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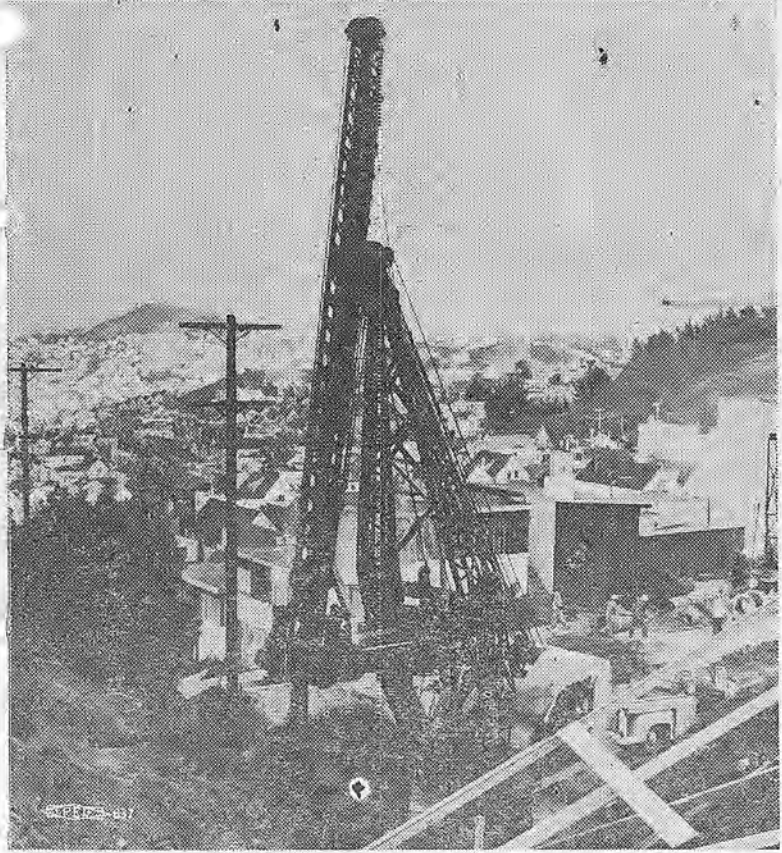
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LARGEST OF ITS KIND in the world, reportedly, is this huge earth-drilling machine, weighing 70,000 lbs. It is shown here in use on the Portola Drive widening project in San Francisco. It was developed by Fred Pavlow, owner of P & Z company of South San Francisco. Pavlow says the machine is ready for work 15 minutes after wheeling up to job site, and it drills piling holes as large as eight feet in diameter, at any angle and more than 100 feet into the ground!

The City by the Golden Gate

RAIN PUTS THE DAMPER ON ALL JOBS IN SAN FRANCISCO

By PAT CLANCY & HARRY METZ, Business Representatives

The rains have finally caught up with the work situation in San Francisco, at this writing, it has been raining steadily the past two weeks! Practically all of the jobs have been shut down and we have a good many brothers on the out-of-work list, at this time.

Work is still progressing on MacDonald Young & Nelson's section of the Embarcadero freeway. Thirty days of good weather should see this section completed.

The Construction Companies engaged in demolition work have been busy all winter. There will be a great deal more of this type of work contracted for in the near future, as there is a tremendous job to be done, in making way for the new freeways across town.

Several companies are doing underground work around town. Associated Pipeline, Michael Murphy, Fred Fairey, Mike Lynch and Wm. Cole have all been busy on this type of work.

Bragato Paving Company are reconditioning asphalt roads at the Presidio in San Francisco and have various street work jobs going on in the Sunset district.

The new addition to the Laguna Honda Home have kept several small contractors busy this winter. This work is expected to be completed in 60 days.

M. & K. Corporation's job of widening upper Market Street has been making very good progress. The same Company is still working on their sewer job at 1st and Mission Streets.

L. C. Smith will start paving the Causeway over the bay from Candlestick Point to Sierra Point in South San Francisco in about 60 days. Concrete paving on this job is being done by Pacific Builders Associates.

