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Engineers Move to New SF Home

Locals 3 and 39 Now Located In Permanent New Headquarters

March 16, 1949, marks an historic day for IUOE Locals 3 and 39. On this day a dream of many years comes true, as the unions move into their own building, a permanent home and headquarters for the broad jurisdiction served by this important unit of the international union.

The new address, to be noted by all members, is 474 Valencia street, San Francisco 3. The telephone numbers will remain the same as those now held by the unions, namely, HEMlock 1-1568 for Local 3, and UNDERhill 1-1135 for Local 39.

Local 3 has been located on Market street for a number of years. Local 39 has been on 16th street. The new location on Valencia street is near 16th street, and is centrally located between the two main labor temples at 2940 16th street and 200 Guerrero street.

The building has been erected by Stolte Co. and is a modern concrete and steel structure of two stories. More details on the new facilities will be carried in later issues of the Engineers News.

Members are requested to remember the new address, 474 Valencia street, in all future contacts with the union offices.

WERE YOU IN THE WAKE, GUAM ATTACK?

Were you employed on Guam or Wake Islands during the attack by the Japanese? If so, please report to your union.

A letter sent to Building Trades Councils by Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor seeks information in this regard.

"We are eager to find out if the members had any contracts with the contractors involved before the men were sent to the islands," Secretary Haggerty said. "Were the unions ever contacted by the contractors regarding conditions, wages or any other matter before the men were employed?"

"Any information on this matter should be sent to Mr. Barney Holdes, One North La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois."



F. BAUMGARTNER
... Died February 15, 1949.
NICK THILL
... Died February 20, 1949.
RUSSELL FREDERICK
... Died March 1, 1949.
D. J. STINEBAUGH
... Died March 7, 1949.

Big Winter Slump In Jobs Eases as Weather Improves

One of the toughest winters in years has had its effect on jobs, among other things, and engineers have felt it probably more than any other type of workers, although reports from the N. Calif.-Nevada-Utah jurisdiction of Local 3 indicate the big freeze is about over.

After the unprecedented snows have come the rains and these in turn have slowed or stopped work on highways, reclamation, buildings and other outdoor jobs. Only the tunnel stiffs have gone right on working.

Despite this seasonal slow-down, it now appears that engineers are in for a good year of employment, with many sizeable jobs either on paper or ready to go. Just how much, if any, they will be affected by the "recession" which appears to be having its effects in the larger cities at present, is questionable. Even if they are, the slack will probably be taken up by substantial public projects which are on the books for this year and for several years to come.

Reports from Local 3 business agents are up and down this month, but at press time it looks as if those long out-of-work lists are ready to be whittled down after a prolonged "winter vacation." Mountain areas have better prospects than city areas, although the latter also vary. The central valleys look good, also Utah.

So, get out and stretch the muscles, brothers; go at it gradually if you've been inactive for very long.

Altmeyer Asks Stronger Old-Age Relief Program

Washington.—Congress was assured that no "vast new system" of home relief was contemplated as the administration opened its case for liberalization of the public assistance program, including federal aid to states for general relief of the destitute.

Arthur J. Altmeyer, Social Security Commissioner, told the House Ways and Means Committee that direct assistance to the needy should become "less and less important" once the federal old age and survivors insurance system had been strengthened into "a really first line defense against destitution."

Nevada Brothers have helped greatly in pushing the snow around in that state; now they're getting ready to push dirt once again.

Northbay district has considerable housing in prospect, also San Mateo area and the Concord area.

This month's business agents reports contain the usual number of accounts of members in far-away places. Spring fever will no doubt stimulate the travel-urge.

Oakland has had a hefty unemployed list, but expects it to reduce steadily from now on.



NO SLACK—Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D, Wyo) is chairman of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report which told Congress that we're still in for more inflation. "There is little slack in manpower," said the Committee report, "no slack in raw materials, no slack in plant capacity in basic industries, not much slack in prices, no slack in the federal budget, and no slack in the federal debt."

Nebraska Firm On "Unfair" List

Word comes to Local 3 from Secretary Arthur Rossman of the Western States Conference of Engineers that Phoenix Engineers Local 428, has placed the Peterson Brothers Construction Company of Kearney, Nebraska, on their "unfair" list.

Brother W. A. Gray, business manager of Local 428, advises the Western Conference that this action was taken only after all attempts to negotiate an agreement with the firm had met with failure. The firm has a contract with the U. S. Indian Service for earthwork and grading at Parker, Arizona.

The Conference wishes to inform all members of the status of this firm, which will stand until such time as they reach an agreement with Local 428 on the same basis as other contractors operating in that area. Members will be duly notified if and when an agreement is reached.

ATTENTION: Members Employed by AGC Of Northern California

In order to protect your rights under the Master Agreement, involving shortage of pay, irregular or broken shifts, such grievances must be reported to your Business Representative IMMEDIATELY—WITHIN TEN DAYS AFTER THE GRIEVANCE OCCURS, as you will only be able to have your complaint adjusted ten days back from the date of reporting such complaint.

Land Surveyors Stall for Time in Dealing With Union

Bay Counties Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors Association failed to sign the contract offered them by Operating Engineers Local 3, the Association requesting additional time in which to study the contract and iron out what is referred to as objectional clauses and pleading that it must have time to ballot its members to ascertain their true sentiments.

The Union finds it hard to deal in this manner, having offered the contract in good faith.

To those who have dealt in the past with this Association, it is obvious that this is just an evasion of the issue and an attempt to stall for more time.

The manner in which the Association conducts its relations with its employees is reminiscent of the feudal period in American Labor History. Conditions such as the employment agency racket in which men employed are compelled to purchase employment, wage cutting and non-payment of wages, are prevalent in a trade that prides itself in having high professional ethics. It is difficult to put faith in any statement coming from men who condone and foster such conditions.

In this latest failure to agree to a fair contract the Association has displayed a medieval mentality that harbors conditions that would not be tolerated in any profession worthy of the name. Any surveyor with "continuing responsibility for his work" who allows his skilled employees to languish on a rate of pay that would be scorned by a laborer makes mockery of a so-called profession.

The denial of any security that a contract would give these men can only add to the chaotic conditions in the engineering field today. It is the continual complaint that competent personnel cannot be found to do precise and exacting work.

It is more than obvious that competent men will never be lured into a field that does not have enough self-respect to give those who do the work a contract that assures them a living wage.

Co-op Declares Refund

Greenbelt, Md.—Greenbelt Consumer Services, one of the largest consumer co-ops in the country, announced a 1-8% patronage refund on its \$1,800,000 business this year. To the average housewife cooperator, this means savings of \$25—or one week's groceries free. At the same meeting, Carol Huhndorf, International Association of Machinists research director, described IAM's support of co-op development, and pointed out that union price control was as important as ability to raise wages.

The Salinas branch office of Local 3 has been closed, and all work for this district is being carried on out of the San Jose office.

Anti-Labor People Backing Move to Kill Pension Law

The present effort to repeal the liberalized pension law approved by California voters last November is underhanded and is backed "by the same interests that are always opposed to better legislation for labor," according to the Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pensions.

"A few well-to-do blind are acting as a front," the committee declares. This type of opposition is unwilling to give a law passed by the people's vote a decent chance to work. The whole initiative system in this State is endangered by this action.

"Laboring groups and pensioners have voted together since the time when we went out and defeated that vicious No. 1 back in 1938. These two groups stand or fall together."

"Amendment No. 25 was voted into the constitution as Proposition No. 4 on the November ballot. Labor, of course, had a big part in this victorious vote for progressive pension laws. The opposition to both labor and pensioners, and for that matter, democracy itself, are determined to thwart the will of the people by the expenditure of large sums of money to try to buy the vote. The issue is clear—the people's right to make their own laws, vs. Fascism."

"The passage of Proposition No. 4 upset and disrupted a powerful political machine which was the enemy of the common people. The special interests would like to put the machine back together and 'ride herd' on all of us. One only needs to look at the outfits backing this repeal to know which side he should take."

Members are urged not to sign petitions calling for repeal of this measure. At its last regular meeting Local 3 voted to concur in the State Federation of Labor's stand opposing repeal.

A \$2 million television station is to be built on Mt. Tamalpais.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

NEW ADDRESS—EUREKA OFFICE: The Eureka office will move from the present location in the Labor Temple to 115 Fifth St., Eureka, in a week or ten days.

SALINAS OFFICE DISCONTINUED: All members, and contractors, in the Salinas area are requested to contact the San Jose Office, 40 North Morrison St., PHONE: Columbia 6784 for all information desired in that territory.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS' MEETING: The next meeting of the Technical Engineers will be held Friday, 8 p.m., March 25th, at the Union Office, 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California.

Doctors Suffer Chills

The nation's organized doctors have been suffering the chills since Nov. 2, the day that a majority of Americans turned out to register their protest to the cold shoulder given them by the GOP 80th Congress and demand action on, among other vital issues, a national health policy.

The average employer wouldn't be much worried if his employees worked for nothing and lived on crumbs, unless they organized and started asking a decent break. The average doctor is content to have patients stand in line and pay exorbitant fees for the "mysteries of medicine" under his tight closed shop, until they get wise to the fact that if a poor country like England can have successful health insurance, why can't prosperous America?

Then the doctors start worrying, not about the nation's health, or the fact that so many are going without adequate medical care because of inadequate incomes, or the appalling rate of medical rejections from the armed forces, but because a new Congress has been chosen pledged to do something about it and the people are behind them.

So, they have voted a \$25 assessment on every doctor to build up \$3,500,000 to fight national health plans now being considered by Congress. We can now expect a barrage of advertising and newspaper articles telling us how wonderful our doctors really are, but probably overlooking the fact that 350,000 people die needlessly each year from inadequate medical care.

The \$3,500,000 fund will be used to influence Congressmen and to pay for a clever newspaper-radio campaign designed to influence the public against any term of health insurance.

The American Medical Association, through various "fronts" is strongly set up in Washington to block such legislation and smear its proponents with red paint. They represent the health proposals to their members and to the public as "socialized" medicine, frightening people into believing that if such laws are passed there will be no choice of doctor and no incentive for the medical profession to broaden its work and improve its standards.

Like organized business, the organized doctors are overlooking national welfare in their efforts to protect selfish interest. The congressional proposals do not impose health service on anyone, but they do make it available to all who want it. And by promoting national health, they help industrial production, strengthen faith in democracy and generally pave the way for better and higher and happier living standards.

Labor is pressing for adoption of President Truman's 10-year health plan, which would assure basic medical care for the 68 million families where total income is less than \$3,000. We don't think that means socialism, but it does mean real Americanism.

Health and sickness strike the deepest concern of mankind. Adequate care must be assured the people by their government rather than be left tragically to the system of profit and greed.

The Union Card

The labor movement is a chain of human beings who have joined hands to deal with common problems and to seek the same ideals. Separately, workers cannot make satisfactory contracts with their employers or establish principles and agencies of justice in the work relationships. Acting separately, workers can only accept jobs on the conditions offered or look elsewhere—if they can.

Without an agent to represent him, each worker must take up his problems and questions with the employer. Even when it is practical for him to interview the employer, he makes only such impression as may be involved in his replacement. But as workers come to realize that by banding together they can have an agent to represent them and speak for them all, their position becomes important to the employer.

In union there is strength, which grows in proportion to the devotion of its members and their active participation in its work.

A live, effective union consists of a growing membership with paid-up union cards. A paid-up union card is a passport in the union world that assures fraternal courtesies and aid. This card, with the union seal, is accepted by all in the fraternity.

The American Federation of Labor is a federation of unions prescribing the rules and conditions on which workers hold union cards and devoted to the task of making membership guarantee of betterment. The union can make this guarantee because membership implies numbers aware of their responsibility for actively promoting their welfare. The union gives them an opportunity for developing initiative. In all of union work, whether organizational, economic or legislative the union card remains the ultimate test by which all policies are guided. What is good for the union card is good for all the purposes it should promote.

Wage-earners cannot progress beyond the need of a union card and the service it typifies. The union must remain a voluntary organization, membership in which represents belief in a way of life for wage-earners. Those who believe

Voluntary Health Move by Employer Given High Praise

Marysville.—It is TOO seldom that we find contractors who voluntarily are willing to interest themselves in the general welfare of their employees, so we are glad to print the following letter of the H. Earl Parker Company.

