them.

VITRO CHEMICAL COMPANY

At our last regular meeting of Vitro members the brothers elected the following members from the plant to participate in our negotiating committee: Ray Ormand, Gordon Gillespie, and Paul Mathews.

Your negotiating committee met at the Metal Trades Office on Jan. 27, purpose of the meeting being to discuss and open certain sections of our present agreement. We have not been informed of the date on which your negotiating committee will meet with the company, and we urge every member to attend the regular meetings—scheduled for the third Thursday of every month—in order to help your negotiating committee.

State Road News

At a recent conference with Commissioner Whittenberg, he informed us of the hiring of Mr. Byron Jones to act as personnel director for the State Road Commission.

After discussing the matter with him, it is our opinion that through this new source we are going to have much better success in getting our problems considered and resolved in the future than we have had in the past. Through several discussions we have had with Mr. Jones, it is our impression that he intends to be open minded and is going to give honest consideration to your problems. This appears to be the Commission's purpose in appointing him and we are very optimistic regarding future relations with this body.

We were given assurance before Commissioner Corliessen left that several matters would be adjusted, but they were not and we were very disappointed. However, we do feel that we can expect good cooperation from Mr. Jones.

Several good brothers have laid around waiting for stormy weather so that they could return to work as was assured by Corliessen. However, the snow has been so light there has been no occasion to call them back. Mr. Jones has promised that as soon as any are hired, these men will be the ones. I'm afraid we have had some empty promises during the past few months, but it's 1954 now and we'll look into the new year with optimism.

We are more firmly convinced of the need for special legislation

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for you and will be ready to go into it at the next regular session. Another thing we are going after at that time is unemployment compensation, so that in case of layoff you will receive it in the same manner it applies to employees in all other industries. The curtailment of the past few months has certainly shown that there is a crying need for such action.

Kennecott Copper Mines

As a result of grievances brought up at the regular meeting on Jan. 13 at Bingham with members of the Grievance Committee, we met Mine Manager Ray Landenberger on Thursday, Jan. 21, and took up the grievances with him. While all were not resolved at that time, he promised us that as soon as Mr. Barlow was back from Arizona he would go into the background of the problems and, would do all possible to get the cause of the grievances removed and eliminate possibility of recurrences in the future.

Mr. Landenberger assured us that it is his intent to live as near to the contract as possible. One problem concerns a member who signed his rights for promotion away, apparently because he felt after talking to his foreman that the word of the foreman was final.

That is only the first step, and our advice to you is to familiarize yourselves with the grievance procedure and before you sign any rights away be sure that your steward and your business representative have done everything possible for you under the terms of the contract. It is not an easy matter to correct a situation that you create by signing your rights away.

Recently the company informed us of its intention of going on a 40-hour week basis. This seems to be a national trend throughout the United States and it does not seem as though there is anything that can be done about it.

Cedar City Mines

We are sorry to hear that so many of our members were laid off due to lack of sale of ore, which caused a big curtailment for our members working for the Utah Construction Co. When our Brothers are laid off at this time of year it makes it very difficult, because in the State of Utah there are very few places for them to obtain work. We hope that the Utah Construction Co. will be fortunate enough to get another contract so that a few of our men can get back to work in the near future. We feel that the company has tried to be as fair as possible to see that the men were laid off in accordance with the seniority clause in our agreement, although there have been a few slips which we feel can be straightened out very soon.

At our last regular meeting we had quite a discussion regarding the seniority clause in our present agreement. We urge everyone who can possibly do so to attend our next regular meeting, to discuss our seniority clause and the agreement in its entirety.

SNOW COUNTRY TIP

If you plan a week-end trip to the snow country check your car battery to see that it is fully charged. A battery that is not fully charged may function in temperate weather, but often it will not start your car in below-freezing temperatures.

Marysville Awaits Start of Feather River Levee Job

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

The news for the month in this area will be brightened by the fact that the Corps of Engineers have called for bids on the Feather River Levee at Cox Ranch to Rio Bonito Station, to be opened at 2 p.m., February 18th, at 1209 - 8th Street, Sacramento, Calif. This job has been long awaited for and will have over a million yards plus over 21,000 tons of cobble stones. We have had many inquiries regarding this job and we are glad it is coming to fruition at long last, having a time limit of 365 calendar days.

H. Earl Parker was low bidder on the seven sites levee job on the Sacramento River and should get started in March—we certainly hope so. There is no good news to report on the P.G.&E. work in Feather River Canyon as yet. However, we are keeping a very close watch on these developments and will keep all concerned posted through the union newspaper. T. E. Connolly has only three men on the small drift on the Oroville Damsite. M. & K. Co., Inc., have rigs stacked around Greenville to finish their tunnel daylighting job at the earliest moment.

Richter Bros. of Oroville have subbed the dirt work from U.K.P. Co. on the Oroville Wye job and moved in a few cats, but it was too wet to work, so now they have the crusher on a two-shift job stockpiling the sub-base material against the day they can start. Taber Const. Co. of Oroville and Sacramento are planning a 19-home subdivision in the Sierra Terrace District of Oroville. This job should start soon. Oroville Elementary School District is taking bids February 18th for class additions on the Oroville Elementary School. There's not too much work for our people on this job.

Stolte, Inc. were low bidders on the Bank of America Building in Chico—amount, \$247,313. Atwater Const. Co. have not started their small sewer job in Chico as yet. The \$90,000 sewer bond issue, January 20th in Marysville, was defeated. The people in East Marysville will return to the good old days—three rooms and a path—running water—you grab a bucket, run out and get it. Butte Creek Rock Co. have curtailed operations to four days per week. No one was laid off and they are hoping to get back on regular schedule soon. Ditto for Yuba River Sand Co. here in Marysville. Kaiser Sand & Gravel are more fortunate in that they sell a lot of ballast to the W.P. Railroad Co. Jay Bailey Construction Co. have been doing pretty good under the conditions on the Richvale Rice Drier. Bro. John Gilbert of the New York Machine Shop in Oroville stated his firm had a good month in January. Shellmaker Corp. are now getting started out on the Western Canal Dredging job, southwest of Oroville.

