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## Brother You're Important

By VICTOR S. SWANSON  
Local Union Manager

The one little act of registering and voting may seem unimportant and trivial as we see and hear distant national and world events taking place. But with just a moment of reflection we can come to realize that there is no such thing as an unimportant vote.

Every single ballot cast by an American in this year of 1952 is as precious as gold itself. Thousands may die or be killed in some foreign land where life is cheap, but the act of voting by an American citizen stands out at this crucial time as an act of world importance.

All eyes are upon us this year. We need strength as never before. The greatest single source of strength for the American government is the ballot box. Poor voting weakens the government, but a strong voice on election day gives it confidence and power for real world leadership.

We thus have a date with destiny on election days of 1952. We are far greater, individually, in our little job of voting than we ever dreamed of being.

Now, our position here at home as a labor movement compares almost exactly with our nation's position in the balance of world power. The power we can attain as a nation, from voting, we can also attain as workers organized for a better break in modern society. A poor showing at the ballot box will enthrone American scoundrels just as surely as it will assist the scoundrels among nations.

So, brother, you think your vote doesn't count?

Don't kid yourself. Don't allow yourself to be so terribly misguided or ignorant.

We have two major elections this year, the primary and the general. Of the two, the primary is far and above the most important. On that day the die is cast, the choice is slashed down. It is our greatest opportunity for freedom of choice. Don't let anyone kid you about the primary. Our enemies know its tremendous importance.

**But first, and above all, you cannot vote in the important primary, your precious value as a voter is just about destroyed for the year if you do not make sure you are registered, properly registered, before the deadline.**

It is sometimes really excusable when a man fails to vote. But if he fails to get registered he is guilty of the worst possible sin against both our labor movement and our Democracy.

Our enemies know our potential far better than we do. They know and fear the power of the labor movement, just as international scoundrels know and fear the power of a strong, united America.

Make no mistake about it—they will vote! The silk stocking districts cast the heaviest vote on election day. They are smart, they know the value of each and every vote—far better than we do. This fact alone should kick us in the pants and shake us out of our stupor into registering and voting!

The Taft-Hartley law, cunningly devised to break up the American labor movement, came about through our failure to vote. The vicious laws which make the wealthy ever richer and the poor ever poorer and weaker—these and a hundred other demonstrations of unfairness to the dumb public should also smack us in the face and sting us into registering and voting!

We will conclude this urgent personal plea to you, your family, and your friends with these words recently written by Bro. William Maloney, our international president:

"The greatest contribution we can make this year toward helping to shape the course of history to fit the dreams and desires of free men is to register and vote. . . ."

"Collectively, the voice of free Americans, echoing from the ballot boxes . . . will sound encouragement for hopeful, waiting men and women, standing at the crossroads of America and the crossroads of the world."

Register tomorrow! And make yourself a committee of one to see that your family and friends are also really American citizens!

### Official Notice to Members

FIVE WEEKS FROM TOMORROW, Thursday, April 10, IS THE LAST DAY on which a citizen may register to vote in the California June 3 primary elections. Let's make sure that every Engineer as well as every eligible member of his family is registered by April 10 and VOTES on June 3rd. We all like a good fight—let's make it a good fight this election year!

OFFICIAL UNION DIRECTORY will be found on page 2

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS: Local 3-E meeting will be held on the fourth Friday, March 28, at the Union Offices, 1444 Webster St., Oakland, Calif., at 8 p.m.

## Heavy Vote is Foreseen; Cal. Register Ends Apr. 10

A heavy Primary Election vote is being forecast for California and other western states as citizens rush to beat the deadline on registering, April 10 being the final day in California. Labor unions are sparking a very healthy voter turnout by pressing strongly for registration of all members and their families.

In back of the drive for registration and voting is the growing realization by John Citizen that a record-breaking 1952 balloting is extremely important to: 1. his pocketbook, 2. his welfare as a wage-earner, and 3. the standing of the U. S. in world affairs at this critical time.

"It seems very likely that we will have the largest registration of our members and their families and friends that has ever been attained, due to the great interest and concern being shown over this year's crucial elections," said Bro. Victor Swanson, business manager of Local 3.

He urged every member to be positive he is properly registered before the California April 10 deadline, and then to follow up with casting of a ballot in the very important June Primaries.

"We have lagged deplorably as citizens of a great Democracy in using the precious right and privilege of voting," Bro. Swanson added. "So it is very pleasing to note this upsurge of interest in preserving our rights here at home and as a leader among nations."

"With considerable movement of our members from one job to another, it is important that we establish our residence properly in order to qualify for registering. Change of address or failure to vote in the 1950 elections both necessitate that one re-register."

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### Sharpe Depot Job

Eight warehouses, shops, railroad, paving, sewerage, and other work is underway at Sharpe General Depot, Tracy Annex, by The Four Companies, composed of Barrett & Hilp, Theo. G. Meyer, Macco, and Chas. L. Harney, an \$8,435,800 job.

## Jobs for Engineers Picking Up in All Local 3 Districts

With lessening of winter's fury and more and more sunny days now on the calendar, work for Operating Engineers is picking up in all districts of Local 3's jurisdiction, according to reports appearing in this month's issue of Engineers' News.

In northern and mountain districts, however, the winter slack still prevails, with the out-of-work lists still heavy. Clearing weather in the past week or so has helped get a good many jobs on the way.

From all appearances this month should see a sizable work load getting under way, and still more in April, so the demand for Engineers is expected to be heavy in all districts.

Work load is already quite heavy in areas to the south where drier weather has permitted start on many private and military projects, and the picture will be duplicated in this region this month and next as the big backlog of construction thaws out from freezes, both natural and artificial.

Loosening of controls on materials and non-defense building will give this phase of work a shot in the arm, and the big load of defense-related work will continue through the year in high gear.

All members are again urged to be sure to keep closely in touch with the union offices so that union men may be placed on all new jobs and unnecessary delays may be avoided.

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### Pomeroy Alaska Job

J. H. Pomeroy Co. of San Francisco, was low bidder for construction of a large army communications station at Kenai, Alaska, the district engineer's office in Anchorage announced last week Pomeroy bid was \$6,472,000.

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Tired of high prices, shrinking dollars, and insecurity? Then back your union, register, and vote!

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- Hans Hansen February 11, 1952
- Ernest Wheale February 13, 1952
- Benjamin Yount February 13, 1952
- Cyril E. Ribisi February 18, 1952
- Al Kingwell February 21, 1952
- Ennnett Starr February 22, 1952
- James Rutherford February 25, 1952
- Edward Silva March 7, 1952

## 281 Members Now In Military Service

Another 13 names were added to Local 3's honor roll during the past month, these brothers being the latest members of the union to enter various branches of Uncle Sam's armed forces. This brings the total number of members now in the military to 281, many of whom are serving in Korea.

All members entering military service have their union membership protected during their absence upon taking out service withdrawal cards.

Following are the names added to our honor roll:

- JAS. H. ALEXANDER
- KARL K. ALMGREN
- LINO CARNESECCA
- WALLACE R. CHILD
- VERN COVEY
- DAN DARK
- DAVID G. DAVIS
- RAYMOND LEE LAIRD
- DENNIS MILLER
- FRANK PARKER
- T. JACK PHILLIPS
- FRANK SALAS
- CHARLES A. WILLIAMS

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### Pine Flat Job

Low bidder on relocation of river road at Pine Flat project was Sharpe & Fellows Co. of L.A., at \$1,100,500.

## Tenderness 'Midst Powerful Steel



Speaking of smooth operators, the little bird that built this nest is one. She chose a big Manitowac dragline operated on the Newman Wasteway, CVP job between Tracy and Los Banos, for the place to build her nest. And nothing could shake her determination. The nest was built, the eggs were laid, and the babies were hatched while the big rig was in 24-hour operation on the job. The equipment is owned by United Concrete-Vinnell Co. The snapshot was sent in by Stockton branch office of Local 3.

# MORE INFORMATION ON COMPENSATION

Herewith is Series IX, Questions and Answers on Workmen's Compensation Laws, prepared by the Industrial Accident Commission, submitted by Frank A. Lawrence, commissioner.

## IX. COMMUTATION

(continued)

**Question.**—Will requests for commutation be favorably entertained for the payment of bona fide indebtedness or for business investment opportunity?

**Answer.**—Yes, subject to limitations otherwise defined, requests for commutations will be favorably entertained in order to pay or defray bona fide indebtedness and for business investment opportunities, provided that the granting thereof assists in a rehabilitative effort, does not contradict primary purpose of compensation, and is not for speculative purposes.

**Question.**—Will commutation be ordered without directing immediate payment of all funds to the injured workman or to his dependents?

**Answer.**—Yes. If the employer is uninsured and the awarded compensation is payable periodically over an extended future period, or if circumstances otherwise require, the present value of such future payments may be determined (discounted at 3 per cent per annum) and may be ordered paid to the State Compensation Insurance Fund, or to a savings bank or trust company, to be disbursed thereby in accordance with the original award, or as otherwise directed by the Commission in its order directing commutation.

**Question.**—Are awards of temporary indemnity commuted?

**Answer.**—Rarely. It is only where the employer is uninsured, and without bond insuring the payment of compensation, that temporary benefits are estimated and speeded by the entry of a commutation order.

**Question.**—Will a commutation be made of compensation payable under an advised informal permanent disability rating?

**Answer.**—Commutations will not be made until and unless the defined benefits of an informal rating are reduced to an award either by agreement of the parties, or following a hearing of the claim.

**Question.**—How is the amount of temporary or permanent indemnity determined for purposes of commutation?

**Answer.**—It is statutorily defined and determined as provided by Labor Code Section 5101.

**Question.**—Without commutation, is a death benefit payable in a lump sum?

**Answer.**—No. By law all compensation benefits, unless payment is otherwise directed, are payable on a weekly basis, but not less frequently than twice each calendar month.

**Question.**—Does the commuting result in a reduction in benefits?

**Answer.**—Yes, slightly. The benefits otherwise payable over a future period are discounted upon an annuity basis at the rate of 3 per cent per annum. The computation is made under mathematical formula.

**Question.**—May a partial commutation of benefits be directed?

**Answer.**—Yes. The Commission is authorized to commute the whole or a part of the future benefits payable. In such cases it may direct commutation of either the immediate or future benefits payable. Usually the future benefits, mainly those most remote in period of time, are first affected, but this depends upon the circumstances of the immediate case.

**Question.**—Upon what mathe-

matical formula is the 3 per cent per annum computed in commutations?

**Answer.**—All commutations are computed under the officially established commutation tables, except in cases of life pensions, wherein a special computation is necessarily made by the Permanent Disability Rating Bureau.

**Question.**—Will a commutation of payments due, or to become due, adversely affect one's right to reopen the claim for additional benefits?

**Answer.**—No.

**Question.**—Who exercises the decisional power in granting or denying commutations?

**Answer.**—All orders granting or denying requests for commutation are in the first instance made by a referee. If one is aggrieved by such order, he may petition for a reconsideration by the Commission.

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Everybody is able to give pleasure in some way. One person may do it by coming into a room, another by going out.

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The trouble with marriage is that, while every woman is at heart a mother, every man is at heart a bachelor.

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## Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Vice-President Foss absent by reason of being away on vacation. It was regularly moved and seconded that Brother Foss be excused. Carried. Brother H. T. Petersen was appointed to act as Vice-President.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 2 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of February 13 and of February 27 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from the family of Benjamin F. Yount and the William Bauguess family. Received and filed.

The Trustees Report was read and accepted as read.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Charles Allen, Forest Atkinson, Kurt Blyler, Oscar Barnes, Jr., Isadore Brazil, E. G. Burkett, LeRoy Bryant, Calvin R. Barnett, John H. Bailey, Montie Cox, Clarence Daigh, Clive G. Draper, Lester Gomm, Earl J. Honsicker, C. L. Herber, Fred Harding, Roy Heath, Wm. Jennings, Thomas A. James, E. E. Johnson, R. C. Jennings, Pilar Jimenez, E. G. Klein, Kenneth Kidd, Walter D. Lynch, Manuel J. Moniz, Theodore R. Mills, Merrill Mann, Roy A. Nielson, Louis O'Leary, Floyd G. Pike, Nathan Pagan, Revoc Parker, Leon Reese, C. A. Robbins, Wm. W. Bidell, Ernest Stark, F. B. Sawyer, L. Schleigh, Erik H. Short, Doyle Sievers, D. J. Tasainer, Silas B. Turner, Leonard Loung.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Hans Hansen, Benjamin Yount, Ernest Wheale, Al Kingwell, Cyril E. Rabisi, James Rutherford.

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

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

Commissioner Frank A. Lawrence of the Industrial Accident Commission made a short talk in regard to the procedure of the Commission, advising those who have cases before the Commission to appeal within the 20 days allowed by law if they are not satisfied with the awards they received. His remarks were well received by the membership.

Brother Petersen reminded the members that April 10 was the last day to register to vote and requested all members to register.

There was considerable discussion in regard to the welfare plan in the coming A.G.C. agreement which is to be negotiated. The members are in accord with the plan and the officers are instructed to use their best efforts to include the plan in the next agreement.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
C. F. MATHEWS  
Recording Secretary

## 1951 Dividends Set New Record; 2% Above 1950

Washington (LPA)—U. S. corporations set a record in dividend payments in 1950, but in 1951—despite higher taxes—they did still better. They paid out \$8.053 billion, two per cent more than in 1950. (Big bulk of the dividends goes to a small percentage of U. S. population.)

True, December dividends were off 16 per cent, but that was attributable to a lower volume of "extra" or "special" dividends, and despite the drop December 1951 was the second-heaviest dividend month on record. Through November, dividends were eight per cent above 1950.

Dividends in oil refining shot up 19 per cent; in mining, 16 per cent; in gas utilities, 13 per cent; railroads, 10 per cent. Other gains in non-manufacturing ranged from 3 to 9 per cent. Average for non-manufacturing was 8 per cent above 1950. Payments in manufacturing as a whole were down 3 per cent, with autos showing a drop of 25 per cent and electrical machinery and chemical goods off 10 per cent.

The U. S. Dept. of Commerce reported that output of goods and services, at \$323 billion in 1951, was 16 per cent above 1950, with half of the increase due to a rise in production, the other half to higher prices.

A survey showed that groceries \$10 would buy in 1939 cost \$23.75 last year, and \$1.74 more than that today.

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### Publicity Wise

In Washington, D. C., a group of newspaper reporters, members of the Newspaper Guild, discovered a perfect technique for cutting short lengthy, tedious hearings by Senate or House committees. Knowing how publicity-hungry many Congressmen are, the newsmen simply leave the press table in a group. The Congressmen quickly decide there's no good reason to keep the hearings running to a late hour and quickly adjourn.

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# What's Doing in the Oakland Office

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, LOUIS SOLARI, L. L. LAUX, Business Representatives.

In spite of the weather, work clearances have held up surprisingly well, with 393 issued during the past month. Apparently some of the local contractors have been ordering men between showers and, in many cases, crews have been called back to their former jobs. At the present time, however, despite this flurry of activity, we have over 200 waiting for jobs and, from present indications, it will be some time before we have any noticeable shortages in this area.

## Getting Around the Jobs

Stolte-Harrelson have nine Engineers working on their bridge job between Alameda and Bay Farm Island, and it looks as if the work is moving along in good shape. The sheet piling is all in place for the coffer dam, the concrete piling for the approaches to the main pier is complete, and they are now in the process of de-watering. They expect that another three to four months will see things ready for the steel erectors to move in.

According to Bro. Floyd Butler, general foreman on the Piombo job at Point Isabel, there is approximately two weeks of work left to complete the project. Fifteen Engineers are still on the payroll.