"To Our Employees:
"The protection of our employees and their dependents is of vital importance to us; therefore, after an extensive review of various proposals we have made arrangements with the Occidental Life Insurance Company of California to underwrite a cooperative group insurance program for employees and dependents. All employees and their dependents are entitled to Life Insurance, Hospital and Surgical Benefits, Medical Care and Diagnostic X-Rays, with Laboratory Examinations as described in this pamphlet.

"We are happy to make a substantial contribution in order to keep the cost within the means of every employee.

"It is our sincere hope that each of you will avail yourself of this opportunity to obtain valuable insurance protection which will offer peace of mind and security to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,
H. EARL PARKER."

The above benefits are far reaching, beyond the individual employee, to every member of his family. Two hundred and twenty people, mostly members of Local 3, are the beneficiaries of this policy and the Parker Company's contribution to the expense of this policy is voluntary and personal.

How can we overlook gestures of this nature? A condition of employment is established.

The tops of some airliners in Mexico are painted white to keep down inside temperature on hot days while the planes are on the ground.

in responsible living accept the responsibility of making decisions which determine their standards of living. For those who work in industries, freedom to make these decisions comes only through the union.

The union card is the badge of a free worker—the outward sign that the holder keeps the faith with likeminded workers.

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of February 16 and of March 2 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from the Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pensions regarding Amendment No. 25 to the State Constitution. It was moved and seconded to refer to New Business. Carried.

A letter was received from the American Red Cross. The members were instructed to contribute to the Red Cross in the districts in which they reside.

Letters and cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Carroll Parks; Elizabeth Baumbartner and family; and William Speers. Received and filed.

Declarations of Candidacy for office were read and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Paul M. Bennett, Herbert Boland, Wayne C. Brookshire, Frank Brown, F. D. Carpenter, Keith Chesney, Riley Crist, Edgar Duff, Chas. F. Duffy, Wm. L. Duncan, Theodore Earl, Leo W. Ely, Ellis Emery, Bill E. Fulton, Jess Gregory, Bryan Hemphill, Munsen Henry, Thomas L. Hewiston, John W. Jameson, Roy L. Jones, Maurice F. Kesteloot, Alvin Krein, C. D. Littlefield, Walter R. McGary, Don Malhiot, Oscar Medalen, James Melton, John J. Miller, Alvin A. Oakden, M. A. Parker, Paul B. Ryder, Eino W. Salmi, Howard C. Schaaf, Blythe C. Shade, James Shore, Harrison Steves, Jack Tucker, Robert A. Waddell, Vern Z. Walker, Ralph Whitaker, Tom C. Wiggins, Geo. E. Wilkinson, Charles H. Woodworth.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Elmer L. Bergan, Kenneth F. Tressmer, Artie B. Cook, F. Baumgartner, Nick Thill and Russell Frederick.

The Report of the Trustees was accepted as read.

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

Under New Business, the letter regarding Amendment No. 25 from the Citizens' Committee for Old Age Pension was read. It was brought out that the California State Federation of Labor had gone on record as opposing the petition being circulated to change Amendment No. 25. It was regularly moved and seconded to concur in the recommendation of the California State Federation of Labor. Carried.

There was a general discussion regarding manufacture of dried milk. It was brought out that a milk plant will be dismantled because of the back log of dried milk. It was regularly moved and seconded the Secretary be instructed to write the Senators regarding sending milk to Europe. Carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
C. F. MATHEWS,
Recording Secretary.

Scientists for many decades have been trying to find out the number and kind of bacteria in the soil; the relatively recent discovery of penicillin gave new impetus to their work.

Cotton fabric, treated by a process known as acetylation, is rot-resistant.

ST. PETER AND THE SCAB

"I ought to get a large reward,
For never owning a union card.
I've never grumbled, I've never struck,
I've never mixed up with union truck
But I must be going my way to win
So open, St. Peter, and let me in."
St. Peter sat and stroked his staff,
Despite his high office he had to laugh,
Said he with a fiery gleam in his eye,
"Who is tending this gate, sir,
you or I?
I've heard of you and your gift of gab;
You are what is known on earth
as a scab."
Thereupon he rose in his stature tall
And pressed a button on the wall,
And said to the imp who answered the bell:
"Escort this fellow around to hell;
Tell Satan to give him a seat alone
On a redhot griddle up near the throne,
But stay, even the Devil can't stand the smell
Of a cooking scab on a griddle in hell.
It would cause a revolt, a strike, I know,
If I sent you down to the fiends below.
Go back to your master on earth and tell
That they don't want scabs in hell."

—Author Unknown.

Buy Union—Be Union!

"Mine is better!"



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San Jose— SALINAS BRANCH CLOSED, 2 MEN TO WORK OUT OF SAN JOSE AREA

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and JOE RILEY
Business Representative, Local 3

We presume by now that most of the brothers in the southern part of this territory are aware of the fact that the Salinas office has been closed. It has now been found that about the same amount of efficiency can be obtained, at far less expense, by two men working out of the San Jose office. Knowing the closing of the Salinas office will be a disappointment to some of the brothers and we are sorry about that but we are certain they will realize that an office cannot be maintained without a steady revenue—at least enough to meet current expenses. This has not been accomplished since the Salinas Office has been in operation due mainly to the fact that many of the larger projects in operation last year have now been completed, namely, the Los Padres Dam, the Watsonville Levee Job, Heple & Keeble excavation on the Santa Cruz Highway, Ball & Baker's excavation on their portion of the highway, and Granite's excavation on the P. G. & E. Job at Moss Landing. Besides this there has been a slackening off of all construction work in general. At present Brother Joe Riley and I are in the San Jose Office. Brother Joe is "Pinch Hitting" for Brother Harry Metz who was forced to take some time off due to illness. We all join in wishing Harry a speedy and complete recovery. Now, for the work—present and future:

LOS GATOS-SANTA CRUZ HIGHWAY

We understand the State Highway Division have a full survey crew now making surveys and estimates for the rerouting of the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz Highway. No doubt as soon as these surveys are completed, bids will be called on this work. It should be in the near future. As you know, this work must be done first before the Lexington Dam can be constructed. As mentioned by Brother Metz in his last month's article a two billion gallon water dam is to be constructed immediately South of the Lexington Dam in the Austrian Canyon. Earl Heple has the contract for the clearing of 100 acres but at this writing work has not started on this project due mostly to the inclement weather. Rain, Rain, Rain. Within a few months' time we hope to have plenty of activity in the Los Gatos Sector.

SAN JOSE AREA

As I have been away from San Jose for the past three months, I am not too familiar with what is going on. There have been rumors of activity in the little town of Milpitas in the way of a Gas Distributing Plant to be erected for the P. G. & E. This will be the receiving station for the huge 500 mile gas line coming in from another state. So far we do not have too many particulars on this project. Next month we will be able to give you a little more intelligent information. One thing I have noticed since I have been away is that some of our older contractors have entered into new fields—Ready-Mix Concrete Plants. One of the contractors is Albanese of Stockton Avenue, and the other the Los Gatos Rock, Sand and Gravel. This will make a sum of about eleven Ready-Mix Plants in Santa Clara County. (This includes Bill Radtke of Gilroy who just recently christened his plant.) These plants could be an indication that the contractors in this locality have visions of much activity in the way of building in this area for the future. Bechtel Corporation have just about completed their Fibre Glass Contract on Alviso Road. Moffett Field, I understand, is in line for some more activity in the way of administration buildings and possibly another wind tunnel—approximate cost, \$1,000,000.

SOUTHERN TERRITORY

The Stone & Webster job (P. G. & E.) at Moss Landing, has slowed up a little due to the heavy rains. Nevertheless, Raymond Concrete Pile are still hammering away at their contract—rain or shine. They should have this completed in another three weeks. When the founda-

tions are in and weather permits, there should be a little more action down there. Macco Construction—on the North Jetty—and Sam Penna, the Superintendent have been encountering difficulty on this job due to the heavy rains, wind and high seas. They are transporting the rock for rip rap from Brisbane Quarry which also retards the work to some extent. Only for these difficulties, Sam, Brothers Smith, Sherman, Campbell and Stansell would have had this project completed before now. Brother Jack Rabe who served as master mechanic for the late Lary Karstedt (contractor) recently went into business for himself. He has a couple of "Cats" on a nice little land-levelling job out of Castroville. Jack is running one piece and the other is manned by Brother Nick Marazzo.

MONTEREY

Barrett & Hilp have a \$250,000 job at Pebble Beach for Del Monte Properties. This is in the way of a new Lodge or Hotel but to writing work has barely begun. Granite Construction are still working on their \$150,000 Open Air Theatre Job at Monterey, weather permitting. There is also a large pipeline job in Monte Vista Park, Monterey, to be started soon. I cannot say yet as to who will get the contract. Granite Construction are extending and widening some of the taxiways on the Naval Air Station. At present this job only consists of approximately thirty-five or forty thousand yards but we understand there will be considerably more yardage to be added to this project before it will be completed. Brother O. D. Ostrom is the "Super" on the job. So far the equipment on this job consists of three "Jeeps" two "Dozers" and a "Sheepfoot" roller. Brother E. J. Scott, Art Thorne, D. Ostrom, B. J. Dennison, Fred Phillips, and B. Reed comprise the crew. We expect bids to be called shortly on the Del Monte Avenue highway job. This highway is the one leading through Seaside and will be a major operation.

LOS PADRES DAM

Of interest to many of the brothers who worked on the Los Padres Dam is the fact that it is now filled to capacity and water just broke over the spillway last Thursday. That will give you an idea of just how much rain has fallen in this area in recent weeks.

ARROYA-SECCO JOB

Archibald and Sondgroth who have the Arroya-Secco job finally got enough rain and equipment to get going full speed on their highway job which is near Greenfield. They now have a couple of "Jeeps" and another "Dozer" and "Carryall" in operation. Some of the brothers who more recently went to work on this job are Brother Robert E. Lee Smith, Big Joel A. Mansfield, Irvin Kelley, M. "Swede" Jensen, Del Armer and Frank Youtsey. I must say, the boys are really making progress now.

OIL FIELDS

The heavy rains have also slowed down activities in the Oil Fields. (and I do mean slowed). There is very little doing with the exception of the drillers and maintenance crews. There should be quite a little activity in these fields when Spring opens up, however. I understand the Signal Oil have opened up a project over in the Bitter Water Area which is about twenty-eight miles East and North of King City and M. J. Rudy is moving much of his equipment in on this project. As yet I do not have too much information on this work. When it rains in that neigh-

Wage Cuts Dangerous

New York.—Nothing would be more dangerous for our economy at the present time than wage reductions, Leon Keyserling, vice-chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, told the eastern convention of Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen (AFL) last week.

Keyserling explained to the 350 delegates that only by keeping purchasing power high can the country sustain full production and avoid a recession. The expression "labor statesmen," he said, "is too often used to mean that labor should make the sacrifice play first. I don't ask you to do that. I ask you to be good trade unionists, to be militant trade unionists in the best sense of that word."

The very small signs of unemployment and sales drops that we have seen lately are because consumers don't have enough money to buy goods, the economist asserted. Any temporary sacrifice that is needed, he maintained, should be made in the "fat earnings of the last several years."

Some downward price trends have been reversed in the last two weeks, Keyserling pointed out. "We can raise our living standards and our real wages, which I believe means raising our money wages year after year."

British Want Music Better Than 'Slow Boat'

Manchester, Eng.—Saving young workers from the "Slow Boat to China" type of music at all costs" was the announced aim of labor leaders here last week when they sought government grants for orchestras like the Liverpool Philharmonic and the Halle Orchestra.

Conductor John Barbaroli told a Manchester Trades Council conference that the cost of good concerts is more than most people can afford. "Parks don't pay for themselves," he pointed out, "nor do art galleries. In fact, they are mostly frequented by devoted couples seeking the highest privacy at the lowest cost. Yet they are subsidized."