Dale Young is doing landleveling in the Bear River District out of Wheatland. We wish to express our thanks to all welders in this district for helping out in filling out the forms for the Public Health Department for cancer research. Bro. Virgil Rosiere was injured on a job in Oroville a few weeks past. Had four bones crushed in one foot. He is now in Marys Help Hospital in San Francisco and we hope for a speedy recovery.

One of Bro. Fritz Redman's little daughters has been in a San Francisco Hospital for the past few months with a very severe case of polio. We are happy to report good progress for this youngster.

This is 30 for now. Will be seeing everybody on these dirt jobs ere long.

—LES COLLETT.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT

YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS:

Meeting Notices: Next meetings of your unit will be held Tuesday, March 9, 1954, in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "T" St., Marysville, Calif. at the following times: 10:00 a.m. for those members employed at night, and 7:30 p.m. for those employed days or on the graveyard shift. Let's make these meetings worth while, both for the membership and your representatives. The January night meeting was very well attended, and considerable important business was transacted; however, the day meeting left a lot to be desired. Remember these day

meetings are being held so that the shift workers are given an opportunity to attend, hear the reports, report any incidents or matters they deem worthy, and to participate in the discussions and decisions made. When you are working nights, you owe to yourself and family to attend, so that you may keep yourself informed.

During the next few weeks, one of the important questions that will be discussed at length is the coming contract reopening. The membership that has been attending our meetings have shown their interest in the practical suggestions that have been made to improve the current agreement to make it more workable. This is as it should be, and it is to be hoped that the membership will continue to show this interest and continue to make these suggestions. For without them, your representatives cannot but feel that everything is going fine, and no changes are needed or desirable.

Some of our membership seem to feel that the meetings are not too exciting, and that enough does not happen or that they are not interesting. It should be kept in mind that these meetings are not held to stir up trouble or to create bad feelings between the Union and the Management. On the contrary they are held for just the opposite reason. To head off trouble, to try and harmonize our differences, when they exist, with management, to educate, and to discuss our circumstances as they are, and to devise means to improve and better our lot. Between contract periods, there may be meetings that aren't too interesting simply because our course is running smoothly. When this is so, and doesn't exist because we are blind or indifferent to surrounding conditions, then we ought to be thankful. Such meetings may be short, little action may be taken, but a good purpose will have been accomplished, therefore, you will have shown your interest in your Union, and will have been present and ready to act in case your advice was needed or the need for action arose. In closing this subject, we leave this thought with you. "If your representatives' actions didn't suit you, maybe it was because you weren't around to advise and inform him, when he needed you."

NATOMAS COMPANY:

BLOOD BANK: You can't do much deficit financing with blood. You've got to have it if it is to be given when needed, and we, at Natomas, are taking more out than we are putting in, so we're going to have to do something about it. And that is, those that can, are going to have to take a trip down to the Sacramento Medical Foundation Blood Bank, and open up and deposit a little of that vital fluid that means the difference between life or death to many in emergencies. Remember, that one could be you, or one of yours. Here is the dope—make an appointment and perhaps save a life, it could be yours!

Sacramento Medical Foundation Blood Bank, 3230 "J" Street, Sacramento, telephone Hudson 1-1296. The hours are: Mondays, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Thursdays, closed; Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. To save yourself time, and to avoid waiting, telephone and make an appointment. Remember also, don't eat for four hours before giving the blood. Eating renders the blood unusable. You may, however, drink water, black coffee or orange juice, but take no food for four hours. Also be sure to tell them to credit the Engineers Blood Bank.

The January and February meetings have shown a decided improvement. Let's keep up the good work because there are important mat-

ters to discuss and decide in the next few months. Here is the next meeting's dope: They will be held Tuesday, March 2, 1954, in the Meeting Hall, Natoma. The morning meeting for those working nights, will be convened at 10:00 a.m. and the evening meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m.

Efforts have been made to find a convenient place for the representative to maintain regular hours, at least one day a week, to meet the membership, and it looks like our efforts will be successful in the near future. As soon as one is located, notices will be posted on the boats and around the job.

GLADDING, McBEAN:

Meeting announcements: Joint Board, Lincoln Industrial Council, Tuesday, March 2, 1954, 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln Industrial Council office, Lincoln. General membership meeting, Tuesday, March 9, 1954, 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall, Lincoln. Lay-offs and rumors of lay-offs continue to plague us, and while we hope that won't be the case when this reaches you, at the time this is being prepared, we have no assurance that the end has been reached, and the trend reversed. If you have wondered why this is so, take a look at the great drop in new housing starts, the stopping of slum clearance programs, the sewer bond proposals that have been defeated at the polls, etc. This means less sewer pipe used, less tile in bathrooms, kitchens and on roofs, less terra cotta ornaments, and other pottery items that go into buildings generally. Sometimes it takes things like this to bring things home to us. This isn't exactly the change we bargained for. The lay-offs have been conducted strictly in accordance with the seniority rules. Your representatives have kept careful watch on them in an endeavor to prevent mistakes from being made. Because of the type of plant the rules regarding lay-offs and rehires are somewhat complicated, and if you are laid off and feel that you haven't been treated properly, contact one of your representatives, we will, if the Company is correct, be glad to explain it to you, and if the Company is wrong, correct the mistake. You can be assured that the Company wants to be fair, and is as anxious to avoid mistakes as we are.

Rules regarding the issuance of withdrawal cards to members of the Operating Engineers employed by the Gladding, McBean Company: Any member of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, who is laid off, is entitled to have a regular withdrawal card issued to him without cost, provided, the current month's dues is paid. Members laid off who expect to be recalled to work are advised to keep up their dues and not take out a withdrawal card as it will have to be deposited upon your return to work, and there is a \$5.00 deposit fee that is required to be paid upon the deposit of a withdrawal card plus your back dues. So, if you expect to go back to work, you will save money by keeping up your card. Please let us know what your

desires are, if laid off, otherwise you will be automatically issued a withdrawal card.