Piombo Construction Company is making good progress on their two water reservoir jobs, despite the bad weather.

Charles Harney Company has several jobs going on at the pres-

ent time. The most important job is the construction of the new Embarcadero Freeway which runs in front of the Ferry Building and terminates at Fisherman's Wharf. This job is slow in getting under way.

Ben Gerwick Company and Raymond Concrete Company have pile-driving jobs going along lower Market Street.

Lowrie Paving Company and Eaton & Smith have several small projects in operation around town.

Our last regular meeting was an interesting one. One of the most important subjects was our Blood Bank. We found out that we had to borrow blood from the Teamster's Blood Bank because ours was depleted. We hope we won't have to do that again because we know that if the members knew of the many cases where distressed brothers and wives would have died without blood transfusions they would gladly donate a pint of blood to the Operating Engineers' blood bank! I understand that our last appeal did bring results from some of the other areas, BUT THERE WAS NO RESPONSE FROM SAN FRANCISCO! This is disheartening since with the jobs shut down on account of rain . . . our members in this area could easily have made an appointment for this worthy cause. HOW ABOUT IT, FELLOWS . . . LET'S SEE SAN FRANCISCO MEMBERS NAMES ON THE HONOR ROLL IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWS!!!

Service Withdrawals

- JAY H. FULLMER
- ERROL H. KISTER
- GARY MORTHOLE
- VERNON L. SEIM
- JULIAN DON STEVENS

Local 3 Seeks New A.G.C. Contract Effective May 1

ATTENTION . . . MEMBERS WORKING UNDER THE A.G.C. CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT!!!!

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

All members employed by the contracting firms working under the Northern & Central Chapters of the Associated General Contractors Association's agreement with Local No. 3 are advised that this agreement expires on April 30th, 1957 and has been officially terminated by Local Union No. 3 as of that date!

We now hope to negotiate a new agreement with the Association, to take effect May 1st, 1957.

Your Negotiating Committee has a big job to do and we are asking each and every member affected by the agreement to offer any suggestions they might have in con-

nection with the newly proposed agreement. Your recommendations can be sent in to the main office, or you can tell the business representative in the district in which you work, or reside, and he will report to the Negotiating Committee your ideas for their guidance.

After the negotiating committee has reached some understanding and have received a satisfactory offer from the Contractors Asso-

ciation, meetings will be held in the various districts where it will be possible to meet the largest number of members and discuss the proposed agreement.

Trusting you will give this important matter your immediate attention and serious consideration, I am

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
VICTOR S. SWANSON
Local Union Manager.

IN MEMORIAM

- ROBERT GRAGSON**
Las Vegas, Calif., Jan. 20, 1957.
- EDWIN V. SILVA**
Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 10, 1957.
- LELAND L. MELOY**
Covina, Calif., Feb. 13, 1957.
- FRANCIS H. DURFEY**
San Leandro, Calif., Feb. 19, 1957.
- JOHN E. HAUGHTON**
Sanger, Calif., Feb. 22, 1957.
- FELIX JOE VALENTI**
San Jose, Calif., Feb. 25, 1957.
- ALBERT F. JONES**
Modesto, Calif., Feb. 27, 1957.
- E. DOMINGUEZ**
Cupertino, Calif., March 4, 1957.
- B. E. WOODBURY**
Folsom, Calif., March 4, 1957.
- RALPH MOLLER**
Hayward, Calif., March 5, 1957.

SEABEES WANT LABOR MEN

Many men who served as U.S. Navy Seabees in World War II are now grandfathers. Grandpa is not as spry as he was during his service days. When he returned from Korea and some of the other more recent places of action, he was glad to relax and play with his grandchildren, so now the old boy has to be replaced if the construction corps of the Navy is to be effective during any future national emergencies.

Young carpenters, electricians, bricklayers, concrete finishers, pile-butts, operating engineers, steel and iron workers, drivers, mechanics (gasoline and diesel), sheet metal men, plumbers, steamfitters and other types of construction trades are needed now in the Seabee Reserve.