A delegate from the floor suggested that the big orchestras play more Irving Berlin and Cole Porter. Then more people would come to hear them, he said. Said another MTC member, "We have been an hours and wages movement for so long we have forgotten the things worth living for."

borhood, the roads are almost impassable.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

Brother Leo Fulton received a compound fracture of his right leg and has been confined in the San Jose Community Hospital. He has now returned to his home where he will convalesce for the next few weeks. Brother E. C. Bedal, a well-known roller operator, has just been released from the hospital after a serious illness and is recuperating at home. Brother Tony Buzolich, a mechanic for A. J. Raisch, is recovering from a serious attack of pneumonia. Tony has been confined to his bed for over a month but expects to be O. K. very shortly. We regret to announce the passing of Brother Russell Frederick, also a well-known mechanic of this locality. Brother Frederick suffered a heart attack. Brother Woodrow Holmes of Salinas suffered the loss of two fingers while oiling a ditching machine for Kovich Bros. on the Soledad job. Brother Frank Baumgartner, an old employee of A. J. Raisch company, dropped dead recently while at work. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the families of our departed brothers. Before closing, I wish to inform all of the brothers in the Southern part of this territory who have been transacting business in the Salinas office to kindly refer all grievances communications, etc., to 40 North Morrison St., San Jose.

Stockton— STOCKTON ENGINEERS TO START ON HIGHWAY, TUNNEL PROJECTS

By ED DORAN and RENNY BURROUGHS
Business Representatives, Local 3

By a thorough revision of our-out-of-work list, removing the names of all the brothers who have not reported to us in the last three weeks, we now have 135 members out-of-work in Stockton. Job clearances have also risen and we look forward to an active month in the starting of our spring jobs.

Our Stockton freeway job of approximately \$1,400,000, is to be let March 23, 1949. This job is to be a concrete paving job with about 40,000 tons of asphalt on shoulders and approaches. Karl Harmeling figured the Lincoln street extension beyond Harding Way at \$17 under his nearest competitor for a \$9,000 job. The Alpine street resurfacing job is due to open May 21st, as is the Pacific Garden Trunk sewer job.

As this goes to press, the job on Highway No. 33, from its junction at Highway No. 50, to 8 miles south will have been let. George French of Tracy Rock, Sand & Gravel, is going to bid on this as his first venture back into the Highway work in several years. Also, to be let as this is published, will be the 3,000,000 yard stripping job for the Gold Hill Dredging Co. at Clements. Joe Vacini, Woodrow Bird and H. Earl Parker are all reported to be interested in this job. Vacini is now moving 25,000 yards to get a cost per yard on the job for the dredging Co.

BEAR CREEK TUNNEL

Prospects of two large jobs being let immediately are very good. Reports that the P. G. & E. have already secured camp facilities for a tunnel and powerhouse job on Bear Creek, above Salt Springs, near Jackson, adds up with information at hand to indicate that this tunnel and powerhouse job will be let this month. As yet, we do not know what companies will be bidding on this job. Also reports that invitations to bid will be sent out this month on the Newman-Gustine section of the Central Valley Canal was heard from contractors and Bureau people on the West side.

Also to be let March 23rd is the job between the South Stanislaus County boundary and Hatch crossing on Highway No. 99. This is resurfacing and shoulder work.

EVEREST JOB

Everest is starting their Marion 7200 on March 7, 1949, with operators, Brothers Gilbert Wimmer and Louis Landes and oilers, Brothers L. L. Briggs and Leo B. Landes and Tony Rivas; and generator operators Mike Eneboe, Don Wigle and Hughes. Pushing this spread will be Brother Jim Briggs with Brothers Bill Stoner, and Gene Muir on blade and dozer respectively. Over at the batch plant, Brothers Vern Dark, Nick Lefurgey, and Bill Dark are operating dragline with Brother Jim Knoll on the plant and oilers, Brothers Johnson, Dark and Hubert. Brothers John Poland, Chas. Thome, Harry Larsen, Veto McCarty and George Tipton are mechanics on this job.

Brother Glen Van Landingham threw the M. K. Monahgen into a spot when a bad appendix nearly ruptured on him. It was a quick operation and Van is back on his feet with no bed time at all. However, he is now waiting for the Monahgen to recuperate as it stripped or cracked most of its teeth on the walking pinion gear two days after Van was laid up, and will not be ready to go again until March 23rd.

Things are slow at United Concrete now with eight men on the Hetch Hetchy job and two men still on the East Bay job. At the plant, 21 pipe a day seem to roll out effortlessly with their much restricted crew.

Brother Troy Manzer was in to say that United's Manitowoc was now on a one-shift basis with Bro. B. Y. Wichman operating and J. Montgomery, his oiler still working up at Mt. House.

ARTUKOVITCH JOB

Artukovitch is fighting water at Modesto and crossings at Riverbank. A close job this one—and Brother Cal Baker and his operators will deserve a real commend-

ation if they pull this one out of the fire (or should we say water) for Pete and John.

Teichert is through with their levee job on the Stewart Tract and the crew is already scattered out.

Ferguson Bros. have yet to dig their sewer job at the State Hospital, which they bid for about \$70,000 in the middle of last year.

M. J. Rudy has moved his cats up in the hills west of Friant. Most of his steadies moved too, as work has been slow around Modesto.

Stockton Construction has finished up at Walnut Creek and all their crew is back at the Stockton ship. It was a job well done, we hear, and they had a celebration at its finish.

Guntert and Zimmerman are going to have an election held on their premises on March 20th, to establish our right to bargain. It has been a long fight, but our three engineers there are going to win.

Over at Riverbank, Mathews & Jorgensen are strung out on their sewer job with Brother Bob Fernandes on the cat and Brothers Jake Byers and Oneal Miller on the dragline. Bill Edwards is subbing the trenching with his machine.

THE SNOW DOZER

We ran into Bro. Dick Arthurs happily dozing snow for the P. G. & E. above San Andreas the other day. Also up in the hills at Beerman and Jones' plant, we met Brother Geo. Murphy, H. D. Mechanic, looking cheerful and saying that his family was doing much better at that altitude. There, too, we heard that Brother Red Bennett had left this area — good luck, Red.

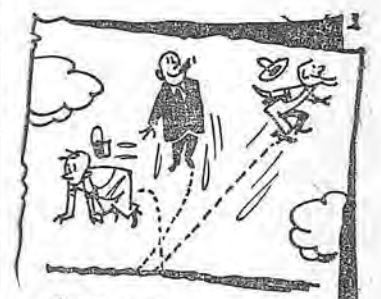
Down at Clements, Claude Woods finally got the Gold Hill Dredge across Highway No. 88. It cost at least \$75,000, and was a tough job, especially when they had to dig out an old concrete bridge that they found buried under the road fill right in the middle of the cut.

Up at the Mocasín Creek powerhouse and across from the Early Intake, at the Oakland Municipal Camp, work is beginning to buzz. A crew of millwrights are working at Mocasín and the Oakland Camp excavation should start at once.

STOCKTON SEWER JOB

The City of Stockton will have let another quarter of a million dollar sewer plant job as this is written. This will complete the plant work as provided for in the 1949 budget.

In closing, brothers, I would like to say a word on our working rules. Don't recommend to your unemployed brothers that they go out to solicit the foreman on your job for new equipment, you just saw come in. The employer will call the office and your friend will go to work at the proper time. When you advise or help him to rustle his job you only get him into a violation of his working rules, and the contractor into a violation of his contract, and it gives your office a bad time to see that justice is done to all of our brothers. Don't rustle yourself, and don't advise others to!



SINCE 1939... WAGES HAVE JUMPED 121%, CORPORATION PROFITS AFTER TAXES ROSE 248%, AND FARM INCOME 265%

Sacramento— WINTER "VACATION" ABOUT OVER FOR BOYS IN SACRAMENTO AREA

By ED PARK
Business Representative, Local 3

As we go to press working conditions are still very bad in the Sacramento district. However, the outlook continues favorably for a good season ahead. It has been a long winter and a hard one, and while at this writing, the employment picture still looks grim I would like to offer a word of encouragement to some of the boys who have been waiting so long. Cheer up, fellows, your enforced vacation can't last forever.

The Folsom Dam is one more step nearer a reality today due to the action of the House Public Lands Committee which during the past month approved a \$155,000,000 American River development plan. However, even if the money was made available immediately the Army Engineers have warned that a contract for the dam could not be let before next February. It is expected that the next allotment will be about \$3,500,000. This was the amount recommended by the budget bureau. This sum will permit continuation of the planning and testing now under way. Under ordinary circumstances the planning work will not be completed in time to permit letting a contract for the main dam until the spring of 1950.

PUSH APPROPRIATION

A delegation from Sacramento is now in Washington trying to boost this year's allotment to \$5,000,000 which would permit considerable more preliminary work being done this year. We will have more information regarding this project in our next report. By that time Congress will have taken some definite action.

A fight for additional funds for the Deep Water Channel is being carried on in Washington at the present time by a delegation from Sacramento. Brother Frank Lawrence is a member of this committee. The committee is making a strong plea to Congress for \$4,000,000 to carry on construction of the channel during the year beginning July 1st. This is \$2,000,000 more than the sum recommended in President Truman's budget. Regardless of the sum appropriated by Congress it is expected that the Port District will, in the near future, start constructing some of the facilities for the Port with the money it has on hand. More about this project next month, also.

AUBURN FREEWAY

There is only one large highway job in the offing for this territory at the present time and we hope bids will be advertised by the time we go to press again. This project will be a continuation of the Freeway beyond Auburn and is scheduled to run into the million and one-half dollar figure. This is all we can report in the way of large jobs and the Brothers should note that at the present time they are pending, and are not in progress.

While around on the few jobs that are running we found Brother Al Kingwell keeping the following Brothers busy on the M. W. Brown job at Placerville: Jerry Aldridge, George Tariton, R. D. Willingham, Wayne Espenel, Elmer Strange, Wallace Fushons, Robert Moffin and Lloyd Madry.

H. Earl Parker has opened up his Putah Creek job again. Brothers George White and Wayne Morris are shifting and have Brothers Milhouse, York, Chandler, Gabriel, Huff, King, Parker, Bowers, Eyrnes, Hite, Timm, Young, Aidnik, Danison, Fassino and Samuels on the job.

Brother Ernie Gressot is doing a fine job as foreman for Atkinson at Roseville with Brothers Don Johnson, Johnny Hartman, Joe Burnside, Tommy Doyle, C. L. Carter, Slim Moore, Whitey Moore, and R. D. Sutherland, Jr., working for him.

TRENCHING JOBS

There have been times during the past few winter months when about the only pieces of equipment operating anywhere were the trenching machines. The Downer Construction Company continues to work in North Sacramento. Brothers Bill Yoch, Ed Williamson, George Sullivan, Wm. Colcleasor, Lloyd Olive, O. Gray, and Tom

Fenton are on the job. J. H. Nichols is the Mechanic Foreman, Valley Trenching continues with their job in West Sacramento. The Brothers on this job are Ray Kepley, Clint Hayes, Don Perry and Halley Payne. Brother Marvin Fletcher is the operator and Brother Gordon L. Lewis is the oiler on the Scott and Bolls trenching job in West Sacramento. The Lowrie Paving Company of Oakland have been doing a trenching job out at 37th and Broadway.

Four Pile Drivers are working in this area at the present time. The Raymond Concrete Pile Company is out at the Rice Mill in West Sacramento with Brother Al Bowling as the engineer. Gerrick is on a bridge job south of Dixon with Brother H. Weatherby at the controls. M. A. Jenkins has his rig on the river between Sacramento and Isleton, Brother Willis Houston is operating for him. Duncan & Harrelson have a rig working at Rio Vista with Brother Verdon Garnes as the engineer and Brother H. B. Root the fireman.

N. M. Ball has moved some of his equipment on the job recently awarded them at Mosquito Ridge. Brother Ted Irving will be the Superintendent and expects to keep the following Brothers busy up there: Eugene Wixson, Ed Lowry, John Mangnum, Don Shirts and Clyde Huntington. I used to go to school with Clyde and am looking forward to seeing him again.

Down on the Judson Pacific job at Three Mile Slough we found Brothers Jimmie Lane, P. B. Griffing, Robert Marks, Bill Nixon and John Wardle.

