

### **STATIONARY ENGINEERS LOCAL 39**

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Bro. Swanson Is Honored for 8 Years Vork on SF Public Utilities Commission

Dublic Utilities Commission

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Revolution No. 16,052

WHEREAS, the tarm of Victor S. Swanson, as a member of the Public Utilities Commission, expired January 15, 1956; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swanson served on the Commission for a period of eight (8) years, and as President of the Commission, for the calendar-year of 1955; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Swanson, an outstanding member of the Labor Movement, occupied a prominent position in the civic life of the City and County of San Francisco, applying his maxked ability and energy in furthering every progressive movement for the welfare of said City and County; and

WHEREAS, during his term of office, Mr. Swanson brought to the Fublic Utilities Commission an untiring energy and devotion to the application of sound principles in the operation of the utilities under the jurisdiction of the Commission and discharging all duties in connec-tion therewith with characteristic ability and faithfulness:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Public Utilities Commission on behalf of the people of the City and County of San Francisco, in recognition of the splendid and selfless service he has rendered as a member of the Commission and as its President, does by this resolution, express to him its appreciation for work well done; its thanks for his unprecedented services; its acknowledgment of his brilliant achievements and its most profound wishes for health and happiness and for success in all his future activities.

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meeting on January 16, 1956

adopted by the Public Utilities Com

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California has a gigantic task of water storage, water transport, and flood control that is clamoring for quick action and that will cost in the neighborhood of \$12 billion, the state's Water Resources Board declared in its summary presented to the Legislature on March S.

The \$11/2 billion Feather River Project is the first section of a "California Aqueduct," designed to export 23 million acre-feet of northern surplus waters to the deficiency areas of the South.

billion, with dams and reservoirs taking the remainder of the expenditure. A total of 260 new major storage reservoirs is proposed, along with numerous hydroelectric projects.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

#### 4 TIMES MORE ACREAGE

Quadrupling of the present 20 million acre-feet storage in the state will permit expansion of irrigated areas from 7,300,000 acres of land to 19 million acres.

When the thousands of pages of the plan are published in June, the Board will ask the Legislature for formal approval. It is a master plan but not a rigid one, the board explains.

The north coastal area, recently heavily hit by floods, is well considered in the plan. This area has a run-off making up 41 per cent of the state total and only 4 per cent of state consumption.

Thus, large works are planned to divert waters of the Smith, Rlamath, Mad, Trinity, and Van Duzen rivers into tunnels that will carry them into Sacramento valley and the great aqueduct. Eel river water will be caught and sent back to Clear Lake and some to the Russian river.

#### 40 DAMS, RESERVOIRS

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Some 40 large dams and reservoirs will be required here, with pumping stations and tunnels.

Here are examples of details under the eventual layout: In Mendocino county, eight small dams to (Continued on Back Page)

### The Aqueduct will cost about \$8 All Members Take Note:

No Meeting of Local 3 in Apri All members of Local 3 are herewith reminded of action taken

at the regular meeting of March 3 at which it was voted to cancel the regular meeting of April 7 due to the closeness of that date to the International Convention in Chicago, staring April 9. Many officers and delegates serving on convention committees would not have time to get to the convention for the opening if the April 7 meeting were held, so it was voted to cancel this meeting, and the next regular meeting of the union will be held on May 5, 1956.

awarded the major contract in a 13-mile re-routing of its tracks across the Great Salt Lake, a \$50. milion job that will top the West's largest dam and freeway projects.

A fill stretch will replace the world's longest railroad trestle, and contract for the massive embankment has been let to the Morrison-Knudsen Co.

When finished in 1960, the fill will parallel the historic 12-mile wooden trestle that was a world wonder when finished in 1904. Dredging from 15 to 30 feet of soft mud will be the first step. Rock and gravel will then be barged into the lake and dumped into the dredged area. The ditch bottom will be about 60 feet beneath the water surface, and the fill will go to 17 feet above the surface.

A camp for some 600 men and their families is being built on a March 12, 1956, San Francisco, Cal.

Southern Pacific Railroad has mountainside west of Promontory Point, Utah. From 800 to 1300 workers will be employed.

MARCH. 1956

In Memoriam

BIRD A. GALLAGHER

Feb. 10, '56, Livingston Manor, N.Y. CHAS, HOWERTON

Feb. 13, 1956, Riverbank, Calif. R. W. WEDEMEYER

Feb. 21, 1956, San Francisco, Calif. BALPH W. FARNHAM

Feb. 28, 1956, Pleastnton, Calif.

JEWELL E. HEATON March, 1956, Cupertino, Calif.

RALPH BURTON

March 5, 1956, Salinas, Calif. JACK FOSTER

March 7, 1956, Stockton, Calif. RICHARD J. SMITH

March 7, 1956, Copperton, Utah GILBERT E. OVERHOLD

Following up recent praise from union members and officers for his work in the interests of labor, is the above plaque presented to Local 3 Bus. Mgr. Victor S. Swanson in honor of his eight years of service as member and president of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. under the signatures of Commissioners Joseph Martin Jr., Donald A. Cameron, Edw, B. Baron, Oliver M. Rousseau, Mayor George Christopher, and Utilities Mgr. James H. Turner, the resolution warmly ses Bro. Swanson's service.



Last Steel Link Closes 1000-Foot Span on Northbay Bridge



Another fine new home for the Operating Engineers-giving organized labor in the community new facilities and new dignity-is now in at 3121 East Olive Avenue, Fresno. Above is a view of this mody-designed building. It is generally regarded as one of Fresno area's most attractive buildings in this class. Plenty of room and good lighting, up-to-date conveniences, and an off-street parking area are features of the new center, indeed a tribute to the sound management Local Union No. 3.





The lifting of the key chord, or closing chord, was fastened in place March 7th on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge by Operating Engineer Jim Lynch, as shown in this historic picture. The contract was awarded to Judson Pacific Murphy-Kiewit on February 26, 1953. The bridge is composed of thirty-six 100-foot girder spans, thirty-six 289-foot truss spans, and two cantilever spans. The main span is 1,070 feet long, and the back span is 535 feet long. The total length of the bridge is just over four miles.

The upper deck has concrete on 80 per cent of its length, and they anticipate pouring the last concrete around the first of May. The contractors' original completion date was August 27, 1956, and, with weather permitting all the painting should be finished by that time, and it is expected to have the upper deck open to traffic by October 1, 1956. (Picture by Jim Jennings, Oakland office of Operating Engineers Local 3.)

EDITORIALS



# Legislature Meets to Review Budget and Special Issues (State Fed. News)

State AFL headquarters were opened in Sacramento this Monday as the concurrent budget and special sessions of the state legislature were convened for an approximate 30-day meet.

mitted a \$1,736,112,983 budget to San Joaquin Valley. Other flood be financed without new or in- control and relief measures in the creased taxes. In order to balance the new budget without tax boosts, Knight proposes to use \$121,000,000 in accumulated general fund surpluses and reserve funds.

The Governor issued a proclamation for a special session to run concurrently with the budget session, with a total of 26 items on the special session agenda.

Emergency flood relief, flood control and water and power development got top billing in both the budget and special session call.

Knight asked for a start on the requested \$5,160,000 for surveys, plans, and acquisition of the site at Oroville and for the property needed for construction of the San Project.

Governor Goodwin Knight sub- | Luis Dam on the west side of the budget include:

(1) The setting aside of \$10,-400,000 in a reserve fund for rehabilitation of California flood damage,

(2) An allocation of \$13,340,500 for 1956 to the Flood Control Districts of Los Angeles, Sonoma, Riverside, San Bernardino and Contra Costa Counties. This is an increase of \$9 million in appropriations for local flood control districts.

(3) A \$2,300,000 general fund appropriation for financing the Feather River Water Project. He state's share of works scheduled for 1956-57 in the Sacramento River Flood Control Project and the San Joaquin River Flood Control



OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION No. 3

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"When disaster strikes, all men are brothers." Disaster struck California during the Christmas holidays and this feeling of brotherhood, of pitching in to help those thousands of persons made homeless by the raging floods, was demonstrated everywhere.

A good many members of Local 34 and Local 3 were called upon and responded valiantly. Last week in reviewing the work performed since the floods struck, one contractor, worn to exhaustion by the operation on jobs on a round the clock basis in widespread parts of the state said:

"I've never seen anything like the performance of those men in this emergency. We called them out on Christmas Eve, They worked all that night and through Christmas Day and on a three-shift basis for the next nine days, which included the New Year's holidays. They were far from their families during this traditional season of celebration. But I didn't hear one word of complaint from them. They knew it was an emergency. They knew the jobs had to be done. They came through as if their lives depended upon it."

Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., built an emergency trestle for the Western Pacific Railroad five miles south of Marysville, Floods had washed out 300 feet of track and attempts to fill the void with more dirt were fruitless with the swift running waters carrying away the fill as rapidly as it could be placed there. Gerwick moved in a track driver and drove 120 piles. A framing crew completed the job so that the railroad could again operate. This job, too, started on Christmas eve and continued on a round the clock basis until it was completed on January 3. The super job was performed under the direction of Foreman Charlie Bond, Verne Miller, Les Wyman, Jim Ryans and Bill Morgan.

Also in the Marysville area, Duncanson Harrelso Co, is driving 1000 lineal feet of sheet piling on the Marysville side of the Yuba river at the end of the bridge. The job became a necessity when there was some evidence that water had gotten under the abutment of the bridge, threatening the structure. on her husbands social security ac- Burgstahler is the superintendent count would not be affected by the with Foremen Merrill Hinman, Ole receipt of a government pension, Floe and Fred Harker running the piledriving rig on each shift. There Question: I have worked since are 12 pilebutts and four operating Up in the Sierra's a bridge is being built by Pacific Bridge Co., one-half a mile west of Baxter, near Alta, which became necessary when rain soaked earth caused a slide that wiped out, 200 feet of Highway 40. The job of constructing the bridge is under the direction of Foreman Bob Davis with a crew of eight pilebuits and two operating engineers. They've been driving steel H piles and arc expected to complete the timber work next week. Dick Verbrugge, the veteran foreman for Gerwick, is rehabilitating a bridge over the Mad river, near Eureka, for the Northwestern Pacific Railroad. Dick has eight men working on the job. The bridge was one of the first casualties when the floods first struck Humboldt County.

### **Report of Last Meeting**

COMMENT

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll called showed all officers present with exception of Vice President Foss, excused. Brother H. L. Spence acted as Vice President. Synopsis of the Reguar Meeting Minutes of February 4 read appl.

by motion approved as read. Synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of February 15 and of February 29 read, and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Minutes of Special Meeting held in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 19 read, and by motion approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. H. Herbolsheimer and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wedemeyer. Received and filed.

The Trustees Report was read. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Trustees Report be accepted. Carried.

The following Brothers were reported ill: L. L. Allen, Charles Antrobus, Ray H. Arnold, Wesley E. Becker, Henry S. Clyde, Glen W. Curry, Gatlin Dorris, John R. Emmons, John J. Franco, Chas. E. Flinn, Harry J. Frerichs, Morris Gonsalves, Wm. Hoffman, J. E. Heaton, C. Jorgensen, Paul M. Johnson, Sam Mount, Eugene Moni, Roy G. Manas, Jess Maxham, Otto E. Never, John T. O'Neil, F. G. Prescott, John T O'Neil Perdue, Sam Phillips, Pedro Quinones, Wm. Reynolds, R. E. Roberts, Clarence J. Smith, Melvin J. Todd, Adrian Visser, Fred J. Von Roeder, Henry H. Wyman.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Wm. F. Devitt, George Wisdom, Ray G. Laughlin, Ted Williams, Chas. Howerton, Ralph W. Farnham, Bird A. Gallagher, R. W. Wedemeyer. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

It was brought out that two of our Brothers-Jewel Heaton an Claude Robbins-each need nine pints of blood, and that blood may be donated at either the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank in San Francisco or the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank in Burlingame.

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

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

The following recommendation of the Executive Board was read:

"The 25th Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers goes into session on April 9, 1956 in Chicago, Illinois, and many of the officers and/or delegates who were selected to serve on committees to this Convention must be there before the Convention, and since our next Regular Meeting of Local Union No. 3 would normally be held on April 7, there would not be sufficient time for the delegates to arrive at the Convention in time for the opening, it is the recommendation c the Executive Board that the Regular Meeting of April 7 be cancelled and the next Regular Meeting be held on May 5, 1956."

It was regularly moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Executive Board be concurred in. Carried.

Industrial Accident Commissioners Frank A. Lawrence and John J. Synon each gave short talks, Their remarks were well received by the membership,

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

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

> > Jokes, Etc.

If all this talk about equality for women ever comes about, it will be quite a comedown for them.

The only time Ez Tike quits looking for work is when he find sembled it and had it driving piles a job.

\* \* \* One way to get a perfect hatch Jr., and the chief of the Hoopa for your troubles is to brood over

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(EDITOR'S NOTE: The answers ment income in excess of \$1,200 to the following questions on Social per year will cause a suspension of The job started on December 29 Security have been furnished by social security benefits. However, and has continued on a three-shift, Charles H. Shreve, manager of the a wife's entitlement to payments seven days a week basis. Ernie Social Security District Office at 1266 Market Street, San Francisco 2, Calif.)

Question: My brother died in Belgium in January, 1945 and he left no survivors other than his mother's two sisters and his father's brother. I would like to know whether they may qualify for Social Security benefits.

Answer: Monthly benefits are not payable to a wage earner's received by widows, children under 18, parents, wives, and dependent husbands. As far as the lumpsum death payment is concerned, such claim must be filed within two years after the wage earner's death. It doesn't appear that any benefits would be payable in this case.

Question: Under the Social Security Law, as it is now written, can a husband age 65 draw social secur-. ity benefits if his wife is employed?

Answer: Where a husband is receiving social security payments based on his own earnings, his to them. wife's employment will have no effect whatsoever on his right to social security benefits.

Question: If a wife draws a government pension (not social security) at age 65, can she also draw may be entitled to through her husband's social security account?

regardless of its amount.

1937 under social security. I am engineers doing this job. now 52 years of age and will not work any more. Will I be entitled to an old-age insurance benefit, when I am 65?

Answer: Steady employment under social security since 1937 to brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts and the present time will give you sufso forth. Monthly benefits can be ficient coverage to be entitled to payments, when you attain age 65. Anyone who has at least 10 years worked under social security is insured for life.

Question: If I do no work under social security for several years, will my account be dropped from the records?

Answer: Once a person's social security account is established, it is kept on record in our Baltimore Office as long as he may live. Accounts are not dropped because several years go by without any social security earnings being posted

Question: In the event of death. will a lump-sum death payment be made to my estate or nearest of there is no spouse surviving you kin, and how much will it amount to?