There is only one place to get the men to replace the old timers and that is from organized labor. The construction trades are the backbone and the main source of strength for the Fighting Builders of the Navy. Their ingenuity,

knack, and know-how has made the Seabees the outstanding outfit that they have always been. There is no doubt that the Navy needs you construction tradesmen during these times of uneasy peace. We need men with your experience to instruct and train our younger members and, of course, during periods of emergency we need men who are literally able to "pave the way" to victory.

The benefits are not all on the side of the Navy, however. Seabee Reservists are advanced in rating and in pay according to their civilian experience—apprentice mechanics or foremen. Pay is received for any and all participation in the organized Seabee Reserve program. You may also attend the Seabee schools where experienced men in your own trade who speak your own language will help you improve yourself for your own as well as for the Navy's benefit.

Interested men may contact the Navy Recruiter or the Commanding Officer of the Seabee Reserve unit at their local Naval Reserve Training Center.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., 10 W. Orange Ave. So. S.F., \$2,695,357 for 42 mi. grade & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base & const. 3 brdgs., betw. Rt. 1 & 0.6 mi. W. of Potter Valley Road, MENDOCINO

Utah Members, Notice!

SPECIAL MEETING

TO ALL MEMBERS OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3 IN THE STATE OF UTAH:

There will be a special meeting held on **SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1957 AT 2:00 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE LABOR TEMPLE ANNEX, 159 SOUTH 2ND EAST, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.** This meeting will be of special interest to all members. You are urgently requested to attend.

C. F. MATHEWS
Recording-Corresponding Secretary



RE-SHAPING SAN FRANCISCO BAY—Rocky piers form hollow rectangles which will be filled in solid to create Paradise Cay home-building development on the Belvedere Peninsula in Marin county, being built by Pullman Bldg. Co. Fills go as deep as 50 feet. For an idea how the finished product will look, see picture on page 3.



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Construction Coming Up

Stanford Univ. is receiving bids in early March for an applied research center, total cost \$4½ million.

Palo Alto, bids due in April for a \$9 million, 1,000-bed hospital for the city.

Shell Development Co. of Emeryville has awarded contract for an agricultural research laboratory at Modesto, \$1 million, M. J. Bock, L.A.

Golden Gate Baptist Seminary has drawing underway for a \$5 million installation on Strawberry Point, Marin county.

Univ. of Calif. is seeking federal money for a dormitory, \$4½ million.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to The Lowarie Paving Co., 174 San Bruno Rd., So. S.F., \$20,000, for reconst. Woodward St. betw. 14th St. and Duboce Sts., San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to G. S. Herrington, P.O. 708, Auburn, \$10,175, for const. improvements to water supply facils. and related work, at Div. of Hwys. warehouse site, Sacto.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Wheeler Const. Co., 875 Cleveland, Oakland, \$22,807, for const. reinf. conc. bridge across Rector Creek on Silverado Trail, abt. 9 mi. N. of Napa.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to A. Telchert & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 1118, Stockton, \$24,835, for reconst. of McDonald Island Rd. from a pt. 1,700 ft. W. of Holt Rd. E'ly to Inland Dr., in SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

Short for the National Ice Company relative to their Watsonville plant and an offer made which has been presented to the men for consideration. We are still endeavoring to gain a bit more consideration for them.

No response has as yet been received from our Pajaro Valley Cold Storage Company to our letter of demands. Considerable talk is taking place as to how they might make the plant "automatic." It will be costly, but who knows, they may do so.

A close check is being made of progress in the new Cold Storage plant in Salinas. We hope to be able to place men there.

At San Jose, negotiations are progressing favorably with the San Jose hospital; Crown By-Products Company, but not too well with the O'Connor hospital. An offer has been made to the hotel engineers but not yet acted upon.

Requests have been made of the authorities for the San Mateo, Santa Clara and Monterey Counties for increases for their engineers. We hope and pray for some success.

I might report that pledge cards have been submitted by the engineers at the Union Ice plant in Santa Cruz. We hope soon to have an NLRB election, and that they will vote for Local 39 after which negotiations will immediately be undertaken.