The Harms Bros. and P. J. Moore job north of town is scheduled to start in the very near future. C. C. Steel will be moving two draglines on to the job soon. Brothers Mel Jefferies and Don Craig who are working for Steel at the present time will be the operators.

The Bingham Construction Company of Sacramento was low bidder in the amount of \$4551 for the construction of a wood frame building at the Folsom Dam site. This building is to be used as a core storage room and laboratory. Also included in the contract was a small amount of grading. We have had no definite report as to when work will start again on the Peter L. Ferry & Son job at the dam. The last report was around the first of April.

PERSONAL MENTION

Belated congratulations go to Brother and Mrs. Don Wrest on the birth of a son, born January 15, 1949, at the Sutter Hospital.

Also on the list of proud parents are Brother and Mrs. Douglas Sickles. It's a baby girl for them, Shirley Nell, born February 28, 1949.

Brother and Mrs. Paul Hull are happy to announce the birth of Spencer James, born February 11, 1949. Our congratulations to them. Brother Hull also tells us that their small daughter, Barbara, who was a victim of last season's polio epidemic is now at home and improving rapidly.

Brother S. P. Pirtle fell while riding a motorcycle and was skinned up considerably.

Brother R. D. Willingham has just purchased himself a ranch on 24th Street Road.

The twelve year old son of Brother George Botkins was hit by an automobile while riding a bicycle at 14th Avenue. He has been in the hospital for several weeks at this writing but seems to be much improved now. We hope that he will soon be completely well again.

Brother Gene Schubert was mar-

San Mateo County— Shore Highway Down Peninsula Planned by State

By CHET ELLIOTT
Business Representative Local 3

Bids will be opened March 23rd, for the building of new State Highway, extending from Half Moon Bay to Frenchmans Creek, near Moss Beach. Surveys are also being completed for new highway construction at Pigeon Point and a bridge at Frenchman's Creek. However, this work, costing around one million dollars and affording employment for many engineers, will not be advertised until later in the year.

Floyd Watson has moved his cats back to Stonesons project at Broadmoore Village in Colma. This extension to the present project will run into a year's work for members of Local No. 3. While visiting the job your representative contacted Brothers Hoberg, Ainsworth, Koskinen, and others who were busy pioneering and clearing land.

Activity on Morrisson & Knudsons job at the San Francisco Airport is at a very low ebb. A few heavy-duty mechanics still remain in the shop which is the extent of their operations, however, when the weather settles many engineers will be employed here through this year.

REDWOOD CITY HOSPITAL

At Redwood City, Parker, Stefens and Pierce are busily engaged in the huge Community Hospital Project. The excavation work is being done by L. C. Smith under the supervision of Brother Archie Haerl.

The Whipple Road Quarry under the management of the L. C. Smith Company is undergoing a complete change, with the able supervision of Brother Walker and several other Heavy Duty Mechanics and operators of Local No. 3. New crushing machinery is being installed, new roads are being built and the entire quarry being extended.

At the Port of Redwood, the Raymond Concrete Pipe Company have completed their pile-driving job for the Shell Oil Company and while your representative was visiting there, they were moving the equipment away.

Business in the Building Material Yards and at the Quarries in this district has been very slow for the past month, but the individual firms are busy stock-piling aggregates contemplating a busy season.

AUTO HINTS

OVERHEATING — Frequent causes of overheating of an automobile engine, advises the California State Automobile Association, include a broken or slipping fan belt, a clogged radiator, a defective thermostat, and a low water supply in the radiator.

FUEL PUMP CHECKUP — Old automobile fuel pumps often deliver sufficient fuel at moderate speeds but cause missing and poor engine performance at higher speed. Motorists are advised to have the fuel pump checked by a competent mechanic at least every 5000 miles.

ried February 4, 1949, in Reno, Nevada.

Brother Ray Austin is back in Sacramento as a foreman for Brighton Sand & Gravel.

Brother Revoe Parker has taken a job with the Scott Equipment Company as service man.

Brother Alvin Bobo has returned to Okinawa after a few months spent in Sacramento.

Brother Art Root has returned from a trip to Southern California.

Brother Al Brown has recovered from a back injury received while working on the Folsom By-Pass. He is now working for Malifitano of their Antioch job.

Marysville— MOUNTAIN JOBS OPENING UP AS WEATHER BETTER; PUSH TUNNELS

By WM. C. WAACK and Les COLLETT
Business Representatives, Local 3

Repairs on the Sacramento River levee, near Colusa, are to cost about \$1,000,000 and will start as soon as weather permits. H. Earl Parker is the contractor and has only a dozer and clearing crew at present. According to the U. S. Engineers, a million dollars a year will be spent in the next two years and only the worst spots will be done this year and that some of the rock will be barged in from Basalt Rock, near Napa.

Ain't NO Law!

The classic example of the attitude of union-hating employers toward labor laws was provided by S. J. Fosdick, of the National Retail Dry Goods Association. Testifying before the Senate Labor Committee, Fosdick declared flatly that for purposes of the T-H law the retail industry was in interstate commerce, but for purposes of the Wage-Hour Act the industry was NOT in interstate commerce. Even Senator Taft couldn't disguise his shock at the gall of an industry that demanded the benefit of the union-busting T-H law but wanted to escape coverage of a law requiring a 40c-an-hour minimum wage. You didn't read about that in your newspapers because the publishers were too busy writing editorials claiming that if labor was as reasonable as management we'd have industrial peace in this country.

Labor Radio Station

New York.—Operation of the first labor-owned radio station in the metropolitan area here will begin in April, when WFDR-FM will start services. Owned by the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, locals of American Federation of Musicians, and Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers, and non-profit groups like Cooperative League, the station will "discuss day-to-day problems affecting the people." ILGWU radio consultant M. S. Novik announced that the station's fare "will not be just union programs." They will do a community job—showing contributions unions make in everyday activities, furthering public education and developing local groups.

British education authorities are empowered to provide free clothing and boots for children who are without and cannot attend school for that reason.



WHERE'S THE ROBIN? Starlet Janis Paige reminds us that spring is not far off, though we doubt if we'll see anything quite like this when it does come.

Old man weather has had a lot of jobs fouled around the area but soon we will be crying for men.

The Cresta Dam and Rock Creek Dam jobs of M&K Company, Inc., in Feather River Canyon are still only working part time. However, we look for them to go three shifts as soon as possible. The M&K Company tunnel at this writing has about 850 feet to go and then I guess the concrete will start as soon as mucking stops.

Dixon & Arundel are driving four headings, three shifts around the clock and Sundays off for almost everyone except the supers. This company is making good progress and has a large crew of Local 3 men employed.

PLEASE, HURRY!

The Walsh Construction Company is still driving upstream, and in a hurry, and the operators on the job tell me that all Les Huntington knows is drill, shoot and muck out—and "Will you please hurry, men?" One thing about Les—he does say please. This is a good outfit and no beefs on this project at all.

T. E. Connolly is also driving tunnel in four headings with Joe Barnett as project manager and Brother John Hinote in charge of the muck-moving equipment. We have 103 operators of all classifications on this job.

Judson Pacific-Murphy moved in at the Cresta Powerhouse to put up the electric crane. This is the most advanced project in the canyon and machinery will start moving in soon.

Bechtel Corporation laid off the night shift at Dobbins except one crane crew and has had a lot of mud, snow and rain to contend with. However, they are showing some progress. Brother Harry Bendix is master mechanic on this job.

Richter Brothers of Oroville keep as busy as possible. They really had a time keeping Brother Cecil Ball on his turnapull, for his wife presented him with a nine pound girl and Cecil was jumping with pride.

ONE-HALF-UNION JOB

Van Valkenburgh Company has a \$137,000 sewer line job in Chico—100 per cent union. Another firm got the other half and strictly non-union. We are working on this now.

Baker Brothers of Chico have most of their equipment in Los Angeles at present.

Granite Construction Company is doing the best it can with its road job in this weather.

P. H. Moore has a road job in the lower end of Sutter County and C. C. Steele will furnish the drag lines.

Yuba Consolidated, Capital and Natomas were duly notified that the contract will be opened for negotiation of wages and working conditions.

Tuolumne's dredge back of La Grange has shut down because of financial difficulties. It is possible that it will start again before the summer is too far along.

Thurman & Wright's dredge at Slough House was sold to South American interests along with a bucket line rig of the San Joaquin Dredging Company.

Brother Art Reynolds of Yuba Consolidated packed up his gear and went down as dredge master. As soon as we hear from Art, we will be able to talk more of these new gold field developments.

In commercial acreage, the nine leading American vegetable crops are tomatoes, sweet potatoes, sweet corn, early potatoes, peas, watermelons, snap beans, cucumbers and cabbage.

What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, Chas. Dees and T. D. Bryson, Business Representatives, Local 3

Ordinarily, the writing of our part of the Engineers News is a job we all enjoy, as we usually have a considerable amount of activity to report on jobs, and of the various members and their families living in the East Bay. This month, however, it seems that the major activity has consisted of keeping out of the rain—the contractors on the one hand keeping their

equipment quietly in the Barn and the members on the other, waiting, not so quietly for jobs that just don't come in. The out of work list is the only thing showing much activity and it is certainly holding its own. The few names that are stroked off are quickly replaced, and it still stands right in the neighborhood of 500. Clearances this month hit an all time low, around 230. While this in itself, is not a very bright picture, it does not tell the whole story, as the majority of those issued were for rehires, or on jobs of one or two days duration.

So you can readily see why this is one of the times when we'd just as leave skip the whole thing. But as we always try to give you as complete a picture as possible of doings here goes:

Brother Jerry Bothwell is holding forth on Piambos job at Richmond. This company has been doing excavation work for the P. G. & E. gas holder and is putting the finishing touches to the work at this time. McDonald Young and Nelson are pouring concrete for the foundations on this job and Brother W. W. McCloud, one of our real old timers, is operating compressor, while Brother Jack Bobo is handling the cat work. It will be some time yet before the actual erection of the structure is started.

With the completion of Ransome's sewer job in Emeryville, Brother Jim Johns, who has been with the company for some time, has been transferred to their operation in Richmond. Conversion of old Yard Two, readying it for further industrial use, is being done for the Santa Fe Railroad, and loss is being held at a minimum with much of the material being salvaged.

Parr Terminais, operating ship loading facilities in former Yard One, loaded their second cargo of coke during the month of January. Brother Homer Moore tells us that this shipment was handled in even better time than the last and the company is expecting more of this type of work. This is a good firm to do business with and we wish them continued success in their undertaking.

Brother Don Anderson, master mechanic for Utah Construction company is keeping a number of the brothers busy in the Richmond yard. They are overhauling and repairing equipment for the many jobs this outfit has in various parts of the country.

Brother Dick Brogden has his recently purchased truck crane rented to the Ben C. Gerwick Co. in Richmond. Operator, Dick Brogden.

Johnny Shay, who, as many of you know, is superintendent for W. A. Bechtel, has a crew working out at Hercules Powder in Pinole. They are doing repair work and building additions to the plant and approximately seven brothers are out there, with Brother "Tiny" Laux acting as steward. Steel Erectors Consolidated of San Francisco, is doing the steel erection with Brother Walter Vorpahl on their Lorain crane.

Brother Fay Lacy, who has been working on the N. M. Ball highway job in the valley is now in the company shop in Berkeley. Brother Bill Sorenson is keeping his crew busy out there readying equipment for spring activities. Balls have considerable work in the offing, but, unfortunately little of it is in this area.

Brother Al Hill, who replaced Brother Leonard Metcalf as master mechanic for McGuire and Hester seems to be getting along fine,

doing a bang-up job. Brother Metcalf was forced to take some time off due to ill health and we hear that he is trying his hand at selling. We wish him a speedy recovery and good luck in his new venture.

Work on various contracts in the Standard Oil plant in Richmond has slacked off considerably. There are still a number of members working out there, however, and it is rumored that there is to be more work in this plant in the future. So far there is nothing definite to report.

Macal Improvement and Frank Malfitano, who have the contract on excavating work on the P. G. & E. steam plant at Antioch, are getting well started on the project. In reply to the hundreds of inquiries we have received about this work we wish to state that there is practically no hiring at present, and it will be some time before the operation is running full blast. We will keep you informed through these columns as work progresses.