Answer: Your spouse is entitled any social security benefits she to the lump-sum death payment in the event of your death if you and death payments range from \$90 to she were living together at the \$255 depending on the amount of Answer: Earnings in the form of time of death, or if there were con- earnings the deceased had under

Gerwick has another job at

court order for her support. If who would qualify, then the lumpsum is paid to the person paying the burial expenses. In some cases this may be your estate. Lump-sum salary or wages or net self-employ- tributions for her support or a social security before his death.

Indians chose the site the nev bridge, because the floods had not only torn out the bridge but also all of the approach roads. The bridge will be 600 feet long and the job includes not only driving of the piles but all of the framing work as well. Bill Ferraris is the foreman.

Hoopa, where a bridge over the

Trinity river was taken out by the

raging waters, stranding a large

number of families in the country

back of the Indian reservation.

Gerwick got the job on January 4

with orders to expedite the work.

His men remodeled a pile driver

to take care of excessively long

overhang, trucked it to Hoopa, as-

on January 7. While the piledriver

was being assembled Ben Gerwick

These were some of the jobs that were necessary to get the lives of the people in the flood areas back to normal. There probably will be a lot of other work in the future months to get us back to where pigeons," replied his absent-minded we were before the disaster struck. None of us are going to get any medals, either contractors or pilebutts, for our contribution, but neither are the members of civil defense, the Red Cross, the Civil Air Patrol, the Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard for their part in helping their fellow men. We don't need medals. To the men who gave up their holidays with their families, who worked day and night in the rain to get these emergency repairs completed, there is a lot of satisfaction in knowing they have helped their fellow man when he needed it most. As the wise one said: "When disaster strikes, all men are brothers."

Sincerely yours, PILEDRIVING CONTRAC-TORS ASSOCIATION By M. E. McGowan, Pres. \* \* \*

As yet, we naven't seen a do-ityourself operating kit.

them.

A dignified dowager watched with growing horror as a TV comi bounced his way through a slapstick routine of questionable taste. Finally she snapped off the set. "I'm afraid," she said with feeling, "that channel needs dredging."

"I like mathematics when it isn't over my head," said the studiou fellow.

"That's the way I feel about friend. \* \* \*

Uncle Remus quips that teen agers don't listen, middle age don't care and old age don't remember

Foreign correspondents have as much difficulty understanding developments in the United States as do our commentators.

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#### March 15, 1956

## What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By AL CLEM, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, DON KINCHLOE and HAROLD HUSTON, Business Representatives

After getting a bang-up start at the first of the month, that came the rains which retarded the work to a great extent in this area. However, now we are receiving requests for many members in all classifications, and we are hopeful at we can again get the out-of-work list down to a bare minimum.

#### Druble Deck Freeway

we the last article appeared in this publication, the contractor, Grove-Shepherd-Wilson & Kruge, nc. of Seattle, has added an addi-.onal 1.3 miles of double deck structure to the original contract. This second contract, officially nated as California State Highways Division Contract No. 57-14TCL-F - Bridge No. 33-178, connects to original Contract at Sth Street and extends south to Jagnolia Street where it joins with existing Eastshore Freeway Structure.

he combined ocntracts now extend from Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge Distribution Structure. mearly 3 miles to Magnolia Street, gregating the largest double neck viaduct in the history of the State of California.

"oncrete piling, being driven by t. Macco Corporation, when average lengths are totaled, reach to over 24 miles. Brother Clyde Wainscott and John DeVine are orking on this portion of the job.

In the last article it was brought out that the contractor was facing the imposing task of building mammoth structure down the middle of Cypress Street while maintaining an even flow of traffic, both day and night without inrruption.

At this writing Diversion No. 1 has been smoothly accomplished and was actually accomplished v lout a second delay to the flow of traffic, generally conceded to be the heaviest this side of the Bay Bridge.

A second diversion is now scheduled for the latter part of this month which will allow traffic to proceed north and south on the tage roads from 7th Street to 24th Street. This portion of the job is being done by Independent Construction and have the following "ngineers working: John Stevko, oreman; Barney Felix, blade; George Tomas, blade; Art Dethlefs, reller; Frank Arnone, loader; Ray rigo, dozer; Ed Squaizino, dozer; Stan McCosker, loader; Don Swanson, truck crane; Art Swanson, mechanic; Chas. Williams, mechnic; Bill Greene, Barber Greene

and Tony Moschetti, screed. The final diversion of Cypress Street will be made at extreme therly end of contract, the Distribution Structure, and planning has been under way for some period in order to eliminate every posble inconvenience and hazard to the traveling public.

it has attracted the attention of contractors and engineers from distant points-some of whom have flown out from Chicago to view this pioneer step in viaduct construction. Use of a new type spring snap-lock for the scaffold braces is a contributing factor to the success of this new construction method. The use of steel frame scaffolding in highway structure construction has been practically non-existent in the past, so the contractor's decision is really a venture into a new technique of viaduct construction,

#### **Carquinez** Piers

Mason, Hanger, Silas Mason Company, Inc. and F. S. Rolandi, Jr., Inc. were the successful low bidders for the construction of the reinforced concrete substructure consisting of abutment and piers for the bridge across Carquinez straits at Crockett, in Contra Costa and Solano Counties, Their bid for this project was in the amount of \$4,455,000. In charge of this job is Russel Cone as project manager and John Blondin, superintendent. Le Boeff and Dougherty has a skid rig driving piling for dock and office sites with Ernie Michael as the operator and Fred Parker, fireman.

Mason & Hanger have levelled and filled in a yard near the Southern Pacific tracks, by the C & H Sugar Company, and have built a very nice shop for their operations. The equipment superintendent is H. J. Johnson with Bill Robe, Jr., as mechanic; Howard Webb, welder and Jack Nider, mechanic's helper.

The following brothers are running equipment on this project: William Barrett, Lorain truck crane with C. E. Baker as oiler; Blackie Hough, Lorain truck crane; Albert Bowman, oiling; Roy Flannery operating Link Belt dragline with August Deickmiller, oiling; James Johns, Jr. on the Lima with Donald Martin, oiling; and W. A. Rodgers running Hough pay loader.

At the present time, the Link Belt is excavating for the abutment on the Solano County side. The other three rigs are on the Crockett side unloading equipment and also doing some excavation. Le Boeff and Dougherty have also started driving piling for pier No.

Mason and Hanger have rented from Pacific Bridge their American Whirley which is mounted on a barge, for the purpose of doing the ing brothers on the day shift: C. C. under-water excavation for the piers and also digging the access channel into the dock. The following engineers are working on the day shift: Kenneth Bowersmith, operator; Richard Rodgers, deck engineers; W. R. Alexander, oiler; Bert Peeler and Shirley McCall, deck hands; working on the swing shift: Wesley Warner, operator; Louis McAfee, deck engineer; John Kennedy, oiler; Vincent Lombardo, Tony Lombardo and Manuel Sardina, deck hands; and on the grave yard shift: Ernest Hasden, operator; Anthony Auger, deck engi-neer; Jess Raines, oiler; Clinton Webster and Roy Mann, deck hands. Healy Tibbitts Construction Company are doing the rock excavation for the north side of Pier No. 2. They have three large caissons which were built, floated in and sunk in place. These caissons are 53 feet by 103 feet and will be set to a depth of 132 feet, They also have one large cofferdam to build. The following brothers are doing the technical engineering: Calvin T. Hill, Art Standish, George Benson, and C. P. Bacon.

Southern Alameda Folk Seek to Elect W. Kelly And John Pihl Mar. 27

Since the floods in Southern Alameda County, all of the people residing in that area have become flood control conscious. Therefore, the members of Local 3 employed at Pacific States Steel are endeavoring to do something about it. They are going all out to further the election of William H. Kelley and John G. Pihl to the Washington Township Water Board in the coming election on March 27, 1956. Mr. Kelley's age is 47, resident of Alameda County 18 years, and is employed as superintendent of cranes and yards for Pacific States Steel. Mr. Pihl is 48, a resident of Alameda County since 1935, and has been employed by American Forge since 1929.

These two men have been all out endorsed by many members of Local 3 employed by Pacific States Steel, those whose signatures appear are a few of the many who are working for the election of these two individuals. Therefore, at this time we would like to take the opportunity to urge all the members of Local 3 and all their friends to do all they can to further the election of these two individuals. Signed: Norman Luna, T. W. Taylor, Orvil Tague, Ernie Head, Louis J. Manuel.

ton each and one Lorain 25 ton. They do steel sitting, pile driving, excavating and dry-hole horizontal boring. Their yard is located at the foot of Pennsylvania Street in Richmond, Bob Brodgen, operator on 25 tone crane; Bob Devall, oiler; Dick Brogden, operator on 20 ton crane; Henry Gondola, oiler; Milt Solt, operator on 20 ton crane; Chuck McKinney, oiler; and John Woinoski, part owner and operator of the boring machine with George Taylor, oiler.

#### **River Clam Job**

During the past month, Ben C. Gerwick had a job claming o channel in the river, under the railroad bridge, at Martinez. The the mothball fleet. The ship that is going to be re-commissioned is the "Transport Monterey." They had

approximately 32,000 yards of sand to move and load on barges, which took about thirty days. The barges were pulled to another barge with a high pressure pump and fire hose used to hose off. This job ran around the clock with the follow-Clark, clam operator; Charles Grady, deck engineer; Sherman Branscum, fireman; Carl Shoup, deck hand; Carl Tippitt, deck hand; and Ken Hald, deck hand. The swing shift: Ken Shaffer, clam operator; Joe McFarland, deck engineer; Louis Afee, fireman; Gene McFarland, deck hand; Andy Anderson, deck hand; and Charlie Koentie, deck hand, The grave yard shift: Wes Warner operator; Ernie Hardin, deck engineer; Clair Standford, fireman; G. L. Marshall, deck hand, Seth Beavers, deck hand; and Bert Peeler, deck hand.

Island for grading and sloaping the | Charlie Hover has moved a halt Brothers will place the rock

Norman Brown, of Delta Construction, says they have a lot of ably he has managed to keep the work; have three operators at pres- following brothers busy repairing ent, but expect to have eight operators through the year. The \$30,-000 grading and paving contract vey Freeland, Charlie Beebe, Richat Travis Air Base was started the end of February and is expected to be completed toward the McCaffrey. end of June.

They were also awarded the contract for the grading and paving awarded the contract in the amount on Hasting Island. This contract is of \$25,000 for the clearing and in the amount of \$28,000 and consists of 8000 tons of rock to extend five miles long and 20 feet wide.

In addition to the above they have the subcontract from Cagle and Sivers to do the street and road work on their housing project in Dickson,

Antioch Paving are doing the grade work for Garrow Home Builders on Wilbur Avenue in Antioch. There will be approximately 65,000 yards of dirt to move in preparation for 125 new homes. The owners of Antioch Paving are Brothers Joe Williams, Archie Allison and Bill McCollough. The Brothers working on this job are Ralph Holback, John Fernandes, and Eugene Smith.

Ransome Company have an estimated 50,000 yards of dirt to move in a time limit of ten days. When this has been completed they will return to their freeway job in Crockett providing the weather will permit. Brother Louie Robert is foreman and has the following brothers working with him: Larry Shaw, Virgil More, Harold Delfouse, Clay Hoffman, Jerry McCollough, Bert Miller, Ned Alexander, and Jule Gibson.

#### **Kaiser Antioch Plant**

The new Kaiser Gypsum plant in Antioch is now in operation making wall board. February 27th the "Harry Lundeberg" ship deliverded 10,000 tons of gypsum rock to the new plant. The rock was unloaded on a conveyor and into the storage tank that has a capacity of 35,000 tons of gypsum rock. channel was dug to float a ship in Another ship is expected in the very near future.

> Gordon Ball has returned to the Lafayette Freeway project and are now in full swing running two eight-hour shifts, under the supervision of Fred Straub. The job is really progressing-one can stand seas work. He is working on a back and watch the mountains dis- highway project near Bangkok, appear and the valleys fill with Thialand for Raymond Construcdirt. One of the conveniences on tion. Harley says there are quite this job is that the boys are furnished with coffee on cold days. men working. This is Harley's first They have remaining 312 working time on foreign work and says was days and Mr. Straub reports that he has some very good operators. from here to Hawaii, to Tokyo, to Brother Buck Hanna is the foreman for the day shift and Brother Cliff Jasper is the night shift foreman, and Brother Andy Anderson as master mechanic. Some of the operators were furnished from States. Fresno and Stockton,

> bank of the levee. When the grad- million yards of dirt and has reing and sloping is completed, Blake maining another million for the Alameda County Flood Control in Alvarado. Although the heavy rains have slowed his progress considerthe equipment when weather does not permit them to operate: Harard Oge, Charlie Sweet, George Freeland, Cliff Anderson, Jimmy

> > Gallagher & Burk, Inc., were grading for the new Safeway Store that is to be built on Jackson .St. in Hayward. Frank Dodd, foreman; Mike Krawesky, truck crane operator; Lake Austin, oiler; Jack Slevin, D-6 loader; Frank Mancebo, blade; and Mickey Pringle, roller.

Rosendahl Corporation have completed setting all the structure, machinery, and tanks for the new Pabco Gypsum Plant located on Cherry Road in Newark, Brothers Orvile and Duane Craig have been working on this job for the past six months: however, only have approximately two weeks of cleanup work remaining.

Frank A. Freitas, excavating contractor, is doing all the street work and leveling around the houses on the new addition of Glenmour Gardens being built on Central Avenue in Centerville. The following brothers are employed: Don Lebon, Icon Lacey, Frank Freitas, George Medeiros and Joe Freitas.

American Pipe Company, located on Alquire Road in Hayward, was also badly flooded as a result of the recent rains. The high flood water broke through the levee which extends around their plant and washed out approximately 200 feet. It. was necessary to remove all of their electric motors and have them dried and cleaned. The following brothers did a very fine job rebuilding the levee: Charlie Plumb, Frank Gaynor, Pete Bonham and John Castro.

Henas and White were awarded the contract for clearing all of the trees and doing all of the excavations for the six new homes which are to be built on 7 Hills Road in Castro Valley.

#### NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother Harley L. Morrin left in January to try his luck with over-Local 3 and Lo a number of al 12 quite an experience as they flew Hong Kong and then to Bangkok. One of the things that seemed to have impressed him most was that hair cuts are only 25c, however, lacks the modern equipment of the

Cars now moving along the Frontage Roads on Cypress, are tessing the actual construction of the Double Deck Viaduct over the area they were traveling a short period before.