Meeting held in Salinas was well attended, for which we are thankful and we trust all will remember MONDAY, March 18th, 1957, and come again. Also we hope members in and about San Jose will attend their MARCH 26th meeting. These are important meetings. Please come.

'When Unions Are Killed, Democracy Will Die,' Writes High School Senior

(Editor's Note: How do America's young people feel about organized labor and its role in American life? Here is one answer. It is that of Nancy Lea Parsons, a Fairfield, Iowa, high school senior who recently won the second annual Iowa State Federation of Labor essay scholarship. She plans to use the scholarship money to help make possible her attendance at the University of Iowa this year. Her essay, published in the Dubuque Leader, Iowa labor publication, follows:)

By NANCY LEA PARSONS

One of the dominant forces which make America the great democracy it is today is organized labor. Unions are most often thought of as agents which bargain collectively to insure better wages, hours, and shop conditions for their members. True, these are their major functions, but to stop here would be giving unions a rather narrow-minded appraisal.

Not only union members, but every man, woman and child in the United States today have received benefits derived through organized labor. This may seem like a broad statement, but remember that when you "promote the welfare of the workers, you promote the general welfare."

Economically, organized labor can take a great deal of credit for the high standards of living which we who live in the United States today enjoy and profit by. Unions have brought about better relations between labor and management and advanced the cause of the common worker. This has caused higher productivity with lower prices resulting in a sound economic system for our country.

The social contributions of organized labor to our society are too numerous to mention all of them, yet each has helped to make America the great land of opportunity it is today.

Though labor does not have a political party in our country as it does in many nations, it has made many social contributions by recommending and supporting the passage of many laws and regulations. It supported the laws for free public education, compulsory attendance, and later the Smith-Hughes act which provided for vocations under a system of federal grants-in-aid. This shows that organized labor is interested in education for all citizens, realizing a strong democracy is an educated democracy.

Labor also advocated passage of the wage and hour law, abolishing child labor and establishing a minimum wage and maximum hours, and the social security act providing old age insurance, unemployment compensation, and aid to the blind and dependent children. From these few examples you can see that the laws supported by labor are not only of benefit to unions but to society as a whole.

One of the chief assets of organized labor to society is the good citizens in its ranks. Union members are not only informed of labor problems, but also problems concerning their community, state, and nation, and are encouraged to take an active part in civic affairs.

These are only a few of the socio-economic contributions of labor to our society, but enough to illustrate the fact that the contri-

butions of labor are a necessity . . . "when unions are killed, democracy will die."



WHOPPER!—Mrs. Mary Ely proudly exhibits the 8½-foot, 90 lb. sailfish she hauled in at Acapulco, Mexico, where she and her husband, Frank, long-time active member of Electricians Union 617, have been spending their annual vacation. Frank, who caught one of these big ones last year, apparently lost out this year. The Elys live in San Carlos, and he is employed by Davey Electric Co. of Redwood City.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to Stanfield & Moody, 405 E. Rose St., Stockton, \$33,261, for reconst. of Jahant Rd. betw. S.H. U.S. 99 & S.H. 88 & Jack Tone Rd., in SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

CROCKETT, Contracts awarded to C. C. Moore & Co., 450 Mission St., S.F., for inst. 2 boilers, 2 turbine generators & auxiliary equipment and to Ben C. Gerwick Co., Inc., 419 Market St., S.F., for const. of pumphouse & salt water intake structure. Engineering work was done by Bechtel Corp., San Francisco.



ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETINGS!

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP . . .

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

Engineers Limited and J. E. Young, Inc., a joint venture pipe line for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, has set up office, shop and warehouse at 11th and A Street in Sparks, Nevada. They are working down the canyon towards Fernley, Nevada and west through Reno, Nevada. Brother Wm. F. Meyer and Brother A. V. Forbes are the two outstanding foremen on the line. Bro. E. D. Hickingbottom has lots of trouble as HDRM and Welder. Seems as though there are lots of breakdowns on the rigs, but that's the way Hickingbottom likes it. Bro. Olend Crabtree and his faithful oiler, Bro. Melvin C. Cragg are doing a fine job on the American backhoe. That crew really gets the footage.

