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THE BIG GIVE AT REDDING—Some 75 pints of blood have been given by Redding members of Local 3 and their womenfolk in the first three weeks of a drive to get 100 pints for the Redding Blood Bank. Shown above is the first group of men and wives to give. Any member wishing to donate should call the union office, CH 1-0158. Names of Redding donors are in the Honor Roll below.

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SACRAMENTO, award to L. C. Smith, Concar Ranch Enterprises, 225 19th Ave., San Mateo, Calif., \$3,226,721 by Calif. Div. of Hwys., Pub. Works Bldg., Sacto., for 4.4 mi. 6-lane freeway tog. w. ramps, connects & frontage roads to be const. by grading, pave w. PCC on cem. tr. subgr. & pl. ptmx. surf on existing pave., cem. tr. base & untr. base; const. 2 bridges, 3 overcrossings & inst. traf. sig. sys. & hwy. lgtg. betw. 0.7 mi. N. of San Mateo-Santa Clara Co. line & Stierling Rd., San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

MARTINEZ, Calif., Award to Lark Corp., 820 Gibraltar Life Bldg., Dallas, Tex., \$9,500,000 by Military Petroleum Supply Agency, Washington, D.C. for providing commercially-owned & operated petroleum terminalling facilities & furn. related services for the exclusive use of the government at the Crockett-Martinez, California area.

Labor Asks Changes In 'Union Reform' Bills Proposed by Brown

By NEWELL J. CARMAN, Local Union Manager

California labor was not wholly satisfied with Governor Pat Brown's "labor reform" proposals, feeling they tended to "stray from the concept of responsible government intervention and interfere with the traditional and legitimate functions of trade unions."

So stated C. J. Haggerty, executive secretary of the California Labor Federation, whose executive council at press time for this issue of the Engineers News was drafting amendments to be proposed for the new governor's measures.

Suggestion for changes originated at a Feb. 7 statewide labor legislative conference in San Francisco, where comment ranged all the way from approval to sharp criticism of Pat Brown's proposals.

Meanwhile, the Governor's bills are being pushed for earliest consideration at the legislature now in session in Sacramento. Hearings on Assembly bill 419, dealing with democratic procedures in unions, are set for 3:45 p.m. Feb. 26 before the Assembly Committee on Industrial Relations, and Senate Bill 209, on union representation will be heard before the Senate Labor Committee on March 2 at 1 p.m.

Haggerty explained that the Feb. 7 conference was an advisory one, to help the Executive Council in its work on the bills. He noted that last December's convention of the state AFL-CIO adopted a positive and constructive approach to so-called labor reform legislation, such as last year's Kennedy-Ives bill in Congress.

'LEGITIMATE FUNCTIONS'

Differences between Brown's bills and the Kennedy-Ives proposals were among questions to be examined by the Executive Council.

The convention agreed to support "labor reform" legislation so long as it "preserves the traditional and legitimate functions of trade unions" and also carries a provision that state legislation setting up standards of conduct in labor-management relations would become ineffective upon enactment of federal legislation. Haggerty said this approach is binding on the Executive Council.

The Governor has stated that he is desirous of receiving labor's views on his bills, and Haggerty responded: "It is also our desire to cooperate in a manner that can be expected from a mature and responsible labor movement in this state."

AB 419 sets up standard democratic procedures for unions; regulates financial transactions of employe and employer representatives; and imposes "safeguards" for local unions placed under international trusteeship.

SB 209 establishes machinery for determination of union representation and settlement of jurisdictional disputes in intra-

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH, 1959:

- 3 Fresno, Engineers' Bldg.
- 5 Ukiah, Labor Temple, State Street
- 10 Salt Lake, 151 So. 2nd, East, Annex
- 11 Reno, Reno Musicians' Bldg., 120 W. Taylor

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YOU MAY HAVE MONEY COMING

If you worked for two or more employers last year and received more than \$3,600 in wages during the year for work in California for which total deductions for Disability Insurance (state or voluntary plan) exceeded \$36 you probably have a refund coming from the Department of Employment. However, in order to get the refund a claim must be made before June 30, 1959.

Application forms (DE 1964) for this purpose may be obtained from your local Department of Employment office or by writing to Department of Employment, 800 Capitol Ave., Sacramento 14, California.

state commerce, while repealing the injunctive provisions of the state's present Jurisdictional Strike Act.

MANY GOOD BILLS

Meanwhile, the Legislature, dominated by labor-endorsed men who were elected last Nov. 4, was considering a great many bills to help the working people of the state, also the aged, the needy, the sick, and disabled.

Atmosphere, for the first time in more than 20 years, was one of helpfulness toward the wage-earner instead of domination by big business groups seeking to put over legislation favoring them and hurting the worker.

Out of the session it is expected that many very beneficial laws will be forthcoming, and organized labor can thank itself for getting out and voting last Nov. 4, killing the vicious right-to-work proposal and at the same time electing men pledged to help the common citizen rather than powerful special interests.

Diesel Instructor Job Is Open with State

State personnel board announces exams will be held for Northern California jobs as instructor in diesel engine operation and repair. Final date for filing applications, Feb. 20. Exam date, March 14. Forms available at state employment offices.

Another job opening is state park attendant, for men with construction background. Final filing date, Feb. 27. Exam date, March 21.



HENRY BURNS
Oakland, Calif., Jan. 2, 1959

LAWRENCE R. OSTERTAG
Bayside, Calif., Jan. 4, 1959

JOHN H. PERKINS
Georgetown, Calif., Jan. 9, 1958

JAMES VALENTINE
Anderson, Calif., Jan. 12, 1959

WALTER R. STOLL
Richmond, Calif., Jan. 16, 1959

E. P. LINDQUIST
El Cerrito, Calif., Jan. 18, 1959

GEORGE N. LUTHGE
Pollock Pines, Calif., Jan. 19, 1959

ROBERT O'BRIEN
Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 19, 1959

JACK ASBURY
Toole, Utah, Jan. 21, 1959

MORLEY N. DAVIS
Oroville, Calif., Jan. 21, 1959

RICHARD F. ENGEL
Redwood City, Calif., Jan. 24, 1959

LOUISE E. MORSE
San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 25, 1959

E. H. RITCHIE
Woodland, Calif., Jan. 26, 1959

MICHAEL MORAN
San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 26, 1959

WM. GARRETT
Ogden, Utah, Jan. 27, 1959

AUGUST C. BOKELMAN
Walnut Creek, Calif., Jan. 30, 1959

BOYD CABLE
San Francisco, Calif., Jan. 30, 1959

JACK G. JONES
Spur, Texas, Jan. 31, 1959

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The City by the Golden Gate

GIANT BUILDING PROGRAM SET FOR SAN FRANCISCO

By DAN MATTESON and GEORGE BAKER,
Business Representatives

THE BIG BUILD ON FOR SAN FRANCISCO IN '59 . . . San Francisco's face is in the process of being lifted to the tune of \$340,000,000, according to the 1958 Annual Report just released by the Chamber of Commerce. Twenty-one major projects with \$114,991,000 committed for construction are all in the area from Van Ness Avenue East, to the Bay. There are seven newly announced projects, amounting to \$225,000,000.

The huge building program as pinpointed by the Chamber of Commerce report in the downtown area are as follows:

1. Fairmont Hotel, Powell & California Streets; 21 stories.
2. American Trust Company, 464 California St.; 12 stories.
3. John Hancock Insurance Company, California & Battery;
4. American President Lines, California & Kearny; 21 stories.
5. Pacific Telephone, Pine & Kearny; 7 stories.
6. Swig Building, 111 Pine St.; 25 stories.
7. Golden Gateway produce area.
8. Bethlehem Pacific, Califor-

- nia & Davis; 15 stories.
9. Crown-Zellerbach, Market & Battery; 22 stories.
10. Sutter Stockton Garages.
11. Prudential Insurance Company, Post & Stockton; multi-stories.
12. Hilton Hotel, O'Farrell & Mason; 20 stories.
13. Hilton Offices, Ellis & Taylor; 20 stories.
14. Jack Tar Hotel, Geary & Van Ness; 9 stories.
15. State Office Building, Golden Gate Avenue; 8 stories.
16. Federal Office Building.
17. State Compensation Insurance Building, Golden Gate Avenue.
18. Civic Center Garage, three story underground.
19. California State Auto Association Bldg., Van Ness Ave.; 9 stories.
20. Bank of America, South Van Ness; 8 stories.
21. Hall of Justice, Seventh & Bryant.

San Mateo -- Hub of the Peninsula

Where is Old Man Winter?

By BILL RANEY and JERRY DOWD, Business Representatives

This has been one of the best winters in San Mateo County for some time. The weather has not held up any work to speak of. Rather, it is the lack of weather that has kept a few jobs from starting. Many employers logically thought, "Surely it will rain next week, so we will wait." But now, time limits are running out and many jobs are coming alive. We have at present a sizable out of work list, but at that it is just about half as large as the one we were carrying at this time last year.

Parker is still operating two shifts and going strong. C. J. Woods also has a two shift job in San Carlos. The airport is buzzing with many different jobs. Seems as if every third available lot has a dozer cutting out a pad for a house or a new industrial building.

It seems that bids may be opened on February 26th to see who gets the bid for the Half Moon Breakwater job. If this preliminary job is followed by an eventually completed breakwater it will of course cause a tremendous boom in the coastal area. Piers and docks and associated industries will follow, with thousands of homes to house the added working people in the area. Fishing fleets finding a beautifully provided harbor will no doubt move up from Monterey. Beach resorts will flourish. This will force a new highway or tunnel to eliminate the Devil's slide hazard. To properly service the increased traffic problems, no doubt the Junipero Serra Freeway will be speeded up, and the 19th Avenue extension will become an immediate necessity. This first approximately four million dollar contract will be an historic event for the Operating Engineers. It could provide a thousand jobs for us in the next four or five years.

Now that the pressure is on for more homes and money seems a little easier, we see many subdivision areas getting under way again. By midsummer we should see even more housing areas being leveled. A great amount of the level land has been used so that from now on we should see more rough country being graded, which of course takes more cats, more 20's, more rippers and more engineers.

When registering on the out-of-work list be sure you give us the proper telephone number—a great many jobs are lost by deserving brothers who are in such a hurry signing in that they forget to put the telephone number on the list, or are careless when writing down their number.

Your employment offices are no longer signing the green 4607 cards formerly required by the

Department of Employment. The department informs us that they will recognize that an Operating Engineer need only register on the out of work list in order to be eligible for benefits. Be sure to sign in, Brothers. They do check on this.

Due to many telephone calls we are repeating the new address of the San Mateo office: 1527 South B St., San Mateo, telephone FIreside 5-8237.

NOTICE

The Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank mobile unit will be at the Presbyterian Church on Castro St., Mt. View on Friday, Feb. 27, 1959 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

McCLELLAN AFB, California. Award to Fruin-Colnon Const. Co., 48 Park Rd., Burlingame, 2,688,925, by Sacto. Dist., Corps of Engrs., for flight test hangar, access apron and taxiway, and utils. at McClellan AFB, Calif.

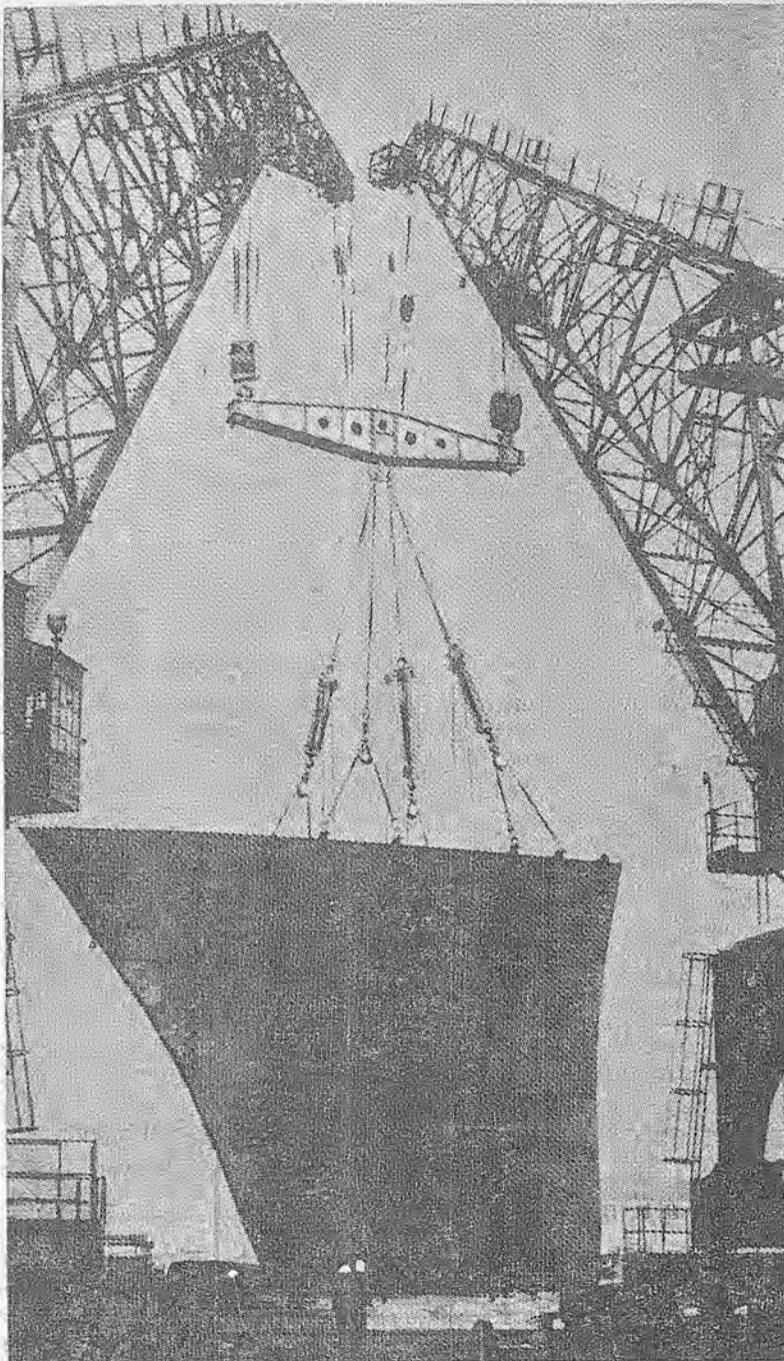
Young Billy came home from camp with the news that on the last day the arts and crafts counselor had awarded prizes for the best drawing.