Grove-Shephers-Wilson & Kruge, Inc. has brought many innovations to the generally accepted construction methods in use for structures this type, including the maximum use of mechanization. Now employed by this firm are the following brothers: Robert Overman, uperintendent; Carl Haley, excavation foreman; Vincent Hunt, mechanic; Wilford King, welder; Twoy Manzer and Joe Willingham

on the American Truck Crane setting forms on Viaduct Columns; Al Waltenbauch and Chas. Proctor, Lima Truck Crane handling timber nd panels for Viaduct Deck; Stan Garber and Donald James, No. 77 Lorain Crauler, pouring concrete; ""rren Benner and Dean Brans-. ... are doing the excavating for the footings on the columns with the Lima backhoe; Harold Scott is on the loader; Perry Wing and Vic ands are on the fork lifts handling panels and lumber in the yard.

The contract has now reached > of completion, and is proceed-1..., at an increasing pace, with every indication of meeting predetermined schedule.

The largest use of steel frame scaffolding in California highway construction annals is now being

The Brogden Brothers, known as Brogden Brothers Crane and Horizontal Boring Company, have been in the crane rental business a number of years in the Bay Area. They had only one Lorain truck crane when they started in business, however, they now have two used on this project, and already No. 40 Lorain truck cranes of 20

The contractors in the Rio Vista Area have a lot of work repairing breaks in levees, re-building roads, and etc., as a result of the floods. Asta Construction have nine operators working, and have been busy the entire winter.

Asta Construction also has the \$10.000 contract for paving the air port in Rio Vista which will be under way around the first of April, and another contract to surface and pave in San Joaquin County, north of Stockton.

Elmer Wendt is now busy on two large jobs. One, is Hasting Island which was covered with water as a result of the flood. They are now increase the height six feet. This contract in the amount of \$289,000 will consist of moving approximately 300,000 yards of dirt. The other job is to prepare Ryer Blair as oiler.

Raymond Concrete Pile received the subcontract for driving the piles on the five bridges.

Eichleay Corporation have moved their 35-ton P & H truck crane to the Erickson, Phillips and Weisberg 51-million gallon reservoir tank on Bridge Street. They are helping set all the girders, columns and roof slabs. There are 430 girders, 3933 columns and 2738 roof slabs to set, of which they expect to complete in approximately 45 days. The reservoir required over 5000 cubic yards of concrete. Brothers Joe Mathews is operating the P & H with George Larson oiling; Bill Hoover is operating the NW-25 with Rudy Foral oiling.

Bay Excavators' quickway backhoe is digging the excavation for re-building the old levee and will the storage tanks for the new Texaco Station being built on Salt Lake City, \$219,549 for const. Washington Avenue in San Lorenzo. Brother Henry Engle is doing 1 conc. bridge over 20' span. 2.577 the operating with Brother George mi. sec. of S.R. No. 54 from Can-

Brother Cliff Gray has recently purchased a Fordson Backhoe and is in business for himself. His work consists of foundations, septic tanks, and sewer lines. We wish Cliff a lot of luck in his new venture, and I am sure he would appreciate any work that you may foresee for him,

Brother Percy B. Laws has invented a labor saving device for putting on rubber rings on terracotta sewer pipe, also, transite and century water pipe, in various sizes. The invention is called E Z On Rubber Ring Installer. These, may be secured from Brother Laws in Oakland.

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Garfield Co. - To Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., P.O. Box 120, 2" roadmix bitum. surf. road and nonville E'ly towards Henrieville.

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#### ENGINEERS' NEWS

March 15, 1956

# Tunnels and Dams Spark Maryville, Feather R. Area

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

This will be a cheerful but nos- on levee repair on Honcut Creek-

talgic news article, for in Decem- \$9,500. ber we were able to pick up a picture of two retired steam locomotives and we meant to write a report for the January newsletter, entitled "The Fassing of An Era." | Feather River and Sutter By-Pass However, due to the floods and the press of other work, we had to will attempt to get this off our near Downieville. chest-ahem, I mean pen.

For many years the Kaiser Sand the dirt flying. and Gravel Plant, known as the Adelaide operation, near Oroville, California, hauled all their rock from the shovel in the quarry to the crushing plant with two steam DREDGER COMPANIESlocomotive which hauled five or six side dump cars. Last year, this Company converted to Deisel trucks, thereby putting two of our old timers out of jobs, who had been there 10 or 11 years, but puting on a welder and a mechanic to replace them.

These were the best regular jobs in our district and to any of us who operated steam in the past, makes us feel indeed that we are growing older.

We hope that any of the old timers who read this column will like us, and feel too, that indeed an era has passed.

Utah Const. Co. have a 3,100 ft. tunnel to drive for the W. P. Railroad Co. near Storrie, Calif. It has been slow getting underway, due to more slides, but we think it will be on a three shift basis by the time this gets to print. Utah, Bates and Rogers Poe Tunnel had more water to fill up the Intake Portal, but it too, is about ready to go three shifts and full speed ahead. Bro. Howard Foster is Commander at Adit No, 1 and it seems he and his crew just about have the bugs ironed out of the conveyor system and will be making the footage needed to make some money for the Company. Bro. Paddy O'Dowd is Commander at Adit No. 2 and will be holed out on the south heading real soon.

Bechtel Corp, have moved in to build the dam on the Poe Project, but will first do some clearing for an office and for parking space for their employees. Jack Curlee is project Manager; Elmer Parker, foreman; Owen W. Lloyd, shifter; and C. A. Jeffs, office manager This job will have approximately 37,500 yards of concrete and will do the excavating with a brand new Model 6 N.W. shovel with Bro. H. H. Shields as operator and Dean Hyder as oiler. Chuck Phillips and his fine crew of operators are doing a good job on their lining job on a tunnel at Belden, California.

Richter Bros, of Oroville are winding up a \$42,000 levee job near Gridley on the Feather River. They also have some equi inment rented to Ted Schwartz on his levee work in the same area. New York Machine Shop at Oroville are pretty busy these days and it looks like a good year for them. Butte Creek Rock Co. has a regular crew in the plant and Bro. Cal Relyea is on the P & H Truck crane on the outside work.

City of Chico allotted C.A.A. funds-amount of \$13,000 for Airport work, City must match funds. Corps of Engineers calling for bids on 2,400 acres of clearing on -due March 13.

Frank J. Fuller Co. awarded a forego that report, but today we \$11,500 contract on N. Yuba River

That's all for this month-keep -LES COLLETT

#### INDUSTRIAL REPORT AGREEMENTS OPENEL

The agreement with the Natomas Company has been opened and the agreement with the Yuba Consolidated Goldfields will be opened before the first day of April.

The first negotiating session with the Natomas Co. has been set for the morning of Wednesday, March 21 and by the time of the next regular meeting we should have a progress report to make to the membership, and every member should make an effort to be present at the next meeting (notice below).

Every effort will be made by your negotiators to negotiate as many advantages and gains as is possible for the membership. The negotiations with the Natomas Co. are conducted jointly with the Machinists and Electricians and, when the negotiations are completed it will be necessary to hold a special called joint meeting to consider the results.

The membership will be notified of any special meetings by some appropriate means and it behooves all of our members to attend as whatever this meeting decides will be binding upon all.

Too often, it is the member who never attends the meetings, especially the important ones like the one mentioned above, who during the contract year has some beef with the Company and then is amazed that the point at issue is clearly covered by the agreement and that he was treated in accordance with the contract.

If he had attended the meetings, he would have been informed and if he had raised the point it might have been possible to have negotiated a change to cover such matters. After the membership has accepted the results of the negotiations it is mandatory for all members, as well as the Company and Union officials, to abide by the results.

Although, there are from day to day minor differences that arise with the Companies, Which is, of course, as it should be because if anything should be the ultimate results of labor relations, it should be peace, harmony and understanding between the parties.



"PASSING OF AN ERA"-Oldtimer steam locomotives which hauled five or six side dump cars for many years at the Kaiser Sand and Gravel Plant near Oroville, shown above, are being replaced by the more modern, less colorful Diesel trucks, accord-

had to be dried out and rebuilt, according to the Company.

Valley Concrete Pipe Company was more fortunate, being higher and further north and suffered very little damage, and very little time lost from production. Both companies are abiding by their agreements and little or no controverseis arise, which is, as we said above, as it should be.

Meeting Announcement: The next regular meeting of the memin this area will be, as usual, a joint meeting between the Laborers, Teamsters and ourselves and be held Thursday, April 12, wll 1956 in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "I" Street, Marysville and at 7:30 p.m.

Attendance at these meetings has been exceptionally good and we hope that you keep up the good work. We think that is because of your absorbing interest and because we have tried to make them interesting.

Facing our membership in this industry is contract meetings with the companies and you should bring any of your ideas for consideration during negotiations so that they may be discussed by the membership and the necessary decisions made.

#### GLADDING, McBEAN & CO.

The next regular meeting which would ordinarily be held on Tuesday, April 10, 1956, has, by action of the Joint Board, been cancelled and a special meeting will be called rfo later in the month.

The purpose of this special called meeting is to discuss, (1) whether or not to open the agreement (it can be opened to consider wages and pensions); (2) if it is opened, what for, and how shall it be opened and (3) who shall represent the rank and file membership during these negotiations (two members of the Joint Board have customarily sat in on these meetings). The Joint Board also decided to request the Company to start everyone at 7:00 a.m. (except swing shift workers) on the date decided upon to hold the meeting to allow the widest possible attendance. Swing shift workers should consult among themselves and decide if they want a separate meeting in the morning or, as in the past, take time out to attend the afternoon meeting.

ing to Bro. Les Collett of Operating Engineers Local 3 at Marysville. So it is with a touch of sadness that we say farewell to more steam oldtimers. (Picture by Bing Biondo, welder at the Kaiser plant.)

### **STOCKTON BUSY ON** EVEE, DAM WORK

By ED DORAN, WALTER TALBOT, M. W. GRIFFING, C. L. CASE BOLT and RENNY BURROUGHS, Business Representatives

The news here in the Stockton area is much the same as last month, with the exception of several levee repair and bership employed in this industry debris removing jobs on the Tuolumne, Stanislaus, Mokelumne, and the San Joaquin Rivers.

The following contractors were successful in bidding this work: Wixson & Crowe from Redding, W. H. Darrough and Sons from Yuba City, J. E. Allrin from Ripon. A. L. Craft and Jack Galbraith from Oakdale, Frank Taylor for the Pinole Land Company, and Marchio, Trewhitt and Baker for the same company, Stolte-Gallagher-Burke and Stephens, Claude Wood from Lodi and Gordon Capps from Stockton.

With the levee repairing, and approximately 300 members employed on the Tri Dam Project, this office has had more men working through the winter than in any previous year. However, the Tri Dam job has maintained three shifts on Donnells, two on Beardsley, and one on Tulloch Dam, which will be the schedule for the ramento for major surgery, Rerest of the year. We do not anticipate too many calls for more help, except for replacements and the our annual reports from Brotheradditional mechanics that will be needed when Bearsdley starts up the belly dump Euclids and Euclid loader:

Process Diamond Tool and Bit Company from San Francisco have the sub-contract on Beardsley Dam to do the core testing on the spilland grouting for the dam. way Bro. Henry Heinz, who is in charge of the work, anticipates from four to five months to complete the drilling and grouting. At the present time, he was eight members working for him.

Locally, Teichert has started work on the 99 Freeway at Turner Station. Several of the brothers who were on the job for Teichert last season have been called back proud of the solid effort the memto work. Tracy Rock and Gravel bers at Holt Bros, are putting out is stockpiling material for this job with most of their men back on gain with management. the payroll after a rather slow winter. P.C.A. has had a fairly busy winter at their Kerlinger Plant, due in part to the flooding of their Pleasanton plant. San Francisco Bridge Company has been on the Empire Tract Levee break since Christmas with the suction dredge "Muse." The break is repaired and the dredge is now at the Naval Supply Depot with about two weeks to go.

Raymond Concrete Pile is driving 500 steel casings for the building and storage silos.

Johns-Manville Corporation will start work soon on a one and a half million dollar plant just south of Stockton. This will be a transite pipe manufacturing plant.

Barrett Construction Compai. have a \$275,000 job at the County Fair Grounds to start as soon as the contract is officially awarded. HERE AND THERE

#### WITH THE BROTHERS

Bill Kramer in St. Joseph's Hospital with pneumonia. Grove Cr lins well on his way to recover, after a freak accident which injured his eye, Frank W. Petterson using his fingers for a hammer. Ed Ritchie in Sutter Hospital at Sacceived a letter from Clyde Dunsing working on Eniwetok, Receive Frank Forrest and Al Niblock, in French Morocco and Spain. Bro. Frank says French Morocco is getting a little too exciting for comfort. He is about to give it back to the Arabs. We are happy to report Bro. Hap Frerichs of P.C. is feeling much better but the dayat home are long and he would welcome visits from any of his friends in the Tracy district.

To our members in this area-We wish to extend thanks for the support extended to our brothers who are picketing Holt Brothers' Stockton, Lodi, and Tracy Cate. pillar-John Deere dealers, should do all we can to help those who help themselves and we are

Lester L. Rice & Sons have about completed the pumping jobs in the lower part of Sutter Co. and we can tell you it is a shambles, Baldwin Contr. Co. are doing a sewer job in Oroville and have plenty of work around the shops and plants in the Marysville area.

H. Earl Parker Co. have just completed one of the most prodigious earth moving jobs we have ever seen or heard of. Mr. Parker informs me that his crew of Local No. 3 operators placed 1,000,000 yards of earth fill and 375,000 tons of rock in 40 days time, and Mr. Parker says his hat is off to those good Engineers. This Company has a few cats and draglines on the Nicolaus levee break and are hauling cobble there at present. While this sun is shining, Bro. Vern Hawkins is doing some landleveling. NEW WORK:

Bids have been called for the Mosquito Junction Dam due March 15-will be about 11/2 million dollars for the Paradise Irrigation district.

H. Earl Parker Co.-low bidder

#### MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Yuba Consolidated Goldfields: The next meetings of your unit will be held Monday, March 26, 1956 in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "I' Street, Marysville and at the following times:

10:00 a.m. for those members unable to attend at night.

7:30 p.m. for those members able for later in the month.

Note to Yuba Consolidated Goldfields Membership: What was said to the Natomas membership is also something that you should also take cognizance of, as the progress with the Natomas Co. has a bearing on the progress with your Company.

Natomas Company: Here is a very important date for you; the date of your next regular meetings, which will be held Monday, April 2, 1956 in the Veterans Hall, Folsom and at the following times:

10:00 a.m. for night workers. 7:30 p.m. for the day and graveyard shift workers.

Concrete Pipe Industry: Lacasella Concrete Pipe Company who got about four or five feet of water during the Christmas floods has pretty well dug themselves out and there wasn't some dissatisfaction. is back in business. Because of the water, some 24 electrical motors

The Joint Board has given a lot of time to discussion of the above items and undoubtedly will have definitely recommendations -to make to the membership. If any member has any thoughts on the above subjects, they should make a point of attending this meeting and present them.

