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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF LOCAL NO. 3

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

As everyone who reads the newspapers knows, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 has come in for quite a bit of attention recently. There has been rumor and speculation, and certainly our members are entitled to know exactly where their union stands right now.

You are aware that charges were filed against Local 3's former Business Manager, Victor S. Swanson, late last year and that at a trial held by the International Union he was found guilty of improper conduct and removed from all offices in the International and in the Local.

At that time the International placed Local No. 3 under supervision and assigned me as supervisor. In October a committee appointed by the General President held hearings in San Francisco before our membership. The developments to date were reviewed. It was decided that Local No. 3 is to remain under supervision and that there will be another hearing on this matter in a year's time to decide whether supervision should be continued or whether the autonomy of the local should be restored.

Last month the former Business Manager and three Officers of Local No. 3 were subpoenaed to Washington, D.C., for public hearings by the McClellan Committee. These proceedings, involving charges of misappropriation of Local No. 3 funds, were widely reported in the newspapers. Conflicting accounts were given by the witnesses, and the government has their testimony under consideration.

I am aware that the McClellan Committee, after concluding its sessions with regard to Local No. 3, has held further hearings concerning the Operating Engineers. I have been getting full transcripts of these hearings and studying them closely, but until I attend the next meeting of the General Executive Board and get the full story it is proper that I withhold comment.

The three Officers of Local No. 3 who were called before the McClellan Committee, Pat Clancy, President; P. E. Vandewark, Treasurer; and Clarence Mathews, Recording Secretary; have handed in their resignations as Officers of Local No. 3 and have asked for leaves of absence as business agents, which were granted.

A fourth Officer, Russell Swanson, Financial Secretary, was removed from office but he continues to carry out his duties under direction as business agent. In fairness to Russell Swanson it must be said that no charges of misconduct have been made against him. As an Officer he failed to meet certain Constitutional obligations, but as to any mishandling of funds, he is in the clear.

Serving in their places now as Officers of Local No. 3 are Paul Edgecombe, Treasurer; William (Bill) Minahan, Recording Secretary, and Al Clem, Financial Secretary. At press time

for this issue of the Engineers News, decision had not yet been reached as to filling the vacancy for President.

We have been instructed by the International to take steps to recover any funds or property of the Union that may have been improperly diverted. A firm of Certified Public Accountants has been retained to go over all financial records of Local No. 3 and to prepare a full audit for the International. Future steps will depend on what that audit shows.

Since the beginning of supervision a complete overhaul of the operation of Local No. 3 has been in process.

The first step has been to tighten up the finances of our local.

We now require warrants for all withdrawals and expenditures from the Defense Fund.

Detailed reports of the income and expenses of the union are now given to each meeting of the Local No. 3 Executive Board. It is our understanding that this was not done before.

The statements of income and expenditures are now read to the membership meetings.

The pattern of meetings has been revised in the interests of democracy and to permit all members to know about what their union is doing by attending meetings. Whereas in the past there was only one meeting a month, held in San Francisco and attended by an average of 150 members out of our membership of approximately 22,000, we have divided the jurisdiction of Local No. 3 into 12 areas and hold membership meetings once every three months in each area.

That means four membership meetings a month in the various areas, instead of one meeting a month in San Francisco. These meetings are held in San Francisco, Eureka, Redding, Oroville-Marysville (alternately), Stockton, Sacramento, San Jose, Oakland, Fresno, Ukiah-Santa Rosa (alternately), Salt Lake City, Utah, and Reno, Nevada.

I plan to make it my business to attend as many of these area meetings as is physically possible. In the current round of meetings I will be accompanied by Chas. W. Sweeney, Administrator of our Health & Welfare program, and at these meetings any of our members who want to ask questions about the welfare program can ask them of the man who knows.

In the next series of meetings I hope to have someone along who is qualified to speak on the so-called "right-to-work" initiative in California, or what might better be called the "right-to-fire-without-reason" bill.

At recent meetings in each of the 12 areas two members from each district were elected to a By-Laws Committee which will be assigned the task of preparing new by-laws under which Local No. 3 will operate when it is returned to autonomy. We hope this committee can be convened in San Francisco at the end of this month or beginning of next month to get started on its work.

These are some of the changes that have been made in Local No. 3, and we have reason to believe that they are being welcomed by the membership. These are some of the things to take into account, along with the notoriety and bad publicity given Local No. 3 during the McClellan hearings, in assessing the true current position of our union.

I have no intention of glossing over or compromising anything that occurred in the past. If any money has been wrongfully taken, it doesn't matter whether it was \$1.00 or \$100,000 . . . the principle is the same.

Proper steps are now being taken to guard the union's treasury and full reports and accountings are being made. All persons who were shadowed by the McClellan Committee investigation have been separated from their duties and will not return until they are completely cleared.

The substantial fact remains, however, that the amounts of money involved in the charges of irregularity were a very small part of the income and operating expenses of Local No. 3 during that period, and Local No. 3 remains a strong and solvent organization. As a trade union, it has done a good job for its members, and our contracts today are as good . . . IF NOT BETTER . . . than those of any other Operating Engineers local in the country.

The important thing is for all of us to come through this crisis with confidence in the essential strength and vitality of Local No. 3. We will profit from past mistakes and build better than before. The decks are cleared for Local No. 3 to go forward with its job of protecting and advancing conditions in our craft.

Fraternally yours,
NEWELL J. CARMAN
International Vice-President

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

District Meetings scheduled for March 1958:

March 4 Fresno, Engineers' Bldg.

March 6 Ukiah, Labor Temple, State Street

March 11 Salt Lake, 151 So. 2nd East, Annex

March 12 Reno, Reno Musicians' Bldg., 120 W. Taylor

Register with your Local No. 3 district office on the first day of unemployment, to avoid delay in receiving State Unemployment Benefits. You are not eligible for benefits unless you are registered on the out-of-work list.

We are receiving W-2 forms for members whose former employers do not have their correct addresses. Be sure your correct address is on file in your district office, as well as the main office, so that we can forward W-2 forms sent to us.

HONOR ROLL OF BLOOD DONORS!

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*Special Recognition goes to Brother Hugh Meara who has donated four pints of blood. One, each quarter! Keep up the good work Hugh, we certainly appreciate your cooperation.

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Oakland, Calif., Jan. 23, 1958

E. M. COONEY
San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 24, 1958

O. C. KING
Oakland, Calif., Jan. 26, 1958

FRANK H. HAYES
Alameda, Calif., Jan. 26, 1958

AL GUNNELL
Novato, Calif., Jan. 28, 1958

PAUL BURT
Folsom, Calif., Jan. 29, 1958

JOE WAIGHT
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C. H. PIERCE
Sandy, Utah, Feb. 1, 1958

VICTOR L. SANDS
Castro Valley, Calif., Feb. 1, 1958

WALTER L. KIRCHGATER
Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 3, 1958

DON WHEELER
Sunnyvale, Calif., Feb. 5, 1958

GLENN HYATT
Sandy, Utah, Feb. 6, 1958

R. L. ROBERTS
Round Mountain, Nev., Feb. 9, 1958.

40 Days to R-Day*

* April 10 is R-Day, the last day on which you can register to vote in the June 3 California primary election. There will be exactly 73 days from February 24 in which you can register.


There is no use talking about "right-to-work", or good candidates, or bad candidates, or good or bad programs, unless you can vote.

Are you registered? How about your family? Friends? Neighbors? Take care of it now! See your County Clerk.

1957 Changes In Calif. Workers Compensation Law

(Questions and Answers on Workmen's Compensation Laws prepared by the Industrial Accident Commission changes made by 1957 Legislation.)

By FRANK A. LAWRENCE, Presiding Commissioner
QUESTION: Were workmen's compensation benefits increased by the 1957 legislative session?
ANSWER: Yes, certain benefits under the workmen's (Continued on Page 8)



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The City by the Golden Gate

RAINS SLOW UP S.F.; WAIT BALL PARK JOB

By HARRY METZ and BILL TOMBERLIN,
Business Representatives

The San Francisco area has been hard hit with rain the past two weeks. Work has slowed up considerably and no new jobs are being started at this time of year. Engineers employed on Charles Harney's Embarcadero Freeway job and Peter Kiewit's Central Freeway project have been fortunate in working on projects that weather has little effect on.

San Francisco City Works Director Sherman Duckel said, "It will take five to seven years before San Francisco has sufficient funds to complete construction of the Southern Freeway. Funds for linking Southern Freeway, east of the Bayshore Freeway, with the Army Street approach to a new bay crossing are not even on the horizon."

It is expected that Charles Harney Co. will reach an agreement with the City of San Francisco in the next two weeks on the construction of a new ball field for the San Francisco Giants.

Lowrie Paving Co. has a contract for resurfacing a portion of Alemany Blvd.

Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick have been awarded a contract (\$1,199,200) for a new office building for the California State Automobile Association.

A very busy landscaping company is Watkin & Sibbald Co. They have kept real busy with their equipment. They have been awarded two new jobs for the city of San Francisco, one at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park and the other one at Corona Heights, 16th and Flint Streets in San Francisco.

Geo. M. Philpott Co. is working eight engineers in the shop. They are very pleased to have plenty of work at this time of year. They are distributors for G.M.C., Euclid, Marion, Marlow and Gardner & Denner, all very good lines of construction equipment.

Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick Co. is moving the shop and yard, from its present location in San Francisco, across the bay to Richmond. Their school job on Thomas Ave. will soon be completed.

Macco Const. Co. reports about three or four more weeks will finish the pile driving portion of their freeway job at the Embarcadero. Pacific Pavement Co. has purchased the hot plant and part of the land formerly owned by Eaton & Smith. They plan to be all set to operate by the end of February or very soon thereafter.

Claud Wood Co., of Lodi, has purchased the old Pacific Pavement plant, and will move it to

a job they have in the vicinity of Lodi.

Wade Equipment Service has four engineers in the shop on Shafter Ave., which is the normal year-round crew. They are the distributors for Schramm Air Compressors and Wisconsin Engines.

Wm. J. Moran Co., general contractor for the Public Parking Garage at 5th & Mission Streets, with sub-contractor Hayward Cement Const. Co., are pouring cement for footings and basement walls and making good progress. This project will be a four-floor building, having available parking space for over 1,000 cars. There is one truck crane crew on this job at present time, the remainder of work is being done by steel workers and cement workers.

Bethlehem Shipyard won top repair job with a contract for \$342,000, for work on the attack cargo ship U.S.S. Seminole. They received the largest ship repair job among seven bay area shipyards last month. The 12th Naval District said \$466,300 in contracts were awarded for ship repairs, including \$15,000 to Anderson and Cristofani and \$18,000 to Triple A Machine Shop, Inc., both of San Francisco.

With present heavy rains, we can't expect too much until spring.

NOTICE TO ALL ENGINEERS Safety Practices By BILL TOMBERLIN

The most important part of your work is the protection of the lives and limbs of yourself and fellow workmen. The object of these instructions is to assist in preventing accidents which cause suffering not only to yourself, but to your family and dependents.

If you discover a rule which in your opinion is not practicable do not ignore it or modify it until you have discussed such a rule with your immediate superiors. We desire that each engineer shall have a thorough understanding of the safe method of doing his particular work.

We want you to know that we are interested in your safety and expect the fullest cooperation from our members. Everything possible will be done to

Field Survey Notes

SURVEY MAN NAMED R. SEC.

By AL BOARDMAN
& ART PENNEBAKER
Business Representatives

It is with a great deal of pride that we announce the promotion of Bill Minahan who has served us so well, as Business Agent, representing the Technical Engineers, in the East Bay area. As you undoubtedly know, Bill has been appointed Recording Secretary of Local No. 3 and although we'll miss not working with him, we're not surprised that he was appointed to this office, because we've always known him to be one of the best qualified men in our Local Union. Brother Minahan's achievements on behalf of the Technical Engineers have been outstanding and much of our progress can be attributed to his untiring efforts to better our working conditions. We know that he'll apply the same loyal qualities to the office of Recording Secretary and that he will be a credit to our Local Union. Our heartiest congratulations Bill, we wish you every success!

AND Speaking of "success," the effective area of the Technical Engineers is spreading further and further and because of this, it becomes increasingly important that the brothers make every effort to see that any infractions of the Agreement are reported to the Business Representatives. It is impossible for a Business Agent to be on every job . . . in every area . . . on the same day. Therefore, the responsibility of maintaining the working conditions provided for in the Agreement, rests largely with the membership. IF THE MEMBERS FAIL IN THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LOCAL UNION, THEY ARE THE LOSERS IN BOTH MONEY AND CONDITIONS!

Our Agreement was developed and fought for, over a long period of time . . . It can go down the drain if we don't constantly insist that all contractors, signatories to the agreement, live up to the letter of the Agreement. None of us can afford to sit back and expect to further our gains, or even protect what we have now, UNLESS EVERY BROTHER COOPERATES! By cooperation we mean reading and understanding your working agreement; and using your knowledge of the Agreement to report all infractions to the Business Representatives. They can be contacted daily through the Union Hall in San Francisco, HEmlock 1-1568 or at their homes in the evenings. Brother Boardman's home phone is FReside 5-3971 (San Mateo) and Brother Pennebakars, JUnio 9-0735 (South S. F.)

Remember, Local No. 3 can only be as successful as the members make it!