PERSONAL NOTES:

The Peach Bowl Boys Club Junior League Baseball Team champions, which is sponsored by Local Union No. 3, and its manager, Bro. Lewis Austin of the Yuba Consolidated Co. was honored by a chicken dinner given them by Local Union No. 3, Saturday, January 30th. Officials of the league were also present, and plans were laid for the coming season. Bro. Abe Aguayo, of Gladding, McBean Co., who was hospitalized recently in Auburn, is well on the road to recovery, according to reports. Bro. Jacob P. Fehr, of Yuba, who suffered a heart attack last December, was in the office recently, and reports he is feeling much better. Bro. Julio Pozzi, Teamsters' steward at Gladding, McBean Co., underwent a kidney operation January 25th, and is so much improved that he was able to return home, according to our last report. Bro. Bob Rich, our general steward at Gladding, McBean Co. was still confined to the hospital in Auburn with his discharge date still somewhat in the future. Bro. Billy Skinner of Yuba, who has been off work on account of a broken arm has returned to work. Bro. Arnold Appel of the Natomas Co. is being sent by the company on a Keystone Drill to Costa Rica for a month or so, to do some exploratory work for another company. Have a good time, Arnold. Bro. Jess Wallace of the Gladding, McBean Co. is off work on a sick leave in an attempt to build himself up. He is suffering from a general rundown condition. Bro. M. Crianca of the Natomas Co. is in the Roseville Hospital suffering from varicose veins. Bro. Ray Giudici of the Natomas Co. has returned home after a recent operation. He expects to return to work soon.

—C. R. VAN WINKLE.

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Pin Him Down!

Don't let a candidate for Congress throw dust in your eyes.

When he asks you to support him for election, pin him down. Don't let him stand up, talk about Socialism and Communism and then sit down.

Ask him where he stands on Social Security.

On Housing.

On Taft-Hartley.

On health insurance.

On public power.

Make him be specific. Don't let him wiggle. Pin him down.

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He: "Did anybody tell you how wonderful you are?" She, smiling: "I guess not." He: "Then where'd you get the idea?"

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Once upon a time there was a hillbilly who was embarrassed because his wife made moonshine, but he loved her still.

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Waitress—Woman who thinks money grows on trays.

DRY GROUND IS AWAITED IN REDWOODS

By A. R. McCAFFREY Business Representative

Work is still quite slow in the Redwood Empire at this writing, with little prospect for much improvement for another month or so. This condition is due almost entirely to the season of the year and not to a shortage of projects in the area. There are several jobs waiting only for the ground to dry out before they roll. We are anxious for this to happen as soon as possible because our out-of-work list shows many Brothers registered.

Mercer-Fraser Co. keeps most of their engineers busy on repair work and various outside jobs when weather permits. At the present time they are working over their permanent installation at Essex, taking out the old hot plant and getting ready for a brand new one. They also have dismantled their old screening plant and installed a new one with a direct hook-up to a portable crusher, which makes a smooth operation.

Maurer & Sons keep a small crew of engineers busy on various jobs around the area. C. V. Kenworthy, up on Berry Summit, is all ready to roll just as soon as weather permits. Macco, M.K. are standing by up at Crescent City, doing a small job now and then. They are going to ship out the 1201 Lima and move in their Manatawac in the near future.

Aho & Box, also in Crescent City, are keeping some of the Brothers busy. Brother Clarence Page is doing repair work on Citizen's Dock and he is also cold-decking logs.

Pelican Bay Construction Co. will be the proud owners of a new hot plant to be delivered in March. They intend to set it up at Smith River.

Several outside contractors have been up in the Crescent City area lately, looking over the various jobs that are to be let in the near future. The various gravel plants around Arcata and Eureka are working just like everybody else—when the weather permits. About the only way a contractor can make any progress in this country at this time of year is to put a tent over the job like Frank Crane did at Miranda on his school job.

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Medicine Cabinet Required

The State Legislature enacted the following legislation, effective Sept. 8, 1953—Section 2440 of the Labor Code:

"Every person operating a factory or shop, or conducting any business in which power machinery is used for any manufacturing purpose, except for elevators or for heating or hoisting apparatus, where five or more persons are employed, shall at all times keep and maintain, in some accessible place upon the premises upon which such factory, shop or business is located, free of expense to the employees, a medical or surgical chest. The chest shall contain an adequate assortment of absorbent lint, absorbent cotton, sterilized gauze, plain and medicated, adhesive plaster, cotton and gauze bandages, one tourniquet, one pair scissors, one pair tweezers, one jar carbolyzed petrolatum, one bottle antiseptic solution, and one first aid manual, all of which shall cost not less than six dollars (\$6.00). The chest shall be used in the treatment of persons injured or taken ill upon the premises. Any person violating this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) for every week during which the violation continues."

This is a re-statement of a law passed in 1913; in fact the list of materials that must be maintained is identical with that required 40 years ago, though some are known by different names today.



ROUGH PIPELINE JOB is this 13,000-foot run of 42-inch line from Sutherland Dam to Black Canyon Tunnel, east of San Diego. It takes three cats to hold the 802 Lima dragline down these 58 percent grades.

Daily report of awards for construction

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

JANUARY 6, 1954

SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to Valley Engineers, Inc., P.O. Box 412, Fresno, \$6,065 for install a 12" water main on portions of Kifer Road & Lawrence Station Road, Sunnyvale.

SAN PABLO, contract awarded to Aguilar Bros., 1716 Broadway, San Pablo, \$34,780 for const. 13th St. (Rumrill Blvd.) betw. Highway 40 & San Pablo Creek.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan St., San Francisco, \$16,647 for grade, pave, etc. on Moscow St. betw. Peru & Silliman.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Fay Improvement So., 101 Carolina St., San Francisco, \$3,569 for pave, const. curbs, etc. on por. of Putnam St. betw Jarboe & Tompkins.

CASTRO VALLEY, contract awarded to Oakland Sewer Const. Co., 9915 Walnut St., Oakland, \$3,463 for const. sanitary sewer in easement from Heyer Ave. to Madison Avenue., Castro Valley Sanitary District.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to E. J. Treacy, 452 Dewey Blvd., San Francisco, \$7,599 for channelize Market St. (Douglas to Hattie).

JANUARY 7, 1954

POINT ARENA, contract awarded to R. B. Cunningham, P.O. Box 265, Healdsburg, \$9,570 for double bit, surface treat, access road at 776th AC & W site.