Meeting Announcement: Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial will meet at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln on Tuesday, April 3, 1956. As this will be a very important meeting, all Board members are urged to be present, General Membership meeting cancelled. Watch for announcement of the date of the special meeting, **RED CROSS:** 

The great percentage of our members suffering flood damage have had their cases processed by the Red Cross. On the whole our membership has done well. Of course there are those who are not satisfied, but that is to be expected as it is a tough job being performed by the Red Cross, and it would be nothing short of miraculous if afford. From our experience in other disaster similar to ours in which

Olympian Dredging Company have the "Monarch" on the Lower Jones Tract reinforcing the levee. The dredge "Neptune" will be around Empire Tract for another month.

H. K. Ferguson Company has started their Sperry Milling Company job south of Stockton, A. Teichert is doing the grading and

we have watched the Red Cross perform, we would say that they are doing a much better job in this area than ever observed before. That being the case, we hope that each and every member will support the curent Red Cross drive for funds to the extent that they can

It is a good cause and the money given fills a desperate need, -C. R. VAN WINKLE

for recognition of the right to bar-\* \*

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to M.J.B. Const. Co. and Lord & Bishhop, 322 Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$1,975,959 for 4.8 mi, grade and pave w/portland cement conc. and const. 5 bridges & 1 pumping plan betw. Lodi & 0.5 mi. N. of Jahant Road, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Campbell Const, & Equipment Co., 1150 Folsom St., S.F., \$801,245 for const. defense inst., S.F. Defense Area, SF-59-C / L, Ft. Funston & San Bruno M. Ridge.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 269, Marysville, \$210,218 for 9.2 mi. surf. w/plantmix surf. on untr. base betw. 8 mi. N. of Adin & Pit River Bridge, MODO COUNTY.

**FEBRUARY 24, 1956** SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., S.F., \$35,000, for reconst. washed-out bridge across the Trinity River at Hoopa, HUM-BOLDT COUNTY.

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If men are so wicked with religion, what would they be without it!-Franklin.

### SACRAMENTO SET FOR SHIP CHANNEL

#### By PAUL EDGECOMB, HAL CLARK, ERNIE NELSON,

**Business Representatives** 

The plan for developing the deep water channel has become a near reality with the Corps of Engineers calling for, bids to be opened on March 20th on the initial stage in the Yolo bypass area. This 90 mile inland channel will be 200 feet wide at the bottom and 30 feet deep and will lessen the

distance from Rio Vista to Sacraanto by 15 miles. It is to be com- productions now that the heavy ted in 1961. Steamers will be storms have receded. able to dock and pick up cargo in the turning basin which will be surrounded by wharves and warehouses.

This has been a proposed project " the past 25 years and will af-

the sea, This new development puts a bright outlook for the dredge, industry in this vicinity.

General construction work has taken an upward trend as several PETE CONNOR loading muck; of the contractors have become ERNIE WURTH checking in; optimistic and have resumed their GEORGE HASSETT cleaning a perations,

Baldwin Const. are trying to get in a few quick punches on their near completed Roseville freeway. With a couple weeks of good BUTLER greasing a plant; BEN weather this 13 mile stretch between Sacramento and Roseville HARRY BAILES looking over a . that area.

G. S. Herrington is busy doing the clearing for Thomas Construction's structure job on highway 40 at Auburn.

Four-Way Inc. at McClellan Field have been able to resume ing conduit; GEORGE TARLETON work on their large warehouse standing by; JOHN NEAL holding ildings

ar-Robert McKee has moved in a call; HOP FARRIS farming; and activity should be starting LOYD DIXON going to Nicolaus; there in the near future. Van Val- RUDY WADEMAN grease technikenburgh Co. will be doing the preliminary underground work.

busy on their latest awarded jobs. break; They are Brighton Sand & Gravel, operating a TD-18; FRED POTTER Rosendahl, A-E-C, Johnson-Drake | setting stakes; SID OLSEN un-& Piper, Fred Early, Chicago Bridge & Iron and Teichert & Son, This keeps expanding every project with additional facilities month eded.

Gravel plants have resumed their

#### HEADLIGHT AIM

of a new automobile or expect to bers in the Sacramento area who do so soon, remember to have the fealer check the headlights for proper adjustment. Even though they are checked at the factory, they can easily get out of adjustment during shipment.

wth several new tracts to be developed.

many of our brothers who have Sacramento with an outlet to rested and are raring to go to work.

#### HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS:

RAY AUSTIN pushing a "21;" levee; PAUL SHELTON shooting a drag bucket in the river; HARRY WELCH signing the list; ERNIE WONSER with spring fever; DOUG HUTCHESON mucking aggregate; "ill be ready for the heavy traffic plant; HOWARD GREEN reporting at 7:30; JIM WITHROW attending the regular meeting; BILL RAFFERTY on a new trench liner; BENNIE LOVETT looking for Aces; WAYNE BOUGHTON trimming a freeway; TED SAGER laya full house; BOB HALL loading On the new cantilever type hang- out; LONNIE WINNEY waiting for cian; MIKE HANNA working on a rig; GEORGE GRUNDY running a On the new and large Aerojet D-6; BOB GERKE piling brush; oject, several contractors are BILL ADAMS looking at the levee CLARENCE COLLINS loading on fill; FRANK PECK-HAM watching ditch grade; LEE YOUNG having coffee.

Best wishes for speedy and complete recoveries go to Stan Coach, Jesse Ayres and Marvin Reed. BLOOD BANK:

Local No. 3 proud of the coop-If you have just taken delivery eration received from the memnever let our Blood Bank become depleted.

> Remember, this office is open every Thursday evening until 8 p.m. and is closed all day on Saturdays!

### Coyote Dam Is Finally Approved!

By GLENN L. DOBYNS **Business Representative** 

Construction of Coyote Valley Dam was ordered today by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Instructions have been received to proceed immediately to build Activity in subdivisions is greatly the long-planned Russian River increasing n the surroundng area flood control and water storage project.

The federal government will be-Sprng will be most welcome to gin acquiring real estate in the reservoir area north of Ukiah within the next few days.

Assuming orderly acquisition of real estate, the date for advertising for bids on the main dam contract is May 1st, with plans to award the contract June 1st.

In addition a contract for fabrication of a quarter-million dollar steel outlet structure-which is not dependent upon land acquisitionwill be adveritsed within 10 days.

The Administration has included a \$2,150,000 item for Coyote in its 1956-57 budget now before Congress.

Construction of the dam and related flood control works is expected to take three years.

If Coyote Valley Dam had been operation last December it in would have prevented \$2 million in flood damage along the Russian River.

#### SHORELINE HIGHWAY

A far-reaching road construction priority list seeking extensive improvements to Shoreline Highway, also known as State Route 56 and Sign Route 1, has been adopted. The entire route is now in the state highway system and is eligible for construction funds.

It extends from Fernbridge in Humboldt County through Ferndale, and southerly along the coast via Rockport, Fort Bragg, Mendocino, Point Arena, Gualala, Bodega Bay, Point Reys Station and Stinson Beach-inland to U.S. 101 at Richardson Bay, Marin County.

Mendocino County: Realignment of route from mouth of Navarro River, south. Realign from Irvine Lodge to a point four miles south of Laytonville. Caspar Grade, both sides Caspar Creek, construct new bridge. Realign from Anderson Creek at west end of Boonville, 3.5 miles north.

Routes 1, 16, 20 and 28 and U.S. 101, repair, replace, or realign said highways to their state of maintenance prior to the winter damage. Discovery that businessmen were willing to pay substantial sums of Covelo an the Covelo-Mendocino for use of public property stirred board members to acknowledge Baldy Ridge. that they had been ignoring Bodega



ENGINEERING BOALS for howers and trees is a new activity undertaken by Bro. Ross Shook of 1371/2 Sacramento St., Vacaville. He originated the idea of pre-fab boxes for flowers and planter trees, from one to three feet, and he'd like to see what the brother members think of the idea for around the home. Drop in and see him. His phone is Vacaville 3997.

### BAY BLUE SKIES SPARK THE JOBS

#### By H. O. FOSS, F. A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI, **Business Representatives**

The good ol' sol is cooperating thus far, and we are hoping for blue skies from now on. Work has started up in this area. very good with most of our Brothers back to work.

Tecon Corp. has started up and everything is going full blast again with them, and all their old hands are back with

them, they are happy to report. On the job are: Brothers A. L. Berryhill, Paul Brucker, Lester Brundege, shop mechanics; Clyde Churchill, master mechanic; Wm. Chriswell, Jack Collins, Claude Odom, Wm. Simmerson, Sid Parker, J. Bryant, Jr.; Rocco Poncetta, Pull Operators; W. C. Drewery, Willie Hogue, Push Cat Operators; L. E. Everett and John Haner, Motor Patrol Operators: Alvin Quaini, Dozer Operator; Earl Lewis, Dozer and Ripper; Jack Van Zandt, Relieving the Operators and Oiling; Lloyd Madison, Instrument Man, Jerry Zarzana, Grade setter; Lawrence Freeman, Oiler and Earnie Foreman and Carl Hartman, Hoehns, Fill Foreman, Henry Allgore on Roller Tractor and Gene Sherman on Roller Cat.

Carey Bros. job on Hwy. 101 at Terra Linda is going, and one can't miss this job as that bright chartruese color LeTourneau hits you in the face when passing by. This is the same color as Tecon's equipment.

Schall & Farrell, formerly known as American Engineering—has a job at California Park for about one month, and has Brother Joe Fonseca as their foreman, Brother Fred Leake is on the Shovel, Bro. R. L. Silvidge is the Oiler on the

Pass road and ending on Little

This road is to be constructed for Bay harbor too long so the master the purpose of opening up the plan for development of the harbor Middle Fork Eel River area of the as a commercial and recreational Mendocino National Forest for the

Shovel; Brother W. E. Williams is Dozer Operator, Brother F. E. Mc-Kinney is on the new Michican Loader, and Bro. Tommy Carpenter is on Dozer.

We hear regularly from Ero. WORD FROM AFAR

(Amigo) Foss from down Mexico Way, says he is enjoying the good old sunshine and everyching that goes with it. He wishes to be remembered to all.

We wish to welcome back Brother Robert DeJorio who recently returned from being overseas icu Holmes & Narver for the rast three years, at Pacific Proving Grounds-Atomic Energy Commission

Brother Wiley Allen stopped in to say hello. Says he is on a little vacation. His home is near Flamath Falls, Oregon where the fishing and hunting is extra good. Bro. Allen is working for M. & K. and is proud to say he has made foreman for them.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following Brothers: Warren Blake, recently undergoing another eye operation and from the last report received, he is doing just fine. Brother J. D. O'Conner, popular contractor in San Rafael area hospitalized in Marin General; Bro. Orville Hubbard at San Rafael General.

Any member interested in the new look-should pay a visit to Brother Ross Shook, located at 13712 Sacramento St., Vacaville, Bro. Shook started building prefab flower boxes for around yards, and planter boxes for trees. These boxes run from 1 foot to 3 feet, and they are made to fit any home. Bro. Shook would like to see any of the Brothers drop in and see his lay-out which is his own idea. His phone is: Vacaville 3997. Shaffer & Madsen has a job on the top of Forbes Ave. They have 150,000 yards of material, with 100,000 more yards coming up. There will be sixty-six home siles located on this development. Sewer' work will be done by Maggiora. Shaffer & Madsen, Operators 'on this job are: Brothers Don McCroskey, George DeSpain, Phil Serpa, C. Cameron on the Cats, H. Baker, K. Hill on Pulls, Fred Tank, Shovel Operator, Tom Halvorson, Oiler on Shovel, and Elmer "Pee Pee" Lane on the Loader. On John Delphia Job located in Corte Madera - Brothers Jim Briggs and Herman Rosse are Supers on this job, with Brothers Otis Wilbor, on Ripper; Tony Azevedo on Jeep, J. C. McBride, Dozer; Toby Johnson, Motor Patrol, Sama Dowson, Ripper; Cirio Alberti, 20 Jeep; W. M. McCoy, Jeep; Ray Ransom, Cat and Can; Gene Thompson, Grease Truck and Martin Gale, Stake Puncher, Tony Argen'o, Cai: and Can; L. Combs. Heavy Duty. We wish to remind you that our office is open every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00.



**BODGE THAT BOOT-REGISTER NOW** 

area is a reality instead of just a The total volume of timber in the dream.

Reference in the plan concerning who would finance and operate a marina development proposed for end of the harbor has been deleted. The change was made as a concession to Bodega Bay business interests who have objected to possibilities of private concessions opening competing business on county land.

Still unaccomplished - expressed plans to begin charging rent for fills on the county-owned tidelands. Revenue is expected to help finance the required harbor development.

Largest chunk of the money necessary to put the master plan into effect, however, would come from the federal government for redredging and extending the present boat channel into and through the shallow harbor.

Construction of a seawall and the main shoreline highway through the town of Bodega Bay would be relocated inland to provide more land for industrial, commercial and residential development along the harbor shore.

#### INDIAN DICK ROAD

Bids are being sought for construction of the Indian Dick timber access road. Contract will be for 9.5 miles of timber access road beginning 12 miles west of the town lent to three transcontinental trips. next month!

sale of National Forest timber.

area is one billion board feet that will be advertised for sale at the rate of approximately 15 million the public property at the south board feet each year, which is the estimated sustained growth rate of timber in the area.

Plans call for cutting over the entire working circle in approximately 20 years on a selective cut basis. It is estimated that 100 miles of road will be needed to complete this first cut. This will be built gradually as a continuation of the the private use of structures and advertised section as timber sales are made in the area.

The following bids on highwy projects in Mendocino and Sonoma counties have been awarded as follows:

Mendocino: \$133,048 for grading and surfacing .7 mile U.S. 101 between Low Gap Road in Ukiah and .2 mile north of Ford Road, Arthur B. Siri, Inc., Santa Rosa.

\$152,103 for grading and surfacing .8 mile on Route 128 four miles south of Boonville to Granite Construction Co., Watsonville,

Sonoma: \$66,292 for construction of bridge and approaches across Mark West Creek four miles north of Santa Rosa on U.S. 101, Brodges Construction Co., San Jose.

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### THE NEVADA ROUND-UP

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

The Agreement with Consolidated Coppermines Corp. has | Lane Freeway work with Grifall's finally been concluded and was signed on February the 13th. Since this was the first agreement ever negotiated with this company for Open Pit Operations, there will undoubtedly be

many grievances and rough spots to iron out during the first few months from the signing date. It will take a short while for the membership and the supervisors on the job to familiarize themselves and get acquainted with the working rules set forth in the contract.