As we write this article, Chet Elliott, one of the first Business Agents to lead the fight to help organize the Technical Engineers, is fighting for his life in Mill's Memorial Hospital. Chet was stricken with a lung ailment three weeks ago and is now giving it the big try! The Technical Engineers, particularly, owe Brother Elliott a debt of gratitude because he braved the displeasures of the Contractors at a time when it would have been

help each engineer to be a safe workman. Naturally we need the cooperation of all engineers to attain a low accident record of our members.

San Mateo—Hub of the Peninsula

Peninsula Work Picture is Much Better Than It Was Last Year

By CHET ELLIOTT and BILL RANEY, Business Representatives

This area has had the normal winter slowdown and many large subdivision earth moving projects are at a virtual standstill. For the brother who is out of work now, sure it's rough as it has ever been to have no paycheck coming in. But Brothers, think back twelve months. At that time the weather was good, but there were no large jobs going, or even anticipated. This year there is a remarkable difference. There are a great many more engineers actually working, we have a large number of jobs with men cleared to same and lots of proposed work coming up soon. Many jobs are getting behind due to the weather and will no doubt put on more shifts or go on overtime in order to avoid time limit penalties. Oftentimes the bad weather can be a blessing in disguise for some. If a bad storm hits the area it always causes many landslides, fallen trees, plugged sewers, and broken levees. Then the brother who has been on the bench quite often gets a break.

Barrett Construction Company's job at the Sequoia Hospital has started off with a bang. Charles Berger is doing the heavy excavating for Barrett with Brothers Ottenello, Freeland, Baker and Marlar. Brothers Peel and Smith are also working on this project, for Barrett. Brother Frank Fick who is Gradall Operator for Bragato (who is also working on this project), was a patient in Sequoia Hospital while this excavation work was going on. He had to go home to get away from the noise outside of his window.

The iron is nearly all up on the new United Air Lines Hangar job at the International Airport. Now is a good time to see the unusual design of this double cantilever construction. This hangar will hold four of the largest planes and will be enlarged later to hold six planes. The entire structure is supported from a central bank of pillars. This has been a good job for truck crane operators.

There are numerous smaller street and sewer jobs coming up in various sections of the County: A \$117,000 surfacing, curb and gutter job at the old Lindenville site in South San Francisco. Dale Williams was the low bidder. Sixty thousand dollars will be spent on redesigning the 3rd Ave. interchange at San Mateo, as well as a contemplated one mile of streets and sewers in Belmont. Two County Road jobs near San Gregorio are also in the offing. Bids are to be opened on Feb. 5th for over a million yards of fill to extend the runways for future jet airplane traffic. Although this is not too large a project it is a starter on a job we have been looking forward to for years. The specifications call for an alternate hydraulic fill method. We should see a lot of dredging companies vying on the alternate bid.

"Right to Wreck" would lose here.

The Non-Partisan Educational Committee on "Right to Work" Laws, of which Brother Chet Elliott is a member of the Board of Directors, sponsored a tremendous program the other

easier to have done nothing! I'm sure he'd appreciate your prayers and best wishes at this time and we're equally sure that those of you who know Chet personally will be in unanimous accord when we say "GOOD LUCK CHET, WE'RE ALL HOPING YOU RECOVER!"

night at the San Mateo High School. Eighteen hundred people were seated and hundreds were turned away from the door by the Fire Marshal. Speakers were from various churches in the area and a number of large contracting firms that employ hundreds of engineers. The principal speaker was Neil Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor.

All of the speakers forcefully pointed out the necessity of defeating this proposed punitive proposition. It was shown and proved that there was nothing constructive in this bill, and that it is designed for just one purpose—to lower the standard of living for all workers.

Haggerty urged everyone to read and study the initiative to see for himself how destructive such a proposition could be.

It was indeed gratifying to see so many employers stand to be counted on this issue. The present system allows management and labor to negotiate and arbitrate on terms mutually agreed to by both. The proposed law would drive us much farther apart forcing us into prolonged bitter battles most difficult to settle legally. All society would suffer under such a system and certainly growth, progress and prosperity would eventually grind to a halt here in California.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS—

Brother Chet Elliott has been confined to the Peninsula Hospital for a short time with a severe attack of asthma. By the time you read this, he will be going strong again.

Brothers Al Boardman and Chet Elliott have been re-elected as officials of the San Mateo County Building & Construction Trades Council.

Brother Floyd Watson has turned inventor. He has designed a handy hydraulic trench jack that is selling faster than he can make them. Those who have trenching problems would do well to call Floyd at PLaza 5-2008.

Brother Clarence Peterson is now in business for himself and is conducting a Heavy Duty Repair shop at 1045 California Drive, Burlingame. Drop in and see Brother Peterson. He may be able to assist you with your problems.

The San Mateo Office is very proud of the Brothers who continue to realize the importance of maintaining our Engineers Blood Bank. Recent donors are as follows:

MILDRED MORGAN
MARION C. MORGAN
JAMES E. CURTIN
RAYMOND BISAILLION
A. R. THOMPSON.

Please call OXFord 7-4034 and make an appointment to be a donor to the Operating Engineers Blood Bank.

GOOD OLD DAYS

Old Seth Perkins, patriarch of the town, found himself in the middle of a discussion on women's fashions. One of the younger men turned to him and said: "I bet your old enough to remember wasps waists, Mr. Perkins."

"Remember them, Seth cried. "That's when I got stung."

BIG SACTO RALLY HITS 'RIGHT TO WORK'

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

A very successful rally attended by all the crafts within organized labor, took place on February 3rd, 1958 at the Governor's Hall in Sacramento. It was a momentous occasion inasmuch as the new AFL-CIO Charter for the Sacramento Labor Council was presented. Several speakers explained to the crowd of 2000 the important issues that labor will be facing throughout the year . . . mainly combating the "right to work" bill. It was certainly gratifying to the representatives of labor to see the enthusiasm displayed by our members and the families who attended!

Work throughout the area is slow but this is not unusual for this time of the season. No new contracts of any great proportion have been let this month, although several small jobs have been awarded they are not large enough to have much bearing on the unemployment situation. The proposed work should change this unhealthy state of affairs within the next couple of months and without a doubt the weather will then be the main factor and will determine how soon any extensive activity will begin on the larger jobs.

Operations at Aerojet took a splurge recently when officials wanted immediate action on 3 or 4 grading projects preparing sites for new building facilities. Robert E. L. Parker Company is the contractor and has rented equipment from An-Nan and Lee Stephens Company; to what extent the jobs are is quite uncertain. Recent publications of the addition of 1,000 more civilian employees is a guide, in our opinion, for what is expected in the future. The Aerojet Company has purchased considerable acreage surrounding the test area and rumors are aplenty to date, although nothing big has been awarded.

Latest report, regarding Sacramento's Mall redevelopment project shows considerable progress anticipated contracts for several multi-story buildings to be constructed on this site soon. This will help the situation in the building industry, which has been stalled for the past six months. Homer Arons has his crews wrecking the old buildings that have to be torn down and preparing the site for the new.

SHIP CHANNEL

Contract on the deep water channel is to be let during the month of March. Appropriation of funds for the fiscal year has

been an obstacle that the army engineers have had to depend on for continuances of this project.

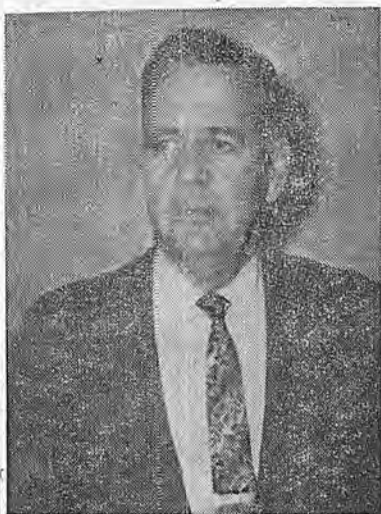
By now most of the members in the Sacramento area know that I have been appointed Treasurer of Local Union No. 3. Naturally, I'm deeply appreciative for the confidence and trust placed in me by Brother Carman, our International Supervisor. Before closing my last news report from the Sacramento area I want to express my sincere appreciation to the members. I am sorry that I won't have the opportunity to thank each of you personally but since I've been transferred to the San Francisco Office, I can only express my gratitude through the Engineers News. Believe me, when I say that your cooperation and understanding during the past two and one-half years I worked out of the Sacramento Office, meant a great deal to me. I assure you that your continued cooperation will still mean a great deal as I will now be representing you in a more important capacity, as an official of the Local Union. I want you to know that if I can be of any assistance to any of you, in the future, I'll be ready and willing. If you're ever in San Francisco remember I'm here, and you'll drop in and say HELLO!

Glen Dobyns, former representative of the Santa Rosa area has taken my place, and I know you will show him the same consideration that was so helpful to me. Thanks again for everything and I'll look forward to seeing you at the next district meeting.

BLOOD BANK: Our sincere thanks go to Glenn Eckert, Mrs. Gertrude Adams, James C. Wood, Fred E. Lacert, James Gorham, Orvil Olsen, James D. Gordan, Mrs. Celeste Stockley, Walt Gavrilka and Louise Gavrilka who donated to our blood bank since our last report.

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

W. V. 'Bill' Minahan Is New Rec.-Corr. Secy. of Local 3



W. V. "Bill" MINAHAN Recording & Corres. Secty.

The appointment of Brother Bill Minahan to the office of Recording and Corresponding Secretary is most appropriate because his many years of administrative experience will be of great value to the organization. In addition to this Bill has a thorough knowledge of the construction industry.

Prior to working for Local No. 3 he was Personnel Supervisor for the Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation. Director of Personnel for the Hurley Marine Works, Inc., during the war, and preceding this he was in charge of various construction projects in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties for the Federal Works Agency.

Brother Minahan has been employed as a Business Representative for Local No. 3 since June, 1951. He was instrumental in helping to organize the Technical Engineers and for a period of two years he was in charge of Local No. 3's Sacramento district office.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SACRAMENTO — Contract awarded to Claude L. Youngs, 5910 Spruce Ave., Sacto., \$12,459, for 0.6 mi. const. drain. facils. betw. 10.6 & 10 mi. W. of Williams, Colusa County.

SACRAMENTO — Contract awarded to Bos Const. Co., 1035 Grayson St., Berkeley, \$347,325, for 1.0 mi. grade & pave w/ptmx. surf. over untr. base & const. RC & struc. steel bridge, on Wilbur Ave., over Santa Fe RR near Antioch, Contra Costa County.

SACRAMENTO — Contract awarded to Walter F. Cozad, 6001 Shenandoah Dr., Sacto., \$21,491, for revise exist. drain. facils. betw. Saratoga & 5.7 mi. N. of Boulder Creek, Santa Clara & Santa Cruz Counties.

SACRAMENTO — Contract awarded to Clyde W. Wood, Kirt Const. Co. & Alwood Corp., P.O. Box 620, No. Hollywood, \$5,052,434, for 6 mi. length 4-lane sep. rdwys. & frontage rds. to be graded & surf. w/PCC pavement on cem. tr. subgrade & ptms. surf. on cem. tr. base, & bridges to be const., betw. Hampshire Rocks & .05 mi. West of Soda Springs, in Placer & Nevada Counties.

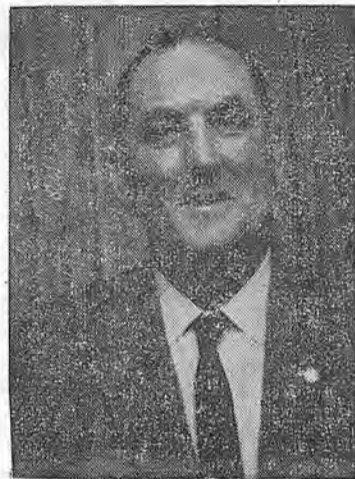
WINTERS — Contract awarded to Darkenwald Const. Co., P. O. Box 175, Sacto., & Vinson Const. Co., Box 930, Phoenix, Ariz., \$1,537,473, for const. Putah So. Canal & Green Valley Cond. & Subcond., Solano County.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to John H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley, \$17,324, for const. vit. pipe sewer line on 16th & 17th Aves., betw. E. 12th & E. 17th Sts., Oakland, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

Paul Edgecombe Is New Treasurer Of Local Union No. 3

Brother Paul Edgecombe's appointment to the office of Treasurer of Local Union No. 3 has brought him back to work out of the San Francisco Office and his many friends in the bay area welcome his return. Paul says he's going to miss the Brothers he served and associated with, in Sacramento, however, there's no place like home and we know he's happy to be back!

Brother Edgecombe joined Local Union No. 3 in 1941 while he was employed on the Friant Dam. For twelve years, prior to becoming a business representative, he worked for various con-



PAUL EDGECOMBE Treasurer

tractors throughout San Francisco and the Bay area.

Paul was appointed Business Representative in 1953 and worked out of the San Francisco Office until August of 1955 at which time he was transferred to Sacramento to take charge of that office. In July of this year, in recognition of his ability, Brother Carman appointed him to the Executive Board of the Local Union. He has now earned another promotion; that of Treasurer for Local Union No. 3.