The Payne Construction Co., which has kept several of our boys busy during the winter months, is now winding up a job at Richmond. The contract consisted of reconverting the plate shop in old Yard Two, which is to be used in manufacture of airplane parts. City Disposal, another contractor engaged in local work, has Bros. Harley L. Morrin and W. A. Rogers on the payroll. They are engaged in reclamation of scrap iron from the various yards and at the present time are working in the vicinity of Yard Four.

Out at Standard Oil in Richmond, Bechtel is on a five-week shutdown which will be completed the end of this month. Barbattini, also working in the plant, has finished an earth moving job that furnished employment to about 10 of our members during most of the winter. Southwest Welding still has six Engineers working on erection of six large storage tanks for Standard, and it is expected it will be well into the summer before this work is finished.

Utah Construction continues to employ about 50 of our fellows in their Richmond shop. Bro. Bill Charlton is going to South America for this company, and Bro. Joe Parkinson will take his place as general foreman in the shop, with Bro. Dick Emry continuing as general foreman. Work is progressing on Utah's Selby job in spite of the rain and three of the brothers are mudding it through out there.

Considerable activity on Bechtel's PG&E job at Pittsburg. Kaiser Company recently got a batch plant set up and has started to pour cement. Parrish Bros., who are handling the dirt work, have approximately 20 Engineers on the site at present. On the Steam Plant job at Antioch, Consolidated Western Steel has nearly completed steel erection on the new addition. This contract is also being handled by Bechtel and there are about 30 of our men employed.

Eugene Alves recently secured a \$87,336 contract for grading and resurfacing approximately one and one-half miles of road between Pacheco Blvd. and the Arnold Industrial Highway, out of Martinez. There is considerable heavy work on this one and they are using several D-7s and 8s, as well as a number of jeeps. This outfit also has several other jobs running as the weather permits. A new street contract for the City of Pittsburg is getting under way, while work started last year for the City of Brentwood is being resumed. They have subcontracts from the Bechtel Corporation on both the Continental Can job and the PG&E

Steam Plant job, and work on the State Highway job at Franklin Canyon, which was stopped last winter, will be going full blast by the time this reaches you.

Several other jobs are getting under way in Contra Costa County as the weather permits. One of the biggest contracts to be awarded in that area recently went to Peter Kiewit Sons Co. of Arcadia, Calif. It calls for construction of the continuation of the Martinez-Pittsburg Freeway, a distance of approximately five and one-half miles. The highway will be four lanes of divided concrete between Railroad Ave. in Pittsburg and A Street in Antioch. Kiewit has been moving equipment in for the past few weeks and the project will be under the supervision of the following men: George Primo, general superintendent; Gene Neivel, project manager; John McLaughlin, project engineer; Jim Peckinpaugh, dirt superintendent, and Jack Sneed, master mechanic. There are approximately 25 Engineers employed on the job at this time.

Parr Richmond Terminals have been quite active during the past few weeks, loading out six ships of iron ore and unloading one shipment of chrome ore. According to Bro. Homer Moore, foreman, they are presently employing eight operators, eight oilers, one mechanic, a welder, two dinkey operators, and a couple of brakemen.

We understand that Ben C. Gerwick was low bidder on the exploration work for foundations on the proposed Richmond-San Rafael bridge, but up to the present we have been unable to find out whether it has been awarded.

Work has been resumed on Fredrickson & Watson's Dublin Canyon job on Highway 50 and there are about 20 operators, oilers and mechanics on the payroll. This contract started last summer and calls for construction of approximately four and one-half miles of road. Two and one-half miles have been completed and will be open to traffic after April 1. Traffic will be re-routed over the old Dublin road while work on the remaining portion is completed. Bro. Wayne Wilcoxson is dirt boss, Bro. Ed Kelling is grade foreman, and Bro. George Chaves is handling the master mechanic duties.

McGuire & Hester have several jobs in operation and expect to have all their equipment moving as soon as the ground dries. Work is still plentiful in the shop, with about 14 members on the payroll. The company is constructing a new warehouse and enlarging its shop space. According to Bro. Bill Holloway, shop foreman, a motor room is being set up and a boring bar will be installed, enabling them to do all their own rebores work.

Stolte, Gallagher and Burke have completed approximately one-half of their \$3 million job at the Alameda Naval Air Station. Fifteen Engineers are working on the project, which is scheduled for completion during the coming summer.

Stolte Inc. has considerable sewer work in Alameda, with the largest section running on Atlantic Ave. from the vicinity of the Naval Air Station. Bro. George Trivett is handling the job, with the help of Bro. Fred Perdue, foreman.

There are about 25 Engineers on Four Companies payroll at Camp Parks. This company com-

## NOTICE

Beginning Monday, March 24, the following schedule of hours will become effective in the Oakland office of the Operating Engineers:

- Monday through Friday—7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday—9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

pleted the contract they were under last summer and have approximately four months' work on the present one, which consists of construction of warehouses, along with paving and utility work.

The Crow Canyon Rock Co. is employing three Engineers on its operation at the present time. Bro. Harold Duncan and Bro. Craig Mort are operating cats, with Bro. Gil Bishop oiling. This outfit is centrally located to the Hayward, Castro Valley, Dublin and San Ramon areas and expects to produce about 1,000 yards of crushed rock daily to service these locations. During the winter they averaged about three days a week but expect to be running full swing within the next few weeks.

Fredrickson & Watson's freeway job from Leelling to A Street in Hayward is getting well under way. At the present time there are 32 Engineers on the payroll and some additions will be made as the weather clears up.

## Dredger News

There has been quite a lot of activity in the dredging industry during the past month. We have been very busy supplying men for the dredges, since several of them started up at about the same time, making it necessary to go out and pick up new men for most of the jobs. This, of course, caused considerable turnover of men until we got them weeded out but it seems to be getting considerably better at the present writing.

The Olympian Dredging Co. finally got started pumping on the Stockton Channel job. It was delayed a short time waiting for a power barge being built by Zunkert and Zimmerman of Stockton. However, it is now in operation and apparently doing a good job. The dredge Golden Gate is on the same job, loading barges at a few locations along the channel where it doesn't pay to make a set-up with the Palmer.

The Holland is on McDonald Island and they expect to have approximately six months work. The Neptune is up on Cash Slough and they plan on being busy for some time.

The Associated Dredging Co. has sent its small pumper to Eureka, where they have a couple of months work and all three of their clamshells are busy. The Delta No. 1 is on the Napa River near Duttons Landing and the Curlew and Liberty are helping Tony Dutra out on the Leslie Salt project near Newark. The Mallard and Edwards are also both busy.

The Pacific Portland Cement Co. has gone back on a six-day week since the weather cleared and construction has starting taking cement again.

The dredge California is busy all the time and Bro. Pat Simpson says he can go to work on most any island in the delta country.

## What the Brothers Are Doing

Bro. John Bettencourt dropped in at the office not long ago. John is master mechanic for Fredrickson & Watson but not in this area so we don't get to see him very often. Another oldtimer, Bro. Hugo "Red" Russell, who also is employed by Fredrickson & Watson, has been around the hall a couple of times recently, chatting with the rest of the boys who are "set-

## Information Regarding Registration for the Coming Election

Following are some of the most common instances where it becomes necessary to register to vote:

1. If you have moved—
  - (a) To a new address within the county
  - (b) From a location outside the county
2. If you become of age ON or BEFORE the date of election
3. If you have not voted at a recent election. (Check with a Deputy Registrar for further clarification)
4. If you have changed your name
5. If you have recently become a naturalized citizen

For the most part we feel that members of the Engineers Union and their families will be concerned with the section regarding eligibility after moving, and we

strongly urge that you clarify your status in plenty of time to secure your eligibility for the coming primary election. The last day to register for the primaries is April 10, by the way.

For Alameda County residents we have two registrars in our Oakland office, and if you live in Contra Costa County you will find a registrar in the Labor Temple, 729 Castro St., Martinez.

We strongly urge that each member of our union take the responsibility of seeing that the members of his family as well as his friends register and then go to the polls and vote in the coming election. If you have any questions, or have the least doubt as to your present registration being valid, give us a call at TWInoaks 3-2120 and we will be only too glad to help you. The main thing is: Register to vote, and then GET OUT AND VOTE!

## Top Steel Men Say Output Expanding

The big boys of Big Steel paid San Francisco a visit last week and at a St. Francis hotel press conference said the nation's steel output is rapidly mounting and

ample for practically all needs. They were Irving S. Olds, chairman of the board, U. S. Steel, and Alden G. Roach, president of the Columbia-Geneva division, western subsidiary.

Asked if the defense program were proceeding satisfactorily, Olds said, "I really don't know enough about it to comment. Only 15 per cent of the steel we produce is going into the military program."

The two expressed the opinion that the demand for some steel products is "softening," probably due to controls, and they predicted that the industry may be operating below 100 per cent of capacity before the end of the year. They were much concerned about wage increases and said prices must go up if wages are raised, the old story, despite enormous record-breaking steel profits. They claimed that labor cost is 75 per cent of the cost of all manufactured goods, a figure most statisticians dispute.

E. G. Grace, chairman of Bethlehem Steel, meanwhile, announced last week his firm produced 16½ million tons of ingots, 102½ per cent of its rated capacity. He predicted the industry will turn out 120,000,000 tons within the next couple of years and said there should be plenty for all needs.

Little Sue was all eyes at the fashionable church wedding. "Did the lady change her mind?" she whispered to her mother. "No, dear. What makes you think so?" "Cause she went up the aisle with one man and came back with another."

Anyone who drinks while driving an automobile is apt to get a cop for a chaser.

## "UNION MAID"



"Stop dreaming of a wonderful Labor victory—Go register and vote!"

# SAN JOSE AREA IS SLOW IN STARTING

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

We regret to report that the employment situation here has changed but very little in the past thirty days. The water has drained off to some extent (the school kids were able to put their row boats in dry dock) but not sufficiently for some of the larger projects to get back into full production. This situation also applies to the southern localities, namely Salinas, Watsonville, Monterey and King City.

Brother Dick Alexander, superintendent for the Atkinson Company had high hopes of again starting on the Moffett job with a full compliment of engineers this past week but the recent rain storm put a period on those plans and it looks like it will require a few days of sunshine and fair weather before they do much.

Brother Joe Canto, superintendent for this firm on their quarry project, off Steven's Creek, is having a rough time trying to remove the mud and debris which all but covered or buried their Pioneer & Cedar Rapids crushing plants. Since this most recent storm, it looks as if Joe's efforts have been in vain—at least, what he has accomplished in the past few days. Boys, we might add, the water really comes down that canyon.

Brother Bill Yancy, superintendent for Pete Sorensen on their Moffett-Fild job has also been held up for some time but with a few days of fair weather may be able to complete most of their paving. This firm also has considerable structural work to complete on their tanks and buildings.

Brother Joe Schwartz, superintendent for A. J. Peters, has started on the Moffett job with a full crew but was forced to a temporary halt due to this recent wet spell. He has hopes of resuming activity at an early date.

Brother Ernie Grissott, superintendent for Atkinson on the Los Gatos Highway is living in hopes of winding up all their finish work in a few days. Ernie put on a large crew the other day (before it rained), one operator, Brother Dick Denson.

Brother Earl Dingwall, shop superintendent for A. J. Raisch is moving the required and necessary equipment out to the company's Steven's Creek job in hopes of getting started very soon in order to make that much-needed improvement in the highway which will remove a disgusting and dangerous bottleneck in this community.

Brother Pete Pace, superintendent for Fredrickson & Watson, is making good progress on their East Shore Freeway job, but their activity too, has been retarded slightly due to excessive moisture—particularly in the river bottom. We expect Raymond to move in a "driver" very shortly to hammer approximately 600 piling for the foundations of the three structures. Brother Pete is living in high hopes of his firm's estimator sharpening his pencil sufficiently to be low bidder on this stretch of adjoining freeway which comes up next month.

The latest on the Lexington Dam is that bids will be called for before April 1st. We have another good project to come up on the Pacheco Pass highway, also on the Can Jose-Los Gatos highway.

Brother Earl Rhodes, superintendent for Leo Piazza, is preparing their hot plant for their 100,000 ton job at Moffett. Leo informs us they have a backlog of approximately \$800,000 in contracts at this writing.

J. C. Bateman Company also informs us they have a rear-log of about \$300,000 and expect much more to accumulate in the future. Barrett & Hilp expect to start their new subdivision very shortly off Almaden Road . . . John Pestano has started his underground job in E. San Jose and expects to be fully-occupied on that project for the next five or six months.

Carl N. Swenson (one of our popular local building contractors) submitted the low bid of \$252,000 for the auxiliary equipment building for the eight foot supersonic

wind tunnel at Ames Laboratory of the NACA at Moffett. This makes a total of about three jobs on the base for this firm.

J. O. Archibald of Redwood City, moved in four "jeeps" and "cats" to dig the testing pond for the army's new amphibian tanks which are soon to come off the assembly line of the Food Machinery's new plant on Coleman.

Well, brothers, this about takes care of the major work in the northern section of the San Jose division, so here goes for the southern section.

### SANTA CRUZ AND VICINITY

The Granite Construction Company was low bidder on a street job in Capitola, but so far have not moved in any equipment. This company has finally completed its sewer job at Santa Cruz. Just recently they started their "cats" up on their stripping job at Davenport again. They had also put the shovels to work, but a little soon, it appears, as they had to shut down again after the last storm. It all depends on the weather when they will start up again . . . McGuire & Hester experienced quite a little difficulty when they unexpectedly encountered quick sand on their sewer job. This certainly was a tough break . . . The sand plants around Felton and Santa Cruz are operating about normal. The Los Gatos Construction Company have moved their "jeeps" back into the P. C. A's sand plant at Felton.

Watsonville is quiet with the exception of the Granite shops.

Work on the PG&E plant at Moss Landing is progressing slowly. The C. C. Moore Company are getting a little more steel and we are able to place three of the brothers on Tugger Hoists, recently.

### MONTEREY

The granite Construction Company is busy getting their equipment in shape for the contract which they recently acquired from Del Webb, which consists of all the concrete on the Del Webb job. Due to this contract, it has been necessary for Granite to erect another sand plant to take care of this job. The plant is almost completed. This firm is also constructing two new cement bunkers at Fort Ord . . . We hate to sound discouraging, brothers, but our hopes to place a great number of engineers on this project have been dimmed considerably. We now learn that there will be no more than approximately 10 engineers employed on this huge project. It seems the cost all lays in building construction . . . As usual, Granite has many small jobs up and down this peninsula—mostly street work, schools and highways. This company is also busily employed at the present time removing slides from the Carmel Valley highway caused by the recent rains . . . E. T. Haas was low bidder at a figure of about a quarter of a million dollars on the Disposal Plant at Pacific Grove. The Stolte Company were low bidders on the pipeline leading into the disposal plant at about the same figure . . . Dorfman, Manuel Smith and Stolte are still occupied on their sewer work . . . Haas & Tanner have completed their job at the Navy school in Monterey. George Augusta has the paving.

Salinas—There are a couple of highway jobs to come up for bids in this locality next month. Geo. Augusta is busily engaged on his College Subdivision . . . E. J. Dohahue maintains a small crew of operators around this district.

Oil Fields—The oil fields at San Ardo have slowed down considerably. Now, they are only working



**NEW PRICE BOSS.**—Ellis Arnall, former governor of Georgia, succeeded Mike DiSalle as head of OPS. Said he: "I'm not for weakening controls. The greatest possible disaster of the nation would be destruction of our economic system."

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## Bernstein Heads Regional WSB

(State Fed. Release)

Irving Bernstein, research associate of the Institute of Industrial Relations at UCLA, was last week named chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board for California, Arizona, and Nevada.

He succeeds Arthur M. Ross, who recently became a public member of the national stabilization board in Washington, D. C.

Bernstein left his industrial relations post with the University of California at Los Angeles in September, 1951, to become director of the Case Analysis division of the regional board.