The Agreement was negotiated jointly by the Teamsters Local Union 533, Laborers Local Union 169, and the Operating Engineers Local Union 3. A grievance committee was elected to handle the problems that may arise at Con-Copper: Brothers Ray Pilkinton and Eldon E. Ford from the Engineers, Joseph Montoya from the Laborers and Jack Humphreys and Dale Pratt for the Teamsters. Con-Copper Corp. has three P.&H. Shovels and one Bucyrus 71-B now operating in the Pit area, and a 110-B is being put into action soon.

Three heavy duty Joy Rotary Drills are drilling around the clock for blast hole purposes while two Churn Drills are set up for prospect orning operations. Con - Copper started their operations last fall and are just now getting under way with dirt, copper ore, and Boss men going in all directions. The company is filling the manpower requirements on the job as rapidly as possible, but are having some difficulty in the scheduling of shifts. These shift schedules should be running smoothly in the near future, we hope.

Mr. A. J. O'Connor is the General Manager of the project and J. Frank Sharp is his assistant. These two men should have a smooth running operation because they have on their payroll lists a good number of the Brothers who worked throughout the Local 3 area and are among the top ranking operators in their fields.

This operation has great possibilities and may grow into an operation comparing to that of Kennecott Copper Corporation which will mean a lot of new jobs and new people in the Ely, Nevada, area. LOVELOCK IRON MINE

Mineral Materials has resumed operations in the Lovelock, Nevada, Iron Mine area. They have gone back to work on the same properties that they were working before. Brother Joel Peterson and his Oiler, Half-Brother Don Morlan are in the Pit on the Northwest Shovel digging out the iron ore. Brother W. "Tex" Rogers is on the Cat Dozer in the pit, and he works pretty hard all the time, mostly when he has to get the transmission out of being locked in two man, Johnny DeLagrange, has quite gears at once. This occurs quite a project on the new Town House often. Brother Harry Sikorski is Møtel in Reno. Brother John has the H.D.R.M. on the job along with most of the footings dug and the of discriminatory screen used by Brother Wes Carlson. The com- church torn down. Brother Olend local contractors, who are especialpany still has to get things set up before they can start shipping ore, but from all information, things should start going in full swing within the next 45 days. We are looking forward to the Iron Mines expanding in the Lovelock Area and hoping for a greater duration of the jobs, as it has been questionable as to how long they would operate until just within the last couple of years. Dodge Construction, Inc., has opened up the throttle on the Gerlach job and have a good many of the Brothers working now. They swapped off their old Electric Pulls and bought four new Euclid Scrapers with Brothers Ray Walmsley, Kendall Scow, Bob Ellis and Gene Akins at the controls. The Borthers say that the Scrapers are dirt movers an right out orthat bounce. Rough on the beer keg, I mean stomach. One fellow told me they'd have to put safety on. Brother Mick Whalen is on the Push Cat and there is a Brother who is really becoming a fine allaround operator. Brothers Howard Westendorf, Al Shay, and James ley is real busy these days between "Friendly" Smith are on the Blades the shop and some Clamshell work for Dodge following after Brother Nathan George on the Finish Can. AROUND RENO

Shay and Harold Reynolds have taken a leave of absence from Isbell Construction Company, and are lending their able assistance to the Dodge project. The greasing on the job is being taken care of by two very capable men, Howard Luzier and James Bryan, Half-Brothers Luzier and Bryan!!!

Brother E. C. "Curdey" Hildebrand has the Michigan Loader going at high speed in the Borrow Pit. Say, that Brother really keeps them trucks rolling. Brother Harold Reynolds is on the Boom Truck placing pipe for Dodge when he is not on the Dozer excavating for the Pipe Crew, or wondering what Brother Al Pearce wants him to do next. Brother Ray Siebert is on the Push-Cat behind Brothers Claude Duke, Sheldon Homer and Matt Greve. While these Brothers are moving and putting the material in place, Donald Ferguson is on the Sheepfoot packing it down to a good compaction point. Brother Bob Vicks is back and is Grade Boss for Dodge, that is, when the H.D.R.M. Brother Ed "Squirrel" Jones isn't there to "chew the fat with."

#### NIXON HIGHWAY JOB

Silver State Construction, better known as Andy Drumm, has started their Highway job between Wadsworth and Nixon, Nevada. Brother Joe "Basco" Solaegui is the wheel on the job. Brother Leonard Miller is on the Blade doing a fair job under the circumstances. I think he might make it for the summer. Brother Charles 'Red'" Melendy is on a Scraper giving everyone a bad time. However, Brother "Swede" Ferguson keeps Red in line, Brother J. C. "Bill" Caton is also out there on a Scraper, Bill's quite the Scraper man, he holds his own with the best of them. Half-Brother Bud Bowers is the Head Stake Setter, and Bud is doing a fine job. Someday, he may be a Salesman and a Bowler with a 300 score, excuse me, I mean 300 average. Ha!!! Drumm's Super "C" Pull Spread is moving lots of muck at the Wellington, Nevada, job. Both crews will be moving to the Wendover job before long. That is the Highway job the Drumm boys are looking forward to for the Spring run. Brother Warren "Pinkey" Vaughn is on Drumm's Bridge job at Yerington. Looks as if Pinkey got a bit of a pension deal.

The Lagrange Construction Company, better known as the little Crabtree and his Oiler Vincent Puccinelli, the most famous Oiler of Reno, have quite a time keeping everything going on the job. La-' grange Construction has another project at Empire, Nevada, for the U.S. Gypsum, Brother John "Big John" Kudron is on the Bliade and also taking care of any other little

rig. This is an outfit that is really moving.

Pyramid Construction Company, that is known better as Carson Frazzini's outfit, is doing some channel change work east of Vista, Nevada, on the Truckee River. Bro. Duane Kearne is the Boss Man, and he has just the right crew for the job. Brother Ralph "Slim" Cubberness is operating the Northwest Dragline on one shift and Brother Pete Ferretto is operating on the other shift. Brother Dale Morlan has been oiling for Peter and every now and then again, he has to move over to oil for Cubberness. 'Slim'' seems to have difficulty getting a steady oiler. Brother Bud Berg is on the Push Cat, with Bro. Winston Marriage and Quarter Brother "Chuck" McComb on the Scrapers. This is quite a job and the Brothers are doing a very good job even though the mud and water causes a few headaches and gray hairs every now and again. There is a lot of work to be done one the river and Frazzini is going to do his share of it.

That's all for this month, and here's hoping that when we next meet in print that the old sun will be shining and the season well under way. \* \* \*

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By J. K. WAIWAIOLE

**Business** Representative

of a local bank said this construc-

tion would have a strong impact

on Hawaii's' economy late this year

It was also noted that the \$44.7

million Navy and Marine housing

plan has not yet been approved,

and if this program happens to

coincide with the construction of

an oil refinery at Sand Island,

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### By KEN BROOKS and EDW. G. HEARNE,

#### **Business Representatives**

We don't want to continue to give a weather report so we'll sum it up in a few words, rain, sleet, snow, wind and once in a while a tiny ray of sunshine. We live in hopes that spring will soon be with us so all the Brothers can go back to work, from the looks of the proposed jobs in this area, we are due for a boom year.

In and around Eureka work is pretty slow at present, a few small jobs are keeping some of the Brothers busy. We are expecting to know by the time this goes to press who will be the successful bidder on the Highway 299-101 intersection. The last bids were thrown out causing the job to be re-let. This one should run about three-quarters of a million dollars. It has been rumored that P.G. & E. will add to the Steam Plant at

Buhne Point now nearly completed by Bechtel Corporation. The Federal Bureau of Roads will call for bids on the four mile section of Highway 299 near Wil-

low Creek in the very near future. A section of Highway 101 between Fernbridge and Beatrice should come out in a very short time, this is four lanes of realignment. This has over a million and a half yards in it.

We are most happy to report that we are really getting some action on the 101 Redwood by-pass, between the Department of Parks and Beaches and the State Highway Department there is about six million dollars available to start the initial section. The entire project involves near fifty miles of realigning and modernizing to four lane etc., the work will be done over a period of about five years at a cost of some thirty-five to forty million dollars.

#### TO THE NORTH

Peter Kiewitt Sons Company was the successful bidder on the final phase of the jetty at Crescent City. They have one cat and scraper working levelling up what will be the casting yard. Due to the scarcity of "A" rock a device called a "Tetrapod" will be used in it's place.

"Tetrapods," invented in France, are shaped like a childs jack, that is they have legs sticking out all over them and when in place the legs lock together. This is the first

\$14,500. Mr. Foster maintains an office in Oklahoma City, but has spent much of his time here during the past four months as a partner in the Likins-Foster firm, which developed Aliamanu Homes, Queen's Heights and Harbor Heights.

We have met with Mr. Kronick of National Metals, Ltd., (Engineers-Laborers) on contract proposals under a voluntary recognition basis. If what transpired in our initial talks is a criteria of what is to be expected, those at the scrap yard should be well satisfied as it is patterned very closely to the bay area scrap iron contracts, with loader working on the gravel bar.

time they have ever been used in the Unied States. When this job gets going full blast it should keep fifteen or twenty of the Brothers busy. Bill Cole will be the job superintendent,

Pelican Bay Construction Specialties are looking forward to a busy vear. They have the contract to furnish the aggregates for Peter **Kiewitt** 

Oil Terminals has a crew driving piles on their dock at Crescent City. Beresa, Inc. still building homes when the weather permits.

Brother Charlie Page is building another truck crane in his shop This one is sold already.

#### CRESCENT CITY

Associated Dredge is still waiting on good weather to resume their dredging operations in the Crescent City Harbor.

Bids have been called for a new bridge and four lane approaches across Wilson Creek on Highway 101 between Klamath and Crescent City. This will eliminate one of the worst death-traps on the entire highway by doing away with two sharp down-hill turns.

McSweeney-Menary still busy on clean-up at Klamath.

Mercer-Fraser is hauling rock from the quarry at Trinidad.

HIGHWAY 299

Berry Summit is still proving to be a headache but is being kept open during the day. Most of this work is being done by the State and the Bureau of Public Roads.

J. Ira McNutt Company is repairing their shovel and two euc's that they fished out of the creek, Waiting on good weather before they move any more dirt.

All the contractors that have jobs to finish this spring on 299 will have a lot of dirt to replace in the fills.

Arthur B. Siri has a spread working on 299 near Del Loma.

Lee Stephens has one cat working near Weitchpec on a big slide. Ben C. Gerwick has just finished putting the bridge in across the Trinity river at Hoopa. This is the second time this year that they have put it in. Let's not make this a habit, eh fellows. TO THE SOUTH

The highway south from Eureka is in good shape compared to what is was. Most of the equipment has been taken off and there are no more roadblocks to contend with.

Maurer & Sons have the spread of cats busy in Bull Creek, Even a small rain brings the creek to flood level and a lot of the work has to be done over again.

At Redcrest, J. O. Archibold of Redwood City has a Michigan

The Brothers have been hampered by the weather quite a bit

Isbell Construction Company has started their four-lane highway job south of Reno on No. 395. Bro. Bill Ponton is out there on the Dozer taking care of things for them. There will be three new Euclid Scrapers on the job and Brother James Howe and Brother Ernest McAllister have their names on two of them. You can't blame them, new Euclid Scrapers and near Reno, all at the same time, Oh Boy! . . . Brother Clarence "Bill" Boegle has been loafing around the Second Street Pit Yard for Isbell all the winter. Seems as though Brother Bill bought a used Pick-up from the company and had some trouble on the delivery of the pick-up truck. Brother George Confor Isbell.

details.

George Grifall's outfit has lots of work around Reno. Brother Cal and have lost several days work Scolari and his gang are up on the but it looks as if they will keep. Skyline Subdivision and doing a going at a steady run now. Broth- fine job. Brother Al Parlanti has have at least three bedrooms and don't be a hare! Keep pace with

ly anti-union.

On a report of 10,000 unemployed by the Territory of Hawaii Labor Department, I would venture to say that there are just about that many more unaccounted. Pres. Byron, of the Sheetmetal International with an assistant are in town to look into their jurisdiction and the feasibility of finally opening a charter here.

Bro. John Montrone, International Representative of the Painters, formerly from Alaska, is also in town for an undetermined length of time to continue what is contemplated for a Painters union in this area.

#### LIFT SLAB ARRIVES

The Lift Slab construction methof was introduced to Hawaii by C. Henning Vagtborg, president of the Vagthorg Lift Slab Corp. in Los Angeles.

Conrad N. Hilton, head of Hilton Hotels is in Honolulu in connection with the proposal that his organization lease and operate Kaiser Community Homes' Hawaiian Village and proposed Hilton Hawaii-

kai hotels at Waikiki.

A \$7 million residential housing development in Oahu's Salt Lake area will provide 500 architect-designed homes. T. Jack Foster, Sr., president of Foster Homes Ltd., will build the houses. The first four months. All of the homes will

the exception of wages, which we know will take some time more to come.

Bro. Masao Seki, after eight years on Okinawa, finally decided to take a vacation home. He brought his Okinawan wife home set up housekeeping. When he leaves to return to his job as mate on the dredge Gulfstream, he will be alone.

A few old time dredgemen are being processed to the U.S. Dredging Division on Okinawa with 15 or more years in the business as possible hires under Civil Service status on a permanent basis.

Many of our local boys are looking to the west coast for work later on in the year. A few good members who have had the opportunity of working on the mainland have been able to influence others here that they should try it to better understand the working conditions and rates of pay in a highly organized area.

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"Do not drive at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent" is the way the California Vehicle Code reads. How should this be interpreted? Generally speaking, the speed maintained by the majority of drivers is a reasonable one. So models will be available within judge your rate of movement accordingly. Don't be a tortoiseers Matt Greve, Kenneth Shay, Al moved in on some of the Kietxke with a price range from \$13,500 to the traffic-be sure to get there!

John Delphia has one loader working near Pepperwood and a blade and loader at Myers Flat.

H. K. Foster has a loader at Pepperwood.

Brothers it again becomes our sad duty to report the untimely with him, bought a new house and passing of one of our good Brothers, John Ellis Burman, better known as Ellis throughout this area. His life was taken in an auto accident involving his Ranch Wagon and a large truck and trailer which collided on the icy pavement near the Rio Dell bridge on Highway 101.

> Ellis was a man who came up the hard way, he worked his way from a "cat skinner" to the senior member of a large construction company known as John Burman & Sons. He was admired and respected by everyone who knew him in all circles of life, civic, political, fraternal, business or labor.

His passing is a tremendous loss to us all. We want to express our family and loved ones.

We also want to extend our most heartfelt sympathies to Brother and Mrs. Stanley Kolb in the recent passing of their bay daughter Lisa Ann.

Notice the office is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday; Saturday 7 a.m. to 12 noon; Monday nights 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for your convenience.