AGNEW, contract awarded to Browne & Krull, 1957 Cotter Way, Hayward, \$4,982 for road repairs at Agnew State Hospital.

IMOLA, contract awarded to Slinson Const. Co., P.O. Box 539, Napa, \$3,028 for resurf. road at Napa State Hospital.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded (General) to Midstate Const. Co., 347 Clay St., San Francisco, \$319,688.

JANUARY 8, 1954

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc. 1755 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, \$13,918 for replace Whitney St. sewer between Randall & 30th St.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Theo. G. Meyer & Sons, Quint & Custer St., San Francisco, \$5,302,175 for Western Addition Housing Project.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Parish Bros., P.O. Box 1019, Benicia, & Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$848,757 for 4.1 mi. const. Proj. Calif. AD-16, Unit 2, Travis Air Force Base Access Hwy., SOLANO CO., begin. on US No. 40, approx. 1 1/2 mi. N. of Fairfield & extend. E'ly to 1.6 mi. W. of Travis Main Gate.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded to Anthony Izzi, 1335 High St., Alameda, \$1,812 for construction of a storm drain for the First Congressional Church, Jefferson Avenue & Middlefield Road.

JANUARY 11, 1954

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Helwig Const. Co., 407 N. Main St., Sebastopol \$13,700, plus \$6,270 Alt No. 1, \$19,970, total for const. Tennis Courts & Fencing at Santa Rosa Jr. College Campus.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Baldwin Contracting Co., San Rafael, \$7,991 for const. riprap & metal plate guard railing at Cayetano Creek Bridge, 0.4 mi. E'ly to Napa City Limits on Rt. 8, NAPA COUNTY.

JANUARY 12, 1954

VISALIA, contract awarded to John M. Fields, P.O. Box 786, Visalia, \$4,500 for paving (approx) play areas at Visalia High School.

HAMILTON AFB, contracts awarded as follows for:

(1) To Brown-Ely Co., P.O. Box 474, Corte Madera, \$960 for repair & resurf. asph. conc. area adj. Bdg. T-345, IFB 04-602-54-58.

(2) To Ghilotti Bros. Inc., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$935 for const. parking area adj. Bdg. S-705, IFB 04-602-54-57.

MOFFETT FIELD, contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Paving Co., 900 W. San Carlos, St. San Jose, \$2,925 for place seal coat on portion of Macon Road at Naval Air Station.

VISALIA, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., 3306 Winery, Fresno, \$9,326 for drainage system, etc., in Cornell Bros. Subdivision & Pleasant Grove Tract in Porterville.

MILPITAS, contract awarded to W. J. Nicholson Co., 981 Fremont St., San Jose, \$45,544 for const. pump. Station, 7,000,000-gal. cap. per day, 2 pump. units, int. & exterior piping, electrical & mechanical controls & appurtenances.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Hoops Const. Co., Box 431, Twin Falls, Idaho, \$322,213 for const. of approx. 15.122 mi. of portion of Sec. Hwy. Sys. on S.R. No. 20, between 18 1/2 mi. southerly of Palisade, EUREKA COUNTY.

JANUARY 13, 1954

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan St., San Francisco, \$63,516 for replace brick pavement on Broadway & other streets.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan Avenue, San Francisco \$110,450 for track removal on Waller (Stanyan-Masonic), Ashbury (Frederick-Clayton), Clayton (Ashbury-Carmel).

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Mel Meyer, 120 Moana Lane, Reno, \$4,920 for drill & case wells: (1) Flat Creek Well, approx. 18 mi. S. of McDermitt, Nevada HUMBOLDT CO.—60' depth; (2) Bourke Reseeding Well (same); & (3) Button Lake Well, loc approx. 30 mi. E. of Paradise Valley, HUMBOLDT CO.

JANUARY 14, 1954

TRACY, contracts awarded to Ted Schwartz, Glenbrook Park, Grass Valley, \$38,200 (Sch. 1) & to Chas. I. Cunningham Co., P.O. Box Drawer E, Oakdale, \$3,448 (Sch. 2) for enlarge channel & install equipment of the Delta-Mendota Canal headworks, Central Valley Project.

VALLEJO, contract awarded to O. E. Anderson, 1075 N. 10th St., San Jose (General) \$272,884 for const. classroom, kitchen & mess hall at Maritime Academy.

SANTA CLARA, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 Stockton Ave., Santa Clara, \$21,704 for const. of Martin Ave. storm sewer.

JANUARY 18, 1954

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows to: (1) SONOMA CO.—Jas. H. McFarland, 101 Tara St., S.F., \$20,853 for 3 exist. bridges to be reconstr. at Adobe Creek, Ellis & Stage Gulch Creeks, betw. 3 & 5 mi. E. of Petaluma.

(2) SISKIYOU CO.—Jas. H. McFarland, 101 Tara St., S.F. \$32,627 for reconstr. steel truss & timber trestle bridge & grade approaches & apply bitum. surf. treat. across Klamath River at Walker.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741 50th Ave., Oakland, \$41,785 for 1.1 mi. plant & resurf. w/pltnx. surf., in City of Oakland on 7th St. betw. Broadway & Cypress St., ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., San Francisco, \$809,970 for 1.3 mi. of 4-lane divided hwy. grade, 2 pedestrain overheads & 3 bridges to be widened betw. West City Limits of Placerville & 0.2 mi. E. of Washington St. overhead, EL-DORADO COUNTY.

JANUARY 19, 1954

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$52,805 for repairs & replacements to asph. conc. roadways & shoulders, involv. 1,200 T cr. run base & approx. 40,000 sq. yd. paving, 25,000 sq. yard seal coat, 8,500 ft. conc. curb. & gutters, 150 cy. retain. wall & raising manholes, catch basins & valve boxes at Naval Hospital.

JANUARY 20, 1954

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Independt Const. Co., 751 50th Ave., Oakland, \$10,992 for const. pipe conduit in Allendale & Brookdale Aves.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 66th Ave., Oakland, \$374,233 for const. sewer, Campbell & 24th St., Grand Ave., etc.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Coddling Homes, 500 Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, \$5,000 for const. water mains in Montgomery Village Subdiv. No. 12.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Allied Paving Co., 2724 Redwood Hwy. South, Santa Rosa, \$4,455 for grade & pave & const. basketball courts at Burbank Elementary School.