To those of you who know Brother Edgecombe personally, no doubt you appreciate his wonderful sense of humor. As an example, when we asked for his picture to accompany this article, he jokingly requested that the caption under the picture be titled "HAVE GUN WILL TRAVEL." We remarked that as Treasurer of the Local Union, charged with the responsibility of protecting the Union funds, that the members might not approve . . . however, we think you'll be amused to know that he secretly nourishes the desire to be identified with the "hero" who appears on his favorite T.V. program "Have Gun Will Travel" . . . We can truthfully say that as long as OUR HERO (Brother Edgecombe) rides the range in San Francisco, we can all relax and be sure he'll enforce law and order! CONGRATULATIONS PAUL . . . WELCOME HOME!



Pay day? Who have you been talking to?

Al Clem Is Named Financial Secretary Of Local Union No. 3

Al Clem, new Financial Secretary of Operating Engineers Union Local 3, has followed the construction trade all his life, and has won recognition in the labor movement outside our own organization.

Al was born in Denver, Colo., Nov. 17, 1904, and came to California in 1922.

His first union affiliation was with Pile Drivers Local 34 while working as a rigger on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge. On May 28, 1934, he was initiated into Hoisting & Portable Engineers Local 59, one of the predecessor locals which were merged later to form Local 3.

He was a member of the Local 59 Executive Board and in 1941 was elected to the Local 3 Executive Board and has held that office ever since. In 1941 also he became a Business Representative of Local 3, working out of the Stockton and Oakland offices.

For the past 15 years, Al has been senior Business Representative in charge of the Oakland office, one of our busiest offices outside the main office in San Francisco, with the largest number of contracts and members to serve and with the largest staff.

He also serves as one of Local 3's trustees on several of our Health and Welfare and Pension Plan trusts.

Brother Clem is a former vice



AL CLEM Financial Secretary

president of the California State Building & Construction Trades Council and has the unusual distinction of having been, at the same time, president of two important Bay Area building trades councils.

He was elected president of the Contra Costa County Building Trades Council and held that office from 1945 to 1952. During that period, from 1947 to 1950, he was also president of the Alameda County Building Trade Council.

He withdrew from the building trades council activities due to increasing pressure of work in the Oakland office, but he remains well known in construction union circles in the Bay Area and the state.

Al is married and has one grown son, who is also a member of Local 3. He lives in East Oakland where, he says with a grin, "the bank and I own a home."

As a working member of our craft, Al has operated clam shells, shovels, cranes and hoists and is familiar with steam, gas and diesel equipment.

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What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By H. T. PETERSEN, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, DON KINCHLOE, HAROLD HUSTON and WARREN Le MOINE, Business Representatives

Historically, the month of January is a slow month in construction and related industries, but this January of 1958 has been the slowest we have experienced in several years. This is largely due to the fact that no new jobs, highway or freeway work have been let for some months in this area. As a result of this the Rock, Sand and Gravel Ready Mix plants and Hot plants as well as Equipment dealers and suppliers, have felt the pinch. Due to this condition, we find that the contractor and employer for whom the Operating Engineers work, are forced to reduce their work week to four days or three days or curtail the operation completely.

The Oakland office, serving Alameda and Contra Costa Counties has seen some changes in personnel and areas. We are happy to announce that Brother Al Clem who has so efficiently conducted the business in this area for the past seventeen years, has been appointed to the office of Financial Secretary of Local Union No. 3, with offices in San Francisco. While we of the Oakland area feel a great loss, we know that the San Francisco office and Local Union No. 3 has gained a mighty capable man for a most important job. Brother "Pete" Petersen recently of the Stockton office has been transferred to the Oakland office, to head operations in this area. We of the Oakland office say "Welcome Aboard, Pete." The Business Agents of this office are undergoing an area change for the purpose of having the field representatives familiarize themselves with all the areas, so that we may render better service to the members. Brother Laux will be your representative in the Contra Costa area from the Broadway Tunnel to Rio Vista and Carquinez Bridge in Crockett. Brother Le Moine will serve the area paralleling Highway No. 40 from Selby through Richmond, including Albany, El Cerrito, Berkeley and Alameda. Brother Huston will serve the Oakland area east of Broadway to 137th Ave. in San Leandro. Brother Barr who has served the Oakland area, will serve Southern Alameda County from 137th Ave. east to San Joaquin County and south to Warm Springs. Dredges working in any of these areas will be handled by the representative serving that area in which the dredge is operating.

Congratulations to Brother Bill Minahan on his new appointment. Brother Bill's many friends with the Technical Engineers, as well as operators and oilers, are happy to know of his appointment to the office of Recording Secretary of Local Union No. 3, a most responsible position.

E. J. LAVINO & CO.

In the Southern Alameda County in the City of Newark, is the Western plant of the Refractories Division of E. J. Lavino and Co., which is at the present time employing 39 of our Brothers in production work. Production began in March of 1953 on the fabrication of basic refractory brick and cement on a continuous around the clock operation. The plant being newly constructed utilizes the best available materials handling techniques embodying considerable automation. The fundamental raw materials of this industry are magnesite and chrome. The former is obtained from the neighboring plant of Westvaco Chemical Corporation and the latter is obtained from foreign deposits in the Philippines and Africa. Both materials

are used in varying percentage combinations in both the bricks and the cements. Both plastic cement in drums and dry cement in bags are produced. The bricks are of both the burned and unburned types as well as those which are encased in metal. The products of this plant find use in applications where a great degree of resistance to high temperature is needed. Paramount among the users of these products are the steel and copper industries and the glass producers. The following Brothers are working for the E. J. Lavino & Company at the present time. In the Pressroom Department are E. Gonzalis, L. Copeland, C. Moreno, A. Martinez, R. Maldonado, G. Servos, G. Cosio, J. Gonzales, L. Boggs, I. Maldonado and J. Martinez. In the Grinding Unit Department are Brothers V. McCort, M. Martinez, L. Bellah and T. Brownfield. In the Ore Mill Department are Brothers C. Sharp, R. Weldon and F. Conners. In the Kiln Department are L. Reynolds, A. Weese, M. Vargus, R. Caldwell, G. Bailey, H. Grow, B. Howard, S. Lopez and P. Harris. In the Maintenance Department are E. Maddox, A. Duarte, G. McDonnell, D. Dias and R. Bush. In the Burned Bricks and Shipping Departments are Brothers C. Boatright, R. Silva, R. Gonzalez, M. Sloniker, A. Villalobos, B. Smith and T. Negretti.

The Southern Alameda County area, like most other areas, is bogged down because of abnormal rains. With few exceptions construction work is at a standstill. We have some underground work going in this area that keeps a good many members on the payroll for three or four days a week. The Vincent Rodrigues Co. manages to have a few jobs scattered over the area. The Galbraith Co. has managed to keep enough work to hold the organization together. Valley Pipe Line Engineers have quite a crew of engineers on their water line job at Irvington. Brother Al Urricelqui was low bidder on some flood control work south of Newark. Some of the equipment has been moved in on Station Road. Other flood control projects in this area, that will be coming up soon should furnish employment for a good number of the members. The building industry seems to be largely confined to schools, churches and shopping centers. Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Co. have two cranes at the General Electric Atomic plant on Vallicitos Road near Sunol. Williams & Burrows have the new additions to the Atomic plant at Livermore. National Iron Works and E. C. Braun Co. are the subs on that particular job. Eugene Alves is doing some excavating on the branch station for the Livermore plant. This job is back in the Livermore hills near Tracy and under the supervision of Brother Dale Marr. The Rock, Sand & Gravel plants are feeling the pinch also. Most of these plants are on a three or four day week, and that is largely for stock pile. In the Dredging Industry for the East Bay area, the "Franciscan" is still pumping the expansion of the Oakland International Airport. Associated Co.'s clam dredge "Pacific is

putting a crown on the perimeter levee and the derrick barge "Martinez" is rock facing the levee. In the south end of the bay, Leslie Salt Co.'s dredge "Mallard" is building levee out of Alvarado and the "Edwards" is in the Alviso area. The "Little Sucker" and the "Liberty" are working in Patterson Creek on flood control.

Olympian Dredge Co. was awarded the contract from Shell Oil Company in Martinez. The suction dredge "Palmer" is doing the work which consists of pumping out 350,000 yds. inside and outside the loading wharf. The outside cut is 220 ft. long and 43 ft. deep at low tide. Inside the wharf is 425 ft. long and 33 ft. deep at low tide. This job was let at thirty seven cents a yard. This job has a time limit of 40 days with Brother Axel Stromberg as skipper. On the day shift the Brothers are Joe I. Brown as operator, Eugene Kiefer as chief engineer, Fred Holm as mate, Ben Edin as leverman, Brothers Fay Smith, Jess Smith and Peter Ciaramitaro as deck engineers. Eric Sodergen is welder, Ezra Clifton is levee foreman and Brothers Gustaf Soderstrom and W. H. Walker are leveemen. On the swing shift the Brothers are Einar Neilsen as leverman, John Baldetta, Sr. as levee foreman, Phillip Oliveri on levee and Brothers Thurman Wilkson and Robert Ford as deck engineers. On the grave shift the Brothers are Charlie Anderson as leverman, John Oding as engineer, Jack Dougherty as mate, Oscar Perry, Jr., Richard Giles and Jay Anderson as deckhands, John Baldetta, Jr. as levee foreman, with Wilfred Rist on levee.

Pacific Coast Builders was awarded a \$1,700,000.00 contract from the City of Pittsburg School District, for building a new auditorium at the Pittsburg High School, located on School St. in Pittsburg. This auditorium will be 264 ft. in length and 140 ft. in width. The front of the auditorium is on a 145 degree radius and will seat 2,500 students. It is all concrete and the roof will be erected with steel. Brother Bob McDonald is operating a loader, Brother Charles Tatge is on a Bay City truck crane with Brother Carl Johnson as oiler. The school will be completed in sixteen months.

Williams & Lane, Inc. shop on the Eastshore Freeway in Berkeley have the new consignment of General Motors diesel. They are replacing West Coast Motors which had the General Motors dealership at Northern California. We wish to take this time to congratulate Williams & Lane on their new shop and all the luck in the world to the Company and to the brothers. Williams & Lane will handle diesel engineers, Industrial marine, Allison transmission, torque converter, electric generator sets and switchboard electrical controls. They are the Detroit Diesel engine distributors of Northern California. The General Manufacturing Allison Corp. is now the dealer, prior to this time West Coast Engine had this contract which expired December 24, 1957, at which time Williams & Lane signed this contract from General Motors. We hope to see a vast and new concern grow out of this company. The Brothers on this job are: Jack Jones as Service Manager, Virgil Kling as field Engineer, Everett Dawson is

shop Foreman, Harold Hamilton is electrician, Vern Phelps is welder. Brothers Russ Strain, Carl Peters, Bill Wilde and Chuck Durand are mechanics. Brothers Otto Dezmann, Bill Mayer, John Prochaska and Ray Kiser are the electricians with Dick Carter as mechanics helper.

C. J. & C. Excavators was awarded the contract from Pacific Coast Builders for digging the foundations for the new Junior High School which is being built at Yosemite Dr. and San Joaquin Avenue in Pittsburg. There are approximately 7,000 feet of foundations to be dug for this school. Brothers S. P. Carrigan and Curt Collett are the trencher operators. Brother Collett says that the work is slow now, but looks good for this coming year.

For the benefit of the Brothers working over seas and scattered throughout the vast Local No. 3 area, we in the Oakland office have tried to see that the members name appears in the Operating Engineers newspaper. But the Bigge Crane & Rigging Co. and group of men working from Southern California to Northern California and also the State of Nevada, doing everything from tilt up panels, steel erection, crane rental, pouring concrete, clam shell, dragline and every type of work that can be performed from a crane or a group of men. We could not write an article about these Brothers and where they are working because by the time that the paper would go to press the Brothers will have been on and off of a job. We wish to take this time to print the names of the operators and oilers working for Bigge Crane & Rigging Co. The operators are Charles Russell, E. S. Collett, A. C. Lichthorn, Jack Klingman, O. L. Colburn, Woodrow Schmidt, Joe Mauser, Paul Ellis, L. V. Franks, Al Patters, L. W. Scogin and A. E. Brockhoff. The oilers are Jim Nugent, W. F. Davidson, Frank Brajkovich, Bill McIntruff, L. B. Sweet, Gary Schmidt, R. E. Phillips, W. A. Norris, H. W. Ragan, Vilo Phillips and Ben Buck.

Pacific Coast Builders was awarded the \$1,289,700.00 contract from the City of Pittsburg School District. The job consists of building a new 21 classroom Junior High School which is being built at Yosemite Dr. and San Joaquin Avenue in Pittsburg. Brother Larry Shaw is operating a loader. The time limit on this job is approximately one year.

John McCosker was awarded the contract for 2,000 feet of 8-inch sewer line for the City of Oakland. The job is on 16th Street, running from 14th Avenue to 12th Avenue in Oakland. Brother Mac Cole is foreman on this job. On the trencher is Brother Virgil Welton with Brother Jay Carrigan as oiler. And on the backhoe is Brother William Cole operating with Brother James Glantz as oiler. When this job is completed on 16th Street, these same brothers will go to a job in Alameda to install a sewer line for the City of Alameda.

Valley Engineers from Fresno got the contract from Shell Oil Company to lower 1,350 feet of 12 inch pipe. This is to make room for forms for a new High School being built in Clayton.

Brother Don Perry is dozer operator. Brother Bob Neep is operating a Quick-way hoe and Brother John Fagundes is the oiler. Valley Engineers are renting the Quick-way hoe from Bill Morison.

We have just recently completed negotiations of an agreement with the Pacific Pipe Company in Oakland and we would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to the Brother members involved, for their much appreciated assistance and patience during negotiations.