Bro. C. B. Nichols and Bro. Ezra Swartz never had it so good. Since they went on the ditching machine, these two brothers just sit back and watch the ditcher dig. There is only one thing wrong, the company has to bend some of the pipe to fit the crooked ditch the two brothers dig. Bro. I. A. "Shorty" Hudson oiling on the other ditcher, and the ditch is much straighter where "Shorty" puts out the string to keep the ditch lined up. Bros. Bruce Ackerman, Donald Jeakins, Howard A. Luzier, and Dale Moran are the other four outstanding oilers on the pipe line job. With these four oilers on the job, believe me everything is well oiled at all times, on the job and off the job.

Silver State Const. Co., better known as Andy "Red Shirt," "Scorchy" Drumm, has all the dirt moved on his job at Schurz, Nevada. However, all of Drumm's crew has a bright outlook for the coming season for there are some highway jobs advertised now, and more to come up for bids before long, and I am sure "Scorchy" will be low bidder on some of them.

Young & Smith's job on Highway No. 23, from the junction of Highway No. 50 towards Gabbs,

Nevada is rolling right along to a fast finish. This has been a good winter job and the brothers have stuck like glue out there. Saw a new wrinkle for finish work the other day. They are using a DW21 and a blade and moving right along. Mr. Joe Young also has a few ideas about some of the jobs coming up for bid—good luck, Joe, and I imagine your fine crew is roping, too.

RENO DISASTER
Most of you have read about the explosion and fire that occurred in the heart of downtown Reno on February 5th. This was one of the worst disasters in Reno's history. A series of three explosions rocked the First & Sierra Street area at approximately 1 p.m., followed by fires which destroyed five business buildings and badly damaged a sixth. Two lives were lost and 49 people suffered injuries. Property damage may exceed the \$7 million mark. Now the clean-up work has started.

Isbell Construction Co. and Earl Games have claims on the job with Bro. Ted De Lavega operating for Isbell and Bro. Bill Games on Games rig (naturally). Bro. Frank Sbriglia from Games, is on a Skip Loader pushing the debris over to the Clam—Bro. "Buck" Piretto from Isbell, is in charge of the clean up operations, with the assistance of Bro. Bill Boegle who is doing a bit of salvage work, too. Bro. Al Mabrier was down there with Martin Iron Work's Crane, hoisting some of the salvage material from the Gray Reid's building but has completed that work. Now all that remains are just the shells of some of the buildings and the task of rebuilding. But it will be many a day before the memory of this fatal day leaves the minds of the people of Reno.

Mr. Klack's job, cleaning the Truckee River that flows through the center of the "Biggest Little City in the World," Reno, Nevada, is a real wet job, for the Truckee River is rising with the rain and

melting snow. However, Bro. Wayne Straight has done a good job on the Northwest Dragline cleaning the Truckee River even with all the handicaps, like explosion, fire and high water. Nothing stops that Brother with the courteous help of his oiler, Bro. James "Cowboy" Kennedy. Now that "Cowboy" does a bit of salvaging once in awhile, or keeps warm, or dries out between greasing up and falling in the river, but he doesn't really spend too much time in his pickup like some people would lead a person to think.

Now Bro. Roy Gorton and Bro. George "Whitey" Cate have the tough job on the dozers, pushing the rock up in the middle of the river in 3 or 4 feet of water. That "Whitey" may make a fair dozer hand some day, especially if he gets a job where he can see what he is doing. But on this job, the water bothers him a bit, for "Whitey" is not used to wates, especially when it comes to drinking the stuff. Bro. E. J. Killinger has quite a job on the Truckee River. He is a kind of a Boss or Peacemaker between the Inspection Man, Repair Man, and General Flunky and he is good at all of his different titles. I think he is the Timekeeper and Paymaster. He is a good man, however. He really hasn't got a job, he just hangs around to be on the payroll and draw his pay.

Congratulations are in order to Bro. Bill Martin and his lovely wife of Fallon, Nevada, who are now the proud parents of a baby girl, born February 2, 1957, in Reno, Nevada.