SAN PABLO, contract awarded to Assoc. Engrs. Inc., 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$49,986 for const. sanitary sewers in Assessment Dist. No. 27.

JANUARY 21, 1954

FRESNO, contract awarded to R. M. Madsen, 4775 Madison Ave., \$4,088 for const. curbs, gutters, sidewalks & driveway approaches on Andrews Ave., et al.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Young & Smith Const. Co., 306 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah, \$55,230 for const. a R.C. bridge & approaches on FAS Rt. 577 nr. Carlin, ELKO NEVADA.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., 859 S. Main St., Fallon, \$720,251 for const. 10,070 mi. of primary & secondary sys. betw. 9.5 mi. S. of Fallon & Richards St. in Fallon, CHURCHILL COUNTY.

JANUARY 22, 1954

VACAVILLE, contract awarded to Consolidated Western Steel Div. of U.S. Steel, 141 Battery St., San Francisco, \$39,324 for const. two each 65-ft. dia. steel water reservoirs, 500,000 gal. capacity each, for Calif. Medical Facility.

FOLSOM, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, \$7,215 for grading & paving at Folsom Prison.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Pacific Coast Corp., P.O. Box 3494, San Francisco, \$560,382 for structural steel work (approx. 3,200 tons) for Central Office Building, Dept. of Employment.

JANUARY 25, 1954

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 66th Ave., Oakland, \$84,156 (Sch. 1 & 111) for install. approx. 16,100 ft. 6in. & 8 in. cast iron & asbes. cem. water mains & appurts. in Alameda, Oakland & San Leandro.

BURLINGAME, contract awarded to J. A. Thompson & Son, P.O. Box 512, Inglewood, for grading in Mills Estate on upper end. E. of Railroad, approx. 1,500,000 cy. of earth to be moved under this contract.

JANUARY 26, 1954

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Rothchild, Raffin & Weirick, 274 Brannan St., San Francisco for struc. alterations & enlarging bandstand at Venetian Room, Fairmont Hotel.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Valley Engrs. Inc., P.O. Box 412, Fresno, \$6,512 for const. of circ. water sys. in New Corp. Yard.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to M. Malfitano & Son, Inc., P.O.

Box 750, Stockton, \$19,200 for const. earthfill at San Joaquin & Pilgrim St. crossings on Morman Channel.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874 25th Ave., San Francisco, \$23,492 for lay 6 in., 8 in., & 12 in. mains in Golden Gate Heights.

BERKELEY, contract awarded (General) to John E. Branagh & Son, 42 LaSalle Ave., Piedmont, \$196,850.

SAN ANSELMO, contract awarded as follows to Bernal Const. Co., 2124 Anza St., San Francisco, \$3,500 (I) & To Brown-Ely, P.O. Box 474, Corte Madera, \$2,598 (II), \$650 (III) \$1,050 (IV) for demolition of Yolansdale Elementary School (I), including paving (II), Curbing (III) and chain link fence (IV), San Anselmo, Calif.

MARE ISLAND, contract awarded to A. D. Schader Co., 144 Spear St., S.F., \$17,818 for railroad track repairs, street crossing at Walnut Ave. & "A" St.

MARE ISLAND, contract awarded to A. D. Schader Co., 144 Spear St., S.F., \$9,236 for track repairs (maint.) on Calif. Ave. W. of Bldg. 828, to W. of Bldg. 766, at Mare Island Naval Shipyard.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Young & Smith Const. Co., 306 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, \$55,230 for const. a reinf. concrete bridge & approaches on FAS Rt. 577, nr. Carlin, ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA.

JANUARY 27, 1954

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgomery St., S.F., \$81,582 for replas. Silver Ave. sewer.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded (general) to Cahill Const. Co., 350 Sansome St., S.F., \$721,000 for const. of Silver Ave. Elem. School.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to East Bay Excavating Co., 1700 First Ave., San Leandro, \$87,208 for const. fill and riprap for new Wm. Paden school site (approx. 4.35 acres to be filled to grade line with riprap wall on Bay side).

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 225 - 19th Ave., San Mateo, \$11,632 for const. traffic signal system at Willow Road & Middlefield Road in Menlo Park.

JANUARY 29, 1954

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded (general) to Campbell Const. Co., P.O. Box 390, Sacramento, \$455,400 for const. Phys. Ed. Bldg. (reinf. conc. & steel frame, 37,900 sq. ft. floor area) at Sacramento State College.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to S&Q Const. Co., 48 S. Linden, So. S.F., \$165,327 for const. Laurel Hill Playground and fieldhouse, Euclid St. & Collins Ave.

DALY CITY, contract awarded to Douglass & Woodhouse, P.O. Box 908, Redwood City, \$3,212 for pave one block on Orange St., in vic. of PG&E Bldg.

FEBRUARY 1, 1954

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Chas. I. Cunningham Co., P.O. Box E, Oakdale, \$1,307 for furn. & inst. traffic detectors, conc. traffic bars, untr. rock surf. & plant-mix surf., etc., at intersec. Keyes Road & U.S. 99, in town of Keyes, STANISLAUS COUNTY.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to J. C. Zwiegler, 1242 - 1st Ave., Richmond, \$6,135 for repair or const. curbs, gutters & sidewalks in City of Richmond.

FEBRUARY 3, 1954

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Ave., S.F., \$67,169 for pave, etc. on Twin Peaks Blvd. from 800 ft. N. of Portola Drive to Clarendon Ave.

SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to Sondgroth Bros., 318 Sierra Vista, Mt. View, \$16,972 for extend Central Ave. (Olive to old S.F. San Jose hwy.)

FRESNO, contract awarded to R. M. Madsen, 4775 Madison Ave., Fresno, \$5,782 for const. curbs, gutters, sidewalk & traffic islands on Tulare St. adjacent to Courthouse Park, betw. Van Ness & N. Sts.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Baum Const. Co., P.O. Box 1281, Fresno, \$2,587 for re-grade & surf. with bitum. surf. treat. roadway (Continued on Next Page)

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SMALL JOBS PEP UP THE FRESNO DISTRICT

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

There have been quite a number of small jobs let within the district recently, some of which are already under construction. Pat Barkley Company of Sunnyvale submitted low bid to the Army Engineers and are already working at Castle Field Air Base in Merced.