Martin Bros. was awarded a contract from Holmes & Thomas to put in 160 feet of 6 inch cast iron pipe to be used for a sewer line. The job is located on Walker Avenue in Walnut Creek. Brother David Roger is Supt. on this job with Brother Wes Rogers as trencher operator and Brother Tony Salvador as his oiler.

Manuel Marques was awarded the contract from City of Richmond for laying 2,000 feet of 8 inch sewer pipe. The job is located on Barrett Street in Richmond. This job has no time limit. Brother Manuel Pascol is the trencher operator, Brother Wes Bowman is on a loader with Brother George Marlen as oiler. Ritchey Miller, Contractor, is breaking the pavement for Manuel Marques. Brother Albert D. Eddins is the operator on the pavement breaker.

The M. Miller Company from 873 North Bunker Hill Ave. in Los Angeles is doing a job for the City of Richmond. This contract was in the amount of \$719,769.00. Construction consists of intercepting sewers for Sanitary Sewer District No. 11 in Central Drive off of Cutting Blvd. and 10th Street. The sewer will tie into the new sewer disposal that Stolte, Inc. are now building. The work consists of 1,579 feet of 66 inch concrete pipe and 5,297 feet of 54 inch concrete pipe to be put in. They have 2,969 cubic yards of crushed rock backfill and 25,300 cubic yards of select backfill. The job is now just getting under way.

Holmes & Thomas is building a concrete culvert to be used as a storm drain. The culvert is approximately 1/2 mile in length. It is now completed and they are now doing the back filling. There will be 50,000 yards of backfill to be placed back, and 25,000 yards of backfill on each side of the culvert. With weather permitting, it will take about two weeks to complete the job. Brother George Singer is foreman on this job. Brother Howard Lee is blade operator. Brother George Rankin is on a dozer and sheep foot. Brother Joe Martin is on dozer. Brothers Jack Baldwin and Jim Zumwalt are on Super D and Brother Bill Coats is on a loader.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to John H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley, \$141,990 (total)—Sch. I \$36,812; Sch. II \$30,892; Sch. III \$16,075; Sch. IV \$18,405; Sch. V \$44,954, for install. 14,000 lft. 9.05", 13.2", 7 17.8" steel water mains; & 6,000 lft. 6" asb. cem. water mains & appurts. at var. loc. in ALAMEDA & CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.

Nevada Round-Up

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

At Ely, Nevada, the big sale has officially taken place. Consolidated Coppermines Corporation has sold all of their holdings in White Pine County, Nevada, to the Kennecott Copper Corporation. Consolidated Coppermines Corporation terminated all of the employees that were working for them and consequently, Kennecott has rehired many of these men in various classifications. This transaction may put our membership under the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers representation for the time being, due to the fact that Kennecott has refused to meet with our representatives in regard to our contract that existed with Consolidated Coppermines Corporation. This Article is to advise the membership of this Local Union who were employees of Consolidated Coppermines Corporation that we are doing everything that is legally within our power to hold the Bargaining Rights that we were awarded by result of an election held by the National Labor Relations Board in 1956 at the Consolidated Kimberly properties. We have requested meetings with Kennecott Copper Corporation which were refused, and we feel that under Section 8-A5 of the Taft-Hartley Act, the Corporation is in violation of the act, and we are pressing unfair Labor practices charges for this reason. Previous to this sale of property, we had asked for an election at the Kennecott properties at Ruth and Kimberly, but the National Labor Relations Board denied us this privilege. It is our firm belief that the many members that we have working for Kennecott should be given their choice of representation through an NLRB Election. Also, it is our belief that many other employees of Kennecott Copper would desire to have the right to vote on this issue if they were given the opportunity without fear of being discriminated against. We will notify all of the membership of the action that we are taking on this case as it progresses. We will also advise you of what you should do in regard to your membership cards and status.

At the Anaconda Company properties at Weed Heights, Nevada, things aren't too good. Mr. Millar, the General Manager, seems to have altered his position of hearing a man's case and making a decision that he honestly felt fair and just whether it be for or against the individual employee. On the case of Donald Leatherwood, he has refused to meet with the representatives of the Nevada Industrial Council and the grieved employee, Donald Leatherwood, in an attempt to reach a just decision. Therefore, the case is being submitted to Arbitration and possibly, depending on Company attitudes, there may be some unfair Labor Practice Charges filed in the near future. We are very surprised in this change of Company policy and attitude of the General Manager, as over the past years we have had a good relationship and have considered many of their decisions as fair ones that were arrived at through hearings of both management and Union Officials along with the grieved employee. We will keep the membership at Weed Heights advised of the progress on this case and of any outcome or decisions that may be reached at a future date.

Out on the desert, east of Lovelock, Nevada, where Kaiser Engineering Company is build-

ing a plant for Eagle-Pitcher Company for processing diatomaceous earth, Brother James Walker and his faithful Oiler, Brother "Lonesome George" Kirkpatrick were working on Kaiser's Manitowoc Rig. However, it was too many miles for the Dear Brothers to drive each day so they gave it up as a bad job. Now Brother Leslie "Red" Warren is going to take a chance on operating the Manitowoc, and Brother Vince "Pooch" Puccinelli is going to take a bigger chance on oiling the rig, and believe me, if anyone can oil this rig "Pooch" can do twice as good for that "Pooch" is real good at most anything he tries. If you don't believe it, just ask him.

MK ON HWY. 40

Ralph "Tuffy" Jones is the Superintendent on Morrison-Knudson's Highway job on Highway No. 40 east of Sparks, Nevada, at Painted Rock. Tuffy brought some of his key men in with him and cleared some of the Brothers from the Reno office that have worked for him before. He will be calling for some more men in a week or so which we will clear from the "Out of Work List" as there are lots of Brothers registered for work in Reno at the present time. This will be a good job for the Brothers this season, and they really need the work for it has been a long, tough winter for all of them.

Isbell Construction Company has started some clearing on their job on Highway No. 40, west of Reno. Brother Jim Blair is the Foreman on the Clearing Crew, Isbell will take some of their key men with them from the job east of Sparks, Nevada, but all the men will be cleared through the Reno office. There are lots of Brothers around the office that would like to get on this job for it is close to home.

There are quite a few Heavy Duty Repairmen left out at Gibbons and Reed's shop on their job on Highway No. 40 west of Reno. There are also a couple of real good blade men by the names of Brother Don Gordon and Brother Deward Stringham, maintaining the Highway for Gibbons and Reed. They have been gold-bricking or fooling the Boss and the State Engineers. However, the Truckers and the Tourists really appreciate the way these two Brothers keep the highway maintained.

Brother P. W. Burge's rigs are working every day around Reno. Brother Ed Gnadig is the HDRM Boss and what have you. Brother Ray Williams is on the Backhoe, and by the way, that Ray does a fair job on Basements. Brother Freddie Polish is the Roustabout Boy. Run Skippy, Blade and Dozer. Freddie is quite the man around the Burge outfit.

Brother Paul Brothers is hard at it, mixing things up out at the GEM Ready Mix Plant on East Fourth in Reno. That Paul is a real concrete mixing plant operator. He really keeps those Truck Drivers on the ball.

RENO AIR BASE

Brother Howard Johnston, the wheel around the George E. Miller Company, has kept some of the Brothers working around Reno, Carson City, and Stead Air Base. The Busch Boys keep Miller's Shop going in fine shape. That Victor and Fred are two real HDRM. They keep things rolling regardless of the condition they are in.

Brother Sam Wauchope is up North of Reno, Nevada, at Pyr-

Rains Shut Down the Jobs in San Jose Area

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

Due to the unusually heavy rains of the past two weeks, work in this area has practically come to a standstill. This condition has caused our out-of-work list to lengthen considerably but as soon as the weather permits many of the Brothers will go back to their regular jobs.

Most all of the local contractors are taking advantage of the rainy season to catch up on the repair of their equipment now in the yards.

Ed Keeble has begun work on the widening of Alum Rock Ave. between Story Road and Capitol Ave. P & E Construction, when the weather permits are working on their sewer job on Meridian Road and also have a job on Downer Ave.

A. J. Peters have seen fit to bring in most of their equipment since the rains set in and this has been the pattern for nearly all of the Underground and Paving Contractors.

Carl Swenson Company are working rain or shine on their Lockheed job at Moffett Field. P & Z Drilling Company, on this same job site are keeping approximately six Engineers busy. Cupertino Sand & Gravel and Kleinsmith, Inc., are also working on this same job site.

Williams & Burrows have completed their pours on the Stanford job and are working on a new project in Santa Cruz. The boys employed by this firm have missed very little work this winter.

E. T. Haas are keeping three Engineers busy on their Telephone work on the El Camino and also have quite a bit of work around Los Altos.

Charles Harney when the weather permits are keeping about 15 Engineers busy on their job at Palo Alto. They have opened University Ave. overpass cutting out one major bottleneck on the Bayshore Highway. At the present time the job is about 85 per cent complete.

Associated Engineers, who were the lucky bidders on a nice job in the Los Angeles area, are doing some laterals in the Los Altos area and have a few men busy in the shop.

Neary Qually is keeping seven Engineers busy between rains building up stock piles of crusher run for the coming season.

McCammon & Wunderlich are keeping about 10 Engineers busy in their shop in Palo Alto, getting a lot of pick-ups and equipment out of the field to work on.

SOUTHERN AREA—Work in this section of the district has also been curtailed by the rains. Williams & Burrows are trying to get under way on their project at Santa Cruz with Cupertino Ready Mix doing the clearing and John Delphia doing the dirt work. N. P. Van Valkenburgh were awarded the underground work on this job.

Griswold Engineers have about a month left to complete work on the Out-fall Sewer in Santa Cruz. The rainy weather and a rough ocean have greatly hampered the progress on this job.

Granite's Highway job and River job in this vicinity have also been shut down, as has Ed Keeble's work on the Highway.

Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical plants at Moss Landing and Natividad have shut down for the first time in years and this has added a large number of Brothers to the out-of-work list. We hope that this is just a temporary layoff.

The Cape Hart Housing project located at Fort Ord has finally got under way, with Sun Gold-Inland Empire Builders being the prime contractors and Heer's Associates from Riverside, California, subbing the dirt work. This firm brought up 2 blades, 4 cats, 2 D.W. 20's,

and a crane. The rest of the equipment they will rent. They have borrowed Jim Benson as Super, from Granite Construction Company. N. P. Van Valkenburgh Company have the underground work on this project also.

Phil Calabrese has been keeping most of his boys busy on small jobs all winter. Everywhere in the vicinity of Monterey some of Phil Calabrese's rigs are in evidence.

Monterey Sand Plants and P.C.A. Sand Plants are keeping their men busy most of the time although things are pretty quiet for them, too. Central Supply's two plants at Salinas are keeping fairly busy. Ray Adams has built a new Concrete Plant in Salinas and has our best wishes in his new venture.

We want to welcome Art Greco Grading, Sam Yop Company and A. W. Roberts Paving Company to our growing family of contractors in the Salinas area. We are happy to have them with us.

PERSONALS—We would like to take this opportunity to express our sympathy to Mrs. Doner Wheeler and family. Don Wheeler, a member of Local 3 for many years, passed away on Feb. 5, 1958, of a heart attack. Brother Wheeler will be missed by all of us who knew him.

Brother Joe Bowling, who is working for Morrison-Knudsen in Iraq, was home for a few days. Mrs. Bowling returned to Iraq with Joe, who plans to remain there for some time. Joe says that on this job in Iraq they are building a highway 112 miles in length and at the present time have completed about 60 miles. Barney Felix of Oakland is the Blade Operator, Jim Green, Supt.; L. V. Brown, Foreman on the dirt and Ray Durango of Oakland is the Foreman on the Rock Spread. Joe reports that the working conditions are good, the climate is comfortable and the money is excellent.

Walt Powers has returned to his duties as Shop Foreman for McCammon & Wunderlich after being off for a month with yellow jaundice. We are glad to see him back again.