KIMBERLY MINES
Consolidated Coppermines Corporation, at Kimberly, Nevada, is still working along on the same working schedules as they have been for the past several months, although, due to the recent drop in the price of copper, there may be some changes made in the operation. It seems as though Kennecott Copper Corporation, a neighbor of Consolidated Coppermines, is going to curtail their operation to some extent but I have learned from the management of "Con Copper," that there will not be any serious curtailments in their operations for the present time, although the price of copper will determine, or rather, will be the determining factor for their future schedules. There has been a great amount of talk, both pro and con on the situation and what effect it may have on the area as a whole. However, most of the members in the area feel as I do, and that is, don't worry about it too much as it is nothing more than an economical adjustment and will take care of itself in short time and everything will return to normal status within the next couple of months.

Some of the Brothers, however, are not waiting around to find out what is going to happen. They are looking for greener pastures and are moving to other work that seems to be more stable. Things don't look too bad at the present time and I expect them to pick up rapidly with the coming of spring.

OUTLOOK IS GOOD
As for the construction work in the area, things are looking up. I have been informed that Jack B. Parson Construction Company from Smithfield, Utah, will be moving onto their job fifteen miles north of Tuscarora, Nevada in the next week or two. With good luck on the weather, they should make it o.k.

Silver State Construction Company will be moving into Wells, Nevada very soon now, to widen the S.P. overpass and construct the approaches for the same. This job is on U.S. 93 north of Wells.

Bids will be received by the State on March 7, 1957 for the construction of a portion of the secondary highway system in Lander and Eureka counties, on State Route No. 21 between Gold Acres and Beowawe, consisting of about 28 miles of road. This should be a good job.

In southern Utah, between Garrison and Milford, Whiting and Raymond Construction Company are still pouring the gravel on their road job there. They have a good crew of the Brothers working there and they are working very

FRESNO DISTRICT IS IN LOW GEAR

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

The month of February has been very wet in the Valley and most jobs have been operating two and three days a week between rains, consequently we have a large out of work list at this time.

Subdivision work has been very slow in the area for some time. Kovick Bros. have several small trenching jobs going. W. M. Lyles Co. have finished their sewer job at the Villa Adobe subdivision and are busy on another tract just off West Avenue. Stewart & Nuss have three rigs on subdivision work in the Sunnyside District. The rock plants in the Fresno area have been operating fairly steady all winter. Stewart & Nuss's Herndon plant is again in operation after having been down for repairs. They have also started their No. 2 plant.

The Division of Highways have opened to traffic the section of Freeway recently completed by the Gene Richards Company. This leaves only one section under construction. C. K. Moseman Co. have just about completed their overcrossings on this section. This will give Stewart & Nuss (who have subbed the dirt), the go ahead to remove the remaining plugs in preparation for the final grading and paving.

In Mariposa County Harms Bros. have completed rip rap work at El Portal and have moved to a point near Briceburg where they will continue with repair work on Highway 140 caused by last year's floods. John Delphia and Fred J. Early, a joint venture, have moved a cat in on their \$1,077,000 job at Midpines on Highway 140 near Mariposa. There is quite a bit of clearing to do on this job. The dirt moving will start about April 1st.

Work has been slow in Merced County, River Rock's two plants and Valley Aggregate plant continue to operate. There is very little activity at Castle Field Air Base at this time. The Gordon H. Ball Company Freeway job at Atwater is pretty well tied up awaiting completion of structures. Concrete Supply Company are doing the black top work on this job. Valley Tractor Co. and River Rock Inc. are maintaining full crews in their shops in Merced.

Dallas Wilson Co. were awarded a \$138,000 contract for installation of sewer and water mains in Los Banos. Pacific Pipeline Construction continue to wrap pipe for

hard, as they seem to be tiring of the desert and especially that portion of it, and are eager to move on to another job. Brother James Diamond, the crusher oiler, doesn't seem to be eager, because he is having too much fun chasing wild horses. He tells me that he caught a fine yearling colt last week end and would have caught another if he could have trained the first one to stand still or lay down and wait for him while he was gone. Oh well, this next week end will bring new thrills, Jim, that Mustanging is really a great sport. Good luck and best of health and a speedy recovery for your wife.