W. M. Lyles Company have submitted low bids on three separate jobs in sewer construction: 1) at Fresno; 1) at Visalia; and the other at Clovis. The Company is already working on the Fresno and Visalia jobs.

Valley Engineers (Pete Price) also received a sewer contract from the City of Fresno as did the Kevick Bros. Construction Co. for a storm drain.

Harris Construction Co. of Fresno were awarded a contract by the State Division of Architecture for work on the Fresno Fairgrounds. This job will start by the 15th of February.

H. Sykes Company recently submitted the low bid to the Bureau of Reclamation for canal maintenance work and berm fill on the Delta Mendota Canal near Los Banos. The Company has already started.

Trans Ocean Engineering Co. have started work on the Fish Hatchery at Friant and will keep five pieces of equipment busy for some time.

Granite Construction Co. submitted low bid to the Army Engineers for access road at Castle Field Air Base and will start work within the next two weeks.

Gene Richards Paving Co. of Fresno have received a job from the Bureau of Reclamation for repair of canal lining near Clovis, Orange Cove and Lindsay, in Fresno and Tulare Counties and have started work.

J. E. Roberts Co. who submitted the low bid to the Bureau of Reclamation for berm fill on the Friant Kern Canal have now started their job. This same company have a Bureau of Public Roads job at Cedar Grove in the Kings Canyon which they are unable to start until Spring.

In Merced County, the Union Steel Company have about six weeks work left on their hangar contract at Castle Field Air Base.

Valley Engineers are installing a gas line for the P G & E leading into the Castle Gardens housing project; also to supplement existing facilities on the field proper.

Granite Construction Co.'s Merced City job is still shut down by the Company, hope to resume operations about the first of April.

River Rock Company and Merced Sand & Gravel Co. have shut down the aggregate plants and hope to open up not later than March 1.

Harms Bros. are making excellent progress on their Yosemite Highway job at Briceburg. Will start moving the hot plant on to the job in March.

Nomellini Construction Co. at Berenda have curtailed grading operations on their canal job and expect to turn the job over prior to their deadline date.

D & H CONSTRUCTION

Karl Harmeling and Condick Co. as subs—have started on their Bureau of Reclamation canal job east of Madera.

In the Fresno area, the gravel pits have slowed up considerably but will start as soon as construction work picks up. There is still quite a bit of subdivision activity going on; this is pretty well divided up between all local contractors.

In Tulare and Kings Counties; Volpa Bros. are making good progress on their highway job just east of Hanford.

Oilfield Construction and the O. E. Sawley Co. have about completed their contracts on this same highway.

The three concrete pipe manufacturing yards in the Tulare area, namely: United Concrete Pipe; American Pipe & Construction and Concrete Conduit Co. are all busy with current Bureau of Reclamation contracts and will be for some time to come.

John Delphia's job 20 miles west of Coalinga, working grading op-

erations on the San Lucas Highway.

Hermrick & Easter from Santa Maria have the grading on bridge approaches at the Kaweah River out of Lemon Cove. W. F. Maxwell Co. have the bridge contract.

Vacco Construction, sub-contractors, are doing the grading for the R. Pedersen Co. of Fresno, who were awarded the contract on building new wards for the Porterville State Hospital.

We are anticipating a considerable amount of highway work on secondary roads within the near future. There are numerous small jobs in progress within the area; however, we still have a considerable amount of Brothers on the out-of-work list. This however will all be changed as soon as the Spring sets in. We are anticipating one of our busiest seasons.

Next meeting will be February 25, 1954, 8:00 p.m.

We have experienced quite a bit of sickness throughout the district during the winter, some very serious cases whereby blood was needed. May we again beg that you Brothers build up our Bank while you are out of work and have the time. The need is critical.

**H. T. PETERSEN
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Reminders for the Operator

1. Inspect the route you must travel and the area your rig will work in. Make sure that no part of your equipment can come within 6 feet of overhead electric power lines. Ask the power company to protect your operations, if necessary.

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3. If there is any possibility, when moving your equipment, that it may bounce and touch overhead electric power lines, tie the boom (etc.) down.

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Usually a worker is fired with enthusiasm, or is fired—with enthusiasm.

EARLY WORK PLANNED IN REDDING DIST.

By E. A. HESTER
Business Representative

Work is picking up in the vicinity of Orland. The Pacific Gas & Electric Co. is laying a new gas line through the valley, and a big housing project is now under way in the town of Orland. E. B. Bishop's sand, rock and block plant is operating smoothly and is 100 per cent union.

The outlook for early work in this area is good. Tehama County has been allocated a large budget for highway work. Bids will be opened soon on 12½ miles of road work between Los Molinos and Mill Race Creek, which is to be resurfaced and paved. The job is estimated to cost \$820,000.

There is also a lot of new highway work coming up in Trinity County. Modoc County will do a couple of good-sized road jobs this season. The first is 11½ miles of resurfacing on Highway 299E east of Canby. The State estimate is \$480,000.

Siskiyou County will have a lot of work for the boys up there. Highway 97 from McDoel to Horse Thief Creek, about 11 miles, is to be resurfaced and paved. Then a little farther up the line, the road from Dorris to the Oregon border will be resurfaced and paved. Cost on these two jobs is expected to run well over half a million dollars.

All in all in the district, there will be about four and one-half million dollars spent on highway work this season.

The PG&E has applied for a permit to build the Pit 7 project. There will be a dam and power house, transmission lines, etc. It looks from here as though we will soon have the project under way. When completed, it will cost approximately \$20,000,000.

At present the out-of-work list is very large as we are having our usual winter weather. The most interesting subject right now is the good progress that is being made on our new office building here in Redding. The building is about 75 per cent complete. We hope to be moving into our new home about March 15.