Home phones:

K. A. "Ken" Brooks, HI 3-2403. Edw. G. Hearn, Arcata, 64J1.

HOW FAST?

#### ENGINEERS' NEWS

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Utah News Roundup

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

#### Utah Hails Colorado River Project

We again approach another season of construction work in Utah, and one that promises to be a real boom year. With the jobs already under construction that have been shut down through the winter months, and the new jobs to start, our out of work list should disappear in a hurry. We were indeed very gratified to hear of the approval of the "Upper Colorado River Project." Even though actual construction will not start for some time yet, the magnitude of such an undertaking is hard to comprehend, and work of our line will be assured for years to come. These major projects will open the way to divert water for our local use out of the many tributaries, that for years have had to run right past our own arid land on down the Colorado River to Southern California and the Pacific Ocean. Operators of all classifications should reap many pay checks for years to come, as this is a longterm project.

sume operations again on Wanship tal of 2370 unemployed. Construcis by no means a stranger to us, to be used to bring in the No. 1 in Utah County. fill material. During the past month the old reliable 27 yard Eucs, that were used last year, will be replaced by some rubber tired self loading machines, consequently No. 3 Operators will be used. I am sure we will all be happy to see the dirt flying again.

their 13 mile road job on highway Under the supervision of Hal Clyde 1847, and Mack Olsen, this promises to be a good job, running money wise over \$750,000. The job starts at the City limits of Vernal and runs east 13.6 miles taking out some of the curves and grades.

With the Strong Co. job of Vernal, the Uintah Basin should be pretty busy again this year.

Peter Kiewit Son's Inc., were forced to slow down their operation in Parleys Canyon, due to the many water line changes that had to be made; consequently one shift on the D.W. 21's was discontinued. The shovel crews were also slowed the road building faction. W. W. up some, but with about three crews working on pipe lines now, things should start buzzing again. on Monday, March 5, if present The pull work will not last too much longer, but the Co. expects to his job at Henefer soon, if weather put three 80 D, shovels into the rock work on a two shift basis as soon as possible.

J. B. Parsons have continued opand about 8 D.W. 10's, and 20's, along with a fleet of trucks this job is beginning to take shape. Bro, Mel Kramble and the crusher crew expect to start making gravel soon, stockpiling for the grade itself, as soon as Sid Hen-

Utah Construction Co. will re- tially below the February 1955 to-Dam sometime this month, weath- tion permits for Utah County toer permitting. Boyd Poulson who taled \$25,747,131 during January and February. This amount of new will be the new Super. There will construction should help make the also be a change in the machines coming season one of the best yet

Word of passing the upper Colorado River storage project has come to us the past few days. It will be hard to put in words the benefit the members of this local will derive from such an undertaking. The cost of the entire project is in excess of 760 million dollars. Repre-W. W. Clyde Co. have started sentatives from Utah declare this the greatest happening in Utah No. 40 between Vernal and Jensen. since the Pioneers arrived here in

> The Central Utah Valley Project which is a part of the project will cost an estimated \$226,000,000. This unit differs from most units of the larger projects in that the Central Utah Counties can use the revenue from power plants in repayment. A road to the site of the Flaming Gorge damsite, 40 miles north of Vernal is predicted to start immediately. This undertaking should insure wages and conditions for local No. 3 members in Utah for years to come.

Things are beginning to stir in Clyde Co, has served notice of his intention to start his job in Vernal weather prevails. He also will start continues satisfactorily,

A few jobs have been advertised recently. A job at Leeds in southern Utah has just been advertised. erating right thru the winter on It seems our suggestions to the the Beck Street job, and have lost State Road Commission have been very little time due to weather. in vain, We would like to see road Making use of the new overpass jobs in this section of Utah let in the fall. Work" in this area can continue throughout the winter season.

ment project in Moab, Utah. The hot plant, and available for the bids were let in four schedules. contractor with operators, we were J. K. Thayn Co. is still sweating glad to see him qualify. Creers bid Gravel and Constr. Co. pits, shop, was \$130,942.22 for the project.

### Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lang Co., Sand and Gravel, Iron Mines, Vitro Uranium Corp. And Kennecott Copper Corp., and State Road

Construction, Sand and Gravel Membership, 2nd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah. Construction and Sand Gravel Membership, 3rd Tuesday of each

month, Labor Temple, 165 West 1st North, Provoo, Utah, 8 p.m.

Construction and Sand Gravel Membership meeting, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah, 8 p.m.

Vitro Uranium Membership meetings will be called meetings. Lang Company Membership meetings will be called meetings. Kennecott Copper Corp. Membership meetings, Tuesday, March 27, 1956, 1:30 and 3:00 p.m., Bingham Civic Center.

Cedar Iron Mines will be called meetings.

State Road, all called meetings.

Engineers busy for this company, the amount of discussion over this for several months.

The revised section No. 2 of the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District Project has been re-Construction Co. of Logan for \$510,-356. Work is expected to start as soon as pipe is available.

Hilton and Carr have been the meaning." awarded a \$531,500 contract for At Delta, additional facilities on the Central Junior High School in Ogden.

The Marquardt Aircraft Co. has received approval from the Air Force to spend in excess of 41/2 million dollars for the construction of a Ramjet factory and testing facilities in the Ogden area. The plant is to be constructed adjacent to the Ogden Municipal Airport with testing facilities near Little Mountain, west of Ogden. Plans and specifcations for this job are scheduled to be available within the next few weeks and the actual construction will start in the near future.

Bids are to be opened on April 3rd by the Bureau of Reclamation for the completion of the Davis Aqueduct from Bountiful to Cudahay Lane.

Gibbons and Reed Co. have established a field office on their Hill Air Force Base job and have some pipe line equipment, a crusher, several pulls and cats busy, with additional equipment on the way to the job.

The runway and supporting facility work that Peter Kiewit Sons Co. has on Hill Field, is expected to be in full swing again soon and will require a number of Engineers. An additional number of contractors not mentioned in the last article who have work in this area and using several members are, L. A. Creer was recently awarded Engineers Ltd. Pipe line Co., yard a contract for a sewer improve- and shops, Plewe Constr. Co. on Cudahay Plant, Bolton & St. Joer Co. on sewer and water work in Four of eight contractors completed Bountiful and Layton. Sterns bids on all four phases, Creer being Rodgers Co. on Phillips Refin, Co. lowest, Mr. Creer has been a fair job. E. V. Chettle on Woods Cross drain work. Waterfall Sand & yard, and odd jobs around Ogden. Disturbance and disagreement | Fife Sand & Gravel and Construcwas encountered by construction tion Co, in Brigham City, Gibbons and Reed Co. crusher and Hot All in all the work situation ap volving jurisdictional assignment of pears very promising and if the work between Iron workers and majority of the construction jobs should be cleaned up between scheduled, the employment opportunities should be at an all time son that anyone is overpaid who is

problem, there should be no question in anyone's mind as to the application; however it begins to look as though we will have to bid and awarded to the Kloepfer draw a picture each time an understanding is reached, so that when we refer back, some one on the other side won't say "That isn't

At Delta, Wilkinsons' have moved equipment in, but have been unable to start work due to the weather.

At the Bingham Stripping job Isbell is making good progress on the east side and is making preparations to move back up on the west side. We hope the weather is favorable so that there will be no need to curtail any of the work force.

#### Kennecott Copper

At the Kennecott Mine, we want to make this report to all concerned, who are covered by the Operating Engineers Agreement, there seems to be an impression in the minds of some that compulsory retirement age is 65. This is not the case, beginning August 1, 1956, 68 is the compulsory retirement age so that anyone now 68 or over does not have to retire until August 1, 1956. If anyone wishes to retire at age 65, he may do so, provided he has the necessary number of years of service to his credit, this being the voluntary retirement age.

We can report settlement of a number of grievances which have been brought to the attention of the stewards recently and repeat that it is your responsibility to report on contract violations when you observe them. They can only be corrected when we have definite information to report on at the time or as soon after the violation occurs. We don't have a crystal things.

### **REDDING SET** FOR BIG YEAR

#### By E. A. HESTER **Business Representative**

While waiting for the weather to clear we'll tell you that Superintendent Jim Daley for Guy F. Atkinson Company is on their new job, at Dogwood Creek. Jim expects to get things rolling there just as quickly as possible as he has about 800,000 yards of rock and muck to move between now and the latter part of September. It is a particularly rough spot, out there, and calls for some first class pioneer men to get the job under way.

Another good job that will soon be opening up, in this district, will be for Stolte, Inc., of Oakland. They are now setting up headquarters for the project at Corning. We expect to see a lot of activity there, very soon. Of course, a little of this rain has got to let up first.

Fredrickson and Watson, also of Oakland, were recently awarded another highway project just west of the Redding city limits on Highway 299. The job is only a mile and a half, in length, but will provide a lot of work for our Brothers this summer.

Baldwin Contracting Company, incorporated, of Marysville, were the successful bidders for the California Division of Highways, on a ten mile stretch on 299 East. The work will be situated about eight miles north of Adin and the Pit River Bridge.

M. W. Brown, of Redding, has also picked up a couple of new jobs. It would seem now that Mr. Brown is pretty heavily loaded with work for a lot of our boys for the entire coming season. Shasta County, alone, will have a lot of road work this season, M. W. Brown was also the successful bidder on what is known as the Hilltop Road, leading from the 299 intersection to Ted Brown's Grocery on Highway 44.

The U.S. Engineers are calling for bids on several small jobs throughout the district.

There have been no new developments on the Trinity Project but we hope to have some good news on the big job in our next report.

Brother Sidney McBroome took off for Afghanistan, where he is to be the chief lubricating engineer for Morris and Knudsen. He is expecting to be gone for two years or more, Brother Bill Pressley also left us for the same firm, to go to work in Nome, Alaska.

We recently had a letter from Brother Rudy Wright, (who has been gone for almost two years, now) from Pakistan.

There is an abundance of work ready to start in this area, as soon as the weather permits and that shouldn't be too long now, as we're about up to our yearly quota of ball to look into and see these rain. We have had forty-eight inches of rain in Redding this year,

dricks can get the grade ready. Better speed it up Sid, put on that second shift.

out the weather on the airport to Saltair job, it should get rolling soon.

Work elsewhere around Salt Lake is looking pretty good. Sewer jobs still going, (weather permitting), also a number of small jobs.

F. & S. at Kearns, have stepped up the tempo again, so about all Boiler workers. This sort of thing proposed for this area proceed as we need now is a lot of good old Utah sunshine.

The majority of the work around Salt Lake at present is on highway construction. A number of new jobs will start this summer, and it makes little difference now from which direction you enter Salt Lake City, north, east, south, or west, you have to detour or go over highways under construction. This work is long overdue. In any event, Salt Lake is getting a new look on the highway front.

#### Southern Section

Recently published statistics on the employment situation in our Area, reveals we have fared much better in 1956 than we did in the corresponding period of 1955. To the unemployed construction worker, statistics make little difference. In mid February, Utah County,

had 1895 unemployed. This is a few

workers at Geneva Steel Plant the past week, About 100 workers left Plant on 33rd St. their jobs because of a dispute incrafts before we lose what we have at Geneva. Boiler Makers, Iron post war peak. Workers, Pipe Fitters, and Operators were involved.

#### Northern Area

The activity in the construction field has increased considerably the past few days, A number of Engineers have been called back to the jobs they were on, when the weather closed in and several new jobs have started that have required additional men. Some of the work will be a little slow in getting under way, due to the late delivery date on material.

Wheelwright Constr. Co. have been awarded a contract for the first section of the outfall and relief sewer lines on the Central \$836,356 job along with the Weber

#### Southwest Area

Whiting and Haymond at their Beryl Junction job will be finished with the grade by the time this issue reaches you, the weather has been in their favor and very few work days have been lost.

Industrial Construction Co. at the Newcastle Dam job are still being rlagued with water, the job is practically at a standstill.

We read in the morning paper that the State Road Commission is calling for bids on a road project between Harrisburg and Leeds on Highway 91 to be submitted and opened by March 20th.

We are still endeavoring to bring Weber Imp. District Project. This about a favorable settlement on the vacation problem as it applies to Hollywood Court, San Francisco, Aqueduct work they have under those who were laid off and later \$29,997 for reconst. Electronic Labmore than in January, but substan- contract will keep a number of recalled to Utah's Iron Mines. After oratory at City College of S.F.

#### State Road

On the State Road scene some things are good, some not so good. Some District Engineers are convinced that the recent raise should be applied to as many as possible, and have done that very thing. Others think it is to be applied to as few as possible, and that is the way it has been worked. We are at a loss to know the reasoning used which prevents a blanket increase. Certainly no sane person could reaworking on State Road Maintenance; rather, everyone is underpaid according to standards in industry in the state.

We hope that when we ask you brothers for a little assistance through which we may be able to correct an evil situation, which a certain number of you brothers sistance. Believe us, you are still guaranteed certain rights as working men by the Utah Constitution, and we want to do all in our power RR overhead, SHASTA COUNTY. to protect those rights for you; however, sometimes we need a little assistance from you to be able to accomplish the job.

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awarded to L. J. McDermott, 27

while last year at this time, we had only twenty-three inches.

Judging by the past year and the excessive amount of moisture, to date, we should have an early spring. It is not to be overlooked that the season doesn't start, in this district, until about the month of April.



SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Barrett Const. Co., 1800 Evans Ave., San Francisco, \$221,300 for const. Forestry Honor Camp for Dept. of Natural Resources, Div. of Forestry, near Highrock, HUM-BOLDT COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873 - 81st Ave., Oakland, \$185,know exists, we can have that as- 330 for 1.5 mi. grade & surf. w/ plantmix surf. on cem. tr. base on Eureka Way in Redding, betw. 0.7 mi. E. of W. City limits & So. Pac.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to C. K. Moseman, 727 Barron Ave., Redwood City, \$1,568,300 for 1.2 mi. (por.) freeway w/ramps gr. SAN FRANCISCO, contract & paved w/PCC on cem. tr. subgrade, plantmix surf. on untr. base & 6 bridges & 3 pump. plants const. in city of Fresno, betw. Cherry & Princeton Ave., FRESNO CO.

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#### ENGINEERS' NEWS

March 15, 1956

# Daily report of awards for construction

#### and Russ Swanson) FEBRUARY 2, 1956

FRESNO, Contract awarded to Dallas Wilson, P.O. Box 848, Fresno, \$30,466 for const. sanitary sewer in Unit No. 1, New High School Addition, Unit No. 2, Millbrook Avenue, Ashcroft to Gettysburg, Unit No. 3, E. Dakota St., N. 9th to N. Barton, in City of Fresno.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Staring & Galbraith, P. O.

O, C. JONES & SONS GENERAL CONTRACTORS Cedar and 4th St. BERKELEY LAndscape 6-3424 Member A. G. C.