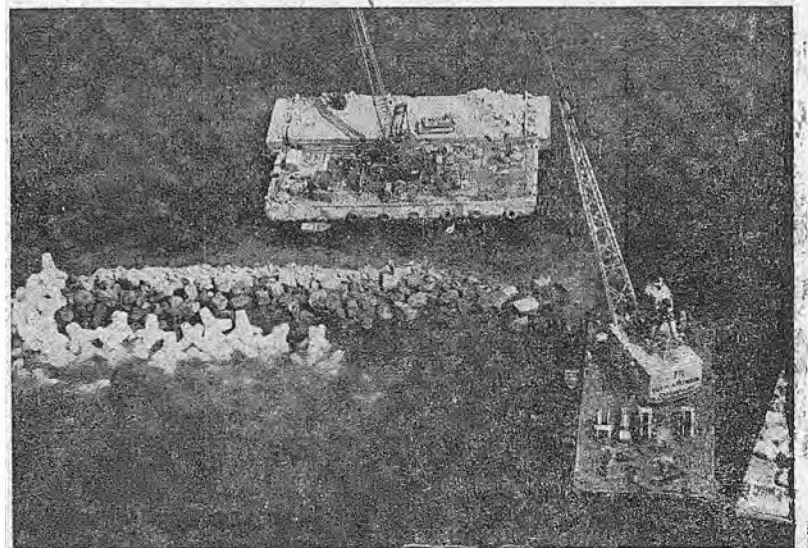
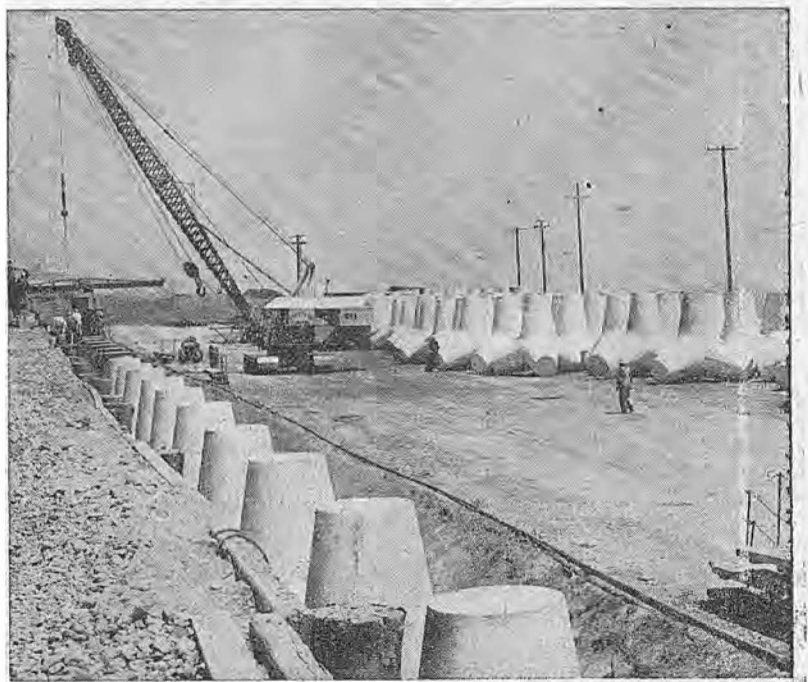
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Famous Last Words



"I want to meet the boys in the shop."



LET'S PLAY JACKS—That might be the suggestion of some Paul Bunyan Operating Engineers when they get to handling these 31-ton "tetrapods" (Greek for "four-footed"), shown here being built and installed as wave-buffers on a small oil-drilling island being built offshore below Santa Barbara. France has the patent on these odd creations, which were first used on this continent on the Crescent City breakwater, where 1900 of the "pods" are effectively stopping wave-erosion. The north coast city is marking itself as the first U.S. tetrapod town by setting up one of them as a monument in the town square.

Northbay Engineers Fight Mud and Slides

By H. O. FOSS, F. A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI and AARON S. SMITH, Business Representatives
High winds and rains have bogged down all the big jobs in the North Bay area. Many jobs are regular mud holes at present, and will be at a standstill until fair weather is with us again.

Williams & Burrows of Belmont have been awarded construction of Seminary buildings at Strawberry Point in Marin County, Golden Gate Theological Seminary, at a cost of \$1,332,745.

Darkenwold Const. & Vinson Const. have been awarded the contract on irrigation and reclamation—Canal, earthwork, etc., at Putah Co. Canal located in Winters—at a cost of \$1,537,473.

The Capehart Housing at Travis Air Force Base is shut down at the present time due to rain, and it will not start again until the weather has cleared.

Marshall & Haas, Vinson Construction and Spears Construction on the Putah Creek Canal are also at a standstill until fair weather.

Erickson, Phillips & Weisberg are still working all the time they possibly can between rainstorms on the overpasses on Highway 40.

Syar & Harms on the Vallejo freeway also at a standstill at the present time.

North Bay Construction on the Vallejo Sanitation Plant fighting the mud and water and slides, but are still getting in quite a bit of time.

The rain doesn't seem to stop M & K & Stolte job on Mare Island except when there's a downpour. This job has been a very good winter job for Local 3 members.

Attention Members: The E.G. C.A. (Engineering and Grading Contractors Association) North Bay Chapter, is conducting a school for all brother members who are interested in learning to operate types of equipment. On Monday evenings the course is held at the Santa Rosa Junior College between the hours of 7 and 9 p.m. and on Saturday mornings at the various contractors yards between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. For more information on this school, contact our office. The enrollment fee is just \$2 for the entire course.

The following members have purchased their button for the year 1958: Brothers Lester C. Dressel, Wm. D. Ashley, Wm. A. Bartlett, C. C. Haymart, Elmer O. Lane, Warren A. Webster, Glenn Davidson, Clyde Plymell, James A. Humphreys, H. D. LaLonde, B. C. Tallman, Henry Imboden, L. H. Paysee, Wm. P. Gutridge, Kenneth Shaffer, Carrol Madsen, O. A. Cooper, Al. Carlos, Elmo Maggiora, Silvester Cervantes Sr., Silvester Cervantes Jr., Quin Ongaro, Wm. Green, Thos. R. Bentley, Wm. Forde, Neil Rosko, F. Bobo, Fred Jensen.

Bro. Rosko who is in East Pakistan for Utah will have his family joining him shortly. Bro. Bobo has been confined at Children's Hospital in S.F. and we hope that by the time this paper is released, he is back home and well on the way to recovery. Bro. Fred Jensen, who is the councilman for the city of San Rafael, drops in occasionally to say "hello"—keep up the good work. Brother Jensen.

Brother Stanley Krantz has gone to Afghanistan for M & K as master mechanic for another two-year hitch.

Brother Jim Carlin, demonstrator for Philpott Co., also dropped in to say "hello"—recently returning from the Eureka area.

Bro. J. D. O'Connor, known to many as "Dan," recently returned from a jaunt to Arizona—says he likes the country there—and it certainly has improved his health, too.

Bro. Claude Odom tells us he will be leaving for Australia real soon—waiting for his ship; will take his family with him—intends to make his home there.

We wish him good luck and much success in his new undertakings.

Attention Members: The dispute between the Bartenders & Culinary Workers Local 126 and Hamie's Chuck Wagon in San Rafael and Burge's Drive-In at Ignacio has ended on Feb. 7th—when both parties reached an agreement on the dispute. The settlement ended the boycott against these two establishments by the Central Labor Council and the Bldg. Trades Council. Union members are encouraged to again patronize these two establishments.

The following members took the time to donate to our Blood Bank for February: Brothers Ray Fraher and Ed. A. Koehn. Our thanks to them. Seems there should be more brothers who can donate to this worthy cause. Remember, you or one member of your family may need blood. Give this some thought, won't you? It takes just a few minutes of your time. We will make the appointment for you.

More News About the Brothers: We understand that the Coast Guard is revoking Bro. Guy Slack's Sea Captain's License—by virtue of the incident of his falling overboard which was witnessed by a few of our brothers. Shows that he can't swim a damn stroke. Ask Guy?

Brother John Teter is in Fairfield General Hospital having just undergone a major operation. We have been trying to find out how he is coming along—we sure hope that we will be seeing him back on his feet again!

Brother Lawrence "Shorty" Freeman has just been admitted to the hospital for treatment of a heart condition and other complications. Don't give the nurses a bad time, Shorty, because we are just betting that you're not being a real quiet patient.

Brother Frank Lawler is confined at the Vets Hospital, Oakland; we wish him a fast recovery. Brother LeRoy Ruffner who was recently at San Rafael General, has shown great improvement, and it won't be long before he will be off the "sick list."

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? A deputy registrar is located at the Painters' Hall in San Rafael for the convenience of those living in the area. Be sure to register so that you may vote in the coming election—many bills detrimental to labor are coming up on the ballot—be sure and vote.

If you want to see a White Elephant, and that would appear to be a deliberate waste of highway funds, take a look at the sacked rip-rap in the Greenbrae cut one mile south of San Rafael. We are told that they had an extra \$50,000 to dribble down the drain on this job and somebody had a bright dream and placed this monstrosity against the north bank. It would have been your writer's opinion that if the cut had been grouted, or could have poured a form with cement for 1/10 of the price and got the same result.

A petition is being circulated pertaining to State Sales, Use, and Income Tax Rates. Reduces sales and use tax rate from 3 to 2 per cent. Changes income tax rates (now ranging from 1 per cent on incomes under \$5000 to 6 per cent on incomes over \$25,000) to new range of 1/2 per cent

on incomes under \$5000 to 46 per cent on incomes over \$50,000. Legislature may lower but not increase sales and use tax rates. Income tax rates may be changed only by vote of electors. Sales and use tax rate changes effective after December 31, 1957. You are urged to sign this initiative measure at our office, and this petition should be in all of our offices. If they don't have it, please take it up with your Business Agent.

1957 Changes In Compensation Law

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pensation act were increased for injuries or deaths occurring on or after September 11, 1957.

QUESTION: Do these increases in benefits apply to injuries or deaths occurring before September 11, 1957?

ANSWER: No, these increases do not apply to injuries or deaths occurring before September 11, 1957.

QUESTION: What is the new maximum weekly payment for temporary total disability?

ANSWER: The maximum weekly payment for temporary total disability has been increased from \$40 to \$50 a week for injuries occurring on or after September 11, 1957, payable, as a rule, twice a month. To get the maximum you must have had average weekly earnings of at least \$76.93. If you earned less than that you don't get the maximum.

QUESTION: What is the new maximum weekly payment for permanent disability payments?

ANSWER: The maximum weekly payment for permanent disability has been increased from \$35 to \$40 a week for injuries occurring on or after September 11, 1957, payable, as a rule, twice a month. To get the maximum you must have had average weekly earnings of at least \$61.55. If you earned less than that amount you don't get the maximum.

QUESTION: What is the new maximum permanent disability payment for minors?

ANSWER: If a minor is permanently disabled his average weekly earnings are considered to be what he would probably have been earning at age 21 if he hadn't been hurt. If this can not be determined his average earnings will be taken to be \$61.55 so that he would get permanent disability payments of \$40 a week.

QUESTION: Has the amount of the death benefit been increased by the new laws?

ANSWER: Yes, the death benefit for a widow who does not have children has been increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000 and for a widow with a child or children it has been increased from \$12,500 to \$15,000.

QUESTION: What is the highest sum that is allowable for partial dependency?

ANSWER: The highest sum allowable for partial dependency has been increased from \$10,000 to \$12,000. This does not mean that all cases will be allowed this much. This is the maximum benefit.

QUESTION: When and how are death benefits paid?

ANSWER: Death benefits are paid (unless the Commission orders otherwise) just like temporary disability payments. Where the injury which re-

STOCKTON CAN'T GET ANY SLOWER

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

This, the month of February, is the slowest month of the year for those who earn a living from the construction industry. It usually is the wettest month too, and from all indications this one will be no exception.

The excavation and grading contractors are at a stand still with the exception of some shop work. The land levelling contractors are also finding the peat soil too wet to work. It will be rather easy to cover those working in this area at this time as we have hit an all time low.

R. E. Maxwell, Jr., has eight members busy on his lime quarry work supplying crushed rock to the U. S. Lime Company plant in Sonora.

McDonald Engineering Company have three members working on the new silos at the Spreckles Sugar Plant in Manteca.

H. Sand & Son are making a small fill at the Park View Cemetery.

Duncanson and Harrison have laid off the piledriver and are now using false leads on the derrick barge to drive the wooden piles.

Inland Harbor Storage keep Brother Fred Williamson busy repairing the Ore Dock cats.

M. Davidson and Son and Learner's each have an engineer in their scrap yards.

Peletz Construction Company have almost completed the sewer disposal plant near Tracy.

Haas & Haynie are using Claude C. Wood Company's towermobile on the Nestle Plant addition in Ripon.

Pittsburgh Des Moine have four brothers busy in their local steel supply yard. Brother Earl Ferry is out at Severson Park for the same company erecting a water tank.

United Concrete Pipe Company are readying the cranes out at their yard as they anticipate making pipe for the Bureau of Reclamation.

A. Tiechert & Son should have their levee job completed near Tracy, which is under the able supervision of Brother Verne Holmes, by the time this reaches the readers.

John Scheurer keeps four of the brothers busy the year 'round cleaning drainage ditch for the island farmers. When work is plentiful he uses as many as six engineers.

Claude C. Wood Company of Lodi was low bidder on 5.9 miles of road on Highway 4 in Calaveras County. The bid was for \$485,000.00 and will employ approximately fifteen members this summer. They are setting up a rock crusher at Vallecito in the tailings piles to crush

sulted in death occurred on or after September 11, 1957 the death benefits are \$50 a week payable as a rule twice a month.

QUESTION: May an injured worker receive both temporary total disability benefits and unemployment insurance benefits at the same time?

ANSWER: No. Money paid the injured workman for unemployment insurance benefits must be repaid from his temporary total disability benefits. The Department of Employment files a lien in such cases so that when an award is made to the workman by the Commission there is a direct refund to the Department.

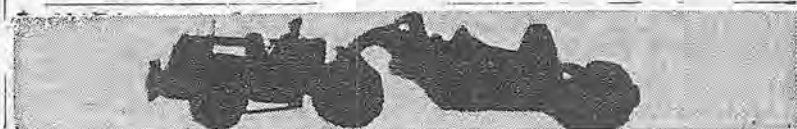
QUESTION: May an injured workman receive both permanent disability benefits an un-

employment insurance benefits at the same time?