Work is very slow at the Charles Hughes company's plant in Walnut Creek. This company recently took over Clements hot plant and they are hopeful that employment for the full crew will be furnished as soon as the weather breaks.

Brother C. V. Hazelwood is now acting as steward for the maintenance crew at the Fluor Corporation in Oleum. He replaces Brother Louie Solari, who recently left to take another job.

Austin Company keeps four members on their payroll at the Dow Chemical plant in Pittsburg. Work has slowed down considerably during the last few weeks and at present, there is no immediate change in view.

And, in tune with the times, Pacific States Steel says—slow—with no new hires at present.

Stolte & United have started work on the Oakland outfall sewer. There is quite a bit of tunnel work to be done, under the Key System tracks and the properties of the Judson Pacific Steel plant in Emeryville.

The Edward Keeble highway job at Livermore has been rained out for the better part of two months. Only an occasional shift has been worked and at last report excavation was about one-quarter complete.

The Ben C. Gerwick Company recently unloaded their pile driver at LeBouef and Dougherty's yard in Richmond, having completed driving operations on the E.B.M. U.D. line from Bixler station to Hoyt.

Associated Electric is keeping several engineers busy on various utility jobs in the East Bay. The main project consists of running of pipe lines for the E.B.M.U.D. in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Brother Danny Trade was recently promoted, and is now superintendent over the various operations, while Brother Jack Mumford and Don Berthoff are running the jobs.

The Henry J. Kaiser company has purchased the A. S. Jones plant at Niles, and contemplates starting production there about April 15. After making considerable changes and improvements to the existing plant, they figure on using it to furnish gravel and asphalt mix for the truck trade in the southern part of the county.

Most of the rock, sand and grav-

el plants are operating on a reduced schedule. Fortunately they have not had many lay-offs, but are keeping the boys busy on repair work, getting ready for the activity they expect as soon as the weather permits.

Clements and Company is finishing with their paving job on Jarvis Road at Newark. It appears that they will be laying off more of the crew as they don't seem to have additional work to start at this time.

Judson Pacific-Murphy Corporation have completed the structural iron work on the C. & H. Refinery in Crockett. Chicago Bridge and Iron is now working on the sugar storage tanks and D. Zelinsky and Sons are doing the painting.

The Tarman and Bechtel housing job at Danville is practically completed. The George Casey Co. of Berkeley is doing some drilling work on the project at present.

The Danville Lumber Company reports very little activity at their aggregate plant at present.

McGuire and Hester manage to keep three brothers busy on their water line job at Hidden Valley, and Chas. T. Brown keeps an equal number on his payroll out at Orinda.

Serra Brothers, operators of the quarry at Pacheco, are adding another cat to their spread, to handle work on the Buchanan airport job. Silva Brothers have the prime contract on this job, which consists of the construction of additional runways at the field.

Dredging work is practically at a standstill. The San Francisco Bridge company finished their job

on the San Leandro bay and pulled their dredge Duwamish into the Belair yard. They are keeping a few members of the crew on repair work, but most of them were laid off.

The Olympian Dredging Company has a short job on Isles Creek in San Francisco, where they are dredging for the new Third Street Bridge. This is a barge job and uses several men, but it will no doubt be finished by the time this reaches you.

Dutra seems to keep his two clamshells busy. The Edwards is working near the San Mateo bridge off Belmont, and the Mallard is between Warm Springs and Milpitas, near the Alameda-Santa Clara County line.

The Associated Dredging Company has finished their levee job at the foot of Davis Street in San Leandro and at present the Liberty and Delta are both tied up there. The Curlew is working somewhere up the river.

Pacific Portland Cement Company at Redwood City is working with a reduced force as a part of the cement plant is shut down.

Standard Dredging Company at Belmont still have their small clamshell working on reclamation work in the vicinity of Redwood City and Belmont.

The outlook is not very good for dredge work in the near future. There is a fair sized suction dredge job coming up on the Napa river. There seems to be something holding this up, but we hope it will be ironed out soon. There is some hopes that congress will appropriate money for the Sacramento deep water channel. It is pretty sure, however, that there will be nothing starting there until after the beginning of the fiscal year in July.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Perhaps some of the friends of Brother W. D. Jackson, who operated locomotive on the Fairfield job for two years have wondered where he was and what he has been doing during the intervening years. Well, take it from us, he's been a mighty busy guy! First off, he signed up for Okinawa in August of '46, and stayed there until the completion of his contract. In fact, he was the first man to stay the full time and received quite a bit of publicity out there.

He returned to Oakland in August, 1947, and in November signed up again—this time for Guam. The trip out was quite eventful, the first leg, to Hawaii, being made in one of those flying boxcars, the Mars. He says that in itself was certainly a worthwhile experience—and while the plane looks like a boxcar it rides like a pullman. He spent Thanksgiving in Honolulu and had the traditional turkey dinner, served, however in a Chinese restaurant by a native waiter.

He stayed on Guam the full year and returned in November, 1948—flew all the way back in a D6 with stops at Midway and Honolulu—landed in Oakland and took off again for his home in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where his wife had been staying during his absence. The first of this year they started back here and drove to Baton Rouge and Shreveport, Louisiana, came through Texas with a stopover at Juarez and then on back up the coast of California.

By this time, you'd think he'd be just about travelled out, but not this boy! After a short breather here, they took off again—this time going as far north as Pasco and Seattle, then back down the coast, to light, for the present, at least in Oakland. We asked Brother Jackson what he plans on doing now, and, like all these Engineers who get started on travelling jobs, he got a far away look in his eye and said, "Well, its not definite—but I might go out again—yep, I just might!"

Brothers Don Harnish and Dick Snell have applied for patent rights on an improved master pin.

It is an ingenious little gadget, designed for crawler type equipment, and it lowers the time considerably in cutting tracks. The boys have been trying it out on an H. D. 19 out on the S. U. H. B. job and say it stands up very well under actual working conditions. Nice going, Fellows, and lots of luck in sellin' 'em.

We regret to report the recent passing of Sam Hubbard, local contractor of Walnut Creek. Formerly associated with the State Department as an attorney and later for the C. Dudley De Velbiss Company in the capacity of Labor Relations Advisor, Sam was well versed in this field and had a very fine understanding of human nature. He had recently started his own contracting business and was doing very well when he died. We extend our sincere sympathy to his family.

Brothers Howard Blair, Clarence Shriner and Frank Marasco have their newly acquired one-half yard back hoe rented to Johnson, Drake and Piper. These boys will be looking for other spots in which to place their rig, so if you have something, call 'em at KE. 2-1860.

Brother Jimmy Dement recently bought himself a Fordson with a back dozer, and is looking for work for it too—he's at Richmond 2462R.

Brother Vernon Graybeal and his wife recently returned from a six months vacation which took them over a major part of the United States. They spent considerable time at his old home in Kentucky and then covered the rest of the Blue Grass Country pretty thoroughly. Came back through Idaho, where they did some deer and pheasant hunting, stayed a little too long and got snowed in for nearly a month. After shoveling out they hit directly for Phoenix, and then, as soon as they had the chill out of their bones came home. Vern says it was a wonderful time, grand vacation and beautiful country but

they are glad to be back here again.

Brother Ed Blomberg has moved lock, stock and barrel to Chico where he recently opened a brake repair shop. Ed has had a lot of experience in this line of work and we feel sure he will be very successful. He said that he did a lot of looking around and after careful consideration decided on this active valley town as the logical spot to start work. He will be located at 1804 Park Avenue, and we suggest that, when traveling 99E you stop in at the Chico Brake and Wheel Shop.

Best wishes to Brother George Harrison and Florence Benton who were married in Reno on March 5th. Brother and Mrs. Tex Strickland accompanied them on the trip and they are now back in Oakland, where they plan on making their home.

Brother S. G. Durrance, just back from a combined pleasure and business trip to Florida, dropped into the office the other day. Brother Durrance worked for Pacific Bridge Company for many years, but has not worked at the trade for over two years. He still retains his active membership in the Engineers, however, and says he has no intention of taking a withdrawal. He is engaged in the real estate business and can be reached by calling KE. 3-4547.

Back from Greece after a stay of five months, Brother Frank Booth thinks he'll be home for awhile now. He was working for Atkinson Drake in the capacity of field supervisor, and says it wasn't too bad over there. He especially enjoyed the trip back which included stops in Rome, Paris, Switzerland and Ireland. One of his fondest memories is of the fine Irish stew he had in Dublin, but he hastens to assure us that this was a DISH and not a CONDITION. Incidentally, he wanted to take this opportunity to deny the statement rendered by Brother Whitey Collett that he was starting a Greek restaurant. Such a thing!

By the way, Whitey was back in town for a few days during the past month. He has been up on the Feather River job most of the winter and says the going has been pretty rough. Presumably in for a check up, we personally think that Brother Collett just got so dogged lonesome for the smell of that GOOD bay air that he had to come home for a whiff.

On March 7, following an illness of five days, Brother Darrell J. Stinebaugh passed away at the Oak Knoll hospital. Brother Stinebaugh had been employed by P. & J. Artukovich for some time in the capacity of shovel operator. A veteran of World War Two interment was at Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Francisco. To his family we extend sincere condolences.

There has been a considerable drain on our blood bank reserve during the past month and we wish to thank the following brothers who have made the necessary contributions to keep our account on an active basis:

Vernal Osborn
D. B. Troutner
Walter Fahje
Bill Barrett
W. D. Alstrand
Jack McKenney
Horner Conn
Jim Martin
Loren Welches
Dan Street
H. S. Newell

It is extremely important that we have more donors during the coming month and we urgently request you to contact this office, TW. 3-2120 for information regarding appointments.

Brother Glen McDonald who insists he broke the cold wave when he installed a new heating system
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UTAH HOUSE IS FRIENDLY TO LABOR, BUT SENATE IS NOT

By C. L. CASEBOLT and C. R. VAN WINKLE
Business Representatives, Local 3

REPORT ON THE 28TH UTAH LEGISLATURE

When this is being read the 28th Legislature will be a thing of the past and we almost are willing to say "Thank God" to that. The political situation as it developed between the House and Senate and between the House and the Governor prevented practically any positive action. The House of Representatives proved very friendly and passed practically every labor measure presented to them. While the overwhelming democratic majority in the House did not go down the line with us 100%, at least enough of them did to put over our bills in each case.

In the Senate the story was entirely different. There we found 12 Democrats, a majority of one, but at least two of them proved unreliable and only one of the Republicans proved dependable (on the basis the motion to table on the Clegg-Vest Act repealer). As the situation developed the House and the Senate became at odds over the appropriation bill and other matters, the House and the Governor failed to see eye to eye and all positive action became practically stymied. Despite a hard working labor lobby, of which your representatives were a part, labor has but little to show in positive results (more about legislation later).

SUPREME COURT RULES IN OUR FAVOR IN PALFREYMAN CASE

On Friday, February 25, the Utah Supreme Court handed down its decision in our appeal from the decision of the Industrial Commission in the Palfreyman case. This decision you may remember ordered our union to "cease and desist" picketing and engaging in a strike against the Palfreyman Company at Hennefer, Utah. We appealed to the Supreme Court against this order claiming the Clegg-Vest Act was unconstitutional. The decision of the Court, while not ruling specifically regarding the constitutional question, set aside the order of the board and casts considerable doubts on the constitutionality of the act. Pending legal advise, we are of the opinion that we can safely ignore the act in our usual activities and that the employers will hesitate again to use the act against us.

A REPORT ON LEGISLATION ACTED UPON

House Bill 23, an act to repeal the Clegg-Vest Act passed the House 33 ayes, 22 nays, five absent and not voting, but was tabled in the Senate by 12 ayes, 11 nays (a report of our friends and enemies in both houses will be made in a later issue.) House Bill 113, An Act to Establish Portal to Portal in Open Pit Mines passed the House by a comfortable margin but died in Sifting Committee in the Senate. House Bill 80, An Act to Establish an Apprentice Council passed both houses.

House Bill 166, an act amending the Unemployment Insurance Act passed both houses and was signed by the governor. This act eliminates the vicious "charge back" system provided for in the 1947 legislation, tightens up some of the loop holes and liberalizes some of the provisions regarding the eligibility period. Senate Bills 288 and 289, two acts improving the Occupational Disease Act and the Workmens Industrial Accident Act, passed both houses and was signed by the governor.