CONVEYORS

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levee repairs on the left bank of along the Russian River, Rt. 104, Stanislaus River near Riverbrank, STANISLAUS COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to George Pollock Co., P.O. Box 903, Sacramento, \$38,970 for const. of levees for spiol area A-100 & excavation of drainage ditch along the Sacramento River near Sacramento in YOLO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Healy-Tibbitts Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., San Francisco, \$154,-556 for exist. ferry slip repaired at Martinez and near Benicia, CON TRA COSTA & SOLANO COS ..

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) To Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$130,-000 for rem, of slides & debris, repair slipouts and replace culverts at various locations on S.R. No. 46 betw. Weitchpec andMartinsFerry and on S.R. No. 95 from Hoopa N'ly 62 miles in HUMBOLDT & SISKIYOU COS.

(2) To Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$12,-850 for repair washouts on S.R. No. 1, 3.4 mi from Arlinda Corners to Fernbridge, HUMBOLDT COUN-TY.

(3) To Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 W. Cutting Blvd., Richmond, \$15,000 for replace 48-foot section

LOADERS

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1½ mi. West of Guerneville in SO-NOMA COUNTY.

WINNERS, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$1,147,921 for const. of earthwork, conc. canal lining & structures, Putah South Canal, Sta. 14-10 ta Sta. 338-85.12, Solano Project, SOLANO COUNTY. FEBRUARY 6, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$48,470 for grounds improvements, Laboratory School Playfield at S. F. State College, San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows for emergency repairs to roads:

(1) To Thomas Const. Co., P.O. Box 683, Fresno, \$20,300 for bank protection, Pier 1 of Tule River Bridge, in TULARE COUNTY.

(2) To Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$40,000 for repairs to U.S. 299 in vicinty of Cedar Flat, TRINITY COUNTY.

(3) To W. S. Selvage, 1305 L St., Eureka, \$10,000 for temporary log bridge across Bear River in HUM-BOLDT COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., and D. M. Underdown, Ltd., P.O. Box 1349, Fresno, \$318,361 for 2.3 mi. grade and surf, with plantmix surf, on cem. treat, base and exist, pavement betw, Shields Ave, in Fresno and 0.3 mir N. of Shaw Avenue, FRESNO COUNTY.

PITTSBURG, Contract awarded to Giacomo Catolano, 97 Marks Blvd., Pittsburg, for removal & reconst. of concrete sidewalks at various locations as required in City of Pittsburg.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contracts awarded to J. Henry Harris, 2657 -9th St., Berkeley, \$18,720 for repairs to existing levees, restore riprap protection and remove & dispose of debris in channel, San Lorenzo Creek at San Lorenzo, ALA-MEDA COUNTY.

**FEBRUARY 8, 1956** 

SUNNYVALE, Contract awarded to Joseph J. Brady, 898 Chestnut St., Redwood City, \$7,324 for const. of water lines in Laurom Park in City of Sunnyvale, flbo-uus

MERCED, Contract awarded to Manuel Smith, Box 899, Atwater, \$14,664, for const. sanitary sewer in Parsons Avenue betw. Hwy, 99 & Yosemite Avenue, in Merced.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded for emergency levee repairs as follows: Spec. No. 2037-To James H. Clark, Rt. 2, Box 2202, Red Bluff, \$13,450 for repair levee breaks along right bank of Tualumne River near Modesto, STAN-ISLAUS CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Paul E. Woff, 2203 N. Fruit Avenue, Fresno, \$11,9990 for emergency levee repairs on Sand & Cot- mile solugh & Eel River.

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SACRAMENTO, Contract award-

near Cutler, TULARE COUNTY.

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark | Box 111, Ceres, \$39,600 for const. of of timber & steel retaining wall tract awarded to Bison & Reed Co., phens, 8451 San Leandro St., Oak-P.O. Box 2429, Salt Lake City, land, \$115,000 for emergency levee \$9,806 for const. of a concrete & steel bridge on S.R. No. 187 betw. lumne River from U.S. No. 99 up-U.S. No 91 & Utah State Prison, SALT LAKE COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Contract awarded to Whitney Bros., 2164 Arbor Lane, Salt Lake City, \$15,187 for const of conc. & steel bridge on U. S. No. 189, approx, 1 mi. northeasterly from Olmstead over the Murdock Canal, UTAH COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P.O. Box 2351, Reno, Nevada, \$552,-932 for grade, drain, surf. etc., Portion of Sec. & Primary Hwy Sys., betw. 7½ mi. S. & 4 mi. S. of Reno on S.R. No 3 & betw. ¼ mi. E. & jct, of U. S. No. 395 on S.R. 17, Total length approx. 3.922 mi. WASHOE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$914,-054 for 2.5 mi grade & pave with TY. port, cem, conc. on cem, tr. subgrade & const. a steel beam span bridge, betw. 0.3 mi. N. of Lathrop Road & 0.4 mi, N. of Turner Station in SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

FEBRUARY 10, 1956

HAYWARD, Contracts awarded to John Carstensen, P.O. Box 37, Castro Valley, \$7,444 for reconst. portion of Harter Road betw. Bishop & Evergreen Sts., in Hayward,

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) To Paul E. Wood, 2203 N. Fruit Avenue, Fresno, \$2,390 for emergency levee repairs, left bank of Chowchilla River near Chowchilla, MADERA COUNTY.

(2) To Claude C. Wood Co., P.O. Box 599, Lodi, \$8,650 for emergency levee repairs, left bank of Dry Creek, 7½ mi. north of Clement in SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) To W. H. Darrough & Sons, P.O. Box 392, Yuba City, \$100,000 for emergency levee repairs, R & L banks of Stanislaus River, from mouth to vic. of Ripon & R bank of San Joaquin River, 3.2 mi below Stanislaus River, SAN JOAQUIN & STANISLAUS COUNTIES.

(2) To George Reed, 529 Covena, Modesto, \$5,400 for levee repairs R, brank of Stanislaus River at Ripon Domestic Sewage Disposal Plant, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

CRESCENT CITY, Contract awarded to Peter Kiewit Sons Co., 442 Post St., San Francisco, \$1,296,-900 for const. exten, to outer breakwater at Cresent City Harbor, Crescent City.

#### FEBRUARY 14, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to J. L. Conner, Jr., P.O. Box 834, Eureka, \$6,000 for remove & dispose of logs & debris, Seven

repairs, right & left bank Mokestream to approx, 2 mi. NE of Lockeford.

Spec. 2013-To Elmer G. Wendt, P.O. Box 606, Rio Vista, \$289,119 for levee enlargement, Hasting Tract-Hasting Cut upstream. Spec. 2046—To Thomas Const.

Co., P.O. Box 683, Fresno, \$7,770 for rehabil, channel & drop strucs. No. 3. 4 & 5. Little Dry Creek Outlet. FRESNO COUNTY, near Clovis.

Spec. 2052-To Ralph L. Hall, 5184 - 10th Ave., Hanford, \$12,250 for emergency levee repairs, right & left bank Mokelumne River from U.S. No. 99 to 1 mi, down stream. of Peltier Road Crossing, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

HAMILTON AFB, Contract awarded to A. G. Raisch Co., P.O. Box 458, San Rafael \$12,950 for grading Paganini School site in City of San Rafael, MARIN COUN-

PALO ALTO, Contracts awarded for const. of services bldg., Fountain pool, planters, arbors, walks, multi-purpose area, Senior Citizen Area, etc., Mitchell Park, City of Palo Alto, under Proj. 55-3.

Wading Pool-To Atlas Concrete Co., 346 Hillview Avenue, Redwood City, \$3,120.

Tiny Tot Area—To Howard R. Bru, 341 Mundel Way, Los Altos, \$15,900.

SAN ANSELMO, Contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros. Inc., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, 34,590 for furn. & lay 160 1-ft. conc. pipe in ditch dug through City Park. San Anselmo.

FAIRFAX, Contract awarded to E. A. Forde Co., P.O. Box 306, San Anselmo, \$13,984 for reconst. of Bolinas Ave, betw. Sherman Ave. & Cascade Ave., in City of Fairfax, MARIN COUNTY.

CENTERVILLE, Contract awarded to Ince Bros. Pipeline Const. Co., 616 E. Taylor, Sunnyvale, \$7,602 for const. 10" vitr, clay sewer on Central Avenue from Cherry Road in Newark W'ly to the railroad tracks.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Ted Schwartz, Glenbrook Park, Grass Valley, \$14,500 for levee repairs, left bank of Feather River from Honcut Creek to Onstott Bend, near Gridley, in BUTTE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Wm L. Meyers Well Drilling & Equip. Co., Rt. 1, Box 280, Irvington, \$35,044 for explatory drilling, Lower Black Bute Damsite on Stony Creek, appr. 10 mi. W. of Orland, TEHAMA. COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded as follows:

(1) To Humboldt Constructors, Inc., 125 W. 5th, Eureka, \$9,800 for remove & dispose of logs & debris, Eel River, HUMBLODT COUNT (2) To John W. J. Petersen, Rt. 1 Box 83, Loreta, \$7,700 for remove & dispose of logs & debris, Salmon, Creek in HUMBOLDT COUNTY. SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded (General) to Cal Central Const. Co., 7500 - 14th Avenue, Sacramento, \$196,913 for construction of Dist, 3 hdqtrs. Proj. Div. of Forestry, Sacramento, SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., San Francisco, \$12,000 for repairs to piers of Sidehill Visduct on Trinity River, about 5.5 miles north of Hoopa, HUMBOLDT COUNTY. SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to L. B. Wells, P.O. Box 287, Visalia, \$83,867 for 2 mi. grade & surf. with plantmix surf. on imp. base matl. betw. Gevilla St., 0.5 mi. S. of Porterville & Porterville State Hospital, TULARE COUNTY. SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows: Spec. 2054-To M. W. Brown, Box 827, Redding, \$8,500 for emergency levee repairs, right bank of Deer Creek 300 ft. upstream front County Road Bridge, Vina, TE-HAMA COUNTY. Spec. 2055-To Ted Schwartz, Glenbrook Park, Grass Valley, \$5,150 for emergency levee repairs, right bank of Cottonwood Creek, left & right bank Fresno River, near Madera, MADERA COUNTY. Spec. 2053-To Ted Schwartz, Glenbrook Park, Grass Valley, \$5,-150 for emergency levee repairs. (Continued on Next Page)



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0, Sacramento, \$22,600 for re- r levee breaks along right bank Tuolumne River near Modesto, ANISLAUS COUNTY. FEBRUARY 9, 1956 SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Con-
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SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Humboldt Constructors, Inc., 125 West 5th St., Eureka, \$90,000 for emergency repairs to County ad thru Bull Creek State Park, ween U.S. 101 and Bull Neck, nove slides & construct log cribs HUMBLODT COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Conct awarded to Isbell Const. Co., ). Box 2351, Reno, \$552,932 for de, drain, surf. etc., por, of Sec. Primary Hwy, Sys., between 7½ S. & 4 mi. S. of Reno on S.R. 3 & betw. ¼ mi. E. & jct. of S. No. 395, on S.R. No. 17, apox, 3.922 mi. WASHOE COUNTY.

**FEBRUARY 15, 1956** 

SACRAMENTO, Contracts arded as follows:

Spec. 2045-To Frank J. Fuller, x 1265, Jackson, \$11,500 for ergency channel rehabil., North ba River at Downieville, in ERRA COUNTY.

Spec. 2051-To James H. Clack, 2, Box 2202, Red Bluff, \$26,650 levee repairs, right bank of n Joaquin River & on right & t bank of Tuolumne River near olumne City, STANISLAUS UNTY.

Spec. 2043-To Ralph L. Hall, 34 - 10th Avenue, Hanford, \$68,-) for emergency bank & levee pairs, right & left bank of Stanaus River, from 2.9 mi. downeam to 3.6 mile upstream from berbank, STANISLAUS COUN-

Spec. 2040-To Stolte, Inc., Galsher & Burk, Inc. & Lee SteMarch 15, 1956

### Labor Airs Plan to Add Jobs in

(AFL-CIO News Service) Miami Beach, Fla .-- A nine-pcint program for 1956, intended "to serve the advance of human welfare, as well as to sustain full employment," has been offered the government and industry by the AFL-CIO Executive Council.

The plan is based on the council's belief that "1956 will be a year of economic adjustments, with some ups and downs."

For the year as a whole, it predicted, total production of goods and services may be somewhat greater than last year, "but probably not great enough to provide sufficient job opportunities" for additions to the labor force and technically displaced workers.

The council in its program called for "substantial" collective bargaining gains, lower individual income taxes in the low and middle brackets, federal aid to distressed communities, an increase in the \$1 minimum wage effective March 1 to \$1.25 and expanded coverage of the law, a broad program of federal aid to education, an extensive road and hospital building program, expanded housing and urban redevelopment programs, further relaxation of the Eisenhower Administration's hard money policy, and a farm program geared to increasing the incomes of family farmers and encouraging greater consumption of farm products.

#### FUTURE UNCERTAIN

"Economic activity has attained a fairly high level of operation," the council noted, "but future uncertainties provide a good opportunity for private and public action. to strengthen the over-all economic picture and assist in improving much-neglected social conditions."

The statement was critical of the way the Eisenhower Administration has been evaluating the economic situation and planning for the future.

"Although the President's (economic) report to Congress last month indicated a recognition of the persistence of social and economic problems," it said, "the Ad-" ministration has not come forth with a comprehensive and meaningful program of specific proposals and suggestions for private and government action.

As a corollary to its nine-point general economic program, the Executive Council issued a sharply-worded statement demanding "long overdue" direct tax relief for the great mass of Americans.

"Such tax relief can be attained," it said, "either by raising Fallon, Nev. exemption levels or reducing the 20 cent tax rate now applied



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### Cal. Fed. Scholarship **Contest Announced**

#### (State Fed. News Service)

Announcement of the sixth annual California State Federation of Labor high school scholarship contest have been mailed to all high schools in California and Hawaii, it was announced this week at state AFL headquarters by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer, high school where applicants have

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scholarship awards of \$500 each are being offered to competing senior high school students.

Haggerty said the purposes of the scholarship program are to (1) assist outstanding students in obtaining a higher education, and (2) promote a better understanding of the American labor movement.

Applications of participating students must be filed at State Federation headquarters not later than April 14, 1956. The applications, which were mailed to all schools together with announcements, must be signed by the high school principals.

SACRAMENTO, Contract award-

### filed.

Winners may apply the scholarship award money at any college or junior college of their choice. The three scholarship winners will be presented with their awards at the 1956 convention of the State Federation.