During World War II Bernstein was a hearing officer in the Disputes Section of the National War Labor Board.

His successor as director of the Case Analysis division will be Paul Prasow, formerly director of the Agricultural Wage division.

A former professor of industrial relations at the University of Southern California, Prasow also served as the executive secretary of Governor Warren's Committee on Agricultural Labor Resources in the San Joaquin Valley.

the one shift—five days a week and ten hours a day.

Hollister—There is a possibility of new oil fields opening up in the immediate vicinity of this little community. At the present time the General Petroleum has two blades, a cat and a dragline building access roads.

### NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

The deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Brother Si Ribisi, who was fatally injured February 11 in an automobile accident on Pacheco Pass. Brother Ribisi and Brother Paul Marlow were riding together when tragedy struck and at this writing we might say Bro. Marlow is still in critical condition . . . Our sincere sympathy also goes out to the family of our late brother, Ben Yount, who passed away suddenly this month. We have all suffered an irretrievable loss through the passing of these two brothers as they were both very well liked and will be missed by many . . . Brother William Riddell was seriously injured in an automobile accident when his car collided with a bridge abutment and he will be incapacitated for some time . . . Received a few lines from Bro. Hollis Dewing the other day. He is on a Northwest 80, in Guam. Likes the job fine, but sort of hankers for the good old USA. Sends regards to all of his friends. A welcome back to Bro. Zimmerman, one of our old-timers, who just finished a two-year stretch with the Sea Bees. He is now employed by Dorfman in Monterey. Just received a nice letter from Bro. Adrian Paris from Antofagasta, Chile. Adrian says he has been enjoying the "Engineer's News" over there and says he will have completed his contract in a few weeks and will soon be headed back to the gold old USA. He is employed by Foley-Hermano,

# Biggest Season Ever in Store For the Redwood Empire

By A. R. McCaffrey, Business Representative

There will be more work in the Redwood Empire this year than ever before. Although the rains are still holding up the work, more jobs are coming up daily. Within sixty days the dirt will be really moving and we will be short of Engineers like we were last year.

Money was appropriated by Congress this year for 12 miles of new road on Highway 299 between Berry's Summit and Willow Creek. Total cost is estimated at \$3,000,000. Construction of 2.7 miles of this road at an estimated cost of \$700,000 will be started in a few months.

In addition to the Willow Creek project, Congress has appropriated \$500,000 to repair 7 miles of highway between Weitchpec and Bluff Creek. The two-lane road is to be realigned and widened. The \$500,000 appropriation covers expenses of repairing half of the 7 miles of road. Another appropriation of \$500,000 will be necessary to complete the project, bringing the total outlay to \$1,000,000.

Congress has committed itself to both these public works. Bids will be advertised as soon as the State acquires the necessary rights of way and work will begin later this summer.

A proposed 52-mile access road from Korbel to Hyampom, a project estimated at \$3,400,000, will be part of the omnibus bill prepared by the House Committee on Public Works. It is expected to get before Congress in June. The bill must be approved by July 1 in order to come under this fiscal year's budget.

This project was given high priority as a result of a survey practically completed by the Public Roads Administration. Congress is believed to be favorable to the development of forest access roads. The Korbel-Hyampom road would be of two-lane standard construction. At present, it is necessary to travel approximately 200 miles in order to get to Hyampom from Eureka.

The State Division of Highways, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Public Roads Administration coordinated in developing these projects.

### \$10,000,000 POWER JOB

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. has started survey work on a proposed \$10,000,000 steam generating plant, situated four miles south of Eureka. There is considerable grading to be done on this project, also a large rock fill jetty to be put in.

Robert McCarthy of San Francisco was low bidder on a \$718,000 housing project in Eureka which will start about April 1. There is considerable work for the brothers on this job.

Bro. Louis Conner has moved in on a cut and fill job at Brainerd's Cut, for the Brecht Lumber Co. This job consists of approximately 100,000 yards of excavation.

Ernest Pierson, local contractor, also working on a new subdivision in Eureka, has considerable dirt work to be done.

Mercer Fraser Co. of Eureka has a \$70,000 paving job to be done for the City. Will start just as soon as the weather permits.

Bids for the \$600,000 freeway

## Here's a Tough Job

In Atikokan, Ontario, Canada, AFL construction workers contended they were working on the weirdest job in the history of their union. Their task is to drain a large lake in the Canadian wilds and then dredge the lake-bed, so that mining operations can be started to reach a huge deposit of iron ore 150 feet below the surface. Most of the time, the AFL men reported, they work in temperatures as low as 55 degrees below zero. The thing that nearly drove them crazy at first was the fact that at 45 degrees below zero, a sharp blow on metal pipes or machinery would shatter them like glass. Next, they learned that they had to spray the frozen surface of the lake with cold water as the only way to melt out a patch of ice so their floating dredge could operate.

job at Arcata are supposed to be called for this month; also 1.9 miles of realignment and surfacing at Oregon Mountain, estimated at \$120,000, is expected this month.

With all this work coming up, plus all the unfinished jobs we have, this will be a very good year. It will be impossible to complete several of the larger jobs this year, which will also make it good for the brothers in the coming year. We would like to see all this work start immediately, but it looks like it will be about 60 days before work opens up full blast.

## YOU MAY NOT VOTE

If You Are Not Properly Registered  
You must go and register if you have:

1. Changed your name since last election.
2. Changed your address.
3. Failed to vote in both the general and primary election in 1950.
4. Reached the age of 21 since the last election.

You must register by Thursday, April 10, in order to vote in the most important election of the year—the June 3 Primary.

## 28th State Backs Tax Amendment To Soak the Poor

Richmond, Va. (LPA)—Virginia, by action of its state legislature on Feb. 21, became the 28th state to support the "millionaires' amendment" to the U.S. Constitution. Under the proposal, there would be a limit of 25 per cent on taxes on income, estates and gifts.

If such a resolution is approved by four more states, Congress will be required to call a constitutional convention to consider the amendment.

Backers of the amendment have now admitted openly what labor has been charging for a long time—that the purpose of the amendment is to shift more of the tax burden from the rich to the poor.

The Committee for Constitutional Government, the anti-labor lobby financed by big corporations, has just issued a new booklet boosting the "millionaires' amendment," and declaring that while such an amendment would cut federal revenue by \$9 billion, the loss "could readily be made up by the levying of additional excise or sales taxes. For example, a manufacturers' excise tax of 10 to 12 per cent, or a retail sales tax of 8 per cent, would yield about \$9 billion."

Opponents of the amendment estimate it would cost Uncle Sam about \$15 billion a year. Up to now its supporters have put the figure at \$2 billion, but now the CCG puts it at \$9 billion.

A limit of 25 per cent would not help a married man with two children making under \$40,000 a year. It would, however, be a tremendous help to those in the extremely high income brackets.

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Membership in the House of Representatives was originally fixed at 65. Today, members total 435.

# News Roundup From Utah

MERLIN BOWMAN, C. E. VAN WINKLE, DON ELLIOTT, and CHARLEY COCKAYNE

Good old March is here with wind and rain, with snow aplenty in the valley, and one of the largest road programs in the State for a number of years.

Parsons and Fife have a small crew working on the job in Salt Lake with Brother Don Jackson in charge of excavation; Brothers Vance Abbott, Dorie Varner on the back-hoe; Brothers Russell Corbett, Jesse Dalley, Eugene Andrews, Grant Collett and Bill Brighton working on other equipment on this job. The weather has been so bad that it has been impossible for men to get a full week's work at one time.

W. W. Clyde has one shift started at Dugway with the following brothers on the job: Grant Haslam, Joe Olson, Homer Anderson, Lave Bertelson, Jack Francis, W. M. Calloway, H. L. Ashley, Wright Seal, Garth Hooper, Lester Nelson, Ruben Griffith, Wm. Edge, Worthen Whitehead, Reed Clement, Howard Anderson, Andrew Christiansen and Don Mitchell. Most of the men were working on this job when it closed down for the Winter last Fall.

Gibbons and Reed have their pile drive job started at Lagoon with three of our members on this job. Fluor Corp. has held most of their operating crews throughout most of the Winter and will need additional men in the near future.

Utah Construction Company is still going strong on the Dyke job in Garfield, 5840 Tunnel in Bingham, Lark Tunnel and Lark Facilities. Jobs have held most of their men throughout the Winter with very little turnover. They have been using additional welders within the past few weeks.

Well, Brothers, this has been a very long Winter and a hard one for most of our members, but we don't feel that it will last much longer. We feel that it will be a very short time before most of our members will be on the jobs. Our out-of-work list is looking very good for this time of year. We have approximately 200 men on the books at this time, which will go very fast when weather permits. Most of our contractors in the state are very anxious to get their work under way, and several of our contractors are calling for men so that they will be available when ready to go.

## JOBS IN THE NORTH

Arrington Construction Company have tried to keep their job going on Bear River High School, and it has been rough all Winter. Parsons and Fife are doing a little preliminary work on the Riverdale Road at Ogden. Wheelwright Construction Company are moving their bridge job at Lewiston. Gibbons & Reed are operating their hot plant at Ogden, doing some patching for the state, when the weather permits. Oluf Nelson Construction Co. have a few boys busy at their Logan shop. Weather permitting, work should resume on Whitneys' job, Weber county high school. Olson Construction Co. apparently is endeavoring to get things moving on the Weber College. M. Morrin & Son have kept a crew busy at 2nd street all winter and are looking forward to a break in the weather before they assume certain aspects of a duck and develop web feet. Contracts for several new jobs are to be let in the north in the near future, and everything points to a busy season.

## SOUTHERN UTAH

Big season ahead for Southern Utah. If Old Man Winter will just let go his hold for 30 days, every contractor in the south will be out on the many jobs to be done in this area this season. Saturday, March 1, came in with about 6 inches of snow but if the old proverb is true about March coming in like a lion, it should go out like a lamb, we hope, because Old Man Winter has dealt us a pretty hard blow this year—where it hurts the most, in the bread basket.

There are many good sized jobs already let and more to be let this summer. L. T. Johnson got a good job at Garrison, Utah—17 miles of widening and surfacing from the Nevada line east through Garrison. If any of you have ever been over this territory, you will remember about 75 miles that could use some

oil surface, as that much is secondary road.

The "Red Narrows" job in Spanish Fork Canyon and the Geneva road were let, bids to be opened March 11th. Both of these jobs run near a half a million dollars.

W. W. Clyde Co. has moved in on their job at Helper but have not been able to do much to date due to the frost in the ground. This company is one of our biggest contractors in this area and will probably have more jobs before the season is over. They still have some jobs to finish from last fall, and are looking at the 22 miles of oil surface to do yet on the job they finished base course on last Fall at Hinckley. This job has not come up for bid as yet, but according to the "Grapevine" it is proposed for this year.

## News from Mines, Mills and Shops

### VITRO CHEMICAL COMPANY SETTLEMENT

On Wednesday, February 20, 1952, the members employed by the Vitro Chemical Co. were presented another offer by the company, an offer that was considerably better than the last offer, which was rejected. After being thoroughly discussed, the offer was accepted by a majority of the members involved.

### Utah State Road

Thus we consummated one of the toughest agreements ever negotiated by your union in Utah. Many problems, including the production problems of the company, and a change in management, complicated these negotiations. Considerable credit must be given to President Brownlow and Secretary-Treasurer Gretta of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor for their able assistance with the various governmental bureaus involved. To them goes most of the credit for the upping of the company's offer.

By this settlement our membership at the Vitro Chemical Co. will be working under the best working agreement in existence in the ore processing industry in the Inter-mountain States, and for that matter, in the United States and Canada. The wage scales agreed to are equal in all cases, and better in most cases, those paid in similar plants in this area.

The membership must realize, however, that a good working agreement means nothing unless it is enforced and lived up to by the membership. Top management of the plant, we are sure, are honorable and mean to abide by the letter or spirit of the agreement. Our difficulties, if any, will arise with the subordinate supervision. Study the agreement, a copy will be supplied to you, and if you are asked to commit a violation of the agreement, report it to your steward or to your office. Remember, no employer ever violated an agreement by himself, he had to have the help of a worker or workers.

### IRON MINES, CEDAR CITY

The steel settlement seems as far away as last month. Although we have access to official channels, so far this information coincides with that you read in the newspapers. One meeting has been held with the company recently, during which we indicated that we expected a settlement to be based upon the steel settlement and that no other settlement would be fair or acceptable to our membership.

Plans have been given to us by the company for the new shops at Iron Springs and Iron Mountain. These shops will be a welcome, and

much needed addition to the facilities at these mines. Reason for the difference in size of the shops at Iron Mountain and Iron Springs is that the company expects that the new facilities expected to be opened near Iron Mountain will require additional facilities and at that time a new shop will in all probability be erected.

Present plans of the company would indicate an increase in the size of the iron ore operations around the Cedar City area. The scuttle butt regarding the opening of a new pit is founded upon more than hopes. Definite plans are at present in the making that would indicate a start on this project in the not too far distant future.

### KENNECOTT COPPER CORP.

As this is being prepared no news has been received from the Wage Stabilization Board regarding the "cost-of-living" increase negotiated effective January 1st. Frankly, we expected that we would have heard by this time. A decision, a favorable decision, we are sure, can be expected any time now.

Seniority questions, the manner in which men are qualified, especially the new rule, Article 10, Section E, which pertains to employees failing to accept promotion, has occupied a considerable portion of our time with the company. We believe that steps are jointly being worked out with the company that will make the operation of this rule to the benefit of the great majority of our members and without unduly affecting those presently directly affected.

The new agreements are now printed and should be in the hands of our members before this reaches you. We want you to read and study this agreement, it is different in a lot of respects than last year. Read and study the seniority provisions; we believe you will find these provisions greatly strengthened.

Meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month for our membership employed at Kennecott. Every effort has been made to make these meetings convenient for our membership. The first one is held at 1:00 p.m. in Bingham Canyon, for the 3:00 p.m. shift. The second one in Bingham Canyon, at 3:30 p.m. for the convenience of the 6:00 p.m. shift and the day men living in the Bingham area. The third one is held at 7:30 p.m. in the Midvale City Hall, Midvale, for the convenience of the members who live in the valley.

At these meetings are taken all decisions affecting our members employed by Kennecott Copper Corp. No decisions are made in star chamber sessions. All discussions with the company, either by your grievance committee or your representative, are reported in full to the membership. Every opportunity is given to all members present to ask every question they want without full discussion, it is the fault of those members present. We promise you, there will be no gag rule.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which you are being treated—if you feel that you have a grievance—if you just want to talk over any question, remember you don't have to wait for a meeting. Call up your representative, at your office, Salt Lake City 8-8551, or at his home, Salt Lake City 5-7369. We are here to serve you!

### LANG COMPANY

Conditions at Lang Company remain about the same. The agreement will be opened May 1st. This year will be a joint meeting of the three crafts before entering into negotiations with the company. By this method we hope to accomplish a more unified program.

### SAND AND GRAVEL AND READY-MIXED CONCRETE PLANTS

The petition to the Wage Stabilization Board for approval of the 10c an hour increase May 15th, provided in the agreement with the Sand and Gravel plants and Ready-Mixed Concrete plants, is in the process of being prepared. We hope that approval is received before

## Schedule of Utah Meetings for Construction, Sand and Gravel, Iron Ore, and Kennecott Copper Corp.

- Friday, March 21, 1952—Sand and Gravel Construction, Labor Temple Ogden, Utah.
- Friday, March 28, 1952, 8 p.m.—Iron Mines members, El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah.
- Monday, April 7, 1952, 7 p.m.—Lang Co. members, Engineers' Hall 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City.
- Tuesday, April 8, 1952—Kennecott Copper Corp. members—1 p.m., Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Hall, Bingham Canyon. 3:30 p.m., Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Hall, Bingham Canyon, Utah; 7:30 p.m., Midvale City Hall, Midvale.
- Thursday, April 10, 1952, 8 p.m.—Sand, Gravel and Construction Engineers' Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City.
- Friday, April 11, 1952, 8 p.m.—Sand, Gravel Construction, 161 West 1st North, Provo.