Man—things happen around this State of Nevada. Bro. Jack Monroe made a hasty exit from the Carson City Hospital and was back on the Northwest Crane for W. W. Wiechmann on his job at the Capital building in Carson City. All this happened in less than a week. The weather began to look as if Spring was on the way so Bro. Jack decided he wasn't at death's door and got back to work. Then things really began to happen. You know "in the Spring a young man's thoughts start turning" even though it was February. Bro. Jack had that feeling. So bells began to ring and sure enough they were wedding bells and now our "Little Man that Moves Mountains" is happily married, February 16th to be exact. The big event occurred in Gardenville, Nevada, and I had the honor of standing up with them and also got to kiss the bride. Best wishes to Bro. Jack and his brand new, young, blonde wife Grace Monroe—better known as "Gay."

Union Oil Company in their Los Banos yard. Roy Price Inc. have the contract for laying this pipe and about three weeks ago moved their operations from Patterson area to the south end of the line and are now laying pipe as far as the Coalinga area and will soon move their shop to Firebaugh. Stewart & Nuss have finished their grading and paving job west of Dos Palos and have moved some of this equipment to Dinuba and will start black top operations just as soon as weather permits. Dick Early has sub contract on the cement treating.

LAND-LEVELLERS
Brighton Sand & Gravel Company have several rigs on a land leveling job on the Cook Ranch near Red Top. L. B. Wells Construction are still working on the Manning Avenue job out of San Joaquin between showers and Gerald Brewster doing the same on their job on Highway 41 south of Hanford. Fredericksen & Kasler have closed down operations at Chowchilla and have moved their batch plant and paving spread to Goshen. They will do the paving on this job, then move back to Chowchilla.

Harms Bros. have moved a crusher and screening plant, and several rigs from their job at El Portal to the Kings River near Balch Camp where they will crush rock for the P.G.&E. The Diamond Bit & Tool Company are winding up their drilling operations on the Kings River and are grouting at the Black Rock Dam.

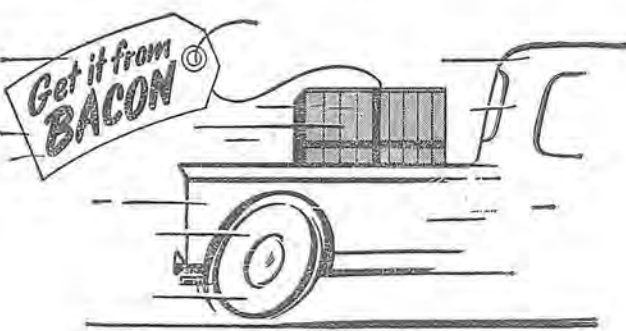
Schelmaker Dredging Company are operating around the clock dredging Black Rock Lake. The Kings River Constructors continue working on their tunnels at Black Rock and Sawmill Flats on a three shift basis. They have started excavation for the penstock at the Haas Power House. The Morrison-Walsh-Perini Companies have called back a number of mechanics and welders in anticipation of an early start at Wishon Dam; however, at this time it looks like it will be several weeks before they get back to full operations. Bechtel Co. have quite a few mechanics working on rigs here in town but nothing new on Mammoth Pool. At the present time nothing further about Success Dam out of Porterville.

State Division of Highways have advertised for bids March 27th on a contract to widen Highway 198 from Visalia airport to Mooney Boulevard. This is about a \$1,000,000 project and should start within a month after bids are opened. The thoroughfare will be widened a distance of 4.3 miles to four lane with a dividing strip in the center.

No response to our appeal for blood donors for the BLOOD BANK although our old stand-by BROTHER LEE HUNTER made his periodic donation. Thank you, Brother Hunter.