These acts raised the maximum benefits to \$25.00 per week, plus 5% for each dependent child up to five, raised the minimum benefits to \$15.00 per week plus 5% for each dependent child up to five, made payments for total disability payable for life, provided for a rehabilitation service and raised the payments for death, medical services, etc. All in all these last two acts constitute our greatest accomplishments during this session.

REPORT ON WORK

Utah has finally come out under its mantle of snow and the breath of spring is in the air. The thaw has occurred so slowly that the danger of floods or deep mud, barring heavy rains, has been greatly minimized. A few contractors have started out slowly and have called in a few men but by and large most contractors, especially the

ones on larger jobs, are still marking time and just threatening to start. The outlook at present is that our unemployed lists will not be sufficient to fill the jobs. The work outlook for this spring and summer is very good.

REOPENING OF AGREEMENTS

All agreements of our local union with our employers have been opened and will come up for negotiation within the next two months or so. This includes the construction agreement with the AGC, the Permanent Shop and Mine Agreement with the Utah Construction Company, the Sand and Gravel and Ready Mixed Agreement; the Pacific Bridge Agreement at Park City; and the agreement with the Kennecott Copper Company. From all reports in the newspapers the employers must have received the information as they are, through the newspapers, telling us how poor they are. Despite this it is our intention and hope to ask for and obtain considerable improvements in our present agreements.

INTERSTATE TELEPHONE GOES IBEW; CIO OUT

The UWUA missed the bus again—this time in Washington state, where the IBEW won a bargaining agent election from the Communications Workers of America. The UWUA wasn't even in the organizational picture on the Interstate Telephone and Telegraph Company's premises in the Spokane district.

A factor in the choice of the IBEW was the announcement shortly before the election by CWA President Joseph Biene that he was taking the organization into the CIO, which had assured him the presidency of the national for doing so. Biene had tried to make a similar deal with the IBEW but was promised nothing. Dela MacIntyre and Jerry Winters were the IBEW international organizers who assisted the regular business agents of Local 71 in the Interstate campaign. The vote was 207 for the IBEW as against 182 for the CWA.

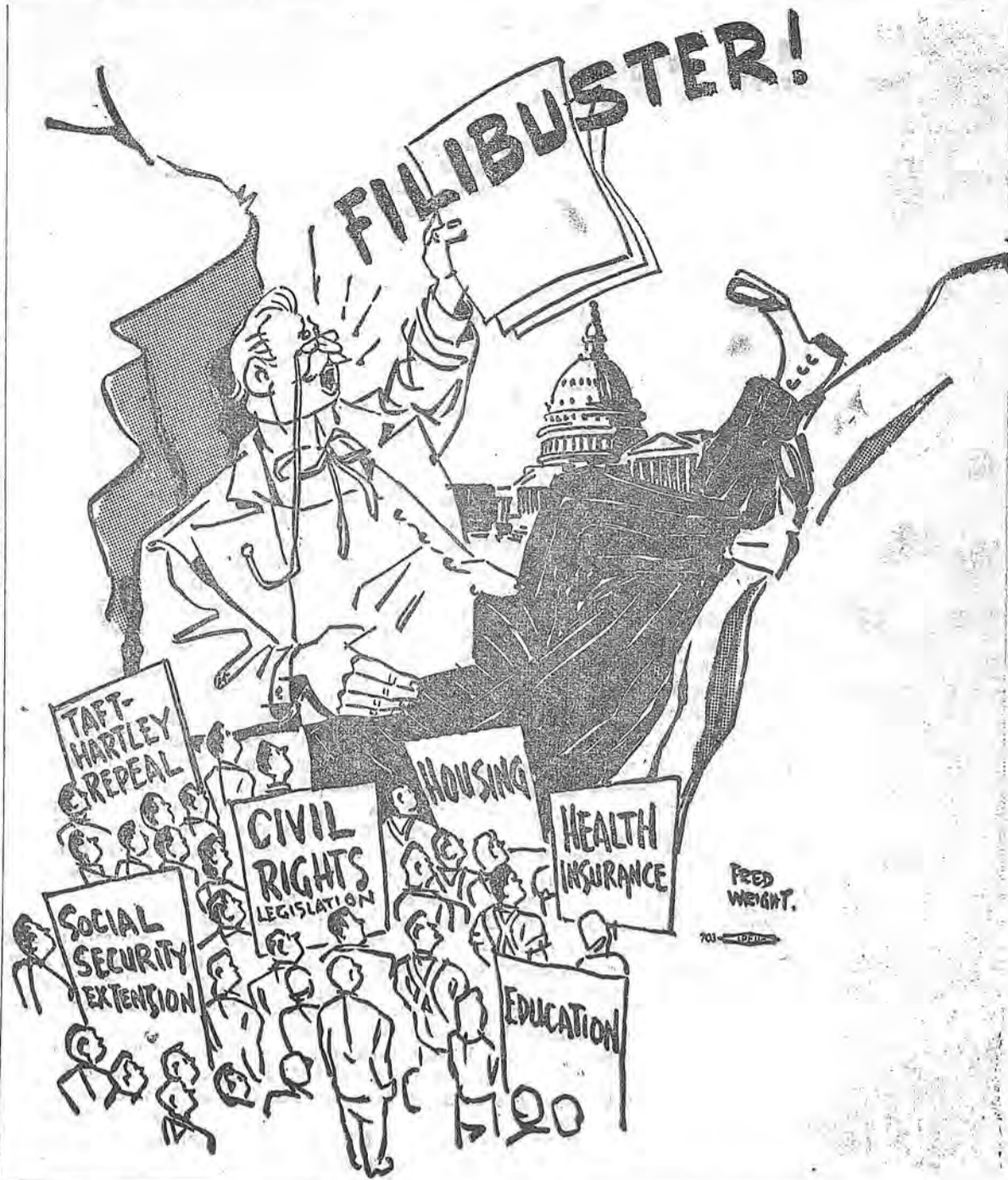
Even Single Woman Finds \$1 Wage Is Rock Bottom Living

Washington.—A \$1 an hour wage, such as that proposed in bills now before Congress, is the absolute minimum on which a single woman can live in the state which has the lowest budget, according to a compilation made last week by the U.S. Labor Department.

The Women's Bureau collected 12 budgets that are used by state governments to estimate what is required by a self-supporting woman without dependents to maintain herself in health and meet the customary requirements of day-to-day living.

Even these budgets, which in many cases are rock-bottom figures, would require at least \$1 an hour in each of the 12 states—Arizona, Colorado, Washington, New York, California (San Francisco only), Kentucky, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The \$1 an hour figure assumes that the woman would have 40 hours of work 52 weeks of the year.

Cows fed potatoes do not produce milk with potato flavor, as some believe.



NAM Ordered Chambers of Calif. Unions Commerce to Plug Anti-Labor "Free Enterprise" Baloney

(Calif. State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco.—In a huge, elaborate, loose-leaf mimeographed book running into hundreds of pages, the National Association of Manufacturers has concentrated its new so-called "industrial leaders' program" to put over its anti-labor message and philosophy to the public at large. Regional conferences are arranged with local Chambers of Commerce and this elaborate book is furnished to train speakers for the program, as well as to provide considerable data in substantiation of its viewpoint.

This "Industrial Leaders' Manual" is designed to teach employers the economic facts of life, NAM style, and to enable them to give various kinds of speeches to people upon so-called advantages of free enterprise and the profit system.

BOLD LIES!

Disregarding what has occurred, the NAM has the effrontery to say that "industry as a group has been able to reduce prices, increase wages and shorten hours and to do all this without seriously undermining the rate of profit." Even its own statistical material, impressively arranged in the manual, shows that since 1939 the cost of living (BLS Consumer Price Index) has gone up 76 per cent.

Profits before taxes have gone up 359 per cent; profits after taxes have gone up 202 per cent; and average weekly earnings before taxes have gone up 125.7 per cent. It is clearly evident, using its own material, that there has been no serious reduction in profits in recent years.

"BIG, BAD LABOR"

The trends in the cost of living, wages and profits since V-J Day would show even more clearly the falsity of the NAM statement, for since the war, prices and profits have outstripped wages by a substantial margin.

This NAM campaign is calculated not only to mobilize opinion in the various communities with its so-called "industry leaders' programs," but efforts are made consistently to get speakers into various schools and forums to propagate their one-sided story on

the present situation, with labor always made the bad influence.

LABOR MUST SPEAK!

To counteract this effort, labor must redouble its activities and take advantage of every opportunity in the various communities to tell its story. Even the figures produced by the NAM show that labor does have a story to tell, and a very effective one.

The labor movement in the various communities should make the same effort to explain the economics of collective bargaining to the members of the unions, as well as to the public at large.

For this purpose the State Federation of Labor has collaborated with the University of California's Department of Industrial Relations in conducting institutes for the various unions, as well as continuing the statewide institute that will again be held at Asilomar this year.

The role of workers' education institutes is of greater importance now than it has been in the past, and labor must take advantage of every opportunity to present its point of view. It does not have to manufacture the facts. All it has to do is explain them clearly and simply. There is no question that when people hear them, they will understand what the situation really is.

Inside of an automobile is a safe place when lightning strikes; a man-made 3,000,000-volt charge of lightning fired at a passenger car did no damage to a man inside and left only a slight scorched spot on the car's metal top.

Calif. Unions Get Pay Hikes

(State Fed. Release)

San Francisco.—AFL unions in California gained wage increases of 7½ to 25 cents an hour through collective bargaining negotiations between mid-November and the end of December. Increases affecting more than 500 workers, as reported to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' regional office in San Francisco are given below:

Sugar Refinery Employees No. 20037, 10 cents or 8%, effective 12/2/48, 1380 employees.

Bakery and Confectionery Workers No. 418, Los Angeles, cookie shops, 6½ cents; macaroni shops, 7½ cents, retroactive to 8/22/48, 800 workers.

Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 432, Bakers Club, Oakland, \$5.00 to \$7.00 per week increase plus commission, and improved vacations, effective 10/1/48, 550 workers.

Butchers No. 506, retail, Santa Clara, Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties, \$5.00 to \$8.00 per week, effective 12/9/48, 500 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 428, food, same counties as above, \$5.00 to \$10.00 per week, effective 12/9/48, 700 clerks.

Butchers No 421, retail, Los Angeles, \$10.00 per week, effective 11/26/48, 2500 workers.

Retail Clerks No. 1179, Contra Costa, clothing and dry goods, \$3.50 per week, effective 11/1/48, over 600 clerks.

Motor Coach Employees, Greyhound Bus Company, 7 Western states, 10 to 14%, retroactive to 10/24/48, 3600 workers.

Laundry Workers No. 2, Alameda County, 5½ cents, effective 12/1/48, 2½ cents effective 3/1/49.

Dog biscuit needs no definition but "cat cracker" is not as simple; it is the term applied to giant refineries in which a catalyst is used to crack crude oil in the process of obtaining gasoline and other petroleum products.

North-state employment will rise with opening up of dam jobs at Redding, new Feather river projects, and logging operations in the coastal mountains.

Fresno—

MERCED STREAMS GROUP JOB WILL MOVE FAST, ARMY SAYS

By H. T. PETERSON and LYNN MOORE
Business Representatives, Local 3

We have been informed by the Army Engineers that the Merced Streams Group project will move ahead rapidly to completion. They expect to call for bids in the near future on the Bear Creek Dam and other pertinent work, which includes an inter-connecting canal and a highway. This job to start in the early spring.

Operations on the Pine Flat Dam have been suspended temporarily, except for core drilling operations. However, Morrison & Knudsen will start about April 15 upon completion of their diversion road contract. An additional 14 miles of this road is to be built this year and bids will be called for in April.

The Bureau of Reclamation will advertise March 22 an additional 17 miles of the Delta Mendota Canal.

CANAL JOBS

Arizona Nevada Constructors are still working on the completion work of their canal contract and will be operating a fairly large spread; however, the A-1 Construction Company's rigs and Ritchie's rigs have been laid off. Munn & Perkins are making fair progress on their outlet contract on this same project.