"Did you get one?" asked his mother.

"No," replied the child, smiling brightly, "But I got horrible mention."

Anyone who thinks by the inch and talks by the yard ought to be moved by the foot.

Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries.



NEEDLE NOSE IN PLACE—Giant portal cranes, in skilled hands of Operating Engineers, guide into place the big bow section of the Missile Cruiser Maham (DLG-11), now a-building at S.F. Naval Shipyard's Drydock No. 2. This step completed the new-type ship's body outline. (Photo, courtesy SFNS "Drydocker.")



CALIF. LABOR FEDERATION—That's the name of the new AFL-CIO state labor organization, merged at the recent San Francisco convention. Bro. Newell Carman of Local 3 is one of the CLF vice-presidents, shown here third from left in front row. In picture are (faces showing), left to right: M. R. Callahan, Herbert Wilson, and C. J. Christian, Los Angeles; Lowell Nelson, Vallejo; Bro. Carman; Bill Phillipini, Santa Barbara; Howard Reed, Contra Costa county; T. A. Small, San Mateo; Al Green, Modesto; Pat Somerset, Hollywood; Thomas Goodbody, San Diego.

Brothers, your response to our appeal for blood in the last issue of our paper was most gratifying and we want to express our sincere thanks to the many brothers who took time out to donate. Keep up the good work. TAKE IT EASY!

Because two of our members were involved in accidents on the job this past month, we are appealing to all the brothers working at the trade to be more cautious. Brother George who works for Harney, had the misfortune to put his hand in the fan of the motor on the truck crane he was operating. He is very lucky to only have 18 stitches in his hand . . . he could just as easily have lost the entire hand! The other accident involved Brother Finley who, while working on a Hoist on Bethlehem's Building, lost one finger because the machine was not properly guarded. So, brothers, if you think the machines or any of the machinery you operate on your job is unsafe call your Business Representative before you are hurt . . . we'd rather have these conditions corrected BEFORE there are accidents . . . than after the damage has been done!

Although prospects for the spring seem very bright, the out-of-work list is very large and the call for men is very slow at the present time.

Doelger in Westlake is very busy grading lots and foundations. They are building an average of six homes per day, so many of our Brothers are happily employed out there. Of course Doelger's shop crew are kept busy . . . keeping the rigs rolling!

Right across the way Haskins is still working a large spread and the Brothers employed there as operators and mechanics have lost very few days this winter.

Several of the larger jobs are now in the finishing stages . . . these include Harney's Embarcadero freeway, Peter Kiewit's Central freeway; Harney's Geary Blvd. job and his Portola Drive job. These jobs have furnished many of our members steady employment the last couple of years.

As usual there are many small jobs scattered around town . . . these include the usual street, pipe-line, curb and gutter work and several parking lots, building and playgrounds.

SACTO AWAITS START OF JOBS

By D. R. KINCHLOE, ERNIE NELSON, ED HEARNE and BILL METTZ, Business Representatives

The work in the Sacramento area is still very slow, despite this good weather we have been having. Work has picked up some, not like we want. We have been clearing six to eight men, on the average, per day. But when it does break, it will be good, very good!

Brothers who are on the out of work list and go back to work, please call in the office and let us know so we can take you off the "out of work list."

Brothers, drop by the Blood Bank at 3230 "J" Street and donate your blood to the Operating Engineers. We have many brothers who need blood, as well as their families, at different times. Our blood bank is getting low. Call GI. 1-1296 and make an appointment, Brothers. We will post the names of the donors in each month's Engineers News.

The following brothers and their families have donated recently:

Fred Lacert, Mrs. Viola Berg, Hary L. Camden, Alfonse Ver-cruyssen, John Sheehan, James C. Wood, Mrs. Iola Livermore, Norma Gault, Robert E. Baer, Daniel Clancy, Henry Goodwin.

Residents of the American River Jr. College District, which includes all of Sacramento County north of the American River, are being asked at a special election March 17 to approve a 17c override tax to provide urgently needed funds for college operational purposes.

Through an override tax election, voters may authorize the college board of trustees to levy a tax higher than the statutory maximum of 35 cents (established in 1937).

Approval of the tax will enable the college to continue its present educational program which is providing college level education and technical training to several thousand north area residents.

In the past, operating engineers and their union officials have been especially helpful to the college by assisting in the planning of a number of the trade extension and other technical courses, such as the highway and levee construction course and Heavy Equipment mechanics now being offered. Many dependents of Operating Engineers in the college district are among students at the college.

College board members explained that money from the special tax is needed because operational income is not keeping up with the student enrollment increases and the inflationary trend. The available operating funds per student have decreased steadily over the past several years.

A portion of the proposed tax would go toward adjusting instructor salaries at the college. Recent figures of the State Department of Education's Research Bureau show that the average ARJC instructor salary—\$5,825—is the second lowest in the state, and is \$1,500 below the state average.

Without additional operational funds to remedy the salary situation, ARJC will risk losing many of its most effective faculty members, and will be placed in an extremely poor competitive position for attracting capable new instructors.

Part of the tax money would go toward adjusting salaries of college classified personnel, which have been unchanged for two years, to bring them more in line with salaries paid for similar services by other employers in the area.

College officials pointed out that without the additional tax

funds, the college would have to drastically reduce or eliminate adult education offerings and important vocational programs. Pupil-teacher ratios would have to be increased to an indefensible level.

A trade extension course in Highway and Levee Const. Technology will begin Feb. 3, 1959 at American River Jr. College, under auspices of the A.R.J.C. adult evening division. The class will be taught Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. in room 305 at the college, 470 Oak Ave.

Subjects to be covered in the 48-hour course include surveying and its purpose, surveying equipment and its use, reading of blueprints and work layout from blueprints and Saturday field trips. The following brothers have enrolled:

Monte Lund, George Lund, Keith W. Word, Chester Teegarden, Glenn E. Swann, Robert R. Steves, Edward Flaherty, Marvin D. Reed.

John W. Livingston, Joseph C. Romel, Richard K. Froh, Harold Quigg, Jerald Shearer, Junior Shepard, Jack Cunningham.

Fred L. Adams, Austin Thomkins, Karl J. Richofsky, Gordon James, Ed Pratt, Louiz Cozally, Harold Darling, L. K. Bartz, Angelo Mendoza, Mr. Olson, Bill C. Collins, and others whose names aren't available.

SLOW IN TOWN

Things in Sacramento area are slow at this time. We have had good weather this year, but contractors are not starting any work that they don't have to.

Lock Bridge Const. has been working a few members on their Bridge & Locks job in W. Sacramento. Le Boeuf & Daugherty is driving the piles on this job.

Pacific Dredge is going full blast on the deep water channel.

Low Jones is working on the structures on their So. Sacramento freeway job. They still have some dirt to move on this job, but that will not start until spring.

Teichert & Son have a few members working on some small jobs in the Woodland area. Their gravel plant in Woodland is still going strong.

Madison Sand & Gravel is still running one of their plants.

Gordon Ball is putting finishing touches on their Highway 90 job at Winters. Madison Sand & Gravel is laying the hot stuff on this job. Ball was low bidder on a hanger and apron job at McClellan Field.

Harms Brothers have a small spread working on their subdivision. These Brothers have worked off and on all winter.

Wm. Gannon has started working his spread again and they will keep going as long as the weather permits.

W. H. Schallock, out of Bakersfield, has a small sewage plant going just north of McClellan Field. This plant will service the Sun Gold Housing Project, which will have 520 new homes in it. C. O. Brand is doing all of the underground work on this job.

The tractor shops around town are all going strong. Some of them are hoping for it to rain so it will run in some work.

Brother Michael Sheehan, who has worked around the Woodland area for the past five years, passed away Feb. 3, 1959. Brother Mike had been ill for some time.

NOTICE

EVENING HOURS CHANGED FROM THURSDAY TO 8 P.M. WEDNESDAY.

Beginning Wednesday evening, March 4th, 1959, the Sacramento office will be open until 8 p.m. The reason for the change from Thursday evening to Wednesday evening is because of the fact that the Sacramento Building Trades Council meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights of each month. Since it is important that all business representatives attend these meetings, we have scheduled the evening opening for Wednesday of each week rather than Thursday.

Brother Ed Ritchie, an old-time member who had been a foreman for Granite Const., passed away on Jan. 25, 1959. Brother Ed had been in and out of the hospital for the last three or four years.

SLOW ON SNOW

Brothers, it's tough sledding in the Lake area this year. No snow! We reported in the last issue that a new ski lift was to be constructed at Heavenly Valley ski area. We were talking to the operators of Heavenly Valley the other day and they have had such a poor season to date that they may be forced to cancel the plans due to lack of money. We hope not!

Work in the area is virtually at a standstill at present, despite the lack of white stuff, but the prospects look good for the south end of the lake next summer.

J. W. Lee has a small amount of finish work left on the airport before Harms Brothers can pave it.

We have heard that Harms Bros. will take over the balance of the Luther Pass job on Highway 89, from C. S. Phillips & Sons. The job was to have been completed by November 18, 1958, but is only about 60 per cent finished.

Also will report later on, of other work coming up around the lake as soon as we get the information.

Work has been spotty around Placerville due to the weather. We have been devoting quite a bit of time to a couple of companies in particular and we feel that progress has been made. We also wish to thank the Brothers in Placerville for helping us keep track of these outfits. This just goes to prove that if the Brothers will tell the representative when they see something wrong on the job, it really pays off in good working conditions throughout the area.

Chris Henningsen and Sons have shut down their rock plant on Cold Springs Rd. and are picking up a little work here and there for their truck crane. They are also furnishing concrete for Gibbons and Reed at the Ice House Dam.

Ed Shinn and Son has had two or three cats going when weather permits. He builds a lot of storage dams for farmers and ranchers throughout the area.

Bennett Murray is going good on his road job at Sommerset. He recently moved in two DW 21's and put them to work. John Hocking also has several cats on the job. We wish we had a few more jobs like this one, where rain doesn't bother the operation at all.

Tom Hall, Masonry Contractor, from Sacramento is putting in the brick work at the El Dorado High School. We had, or have, Brother Amos McCoy on

the tusk hoist doing the hoisting on the job.

Herrick Iron Works has their rig back on this job from time to time. Henderson Const. Co. is the prime contractor on the job.

On the Upper American River Project there are still three of the major contractors working.

Piombo Const. Co. is concentrating on the road to the Jaybird Powerhouse for the road to Junction Dam is about completed. This job has progressed well ahead of schedule due to the unseasonable weather.

Ice House Dam

Gibbons and Reed Co. have a fair sized crew working at Ice House Dam. Two shovels and several cats going pretty steadily. Four or five mechanics manage to keep pretty busy in the shop. The job is getting to the point where it can kick off without any delay in the spring.

Frazier-Davis Co. is still working three headings at this time, but should be moving the crew from the outfall portal to the adit and working two complete crews by the time this reaches you.

As soon as they quit driving tunnel at the outfall they will be able to start the surge shaft and the interlining. This part of the job must be completed by December 1, 1959.

Brothers, it is our sad duty to report the passing of our friend and brother, James Durham of Grass Valley. At the time of his death, Brother Jim was employed as a truck crane operator by Frazier-Davis. His death came about as the result of a tragic accident which demolished the truck crane he was operating. It was fortunate that Brother Troy Manezr Jr. was outside of the rig when it went over the bank. Brothers, we ask you again to look for and report all unsafe conditions to the company. If nothing is done, then report it to your Union Safety Representative.

So far this year the weather has held in favor of the Engineers. Work is going at approximately forty-five per cent capacity. Most contractors are very reluctant to open up the jobs because of the probability of rains yet to come. However, they are anxious to get going as soon as possible.

Teichert's crews are busy throughout the area. Paving when they can, or repairing the equipment. The shop crew at Perkins are overhauling, renewing or rebuilding the rigs at a high rate of speed. The portable-crusher crew are the ones that get around the most. This particular plant has made several moves this last month. It is so built and arranged that it can be dismantled and reassembled in less than four days, which is fast compared to its size and productivity. Teichert's have several small jobs going in Aerojet. These boys move around through the cable piles to no end. The Perkins Plant is going every day to keep a supply of aggregates available for one and all.

AT AEROJET

Brighton Sand & Gravel have crews going and have called a great number of Engineers back to work. This past season was their best yet. Their crews at Aerojet have had a good go for the winter months and are building roads, revetments and building sites at several locations. The rock plant on Jackson Road, and the batch plant carries a full time crew. The repair and shop gang have most of the



equipment in good shape for the coming season.

The Haggin Sand & Gravel Co. has a go-ahead crew of engineers. This is a smooth operation and production is the by-word.

P.C.A. at Fair Oaks are always short of sand and they just keep ahead of demand. There are mostly old-timers at this plant who know the business well, so consequently the company is always happy.

Most of the Ready-Mix boys are busy, with no end in sight for a slow up. The engineers that are at the controls will mix anything you need for your particular job. They are all competent engineers. At the present, Folsom Ready Mix, Sacto. Ready Mix, Granite, Roseville Ready Mix, Fair Oaks Sand & Gravel, Teichert and Brighton Sand & Gravel are the biggest producers. The brothers at the Fair Oaks plant along the American River are busy and happy the year round.

Granite's shop crew have kept busy overhauling the equipment and are waiting for clear skies so as to get things rolling.

Robert E. L. Parker at Aerojet keeps three to six men going on small maintenance work. This company has been able to work every day and have a fine bunch of boys on the payroll.

The sub-division work is steadily gaining momentum. With the coming of spring this type of work will furnish employment for a lot of engineers. There are several large tracts planned to start as soon as weather permits. The amount of money invested each year in improvements, new industry, homes and commercial properties is at an all time high. More than a quarter of a billion dollars will be spent next year in Sacramento County on this type of construction. It is no wonder that we do enjoy a great degree of prosperity in this area when the work is at its peak.