We are still holding checks for Duane Gray and R. M. Hinkle.
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A cop stopped a man from jumping off a bridge. "If you jump in," he pleaded, "I'll have to jump in after you, and while we're waiting for the ambulance we'll both get pneumonia and die. Now be a good fellow and go home and hang yourself."
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"Old George is terribly mean. Someone ought to tell him he won't be able to take it with him when he dies."

"Listen, old man. If George can't take it with him, he won't go!"
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"It's a genuine antique, sir." "But you are asking a fearful price for it."

"Well sir, look how wages and the cost of materials have gone up!"
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Construction Awards

(Continued from Preceding Page) betw. 0.6 mi. & 0.8 mi. E. of Academy Ave. on Kings Canyon Road, FRESNO.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded (general) to Robert E. McKee, Inc., 4700 San Fernando Road, West Los Angeles, \$1,708,080 for const. of new wing for the Community Hospital.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Parish Bros., P. O. Box 1019, Benicia, and Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$848,757 for 4.1 mi. const. Proj. Calif. AD-16, Unit 2, Travis Air Force Base Access Hwy, in Solano County, begin on US 40 approx. 1½ mi. N. of Fairfield & extend easterly to 1.6 mi. W. of Travis Air Force Base main gate.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to J. N. Pitcher Co., 6825 Mission St., Daly City, \$85 lump sum for test boring for proposed Fitzgerald Ave. Pump Station.

VISALIA, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., Rt. 2, Box 178, Visalia, \$53,966 for const. approx. 8,720 ft. trunk sewer line & appurts., about 25 mi. W. of Visalia west city limits.

FEBRUARY 4, 1954

SANTA CLARA, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 Stockton Ave., Santa Clara, \$2,768 for const. Los Padres trunk sewer extension in Santa Clara.

SANTA CLARA, contract awarded to Western Well Drilling Co., Ltd., 522 W. Santa Clara St., San Jose, and C&N Pump & Well Co., 1901 Washington St., Santa Clara, \$17,688 for boring two water wells to be loc. in Briarwood & Beverlywood subdivs.

CASTLE AFB, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box

900, Watsonville, \$5,340 for const. two gravel access roads on conc. subgrade, 12 ft. wide & approx. 1350 ft. & 2450 ft. long, including grading & culverts, at Castle Air Fore Base, Merced.

RED BLUFF, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$32,245 for ground improvements at Calif. National Guard Armory.

FEBRUARY 5, 1954

LODI, contract awarded to Arthur J. Stahl, 666 Mission St., San Francisco, \$98,403 for const. sewage treatment works facils. enlargement, comprising const. of a grit chamber, primary clarifier, primary digester control platform, Parshall measuring flume, water pressure system, with interconnecting piping & instal. of mech. equip.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$123,613 for 0.8 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on untr. rock base, portions betw. 6.2 mi. E. & 8.5 mi. E. of Watsonville, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento, \$4,301 for grade, pave, etc. of alley betw. 16th & 17th Sts. & S & T Sts.

ATWATER, contract awarded to Atwater Underground Const. Co., 16130 Jacaranda Way, Los Gatos, \$5,788 for const. storm sewers in Atwater Blvd.

FEBRUARY 8, 1954

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Selby Drilling Corp., 411 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, \$294,602 for drill & grout foundation through embankment, Folsom Reservoir Proj., near Folsom.

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GOOD WEATHER IS A BOON TO JOBS IN SAN FRANCISCO AREA

By PAT CLANCY and PAUL EDGEcombe, Business Representatives

With the absence of the usual weather interruptions at this time of the year, construction in San Francisco has maintained an above average level. However, in opening new jobs the contractors are a little skeptical as to the weather.

The most noticeable increase has been in the building construction and preparation for building and remodeling.

Field Survey Notes

TRI-DAM AND UTAH JOBS WILL HELP

By AL BOARDMAN
Business Representative

The San Francisco Housing Authority Inspection Department is now covered by the Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Plan. The plan is retroactive to Aug. 1, 1953, and is based on the New York Life Insurance plan negotiated with the Bay Counties Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors Association. It is the first plan covering municipal employees and it should add greatly to the welfare of our union members employed in that category.

A bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Leroy Johnson of California that would authorize the appropriation of money to be available for use in assisting the construction of the Tri-Dam Project on the Stanislaus River in California. The Tri-Dam Project involves both irrigation and hydro-electric construction. It is estimated to cost \$10,370,000. This dam job was let to bid last year but due to the rise in interest rates in the bond market the bids were cancelled. The bill before Congress will enable the Oakdale and South San Joaquin irrigation districts to go ahead with construction of the project.

J. W. Wilson Co., civil engineering firm of 1512 Franklin St., Oakland, is doing the preliminary survey work on the Utah Construction Co.'s Moraga properties. This development involves 5,020 acres of land in east Contra Costa County. Utah Construction plans to spend \$140,000,000 over a 10-year period in developing a self-sufficient community capable of supporting a population of 30,000. Wilson Co., Engineers, estimate that actual construction is at least one year away.

An interesting article in the February issue of Western Construction magazine, by H. E. Echols, administrative manager, Morrison-Knudsen Co. of Canada, Ltd., describes in full the field engineering done by the contractors on the Alcan Project. The operation involved a total of 24 field camps, 220 field engineering personnel. Seventy transits and levels were used. Communication between the camps was by radio. Transportation between work sites was by helicopter pontoon-equipped planes and in the camps and along the transmission line by four-wheel-drive jeep station wagons. The entire work area had never been surveyed before.

PERSONAL NOTES

Those who worked with Sparky Miller at the S. F. Airport will be sorry to hear of his passing last Dec. 26. . . . Howard Adams continues to improve at the Hassler Health Home. . . . Brother Dick Dinning has taken a leave of absence in order to complete his education. He should be back in June.

The next Technical Engineers' meeting will be held Friday, Feb. 26, at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco.

To paraphrase Bobby Burns' words—If we could see ourselves as others see us, we probably wouldn't look!

Of the numerous jobs of this nature, Cahill Construction has a large portion with crews employed on the Burgemeister Brewery Hamm's Brewery, Metropolitan Life Insurance Building and Gianini School.

At the U. C. Hospital job, work has slackened since several of the sub-contractors have finished their part of the work. Clinton Construction, the general contractor on this project, still has two "Old Timers," Cliff McCormick and Dar Todd operating the elevators.