Ashbach & Steenberg Company have been moving slowly on lining operations due mainly to weather, road crossings and other obstacles. This firm expects to complete its contract by August of this year.

Marshall, Haas & Royce have cut down the shifts on their 50B. However, they're operating a good sized spread of cats.

McBride & Britton are still on this job and going to town with seven cats.

Peter Kiewit Sons Company is making good progress on its new contract, with the Monaghan 5W and NW 95 working around the clock on excavation, also a spread of eight cats on core bank construction.

Guy F. Atkinson Company will start surfacing operations on the Taugus Ranch job as soon as the weather permits, which should put some of the brothers back to work, who have been laid off by this company.

N. M. Ball & Sons have just about completed grading on their Tipton Highway job.

The Division of Highways is advertising two additional jobs: the Highline canal job in Merced County and about 10.9 miles of surfacing between Merced River and Hatch Crossing on Highway and Hatch Crossing on Highway 99.

SO. CAL. EDISON JOB

The Southern California Edison Company project is moving slowly because of weather conditions and right of way trouble; however, this job will employ a lot of engineers in the early summer.

Phoenix Construction Company is making good progress on the Highland Avenue job and has moved in some additional equipment. Britt Pugh is super and D. E. Stacey foreman.

The weather has most of the work shut down at the present time and we have a large out of work list. This next month should bring a change in that situation.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 24, 8 p.m. at 1035 Broadway, Fresno. We should like all members living in the city of Fresno to make every effort to attend this meeting as matters of importance to the labor movement will be discussed.

Need Inflation Controls

Washington.—We're still in for more inflation, the Joint Congressional Committee on the Economic Report concluded last week. The steps to be taken, said the Committee, are: Taxation of corporate profits; continuation of credit controls; allocation of scarce materials; extension of control over exports; stand-by authority to request cooling-off periods for price increases; stronger controls on government purchasing; and restrictions on mortgage lending and loans for automobiles.

Reno—

Nevada Brothers Battle the Snow; Sign Up AGC

By H. L. "Curly" SPENCE
Business Representative, Local 3

The A. G. C. Agreement for the State of Nevada has been signed by all the members of the A. G. C. in Nevada, from the President, Andy Drumm, down and by the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 and Local No. 2.

The members of the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 are entitled to lots of praise for the fine faithful work they did in their part of helping buck or push the snow off the roads in the Eastern part of Nevada to help keep thousands of sheep and cattle from starving and freezing.

Brother Sid Gressot had a tough go of it on the Emergency Work. He spent 52 hours in his pick-up with a stalled motor and two bars of candy, but he is OK now and still going strong.

FLOOD LEVEES

Hunt & Frandsen has quite a project building a levee out at Elko, Nevada, to try and save the City of Elko from flooding out. Pete Hostettler has a couple of rigs on the same levee job. Brother Ding Turner is the foreman on the afternoon shift. Brother John Turner is doing the repair work on both shifts. Brother Ray Bucholz has a full time helper now. The two shifts were a bit too much for him, however, he is the best greaser in Elko County.

Ed Duncan is still on his pension job loading ore at Dunphy, Nevada, the best job in the state. He has his trailer house parked near the ore pile and everything is nice and cool there.

Dodge Construction Co. has gotten started on their highway job out at Lovelock, Nevada. It's quite a job. It's spread out in four different places. Brother Swan is on the dragline, Brother Tohler on the shovel and Brother Nathan George is on the cat.

FROM SNOW TO DIRT

Silver State Construction Co., better known as Andy Drumm, has been clearing or pushing snow out in Elko County with quite a number of his rigs. I understand Drumm is going to start levelling land near Fallon, Nevada, again, weather permitting.

The work has begun to pick up a little in the Biggest Little City in the World, Reno, Nevada.

George Miller has three back hoes going most of the time and a Cat or two. He has two basement jobs, one at the Famous Gambling Club Harold's and the other at the Nevada Club.

John Powers Company has a number of sewer jobs in Reno, Nevada. Brothers Vince Shalp and Jimmie Lane have been doing a good job digging up Lincoln Alley and Douglas Alley. Most of the gamblers are mad at the Brothers for having to wade through the mud to get from one joint to another.

Bill Games and Brother Semenza are doing a fine job digging the ditch for George Schilling on Keitsske Land and Vassar St., Reno, some of the other dear brothers are doing their bit on the job.

During the month of February Mr. Carman from the International and Mr. Oughton from Local No. 39 were in town and came into the office to see us.

Brother R. B. (Dizzy) Lawson is still in the Veterans Hospital. He likes it out there, it's the best job he has ever had. He tells me he is going to stay all summer, only thing there isn't much sour wine to drink.

"Lasting match" consists of a slow-burning chemical stick with a chemical ignitor for a core. Ignition is caused by striking on a prepared surface, and the flame, in this British device, can be blown out when no longer needed.

Eureka—

HIGHWAY, TIMBER, JETTY JOBS KEEP REDWOOD ENGINEERS BUSY

By OTTO E. NEVER, Business Representative, Local 3
and M. W. EDWARDS, Organizer

By the time you receive this issue, our season's rain and frigid weather should be behind us. As to the rain, we've had our share, believe me. When we make tea we make tea, and when we make water, we don't piddle. As to the fridity of this season, we've never seen anything like it—the weather, we mean.

From all indications, our unemployment situation is about licked. Activity in the woods and construction is reassuring.

Bids were asked for two jobs for March 9th, one 7.6 miles above Orick, for resurfacing, and one at Dillon Creek, for a bridge and approach. Additional bids were asked by the State for March 16th, for a bridge job at Camp Creek, near Orleans, a two-piece resurfacing job between Crescent City and Klamath, amounting to 6.3 miles, and a 3/10 of a mile resurfacing job 9 1/2 miles north of Crescent City. A Federal bid has been asked for the Crescent City jetty for March 17th. These jobs will clean up our out-of-work list and necessitate our calling other territories for operators.

We also understand that Fred J. Maurer & Son have subbed the job of removing the old bridge and putting in the lower approach at Weitchpec. Baldwin & Straub should be done with the bridge at Turwar Creek by March 15th.

TOM HULL JOBS

Tom Hull has a pipe laying job for the City of Arcata that should last for a month or so, and he will no doubt start his bridge job at Seven Mile Slough, two miles west of Loleta. Job was bid at \$11,350.

John Burman & Sons and Lovie Conner are parked until the new jobs are let and the weather clears. Ed Johnson has kept two or three brothers busy all winter. John Petersen has kept a cat and his dragline busy with very little interruption since he started contracting after leaving the service,

OAKLAND OFFICE

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in his home, is now contemplating the purchase of an umbrella and galoshes, to see what effect it will have on the rainy weather.

IN AND AROUND THE OAKLAND OFFICE

Brother W. D. Griffey, back after a two year stay in Oregon. Had a dragline and shovel operating up at Florence, but decided to return to California — contributing factor rain.

Brother George Germain on his way to the doctor, dropping by to say hello.

Brother Ray Butterfield getting around with the aid of braces and a cane, expecting to get back on the job before too long.

Brother Jack McKenney chewing ticket stubs and frothing — missed an electric stove by one number in a recent free drawing.

Brother Gerald Hodges making last minute arrangements before his take-off for Okinawa.

Brother Owen Haney, spry and chipper despite recent dental difficulties.

Brother John Halbach passing out cigars and grinning — reason: 7 lb., 10 oz., John Jr., born March 8th!

Brother John B. Corrie still on crutches following his accident of last November — says he still has three months to go, too!

IATSE Wins Raise From Distributors

New York.—Workers in the nation's film exchanges won pay increases of \$4.50 a week retroactive to December 1 in contracts signed last week by International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (AFL).

More than 6,300 employees of Paramount, Loew's RKO Radio, 20th Century Fox, Universal-International, Columbia and Republic film companies in 32 cities are covered by the two-year contracts, reached after three months of negotiations.

about two years ago. Fred J. Maurer & Son have three building jobs running in Eureka, although their outside construction work is down until the rainy season is over.

Buran Equipment laid off Brothers Barnard, Rocha, and Goodman. Mercer Fraser has held a fairly steady crew although at times they have only got in a few days a week.

While at the Arcata Airport checking the job recently, we asked to speak with a member, Brother Gilchrist, and we learned a new one—Brother Gilchrist was picking daffodils, believe it or not!

Brother James D. Lee, a member of Operating Engineers for 41 years and now retired, was a visitor to our meeting of February 26th. Brother Lee is now residing at 2827 Dolbeer street, Eureka, and would appreciate hearing from his brother members.

MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Our meeting of February 26th was well attended with 154 members present. Our officers, Brothers Clancy, Vandewark, Mathews, and Foss conducted the meeting and a crab feed was enjoyed after the meeting. A good many members attended from the logging industry as well as from the construction industry.

Our meeting for members of the lumber industry was held February 8th, at Orick, 56 members attending. We had extended an invitation to the representatives of the Lumber & Sawmill Workers to attend and debate the various issues on which we do not agree. However, they failed to show up, knowing full well they could not prove their statements. Many of those present were interested in knowing where the money donated during the recent lumber strike went. Some members present had donated as much as \$48.00 a month during the strike and no accounting has ever been rendered nor have any benefits been received. It is estimated that the donations totalled over \$2,000,000. Those present also wanted to know who paid for the scurrilous handbills that were passed out attacking Local No. 3, and why no attempt had been made to collect wages due and disability claims for them while members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union. It was indeed a disappointment that the opposition did not have the courage to back up their claims.

Work in the woods is beginning to pick up here in the Redwood country, and as the weather gets better, so will the work.

We have petitioned for a couple of hearings in the last month and are anxiously waiting the investigation so we can push the elections along. There should be no doubt as to the outcome of the election when they get here.

LOG JOBS BUSY

The Evans Logging Co. at Navarro is working about 30 men and even in the mud they are doing a pretty good job. We have sent him some very good loggers and they should make the job hum.

The McVay outfit is not doing very much. They have mud up there, too; however, things look good for the year. The Ford Logging Co. has never missed a beat. Rain, shine, mud, or blood, they are on the job every day. Ned Valentine is back in circulation again and no doubt will be logging in the near future.

We wish to report that Brother Donald Gustafson lost the tips of his three fingers on his right hand while working at Mercer's Fraser's Essex plant. Brother Gustafson is out of the hospital now and getting along okay.

In closing, we wish to advise members who desire to work in this territory to send in their address and the class of work they desire.

The Engineer Is a Restless Soul, Adventure Seems To Be His Lot

Dear Editor:

A few months ago I invaded the "men's world" and answered Jim Dorris' poem about "Cletrac." Since that time I've read quite a number of issues of "The News" and have enjoyed them all.

A couple of weeks ago we had a little party and there were some "construction stiffs" present. Some had been to the South Pacific, others to Alaska. Others, like my husband, had been to both.

During the evening I brought out some back copies of the Engineers News. Then I read, from the Jan. 15 issue, "Beautiful, Romantic Arabia." Some of the boys know W. R. Lake, the author, and it was enjoyed by all.

Far into the night they talked. Stories flew thick and fast. So I settled back in a corner and had a most enjoyable evening. The mountains of dirt that they moved would make Mount McKinley look like an ant hill. I love to listen to them. But it makes me a little sad, knowing that each one is "homesick" for that life, but "homesick" when he has it.

Here are some thoughts that were the result of that party:

HOMESICK

The dingy bunkhouse was blazing with lights,
He sat on his cot and dreamed of other nights—
Nights by a fireplace with paper and magazine—
Nights in smart restaurants, dining on excellent cuisine.
He stared at pictures of things that weren't there,
His spouse getting breakfast with curlers in her hair,
The kids with their noise like babbling brooks
Or the low murmur of voices while studying their books.
He'd wanted adventure where wages were high,
He'd packed up his suitcase, kissed wifey goodbye—
He said: "I'll be back in just two short years."
She smiled as she kissed him and blinked back her tears

Faithful he writes her, once every week,
He's homesick and lonesome (but of this he doesn't speak)
He tells of his job, the adventure and thrills,
He says when he comes home they can pay all their bills;
He asks about the youngsters, how they're coming with their schooling;
(He's just plain "home-news-hungry," who does he think he's fooling?)
He asks about the gang that he left behind,
Tells some more of the adventures he set out to find;
Later on he writes he'll be home in a month and a day,
Says never more from the fireside will he stray.