## Schedule of Utah Meetings—State Road Meetings

- Thursday, March 27, 1952, 8 p.m.—El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City.
- Friday, March 28, 1952, 8 p.m.—Cache County Court House Logan.
- Wednesday April 9, 1952, 8 p.m.—Labor Temple, 161 West 1st North, Provo Utah.
- Price Meeting will be announced by Post Card.
- Tuesday, April 15, 1952, 8 p.m.—Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City.
- Thursday, April 17, 1952, 8 p.m.—City Hall, Roosevelt, Utah.
- Wednesday, April 23, 1952—Millard County Court House, Fillmore, Utah.

that date so that the new scale can be put into immediate effect on May 15th.

### CONTRACTORS' SHOPS

The petition to the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission, which must approve all increases in the construction industry, is in the process of being prepared. It is to be hoped that this increase will prevent this, and be paid on the effective date, June 1.

### UTAH STATE ROAD

Despite the recent heavy snow storms, it begins to look as though Old Man Winter is about to go down for the long count—when the sun shines it is beginning to make its appearance felt.

The maintenance crews have done a tremendous job fighting snow. Many have worked around the clock with no concern for their own welfare, and it is our opinion all have a vote of thanks coming for a job well done. We have traveled throughout the state all winter long and have suffered no inconvenience through any lack of effort on the part of the state road crews, and know the same is true of all the motoring public. Winter imposes certain hardships on us all in the snow areas, regardless.

After the negotiations with the Road Commission, over a long period of time, we are able to report to you that the commission has unanimously agreed to a 10c maximum increase in all wage classification. This increase will cost the department an added \$200,000 per year and approval to grant same had to be obtained from the board of examiners. Approval was granted contingent upon the commission assuring the board of examiners that no deficit financing would be necessary. The commission has assured us that they will speed the thing along and get the increase effected as quickly as possible.

Another problem which holds great interest for you is the effect upon you of the State Social Security Bill passed last June. A suit has been filed in district court by an employee of Salt Lake County, John Hansen, asking the court, among other things, to enjoin the Governor and the Utah Security Agency from entering into an agreement with the Federal Security Agency extending coverage to employees now covered by the Public Employees Retirement System. A few vicious opponents of the Act are extending their worst efforts to have the Act kicked out, but we can assure you that everything possible is being done by Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 to protect your interests by keeping the law intact.

Attend your meetings so that we may keep you informed as to this matter and other matters progress.

IF YOU GET HURT ON THE JOB BE SURE AND NOTIFY YOUR UNION AND PARTICULARLY YOUR BUSINESS AGENT.

## Highway Building To Await Materials, Cal. Road Men Told

Need for reclassification of road building projects in California as being vital to national defense was told at the fourth annual California Street and Highway Conference in Los Angeles on Feb. 14 by Richard H. Wilson, assistant state highway engineer.

Wilson brought out the following points in his talk to the city, county, and state road men:

Highway building costs in the state have increased 53.4 percent from January 1950 to the present.

A total of \$150,000,000 in road, street and bridge projects must be serviced from present meager allotments of critical materials.

Present steel allotments for highways are less than one-half the amount surveys have shown as normal usage per quarter.

Steel allocation to all states was less than one percent of national production in 1951.

Stockpiling of critical materials by some defense agencies having high priorities, though the materials may remain unused for months at a time, has seriously handicapped highways who have low priorities.

Wilson asked this question: "Are highway facilities, with traffic increasing yearly from 6 to 10 percent and truck traffic as much as 20 percent to remain forever in the limbo of importance of ordinary warehouse or office construction?"

## Profits Jump 60%, Cries Poor, Asks Hike

Ottawa (LPA)—The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada had net profits of \$16 million plus in 1951, against \$10 million in 1950—a jump of 60 per cent—but it has pleaded poverty in recent hearings on a rate increase.

Frederick Johnson, president of the company, said 1951 earnings "were somewhat better but were insufficient to provide an appropriate addition to our earned surplus."

The pastor was in his study preparing his sermon for the coming Sunday when his phone rang; and answering it the pastor recognized the voice of one of his deacons saying: "Hello, is that you, Joe? Send me over a couple of quarts of Bourbon for a party I'm throwing."

So shocked that he could hardly control his voice, the pastor shouted into the receiver: "Mr. Appleby! Do you know who this is? It's your minister, Reverend Snodgrass!"

There was an awkward pause, then came Mr. Appleby's answer in a surprised voice: "Reverend Snodgrass! What are you doing a Joe's?"

# Sheriff Jack Gleason Praised For Quick Action on Plea

By JUD MINZER, Business Representative, Local 39

Sheriff H. P. (Jack) Gleason of Alameda County is a man whom I, along with thousands of others, respect and appreciate. Many times a public official is unapproachable; however, Jack is always willing to listen and conclude any problem that is factual.

I mention this because the engineers at the Santa Rita Rehabilitation Center have not been receiving holidays. In view of the fact that there was not a 100% representation, I did nothing until there was a 100% unit. When this occurred, I submitted the problem to the sheriff who promptly went to work and straightened out this condition. I am sure that the men who joined the Engineers for representation feel that their money was not wasted. Twelve holidays is not tough to take when they had not been receiving any. It still goes without saying that Civil Service Employees do receive recognition with representation.

Paint brushes rear their little hairy heads up every so often. The most recent rising was at Challenge Creamery, in Berkeley. The theme seemed to be: "If you are not busy, go get a bucket of paint and don't forget the brush!" This condition has been altered. Painting isn't our jurisdiction—touching up equipment after a job is okay. Please, if a similar condition exists in your plant, do not refuse an order to paint—go ahead—but advise this office and you will again go back to your first love—engineering.

Attention! Men who worked in hospitals temporarily between the dates of September 1, 1951, and February 6, 1952! If you have not been mailed a retroactive check, go to the hospital and request your check. If you walk into a "Booby Trap," call this office and give us the hours and overtime you worked.

Regarding the Wage Stabilization Board and Collective Bargaining. I feel that a sample of analysis for a negotiated increase should be put out for the membership to study, so that a semblance of an understanding may be effected when your representatives sit down to argue.

We must bear in mind that an effective wage stabilization program necessarily embraces all the "money issues" commonly arising in collective bargaining negotiations. Such a program must, therefore, emerge finally as a series of policy regulations rather than as a single "Formula." This does not however, mean that the Wage Stabilization Board's regulations undertake to tell the parties what a union should or an employer should give—this leaves a representative in the position of "Oriental Bargaining with an Arbitrary Employer. Now "leave us" continue with a sample.

Re: Contract of John Doe, Inc. vs. Arm Chair Engineers Union No. O Payroll Rates

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| 1-15-50                           | 4-1-50 | 8-1-51 |
| Chief Arm Chair                   |        |        |
| Engineer                          | \$1.70 | \$1.80 |
| Assistant Arm Chair               |        |        |
| Engineer                          | 1.45   | 1.50   |
| Assistant to the Assistant Sitter | 1.30   | 1.35   |
| 1.35                              | 1.45   |        |

For the payroll period of January 1, 1950, through January 15, 1950, you reported a total of 486 hours worked with \$795.92 at straight time plus shift differentials and \$15.48 at overtime rates. By removing the premium portion of the overtime rate, this pay amounts to \$10.32. The total straight time plus shift differential payment, therefore, is \$806.24. The average straight time plus shift differential rate for the pay period involved is \$1.659.

Effective April 1, 1950, you granted increases to give arm chair engineers from \$1.70 to \$1.80, and to one assistant to the assist-

Athlete: "How high is my temperature, Doc?"  
Doctor: "A hundred and one."  
Athlete: "What's the world's record?"

# Reno — SNOW STALL IS BREAKING IN NEVADA

By H. L. Spence  
Business Representative

After a long, lengthy, snowy winter in the great Silver State, most of the Contractors are beginning to get started on some of their jobs—highway jobs especially.

Isbell Construction Company has started its four-lane highway job between Sparks and Vista, Nevada. Brother Bill Boegle is the shovel foreman. He doesn't have an oiler or helper as yet, but give Bill a little time, and he will have everything going along in fine shape, just like he does every time. Bill has a good crew of Engineers on his shift. Brother George Conley and his oiler, Brother Irvin (Shorty) Hudson on the shovel. Those two boys are real "muckers". They have half the hill moved now, and they just got started. Brother W. R. (Skinner Bill) Sherwin is on the Dozer on the fill. Brother Clarence Wibel, on the combination dozer and stomper or sheep foot cat, and that Wibel is doing a real fancy job with that rig. Brother I. J. (Toby) Tobler and his oiler, Brother J. Marion Williams, are on the dragline. Now with a crew like that the four-lane highway will be finished in no time.

Isbell has had three shifts on the gravel plant for quite a while. They have plenty of gravel crushed. Must be expecting a good year for the gravel racket.

Isbell has also started on the White Horse Pass job, 19 miles east of Wendover on Highway 50. Mr. Arnold Blair is the superintendent. Brother Randy Booth and Brother George Bowers are on the cats. Brother David Germaine is doing the heavy duty repair work. Mr. Arnold Blair and Brother Elmer Heenan have set up a good camp on the job. Now with a good camp and a good cook house, the job has to be a "good" job.

Dodge Construction Company has quite an Iron Ore Deal out near Lovelock, Nevada. Mr. Frank Dunn is in charge of the job. Brother Marc (Mark) Thomas is running shovel. Perry Thomsen and George Thomsen are on the cats. They are real iron ore men, especially "Mark". He is an iron ore digger from the old digging school.

The big stripping job at Yerrington, Nevada hasn't started yet. Nelson Engineering has a few rigs down there on the construction of the townsite. However, Andaconda hasn't moved any equipment in as yet. Brother R. C. Wigle, Brother Carl Gibson, and the "Breakfast Food Kid", Jack Kellogg, have quite a stripping job out at Gabbs, Nevada for the Standard Slag Company. I don't know for sure just who the cats belong to, but I thing Carson Frazini has something to say about the rigs, but Wigle and Kellogg have their finger in the pie someplace along the line for they are a couple of sharpies especially where there is any dough involved.

Nomillini has moved into the Stead Air Base north of Reno, Nevada. George Miller is going to do the leveling and the pipe line work on the job for Nomillini.

The vice president of Local No. 3, Brother H. O. (Heine) Foss, was in Reno for a few days on his way home from a vacation. He paid his tithing over at Harolds Club, and he was on his way back to California broke and disgusted. Another outstanding brother that goes by the name of "Hap" Robbins was in the Reno office for a short visit. He also lost his loot. Not gambling, but a "Pick Pocket".

Question—Does the word "Damages" correctly describe and define the benefits payable or obtainable under the Workmen's Compensation Laws?  
Answer—No. The word "Damages" means the recovery allowable in an action at law as contrasted with "Compensation" under Workmen's Compensation Laws.

# New Season is Opening Up in The Marysville District

By LES COLLETT and WM. C. WAACK, Business Representatives

March hit this Northern valley with rain and wind that is an omen that the end of the month will be good and we hope all of our people will be on a good steady payroll by then.

The H. Earl Parker Co. has a crew around the shop and yard getting the rigs ready for a good summer run.

Rice Bros. also have a few men at their different gravel and sand plants, and some men in the shop.

J. Harold Shaver got his rigs back to leveling land for a few days and then rain stopped them, but with a little sun and wind, they will go again.

O'Hair has a portable crusher in Sutter Buttes doing a little work for the County of Sutter.

Boyles & Joost will start a grain storage concrete structure at Maxwell.

H. W. Ruby is progressing on his bridge jobs at the Oroville Wye.

Butte Creek Rock Co. of Chico is a little light on construction at this writing, but the plant keeps busy.

The Berlinger Corp., Chico, is not too busy at the moment.

## OROVILLE JOBS

The Taber Construction Co. is building a few houses in Oroville and we have two brothers making a few days on the ditcher or cat.

"Hap" Unfried has been pouring some concrete in and around Oroville with one man busy all the time.

Wash Construction Co. has its equipment in good shape now and Les Huntington and his gang say, "Bring on the work."

Kaiser Sand & Gravel in Oroville keeps right on with orders for gravel and a good steady crew the year around.

The New York Machine Shop in Oroville has had a good winter and looks for a big year.

So much for the present, and the following is to come up in this area:

Commercial Construction Co. in Marysville has a \$16,075 contract

on Highway 20, west of Yuba City. California State Highway Division is calling for bids on State Route 24, in Plumas County, with about four miles of road work and a bridge over the Western Pacific tracks, estimated at \$443,000.

Bridge repair in Colusa County, on High Ditch and Williams Slough, south of Colusa, estimated at \$40,000.

## HIGHWAY JOBS

March 12, the Division of Highways will open bids for a job on Davis Curve, in the foothills district, estimated at \$100,000.

Of course the big road job in this area will be at the Oroville Wye, estimated at \$835,000.

There will be a \$170,000 road job west of Gridley on the Colusa road.

Another road job will be on Highway 20 between Colusa and Williams.

Richter Bros. still have to finish their job above Camptonville.

Likewise, Clement construction Co., road job on 99W at Arbuckle.

We also believe there will be at least one big levee job on the Sacramento River, plus the Piombo job on Butte Creek to complete, and the Foster & McHarg Co. levee job to finish north of Marysville.

There is no sign of action at Beale Air Force Base yet except for Van Valkenburgh Co., who have a \$61,000 contract to reclaim, test and repair water mains, with Bro. "Chuck" Keithly as foreman.

We hope by the time this is printed the dirt will be flying in the North Valley.

# No Overtime for Overworked B.A.; Valley Boys Busy

(Continued from Page 6)

my foot into it. A great gang, but I won't make the same mistake again.

Stopped at the East West Creamery at Newman, Brother Wendell Knight and Manuel Silva on shift—they wanted to discuss a subject we are all interested in about this time of the year—Income tax.

Once in a while the business agent of your district has to—including myself, stop from his various duties and negotiate new contracts. So it was with the refrigeration contract covering the ice plants in this territory. Results, \$11.5 cents increase for the chief engineer; 11-cent increase for the watch engineer and pullers, etc. A clarified holiday clause so that anyone can understand it.

Now, in my mind—the question, who is overworked and underpaid? Personally, I am thinking of the business representative of Local No. 39. There is never a complaint when they work over 40 hours a week. In fact, at the end of the 40 hours he is just getting a good start, and from here on instead of getting time and one-half he finds himself working for less than straight time.

Laundry agreements came up for discussion—result: \$5 per week increase for the engineer.

Visited the McCormick-Baxter plant checking on members. I missed Brother Forest Ingle. I found out at last after all these years he has achieved the Hall of Fame for Grandfathers. He will now become a baby sitter extraordinary. Good luck, Forest, I hope that you make the Hall of Fame a few more times.

St. Peter: "Where you from, son?"  
Trucker: "Texas."  
St. Peter: "Well, come on in; but you ain't gonna like it."

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# 50,000-ACRE TULARE LAKE IS FORESEEN

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

The most important news from this district is that we will have another Tulare Lake and that considerable work will be done on the rebuilding of existing levees. At the present time, however, the Reclamation Districts comprising the Tulare Lake Basin area are uncertain as to the amount of levee construction that will be done this year. The snow survey reports show a water content in the mountains unequal since records have been kept.