On the much publicized Equitable Life Insurance Building, Raymond Concrete Pile Company are now operating on two shifts. Bros. Ira Jones and Clarence Vivian running the driver with Ed McCullough and Kurt Blyler firing. The "push button booms" are operated by Fred Stockdale and Jack McManus.

Operations have increased in the track removal and street repair work. Recently Eaton & Smith have started their job on Waller Street. Fay Improvement Company is progressing on the 11th Street job, while Lowrie Paving continues full operations on Clement Street. Several of our members are busy on the Charles Harney Balboa Street job.

Activity in dirt moving has slowed up this month, although on several of the smaller excavating jobs throughout the city there hasn't been too much of a letup. Many of the grading contractors have been kept quite busy.

Devencenzi & Haskins have kept their crews busy on various jobs, many of which are of short duration but numerous enough to keep them rolling. This same situation applies to Devencenzi Bros. also.

Major steel erection is taking place on the new Freeway near Bryant and 7th Streets. Judson, Pacific & Murphy Co. are doing this work. Their job of rebracing the Golden Gate Bridge is progressing very well.

Truck crane rental firms G. W. Thomas, Farnsworth & Ruggles, Joe Sheedy, Warren Ballinger and Bob Flora keep their rigs going on the craning jobs around the city.

Shop work in the area has continued on its usual winter-time operations, thus keeping many of our members busy.

\$89-Million Job Set For McCloud River

Plans have been announced by PG&E for another major power development in the McCloud-Pit River area near Shasta Dam, to cost an estimated \$89 million. McCloud River and Squaw Valley Creek in Siskiyou and Shasta counties, 40 air miles north of Redding, will be harnessed for electric power generation.

The job will involve the two-stage construction of eight dams, five tunnels totaling 17½ miles in length, and two power houses to generate 232,000 kws. It will also make use of these streams in operation of two more proposed power plants, Pit 6 and Pit 7, for which license applications have been filed.

The over-all project would be completed within four years of start.

A mountaineer saw his first avocado in the general store, and seemed quite puzzled about it. "Wanna try one?" asked the storekeeper.

"Nope," was the reply. "I got so many tastes now I can't satisfy, I ain't aimin' to take on any more."



FROM OUT OF THE PAST comes this picture of a 95-5 yard Bucyrus, a big rig even today, working at Copper Flat, Nevada, in 1912. "Hap" Cromwell, Local 3 member, was the cranesman, and Andy Karl, now a member of Local 12, was the engineer. (See page 1 for another oldtimer picture.)

Due to Mild Weather Work Holds Up on Peninsula

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

Employment for members of Local 3 has held up exceptionally well through the winter months on the Peninsula, this being one of the best winters we have ever experienced, as members working

on the many construction jobs have lost very little time. As a rule most of the contractors have work left over when the good weather returns in the Spring of the year.

However, this year, a great many of the jobs will be finished and our employers will be ready to start the great volume of work scheduled to be available to them within the next thirty to sixty days.

The L. C. Smith Co. of San Mateo is progressing in a satisfactory manner on their one million yards of imported fill for the Parkside Development Co. at the site of the former San Mateo Airport. Brother Red Schall is in full charge of this work for the Smith Co. and is being assisted by Operator Brothers Atkins, Bos, Shirk, Skies, Bishop, Marceau and many other members of Local 3.

BIG HOUSING PROJECT

The McAbee Engineering Company is doing the survey work and have many 3E members employed on the project. When completed, this large fill will accommodate 4000 homes.

During the past months, this same firm was the successful bidder on the grading for the Sterling Builders on a seven hundred acre real estate development project at Rosswood, near the intersection of Sneath Lane and Juniper Serra Boulevard, where 2500 homes are to be erected. These and many other large construction projects consistently under operation by this enterprising local firm provide year round employment for approximately sixty to seventy-five members of Local 3.

At East Palo Alto the headquarters of McCammon and Wunderlich Company have added a great many heavy duty mechanics to their payroll in the shop. They are now engaged in overhauling the large fleet of equipment to be used on many construction jobs in this area.

The Robert E. McKee Company of Los Angeles were the successful bidders on the construction of the two million dollar addition to the Community Hospital in the City of San Mateo. Due to the location of this project, it will be necessary to excavate a large amount of earth which will provide employment for many members of our local union.

According to the latest information received at this office, the extension of Juniper Serra Boulevard through Millbrae has been approved by both San Francisco and San Mateo supervisors. Although actual construction on this project will start early in the Spring, the job will probably not be completed for a year and a half or two years, as it involves the erection of an overpass and cloverleaf at the intersection of El Camino Highway and Junipero Serra and many other items. Cost of this work will ex-

ceed two million dollars.

All of the local contractors in this area including Douglass and Woodhouse, J. O. Archibald, Joseph Brady, Sperry and McCue and many others are actively engaged in the operation of their many street and highway projects now under construction and are preparing for a busy season.

MY UNION CARD

By STANLEY P. JONES
Business Representative,
Bldg. Trades of Northern Nevada

It would pay each and everyone of us to take our union receipt out every so often just to remind ourselves what it means to us. The many benefits we have received because we are members of one of the greatest organizations in this country or any other, is immeasurable in dollars and cents.

As I look at my "Union Card" I think first of the many trials and tribulations the union card carriers before me have gone through to attain the wages and conditions we have today. A few years ago a man had to work ten and twelve hours a day. The eight-hour day was won for us by many of our forebearers. My "Union Card" insures me a decent living wage, a decent home, a means of sending my children to school that our forebearers had no opportunity to attend; it affords me a proper place in this community.

The old proverb, "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" is indeed a true statement in the present days. If we are to succeed we must stand with all of organized labor. What we attain today will be for all of the "Union Card" carriers of tomorrow, perhaps your son or daughter.

Again I ask you to look at your "Union Card" and think of the many benefits you have derived from having it. It is indeed an honor and privilege to be a member of such an organization as your "Union Card" entitles you to be. One small twig is easily broken, but several united are indeed hard to even bend.



"My luck changed since I joined the union. Now everything seems bigger and better to me!"