Last year's winner ; were: Eleanor Rosch, San F rnando High School, San Ferna ido; Lester O'Shea, Lowell High School, San Francisco; and Paul Wadsworth, Westchester High School Los Angeles

DISBURSEMENTS

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be signed by the high school prin- cipals. A two-hour examination will be held Friday, May 18, 1956, in each	OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION No. 3 of the INTERNATIONAL UNION OF	Main Office: Modesto, Calif. Fo 443 S. 99 Hiway to
<b>CONSTRUCTION AWARDS</b> FALLON, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Uath Const. Co. & C. H. Leavell Co., 100 Bush St. San Francisco, \$96,202 for const. of Crash Facilities, Type B., Incl. earthwork, paving & related items at Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Fallon, Nev.	OPERATING ENGINEERS RECEIPTS January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955 Dues and Fees Interest, U. S. Bonds 7,200,00 Rents 2,335,25 Books and Buttons 7,125 Good Standing Fund 17,915,00 Burial Expense Fund 86,610,40 Defense Fund 88,945,63	Operating Engineers TRAVELON TR Because they FE SPARTAN - PAN-AMERIC SHASTA - FLEETWC
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### **Construction** A

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Gleenbrook Park, Grass Valley, \$4,800 for emergency levee repairs, River, Upper Roberts Isl. near Little ,Chico Creek, near Chico Tracy, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. BUTTE COUNTY.

McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$38,508 for const. of reinf. conc. & vitr. clay pipe sewers in port. of 1st St., between Market St. and Linden St. and in portion of Linden St., betw. 3rd St. and 1st St. in the City of Oakland.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to W. H. Darrough & Sons, P.O. Box 392, Yuba City, \$57,500 for emergency levee repairs, right & left bank, San Joaquin River and left bank of Stanislaus River SW'ly of Ripon, in SAN JOAQUIN & STANISLAUS COUNTIES.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Paris Bros., 2752 Park Blvd., Oakland, \$12,480 for const. sanitary sewer in Linden St. betw. Temescal Creek & 44th St., in city of Oakland.

SACRAMENTO, Contract award ed to Richter Bros. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1511, Oroville, \$42,000 for River, upstream and downstream Roberts Avenue.

(Continued from Preceding Page) of Gridley Bridge, BUTTE COUN-right bank of Cottonwood Creek, TY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awardnear Madera, MADERA COUNTY. ed to Stockton Const. Co., P.O. Box Spec. 2053-To Ted Schwartz, 2087, Stockton, \$14,096 for emerg. levee repairs, right bank, Old

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 441 - 50th Avenue, Oakland, \$174,540 for reconst. of McAdams St. betw. Montgomery & Broadway & var, intersecs. related to McAdams St. in city of Oakland.

> SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to John Burman & Sons, 2750 Harrison Ave., Eureka, \$12,000 for remove slides, silt & debris & repair washouts & slipouts on Dyerville Loop Road in HUMBLODT COUNTY betw. Staet Park Boundary & Fruitland.

#### **FEBRUARY 20,1956**

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan St., San Francisco, \$8,900 for inst, new tract & pave trace area, Blandy St. railroad track at S.F. Naval Shipyard, S.F.

SANTA ROSA, Contract awarded to Rapp, Christenson & Foster, 705 Bennett Avenue, Santa Rosa, emergency levee repairs & bank \$13,884 for const. cast iron water paving on right bank of Feather wain on W. 3rd St., W'ly from

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#### ENGINEERS' NEWS

March 15, 1956

### Survey Notes HIGH SKILLS By AL BOARDMAN and

#### BILL MINAHAN **Business Representatives**

We have always been puzzled by the anti-union prejudice so deeply felt by professional engineering societies. Members of these societies make up the lowest paid group of trained professional employees in the United States. Men whose qualifications and training must be equal to and superior, in some cases, to any other recognized profession, spend the major years of their lives working for wages so low that any skilled craftsmen would reject them with scorn. It seems incredible that trained men whose specialty is planning the course of society should reject as intolerable any organization to improve their own economic welfare.

This total lack of interest in their own well-being stems from many contributing factors, some of which will bear scrutiny at this time. The major contribution to this frame of mind is the feeling of inferiority on the part of every graduate engineer. This feeling is instilled in our schools to higher learning. The student engineer is led through a maze of theory and practice to believe that he must spend the rest of his life in study before he becomes of any value to society, He is also taught that he has no place in the social order. His role is that of errand boy for management. The engineer is to be grateful for any crumbs that may fall from the table of the board of directors. Never mind if his family must make the sacrifice or he himself finds his economic burdens intolerable. This is part of the price he must pay for his position in this great illusion known as the professional engineer.

#### GOVT. DOMINATION

Another factor is that of government domination. Engineering is the only profession that cannot, survive without government subsidy. Projects large enough to employ a professional engineer are usually too expensive for private enterprise to finance. Government agencies rate their engineering personnel on construction and engineering costs. It follows then that a low salary and wage rate is a virtue rather than a vice. The engineer regards any element or awarded a contract for a unit of organization that increases engi- the Embarcadero freeway. This neering cost as his mortal enemy. This automatically makes labor organizations his enenty. He carries Young & Netson. this natural apathy to the extreme end when he is confronted by a grading, asphalt, concrete and pavelabor organization with the de- ment work going on around town. mand that his employees receive decent wages and working conditions.

In recent years this prejudice has become more evident in the ror





which will make a total of three miles, largest double deck viaduct in the state's history.

Pin-point timing has been necessary to do the work and allow continuous flow of traffic. Many construction innovations have been applied on this job, including largest use of steel frame scaffolding in highway

Contractors Grove-Shepherd-Wilson & Kruge, Inc., have added a new | annals, which has attracted engineers and contractors from distant contract to their Oakland Cypress Street Bay Bridge approach job cities. Above view shows the extensive use of scaffolding. Present highway lies in foreground. Many on and off ramps are involved in addition to the large bridge-like viaduct.

> (Picture by Jim Jennings, Oakland office, Operating Engineers Local 3.)

### <u>The City by the Golden Gate</u> S. F. IS IN HIGH GEAR By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ

All of the local building and heavy construction contractors in San Francisco are busy with street repair, underground, street paving and grading, high schools and hospital additions.

Good progress is being made on the Guy F. Atkinson job at Serra Point, where the new section of the Bayshore Freeway joins the old highway. Before this can be accomplished it will be necessary to relocate the

existing railroad tracks around the point.

The sub-divisions at Westlake, Westview, Rollingwood, Twin peaks and Sierra Highlands are operating at full capacity to prepare their sites for new homes in these areas.

The Campbell Const. & Equip. Co. is installing and equipping the them by the S. F. District Corps of Engis.

Michael J. Murphy Co. is busy on a good many of city streets do- now authorized Coyote Valley dam ing underground work for the S.F. Water Dept.

Chas. L. Harney Co. has been section will join with present approach being done by MacDonald,

Fay Improvement Co, has several M & K Corp. is rapidly nearing completion on their Embarcadero sewer job.

Cahill Const. Co. seems to be plant off Evans street in San Fran- ployment situation in the San Mapolicy making bodies of the engi- in downtown financial district. On all these jobs you will find a mempleted.

### **\$12 Billion Water Program Needed**

(Continued from Page One) hold stream flow and provide recreation would be built on Hayworth creek, the south fork of Big river, east branch of north fork Nike bases around the bay area of Navarro river, the Garcia river. hills. This work was awarded to north fork of Gualala, Rancheria creek. Wheatfield fork of Gualala, and south fork of Gualala.

In the Russian river basin, the would be supplemented by 11 smaller works to store water or local use and recreation and flood control. The 11 creeks are Robertson, Feliz, Cummisky, Dry, Big Sulphur, Saysal, Warm Springs. Mark West. + +

### New SF PG&E Station

PG&E has been given the green neers. light by state Public Utilities Com-mission to build a \$23 million ad-

### Contractor Names Local 3 Man As Safety Engineer on Job Site

#### By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

Due to the high rate of speed developed by the modern rubber tired earth moving equipment and the many safety hazards encountered in the operation of these rigs, one of the major local contractors, the McCammon & Wunderlich Co., who have three million yards of earth to move in San Bruno in a very hilly area, were able to obtain the services of

Brother Harold Skeans to act as full time Safety Engineer on the job site. Brother Skeans has had many years of experience as an operator, as well as experience in the field of supervision.

This enterprising firm realizes that safety comes first, not only in the saving of life and limb, but also, from a financial standpoint. They realize also that with the constant growth of construction industry, the demand for experienced rubber tire operators during our peak months, exceeds the supply. The duties of the Safety Engineer shall also include assistance to our less experienced new men. It is the general opinion of the members who have contacted this office that a word of caution from this worthy brother should be heeded rather than disregarded altogeter as it may save the life Mill, Maacama, Big Austin, and of yourself or that of some brother with whom you are working. This placement of a Safety Engineer apnears to be one more step toward tion at the Mills Estate, has a few progress for the Operating Engi-

#### PENINSULA BLOOD BANK

The Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank will have a mobile unit at the Menlo Park Civic Center, Menlo Park, on Friday, March 16 between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and on March 30 at the San Carlos Fire House, 895 Britton Avenue and Industrial Way, San Carlos, between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Our bank is entirely depleted. Won't you please make arrangements to donate a pint of blood to the Operating Engineers Account? It will take only a few minutes of your time. REMEMBER-you must not eat or drink for four hours before making a donation.

erator brothers Hutchings, Gregory, Cherry and others, assisting him in this work.

Brother Lyle McCann who is foreman for the Tecon Corporacat operators on the payroll at present, Mr. Green, who is project manager on this job, is experienc-The dry weather for the past ing his first San Mateo winter seadition to its Hunters Point steam few days has refleved the unem- son, and unfortunately it has been one of the wettest in history, feels teo office. The out of work list has uncertain as to just what the fine spring weather lasts the fu- ion that proceeding with caution is the best policy (which is more short time we will be scraning the than likely right). He predicts he will have this job in full operation soon, and that this project will be the scene of much activity this coming season. The last information received in this office from the California State full operation, and plan to double Highway Department, was to the effect that the bids will more likely be advertised for the Seven Million Dollar Bayshore Freeway job, which will begin at San Carlos and extends through Redwood City and Palo Alto to the Santa Clara County line, by April 1. This work will involve a lot of fill and grading operation, which will keep many members of Local No. 3 employed for a great length of time. The contract will probably be awarded in June or July. Once again we wish to announce that the San Mateo office will be open each Thursday evening to extend services to the members of

neering societies. The latest organization to go on record with ber running the material hoist. Cathis un-American attitude is the hill's job at Beach and Taylor for Scheuectady Engineers Association. the Scavenger's Assn, is about com-This august organization has made the remarkable discovery that it is opposed "to the inclusion of its members in either an engineering or an heterogeneous labor union." They have dug up several old cadavers to support their stand. The following they believe to be the gospel truth: (1) "Union membership is incompatible with professionalism. (2) The tendency of unionization is to split the profession into two conflicting factionsnon-supervisory engineers and engineers in management, (3) Union participation involves the loss of a measure of individual freedom."

Organization of engineering personnel into labor unions has proven all of the above allegations to be faise. Number one, the definition of a professional is a man of sufficient standing to command a professional fee. Union organization increases the bargaining power of any group and enhances the prospect of professional pay, Two-the engineering profession has always been divided into employee and management factions. The rulers of the professional societies have fostered the contrary illusion to further their own ends. If you are not convinced of the difference,

Theodore J. Meyer & Sons have cilities will be installed. started grading at the Westmoor High School in Daly City, This is rather a large job (\$2,500,000) as is their job at U.C. Hospital addition. Bethlehem Steel Co. has the job of erecting the steel on the new student's dormitory on Parnasus Paris Bros., 2752 Park Blvd., Oak-St

James I. Barnes & Co. is finishing up the job on the new Hoover High School, They also are the General Contractor for the student's build-Ing at U. C. Hospital.

It was hoped that we would have some information on when the big unit of the Embarcadero freeway would be let for bids in this issue of the News, maybe next issue

freedom is gained through economic security, that security can only be gained through union organization.

Next 3E meeting Friday, March 23, 1956, at 8 p.m., 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, Calif.

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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Chas. J. Swanson, 5207 - 10th Ave., Hanford, \$11,700 for emerg. of the Boss, Third-the only true sumnes River, SACRAMENTO CO. trict Water Distribution System.

It will be known as "Station P" and will be the fourth largest plant in the PG&E system. It will add a 152-250-kilowatt generating plant, and added transmission fu- engineers.

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#### CONSTRUCTION AWARDS MARCH 1, 1956

OAKLAND, contract awarded to land, \$23,330, for const. R.C. pipe conduit in Altamont Ave, betw Sunnymere Ave. & Mt. Blvd. and in Mt. Blvd. betw. Edgemoor and Burkhalter Aves., City of Oakland. SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., Box 683. Fresno, \$131,722, for const. reinf. conc. bridge and 0.3 mi, approach graded and surf, w/rdmix, surf, acr. Brush Creek near Manchester, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

CHICO, contract awarded to Butte Creek Rock Co., Skyway Chico, \$21,562, for street pavement ond conc. work, city of Chico, BUTTE COUNTY. CHICO, contract awarded to G. G. Williamson, 22 & Park Ave., Chico, \$14,500, for sewers and pipe-

work, city of Chico, BUTTE CO. M.G.M. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1056, Concord, \$368,000, for furn, and

been greatly reduced and if the weather will do nexr. It is his opinture is very promising. In a very unit to the three aiready at the bottom of the barrel looking for

Brother Floyd Watson, assisted by foreman Brother Williams, and a great group of cat operators, have the Millbrae Meadows job in shift this job soon.

The J. O, Archibald Co., of Redwood City, are now operating at full capacity at various points in this area, Shop Foreman Don Warner has a full crew of heavy duty mechanics busy in the shop getting more rigs in shape to send into the field, to provide more work for members of Local No. 3.

Mr. Howard Marks, who operates the Skyline Quarry near Half Moon Bay and the Marks Materials plant at Rockaway Beach, has a full crew of engineers at each of these plants doing repair work in order to have the plants in shape for the season's business, Mr. Marks Local No. 3.

was successful in obtaining the services of Brother Joe Stockton, o act as Superintendent at the Skyline Plant, which was using ery good judgement.

The Piombo Construction Co. of OAKLEY, contract awarded to Belmont, who have Foreman Brother Hawkins in charge of the grading operations in San Carlos, are compare your pay check with that levee repairs, R. & L. bank of Son- inst. Oakley County Water Dis- progressing in a very satisfactory items at Castle Air Force Base, manner. Brother Hawkins has op- MERCED COUNTY.

\* \* CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

CASTLE AFB, contract awarded to Lee Arnold, Inc., 580 Bosworth St., S.F., \$604,051, for const. of 3 operational squadron bldgs. and shop maintenance organizational bldg. utilities, paved areas & relate