Looking around the countryside you find the long-boom boys working at every turn in the road. Reliable Crane Co. is anticipating expansion this coming season with a new 25-ton Michigan. Sacramento Valley Crane gets the heavy lifts with their 60 ton rig. Wilken's men get their share of the work as does Isabell, McLaughton and Pollock. These brothers are of the best. It doesn't take long to separate the men from the boys when it comes to crane work. It also holds true to any particular classification of work in construction.

Most of the owner-operators, with their small equipment, have had a good month, far beyond the usual expectations. These brothers should each be commended for their support given to Local No. 3. They keep a lot of work going and pour a large amount of money into circulation in our community.

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By H. T. "PETE" PETERSEN, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, WARREN LE MOINE, TOMMY THOMPSON, and JOHNNY SCALES, Business Representatives.

Superior Judge Folger Emerson has made a decision very important to the council. The decision seemingly sets a precedent to guide the council in getting its contracts with firms enforced.

Judge Emerson ordered Walter L. Boito of Oakland to live up to the terms of a contract requiring the hiring of union labor in the work of wrecking the old Southern Pacific round house. If Boito fails to do as ordered by the court, he makes himself liable to contempt proceedings, with jail or fine, or both, for punishment. BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers told the council delegates that the success of the action shows that labor people as well as employers can get some help through injunction procedure.

Early in January Superior Judge Chris B. Fox had issued a temporary restraining order Boito and against W. H. Dority of Stanislaus County. This order stopped work on the roundhouse demolition until a hearing on whether the order should be continued in force. Papers were served on Boito, but Childers said that every effort to serve them on Dority failed, so it was necessary to go into court without having located Dority.

Immediately argument broke out as to what the business relationship was between Dority and Boito. Herbert Johnson, attorney for the BTC, contended that there was more than a bill of sale of the bricks from the old roundhouse involved, that there was a contractual relationship against which the BTC contract could be enforced. This contention was sustained. Johnson had pointed out that BTC contracts are enforced legally on contractor and subcontractors down to the third party. It was agreed in conference that Boito will proceed with the wrecking job, with a non-union superintendent in charge, but with all the workers union craftsmen. Meanwhile, the temporary restraining order against Dority remains in effect. The claim for damages included in the original action by the BTC was under the conference agreement dropped. The basis for the action in the first place was the allegation by the BTC that the two defendants had signed in Stanislaus County a regular contract with the Building Trades there, and that this contract contains a clause that its provisions shall be enforced in any other county where similar contracts are held by building trades central bodies.

The success of the Building Trades Council and the Operating Engineers in getting the Superior Court to issue an injunction preventing a contractor from using non-union labor on a demolition job is of great significance. This issue brings out the fact that there is a big invasion of Alameda County by firms from the valley on demolition jobs. The injunction issued by Judge Folger Emerson indicates that any such firm which in another county has signed a contract with a building trades central body will have to toe the line in its operations here. Anti-labor people had hoped that the valley would spearhead a drive against unionism which would ultimately smash or cripple unionism in this area. A special effort has been made to injure the building trades craftsmen in the valley. The way valley voters turned out to defeat Proposition 18 was one encouraging indication that the reactionaries had best not put too much faith in the valley. This war isn't over yet, by any means. But the big vote against 18 polled by the valley, and this court decision are both very encouraging.

SAFETY CONFERENCE

Lrother Petersen's Report on the Governor's Safety Conference. . . .

The construction session was

well attended by building trades union representatives. Most important was the adoption of the committee's report, calling for the support of both labor and management on legislation calling for the licensing of operators of construction equipment and machinery.

McGuire & Hester of Oakland have the Flood Control job at Irvington in Alameda County. On the first section of this job they had 18,000 cubic yards of muck to move in a one-mile section. They started with two DW 10's, one carry-all and one push cat and blade, but after the first big rain they moved in a N.W. 80 Dragline and have about 300 feet more to go. The operators on this job are Brother Terrell Young, operator, Brother Grady Jackson as oiler, Brother Paul Stone as blade operator and Brother Melvin Stevens on dozer. The second section of the Flood Control job is south about one mile and they have some 27,000 cubic yards of dirt to move. They have a N.W. 80 Dragline on this job with Brother W. Fletcher running it and Brother H. Anderson doing the oiling. They are moving better than 2,000 cubic yards of muck per day. Brother Don Miller is running a DW 10, Brother Dennis Maniz is on the D-8 carryall and Brother Johnny Johnston is on a D-8 dozer. This job is under the supervision of Brother Jim Fugate.

The Columbia-Geneva Steel Division of United States Steel is planning to expand its galvanized sheet producing facilities at its Pittsburg plant, according to L. B. Worthington, president. The rapidly increasing use of galvanized sheets on the West Coast had necessitated the expansion.

Work is still pretty slow in the Oakland area although it has improved somewhat this year as to what we had last year at this time. Some small jobs are starting but nothing of any size. J. W. Lee have started their job on Mountain Blvd. on the Stolte-M-K water filter plant job. J. W. Lee subbed the dirt work from them and have at present one loader and one dozer working on the job, also eight trucks. Bro. Elmer Pugh is on the loader and Brother Walker on the dozer. They have about 86,000 yards to move and it will be about four months' work. As the job progresses there will be grading and paving to complete the job which will take approximately eighteen months.

Fredrickson & Watson's job at the Oakland Airport is moving along good. They have the runways and taxiways excavated and have moved the pulls off of the job. They are placing Base rock at present and have about 7,000 yards down. They have two blades, three rollers and two dozers working. Basalt Rock Co. have a rig on this job. They are unloading rock for Fredrickson & Watson at this time with Brother Floyd Nicholson supervising for Basalt Rock Co.

The Equipment shops have had a very good winter. Peterson Tractor Co. have been hiring heavy duty mechanics and welders. They have been having a heavy schedule on used equipment and also in the Service Department.

GENERAL CHEMICAL

Expansion of the General Chemical plant in Richmond was revealed today, and ground-breaking will begin immediately. The news came direct from New York. It will be the second expansion of the Castro Street plant in 3½ years. Last time the \$1.5 million program doubled productive capacity to 300 tons daily, but there was no increase in staff. It was indicated that another \$1.5 million will be spent. No details on the size of the new expansion were released. The Richmond plant now has 25 employees. A spokesman for Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., parent company of General Chemical, said the local plants' sulphuric acid-producing facilities "are being expanded to meet the increasing requirements of customers throughout the area." The expanded Richmond plant will remain under the supervision of Steven F. La Katos, who was named manager last November. Allied Chemical is a major producer of sulphuric acid and other basic industrial chemicals. Through the General Chemical division, the corporation operates 21 sulphuric acid plants in the United States and Canada. Three of them are in California.

Robert Mulloy has kept his crew working pretty steady on the school job on Skyline Blvd. in Oakland this winter. They have about 30 days left on this job. There was about 300,000 yards to move and it is about 65 per cent finished. He has four jeeps, two cats and one balde working. He also has a dozer and loader doing some clean-up work and landscaping. They should be finished in about one week on the church job.

Hilp & Rhodes are making



A D7 equipped with No. 7G Gyrodozer pioneers a construction road in rocky soil in the Sierras. Teeth attached to moldboard fracture rock in advance of dozer blade. Tip and tilt of blade are accomplished thru use of hydraulic cylinders mounted to draft arms. The Gyrodozer is proving itself in a variety of applications for rough materials working.

good time on the Montgomery-Ward building on E. 12th and 29th Ave. in Oakland. They have poured 7,000 yards of concrete and have about 9,000 yards left to pour. This job has kept several of the Brothers working through winter. They have a crane crew and a Ross Carrier on the job at present and will soon have another crane working. The new building will be four floors high and is an addition to the present building. P. & Z. Drilling Co. have finished drilling for the columns on the job last week and have moved off the job.

RICHFIELD DOCKS

The Richfield Oil Corporation today announced the awarding of a contract to the Duncanson-Harrelson Co. of Richmond for the construction of concrete vessel and barge docks at the site of the projected new Richmond Terminal of the Richmond inner harbor. It is the first step in an extensive expansion program planned for this area by the Richfield Co. Besides the new docks the oil firm spokesman also revealed that they are preparing to award contracts and start construction during 1959 on three gasoline storage tanks on the hill in back of the new terminal site. On the terminal site itself, six new tanks will be constructed this year for petrochemical products along with 40,000 barrel tanks for jet fuel. Altogether the company plans to spend an estimated two million in Richmond this year. Still more projects will be budgeted for future years, it was indicated. It is expected that work on the new docks will start in the very near future and when they are completed they will accommodate large ocean-going tankers. Work detail for 1959, in addition to the two docks and the new tanks, will include product lines from the docks to existing tankage. Lines will also be installed tying the new docks together to allow barge loading at the same time a vesse lis unloading. Shore to dock communication and intercom installa-

tions will also be made plus shoreside lighting and a roadway along the waterway which parallels the new docks.

YUBA EXPANSION

Organization of a new Yuba division to be based at Richmond, was announced today by John L. Mcgara, president and board chairman of Yuba Consolidated Industries, Inc. The new division to be known as Yuba Consolidated Erectors, Inc., will perform on a national basis all field erection work for Yuba's steel fabricating division. Pacific Coast operations will be based in the Richmond inner harbor where the company has taken a long term lease on several acres of land at the foot of South Fourteenth Street. The Richmond land was previously used by the Judson, Pacific & Murphy Co. for assembling of Richmond-San Rafael Bridge components, the new Carquinez Bridge and the Los Angeles sewer project sea platform. Yuba Consolidated spokesmen said the company was preparing to enter bids on a number of bridges and steel construction projects on the Pacific Coast, and in event they are awarded the contracts the assembly work will be done here.

Company representatives also indicated a large amount of equipment, including heavy duty land and sea cranes, barges and tugs would be based here. President of the new division is J. Philip Murphy, and Vice President and General Manager is Francis J. Murphy. Both men, nationally known in the field of steel fabrication and erection, successfully worked together in the construction of such steel structures as the world's highest arch bridge over the Colorado river at Glen Canyon, Arizona; the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, second longest bridge in the world; Interstate Bridge Portland, Oregon; 120th inch telescope atop Mt. Hamilton; Atlas ICBM test stands; giant gentry cranes for McNary Dam, Washington, and many others. By combining and coordinating the use of erection equipment and key personnel previously controlled individually by Yuba's 6 eastern and western steel fabricating divisions, Yuba Consolidated Erectors, Inc., now makes available to all divisions of the corporation a group of highly skilled personnel and complete facilities for any kind of water or land project. The division will specialize in the erection and installation of structural steel and steel plate fabricated products.

Tunnel Rock Co. has curtailed production for the second time this year because of the lack of water to wash the rock. Other jobs are down because of wet ground and no sunshine.

Valley Engineers is winding up and moving out of Orinda and Lafayette areas into Oakland for more pipeline work. They were approximately two months in Orinda.

C. C. Moore, Rotheild, Raffin & Wierick, Independent Iron and Midwest Pipe Co. are active at the steam plant in Pittsburg, but with no new hiring.

Charles Harney in Walnut Creek is getting a little concrete in the forms between rain. Very little excavation remains to be done and what there is must wait on the concrete.

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Oakland Area News

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M.G.M. Construction Co. is getting a long toward the end of their sewer line off Industrial Highway in Martinez. The boys tell us that they have encountered every kind of digging but gold. Mud, sandstone and solid rock.

Martin Bros. are moving their equipment to a location north of Dixon, California for 17 miles of pipeline. The job will consist of precast and monolith type construction for the Solano County Irrigation District. Brother John Ivancich is to be super on the job. A special digging wheel is being built at the yard in Concord to conform to the rigid specification of the job. Brother Tommy Carter is mater mechanic with the sole assistance of Morris Lodge, Johnnie Brown, Wes Rogers and Joe Lea, operator and oiler respectfully, will do the digging with this "Martin special" Parsons. The company has 180 calendar days to complete this \$589,000 venture.

O. C. Jones finished their job cleaning up a slide area in Willow Pass on Industrial Hwy. in Pittsburg. They were also installing drain lines. There were five men working on this job.

This story concerns a cat skinner who worked non-union all his life. He followed the trade 40 years and never once joined the union. Finally he became ill and the doctor told him that death was only a few weeks off. As is natural in such situations, he began giving his wife instructions as to what she should do in preparation for his exit from earth. "Go to the undertakers," he said, "and pick out a suitable casket. Pick out a lot at the cemetery and then go to the union hall and hire six crane operators to act as pall bearers." "For Heaven's sake," replied the wife, "I can understand the casket and the cemetery lot, but why the union pall bearers. All your life you worked non-union; why do you want union members to be pall bearers?" "Well," replied the guy, "they carried me all my life so they may as well finish the job."—Attn.: T. S., San Jose—(E.B.L. Journal)

Macal Improvement Co., Inc., with Brother Louis H. Roberts officiating is coming out of mothballs for a couple of weeks rental work in preparation for a trip and a job north of Sacramento, California, early this spring. They will work on a project in conjunction with Malfitano & Sons.

Judson Pacific & Murphy are keeping things alive on the Rio Vista bridge. Otherwise this area is shop bound waiting for the weather and the jobs.

Gallagher & Burk are moving some 140,000 yards on the Inland Valley school job near Moraga. Brother Al Hill is super on this job with Brothers Carl Bickford and Jack Hays on the dozers. Brothers T. Z. Sanders and Burl Warren are on the rubber rigs, Brother Wayne Stokes on the grade, Brother George Broce on the Lorain with Brother Anderson doing the oiling.

Vita - Peat, the stuff that keeps the soil loose and the Saturday gardeners busy is also keeping a group of the brothers busy in the Delta Area. The following brothers are working: Normal Miguel, Mark Lauren-

zen as oiler, Frank Mello as mechanic, Buck Duncan and Ben Cole are machine operators. Bill Irmin and Roy Hays are on the tractors.

News About The Brothers

Brother Gene Hansen is resting and recuperating in the Walnut Creek Kaiser Hospital from a slight heart attack. We are wishing you a quick recovery, Gene.

Roy Smallwood, one of our less fortunate brothers is recovering from a bullet wound in the arm, a result of "a live western" a few weeks ago. Roy is in the Pittsburg General Hospital. Better luck next time, Roy in ducking.