Engineers for the district state that they fully expect more than 50,000 acres to be flooded and possibly many times more than that, depending entirely on the rate of runoff from the Kings, Kaweah, Tule and Kern Rivers. At the present time we have working on the levees the Morrison Knudsen Company with three draglines and five cranes working around the clock. Richter Bros. from Oroville, with 11 rigs working two 10-hour shifts, also some farmer-owned equipment. We have contacted representative of the district and hope to work out some plan that will allow our people to enjoy a majority of this work, without leading into a conflict with property owner's operating their own equipment.

The Kings River Pine Flat Reservoir highway job bids will be opened March 7, and there seems to be much interest in this job, at least 11 major contractors have asked for plans. This contract consists of approximately 11 miles of new road.

Bids will also be opened around the middle of March on the Shaver Lake-Huntington Lake relocation job, which consists of approximately six miles of new road.

The pipe laying contracts for the Bureau of Reclamation for the Tulare County area are proceeding as weather conditions permit and we expect several new jobs to be let within the next two months.

Madonna Construction Co. of San Luis Obispo has started work on 2 1/2 miles of canal for the Lower Tule Irrigation District and will be busy for at least three months on this job.

Land leveling is in full swing and will increase as the ground condition permits additional equipment to work. The out of work list during the past month has gone down considerably for cat skimmers and we expect to be clearing considerable numbers of brothers in other classifications from now on. The general outlook for this district is for another very busy season.

Ted Baun Company submitted low bid to the Highway Department for six miles of secondary highway in Tulare south of Poplar.

We have been informed that a new allocation, from nine to 12 million, will be spent at Castle Field during the fiscal year and that this money has already been appropriated.

All current jobs progressing satisfactorily with an expected increase in activities as conditions permit.

Next regular meeting of this area will be held Thursday, March 27, 1952, 8 p.m. at 631 Kearney Blvd., Fresno California.

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Attend union meetings!

## Hawaii— 2 BIG JOBS START IN THE ISLANDS

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ

Work is again shaping up favorably for the Engineers in this area. Nine members were called back in the past week on Mid-Pac's new \$18,000,000 project. Recruiting will gradually accelerate for engineers and all other craftsmen to an approximate 1200 men at its peak.

A group of local contractors have finally accumulated enough money to make the construction bond for the Moanalua Housing project and will be breaking ground anytime now. Mr. George Freitas, president of the Pacific Construction Co., heads the housing project. His company has just started on the Star of the Sea School job that will cost over half a million dollars.

Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd. with a working payroll of over 850 men at present sent a crew of key men to the big island to start the Waimea Airport job. Bro. Chang is one of them. Other men will be picked up in that area.

From Turkey comes requests by Byrne Organization for Brothers John Spencer, Paul Kaholokula and Fred Kakazu, all equipment operators, to work on an air strip and a housing project.

Since the last raise for "blue collar" workers, equipment operators at Pearl Harbor Navy Yard are more responsive to joining their particular craft union. The lowest raise of 2 cents was only applied to 17 electric crane men. Others averaged between 6 cents and eleven cents.

Brother Shigeura has assisted me in organizing Collins Concrete and Steel Pipe Co. Mr. Collins, owner, who has just arrived from Seattle, his home base, has agreed to a consent election which will be held next week.

Noticing the assistance given by the women's auxiliary of other organizations in this area, the Advisory Board of the Hawaiian wranch is convinced that we should also have an auxiliary and so the wives, daughters and lady friends of members are invited to attend our coming regular meeting, where we hope to begin its formation.

Thomas Harvey, secretary-treasurer of the California State Building and Construction Trades Council is enjoying our good "Hawaiian Sunshine" at the Niumalu Hotel. Just a little more sunning will do it. (He'll be a native kamaaina, too).

## Santa Rosa-Ukiah— BACK PAY AT MASONITE; NEW KILN SET

By GLENN DOBYNS  
Business Representative

Masonite employees will receive checks for approximately \$100,000 of retroactive pay in sums of from \$200 to \$500, in cumulative wages due as a result of the contract signed with the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Papermill Workers, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and with local union No. 723, and as approved by the wage stabilization board.

The job is just about completed and the full story of the big melon cutting will be told as soon as all the facts are ready for release by the corporation.

NEW DRY KILN  
Warm Springs Lumber Company's new \$250,000 dry kiln at Willits is scheduled for completion this month.

This consists of two basalt block dry kilns and a pre-dryer, with each of the block buildings housing a 50,000 board feet monthly capacity.

The pre-dryer is a controlled air drying process, with atmospheric temperature.

Begun in July, the kilns are a part of the plans for expansion calling for the construction of dry sheds, storage and loading sheds and a bevel siding department within the next six months.

When the Warm Springs Company of Oregon bought the plant from Wolf Creek Timber Company, facilities have expanded from the original 23 acres to 34. The dry yard has been paved and plans made to double the present 45-man payroll.

Phases of the operation include resawing and planing the lumber, seasoning and marketing. The company hopes to ship between 20 and 25 million feet of lumber a year when construction plans are completed. Shipping is carried by truck and rail.

Santa Rosa Construction Firm R. R. Todd was awarded the Anderson School contract for additional rooms. The bid was for \$37,878.

### ROAD JOBS

Munn & Perkins have approximately two weeks of stock piling their aggregates left then they will have to wait for the OK from the state before they can proceed with their work on the Mt. St. Helena job. These boys have been very lucky this winter as they were able to work most of the time.

Ford Gravel Company of Ukiah have installed a new secondary crusher. They plan on two new D.W. 10 for hauling to the crusher. This will more than double their output at the plant over previous outputs.

Arthur B. Siri Construction Company of Santa Rosa, who have the maintenance work on the Masonite private logging road had 50 pieces of equipment working during the month of February. On this job, even though they had rain and snow continuously, none of the boys lost any time.

County roads in this vicinity are none too good, even when they are at their best. And when they go (through a winter, such as the last one, it takes what little backbone they did have.

However, within the next month a contract will be let to rebuild the Boonville-Ukiah road from the foot of the hill at the old Campbell place.

The contract is to be let under federal funds allocated to this county for road building.

And the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service is being asked that the Covelo road be given consideration in the budget for timber access road funds, to rebuild the road to standards that would make it possible to move timber products. A preliminary survey indicates that cost would be \$400,000 or \$500,000 for approximately 40 miles.

Rebuilding the road becomes necessary, due to the increased ton-



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### Profits Versus Houses . . .

What are your chances of getting a house at a reasonable price? A group of mortgage bankers and insurance company officials have told the Senate Banking Committee that higher interest rates are the only answer. Unless their profits go up, the houses won't go up. Meanwhile, Congress has heard about cases where veterans and other buyers have been defrauded on the purchase of government-insured homes.

Rep. John Lyle said that in Corpus Christi, Tex., the jerry-built GI homes look good from the outside but "the only trouble is that the bottoms are dropping out . . . the roofs are falling in . . . when the builders throw these things together . . . and when they pass inspection . . . the builders are through and the purchasers are left holding the bag."

### "Free Enterprise" . . .

An organization called Florida Citrus Mutual has set a limit on the amount of oranges and grapefruits that can be shipped out of Florida week by week. The purpose of the restriction, says the N. Y. Times, is to boost prices from present levels. So if your oranges and grapefruits cost more next week, you may want to thank Florida Citrus Mutual for reducing the supply.

# Northbay Pipe, Water, and Housing Jobs Are Opening Up

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

As this goes to press the sun is shining, between the rain-drops, in this area. A few of the local contractors attempting to finish up some of the backlog of '51, but meeting with very little success.

Walsh Construction Co., from San Francisco, has broken ground on the job at Fleming Hill in Vallejo, erecting a water treatment plant. Approximately \$1,402,775 involved. Two cats and a dragline are on the job site at this time. The pipeline and tunnel job from Cache Slough to Fleming Hill in Vallejo will be slow in getting under way because the plant that prefabs the pipe is not in operation yet, but preliminary work is in progress. This project involves about \$2,304,755.

Baldwin & Straub Co., at Hamilton Field, has finished its small job of 800 feet of five-foot drainage corrugated steel pipe. Kept the brothers on the two cranes and the cat and loader busy, rain or shine, for the past two weeks. This company has definitely gone out of the logging business and is in the process of spring cleaning—disposing of equipment no longer needed. However, they are still very much in the general contracting business and have three jobs running in the area.

Underground Construction Co. is putting the finishing touches on its pipeline job at the Field. The Haas and Rothschild hangar job got off to a bad start due to the weather and is progressing very slowly.

### HOUSING PROJECTS

The Claude T. Lindsay Co.'s job at the Government Housing Project in Ignacio is being finished up by the Justice-Dunn Co. Bro. E. Callison, general foreman for the Lindsay spread, is leaving this area for their new job at March Field, Riverside—another Wherry Housing project. Bros. Luke and Harvey Rider are heading for the southland to work on the spread. Bro. Callison states it should be approximately eight months' job. We understand he is going by way of Palm Springs; says he has to get some of this Marin County water out of his system!

Glad to report that Bros. Bill Jennings and Walter Lynch are now on the recuperating list. We hope to see them back at work in the near future.

Bro. Bob Libchitz is wearing a big smile these days—likes the smell of new paint on the T. D. 9, a recent addition to the Gordon Chase spread.

nage of timber products being transported from Longvale to Covelo; also with the immediate prospect of the forest service opening a large area in the Mendocino National Forest for cutting and logging.

Congratulations on the arrival of Dorothy Carol at the household of Bro. Alex Radke in San Pablo.

Bro. D. Cooper, with the Ghilotti spread, met with a freak accident while working the loader on the Brete Harte job; wonder if it wasn't a bolt from the blue?

Still have more paving to do at the Drake School. Understand they have added a scoopmobile to the spread. Bro. Rowlette could probably hold that job down better than anyone on the spread!

Bro. Fred Jensen of Jensen & Pitts Co. states he's closing up shop; going fishing. Fred is selling all the equipment. Has a few jobs to clean up before taking off.

Glad to see Bro. Carl Elze up and around again. He was injured while working on a building last month.

Huntington Bros. have a sub-contract from Bobo taking out some trees in the San Rafael area.

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## LLPE's Must Meet Convention Dates

(State Fed. Release)

In a communication addressed to all local LLPE leagues, C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California Labor League for Political Education, has urged that recommendations for endorsements at the state pre-primary convention of April 7-8 be filed with the state league office by April 1.

Haggerty reminded that it is the exclusive right of the political leagues established by the various central labor bodies of the American Federation of Labor to recommend to the executive council of the California LLPE for endorsement by the convention of candidates for Congress and the State Legislature.

Where candidates may be running for office from a territory embracing at least in part an area covered by more than one local league, it shall be the exclusive right of the area or district league, it shall be the exclusive council for endorsement by the convention.

The pre-primary convention of the State LLPE will be held in California Hall, Polk and Turk Streets, San Francisco.

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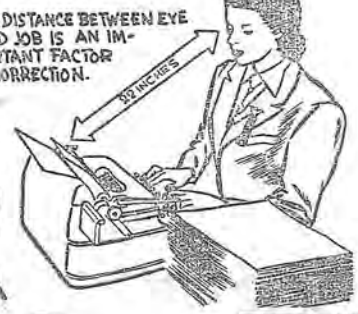
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# STOCKTON AREA IS PICKING UP FAST

By ED DORAN, C. L. CASEBOLT, RENNY BURROUGHS and WALT TALBOT, Business Representatives

Operating Engineers in the five-county area served by the Stockton office are steadily going to work.

4 Companies, with R. W. Brown, superintendent, is rapidly unfolding their 8 million dollar Tracy Annex warehouse job. Brothers Vince Greene and Tony Rivas are on the Parsons trencher, Brothers Charlie Swett and Harold Burrows

on the Bay City. Hartley Bardine is HD mech. Tech Engineers on the job are Henry Bowles, Ed Hutchinson, Nick Fabbro and R. S. Wright. Bro. Jensen from Camp Parks came for a day or two on the Lumber Wacker. The batch plant is being erected at present while Al Biasotti's spread is excavating the site. We met Al visiting the job recently with "Stan" Stanfield, superintendent. Bro. S. T. Moody is foreman with Bros. Bunt Reed, Jason Edgings, Al McNamara, Ernie Genereaux, Harold Serrano, and Arthur Felts on a dozer, carryall and jeep spread. Roy Wallace is greasing and Harold V. Willesham is Tech Engineer.

On L. C. Dunn Construction Co. job, which Supt. Harry McCloy says will last until July, Brother Herb Hiss is on the Towermobile and Frank Sewell on the Scoopmobile. Bro. Jim Todd is touching up the job on Bodenhaemer and Miller's blade. In the adjacent area, J. W. Case Company is opening their \$170,000 remodeling and Gunite job with Supt. Al Roemisch and General Foreman Al Davis moving in on the job.

Gordon Capps is busy remodeling his equipment at his D Street yard, getting ready for the season. With the work Gordon has lined up, Bros. Bill Murphy, Harry Bartell and Sam Hawks can be thankful for the rest they got this winter.

**CONNELLY'S SHOP**  
Tom Connelly's Charter Way shop is hammering hard to get out the shop work for their Folsom Dam job and their road job at Hetch Hetchy. Shop Foreman Pete DeFerrari is steadily on the go to keep the following brothers strung out: George Covert, Al Blevins, Lee Garrett, John Ferrier, Everett Holmes, Joe Oswald, Paul Davis, J. N. Boatman and Bob Erion.

Biasotti's shop has had a busy deal also trying to keep their equipment going on their two road jobs in the south and the State Hospital and Tracy Annex jobs. Bro. Ray Cochrane is master mechanic here with Bros. Nick Zaccagnino, George Murphy, L. H. Hunt and McKinney, mechanics. Bro. Henry Linkert has been keeping Bros. Bert Holm and Bud James busy at the State Hospital job.

A. Teichert and Sons are all over the country on small jobs. Supts. Herman Smith and "Buck" Rodgers are busy at Tracy on city work and housing, at the Stockton Airport on a \$30,000 paving job, at the Port of Stockton and at Oakley on paving. Bros. Verne Bigelow, Hal Scott, Les Nedrow, Hubert Smith, Zack Hall, Dewey Carlson, Sai Mauro, "Shorty" Fetters and Sherman Allen make up the crew on the spread.

S. M. McGaw Company are the busiest contractors in the area during the winter season with a host of small jobs that keep both "Mac" and Slim Good, partners, on the jump to keep the crews spread out. Bro. Verne Eutsler, foreman, is mighty proud of the new electronic controls on his hot plant. S. M. McGaw's crew consists of the following brothers: Jess Mora, Bill Ulm, Red Lucas, L. Wolfenberger, George Gibson, Ray Weesner, Quincy Fautt, Jack Smith, Ed Coombs, Ed Vegara, Bill Matuska, John Boles, Clyde Cozad, Pat Schellin, Lonnie Kingen, Watson Schofield, Ralph Kingen, W. R. Wright, Russell Vote, Earl Ford, W. Monk, Ray Weesner and H. McCoy.

**O'BRIEN, NOMEILLINI**  
J. D. O'Brien Company and A. J. "Pat" Clow are busy with crane and rigging work which keeps these operators whistling as they work. Elmer Musgrave has his truck crane in on Bechtel's Riverbank job as are two of Condict's cranes. Nomeillini is busy on the State Hospital, the Mossdale Bridge and

the sub-division work with a new \$500,000 Lincoln School job to start. Brother Johnny Muzio, equipment foreman, and Bro. Jack Whitehouse, shop foreman, have been busy people as have their able crews consisting of Brothers Gene Moni, Mike Parenti, Arthur Da San Martino, Ralph Lencie, Jimmy Williams, Charley Lorenson, Louis DaNata and George Easley.

Stockton Construction Company is an early-breaking outfit who have been bothered with some rain and snow as they worked in Stockton, Pittsburg, San Jose and Auburn. Ramrodding the spread is Bro. Tom Davis, partner and superintendent, whose crew of the following brothers scattered to the four winds when the jobs broke: O. A. Hicks, Charley W. Milhous, "Whitey" Yeager, Lon Helm, Ike Haley, John Hall, Alex Rodrigues, Vernon Swanson, Martin Tull, Hugh Van Landingham, and Jack Chambers.