ANSWER: Yes. The law was changed at the last legislature but it has not yet been interpreted by a court.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Wells-Stewart Const. Co., 2133 Industrial Rd., Las Vegas, \$486,289, for const. a port. of secondary hwy sys. in CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEV.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Claude C. Wood Co., P.O. Box 599, Lodi, \$227,103, for 5.1 mi. widen & grade & surf. shldrs. w/ptmx. surf. on untr. base & existing pav. to be surf. w/ptmx. surf., betw. Lodi & Rt. Uo. 97, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.



Marysville Area Wants Some Dry Weather

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

This is the worst month yet for employment in this district. In as much as we are ahead on our annual rainfall, it can stop any day now and let these operators go back to work. McCammon & Wunderlich on Highway 40-A road job are shut down again, at this writing, except for a few mechanics getting the equipment in running order once more.

Bechtel Corporation have only a few more days on the Poe Dam and Powerhouse—they are both nice looking jobs, I must say.

Utah, Bates & Rogers, too are rapidly nearing the "Wind-up" on their 32759 ft. tunnel on the Poe Job for the P. G. & E. Co.

Peter Kiewit Sons Co. are driving two tunnels for the W. P. R. R. relocation, and are in about 700 ft. on Tunnel No. 5 and about 700 ft. on Tunnel No. 4 on the down stream side.

A. Teichert & Sons Co. are still shut down on the crushing operations at Rodgers Flat.

Darhenwald Co., too, has been having a lot of weather trouble on the Belden Dam at Caribou.

Walsh Co. had a slide on the outside tracks at their Caribou Tunnel, did quite a bit of damage.

The Butt Valley Tunnel for Walsh Co. should hole through between the 14th and 20th of this month. The men on the job are guessing the exact time. Wonder who will win. The snow is plenty deep on this job too.

J. H. Pomeroy Co. have made wonderful progress on their Powerhouse and Penstock Job at Butt Valley, while battling snow 30 inches deep and plenty of rain also.

The Pacific Bridge Co. will finish on the Yuba Bridge soon. This company was low bidder on the W. P. R. R. relocation bridge across the north fork of the Feather River just below the new Poe Powerhouse; the bid was \$1,538,660. A road approximately 5000 feet long at a 70% grade will have to be built for this project; it should start before too long.

Baldwin Co. was low bidder on the Union School Road Job just south of Oroville; the bid was \$581,000.

Lester L. Rice & Sons as usual this time of year, are not doing very much, but like everyone else are looking forward to another good year come good weather.

A. Teichert & Son in Chico are doing a few little driveway and parking lot jobs; also are still working remodeling their gravel plant at Chico. This has kept several of the brothers working this winter.

Baun Const. Co. have been trying to get started on their Highway 32 job west of Chico, but like all other jobs in the area, rain has kept them shut down most of the time. John O'Larry is the super on this project.

Bo-Son Co. have sub-contracted a bridge on the Baun Job. They have moved in a truck crane so far, but have been unable to start work.

Harrington has two small bridge jobs west of Gridley, but have been shut down for several days due to high water. But these are the type of jobs that will probably be the first to start.

Lord & Bishop also have two small bridge jobs west of Nelson, Calif. They are trying to get their false work in so they can continue on with their work. The rains have also hampered this job.

Brother Jack Greenwood, Chico, Calif., told me that he had been able to keep a crane crew busy on small jobs so far this winter, and is expecting more work to come up soon. Brother Jack has been doing well in the construction business. He has a small truck crane, a half yard Lorraine back-

hoe and other attachments. Also a trenching machine.

PERSONAL NOTE: Brother Chuck Wilcox lost a finger on a job accident last month—now doing o.k.

All the news for now, and here's hoping it will soon be dry and let the dirt fly.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT

Dredger Companies.

Meeting Notices:

Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields: The next regular meeting of this unit will be held Monday, February 24, 1958 in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville and at the times noted below:

Natomas Company: This unit's next meeting will be held Monday, March 3, 1958 in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom, and also at the times noted below:

10:00 A. M. for those members unable to attend at night.

7:30 P.M. for those members able to attend at night.

From investigations in the field and reports at the regular meetings apparently everything at the dredger companies is moving along smoothly with a minimum of beefs. The membership are, however, advised if any violations of the agreement arise to contact the representative as soon as possible as time is sometimes the essence in solving these matters.

In last month's issue of the Engineers' News there was printed on the front page a schedule of district meetings of your Union. Every member is urged to attend every one of these meetings possible so that you may not only become and keep informed of the business of your Union, but also may participate in its business.

Gladding, McBean and Company

Schedule of Meetings: The Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council will meet the first Monday of March, which is March 3rd at 4:15 p.m. in the Councils' office, Lincoln. All board members, unless working, are expected to be present. The GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING will be held Tuesday, March 11, 1958 in the Auditorium of the City Hall, Lincoln, and at the following times:

1:30 P.M. for those working on the night shifts.

4:15 P.M. for those working the other shifts.

The news from this plant that is on everyone's mind is the business slump and the lay-offs. Everyone, of course, is wondering how long the slump will last and how much deeper the cuts are going to go.

This is the type of questions for which we wish we had the answers, but despite our constant search for the answers we have to be honest and frank about it, and admit we have no crystal ball that permits us to gaze into the future or a line into the "inside dope."

From putting two and two together and patching together information from various sources it would appear that the situation should improve by the middle of March. This information cannot, however, be taken as Gospel as much depends on the general business level, the expected improvement in housing, etc.

In answer to the many questions about the effect of the company's new plant at Corona will have on the operations at Lincoln we can only report that from what we have been able to find out it will have for the

present, at least, little or no effect.

The total capacity of the plant at Corona, according to reliable reports, will not equal the capacity of other facilities that will be closed. That is the present capacity and does not take into consideration that additional facilities may later be erected at Corona that will increase the output.

In the meantime we can only hope and pray that the present general slump in business will soon end, that new orders start pouring in, so that the Company can start calling men back to work.

The members of Local Union No. 3 employed by the Company are urged to note the regular scheduled district meetings, and to attend as many of them as possible. You may attend those most convenient, which would probably be Marysville or Sacramento. You owe it yourself to become as well acquainted with your Unions' business as possible. Remember a Union is like anything else, you get out of it about what you put into it.

Rock, Sand and Gravel

Next Meeting Notice: The next Rock, Sand and Gravel meeting will be held Friday, March 14, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in the Teamsters' Hall, 818 Wall Street, Chico.

Curtalement in employment hasn't been as great as was anticipated although the industry is feeling the general slump in business. Most of the brothers are still busy, and if the plan is slowed down are working on needed repairs. We just hope it stays this way.

The monthly meetings are proving helpful to the representative, at least, and the membership say that they are also finding them helpful. Attendance has been good and the membership are to be congratulated on their interest. They too are urged to attend the district meetings.

Concrete Pipe Companies

Your Next Unit Meeting: Will be held Monday, March 10, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville. It will, as usual, be a joint meeting with the Laborers and the Teamsters.

Here again we run into a slump with most of the brothers working only part time (Valley Concrete Pipe Company being down to three and four days a week). Most of this slump can be attributed to the unprecedented wet weather which has made the laying of pipe in the field practically impossible and no room being left to stock pile.

While it is not our intent to make these reports a weather report the truth of the matter is that the weather is having its affect on our work. It's pretty hard to dig a ditch in mud or to be very efficient standing knee deep in the same stuff. So dry weather should be a big help.

New York Machine Shop:

Meetings in this unit are held report that here is one shop that call. We are so very happy to apparently is going along about at the shop and are subject to the same with no reduction in the amount of work. We hope it stays that way.

Personal Notes: Brother Julius Pozzi, Kilm Fireman at Gladding, McBean and Company was unfortunate the first of the year to suffer a fall at home

I REMEMBER WHEN:

There was no show-up time! You went to work, the boss put you to work, had you hang around or sent you home, and a lot of men hung around the job for hours, at the convenience of the boss, and didn't receive a cent in pay.

There was no guarantee of hours! You were paid only for the actual time worked and some companies had the hour broke down into tenths.

There was no premium pay for overtime, Saturday and Sunday work! I worked in a tunnel near Belden in the Feather River Canyon eight or more hours a day, seven days a week for straight time.

On road jobs you were docked for every shut down due to breakdowns or weather! Believe it or not I have seen where the only ones on a job who would make their board bill for the week would be the shovel operator and his fireman.

There was no set scale of wages on many jobs! The company hired you for as little as you would work for and no two men were drawing the same rate for the same work.

There were few or no union hiring halls. You rustled your job or bought it through a private employment agency. Remember Murray and Ready? I do!

If you belonged to a union, you had better keep it quiet on most jobs or you would be fired. It happened to me!

There was no unemployment insurance! Unemployment is a serious matter now, but it was a tragedy then. If you went broke, you borrowed until you ran out of friends, moved in with your relatives or paraded the street.

There was no welfare insurance! If you got sick and couldn't pay, you either stood off the doctor, went to the county hospital or a public clinic or, if not too sick, went without medical attention and toughed it out.

There was no social security! If you got too old to work you moved in with your kids, if you had any or they could take care of you, or into the poor house.

There was no disability insurance like we have in California. When the bread winner was sick and unable to work, the income stopped.

There were a lot of other lousy working conditions that we don't have to work under today. And if too many working people listen to the Knowlands, the California Association of Employers or the National Association of Manufacturers we'll be right back to those days.

It took a major depression and a resurgent Labor Movement to get these conditions that we take for granted today. Let's hope that it won't take another depression to get them back!

—C. R. VAN WINKLE

Arizona 'Rite To Work' Is For the Birds

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

We in the labor movement will always have one thing to be thankful for, our aims have always been clear-cut and definite. We do not say one thing and mean another. After reading of Mr. Knowland's various antics in the past few months I think his campaign motto should be:

"DON'T DO AS I DO, DO AS I SAY."

He has come out flat footed for the "Right to Work Act" and now has sponsored a bill in Congress (S-3068) entitled "Regulation of Labor Organizations for purpose of insuring Democratic Control by Membership." The only catch here is, he does not stipulate as to who constitutes "membership," certainly not labor, that is obvious after reading the bill. Mr. Knowland keeps screaming that he is for the working man and then he turns right around and advocates legislature of this type.

The working man only has one thing to sell and that is labor, as an individual he has no method of protecting his wares. The union is his only way of protecting his investment and Mr. Knowland wants to take that away from him.

For the benefit of all concerned we are printing herewith excerpts from a letter which we received from a member of

Local No. 3 who is at present in Glendale, Arizona.

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"As for this place it is for the birds, all sizes and varieties, there is just no work here. I'll take that back, I was out to Gila Bend, they were looking for mechanics, so I gave them a try. They paid big money too, \$1.00 per hour. The going wage here with their 'Right to Work Law' is (hold your hat) from .65c to \$1.25 per hour. There seem to be men here from every state. If I get enough to get back in home territory I'll never stray to this part of the country again."

We have an enterprising member up in Lake County these days, he is Brother Clarence Bullard who has gone into another phase of construction work and assembled a small dredge on Clear Lake. At present he is working at Lucerne and is doing a fine job.

Ben C. Gerwick, Inc. is doing the pile driving for the Peletz Construction Company on the Rodman Narrows Bridge in Lake County. They had a little bad luck not long ago, they had finished driving their false piling and were turning the pile driver around when it tumbled into the river, this accident caused them about two weeks delay. Luckily there was no one injured, but the operator and fireman did get a dousing.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Brother Wayne Curry, he lost his life by drowning while on a duck hunt at Tule Lake in Lake County.

This will be my last report from this district and it is with a great deal of sorrow that I leave Santa Rosa and Ukiah. My tour of duty here has been very pleasant and I shall miss my many friends and places.

The origin of the expression, "hurrah for our side!" goes back to the crowds lining the streets when Lady Godiva made her famous sidesaddle ride through the streets of Coventry.



Business Representatives Of IUOE Local Union No. 3

Art Pennebaker started his career as a Surveyor while working for his father, who was a licensed land surveyor in the San Joaquin Valley.

After graduating from high school he worked for the U. S. Engineering Dept. and then spent 2½ years during the war in the South Pacific with an Army Construction Battalion.

Two years of Engineering at Washington State College provided him with the opportunity of working as an "underpaid" engineer for General Electric Corp. at the atomic energy works at Richland, Washington.

Transferred to Atkinson and Jones, Joint Venture, to run the



ART PENNEBAKER
Business Representative

controls during the construction of the atomic pile. At Richland he was instrumental in organizing the technical engineers into the union.

Two weeks before this became an accomplished fact he moved to the Bay Area where he joined Local 3 on 1/9/54 while working for a large bay area contractor as a surveyor, project engineer and construction superintendent. Brother Pennebaker went to work as a business agent during the first week in January, 1957.

MAY GET REFUND ON STATE TAX

Employees who contributed more than \$30 for disability insurance during 1957 now may apply to the State for refund of the excess, the California Department of Employment announced.

Disability insurance is financed by a deduction from "covered" employees' wages of 1 per cent up to the statutory limit, which last year was \$3,000. This is paid in by the employer either to the State Disability Fund, or to a private insurance company if a firm's employees are covered under a voluntary plan.

When an individual during the year works for two or more employers, each of whom deducts the 1 per cent, his contributions may total more than \$30 and he is entitled to reimbursement—but only if he applies for it. Deadline for applying is June 30, 1958.

The Department of Employment handles refund of excess contributions, whether paid to the State or private carrier.

Refund application forms are available at all local offices of the Department of Employment.

Last year \$3,419,549 was refunded to 193,996 wage-earners who applied for 1958 excess contributions for disability insurance.