Brother Bruce Cromwell left January 24 for Saigon, Vietnam. While there he will be working for Johnson, Drake and Piper and will be staying indefinitely. If anyone wishes to write to Bruce please contact our office for the address.

This seems to be our month for members being in the hospital. Brother Chester Oiler from Martinez is in the Community Hospital for an operation. Lots of luck, Chester.

Another Brother has been in the hospital for a serious operation. Brother Floyd Egelston has been in the Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley. Floyd is a mechanic for the city of Oakland.

We received a note from Bro. Al Steede who is working in the Persian Gulf. He has been there a little over a year with less than six months to go. Al says the weather has been fair and warm and the job good.

Brother Ray Darrigo has been in the Eden Hospital having an operation on his back. Brother Ray is home now and we want to wish him well.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

TRACY, Calif. — Award to Carvers Const. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 484, Stockton, \$1,298,500 by State Div of Archt, Pub Works Bldg, Sacto., for const. reception guidance center at Deuel Vocational Institute, Tracy, California, (general work)

SAN LEANDRO — Award to Lathrop Const Co., Inc., 800 University Ave., Berkeley, \$1,225,000 by H. H. Burbank, City Clerk, an Leandro for const. library center at Estudillo and Callan Aves., San Leandro, California.

HONOLULU, OAHU, award to Hood Const. Co. & J. A. Thompson & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 2167, Los Nietos, \$1,079,150 by Hawaii Aeronautics Comm., Honolulu for demolition, clear., excav., fill & comp., abandon, cut or plug, rearrange or reroute exist. utils. sys. in por. of airport site, aprx. 98.3 acres, site develop., stage 1 at Honolulu International Airport.

CARSON CITY, Nev., award to Industrial Const. Co., 311 S. 1st St., Las Vegas, Whiting Bros. Const. Co., Inc., 106 1/2 W. Wyoming, Las Vegas & General Contractors Co., 2133 Industrial Rd., Las Vegas, JV, \$1,946,948 (as stated 1-13) by Dept. of Hwys., Carson City for 9.599 mi. const. por. of IHS on hwy. 15 betw. 3.7 mi. NE & 13.3 mi. NE of Jean, Clark Co., Nevada.

SANTA ROSA AND UKIAH STILL DOWN

By R. F. SWANSON, Business Representative

Reminder—Union Meeting—Thursday, March 5th at 8:00 p.m., Ukiah Labor Temple. Please attend. It would sure be nice if no more need be said, but??? Yes, a lot more should be said for reasons best known to those who attended our last meeting held in Ukiah. The turnout was such that for a while we wondered if

there would be a quorum present. Please don't let this happen again. Write the date down and we will see you the first Thursday night of March. Thank you.

NOTICE

Brothers, in the past few months there have been questions asked as to when the business agent would be in the Ukiah area. In answer to this I would like to say that I have been in the Ukiah area every week but at varied times. Now for the convenience of the brothers I will be at the Ukiah Labor Temple every Wednesday morning between the hours of 8 and 10 a.m.

CLEARANCE

Please remember to keep your clearance—especially when going with a contractor from one area to another. I find that many of the brothers have been a little lax in this respect and it makes the job of a business agent a lot tougher when the brothers do not have the clearance with them.

This is just one of the duties of a BA to check these clearances and when the clearance is missing it necessitates the BA to check further to make sure the brother has been properly cleared. It is for your protection so please have your clearance with you.

AROUND THE JOBS

The area is still very slow as to new work, but there are still a number of brothers who have been working in between rains.

Ball and Simpsons' highway job near Cummings, at this writing, is working and surprisingly a lot of brothers have been able to work enough so as to do much better than they would through the unemployment offices. This job is progressing nicely and from all indications should be finished by July.

Presently Clyde Huntington and Bob Kearns are the shovel operators while Jack Ziegler and Leo Beers are the oilers. Carl Thomas is on the grease truck. The master nut-buster is Bill Bishop with Brothers Cooper, Able, Newton and Hodgson doing all the work.

Charlie Williams, Robert Besser, Moose Remstedt and Bob Nelson on the cats. Bob Montgomery, the blade operator. Oh yes, in writing about the workers I almost forgot about the supervisors. On top of the ladder is Wayne Morris and a few rungs down we find Ray Brown and George Tusio.

By the way, Wayne brought out a good point last week when I saw him on the job. He thought, and I agree, that it is very important for the employes to report to the employer even the slightest injury at the time the injury occurs. There have been many cases where the employe is injured on the job but he fails to report the injury and then at a later date he attempts to collect for doctor bills through the insurance carrier of the employer claiming he was injured on the job.

Needless to say this involves a legal question and when the injury has never been reported to the employer you can be sure the employers insurance carrier will be very hesitant in accepting responsibility.

There is quite a bit of activity on the road from Longvale to Covelo. Thomas Construction is moving right along on their \$150,000 bridge and road job located about 7 miles from Longvale. There are two S18 Euc's which are operated by Ray Jas-

job which the natives of that area said shouldn't be started until this year. I guess Archibold was the only one who figured that the rains would hold off.

Coyote Dam complete and starting back up a little water.

Presently the biggest job to look forward to comes up on February 25. This job should go for 2 1/2 million and a lot of big names have been looking this job over. A lot of rumors but personally I'll wait until the bids are open. The location, near Laytonville.

Outside of the above jobs things have changed very little since the last issue of this paper.

EMPLOYMENT OFFICE

We are very fortunate in this area that relations with the employment office is very good. The brothers in the area in general have been treated very fair and there have been very few complaints. Those few complaints that we have had so far have been taken care of very satisfactory. If any of you have any problems in relationship to the Department of Employment let me know and I will be glad to do what I can for you.

PERSONAL


A special thank you to Brothers Thomas E. Smith and William F. Brown for their donations of blood. Thanks Tom and Bill it is certainly appreciated.



WINTERTIME JOBS—Up until the second week in February at least it has been one of the mildest winters on record, making it possible for many contractors to continue work, whereas normally they are shut down tight. This picture shows work under way on Thomas Const. Co. bridge and road job seven miles east of Longvale which is just north of Willits in Mendocino county. A new bridge and road-straightening are due here.

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TO SERVE AND PROTECT YOU

Safety Division Goals Outlined

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Safety Representative

California continues its phenomenal growth. Paralleling this upsurge in population are the increasing services rendered by the Division of Industrial Safety.

Origin of Division. The Division of Industrial Safety was created as part of the Department of Industrial Relations by an act of the Legislature in 1945. Its functions previously were exercised by the Industrial Accident Prevention Bureau, which had its origin in 1914 within the Industrial Accident Commission.

Jurisdiction of Division. Under Division 5, Section 6312 of the Labor Code, "The Division has the power, Jurisdiction, and supervision over every employment and place of employment in this State, which is necessary adequately to enforce and administer all laws and lawful orders requiring such employment and place of employment to be safe, and requiring the protection of the life and safety of every employee in such employment or place of employment."

Among other things, the division has authority to investigate disabling or fatal industrial injuries; to check whether work places are safe; to prepare safety orders (standards of industrial safety) which, if approved by the Industrial Safety Board, have the effect of law; and to establish special orders, or rules and regulations, either upon complaint or on its own volition, to cover a specific individual place of employment or process of work.

The division has safety jurisdiction over all employments in California except for four groups—maritime workers on board ship; household domestics; federal employees, military and civilian; and operating employees of interstate railroads.

Activities Decentralized. To provide the best possible service to the people of California by making the best use of its safety

engineering personnel, which numbers only about 145, the Division of Industrial Safety's activities are largely decentralized, with 12 offices in all throughout the State.

In addition, during high activity periods in industries having a high rate of injuries, the division concentrates more manpower than usual on those industries.

The division's work is conducted mainly through its seven sections, each manned by specialists in their field. The seven sections are: Boiler, Construction, Educational, Electrical, Elevator, Industrial, and Mining and Petroleum. An Industrial Hygiene engineer and a Labor Liaison Representative round out the staff.

State Safety Orders. Minimum standards of safety, or safety orders, are established for all phases of industrial activity. These orders, once their need is determined, are created only after several steps; research and study; discussion at committee meetings where labor, management, the industry concerned, and all others interested are present; public hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles; and submission to the Industrial Safety Board, which must approve orders before they become effective.

Safety orders are revised if experience reveals any of them to be impracticable, or if new methods or processes introduce hazards that are not covered by existing orders. Revisions follow the same pattern of study, committee meetings, public hearings, and submission to the Industrial Safety Board.

Industrial Safety Board. Appointed by the Governor for overlapping terms of four years, and with the State Director of Industrial Relations as chairman, the Industrial Safety Board reviews proposed safety orders. A majority of the board must approve any orders before they can be filed with the Secretary of State in Sacramento, to become effective 30 days after filing.

Safety Orders in Effect. The first safety orders, effective in 1916, have been considerably augmented and revised. Current safety orders will be found in the California Administrative Code, Title 8, Industrial Relations, Division of Industrial Safety, Safety Orders.

Cooperation With Other Governmental Agencies. The Division of Industrial Safety works closely with all other governmental agencies, state and federal, that have parallel or similar responsibilities.

On the federal level, for instance, the division cooperates with the U.S. Department of Labor in promoting industrial safety conferences and in exchanging industrial safety information; with the Bureau of Labor Standards, U.S. Department of Labor, by exchanging information on the development of codes and standards; and with the Bureau of Mines, U.S. Department of Interior, by making joint surveys and studies of mineral producing operations; and, more and more as time goes on, with the Atomic Energy Commission.

On the state level, the division cooperates with many agencies, including the Department of Public Health, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Education, the Fire Marshal, and with other divisions in the Department of Industrial Relations.

The Department of Industrial Relations through its Division of Industrial Safety has a written agreement with the Department of Public Health, by which both agencies complement each other's services and work jointly in industrial health matters affecting the safety and health of workers.

The division works with the State Department of Agriculture in education on the safe use and handling of economic poisons; cooperates with the State Department of Education by giving courses on industrial safety and in preparing accident prevention materials for inclusion in textbooks; and cooperates with the State Fire Marshal by assisting in administering the State Fire Code.

The division cooperates with the Division of Apprenticeship Standards by preparing safety materials used in apprenticeship training; with the Division of Housing in questions affecting liquid petroleum gas tanks used by hotels and motels; with the Division of Industrial Welfare and Division of Labor Law Enforcement by referring to the divisions concerned ventilation and sanitary facility problems noted, and receiving from them notice of industrial hygiene violations; and with the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, by using the same accepted code of basic causes in the clarification of the thousands of accident reports received daily.

The close association with the Division of Labor Statistics and Research is particularly important. It enables quick recognition of any trend in injuries or any specific type of injury, so that corrective effort can be started without delay.

Education. In its endeavor to reduce work injuries, the division places such emphasis on education. Its educational program includes discussions with labor groups, employer groups, and organizations of various kinds, particularly the Statewide Governor's Industrial Safety Conference; participation in radio and television programs; preparation of material for inclusion in textbooks for apprentices; assistance and advice on plant safety program; creation of audio-visual aids; preparation and publication of the California Safety News—a quarterly devoted to accident prevention—and brochures on specific industrial hazards and means of controlling them.

Service to Public. While the Division of Industrial Safety is charged with the responsibility of enforcing state safety orders, its functions and services to the public go far beyond the mere enforcement of orders. Its staff is available for the solution of industrial problems involving the safety of workers. And the division cooperates with local and national organizations, as well as the governmental agencies mentioned above, in matters connected with the general welfare of workers.

The Division of Industrial Safety is guided by one main purpose—the steady reduction of work injuries—and it employs every means available to reach that end.



SPECIAL DELIVERY—First building of 13-story height where all steel was set by a truck crane rather than the usual stiff leg derrick, etc., is the So. Calif. Gas Co. building at 8th and Flower in Los Angeles. Here the Heisler and Woods crane is shown working on the 8th floor, using 180 feet of boom and jib. Prime contractor is Lindgren and Swinnerton, Inc. View is looking west on 8th street.

SOME FRESNO JOBS CONTINUE

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

As the month of February rolls around, the Valley is still enjoying relatively dry weather for this time of year. Most of the jobs are under way or running at least part-time, due to the mild weather in the Sierras. The Bechtel Company at Mammoth Pool have called back their crews and again are running two shifts on the DW 20s. This schedule will run to completion of the project late this year, weather permitting. The Rock Crushing plant, furnishing crushed rock for the care of the dam, is also running two shifts. The mechanics continue on a three-shift basis.

The clearing contractors, Hubner & Michner and R. & P. Construction Company, are taking advantage of the weather and are making good progress on clearing the pool area. The Utah Construction Company are making good time on the Mammoth Tunnel project. They have started excavation on the surge chamber and will soon move out of the outlet portal to make way for the installation of the Penstock, which is due to begin about April 1st. The Walt Taylor Company have resumed work on their Bass Lake job. They were forced to shut down their dirt spread due to wet weather, but have moved to a rock cut which should hold this crew over until dry weather hits.

The Fresno Paving Company have moved a portable crusher to their job site near Finegold, Madera county. This same company have also started on their job on Hiway 140 at Elportel, near Yosemite. The Mariposa Sand and Gravel Company have also moved a portable crusher to the Elportal area to furnish aggregate for building construction in the park.

The M. J. Ruddy Company will not resume work on the Lander Avenue job in Merced County until all threat of bad weather is over. The brothers working on the 99 Freeway job near Herndon have lost quite a bit of time, due to the many structures involved.

Guy F. Atkinson on Success dam, east of Porterville, on the Tule river will be pouring concrete for the foundations of the flood gate tower soon. The pit has been blasted and dug with a 54B drag and clam. The excavation of the Keyway will start soon. At the dam's base it will be 900 feet wide and at the top 23 feet. It will create a pool of 80,000 acre feet of water. This lake will be three and a half miles long and a mile and a half wide.

Winston & Green have a crew of technical engineers working on Terminus Dam. The ground breaking ceremonies have been set for February 19th. This job will be slow getting started. Walker & Peterson have one cat and a crew of drillers still working at Johnsondale. They hope to keep this crew busy all winter.