**HARMEILING, WOOD**  
Karl Harmerling's spread always looks like spring is here with big grins but always on the go. Bros. Jack and Ed Ritchie, "the inseparables," with the two Ed Herrings and Hayden Spurlock have been at Riverbank for Bechtel and Bros. George McBride and Bob Seeley keep Murray's old shop humming.

Claude Wood Company's superintendent, Ralph Wigle, is dead set on making this their biggest year. All equipment is in tip top shape under the able care of the Lodi shop crew headed by Brothers Joe Zeisler and Aaron Becker. Brothers Eddie Jordan, Ernie Isaacs, Cliff Ennis and Melvin J. Walker are mechanics and Haskell plant operator. Claude Woods Clements gravel plant is ready to roll. All the good brothers on the operation have worked the equipment over and are ready to ditch their greasy clothes, put on a new pair of gloves and start operating. Brothers Glen Galavan, blade operator, and Jack Phillips, dozer operator, have every gas well road in the Thornton area looking like a boulevard and are looking for new fields to conquer.

Johnson, Drake and Piper under Supt. "Pop" Stearney is through the winter and Bros. Don Atkinson, Virgil Guptill, Jim Morgan, R. L. Thomas, Abe Cook, and Dewey Basham are pouring concrete like mad and facing a big job of excavation and putting in parking lots on the Tracy Vocational School job. Trehwhitt, Shields and Fisher keep a happy crew of Brothers Marion "Bud" Beebee, Jack Abel, Furman Marsh, Tom Harger and Bill Hoffman on their end of this job which is using a lot of well points and Stang pumps due to the high water level. Supt. Shaapala expects to push this job to completion about mid-year.

R. A. Downer is doing a little trenching and excavation for Robertson on the Sharpe's Lane Housing and on the Pickard Construction Company housing project job at the Naval Annex for enlisted men's quarters. Bro. Jim Mello, who owns his own trencher and his oiler, Bro. Clinton Hayes were in to pay dues the other day and report trenching in the Turlock area very busy.

**UNITED, MACCO, HARMS**  
United Concrete Pipe Corporation, Stockton plant, is about shut down with only three brothers on the payroll. Bros. Vern Holmes, Andy Anderson, and Lou Scriber have had a sparse winter putting out about 17 joints of pipe a day. United's Turlock Freeway job got a shot in the arm and the brothers have started on that job again. No break yet on United's sub of the Ralph Bell \$800,000 Hetch Hetchy tunnel job.

Macco still has their pile driving job at Mossdale on the edge of

being buttoned up with Bros. Mike Faegol, Clem Revel and Clifford Gresham on the equipment.

Harms Bros. at Jintown are rapidly preparing their road for getting traffic back on it after a winter of detouring around it.

R. E. McCarty kept his spread rolling all winter between delta ditching and construction. Bros. Burnell Wichman, Manuel Ferreira, Dale Johnson, Cleve Wichman, Clyde Dunsing, Tom Greene, and Lloyd Herring keep Mac's equipment in top shape and Supt. "Randy" McCarty smiling.

Harry Costa's draglines have had one of their busiest winters. Harry practically saved Reclamation District 791 and adjoining ranches from flooding by Marsh Creek when the last big rains occurred. Moving in quickly, they built levees until the creek subsided. Able around-the-clock operation by Bros. Gordon Crews, Bill Cass, and Jess Reese, among others, featured in this rescue.

Bill Abright and Bill Young also have dagline equipment doing delta work.

**PCA AND PARKER**  
George French and PCA face one of their busiest aggregate years. Old-timers Neil Bonelli, Bill Floyd, Hap Arbuthnot, and Noah Board still preside at French's Tracy Sand and Gravel Company. PCA, after suffering a big loss when the pit flooded and dropped their mainline conveyor into the drink, is now operating full scale from a new pit opened up adjacent to the old one. Cobra wagons and a new shovel are on order there, replacing the three Cobras that have served them so faithfully. However, Supt. Williams says that all operators will have a job under the new type of operation.

Dee Parish, the septic tank and drilling contractor, is spreading out at present. His crew now includes Bros. W. L. Lincoln, I. B. Jensen, Bill Wright, Luther Thomsen, and Vernal Hamburger. Jobs in Stockton, Tracy and Riverbank have helped to keep this crew busy.

Stockton area got a quick visit from H. Earl Parker. His landlevelling spread hit south of Turlock with Bro. Cliff Cotter, foreman, Joe Parker, HD mechanic, and Bros. C. G. Dedmon, Fred Cox, Bill Parker and Clarence York on the cats.

The land levelling picture, in fact, is looking better each day the sun shines. Several members from this area have been cleared to the landlevelling contractors.

Jenecke's job near Terminus has his two D.W. 10's and a push cat working, raising levees for the district. The boys on the jeeps have about a half mile haul one way. Also on this project, Jenecke has two of Blackmore and Richards D.W. 10's in order to keep the push cat busy.

The Akslands, Larry, Ernie, and H.M., have nearly all of their equipment working south of Manteca. These contractors keep the brothers working as much as anyone in this district as they stay pretty much in the sand during the winter.

**NEED LANDELEVELLERS**  
P. G. Andrew has about completed his landlevelling at Wetherbee Lake. He was to go back to his other job on the Maze Road west of Modesto, but the last report is that the water table on that job is so high that they won't be able to get on it until fall.

Bond and Rushing have two 8's working on the County Hospital job at this time and are going to bring another one in as soon as they can. This will be a good job as it is sandy and no amount of rain can stop the work.

W. J. Eaton has two 8's running west of Vernalis. This job is still a little wet but has some heavy cuts and fills and a long-haul.

Fred Piacentine has three of his rigs working on the Paradise Road in the Stewart Tract. The job is a little wet and sticky but the farmer is in a hurry to get it levelled for planting season.

We hope some of the brothers who have left this area to go south will start drifting back as it looks as though we will be shorthanded in this area in the near future for land levellers.

Brother Tony Silveria of Tracy has had a major operation and is still recuperating. Hope to see you up and about soon, Tony.

Brother Willis Rapp, who is

foreman for Lindquist Bros. at Turlock, has a set of D7 tracks for sale. This should interest you brothers who are having a hard time getting parts.

Brothers in the area may be interested to know that Bro. Claude Brown, old-time Engineer in the Stockton area, has moved to Redding to live and work with Bro. Red Hester. We will all miss Claude and wish him every success in his new home.

**BEAR RIVER JOB**  
Utah Construction Company's job at Bear River still has snow up to here. There are fifty-eight members of Local No. 3 employed now and they are working under tough conditions. Some of them had a really tough time for some three weeks this winter when they were trapped on the job. When they ran out of food, that wasn't too rough, even when the fuel supply ran out, it wasn't unbearable—but when the whiskey supply ran out! The wails were heard in the next county. You have read in all your local papers the accounts of this, so will say no more.

E. J. Soloman Company have the job of enlarging the plant of the Calaveras Cement plant and have done considerable work in the past year. The company hopes that the

plant will be in full operation this summer.

Stephens Bros. Boat Works has a contract to build wooden boats for the Army, and rescue boats for the Navy. These boats are of a new design and three of them are on the ways now.

Kyle and Company have contracts to build steel barges for the Government and have several barges on the ways.

Colberg also has a contract to build several barges for the Government and are going right along with the job.

We are sorry to report the passing of two of our brothers, both old-timers known to many of you. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the families of Brother Bill Bauguess and Brother Emmett Starr.

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## Kaiser Plants Expand

Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corp. last week authorized immediate construction of additional facilities at its Tacoma reduction plant and boosted the firm's annual production to 800 million pounds. Tacoma output will jump a third, to 66 million pounds annually. New facilities are also boosting output at Spokane and New Orleans plants.

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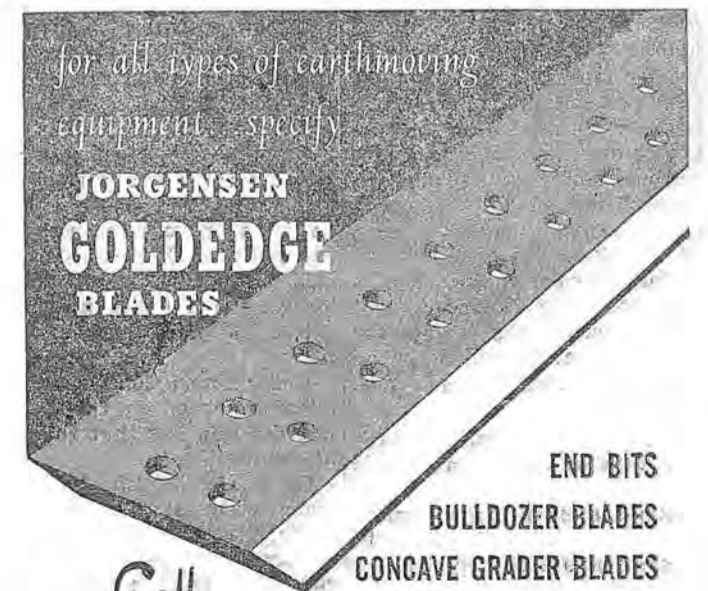
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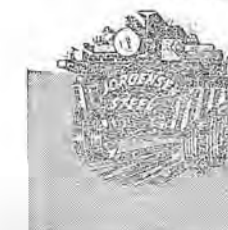
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# JOBS NO BETTER IN SACRAMENTO AREA

By E. P. PARK and H. S. CLARK, Business Representatives

Last month we started our report by commenting on the weather which had been bad—all bad. Well things haven't changed a bit. It is still bad. Item No. 2 last month was our out-of-work list. It also left much to be desired. There has been a slight change in this, however—it has become worse, but in this connection we feel we should change our tactics. We have tried to evaluate the employment possibilities in this area and report them truthfully. In this respect we are on record as predicting an unemployment problem here throughout the winter. No one believed us and they continued to move into the Folsom area. The unemployment condition did develop which, in itself, is an unhealthy condition, but this time it was aggravated by one of the worst winters on record. So we change our tactics. We advertise plenty of work. No one will believe us and, consequently, no out-of-work problem.

On the serious side, though, things do look better. It can't rain forever and there is considerable work scheduled for this summer. Even the Steel Plant is supposed to be a sure thing again. We have heard this before so we'll wait until a contract is let before commenting. It's better to talk about the jobs actually under way or due to start in the near future.

## LAYOFF AT FOLSOM

The D & H job at Folsom had quite a layoff. This outfit picked up a nice job in Washington and has begun moving north. Brother Jack Rutherford is going up to take over and is taking quite a few of the brothers along: Allen Harris, Charles Salgado, Dick Daniels and Chester Bartole. They're the only ones who have picked up a transfer so far, but it's still early and there's plenty of time yet for the rest of them to get in before heading north. Brother Jack Alexander is the master mechanic for this outfit but he's out of town for a few days loading a rig for this job. We had a call from Bro. Clem Marchant who is on his way north also. He's been loading equipment out of the Los Banos yard. The brothers left on the Mormon Island job will probably wind up some time in June, according to Darkey.

T. E. Connolly is still rolling their shifts on the diversion tunnel. We will have a complete report on this next month for by that time I'll be in shape to get down in the hole and have a look.

Atkinson expects to be back in to wind up the tail race job some time after July. They still have quite a bit of rock to move. Bids on the power house are expected some time around the first of next month.

## MERRITT-SAVIN JOB

The Merritt-Savin job is due to pick up some time as soon as the weather permits. To date they have 35 Engineers on the payroll including 12 Techs, Bro. Ted Cox as master mechanic, and Brothers Joe Ingham and John Ferreira as shifters. While we are on the subject, this outfit did not bring 150 men from the East to take our jobs. With a 30 million dollar job, this company brought only six men from the East who will perform work falling under the jurisdiction of the Operating Engineers. Not bad when you consider the number of Engineers they will have on their payroll once the job gets going.

That's about the roundup as far as the Dam is concerned at this writing.

All subdivisions in the Sacramento area showed a spark of life in the first week of February but the rain has shut them down again. Brothers DeCrow, Whitman and West did get in a few days on the housing project at Third Street off Broadway. Ernie Nelson, Jim White and Bob Wagon are still building the new soap plant.

Larry Walker, Johnnie Hartman, Red Davis, George Neely and Joe Krpan are on the new Motor Vehicle building with LaMarr Dees doing a good job on the labor-management end. Jess Burch is off his hoist job for a few days. Might be a trip for Jess to get rid of an old ulcer or two. Al Bowling is still on the new Department of Education building and George Juhasz,

Old-Timer Jenkins and Roy Reynolds are on the new California Western States Life building.

## WEST FREEWAY

United Concrete Pipe is ready to go on the West Sacramento Freeway as soon as we get a sunny day or two. Brother Pat Patterson is the superintendent and Vern Curtis the master mechanic. When and if it doesn't rain, Brothers Jerry Patterson, Jack Dundee, Al Bouch, George Bradley, Sam Eversol, Bob Patterson, Bill Kennedy and Bill Clapper will make up the crew. Brighton Sand & Gravel is about done with the railroad location required by the new freeway. Bros. Al Reece, foreman, Paul Muck, Al Mallard, Frank Duarte, Marshall White and Ross Sidebottom are doing the work. For the same outfit and also in West Sacramento, Brothers Frank Gill, foreman, Jimmie Bowers, Bill Pierce and Lonnie Pike are on subdivision work.

It looked like the brothers were going to get started moving dirt but then the rains came again. This shut down all the construction work in the Placerville area. Joe Vicini has a couple of school jobs there plus some work on the Placerville freeway. Brother Ed Hunter is still doing business at Placerville in his welding shop. Ed does all types of welding plus a portable outfit to go anywhere.

The J. P. Morton Co., of this same vicinity, keeps Bro. George Doty busy on the scoop and mixer. Brother Doty keeps the road hot between Placerville and Camino.

The MacDonald, Young & Nelson Safeway Store is in the completion state. The Chris Henningson Bros. handles all the dirt and cement work on this job.

## COLFAX DELAY

The Stockton Const. Co. sewer job at Colfax has had a delay in the start to this date due to too much mud and snow. Also, Marshall & Miles Gravel Co. near Colfax have started a new project at their plant. They have a screening setup to save all silicate rock for steel process.

Grass Valley and Nevada City remain status quo to this date. The brothers in this area are still digging out of mud and snow. The contractors around Auburn have about the same situation as in the rest of the foothills . . . mud and snow again. They're marking time by waiting for sunshine.

We have a little construction work going on at McClellan Field. Judson-Pacific-Murphy has two rigs out there setting steel. Erickson Const. and Campbell Const. have a joint venture on the building end of it. This firm keeps several brothers busy all the time. They have a hylift, a cat and a couple of mixer-mobiles working there.

Underground Construction has a sewer contract on the field also but the rain has shut them down at this writing.

Chris Henningson & Sons are doing business at Placerville . . . batch plant, dump trucks, vans, transport service, building materials of all types, mixer trucks and all kinds of hauling. Call Placerville 99. They are now under agreement with Local 3.

Notice to Gladding-McBean employees:

Committee meeting—1st Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Membership meeting—2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:15 p.m.

## NEWS OF BROTHERS

Better health in the future to the wife of Brother Sam Sturm who underwent a serious operation; to Brother Clyde Kemp who has been laid up after a five-week bout with the flu; to Bro. Dewey Stoddard who has recently been



**SWITCHED**—Why Ann Moore should switch from movies, where she can be seen, to radio, where she can only be heard, is hard to understand, but switch she did.—(LPA).

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## 48 Killed on the Job in Calif., Nov.