C. R. VAN WINKLE
Business Representative

Brother C. R. Van Winkle or "VAN" as he is usually called represents Local Union No. 3 as a business representative working out of the Marysville Office. He has been a union member since 1917 when, as he says, his father took him down to the union office headquarters and he became an apprentice. Since that time an has been an active member in every Local Union of which he was a member! He has a particularly colorful background in the labor movement as he has held every elective office in one Local, or another, and has also served as a delegate representing his union in Central Labor Councils, Building Trades Councils and Metal Trades Councils.

Prior to his employment by Local Union No. 3 he also worked as a labor consultant, labor relations man or personnel officer for several contracting firms among whom were McDonald & Kahn, and the J. T. Shea Company. During this time he was very helpful to the Operating Engineers in solving such problems as that of repair work and the use of oilers on equipment.

"Van" became a representative of Local No. 3 in 1942 when he was sent to Provo, Utah, to help in solving certain problems that arose during the construction of the Geneva Steel Plant, near that city. He was the Local Union's representative in Provo for nine years and then he was transferred to Salt Lake, where he remained two years. While in Utah he served as a Vice-President of the State Federation of Labor, Secretary-Treasurer of the Utah County Central Labor Union and as an Officer of the Building and Construction Trades and the Metal Trades Councils. He was also appointed by the Governor of Utah as a Labor Member of the State Unemployment Insurance Appeal Board.

In January of 1953 Brother Van Winkle was transferred to the Marysville Office to fill the vacancy left by the unfortunate drowning of Brother Bill Waack. Since working out of the Marysville Office he has been assigned primarily to industrial and mining companies, rock, sand, gravel and ready-mix concrete plants, and similar companies who employ members of Local No. 3.

Brother Van Winkle is presently serving as President of the Marysville Central Labor Council and as Vice-President of the Yuba-Sutter Building & Construction Trades Council. In addition to all of the union activities in which he participates "Van" also represents the Local Union on the Governor's Safety Conference, Mineral Extraction Section.

TRINITY JOB IS GRANTED EMERGENCY \$

By J. B. JENNINGS
Business Representative

Trinity Dam Contractors get emergency funds to continue operations. Between \$37 and \$38 million will be spent on the Trinity River project in the fiscal year of 1959. This is about \$4 million less than the \$41,736,000 requested by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The proposed TRP budget figure, part of \$93,559,000 recommended by the president for construction work on California water projects, was pared down by the budget bureau from the bureau of reclamation's original request.

Lewis B. Ackerman, project construction engineer on the Trinity, said today, he didn't know yet how the cutback would affect work during fiscal 1958-59. He said a detailed program of work has not been worked out.

Most of the money will be used for the Trinity dam and Clear Creek tunnel, and for preliminary work on the Lewiston and Whiskeytown dams and the Spring Creek Tunnel. While the \$37 million figure is less than the bureau wanted, it is still considerably more than the \$19,902,000 being spent on the project this fiscal year. To beef up the current appropriation, the bureau transferred \$1.4 million to the TRP and Congress soon will consider an additional \$10 million to go towards work on the dam and tunnel between now and June.

Including the TRP, the President's budget request calls for \$42,483,000 for four California reclamation projects compared with \$46,445,000 appropriated last year. Of this figure, \$39,715,000 will go towards the Central Valley project, which includes the Trinity work. The President's budget recommendation of \$93 million for construction work on California water projects was about \$7 million less than was appropriated for similar work this current fiscal year. According to Ernie Ford, Master Mech. for Guy F. Atkinson on the Trinity Project, he states "the Project is due to go into full swing around May 15th."

Bids were called today to channel Highway 99 onto two one-way streets in Redding. The \$283,000 project, which includes traffic channels at Market and Cypress streets and widening the Miracle mile to four lanes divided, is expected to begin by April and be completed in mid-September.

When the project is complete, Market street will be used for southbound traffic only, and Pine street for north-bound. The bids will be opened March 5. March 5, bids will be received for highway improvements in Shasta County and in the City of Redding, between Parkview Ave., and Sulphur Creek, a net length of above 1.1 miles, highway to be constructed by grading and surfacing with plant-mix surfacing on cement treated base; completion time 110 working days.

A \$150,000 office building will be under construction in downtown Redding soon. Bill Clabaugh, of Smart and Clabaugh, received permission to reduce the number of parking spaces around a two-story building his firm has designed for Fred Brown of San Francisco. Brown's firm, Shasta Investment company, plans to start construction

FRESNO BOGGED; WAIT DRY DAYS

By G. LYNN MOORE, J. D. MONROE and B. F. (TINY) HELING,
Business Representatives

As we go into the month of February work remains slow in Valley. We have had considerable rain in the past few weeks, bringing grading and paving jobs almost to a standstill; however, the Kings River Project, the tunnel, power house and penstocks

lost very few days on account of weather. MORRISON WALSH & PERINI have called back a few mechanics and welders at Wishon Dam and have kept the road open in preparation for an early start in the Spring on Courtright Dam and a short season on Wishon Dam. The Haas Tunnel is due to hole through about February 25th, some nine months ahead of schedule, however it will take several months to do the grouting and some concrete lining.

ROTHSCHILD, WEIRICK & RAFFIN are making good progress on their concrete work in the underground Power House. Kelley Bros. Rigging Co. have a sub for placing the elevator and steel steps in the 450 foot shaft leading to the Power House. ROSENDAHL CORP. have a sub under Foothill Electric Co. and have a crew at the Haas Power House, also "Balch," installing heavy equipment. CONSOLIDATED WESTERN STEEL maintain the same crew on the Balch Penstock.

The Madera Freeway is bogged down in mud. There will be very little activity on this job

of the building at Shasta and East streets as soon as weather permits. Work on the Gibbons & Reed job, highway 99 N. Shot Gun Creek, is practically at a halt, due to the heavy rains, which keeps a few of the Brothers busy clearing the slides.

Work around the Yreka area is at a complete halt! Also, throughout Modoc and Siskiyou Counties. M. J. Coleman's job at Happy Camp has ceased all operations due to the heavy rain. Mr. Coleman's prediction is, "work will start when the weather permits."

The Rock, Sand & Gravel Plants around Redding and Tehama Counties are still in operation, stock piling for the coming season.

Del Webb Construction Co., job at Red Bluff on the Diamond Match Project is still underway. McCleanhan Plumbing, sub-contractor on the Project has started its second shift. They have approximately 30 Brothers employed on this Project. This has been an excellent winter job!

Starting February 13th, the Redding office will remain open on Thursday night 7 to 9 p.m., instead of Friday night.

We would like to urge all Members to keep a complete record of their time, as this is very important in the event of a dispute in wages.

We are holding subsistence checks in this office for the following named Members who were employed on the M. W. Brown job in Yreka: John R. Evans, \$12; Albert McKinney, \$36.00; J. D. Davis, \$78; B. C. Leisner, \$12; W. R. Schaafsma, \$3; Walter McLaren, \$18, and Robert Buck, \$36. Also, check for Marion Triplett, in the amount of \$26.04 for shift-time on the Gibbons & Reed project.

We are happy to report that the Redding District held its 2nd Membership meeting Jan. 22nd, 8 p.m., at the Eagles Hall with approximately 165 Members attending. Redding will hold the next membership meeting April 9th, 8 p.m., at the Eagles Hall, 1005 Yuba St. WE URGE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND THEIR DISTRICT MEETINGS.

until March when Frederickson & Kasler plan to start final grading and paving. The John P. Philadelphia Co. are busy putting in pipe and culverts on their road job at Bass Lake and will start moving dirt as soon as weather permits.

BECHTEL CO. have a small crew working on the Mammoth Pool project with work at this time confined to preliminary access roads and building the camp. The 2,000 foot diversion tunnel should be let about the 10th of February and five miles of road through very rough terrain with another 8 miles of tunnel about April of this year. This project has had a lot of publicity for a long time but it will be several months before it will reach the stage where it will be equivalent to all the publicity it has been given. According to all calculations the peak season for employment on this project will be April of 1959.

Griffith Company have the concrete poured on Highway 198 out of Visalia and are starting black top on the shoulders approaches. This company has 30 more working days to complete this job. MADONNA Construction is moving in a crusher and hot plant at Porterville. They have about two more weeks on the dirt. Dick East and John Fields have started cement treated base and road mix on Schall & Cain's road job at Frazier Valley. G. E. RUBERTS & SON have set up a crusher out of Coalinga and are crushing rock for Ted Baun's job Five Points. Ellis Construction will set up their hot plant soon for this job.

Wm. H. Schallock have completed their sewer plant job at Lemoore, California. The government took another step acquisition of land for Lemoore Naval Air Station. The Navy has filed a document in the Fresno County Recorder's office, which says the government is taking over 19,752 acres from 306 persons for an estimated \$3,407,383.00, but no word as to when construction will start. Flores & Perry are keeping a few brothers busy on land leveling out of Caruthers. Dicco Construction of Bakersfield was low bidder on 7.9 miles of road out of Porterville. This job has about 300,000 yards of dirt to move.

THE BLOOD DONORS FOR JANUARY WERE:

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Thank you very much.

TEXAS TALES

In his will an oil-rich Texan directed that he was to be buried in an air-conditioned Cadillac. The wish was carried out with the use of considerable machinery to lower the car into the deep hole.

Two Kansas travelers passing by at the time watched as the Cadillac was lowered into the huge grave.

"Imagine being buried in an air-conditioned Cadillac," one Kansan exclaimed.

"Yep," the other replied "That's what I call livin'."



UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

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

Utah has, for some time, been lagging in construction work as it pertains to the new Federal Interstate Highway system; however, latest reports released from the U.S. Department of Commerce indicate a considerable gain in recent weeks.

The State Road Commission has been criticized a great deal the past few months for the manner in which they have handled the Utah phase of the huge Federal Highway program. This criticism was not without some justification; however, we can overlook a great deal if at least they have found a solution to their problems so that we can look forward to the help and progress this plan affords everyone here in Utah.

The Commission is to be commended on its decision to "farm out" certain Highway Engineering design work to private engineering firms in Utah and elsewhere. This action is most beneficial because it promises to speed up the Utah Highway construction program. At present, seven design programs have been negotiated with private firms and several more are in process of negotiation. This represents real progress.

Bids were opened February 4, on three good jobs. The much discussed Heber City to Keetby on U. S. 40 was let to W. W. Clyde Company for \$1,073,466.65. This is 10½ miles of very much needed road and one that has been talked about for over a year. It will include the main street of Heber all the way out to the "Y" south of Heber.

J. B. Parsons Company of Smithfield, Utah, was the apparent low bidder on Blue Creek Summit northwest of Tremonton, Utah at a figure of \$972,725.00. This is 4.7 miles of U. S. 30.

Kloepfer Construction Company of Logan, Utah were low bidders on the Taylorsville-Bennion sewer trunk lines. Work should commence on this job in the very near future.

FEDERAL SYSTEM

On the Federal Interstate Highway system, the Utah State Road Commission has a 16½ million highway program scheduled for Northern Utah. The eight jobs already set up on the interstate system include a 3 mile section between Round Valley and Morgan, a 5 mile section between Morgan and Stoddard, a 4.3 mile project from the Wyoming-Utah border toward Wasatch, a 7 mile section west from Wasatch to Echo Junction, an 11 mile project from Brigham City to Elwood, a 3 mile section from Elwood to Tremontin, a 10 mile section from Blue Creek Junction toward Rattle Snake Pass and a 10 mile section from Rattle Snake Pass toward Snowville.

The Road Commission has several other secondary projects scheduled along with some work already set up where no federal funds are involved. Included in this schedule is the widening and resurfacing of Wall Avenue from 20th Street to Riverdale, resurfacing of 36th Street from Washington to Harrison Avenue and realigning 1½ miles of road between Highway 34 and Wall Avenue, including the proposed 31st Street Viaduct, on the Primary Road system, which means work could possibly get started this year on this urgently needed project.

Bids are scheduled to be opened on March 18th for the Culinary Water system for the Bona Vista Water Improvement District. This job involves the laying of approximately 55 miles of water lines and the

building of two 250,000 gallon reservoirs.

The Bureau of Reclamation has called for bids to be opened on February 13 for the excavation of approximately 9100 lineal feet of open drain ditch on the Willard Bay Project north of Ogden.

The Statewide Plumbing and Heating Company of Murray submitted the low bid and have been awarded a \$385,782.00 contract by Logan City for the replacement of a 5900 ft. section of 78 inch diameter hydro-electric concrete pipeline in Logan Canyon.

Going south, Healy and Tibbets Company, the San Francisco dredging firm, is at work on Geneva's cooling reservoir and has run into difficulty. The small dredge the Company moved up is having trouble moving the solid gravel bottom of the reservoir. The company is at work replacing a wooden intake flume which runs from the reservoir into the steel plant. The replacement will be with 108" concrete pipe which will have to be laid in a minimum of 18 feet of water, which we might add, will take some doing.

Brother Ray Rider has his rig leased to the company, Brother Jim Alleman is oiling and both are gaining their sea legs by working from the barge.

OREM SEWER JOB

Earl Davis Company is starting up again after the cold wave. Operation by this company was suspended when it became impossible to break the frost. This company has some 11,000 feet of the new Orem sewer system. Brother Bert Anderson is running the 22 B with Brother Earl Thomas oiling. Brother Bill Smith is running the backfiller when he isn't chasing the rats.