L. B. Wells will be putting down blacktop soon on his job at Tulare. Flores & Perry have finished the dirt on this job. This company has completed their job at Hanford. Griffith Company at Lemoore Airbase have started back to work after two weeks down, due to rain. They have 54 of the brothers back and are hauling dirt on a six mile road job. They will cement treat the road and if the weather holds, may get started on the runways.

Rain is the big problem on this job. The company has quite a few sub-contractors working. Kovich is digging trench and laying pipe. Lacey Construction

are putting up two big tanks. Clarence Ward has some housing and sewer. Robertson also has some concrete pipe to put in.

Peerless Concrete at Terra Bella have run into hard pan on their job. They have moved the ditching machine out and brought in two back hoes. This company has about one more month to complete this job. Rice Brothers have most of the dirt moved on Jensen Avenue. This company also has a job at Tranquility which will be putting down blacktop some time in March. Fisher and Stokes are finishing their job on 41 hiway out of Kettleman City.

This company moved all the dirt. Ted Baun will start cement treat about February 15, and Ellis will start blacktop about the 15th.

Schlock have completed their job at the Fresno Sewer Farm. This company has another job up north.

Brother Louis Galloway donated to the Engineers blood bank. Thank you very much. Let's have more of the donors.

Snow in the Redwoods

By K. A. "KEN" BROOKS and W. L. "BILL" TOMBERLIN, Business Representatives

Brothers, how do you like that for a change in headline, some change, huh; who said it rains all winter in the Redwood area? That's not correct, because some times it can snow. We haven't any on the coast but you don't have to spend more than half an hour to get to it. When it snows up on those mountains, you can well imagine how the old rain hits the coastline.

We're sure we have no right to complain though our winter has been far nicer than average, and we are getting closer to the spring time each day.

There isn't much use of practically repeating our last month's report, so we will try to pass on some information to you that will be of more interest.

The California Division of Highways called for bids for construction of 3.7 miles of freeway on Highway 101 from Little River to .2 of a mile north of Trinidad.

A total of \$2,700,000 is budgeted for the four-lane project which will reduce the number of curves from 45 to 6 and run to the east of the present road. The present road is one of the worst, if not the worst, north of Eureka. The four-lane highway, complete will run behind the Trinidad postoffice and tie in with the present road on the straightaway just north of there.

Bids for the job, a complete relocation of the existing highway, are expected to be opened some time in March, with construction possibly beginning in April.

There will be little if any interference with existing traffic during the construction of the new freeway.

HUMBOLDT BAY

A request for a \$2,000,000 appropriation for repairs to the Humboldt Bay jetties has been refused by the government for lack of funds in the 1959 federal budget.

Fred Goodwin, of the Eureka chamber of commerce harbor commission, stated that he had received word of the federal decision from Congressman Clement W. Miller. Instead Miller suggested the

Northbay is on the Job Between Rains

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

Ideal weather for Operating Engineers—as this goes to press. These are the kind of days that make it impossible for dirt movers to stay indoors. Most all of the local contractors took advantage of the good weather to finish up jobs, and starting new ones. With good weather many members have been called back to their jobs.

We do wish to remind the brothers to please drop us a postal card or call us on the telephone letting us know you have returned back to work—in that way, we can keep the out-of-work register up to date. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.

Williams & Burrows of Belmont have been awarded the contract amounting to \$3,738,470 for the Marin City low-cost housing project, and ground breaking was held on February 2, equipment being moved in. On dozers are Brothers Marvin Askev and Joe Silva. The foreman is Bill Kimball.

The R. B. Cunningham job at Lynwood Park in Novato is just about winding up, so Bro. Cunningham informs us. Brothers are: LeRoy M. Brown, L. P. Eller, Joe Pedrini, Robert L. Weller, Ben Thompson. This project was part of Kaehler job.

Jobs at Travis Air Force Base are moving along. Delta Const. of Rio Vista awarded street and road work in amount of \$3,896. R. Gould & Son of Stockton was awarded contract in amount of \$110,500 for water supply systems at the base.

Underground Construction of Oakland awarded \$34,963 con-

tract for gas, water and sewer system for the Capehart Housing at Travis Air Base. O. C. Jones & Sons of Berkeley also was awarded a contract in amount of \$16,400 for AF-Reloc. Its Localizer, access road elec. cable at the Base.

D. D. Altermatt & C. R. Fedrick of Kentfield have been awarded recently a contract for \$488,107 for pave. asph. conc. at Travis AFB.

Davis Equipment of San Rafael keeps a small crew of our brothers busy—their main business is rental of equipment, having adopted the slogan "Davis Rents" from pipe wrenches to chemical toilets. This outfit started about fifteen years ago with a bent monkey wrench and a broken sledge—and now they employ about six members, Bros. Herb Harmon, John Dobbins, Hanford E. Erb, Gardner O. Davis, Lawrence B. Hancock and Charles Schram. These boys maintain and service the equipment and keep it operating at top efficiency while on the job.

More year cards purchased. Since last month, the following have bought their year 1959 buttons: Richard T. Irwin, F. Clementino, L. F. Giannini, John E. Lapp, E. L. Regalia, J. M. Cerri, C. C. Haymart, J. D. O'Conner, Lester C. Dressel, H. D. LaLonde, C. E. Bothwell, Clifford Dilley, Wm. Forde, Elmo V. Maggiora, Willis N. Green, Quin Ongaro, Neil Rosko. Bro. Rosko is still in East Pakistan with Utah, but is due back any time—doesn't know whether he will sign up for another hitch.

Brother John (Dan) O'Conner was in to pick up his year button and informs us he is now operating in the Sacramento area—doing excavating and grading, home building, and sub-division work. We wish him lots of luck in his venture.

PERSONAL NOTES

Bro. Walter Hughes is selling insurance these days until work picks up. He is associated with Reserve Life, Health and Accident. Any member who may be interested may call him at his business phone: GLENWOOD 3-7551.

Bro. Ron Sanders formerly with Basalt Rock informs he is going into the service station business, will be located at the Mohawk station at Alto Wye—Tiburon side.

Brother Harry Cahill, Roller Operator for Brown-Ely, and wife taking off on a two months South Seas cruise on the "Monterey" on February 25—taking them to Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji Islands, Samoa and Hawaiian Islands where they will be for about 15 days—they fly back. There is no question that Bro. Cahill and the Missus will enjoy their vacation. Wish we could tag along.

Bro. Leo Lowrey wants us to know that he rubbed elbows with the Russian Premier Mikoyan at a press conference held in S. F. Bro. Lowrey was a guest. Perhaps the only operating engineer who had the privilege.

Brother Jerry Chandler has taken out a withdrawal, going into chicken ranching business. We wish him all the luck in his new venture.

Best wishes to Brother John R. Boyd in U. C. Hospital in S.F.

Brother Bob Young moving back from down south (Long Beach). He wants to get away from the smog.

In our last issue, we stressed the great importance of mem-

bers donating to our Blood Bank which is short at the present time. We have received very little response.

Few people seem to realize the importance of building up this fund until such time as they are in need of blood for their family. How about this, Brothers? May we hear from you? The mobile unit comes to San Rafael on the first and third Fridays of the month. Call us and we will arrange the appointment, which only takes a few minutes. If you did donate, thank you—and if you didn't—will you?

You May Have Money Coming—If you worked for two or more employers last year and received more than \$3,500 in wages during the year for work in California for which total deductions for disability insurance (state or voluntary plan) exceeded \$36 you probably have a refund coming from the Department of Employment. However, in order to get the refund a claim must be made before June 30, 1959. Application forms for this purpose may be obtained from your local Department of Employment or from this union office.

See you next month.

ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother Floyd Riffenburg has just had an accident on the job and lost two fingers at the first joint on the left hand. We hear that this is giving him trouble and hope that Brother Floyd will be okay soon.

Brother Tommy Hughes who was in an automobile accident a few weeks ago is okay now. We sure were glad to hear him tell it.

Brother Jim Wafford who had an accident and got a piece of metal in his left eye is not doing too well. We still do not know whether he will have the sight restored in this eye but we sure are pulling for you Jim. **NEWS FROM VALLEJO AND NAPA**

A pre-job conference recently was had with Martin Bros. of Concord and Engineers Limited Pipeline of El Cerrito who were awarded the contract for the irrigation and pipeline from Dixon south towards Fairfield. Martin Bros. are stting up their concrete plant in anticipation of getting into this job in full swing soon. The preliminary on this job was started on the 26th of January.

McGuire & Hester are coming along fine on their part of the irrigation and are working full blast every available day that they can. There are about 15 brothers on this job.

Stockton Construction are moving right along with their work in Vallejo on the waterfront and it shouldn't be too long that this will be complete.

Vanzen Engineers have a small job on Mare Island Naval Shipyard and apparently are having no difficulties.

A pre-job conference is being set up with Altermatt & Fedrick on the contract awarded to them at Travis Air Force Base for pavement replacement. The amount of this contract is \$448,000. More on this job next month.

Syar & Harms are just about complete on the dirt work on Fifth and Magazine Streets. This company has been working pretty steady for the last couple of years right here at home and we hope that some of the contract which will be let for bid will be going their way.

Old Man Winter Hits Marysville Area

By C. R. VAN WINKLE, C. E. COCKAYNE and W. R. WEEKS, Business Representatives

Old Man Winter is upon us! How do we know? Well, you couldn't tell it from the weather because the weather has been almost without exception, beautiful, a little cool perhaps early in the morning, but still beautiful. The way we can tell from the size of the out of work list! (P.S. As this goes to press the picture has changed slightly and we have no doubts about it being winter.)

It sure gripes us to see all of this beautiful weather going to waste with hardly a wheel moving, but that's the way the ball seems to bounce. Where the contractor wants to keep going, the engineers apparently want to rest and where the engineers don't object the contractors object to the mud, and there have been and are spots that are muddy by anyone's criteria.

But this doesn't mean that everything is dead, far from it. Hardly a day goes by that someone isn't called back to his old job or orders for different classifications aren't being filled, however, the list doesn't get any smaller as more seem to come in than go out.

ON BEING RECALLED

And that reminds us, if you are recalled to your old job, providing you haven't worked more than three days for another contractor, please report this fact to the office. The big reason we are harping on this is to keep you from being charged with a violation of the union rules, which is nothing else, could cause you the inconvenience of defending yourself.

When you let us know we will tell you what you have to do in order to keep legal. We are putting it in this language because there is the belief of some of us, at least, that the hiring hall arrangements require the employer to call you back through the union and that you be re-dispatched. When a definite ruling is arrived at, we will let you know, in the meantime please bear with us because this is all new to us, too.

THE WORK IN BRIEF

From north to south the larger jobs, but by no means all of them, look something like this: Pacific Bridge Company on their bridge job at Poe hasn't lost much time because of the weather. With two cranes working, with Brother Harry Shields on the 1155 P & H and Brother "Skeeter" Garner on the 3900, they have really been moving right along.

Peter Kiewit Sons on that company's W.P. tunnel job has suffered no lost time on account of weather. They holed through on the downstream tunnel and have about 2500 feet to go on the upstream hole. The company has started to concrete which has resulted in some additional employment for a few of the brothers. While we have some problems on this job, it hasn't been a bad job for a lot of the brothers, but we will have to admit that its more than a little different from most tunnel jobs.

John C. Gist W. P. bridge job above Oroville has everything up above the water and everything in a position to move right ahead if the river does raise. L. A. & R. S. Crow west and south of Chico on the west bank of the Sacramento river have been getting a lick or two in occasionally on their levee job.

At the Beale Air Force Base the housing project job of Hal B. Hayes, with their too many sub-contractors, has been limping along on one leg. Every time the ground would dry out so that they could work it would rain again and everyone who knows that a few drops of water can sure make for some awfully sticky clay. Other work on the base has also slowed down almost to a stop.

R. M. Price Company on the E

BLOOD!

The blood in your body is a marvelous substance. If you have too much it will make me sick. If you haven't enough you will die and if you have a normal amount you can occasionally spare some without hurting you.

Every now and then one of our members or a member of their families because of accident or illness haven't enough and if it's not replaced and quickly, they would die. So far, through the generosity of the brothers in the Sacramento area, no one that we know of in this area has suffered, but if we do something about it, that is give a little blood ourselves, they may one of these days.

So make it a point the next time the MOBILE BLOOD UNIT is in Marysville, which will be Thursday, March 12, 1959 at the Memorial Hall between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., to drop in and make a donation. If you are normal it won't hurt you, if you aren't they won't take it. (Sorry we can't tell you anything about the schedule for Chico and Oroville.)

Remember don't eat for four hours before giving blood and to designate the Operating Engineers Blood Bank.

Street bridge in Marysville has certainly got a break this winter as far as the water is concerned. They have most of the piers poured and have started the false work for the girders and deck. Most of the dirt moving jobs are down on account of the weather except for a few housing projects, a few land leveling jobs, and some incidental work that goes as the weather permits.

It has been reported to us from a very reliable source that bids are to be submitted on the Oroville - Wyandotte Irrigation District project by the end of this month or the first of next month. Just when the successful bidder or bidders will be announced is not known, but it will probably take a month or so after the bids are closed to be sure, as this is a big job. This ought to be a good job as it has an early completion date for the size of the job.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT

In the industrial units at this early date in February, there isn't much of a change to report. Such change as there has been is all for the better. For instance, New York Machine Shop, which in December was on a three or four day basis, is now working some sixes and sevens and overtime. Hope it stays that way.

Gold Dredging maintains its normal pace. Yuba Consolidated is apparently intending to reactivate Dredge No. 18, which has been closed down for a couple of years, and this has created some rehires. There seems to be more interest displayed in Congress this year in the price of gold and we sure hope that something is done to better the price as it will cause, we are sure, an increase in gold mining activities and better wages and conditions for our members.

The rock, sand and gravel plants have had a fair winter, considering the weather, and indications are that this will be the picture, at least for the immediate future. The concrete

pipe plants are still maintaining about the same pace with no lay-offs, as a matter of fact, one of the brothers has been recalled to work.

Gladding, McBean and Company at Lincoln is still maintaining a high rate of production which, as we said last month, is a good barometer for the construction industry. In this plant, contrary to the usual order of things in the winter, there has been no reduction in the working forces.