He's home once again with children and wife,
With slippers and rocking chair, says "This is the life."
But his hands sort of tremble as he reads "The News"
About the guys over in India digging in the ooze,
Or someone he knows that is south-seas bent—
(Don't get me wrong, it's not bothering this gent);
His wife looks up at the gleam in his eye,
Wonders if it's Alaska or Arabia hot and dry.
She remembers that she took him for better or for worse,
She knew he was a construction stiff (but that ain't no curse).

He's handsome and clever and well travelled too,
Knows a lot more about everything than a guy who's blood's blue;
The gifts that he brings them are really tops—
(Her house now reminds her of one of those curio shops).
She should put her foot down—Yes, she knows she should—
But she wouldn't change him for the world—(Even if she could).

Sincerely,
M.S.D.

(Ed. note: Thanks to Mabelle S. Duncan, wife of Brother George A. Duncan, Kerby, Oregon.

Labor Ready to Do Housing Job

By RICHARD GRAY

President, AFL Building and Construction Trades Dept.

This is the last in a series of articles on legislative action to meet America's housing needs based on Mr. Gray's testimony before Congress.

We believe that the adoption of our recommendations would make possible the construction of 1,500,000 homes each year for the next 10 years. This is the minimum number of units needed to provide every American family with decent living quarters.

I know that some assert that we do not have the labor or the materials which would be needed for a housing program of this magnitude. I wish to state most emphatically that I firmly believe that sufficient labor and sufficient materials are now available for us to undertake the housing program America needs.

The serious shortage of building materials which limited construction during the early postwar period is now largely a thing of the past.

We also believe that there are sufficient experienced workers in the building trades, together with the new workers who have been trained since the war, to successfully carry out the program we are urging.

However, we feel that if shortages of labor or materials should develop, the housing program is of such an emergency character that it must be completed even if less essential types of construction are deferred. Therefore, we urge that appropriate legislation be enacted giving the President standby powers for the allocation of building materials in order to ensure the successful completion of the housing program.

In concluding, let me emphasize one point. The 7,500,000 members of the American Federation of Labor, and particularly the 2,000,000 members of the trade unions affiliated with the Building and Construction Trades Department, do not consider the housing shortage as something which can be solved simply by enactment of legislation. We know that we will have to shoulder part of the responsibility

for the successful completion of the housing program which we are urging here today.

We are ready and eager to discharge that responsibility.

Now, as in the past, we will work to make certain that there is an adequate number of skilled building trades workers to perform this work. Under the apprenticeship program which we have sponsored, a total of 134,294 apprentices were registered in November 1948, with 3,200 local apprenticeship councils throughout the country.

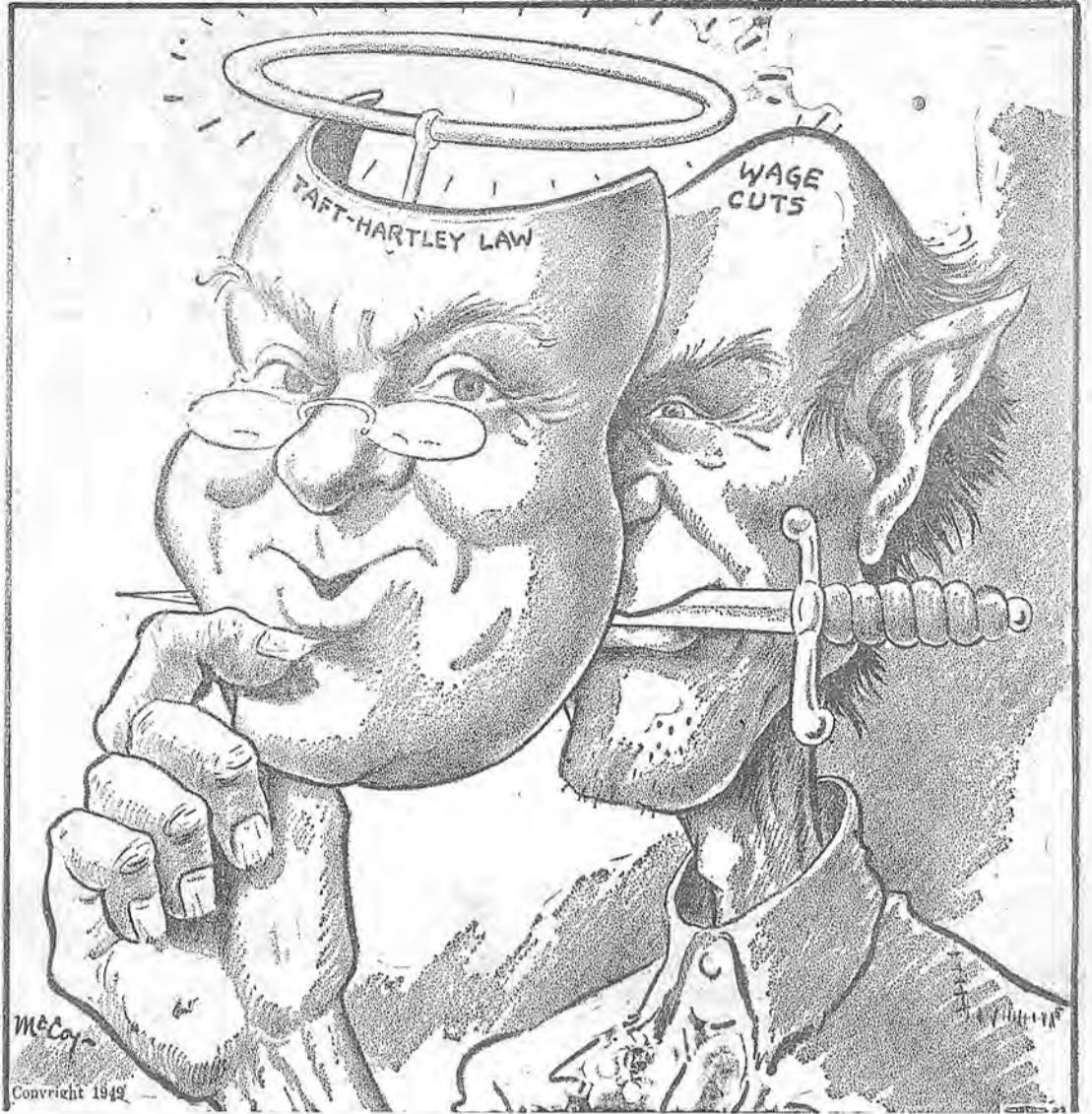
The workers of America look to Congress to provide the legislation for a housing program to meet the needs of all the American people. We in the American Federation of Labor assure you that if you give us this go-ahead signal, we are ready to do the job of building the millions of houses America needs.

IBEW Man Appointed

Washington—A member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) and national representative of the American Federation of Government Employees, Joseph F. Heath, has been appointed by ECA head Paul Hoffman as labor advisor to the ECA mission in Greece. Heath, who started as a navy yard electrician, was cited by Bert M. Jewell and Clinton S. Golden, ECA labor advisors, for his "organizing ability with ARGE and experience in management procedures."

Horse sense is what keeps horses from betting on people.

Behind the False Face!



How Low Is Low? Just Ask Hartley; He's Hit It Now

They get paid for writing songs whose lyrics ply unanswerable questions on the composition of the universe such as: "How deep is the ocean, how high is the sky?"

Our question this week, in relation to the latest antics of former Congressman Fred Hartley of New Jersey, seems to be: "How low can low really get?"

THE LATEST WRINKLE

For answer, just look into the latest wrinkle the second section of the notorious T-H Law instigator is up to now.

Hartley announced he had become president of the "Tool Owners' Union", was opening an office in Washington and would register as the "T. O. U.'s" official lobbyist.

What's the "Tool Owner's Union?" The best description was given back in 1947 by the New York State Board of Standards and Appeals, one of Governor Dewey's agencies. Here's what it said:

FASCISTIC GROUP

"No more Fascistic organization, with all the potentialities for undemocratic action and danger to our way of life has yet come to the official attention of this board." That conclusion was reached by the board after a thorough investigation when the "T. O. U." filed a petition for incorporation in New York state so that it would be free to solicit funds in the state.

The board found that the outfit, started by some high-powered New England advertising men, was in no sense a "union;" members had no voice in setting policies; control was vested in a few officials on top, and it was organized on the "fuehrer" principle.

On that basis, the board rejected the petition of incorporation, and later the state high court upheld the denial.

PRESS AGENT'S HAND

Allen W. Rucker, a "public relations" operator and "management consultant" of Lexington, Mass., organized the "T. O. U." back in 1946. He got the idea, he said, at a "cocktail party."

Grandiosely, Rucker claimed to speak for "50 million tool owners"—that is, anybody who had the slightest financial interest in the "tools of production." Among those he included employers, investors, farmers, business men, life insurance holders, bank depositors—in other words, everybody except workers.

Labor-hating employers came through with handsome contributions and before long Rucker blossomed out with full-page news-

paper "ads", which smeared organized labor, and clamored for drastic legislation to shackle workers. The "T. O. U." pictured itself as a champion of "freedom," but or-

The increasing use of household garbage grinders is creating new sewage problems; some 350,000 grinders have been installed.

Increasing uses of plastics in America resulted in the production of nearly 1,000,000,000 pounds of the materials from which manufacturers made finished products.

ganized itself on totalitarian lines.

That's the kind of outfit Hartley has now lined up with in order to land a job and to get back at the old stand of fighting labor.—From the Washington Teamster.

TEC

Engineers
Architects
Draftsmen

By AL BOARDMAN

Business Representative, Technical Engineers Division No. 3-E

The Bay Area Land Surveyors voted down the negotiated contract that their committee had agreed to. It is apparent by the 33 to 11 negative vote that at no time did they intend to bargain in good faith. Recognizing this fact, the Union must take the position that the Bay Area Land Surveyors Association is not a responsible organization and the action

taken by its officers cannot be relied upon. In fact, the results of the secret election on the contract are a true barometer of the feelings of a group of selfish little men who worship the almighty dollar and regard their employees as inferior beings to be used only as they see fit. Those who do not have these sentiments we will sign to contracts as a group or as individuals. The Association is no longer recognized by the union as a bargaining agent.

Strike sanction has been requested in San Mateo, Marin, Contra Costa and Alameda Building Trades Councils. As soon as the requests are granted, appropriate action will be taken.

NLRB HEARING

At the request of the Tec. Engrs. Division of Operating Engineers' Local 3, the National Labor Relations Board held a preliminary hearing with the Association of General Contractors. The subject discussed was a consent election requested by the union. The association chose not to consent to an election, claiming that the union had inadequate representation. Inasmuch as the association had failed to submit any list of employees in the engineering classifications, and furthermore had little or no knowledge of what the classifications meant, little progress was made. The association's plea that they would have to have three months to make such a survey was denied and they were ordered to submit a proper list by March 16, 1949.

A set of working rules seems to be the main need of the Tec. Engrs. at this time. Many requests have been received from the membership. In compliance with these requests, a tentative set has been drawn up and will be submitted to the membership in the near future. They will be based on the Operating Engineers' working rules and will be adapted to the Tec. Engineers' problems.

S. F. SALARY BILL

On March 7, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors voted first passage on the salary ordinance for 1949 and 1950. On final passage it will give raises to Field Assistants \$20 per month, Instrumentmen \$20 per month, Chief of Party \$20 per month minimum and \$30 per month maximum; Assistant Engineers Classes 1 and 2 \$20 minimum and \$30 per month maximum; Junior Engineers \$20 per month. These raises on final passage will be put into effect in July. All attempts to obtain raises for draftsmen over the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission were repulsed. A solid block of seven supervisors turned down all requests for additional wage boosts. This group was comprised of Mancusco, J. Joseph Sullivan, MacPhee, Halley, Gallagher, Fzackelry and Christopher. Those voting for the additional raises were Lewis, Mead, McMurry and John Sullivan.

Union jobs in the Bay Area are Starrett Bros. & Eaken, Doelger, and Stoneson, all in the Lake Merced area.