A pre-scheduled second shift on W. W. Clyde's Glen Canyon road job, was stormed out this week. The clearances were all made when the storm made it necessary to postpone the starting until Monday, February 10.

The R. M. Jensen job is running smoothly again, after a squabble over the subsistence. We, with the very splendid cooperation of the men, were able to get the subsistence payment started. The argument came when it was noted that 3½ miles of this job was in the subsistence free zone from Kanab. It seemed to us that Mr. Jensen wanted to build more than enough road to compensate the 3½ miles. As fine a crew as ever built a road, is in the employment of this company and we feel they were more than fair to Mr. Jensen in weighing the merits of the dispute. More and better cooperation from a crew, a business agent couldn't find. Our personal regards to each and everyone.

The announcement has been made of construction of a new road into the Aneth Oil Fields and a bridge across the San Juan river between Mexican Hat, Utah and Shiprock, N. M. The bridge will be built on the Navajo Indian Reservation about 15 miles east of Bluff, Utah. The road will be approximately 30 miles in length, the cost of the project in excess of one million dollars.

A four and one-half mile section of highway north of Kanab

Notice

ALL MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY WILL BE CALLED MEETINGS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 11, AT THE LABOR TEMPLE ANNEX, 151 SOUTH 2nd EAST, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

has been advertized for letting on February 17, 1958.

ST. GEORGE JOB

L. A. Young Construction Company has a road job in excess of seven miles going into the Dixie Forrest north of St. George at Central, under the supervision of Duke and Joe Young with a crew of ten Local No. 3 members on the job at the present time.

At the Utah Construction Company Iron Mines the work situation remains the same, no

immediate change anticipated.

The Bingham Tunnel job is going great guns. The job is completed past the halfway mark and January had the best record ever for Paul Gwynn, project manager.

Kennecott Copper Mines at Bingham are just about squared away after early January layoffs. We hope there are no more cutbacks.

Vitro Uranium made a hefty cutback in January, probably about settled now. Western Phosphate is in good shape while the Sand & Gravel winter slack period is on.

On the personal side, we sincerely regret to report the death of our good Brother, Charles H. (Chick) Pierce, shovelrunner at the Bingham Copper mine. Chick passed away on Saturday, February 1, at 5:00 a.m. from an illness of long standing. Our sincere sympathy to his family.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SAN JOSE—Contract awarded to Halbach Pipeline Const. Co., 8552 Audrey Dr., Castro Valley, \$73,291, for install sewer Story to King Road, San Jose.

SACRAMENTO — Contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873-81st Ave., Oakland, E. Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$7,620,305, for 8.8 mi. grade, surf. w/ conc. pave. & pltx. surf. to provide 4-lane divided hwy.; const. 11 bridges, hwy. lighting, steel sign structures & truck scale house near Truckee, betw. 1.4 mi. West of Junc. Rts. Nos. 37 & 38, and 0.5 mi. West of Boca, n NEVADA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$334,978, for const. South Land Park Hills Unit. No. 1

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$58,736, for const. pipe conduit in portions of 15th St., 25th Ave., E. 16th St., etc., Oakland.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 269, Marysville, \$581,607, for 5.1 mi. grade & pltx. surf. on untr. base, cem. tr. base & exist. surf. betw. Union School & Rt. 21, BUTTE COUNTY.

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CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

BEALE AFB, Contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Corp., P.O. Box 269, Marysville, \$239,289, for const. water distr. & sewage collect. sys., incl. water dist. & serv. lines 250,000 G. elev. stl. wtr. tank, grav. & force main sewer line & swge. lift sta. & elec. work at Beale AFB, Cal., YUBA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick, 274 Brannan St., S.F., \$1,199,200, for const. of new office bldg. addition of 9 floors & basement on top of exist. office bldg. of Calif. State Auto Assn., 150 Van Ness Ave., S.F.

TURLOCK, Contract awarded to Delphia & Shaddle, P.O. Box 607, Patterson, \$608,941, for const. of a new office bldg. for the District.

MONTEREY—Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$29,865, for regrade, paving, curbing & gutters of Madison St. in Monterey County.

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In the Redwoods —

TETRAPOD, A MONUMENT

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

Brothers, it seems the only sounds to break the silence is the howl of wind and the patter of rain, there is really plenty of that. It has been a long time since this area has been so quiet, mostly due to the weather. We are sure thankful to see a lot of good jobs coming for the spring; good dirt jobs are what we like, they do the brothers the most good. It looks like the most of our jobs will be fairly close in this year so the brothers shouldn't have any living problems.

IN, AROUND EUREKA

The whole town seems to be deader than a door-nail, about the only thing the contractors are doing is repair work.

Bechtel Corp. is going along well on the P.G. & E. Steam plant at Bunne Point, this job keeps a few of the brothers going year around.

In the southern area things are the same as last month with the exception that R. H. Douglas has shut down his bridge jobs on Salmon creek due to the inability to hold the Coffey dams because of high water. John Lovett will still continue to work on the approaches to these bridges, weather permitting.

Fluor Ltd. of Los Angeles will have started their Steam plant project at Scotia by the time this goes to press. We will have four or five Engineers on the way things look at present.

A & E Redi-Mix of Alton, McWhorter & Dougherty, Fortuna Sand & Gravel of Fontuna are doing very little due to bad weather. One of these firms will supply the redi-mix for the Steam plant at Scotia.

Guy F. Atkinson plans to start their job again at Dyerville around the first of April, once again this will depend on that old weatherman. There is still about eight hundred thousand to a million yards to move and quite a lot of detail work to be done. All in all it should mean a lot of work for the members through the summer.

At present we have one job in the Willow Creek area. Ford Gravel of Ukiah has a small bridge job, going in Hoopa on the County road. We have two operators on the job, which will be the extent of men to be used. Other than this things are very quiet in this area.

CRESCENT CITY

In Crescent City area things are the same as last month, "Quiet." Shanley Const. Co. still trying to work on their sewer job, weather permitting. Pelican Bay Const. Co. of Smith River have a few men doing repair work on their crusher and hot plant, getting ready for a fast start this spring.

The good fathers of Crescent City are going to call for bids on the proposed water line for the city this month. The line will run from upper Smith River all the way into town following the old railroad grade. The line is to supplement the present water supply of this growing city, this project along with the L street bypass job, which is to be let real soon will put a few operators to work. I know this is good news to members in this area.

The Hytinen Concrete Company completed pouring of the "memorial" tetrapod, at the triangle of N and Front streets a few feet from the base upon which it will rest as a monument for future generations to come.

After much delay for various reasons, the project will soon be completed thanks to public-minded citizens spearheaded by Robert Grey of station KCRE.

It will be unveiled and dedicated with appropriate ceremonies by the time this goes to press.

A "Time Capsule" will be set into a block which will be a part of the base upon which it will rest and a bronze plaque will be set into the face of the block. The names of all citizens and donors to the cause will be inscribed on parchment, and sealed into the time capsule. Anyone wishing to have their name on the parchment may do so by contributing to the fund. Any amount large or small will entitle donors to have their names on it.

Special permission was granted by the Army Engineers for the use of the form which 7 were built by the Government at the cost of about \$65,000. The tetrapod is a French invention, with patents being owned by a French Corporation. A royalty fee of \$30 is assessed on each one poured, but the assessment waived on the memorial project.

According to Hytinen, who also worked with Robert Grey on the project, it required 12.6 yards of concrete to pour one Tetrapod, with total weight of around 25 tons.

From all appearances they are the most successful things ever used to counteract the action of waves. This storm proved that. We just made a check on the jetty where they are placed, and found them locked together tighter than ever; the action of the waves has wedged them solidly.

As a result of the success of



TRANSPORT, OLD AND NEW—Monument to the old and picturesque in Bay Area transportation is the Ferry Bldg. at the foot of Market Street in San Francisco. Symbolically it is being overshadowed by the new and modern in transport facilities, such as the three-story Embarcadero Freeway now shaping up along the waterfront. Work is progressing despite the wet weather. The first deck is well along, and forms can be seen here reaching skyward for the second deck. This high, fast artery will swoop above ships tied at docks below, connecting Golden Gate and Bay Bridges.

the tetrapods withstanding the heavy seas pounding the jetty sheltering Crescent Harbor, they are now being considered in places having similar breakwater problems.

The Mitchell Trucking Company courteously donated trucks and hysters to transport the form to the memorial site.

The city of Crescent City built the base upon which the monument will rest. While the tetrapods have been publicized far and wide—having caught the fancy of not only the engineering world, but the public as well—those of Crescent City are grateful to all who, in one way or another, contributed so

immeasurably to bring to reality this monument whereupon future generations may gaze, perhaps with awe, on what has become a famous landmark in America — the "Tetrapod."

We want to thank all the brothers for the large attendance at the January 21st meeting, your interest is very encouraging. Let's make the April 8th meeting even bigger. Don't forget it will be held at the Labor Temple 9th & E streets because of a previous rental of our hall.

Brothers we are open 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, come in and discuss your problems if you have any.



Low Pay! Plenty of Work; The Islands Are Busy

By OTTO NEVER, Business Representative

The report from this District is more optimistic than ever. Although our wage scale is much below that of the mainland, we have more work than we can handle now; and we will receive a 10 cents increase straight across the board on February 15th and another 10 cents increase on August 15th. This still puts us from 60 cents to a dollar an hour under the mainland scale, but it does show progress.

At the present time we have the \$20 million Capehart housing job at Schofield Barracks, \$2½ million Capehart job let to M. J. Brock of Los Angeles and \$8¼ million Capehart housing just bid by the Richards Construction Company of Los Angeles. Both of these contracts should start within the next 30 days. In addition the Navy will let three additional Capehart housing jobs within the next 30 days:

1. On March 5th, 248 units at Manana which is at Pearl City.
2. On March 24th, 650 units at Camp Catlin which is just in back of and adjacent to Pearl Harbor.
3. On April 4th, 1140 units at Barbers Point.

The Navy estimates the cost of these units at \$16,500 each but the last two bids have been considerably under this. In addition the Air Force will let a contract for an additional 1150 units at Hickam Air Field.

The Standard Oil Refinery at Ewa is yet to come. This is an estimated \$40 million, two-year job.

In addition to the above jobs, there are several sub-division developments such as Centex

and Blackfield. We might say that the progress here is compared to the statement from the old lady from Boston who said, "When I make tea, I make tea; when I make water, I make water."

The Pacific Dredging Company's dredge, McLeod, is now operating full time at Kawaihae. G. W. Rich, member of Local 12, is superintendent and R. A. Martin, also a member of Local 12, is captain. Levermen are G. E. Smith, Richard Frankland and Ray D. Caulfield. Engineers are Peter Kahananui, B. E. Rubarts and D. H. Jackman. Our steward is Peter Wong and may I add that he is one of the best stewards we could possibly have.

On the Pali, tunnel job, Gibbons and Reed are making progress. J. R. Bremer is project manager and he has been very fair during our organizing program on this job. Old-time members from the mainland on this job are: Ernie Engler, master mechanic; William Ruff, shifter on the Kalihi side and Francis L. Butts, heavy duty mechanic. We have completed the organizing of this job and have asked the company to recognize us and to agree to negotiate a contract. Just what the reception of this request will be, we are not sure as this is a joint venture with E. E. Black.

On October of last year the Hawaiian Dredging Company executed a sweetheart contract with the International Association of Machinists covering all of their employees working out of the Kapalama yard. If there was ever a double cross on jurisdictional lines, this deal between the Hawaiian Dredging Company and the Machinists was one of the worst. The Hawaiian Dredging Company has attempted to cover every classification of men in their employ under an open-shop agreement. We have referred this matter to our attorney for his advice. We will keep you brothers advised of our progress.

Brother William Rittmeister, formerly at Pearl Harbor, was cleared from here to the CAA for a job on Wake Island. We were gratified to learn that not only has the job turned out to be permanent with the CAA but he has retained his civil service status that he established at Pearl Harbor. Brother Rittmeister recently made a trip home for a short visit to his family here in Honolulu. He reports that the fishing is excellent at Wake Island, that beer is 13 cents a can and whiskey is \$2.60 a fifth. (Anybody else want to go?)

One thing about any office in the Operating Engineers is that there is never a dull moment. One of our members came in the other day who is newly married and stated: "This married life gets me down. When I come home early, my wife figures I

want something; when I come home late, she figures I have had it. A guy just can't win."

The Hawaiian Dredging Company is sending the dredge, Dillingham, to Kuwait on a joint venture with J. H. Pomeroy. We have no idea who amongst our members will be in the crew but knowing what the conditions are at Kuwait, we certainly do not recommend either the climate or the working conditions.

Many of the brothers from the mainland have written to us regarding work here in the Islands. It is necessary that you have a letter from your business agent in the district which you have been working, giving your qualifications in detail before you plan on traveling this far away from the mainland. We realize that many of our brothers on the mainland are out of work and we, of course, wish to cooperate whenever and wherever possible; but the mainland brothers must realize that this is a pioneering district and that neither the working conditions or the fringe benefits that we have on the mainland prevail here. But, we are always happy to have the assistance of good, strong-minded brothers who will help us in our organizing program. There is no gravy train here and there are no gold brick jobs; to come here is to pioneer in a warm climate with lots of humidity, low wages and a high cost of living. If you are still interested, do not hesitate to contact us but do not forget to discuss the matter with the business agent in your district first.