Peterson Tractor Company's shop in Chico has been keeping quite busy, with work being plentiful. The contractors' shops have kept fair sized crews busy this winter which we hope means that they want the equipment in tip top shape for an early start this spring.

PERSONAL NOTES

Brother Morley Davis, who many of you knew and who worked for Utah Construction Company on the Poe project as a mechanic, passed away after a long illness on January 21, 1959. As many have inquired, we are happy to say that he was in good standing. He was 41 and is survived by his wife, Phyllis and a son, Stephen, and family.

We take this means of extending to Mrs. Davis and her family the sincere sympathy of the officers and members of Local 3. Brother Janus Potter who was confined to the Gridley hospital with a severe ulcer condition has been released and has returned home. Brother Potter was employed by Lester L. Rice.

Brother Louis Roseberry has been seriously ill with pneumonia and has been confined to the Fremont hospital, but is reported to be improved to the extent that visitors are permitted. Bro.

Meeting Notices

Grievance Committee: This committee, which is your committee, meets every Thursday between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 Eye St., Marysville. If you have any union complaints, here is the group that is ready to give you a full hearing.

Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields February meeting cancelled. Reason: Washington's Birthday.

Rock, Sand, Gravel and Ready Mixed Concrete Companies: The next meeting of this group will be held in the Laborers' Hall, 1245 Lincoln St., Oroville, Friday, February 27, 1959 at 7:30 p.m.

Natomas Company: The next meeting of the unit will be held Monday, March 2, 1959 in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom, and at the following times:

10 a.m. for the Swing Shift
7:30 p.m. for all others

Gladding, McBean and Company: Joint Board meets Monday, March 2, 1959, in office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln at 4:15 p.m.

General Membership Meeting: Will be held in the Lincoln City Hall, Tuesday, March 10, 1959 at the following times:

2:30 p.m. for those on the Swing Shift

4:15 p.m. for all other shifts

Concrete Pipe Companies: This group meets in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 Eye St., Marysville, Monday, March 2, 1959 at 7:30 p.m.

New York Machine Shop and Peterson Tractor Company: Membership meetings subject to call.

Some Advice to Our Members Drawing Social Security

If you are drawing social security benefits and apply for unemployment insurance you will be denied benefits if you remove yourself from the labor market. You can do this if you tell the employment office officials that you will not accept employment that will cause you to earn more than \$1200 a year.

You can also do this if you limit yourself too much as to the type of work you will accept, or where you will work or in any other way that may cause the employment office to believe that you are not interested in accepting employment, but merely wish to draw unemployment insurance.

So remember in order to be eligible to draw unemployment insurance you must be ABLE AND AVAILABLE for employment and if you limit yourself as to the amount, type or places you will accept employment you may be ruled as "unavailable." If any of you have any questions or problems please consult your office, we are always ready to advise you to the best of our knowledge or ability.

Pete Wentz, who was working for Peter Kiewit Sons has been hospitalized by an ulcer condition. He, too is reported to be much improved.

Brother Jack Harroun who suffered an injury while running a mucker at Peter Kiewit Sons has improved to the extent that he could return to work, but on a lighter job. Bro. Art Wallace, who is fondly known to all as "Haybag," who has been ill for some time and has returned to work and who, because of his condition, was forced to leave again several times, reported to us over the phone recently that he was going to a hospital in San Francisco and see if he could get himself on his feet again. To all our ill brothers, both reported and unreported, we offer our best wishes for an early and complete recovery.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

SACRAMENTO — Award to Gordon H. Ball & Gordon H. Ball, Inc., Camille Ave., Danville; Ball & Simpson, 685 Delaware, Berkeley; & Lew Jones Const. Co., 1535 S. 10th, San Jose, \$3,870,609 by Calif. Div. of Hwys., Sacto., for 4.1 mi grde & surf w/pcc & ptmx surf & const 10 major structs to prov. a 4-lane div hwy in & nr San Jose betw 0.4 mi. no. of Brokaw Rd & 0.1 mi So. of Taylor St & betw 1st St. & 0.4 mi N. of Bayshore Hwy., Santa Clara Co.

SACRAMENTO, award to Kaiser Steel Corp., 1924 Brdwy., Oakland, \$962,305 by Sacto. Muni. Util. Dist., 1708 59th St., Sacramento, for furn. & del. Jay-Bird Penstock, Jay-Bird tunnel linner & appurts., Upper American River Project, El Dorado County.

MOFFETT FIELD, Calif., award to Carl N. Swenson Co., Inc., P.O. Box 558, San Jose, \$480,000 by Procur. Ofc., Ames Research Center, Moffett iField, for 3.5 ft. hypersonic wind tunnel office building, Ames Research Center, NASA, Moffett Field, Calif.

TRAVIS AFB, Calif., award to R. Gould & Son, P.O. Box 190, Stockton, \$110,500 by Con. Ofc., Travis AFB for replace deteriorated water pipe in Wherry Bldg at Travis AFB.

Field Survey Notes

EYE CONTRACT JOB OUTLOOK

By AL BOARDMAN and ART PENNEBAKER, Bus. Reps.

The many friends of Jack G. Jones were saddened by the news of his passing on Saturday, January 31st. Jack was a Party Chief for the firm of Wilsey & Hamm for the past five years. He was a native of Texas and the possessor of an up-to-date dues card. Jack believed that the Union came first in his life. He devoted much of his life to the promotion and advancement of the Union and his brother members. We will miss him and his ever-willingness to help.

It is time that we give some thought to what should go into our next contract. Its renewal comes up August 1st. One of the major problems will be a new hiring clause in conformity with recent rulings by the National Labor Relations Board. Your Union has in existence a hiring clause with the Association of General Contractors. This hiring clause meets the non-discriminatory provisions required by law. This will be the number one problem in the coming negotiations.

A recent survey of earnings of graduate engineers brought out these interesting facts. The average starting salary for graduate engineers was \$5,850 in 1958—\$5,925 in industry and \$5,350 in government. Out of 190,810 engineers surveyed, 3,313 were earning more than \$20,000 annually; 1,530 were earning less than \$5,000. Earning of graduate engineers continues to improve by about 6½ per cent each year.

Prospects for employment look good with an early start in housing, weather permitting. Heavy construction also shows great possibilities.

In making the rounds out in the boon-docks recently we found a non-union survey party, the crew of which were all non-union. Investigation showed that the Chainmen were only receiving \$1.10 per hour and after explaining our wage scale, paid holidays, paid vacation, health-welfare, pension and other benefits the men asked that we represent them. Consequently the firm gained an Agreement with our Union.

These are conditions we occasionally run across in the fringe areas and these men actually think that the money they receive is the going wage . . . they didn't know what a Union was capable of doing for the working man. Some didn't even know a Union existed.

When a survey firm cuts wages to cut prices, it has a direct bearing on your income. When a firm pays sub-standard wages to non-union crews it means less hours and less wages for you.

If the Union members would think of themselves as "salesmen" selling their Union . . . a great deal could be accomplished! With a couple of thousand potential salesmen in the field, short work can be made of situations of this type. Put your union button on your hat . . . it is one of the best advertisements for our Union. Don't be bashful about telling less fortunate men about the Union and what it can do for them as far as wages and working conditions are concerned. Plant the seeds and watch them grow . . . we'll all grow together!

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have been undermined and moved by heavy seas. In addition, storm waters have broken through the heavy rock farther inward.

George Cole, chairman of the Humboldt Board of Trade, and Sero Maffia, chamber president, are working closely with Senator Thomas H. Kuchel, Representative Clement Miller and Representative Clair Engle on obtaining funds for the repairs, they fear further damage to the jetties could endanger shipping. **STATE OKAYS USE OF MAD RIVER WATER**

Issuance of a state water rights board permit to the Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District for use of 120,000 acre feet of Mad River water a year has been announced.

This gives the water district the "go-ahead sign" for commencing work on the proposed Ruth dam, for which a \$12 million bond issue already has been approved.

Issuance of the permit was made possible through an agreement between Trinity county and the water district. The two approved the same resolution prepared by the state Water Rights board.

J. George Thon, Bechtel Engineering representative, will be there in the near future to start official plans for the dam. Signing of the agreement between Trinity county and the water board has been delayed several weeks due to differences in wording of the two resolutions submitted to the State Water Board. Approval by both groups of the water rights boards changes were received this week. The agreement encompasses the following points:

1. Relocation of roads in Trinity county distributed by the dam project.

2. Major maintenance of these roads for three years after their relocation.

3. Drawing up of an agreement with Trinity county giving it authority to administer the recreational development at the dam site outside the area bordering Six Rivers National Forest land.

4. Replacement of the Ruth airstrip.

5. Purchase of property to the maximum project size including a 300-foot strip above the high water mark. The first development of the district will handle 75,000 acre feet of water a year. Budget recommendations for 1959-60 submitted to the legislature by Governor Edmund G. Brown includes \$4,116,698 for Humboldt and Del Norte counties projects. Largest of the proposed appropriations, \$2,180,435 is for Humboldt State college projects. This includes \$250,000 to be spent in Crescent City harbor for new docks, etc., but does not include the big Highway job on 101 from Dyerville to Myers Flat, which should be in the hopper in the next couple of months. We will pass this on as soon as we get the information.

Brothers, we were real pleased to see such a nice turn out for the January meeting. Let's make it even better next time. We like to see the hall full to the hilt.

BLOOD BANK

Brothers, we sure are in need of blood as usual. How about taking the time to add some to the bank. Donor for this month is Brother Ben Sutherland. Thank you, Ben.

That's all for this time. See you next month.

UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

By MERLIN BOWMAN, GLEN FULLMER, GEORGE FARRELL, JAY NEELEY and JAMES HALL, Business Representatives

The problem of constructing highways to match traffic is perhaps America's major problem. Utah along with the rest of the nation, is pouring millions of dollars into projects designed to speed the flow of traffic over what eventually will be a vast interstate system of pavement over which an America on wheels will travel with comparative ease, comfort and safety.

At the end of 1958, Utah had approximately 100 projects, costing an estimated \$35 million which are under way or completed. In 1956 the total bill was 8.5 million while in 1957 the total was 19.5 million. This year we have a promise of between \$40 million and \$45 million exclusive of right-of-way costs. The foregoing will give you an idea of comparison and of the enormity of this year's program.

One of the first projects let this year was the second section of 7th East Street from 13th South to Simpson Avenue. Enoch Smith & Sons were the low bidders at \$343,608. Work was started Monday, February 2, 1959 on the clearing of trees and utilities.

Gibbons & Reed Co. have started on the west side freeway and have most of the right-of-way cleared. The pile driving attachment for driving the sand drains will be in Salt Lake from New York sometime after February 15. This promises to be a very interesting phase of the job as some 55 miles of vertical sand drains must be driven. The average depth is from 35 to 70 feet. The Company recently moved their 1201 Lima in from Ely, Nevada job and have rigged it up with a 100 foot boom to handle the job. Gibbons & Reed Co. also have another small job in Salt Lake that has put some of the pulls and cats to work. This is a city job at 15th Avenue and I Street and should keep six or seven men busy until something else breaks.

Work at Flaming Gorge Dam-site is still progressing on the access roads, and preliminary work. Actual starting date on the keyways and other projects will not begin until later this summer.

Wei Witt is moving a 4500 manitowoc on to this job in the very near future and plan to use it in the exploration for gravel which will require about one million cubic yards. This in itself should provide work for quite a number of Local No. 3 men.

The crew working for Coker Construction Company on the driving of the diversion tunnel is working the clock around on a six day a week basis and expect to be holed through by March 15th.

Specifications on the Stanaker Draw Dam, 5 miles north of Vernal are expected to be out after February 15th and bids will be called for late in March.

SOUTHWEST

Things are not at a complete standstill in this area but could be a lot better. Gibbons & Reed are going right ahead on the dikes for Bonneville Potash at Wendover. We have a fine crew of No. 3 men on this job with Brother Shirley Craig pushing and Hugh Boden doing the nut busting, and Brothers Deward Stringham on patrol, Bill Engle, Jim Smith, Walter McClellan, Stan Williams, Bill Bassart doing the dozer work. They should have canoes on this job as they are working in about two feet of salt water.

Down on M.K.'s job at Ashcreek, Hoagson and Story are back in about three hundred feet on the east side of their diversion tunnel and have started the west side. This job should wind up right away. Tuffy Jones would like to really get going but he's having trouble getting parts for the cats. We have about 19 good Brothers on this job, and they will take several more when they get underway. The weather down there is really ideal.

W. W. Clyde's job at Pintura is also moving right along and

we are sending a few men to the job as it progresses. Strong Co. is still continuing on at Pintura. However, they seem to be waiting for Spring weather.

At the Iron mines in Cedar City, Utah Construction Company has called back the Brothers who were laid off. We certainly hope this hiring will continue. We would like to remind you Brothers who are on this operation to get in contact with Brother Stan Bryan to find out who your committee is and tell them of any changes you would like to have in the contract. Negotiations will start soon and we would like to have your suggestions to take with us to the bargaining table.

BINGHAM

Things at Kennecott are looking bright we are happy to report. We hope to have the bank trimmer problem settled soon. We seem to have one conflict however, and that is the matter of the Mine, Mill & Smelter-workers attempt to move us out as your representatives. We would like to ask that each of you go back over the record before making any decision. We will have a meeting in the very near future in order to discuss these issues and to counteract some of the propaganda Mine, Mill is circulating. We would also like to ask each of you to get busy and help your stewards squash this movement by explaining to the men who don't belong to Operating Engineers the benefits and conditions we have secured for you in the past and the ones that we intend to get for you in this next agreement opening, which will be soon. IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR STEWARD, SO THAT WE CAN TAKE THEM WITH US TO THE BARGAINING TABLE.

Up on the Bingham Stripping things are really moving at a rapid pace. We had a little bad weather but nothing too serious yet. We are very pleased with the way Western Contracting looks ahead. Tom Speight, the Project Manager of this job, has attached a rotary snow plow to one of their euclids and has it standing by for the big snows which we all hope won't show up. This is certainly a good job for the Brothers and at present we have 72 members on this job. I would like to mention the names but lack of space will not permit. They had a record run of 250,000 yards one week which is a lot of muck in anyone's book. It looks as though they will be going on the long haul soon. They have one of the big Michigan Loaders operated by Brother Nyle Reese widening the west side haul road. Of course Brother Nyle would rather have a shovel instead of the Michigan, but he'll get the job done regardless.