A total of 48 industrial deaths in California was reported during November 1951. This compares with 78 in the previous month and 64 fatalities in November 1950.

An explosion of an industrial oven in an aircraft plant claimed the lives of five employees. The oven was being tested at the time of the explosion and was to replace an oven of the same type which had exploded two weeks earlier.

Three men were drowned in a reservoir when a newly developed amphibious vehicle sunk while being tested. Two other crew members were saved.

A research engineer died during November of injuries sustained in a flash explosion at a research laboratory which occurred during the previous month.

An inexperienced worker who was operating a power driven concrete buggy on the second floor of a building under construction was killed when he overshot the runway, falling to the ground below.

A woodsman was killed as he was unhooking the choker from a unit of logs. The logs were in an insecure position on a sloping landing and the top log rolled off, striking him on the head.

operated on; to Roy Cook who has been ill and in the hospital; to Brother Laurence Eshelman who has been ill; and to Brother George Wood who underwent an appendectomy on Feb. 24th. Bro. Wood has been one of our best donors at the Blood Bank.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Ralph Monk on the arrival of a baby daughter who was born in January; to Brother and Mrs. Roy Moore on the arrival of a baby boy in February; and to Brother and Mrs. M. K. Jenkins who received a double joy on the arrival of their twin boys on January 1st. That's really starting the new year with a special event.

Brother Nick Rodgers was in to tell us that he is off to South America again; and Brother J. F. Taylor is off to Canada to join Brothers Russ Ball, Max Ware and Pat Childers.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Brother P. L. Edward who lost his wife in Selma, Ala., last month. Also, our deepest sympathy to Bro. and Mrs. Hobart Simpson who lost their little boy in a tragic accident this past month.

## BLOOD BANK

Since our last issue, we have had only one donor to the Blood Bank. Don't let us fall behind in our account again as we have seen the worry and confusion that this can cause. Our sincere thanks to you, Brother Ben Shinn, for your donation this past month. We do appreciate it.

Remember that the office is open every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 for your convenience!

For your protection wear your button on the job and be sure to obtain a clearance before going to work. It's your union . . . let's keep it the best in the land.

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Attend union meetings!

# Work Prospects Are Very Good in the Redding Area

By E. A. HESTER, Business Representative

Natt McDougall Company of Portland, Oregon, was the successful bidder on the Bureau of Public Road Project on the Klamath River, about 30 miles south of Yreka, in Siskiyou County. His bid was \$515,620.10.

Work has started! Mr. Shuman, general superintendent for the firm, advises us that he will have two Northwest shovels, seven caterpillars and other equipment, and will start the second shift soon as the weather conditions improve. They have 415 calendar days to complete the project.

We are looking forward to Peterson Construction Company of Stockton to move in on his job at Wildwood. This project was let last fall and has been held up all winter because of the weather. It is still a larger job than the above-mentioned.

A. Teichert & Son, of Sacramento, should also be moving in on their highway job near Ravendale, Modoc County. This is another rock job and should last all of 1952.

Peterson Engineering, the Underground Construction Company and Brother Tom Gay will open up a Manganese mine near Hayfork, just as soon as a little more snow melts away. Indications are this project will develop into a large job.

The weather has begun to break and prospects are looking good for plenty of work in this district. The state Engineers are surveying and moving houses for the relocation of Highway 99, between Redding and the Pitt River bridge. The same thing goes on at Dunsuir—these will be two of the largest highway projects we have had in this district since the beginning of construction on the Shasta Dam.

Shasta County and the Bureau of Reclamation are also making preparations to start work on the first unit of a road leading around the Shasta reservoir; \$850,000 has been appropriated for this project.

Morgan Construction Company of Redding, was the successful bidder on the Buckeye County Road job. We regret to report that their superintendent, Brother Ernest

Wheale, passed away February 13 at his home in Redding. His passing was due to heart failure. The company is replacing him with Bro. E. A. Teed.

Not much work going on throughout the district at this time. Of course, we blame it all on the old weatherman. But, as I said before, "there is going to be a lot of work this year, and our out-of-work list is very small and we will be needing a lot more engineers than we have on the list at this time."

R. P. Shea Company have all the engineers they need on their Douglas City Road project, and the same applies to the Erickson, Phillip, and Weisberg project at Los Molinas.

We are happy to report that the Shasta County Road Employees are making good progress. And many of the boys out there have begun to realize what an organization means to them! Of course, the important thing is how to change the opinion of a lot of those who feel that a working man has no right to better his conditions. This can only be accomplished through a strong organization. You are on the right road, you have the formula, so stay in there and pitch and encourage your fellow worker to unite with you.

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Do you remember the actor who played the part of Lincoln for so long that he actually thought he was Lincoln? He walked, talked and dressed like Lincoln all the time. One day he was walking down Broadway, clothed in the cape and light hat of Lincoln's period. Someone pointed him out and remarked: "That fellow will never be satisfied until he's shot!"

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# Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark)

**FEBRUARY 4, 1952**

**ALAMEDA**, contract awarded to J. R. Armstrong, 400 Central, El Cerrito, \$30,938 for addnl. automobile parking areas at U. S. Naval Air Station.

**PORTERVILLE**, contract awarded to Madonna Const. Co., P. O. Box 910, San Luis Obispo, \$170,907 for constr. earth canal & R. C. struct.

**FEBRUARY 6, 1952**

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to Sibley Grading & Teaming, 165 Landers St., San Francisco, \$980 for const. of asphalt-concrete paving on Peralta Ave. between Esmeralda & Mayflower.

**FEBRUARY 8, 1952**

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Standard Water & Sewer Products Inc., Rt. 7, Box 1143, Sacramento, \$2198 for const. catch basins & dry wells, N. Calif. Reception Center.

**SAN JOSE**, contract awarded to San Leandro Const. Co., 1644 E. 14th St., San Leandro, \$119,117 for const. sanit. sewers & appurt., N. E. of San Jose, betw. Toyon Ave., Alum Rock Ave., Joanne Ave. & Golf Drive.

**CARSON CITY**, Nev., contract awarded to Wells Cargo Inc., 1775 E. 4th St., Reno, Nevada, \$559,829 for 14.825 mi. grade, drain, & plantmix surf. state highway betw. west slope of Mormon Mesa & east slope of Mormon Mesa in CLARKE COUNTY.

**FEBRUARY 11, 1952**

**PITTSBURG**, contract awarded to Peter Sorensen, 927 Arguello St., Redwood City, \$852,571 (Sch. 1 & 2) for const. water treatment plant, reservoir, mains, etc., for City of Pittsburg.

**CARSON CITY**, Nev., contract awarded to Wells Cargo, Inc., 1775 E. 4th St., Reno, Nevada, \$559,829 for 14.825 mi. grade, drain & pltmx surf. state highway betw. west & east slopes of Mormon Mesa, CLARK COUNTY.

**FEBRUARY 12, 1952**

**CASTRO VALLEY**, contract awarded to Herry K. Jensen, 1025-44th, Oakland, \$664,000 for const. Christensen Lane School.

**SAN LEANDRO**, contract was awarded to John McCosker, 1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley, \$6,398 for improv. Thrasher Park.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to E. J. Freethy, 1432 Kearney St., El Cerrito, \$81,917 for const. sewage pump sta. "F" & install. mchy. & equipt. in bldg., Alameda, under S. D. 74.

**PITTSBURG**, contract awarded to Kevry Const., Inc., 655 Peralta Avenue, San Leandro, \$51,450 for const. sewer mains (Sched. 3) of city sewage system.

**FEBRUARY 14, 1952**

**CARSON CITY**, Nev., contract awarded to Dodge Const., Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$399,622 for 11.119 mi. constr. portion of State Hwy. System on Rte. 2, betw. Hay Ranch & Eureka, EUREKA CO.

**LATHROP**, contract awarded to Shepherd & Green, 309 American Trust Bldg., Stockton, \$56,047 for const. steel elevated water tower & tank to replace old wooden redwood tanks at Lathrop, Calif.

**FEBRUARY 15, 1952**

**SACRAMENTO**, contract was awarded to United Construction Co., 3829 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, \$326,940 for const. new elem. school on Sacramento Blvd., betw. 20th & 21st Aves. (8 class rooms & facils.)

**FEBRUARY 18, 1952**

**FRESNO**, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., 5251 Harvey St., Fresno, \$12,102 for const. sewer in Garden View Tract.

**FRESNO**, contract awarded to R. M. Madsen, 4775 Madison, Fresno, \$1,947 for imprvt. Valencia Ave., betw. S. Arthur Ave. & Tehama St.

**CARSON CITY**, Nev., contract awarded to Dodge Const. Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$399,622 for 11.119 mi. constr. portion of State Hwy. system on Rt. 2, betw. Hay Ranch & Eureka, EUREKA COUNTY.

**FRESNO**, contract awarded to R. M. Madsen, 4775 Madison St., Fresno, \$2,208 for const. walk & curb at Lafayette School.

**FEBRUARY 19, 1952**

**SAN JOSE**, contract awarded to Bridges Const. Co., 1071 Pine St., San Jose, \$315,980 for const. County Health Center Bldg., located at The County Hospital.

**WESTLEY**, contract awarded to Acme Const. Co., 827-15th St., Modesto, \$319,990 for const. 10-room school.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to Barrett & Hilp, 918 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$487,918 for (general) const. reinf. conc. branch office bldg., Dept. of Employment.

**FEBRUARY 20, 1952**

**CAPITOLA**, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$9,468 for grade & pave Bay Ave. & Monterey Ave. (0.1 & 0.3 mi.)

**TRAVIS AFB**, contract awarded to Taylor & Mullen, Rt. 3, Box 8173, North Sacramento, \$9,797 for const. homer beacon & facils. at Travis Air Force Base.

**TRACY**, contract awarded to Dana R. Tyson Co., 1201-10th Ave., Sacramento, \$6,934 for repair grooves & cracks (Sta. L-291-96 to L-306-55), Delta-Mendota Canal, loc. 2 1/2 mi. S. E. of Tracy Pump Plant.

**TRAVIS AFB**, contract awarded to Acme Const. Co., 827-13th St., Modesto, \$884,498 for const. elem. school, Travis AFB.

**NAPA**, contract awarded Stanley H. Dollar, 1694 Pomona, Crockett, \$43,935 for const. sewage treatment plant at Shipyard Acres.

**FEBRUARY 21, 1952**

**SACRAMENTO**, contract was awarded to Al Erickson & Co., P. O. Box 384, Napa, \$18,387 for const. El Centro Road culvert, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**LATHROP**, contract awarded to F. W. Chase Co., 7700 Balboa Blvd., Van Nuys, \$1,762,482 for const. warehouse enclosures, firewalls & misc. work at Sharpe General Depot.

**PACIFIC GROVE**, contract was awarded to Stolte Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$218,199 (interceptors & force main) and to Haas Const. Co., 391 Sutter St., S. F., \$218,810 (treatment & pumping plants) for constructing sewage disposal system.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded (general) to Rotchild, Raffin & Weirick, 274 Brannan, S. F., \$631,300 for const. Lakeside Elem. School.

**FEBRUARY 25, 1952**

**REDDING**, contract awarded to Berlinger Corp., P. O. Box 716, Chico, \$14,980 for const. of a 10-plane hangar at Benton Field.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract was awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$458,072 for const. bridge foundations & misc. road work on 13th St., betw. Mission St. & Rt. 68, S. F., SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract recommended to Natt McDougall Co., Pittock Block, Portland, Oregon, \$515,620 for 7.051 mi. clear, grade, fence, etc., Klamath River, Klamath Natl. Forest, SISKIYOU CO.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to John Delphia, Box 607, Patterson, \$97,419 for 4 mi. grade, place subbase matl., etc., on Portola & Alpine Roads, 3 mi. S. of Woodside, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

**FEBRUARY 26, 1952**

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741-50th Ave., Oakland, \$22,118 for pave. parking area & const. walk & curb in Jack London Square, foot of Broadway.

**PARKS AFB**, contract awarded to Four Companies, 918 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$538,768 for const. base warehouse & A.I.O. compound warehouse at Parks A. F. Base.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to San Francisco Water Department, 425 Mason St., S. F., \$7,270 for install 8" C. I. mains in private property east of 23rd St.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to A. D. Schader, 164 Spear St., San Francisco, \$5,344 for ailing. & surf. RR tracks 2 & 3, Dock 6 1/4, at Oakland Army Base.

**SANTA ROSA**, contracts awarded as follows for const. additions to schools:

(1) Proctor Terrace Elementary

School: To Chas. G. Haun, 2019 N. Slater St., Santa Rosa, \$32,451.

(2) Doyle Park School: To Paul Wright, 1826 Morley Way, Santa Rosa, \$55,012.

**EUREKA**, contract awarded to Mercer Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$669 for const. of a sidewalk on Myrtle Ave.

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$149,097 for removal of Georgia Street Overpass & widening Georgia St., between Monterey Street & Amador Street.

**FEBRUARY 27, 1952**

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to B. Miles Thomas Co., 67 Buena Vista Terrace, San Francisco, \$10,250 for const. Filbert Street Extension of Auxiliary Water Supply System.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Kevry Const. Inc., 655 Peralta, San Leandro, \$15,672 for install. 2,000 ft. 16" welded steel water main & appurts. in Berkeley.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, 112 Market Street, San Francisco, \$1,051 for funn. & drive 70 ft. treated Douglas Fir piles at Petaluma Creek Bridge.

**FEBRUARY 28, 1952**

**MERCED**, contract awarded to Trewhitt, Shields & Fisher, 926 Parallel St., Fresno, \$251,739 for const. school building.

**MILLBRAE**, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Highlands School Unit: To Wilfred H. May, P. O. Box 187, Belmont, \$199,747.

(2) Green Hills School Auditorium: To Moore & Roberts, Inc. 693 Mission St., San Francisco, \$186,913.

**STOCKTON**, contract awarded to Floyd G. Borchardt, Rt. 2, Box 969, Stockton, \$135,150 for const. music building at Edison High School, 1425 S. Center St., Stockton.

**FEBRUARY 29, 1952**

**CHICO**, contract awarded to Ellis W. Barker Co., Ness Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah, \$1,380,300 for const. High School & Elementary School.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to A. D. Schader Co., (sub contract) 164 Spear St., S. F., for const. railroad tracks on State Highway Freeway Project near Camp Stoneman.

**SANTA ROSA**, contract awarded to Fred J. Early Jr. Co., Inc., 369 Pine St., \$25,185 for const. Lake Ralphine Outlet Works.

**SANTA ROSA**, contract awarded to Roscoe Moss Co., 4360 Worth St., Los Angeles, \$23,481 for one or more pilot bores on or adjac. to McRae Ranch, & completion of gravel envelope well.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to O. A. Fogelberg, Mt. Diablo Blvd., & Elizabeth St., Lafayette, \$145,624 for const. addns. to water distrib. system at Oakland Army Base, 34th & Effie St. to Pier 7.

**SAN CARLOS**, contract awarded to Joseph McFadden & Son, P. O. Box 915, Palo Alto, \$97,964 for grade, drain, curbs, gutters, walks & pav., White Oaks Tract No. 5.

**STEAL AIR FORCE BASE**, Nev. Contract awarded to Nomellini Const. Co., P. O. Box 1177, Stockton, \$217,160 for rehab. exist. facils. at Stead A. F. Base, near Reno.

**CAMP ROBERTS**, the contracts awarded as follows for const. of trailer court & utils. etc.

(1) Water Serv. Line: To F. V. Hampshire, P. O. Box 448, Salinas, \$16,616.

(2) Sewer Lines: to National Associates, Palo Alto, \$14,731.

(5) Roads & Walkways: To Pisano Bros., 1790 Moorpark, San Jose, \$23,187.