Utah Construction's Tunnel

job at Copperton is really moving along now. They have about 700 feet left to do. It should be finished about the 15th of March, the heading that is. We will be happy to see this, as it will let some of the others get underway by then, weather permitting.

The boys at the Sand & Gravel plants have had to slow down; however, things will pick up rapidly as spring approaches. Things are pretty much the same at the Lang Shops.

SOUTHERN SECTION

Some activity with the clearance book the past couple of weeks, has been a pleasant and welcome change from the inactivity of the preceding months.

The Greer Const. Co. from Provo has moved to, and are now at work on a recently acquired sewer and water contract for the city of Kanab, Utah. It will be a welcome relief for Brother Guy Seals who operates the 95 hoe for Creer, to dig the red sand at Kanab, after digging the niggerheads in the Provo River bottoms. A crew of real trench getters have been cleared to Mr. Creer for this job, with Brother Frank Jenkins on the turna-dozer, Brother Clyde Snedgar on a hoe, Brother Mel Hill as his oiler. Along with this crew, the regulars will also be present, meaning Brother Berdell Sabey and Brother Charlie Sabey pushing the digging crews and I imagine they will find a place where they can use Brother Vernon Faucett (no offense). Our wish is for much success on this job and lots of good digging.

A comparative newcomer in this road contracting business was low bidder on approximately 2½ miles on U-262 in San Juan County. This contract also includes a concrete and steel bridge over Montezuma Creek. The L. C. Stephenson Co. from Altamont, Utah submitted the low bid of \$152,490 for this job. Mr. Stephenson arranged for a proper start by hiring Brother Curt Walker to push this job. At present Brothers Art Walker and Lloyd Walker along with Bob Alexander are employed. These Brothers all hail from the Uintah Basin and are very wise in the ways of road building.

The bid opening for the Orem Freeway is scheduled for February 17, 1959. This much sought for and many times postponed job is finally coming up. Our prime concern now is for a favorable contractor as this is going to be a real good job.

The state lists \$4 million in road projects for 59. A goodly portion of these jobs will fall in Central and Southern Utah. This is the kind of talk that makes us think that waiting out this winter was not in vain.

NORTH

In the northern section work has been very quiet this past month. Prospects continue to look good and we hope the work will start to pick up as soon as the weather permits. As is usually the case a great number of men have been busy most of the winter on odd jobs of repairing equipment and working every day the weather permits, so our out of work list hasn't changed much since the first of

the year.

A number of small jobs have been bid and awarded these past few weeks which has helped take care of a number of men who work for the same employer every year.

Germer, Abbott & Waldron Const. Co. of Tremonton have three new jobs either underway or about ready to start. They have started on the excavation grading and resurfacing job for the Thiokol Chemical Co. at the plant site.

This company expects to get started on their Tremonton Municipal Airport work and Preston road job within the near future.

M. Morrin & Sons Co. have started work on the Logan College job and the new Commercial Security Bank Building in Ogden. This company has work to complete on the road west of Dell and structure work at Bountiful.

The following jobs have been advertised for bid or work is to start within the near future: Ogden High School building on Washington Terrace, Sewer line in South East Ogden; South Weber Co. Reservoir; galvanized tunnel lines in Davis County; Olsen & Davis on new Forestry and Biological Science building at the U.S.U. at Logan; Senior High School building in Clearfield; water storage tank in Layton and new gym building at Weber College along with several smaller jobs for the Bureau of Reclamation on the Weber Basin project.

This along with the work already mentioned in previous articles and the expanded highway program, should help make the prospects look good for the coming year although we know some of the work will be slow in getting started.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED MEETINGS.

SACRAMENTO — Awd to I. L. Croft & Son, Inc., Box 428, Saugus, \$999,819, by Calif. Div. Hwys., Sacto., for 9.6 mi clear & constr park rd, 6.7 mi park rd gr and ptmx, surf. and contr brdg., Calaveras Big Trees Park, Calaveras & Tuolumne Cos.

BEALE AFB, Calif. — Award to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$481,292, by Stco. Dist., Corps of Engrs., Sacto. for const. readiness crew beg. at Beale AFB, Calif.

MONTEREY, award to Fisher & Stokes Const. Co., 9126 Leroy, San Gabriel, \$969,246, for 0.9 mi. 4-lane div. hwy. to be graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base, & RC brdg. to be const. betw. Carpenter & South City Limits of Monterey.

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THE NEVADA ROUND-UP . . .

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

The great Andy Drumm, Jr.'s outfit is really progressing on his big job on Highway No. 40 east of Reno, Nevada. Brother Chip Montrose and Brother Joe Solaegui are really pushing the outfit, looks like they may set a record on the job. Brothers Bud Bowers and Joe Ripoli really put in their share of work of the job.

The old W-Scraper crew of Drums are a real crew. Old Brother Charles "Red" Melendy really gets the muck moved with that W-Scraper along with some of the other brothers.

Tommy Eck has an old cat, but that Eck boy holds his own any place he goes. Now Lefty Lemich, Bill Cato and Halley Pfeifer just drive along and keep in line with Old Red, the leader of the spread of W-Scrapers. Old Red has some problems with the stake setter Ted Smitten who is a real busy grade man or he wouldn't last long with the Drumm outfit.

Pyramid Construction Company, which should be called Brother Carson Frazzini's outfit, have most of their equipment in the yard north of Reno, Nevada, and Brother Sam Wauchope is a real heavy duty repairman with Brother Duane Kearns bossing and helping him. Brother Kerns has been quite busy with the new office the company has built so Duane would have another place to loaf in—that is when Brother Frazzini is not around to see that he does some work. Brother Fred Muns stays out around the Pyramid C. C. outfit offering his long years of experience to the brothers that work for Frazzini's interest. Bro. Frazzini is a good man for the Reno Community and this includes his wife.

At the George E. Miller Company we have Brother Howard Johnstone who is the Ram Rodder of the company and is an outstanding citizen in the City of Reno. Believe me Brother Johnstone runs a good job. He gives all of the brothers a break, including himself, on all of Miller's jobs, which they have lots of in Reno.

Isbell Construction Company started the big "V & T" storm drain job today and have several of the brothers busy excavating for the pipe. Brothers Clarence Wibel, Bert Fernandes, Ted Delavega, Al Shay and "Blackie" Richards are the operators on the job. This job went for about \$350,000 and should keep the brothers busy for quite a period of time as they have quite a lot of city facilities to work under and over. There is a lot of pipe to put in on this job and we understand that it will be five feet in diameter. The brothers will have to move a lot of dirt and dig a fair sized trench in order to make working room around this size pipe. Isbell will probably put more of the brothers to work in the next week or so after they get some of the trench dug and ready for pipe. The company will probably start recalling several of the old Home Guards that they have layed off in the past few weeks. We expect to see a number of the brothers back on the payroll very soon.

REPAIRS IN RENO

Isbell construction company have their yards full of equipment and are doing a great deal of repair work at their Reno shop.

Crooks Brothers Tractor Company have a lot of machinery coming into their shop for repairs and are keeping their hands quite busy and may have to go to a two shift operation in order to get the work out.

Woods & Kirst Construction Company have a lot of their equipment stored directly behind the Crooks Brothers yard and have a crew of welders and

repairmen busy getting their rigs back into running order for this year's work. They have about eight of the brothers there now and will probably put a few more on in the next couple of weeks.

Dodge Construction Company of Fallon, Nevada is still keeping their crews busy on the jobs at Contact, Nevada (north of Wells, Nevada) and at Lovelock, Nevada.

On the Contact job the Brothers are still working on the rock cuts and are making slow but good progress on getting the rock out. The weather is beginning to get rough up there, and may hamper the operation if it should get worse.

At the Lovelock operation the Brothers are moving right along and making good progress. The D-9 is ripping most of the tough cuts without too much trouble. The brothers on this job are under the watchful eye of Brother Bob Vicks, who keeps them busy and the dirt moving all the time. They should have the dirt moved on this job in another month or so.

At the Dodge Company Iron Mine operations, south of Lovelock, it is still guess work, as to whether they will be able to continue or not. The iron ore market seems to be building up and the prospects of a good future in the iron mine industry seems to be taking shape as there are some other properties starting to develop.

IRON HAT MINE

Over the mountain from the Dodge Construction iron mine and on the Dixie Valley side, in Churchill County, the Iron Hat Mining Company is building a road over the mountain from Dixie Valley to the Lovelock side. They have a considerable ore body located and a camp set up. It is expected that they may start mining some time this summer. At present there are about ten men working on the mountain location, building a road and doing some drilling. We have been unable to contact the top brass of this job as yet, but from the information that we have been able to get thus far, this should be a good sized project.

It is remotely located and inaccessible by car at this writing, but on completion of the road work, it will be about 38 miles from the Lovelock rail head. We will attempt to keep everyone informed as this operation progresses.

At Winnemucca, Nev., Whiting Brother Construction Company is doing a little work on the streets in town, but won't be able to really get under way on this job or the one at Paradise Valley until mid-March, due to the weather conditions.

Frank Gillespie has his crusher and crew on this job and Robert Forrester has been doing some of the excavating.

Willis Brothers Construction of Winnemucca will start their job at Denio, Nevada, on the Oregon Border north of Winnemucca as soon as the weather permits. I understand that John Pedro of Lovelock, Nevada, will send his cats and scrapers to

this job and do the excavating along with Willis Brothers. This is another job that is at the wilderness jumping off place and a long way from the beer halls. It is rumored at present that they will have a camp set up for this job. We will probably be able to give you further information on this job also at the next writing of the paper.

The Gibons & Reed job at Ely, Nevada, is still down, with the exception of one drill crew that is still busy drilling the rock cuts in preparation for blasting at the start of work this spring. We are told that they hope to get underway by March 10th.

AROUND RENO OFFICE

Brother Wade Henderson with his broad smile is back around the office after a back injury. Brother Vince Puccinelli, the "character" of the Reno office, has reformed and quit gambling and now he is a changed man. Now there is Mike Pantoja, the real joking kid of Reno, who has something to say each and every day about the conditions in general. Brother Ralph "Slim" Cubberness has been active around the office lately, keeping Brothers Harold Reynolds and Charles Schaffer amused with a few of his comical phrases and an occasional game of Hearts, which he always loses because his mind is on his jokes rather than the game of cards and his income tax.

Brother "Frenchy" Gray Azparren has been in every day or so to tell everyone of the thousands of dollars that some other brother won at Harold's Club on the Roulette Wheel or a Reno ticket. If his stories were true, Harold's Club would be operated by members of this local union. Even the foolproof systems don't seem to work out according to the rules of Hoyle, or the law of averages, the money seems to be going the wrong way.

MARIN CITY, Calif.—Award to Williams & Burrows, Contrs. 500 Harbor Drive, Belmont, Calif., \$3,738,470 by Bert Klahn, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Marin County, Administration Bldg., P. O. Box 336, Marin City, Calif., for general constr of Marin City low-rent housing project.

LEWISTON, Calif.—Award to Sierra Const. Co., P. O. Box 983, Merced, \$815,237, by Bur. of Recl., Lewiston, for earthwork, struc. & surf. for reloc. of Trinity Co. roads, Stoney Creek to Ridgeville, loc nr Redding, Trinity Co.

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STOCKTON AREA AT STANDSTILL

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

Again we come to the month of the year when the work is practically at a standstill, which makes it difficult to write about the jobs. However, should the weather continue to be as mild as it has been these past weeks, we look for an early start in the field this year.

We reported in the last issue of the Engineers News that Walter Taylor, of Lancaster, was the low bidder on the Calaveras Big Trees access road job. He apparently did not have the proper license for this job and the State awarded the job to the next low bidder, I. L. Croft & Son, Inc., of Saugus, California. Croft is subbing the clearing and grubbing to Union Construction Co., which entails approximately nine miles of virgin road.

Carvers Construction Company, of Stockton, have started the new reception center at the Deuel Vocational School near Tracy. This job only involves technical engineers at the present time, but we should have work for more of our members whenever actual construction begins.

Le Bouef & Daugherty and Erickson, Phillips & Weisberg are on schedule with the bridge job connecting Union Island and the Fabian Tract.

Charles Dorfman Company are still busy on the industrial sewer trunk line in the south part of Stockton and they will not complete the job before mid-summer.

Moran Construction Company, Los Angeles, was awarded the contract for the new grain storage silos at the Port of Stockton. Work will commence before the middle of March. The pile driving phase of the job will of course be the initial start of the project.

Grabough Construction Company have a few weeks left to complete the clearing job for A. Teichert & Son on the Murphys grade job at Murphys. Teichert plans to start as early this spring as weather permits.

Walsh Construction Company have started some new construction at Calaveras Cement Company. They have one operator employed at this time and will hire more if they get more work.

Downer Corporation and Stockton Construction Company both have sewer jobs north of Stockton at Lincoln Village. There has been just enough rain this season to keep these

jobs from getting a good start.

Lord & Bishop are moving right along on the two bridges across the Diverting Canal, at Pershing and El Dorado Streets. The rain has not slowed them up and it should not be too long before they are finished.

S. M. McGaw Company is preparing to continue El Dorado St. from the Diverting Canal to Sherwood Manor, north of Stockton.

The City of Stockton will call for bids on the Harding Way underpass on March 2, 1959. This will be approximately a million dollar job.

We had expected by this time to be able to report some news on the contemplated food radiation processing plant to be constructed by the government at the Sharpe General Supply Depot, but as of this date nothing has developed.

We had forty-four members from this district who paid their dues by the year at the time the Engineers News went to press last month. Since that time we have had 13 more members get the year button. They are: W. H. Edwards, J. A. Meisenbach, Harold Hamrick, Merle Warner, H. Lorenzen, Troy Harwell (Japan), Thomas Gunter, Norlyn Amick, S. C. Haire, Joseph Belar, and Richard Martin (Alaska).

PERSONAL NOTES

Brother Ed Ritchie, who worked out of the Stockton office some time ago, passed away at Woodland last month. All those who have worked with and have known Ed will miss him.

Brother Johnny Gosmeyer lost his two and a half year old son this past month due to a hemorrhaging after a tonsilectomy. We of the Stockton Office wish to express our deepest sympathy to the Gosmeyer family on this unfortunate occurrence.

Brother Vernon Clow was killed on the job when the boom fell on him while he was driving out the pins to change the length of the boom. Brother Clow was employed by Clow's Crane Service, which is operated by his brother, Brother Pat Clow.

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TRINITY DAM FISH TRAP IS FINISHED

By J. B. JENNINGS,
SID McBROOME

Business Representatives

The John Gist Construction Company completed the first job of the Trinity Dam River Project which is the fish trap at Lewiston. The job was completed the latter part of 1958, and was in operation around October. The salmon travel from Pacific Ocean up to Trinity River to fish trap. The Department of Fish and Game catches the fish and transports them by truck up to Trinity River Dam project which is a bypass of the diversion tunnel. Again the fish are released in upper Trinity for spawning. Since this project was completed the Department of Fish and Game have been extremely busy transporting these beauties. These fish travel approximately 160 miles.

TRINITY DOWN

Bad weather continues to halt construction throughout Northern California. At present time the Trinity Project is still down due to weather. The work ceased on Shea, Kaiser, Morrison Clear Creek tunnel project at the intake on February 9, due to bad ground. Operations are expected to resume shortly. The Shea, Kaiser, Morrison gravel plant is still in operation, due to the fact they are producing the aggregates at their Churn Creek plant for lining the tunnel between the Odit and Outlet. We have approximately 10 brothers at the aggregate plant. All other operations in the 6 counties are not expected to resume until the latter part of April.

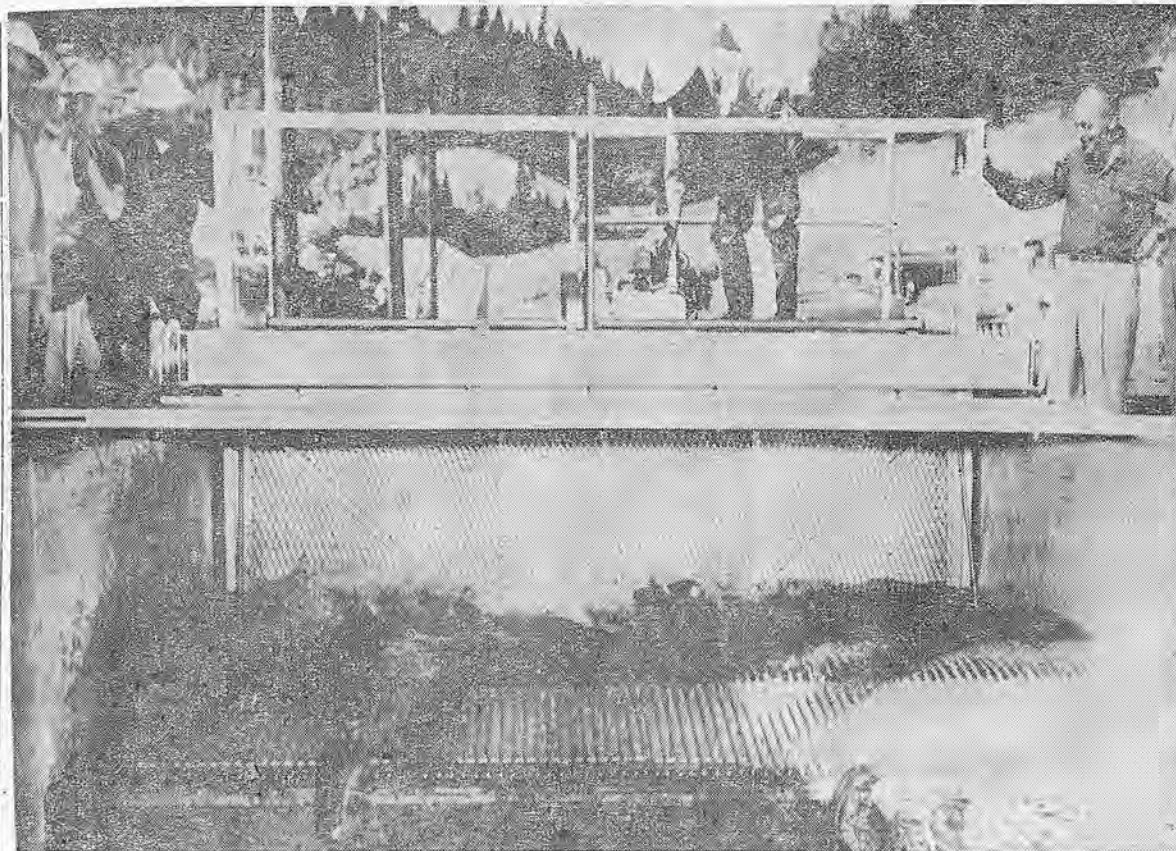
Sam Martinelli the Superintendent for McCammon & Wunderlic job at Dunsmuir reports 1½ feet of snow. Work on the Vistica & Sons job at Dales Station was closed the latter part of January. The Eichley Corporation has moved in at Red Bluff on the Diamond Gardner job. This job will run until July. O. K. Mitty & Son has moved in their equipment for the new job at the Trinity Dam Project. Also, Sierra Construction is getting ready for their road job in Minersville. Work is to start soon on the Yreka job. A new Safeway Store and Bowling Alley is to be built soon at Yreka. These buildings will occupy 1 entire block.

DEDUCTIONS

Starting with your first pay check this year (1959), your employer will deduct an extra ¼ per cent to a total of 2½ per cent from your pay. In January 1960, these rates are scheduled to increase another one-half of one per cent, and ½ per cent additional in January of 1963, 1966 and 1969 to a total of 4½ per cent.

For 1958 only the first \$4,200 of earnings were counted toward social security payments, and only this amount was taxed. Starting with 1959, earnings up to \$4,800 will count toward social security benefits, and the tax will be paid on earnings up to that amount. For those retiring in the future, no matter what your earnings and when you retire, you will get at least 7 per cent higher benefits than under the old law. If you are between 50 and 65 years of age, have had work under social security and are now too disabled to do any more gainful work, contact your nearest social security office at once. You may be eligible to collect social security benefits because of your disability.

Bids are being called for Trin-



SALMON TRAP—Mustn't touch, men! These big salmon, up river from the Pacific, are jumping in the newly-completed fish trap at Lewiston. They range from two to 25 pounds. Fish and Game men take them from here by truck to Trinity River Dam bypass, where they continue their 160-mile journey up-river for spawning.

Work Slow In the San Jose District

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

In spite of the fact that there has been very little rain this winter there is very little activity in the construction field. A few of the contractors have called back some of their men to complete small jobs, but due to the threat of rains everyone is reluctant to start on a large project.

Ball & Simpson were awarded a \$4,000,000 contract for the continuation of Route 5. This will complete the Freeway from Oakland to Los Gatos. Work will begin on the new section of the Freeway within the next two weeks if weather permits. The portion of the Freeway from Bascom Ave. to Los Gatos, now being completed by Ball & Simpson will be open to traffic in about six weeks.

The section of the highway from 4th St. to Bascom Ave. is also complete except for the overpasses over the railroads and underpasses.

Piazza Paving are busy installing a new 6000 lb. capacity hot plant. This firm are also working on a new sub-division off Curtner Ave. for the Eichler Homes.

A. J. Raisch Company are also installing a new 6000 lb. capacity hot plant. They are putting the finishing touches to the shoulders on the new Freeway and also are busy in several sub-divisions in the San Jose area.

Kleinsmith, Inc., are doing the street work in a sub-division off Jackson Ave. and have a school job on King road.

George Renz Construction Company are doing sewers, curbs and gutters in Milford Village at Milpitas under the supervision of Brother Jim McCowan. This firm is also working on various jobs in Morgan Hill.

Heple Utilities are busy on Highway 9 installing the water lines on the Mann Construction Sub-Division.

P & E Construction were the low bidders on \$1,000,000 pipeline job in Willow Glen. They expect to start work shortly if the weather permits.

SUNNYVALE, MT. VIEW, PALY
L. C. Smith and the Concar

ity County road job from Ridgeville to Covington Hill. Also for highway job between Lewiston and Costa Ranch.

Redding District held their first regular membership meeting on January 21. The brothers throughout the Redding district showed their interest in the organization by the terrific turnout.

Redding office remains opened every Thursday night from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ranch & Enterprises were awarded the \$3,226,721.70 contract for the construction of 4.4 miles of Bayshore Freeway, which will complete the six lane highway as far south as Stierlin Road near Mt. View. The new Freeway section will connect with about 35 miles of already completed freeway extending northward to San Francisco-Oakland Bridge. Bridges will carry Embarcadero, Middlefield and San Antonio roads over the Freeway, with interchanges at all three locations.

Bridges will also be constructed over Matadero and Adobe Creeks. L. C. Smith have started the clearing on this job and also keeping a crew busy on the Veterans Hospital job at Palo Alto.

Sondgroth Bros. are still using a few Engineers on several small jobs in the area but are not opening up to a normal pace.

Carl Swenson is going strong on their Lockheed job near Moffett Field. Williams-Burrows are keeping about five Engineers busy on this same job.

Bahr & Ledoyen have most of their men working either in the field or at their quarry.

Dutra & Sons are working 4 Engineers on their Clam Shell Dredge, The Alameda. They are working between Mt. View Slough and Calabasas Creek and San Fransquito Creek. Skipper on the dredge is Brother Arnold Jackson, Dick Lopez, Bruno Scatena & Marvin Wilcox as leverman.

S. CRUZ, SALINAS,
MONTEREY

In this area, as everywhere else work is quiet. Granite Construction Company are doing some work on the river channel in Santa Cruz and have a few scattered jobs throughout this area. Wendell Batt, Roberson Bros. and Jolley & Sons also have a few small jobs around Santa Cruz.

Granite and Calabrese are doing the paving in Fort Ord. Ed Keeble are still in high gear on their job at the air base near Fort Ord. Lew Jones is pouring concrete slabs in the hanger building. Pisano Brothers and Collins Electric Company are also working on the same job site.

Peninsula Paving are about

half through their road job at Carmel. Fisher & Stokes will start work about Feb. 15, on their Carmel overpass job. Madonna Construction Company are ready for the blacktop on the Los Laurles Grade job in Carmel Valley.

Souza & McCue have finished their job on the sewer line in Salinas. Granite Construction Company are doing the street work and underground work on the Flat Top Smith Sub-Division.

Elkin & Small are weeks ahead on their new school job in Salinas.

Delphia-Early are laying down gravel on their job near Soledad.

There will be a special county election held on March 10, that is of vital interest to all that live in Santa Clara County. The election will be to pass five bond measure for new county facilities. The passing of the bond measures for new county the property tax, but will allow financing entirely out of sales tax revenue.

There are four times as many people now living in the county as there were 10 years ago, making the present county buildings inadequate and obsolete and costly to transact normal business under these adverse conditions. The bond program consists of five measures:

Measure A—Regional Parks, \$2,817,000.

Measure B—Adult Rehabilitation Center, \$532,000.

Measure C—Health & Welfare, \$3,271,000.

Measure D—Court Facilities, \$5,600,000.

Measure E—Civic Center, \$6,278,000.

We of the San Jose District urge you to vote for these five vital measures.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sympathy to the family of Brother Glenn W. Davis who passed away this week. Brother Davis lived in Salinas and has been in poor health for the past several months.

Lady: "I want an inexpensive pair of shoes."

Sales Clerk: "To go with what?"

Lady: "A cheap husband."

HAWAII SEES ANOTHER GOOD YEAR

By HAROLD LEWIS and
RUPERT TEVES,
Business Representatives

Hawaii is in for another good year. There is enough work at present to keep our out-of-work list down to a minimum and the future looks very promising.

Before we go further we would like to victoriously announce, that the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 has won an NLRB election with J. M. Tanaka, Inc., the results being 21 to 9 for organized labor. This election and its favorable result marks a turning point in our organizational drive. J. M. Tanaka, Inc., is the largest highway contractor in the islands. The Operating Engineers Union has been trying to organize this company for the last ten years with no results. Signing these men into the union was a day and night job. Some of the men did not fully understand the union operations while others were under the impression that the Operating Engineers Union was as belligerent as the ILWU and the Teamsters. It was a big selling job with very gratifying results. Negotiations with J. M. Tanaka are under way with a little difficulty. When we first started organizing the company we knew it would be difficult, therefore we are not surprised with the balking and sometimes belligerent attitude of the employer. We do know, however, that we will get a good working agreement for our brother members working there.

Our fondest aloha to Brothers John Pauole on Guam, Leo Alimoot who resides at Del Paso Heights, Ernest Chee in Pakiston and also to Brothers James Apao, Lawrence Tavares, Joseph Rita and George Young out of San Jose. Keep up the good work, you "Blalas."

Work on the Wilson tunnel is slowing down with the night shift knocked off. The approach road on the Kalihi Valley side is going full swing with J. M. Tanaka doing the work. This portion is expected to be finished by the end of 1959, therefore, we are all hoping to ride the new route to Kaneohe by New Year's day, 1960.

Henry Kaiser plans to build four more hotels on the beach at Waikiki adding about 1200 rooms to his already vast domain.

Hawaiian Dredging and Construction Company was awarded the first phase of the second Honolulu channel job on a bid of \$259,650. Also bidding on the job were Pacific Dredge out of California for \$548,600 and Western Contracting Corporation of Iowa for \$1,752,712. Preliminary work has started but there is no suction dredge rig presently available in Hawaii. There are many eyes and curious minds concentrating on this job.

Brothers Solomon Maunu and Harry Robins are doing a good job in Pearl Harbor along with Raymond Archuletta, all three of whom are on the Craft committee.

Brother Kelekoma, a Kauai boy, is showing Larry Ching of Highway Construction that the Union has the top men in the industry. Aloha.

"I've been saving a lot of time lately."

"How's that?"

"I found out that the dictionary is in alphabetical order."