**MARCH 4, 1952**

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to Judson-Pacific Murphy Corp., 4300 Eastshore Hwy., Emeryville, \$72,219 for repair. stringer expansion seats, Marin Area Housing, for Golden Gate Bridge.

**SANTA CLARA**, contract was awarded to Pisano Bros., 1700 Moorpark Avenue, San Jose, \$1,838 for const. sanit. sewers on west side of Lafayette St., near Mathew St., under Resol. 139.

**SAN MATEO**, contract awarded

to Healy-Tibbitts Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., San Francisco, \$394,536 for const. Bayshore Freeway Trunk Sewer.

**HEALDSBURG**, contract awarded to Ed Jarvis, 1530 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, \$6,135 for install 6" and 8" cast iron mains in east portion of Healdsburg.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Durant Plumbing Co., 383-9th St., Oakland, \$1,769 for cons. water lines for garden areas, Jack London Square.

**MARCH 5, 1952**

**REDDING**, contract awarded to W. Dan Morgan, P. O. Box 904, Redding, \$57,091 for 2.23 mi. const. County Hwy., between Keswick Dam & Newton Cut-off, SHASTA CO.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to Natt McDougall Co., Pittock Block, Portland, Oregon, \$515,620 for 7.051 mi. clear, grade, fence, etc., Klamath River, Klamath Natl. Forest, SISKIYOU CO.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to Associated Pipeline Welders, Inc., P. O. Box 563, Colma, \$31,363 for lay. 16" C. I. water mains in Sadowa, betw. Capitol & Plymouth Aves., & in Holloway, betw. Plymouth & Harold Aves.

**CARSON CITY**, Nev., contract awarded to Dodge Const. Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$92,278 for 4.112 mi. grade, surf., second. hwy. sys. from pt. 2 mi. N. of Lovelock to Jctn. w FAS 696, & from pt. 7 mi. S. Lovelock to jctn. with FAS 691, along Fairview Rd. & S. Meridian Rd., PERSHING COUNTY.

**CARSON CITY**, Nev., contract awarded to Sauer & Margrave Const. Co., 151 Kietzke Lane, Reno, \$15,440 for 6 mi. const. access road, from jctn. w FAS 661, near Gibbs, to Stokes Iron Mine, NYE CO.

**FOLSOM**, contract awarded to Affiliated Engineers Inc., Chamber of Com. Bldg., Sacramento, \$131,908 for const. sewage treatment plant & appurtenances.

**MODESTO**, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville,

Sacramento, \$9,050 for const. sanitary sewer in Robertson Road, betw. Sutter Ave. & Hammon Ave. and a sanitary sewer extension in Morris Avenue betw. Coffee Road & Block 1007.

**MARCH 7, 1952**

**TRACY**, contract awarded (general) to Spears Const. Co., P. O. Box 1124, Modesto, \$199,900 for const. Farm Group No. 1 (34,000 sq. ft.), at Deuel Vocational Institute.

**MORGAN HILL**, contract was awarded to Wm. Radtke & Son, Gilroy, \$134,119 for complete const. of Division of Forestry Hdqtrs. Bldg. at Morgan Hill, SANTA CLARA CO.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract was awarded to E. H. Peterson & Son, 2819 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$62,813 for widen. R.C. bridge & approaches, acr. Napa River on Lincoln Ave., in Calistoga, NAPA COUNTY.

**REDDING**, contract awarded to O'Connor Bros., 750 Madison St., Red Bluff, \$20,895 for const. facils. for Inter-Mountain Fair at McArthur, SHASTA CO., incl. addn. to hog & sheep pen, const. horse barn, judging pen & outdoor exhibit building.

**MARCH 10, 1952**

**CARSON CITY**, Nev., contract awarded to Sauer & Margrave Const. Co., 151 Kietzke Lane, Reno, \$15,440 for const. 6 mi. access road, Jct. w FAS 661, near Gibbs, to Stokes Iron Mine, NYE COUNTY.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract was awarded to Malott & Peterson-Grundy, 2412 Harrison Street, San Francisco, \$4,991 for apply. light weating surf. on Golden Gate Tennis Courts, S. F.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract was awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan Avenue, San Francisco, \$79,487 for 0.8 mi. grade & pltmx. surf., betw. 1/4 mi. W. of Monte Rio & Northwood (portions) SONOMA COUNTY.

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# S. F. CONSTRUCTION IS SLOW TO START

By PAT CLANCY and CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representatives

The large housing project at the Presidio awarded to the Bauer Construction Co., and the Fort Funston Hospital job awarded to Claude Fisher of Los Angeles have shown no activity whatever to date. However, the latest report to this office from the Bauer Construction Co. job indicates operations will begin about the first of April.

The Morrison Knudson job on the Broadway Tunnel with a large crew of Engineers have completed the major part of the excavation and about 50 per cent of the concrete work. This firm plans to complete the entire job some time in July.

The Theodore Meyer Co., on the Chinatown Housing Project, have just about completed this work.

On the various jobs Eaton & Smith have in operation scattered around town these representatives contacted Brothers Reardon, Webb, Speck, Brennon, McDonald, White and several others at the U. C. Hospital and the 19th Avenue underpass.

The Haas, Rotschild and Wiercke and Pacific Bridge Co., on the City of San Francisco's new pumping station job on the shore of Lake Merced are well along with the excavation work which has been sub-contracted by Devenenzi & Haskins who have Brothers Smith, Charpentier, Wellman, Mahan, Day and Mansker busy operating the shovel and cats.

Several pipe line jobs are now in operation throughout the city. M. J. Lynch on the 37th Ave., McGuire and Hester on Lake Street sewer job, and Michael Murphy Co. in the Sunset district.

Brothers Todd, McClellan, Kold, Karns, and Simonsen are industriously employed on the large steel erection job at the U. C. Hospital. The Clinton Construction Co. are the contractors on this work.

The Fay Improvement Co. are well along with the street car track removal job on O'Farrell Street. Foreman Bro. Harney with operators, Brothers O'Reilly, Bennett, Leake, Kump, Haley and Moore are engaged in this operation.

Many large building and alteration jobs are now in progress throughout the city. Swinerton and Walberg on the Flood Bldg. on Market Street; Leo Epp on the North Beach Housing Project at Bay and Columbus; Dinwiddie Construction Co. at the Children's Hospital; M & K Corp. at the Lincoln High School in the Sunset district, Robert McKee Co. at the Marine Hospital, Joseph Barnes School job on 41st Ave. McDonald Young & Nelson at Stonetown on 19th Ave. and others, creating employment for many members of Local No. 3.

While visiting the Standard Building Co. shop at 39th Ave. and Vicente we found Bro. Jackson, foreman, and heavy duty mechanics, Brothers DeMoff, Dunn and Brock all employed in the shop.

At Westlake, the Henry Doelger Co. continues to expand; adding more equipment to their large fleet of Cats, Pulls, and Blades. Several members have been cleared to this work recently.

The chief cause of divorce is marriage.

It's okay to use friendship as a drawing account, but don't forget your deposits.

Garlic: An onion with high blood pressure.

## Overseas Dept.

Russ Swanson, our financial secretary, usually edits our overseas department news. However, Russ has been busy fulfilling not only his own job, but also that of our bookkeeper, who has been on vacation. He's received quite a few inquiries from members interested in foreign work, and has answered them promptly. Work of this type is not very promising as yet; however, he'll try to have a complete report on the situation in next month's issue!

## Churches Backing Calif. Farm Union

Increased church, civic and professional group support for the agricultural workers of California was reported to the National Farm Labor Union's San Joaquin Valley Council which met March 2nd in Bakersfield.

The optimistic opinion came from two of the union's spokesmen at the recent hearings of the U. S. Senate subcommittee, Dr. Ernest Galarza and Mr. Hugh C. Williams.

The officers brought from Washington a tape recording of the Senate hearings, made by a radio station there. It will be played at local union meetings and made available to other organizations.

The Valley Council also condemned the Associated Farmer suggestion that Koreans be imported to work on California's farms, calling it an act of irresponsibility equal to their opposition to unemployment insurance for farm workers.

The farm labor union delegates also approved a draft of a contract, which, when signed by individual growers and locals of the union, provides in its first section that "the employer and the union agree that the supply of skilled and responsible agricultural workers at the time of need is a problem of concern to both parties and agree to cooperate to solve this problem in a manner which will add most to the prosperity of this community and the strength of America."

William Becker, president of the NFLU Valley Council, reported that 55 delegates present at the Sunday meeting represented 19 of the union's locals.

## 11-lb. Black Bass

The 11 pound 6 ounce large-mouth black bass that Mrs. Ruth L. Mackey landed at San Vicente Lake in March last year won for her a first prize in the 1951 Field and Stream fishing contest.

Forest L. Boyer was fifth in the northern division contest with the 10 pound bass he took out of the San Joaquin River. Leroy E. Gorman angled second place in the nationwide brown trout fishing contest with a 17 pound 12 ounce beauty from Lake Crowley.

Register, then vote!

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## C. T. McDonough Is New Vice Pres. Of Culinary Intl.

C. T. McDonough, veteran AFL trade Unionist and organizer of culinary crafts in California, has been named as international vice president for the Ninth District of the Culinary Workers, Bartenders, and Hotel Service Employees Union, it was announced at the February meeting of the union's international executive board in Miami.

Bro. McDonough succeeds the late John M. Sargent, who died in Los Angeles recently.

The Ninth District includes all of California and Nevada. Membership of affiliated unions in the territory approximates 100,000.

Bro. McDonough is a former president of the California Culinary Alliance and is now its legislative adviser. He has been international organizer for the area and is a member of the Civil Service Commission for the City and County of San Francisco.

## State Federation Announces 1952 Scholarship Bid

Announcement of the second annual state AFL scholarship contest was made last week to all high schools in California and Hawaii.

The Hawaiian Islands were included in the 1952 contest by vote of the last convention of the California State Federation of Labor.

Three college scholarship awards of \$500 each are being offered to senior students in California and Hawaii planning to attend a college or university upon completion of high school work.

Seniors graduating in May or June of this year are eligible, and no distinctions will be made as to sex, color, or creed.

Students from public, private, or parochial schools are eligible to participate in the contest.

Awards will be made to each of three candidates on the basis of the candidate's score in the special examination and also on the overall four-year high school record. A check for \$500 will be deposited in the student's name at the college chosen by the winner.

Bulletin board announcements were mailed to all high school principals, county and district superintendents in California and Hawaii together with application forms for interested students.

A two-hour examination will be held Friday, May 2, in every high school where students have filed. Application forms must be filed in the Federation office by April 1.

The scholarship committee of judges will consist of three professional educators: Frederick A. Breier, assistant professor of Economics, University of San Francisco; Vaughn D. Seidel, Alameda County superintendent of schools, and Edgar L. Warren, director, Institute of Industrial Relations, University of California, Los Angeles.

We like a man who comes right out and says what he thinks—when he agrees with us.

# BANNER YEAR FOR PENINSULA; HOUSING, FREEWAY JOBS SET

By HARRY METZ, San Mateo Representative

During the past month there has been considerable activity in the district. Between the jobs now in progress, and those to be let, we expect to have a banner year for the members of Local No. 3 to make up for the many days lost due to the heavy rains.

Among the big jobs, we find the Baywood Park Co. having a hard time getting under way with their \$20,000,000 development. However, dry weather will speed this project up!

Healy-Tibbets Co. was low bidder on the Bayshore Freeway trunk sewer system—the bid was \$394,536. John Delphia was successful bidder for a low of \$97,419 on job consisting of grading and surfacing four miles on the Alpine Road near Woodside. Contracts awarded at Millbrae are as follows: Highlands School unit, to Wilfred May for \$199,747; Green Hills School unit, to Moore & Roberts for \$186,913; McFadden & Sons were awarded a street job in San Carlos for \$97,964.

We find United Concrete Pipe Co.'s job still going strong, while Sperry & McCune are scattered around the county on several jobs. M.G.M. Construction Co. is still working on the pipeline job at San Carlos.

It has been very quiet for L. C. Smith, Bragato Bros., Pete Sorenson and Frank Smith during the heavy rainy season. This also ap-

plies to the various quarries in the county, who are in the same category!

At this writing there is no news on the widening of Bayshore Highway from Peninsula Ave. south.

E. T. Haas has several small jobs going. . . . The new Peninsula Hospital is making good progress. . . . Standard Home Builders have been held up on their project at South San Francisco due to inclement weather. . . . Floyd Watson is still working on his job at Winston Manor. . . . Artukovitch is finishing a sewer line in Hillsborough. . . . Lowry Paving Co. is digging and hauling material from South San Francisco to their new asphalt plant at Burlingame. . . . Bauman Bros. holding their own, working in the county.

Your representative is conducting a survey of all work done by the Operating Engineers in San Mateo County, and expects the news report next month to be much better!

If you've moved or failed to vote in the general or primary elections of 1950, don't forget to re-register to vote. Deadline is Thursday, April 10.

## Field Surveying Report

By AL BOARDMAN and W. V. MINAHAN, Business Representatives

The Del Webb Construction Co., of Phoenix, Ariz., successful bidder on the Fort Ord job in Monterey, Calif., has put into effect the construction scale and agreed to live up to the working conditions of this organization. This gratifying condition was brought about through the efforts of your manager, Victor S. Swanson. Previous attempts to contact and do business with these people had failed and it was only after his direct intervention into the negotiations that the company agreed to do business with the union.

The Ike Bond Engineering Co., of Vallejo, has signed the master agreement with this organization. This brings to 15 the number of independent technical engineering firms that do business with Operating Engineers Local Union 3.

The following item seemed to strike a responsive chord with your representatives:

"Your organization will be as strong and as good as you and the rest of the members make it. Above all things remember that you yourself are a part of it and to just the extent to which you attend to your organization duties on the one hand, or neglect them on the other, to just that extent you will constitute a help to the growth and advancement of your organization or be a hindrance to its progress.

"Your organization is not something that comes to you ready made. It is not a finished piece of furniture that you can stow away in a museum for reference when you want it. It is a living, throbbing part of modern life. It is the organized expression of the intelligence of its members. To attain the highest degree of efficiency every member should be a thinking and acting unit. The more members who are active, the more it is possible to accomplish. When only a few are active, they may be able to hold the organization together and save it from going to pieces and thus preserve the machinery of it for the entire membership when the day of adversity comes, and for holding what has been gained.

"It is when nobody will do anything that an organization goes to pieces. In other words, the strength and vigor of any organization is pretty much dependent upon the loyalty and activity and willingness to help of the members themselves. To be surrounded by other strong A. F. of L. organizations is an aid and a real source

of assistance and help to any local organization trying to make headway. A strong international is likewise a powerful and highly essential connection for every local to have, but neither of these can make a local amount to anything or get anywhere unless the members of that local put their own shoulders to the wheel and help make something of their organization.

"Young and inexperienced locals sometimes make the mistake of thinking that their international and the other well-established organizations can fight their battles for them without their themselves doing anything but sit by and receive the benefit. This cannot be done any more than it is possible for one person to get nourishment from the food that another person eats. If you want to sustain your own life, you have got to eat the food yourself and if you want your own organization to be any good and have real strength you have got to help make it so. This is a law of organized life and is one that every member needs to learn.

## Operating Engineers Win

Charter has been granted to a new local of the International Union of Operating Engineers at Abilene, Texas. The international union recently won jurisdiction over Onyx Refinery employees in an NLRB election, which gave the AFL 63 votes, the CIO 3. Charter installation was held Jan. 28, with 71 members sworn in. All employees in maintenance and operation, as well as in the pipeline department, will be under the Operating Engineers.

## Engineers in Quarry Vote

Brooksville, Fla.—The National Labor Relations Board has ordered an election before March 5 to determine if employees of the W. P. McDonald Corp., rock quarry operator, want to be represented in bargaining by the AFL Operating Engineers.

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