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Construction Awards

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark and R. F. Swanson)

FEBRUARY 1, 1957
 STOCKTON, contract awarded to S. M. McGaw Co., Inc., P.O. Box 57, Stockton, \$32,618, for grading and paving and misc. work, 2nd Dist. Agriculture Assn., Stockton, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacto., \$25,531, for grade, const. curbs, gtrs, walks, sewers & water dist. sys. in and adj. to Sunset Terr., City of Sacramento. field, MONTEREY COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to P & E Const. Co., 1620 S. 7th St., San Jose, \$13,059, for const. sani. sewer in Queen's Lane, Bayshore, city of San Jose, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SALINAS, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$78,560, for const. curbs, gutters, sidewalks, street paving & storm sewers within Claremont Manor, city of Salinas, MONTEREY COUNTY.

FEBRUARY 6, 1957
 SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Eugene G. Alves, P.O. Box 950, Pittsburg, \$13,333, for street grading & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base in Hayward on "E" St. bet. Main St. & Center St. in ALAMEDA COUNTY.

FEBRUARY 8, 1957
 SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to James H. Clark, 1288 47th Ave., Sacramento, \$436,022 for const. Proj. Calif. FDR-1203-C, Bluff Creek, Six Rivers Natl. Forest, beg. approx. 16 mi. N.W. (Bluff Crk. Grd. Sta. Loc. on Klamath River, appr. 6 mi. N.W. Weitchpec & appr. 11 mi. S.W. of Orleans), HUMBOLDT AND DEL NORTE COUNTIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc., P.O. Box 269, Marysville, \$126,781 for grade & const. timber girder brdg., acr. S. fork of Pit River & Harvey Crk. & ext. S.E.'ly 5.933 mi. along Harvey Crk., Modoc Natl. Forest, MODOC & LASSEN COUNTIES.

FEBRUARY 11, 1957
 SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Claude L. Youngs, 5910 Spruce Ave., Sacto., \$114,079 for 2.35 mi. grade & surf. w/rd mx. surf. on lime tr. base, betw. Georgetown & 2.4 mi. W. of Georgetown, in EL DORADO COUNTY.

WINTERS, contract awarded to Chas. I. Cunningham Co., P.O. Box E, Oakdale, \$73,528 for pipelines, turnout strucs., etc., along Delta-Mendota Canal, loc. betw. Vernalis & Gustine, SAN JOAQUIN, STANISLAUS & MERCED COUNTIES.

FEBRUARY 13, 1957
 SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Coast Grading & Paving Co., 1145 Auzerais Ave., San Jose, \$5482 for reconstr. Harrison St. betw. Fuller & S.P. R.R., City of San Jose, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to James Reed, 779 2nd E., Salt Lake City, \$763,146 for 7,392 mi. 3 1/2" plantmix bit. surf. & 2 conc. bridges over 20 ft.

span on U.S. 160, sit. 1 mi. W. of Colo. River N'ly. to 7 mi. Wash., GRAND COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to L. A. Young Const. Co. & Vernal Sand & Gravel Co., Richfield, Utah, \$711,901 for 8,470 mi. 3 1/2" ptx. bit. surf. & 1 conc. bridge over 20 ft. span, U.S. 40 betw. Myton & Roosevelt, DUCHESNE COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to Germer, Abbott & Waldron, Tremonton, Utah, \$555,195 for 8,500 mi. 2 1/2" ptx. bit. surf. on F.A. No. 35 from point 1 mi. E. of Paria Creek, E'ly for 8.5 miles, KANE COUNTY.

FEBRUARY 14, 1957
 SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to C. & N. Pump & Well Co., 1901 Washington, Santa Clara, \$8085, for fur. & inst. one HP water pump at Mary Ave. & Homestead Road in City of Sunnyvale.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Piombo & Bresnan, 931-2nd St., San Rafael, \$17,370 for grading, paving & landscaping, MacPhail School.

FEBRUARY 15, 1957
 SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Wm. R. Cole, 81 Terrace Walk, Berkeley, \$42,408 for const. Anza-Geary sewer sys., sec. A, in 14th Ave., California to Lake St., San Francisco.

NAPA, Contract awarded to B. Miles Thomas Co., 436 Pacheco St., S.F., 29,116 for lower 36" water main due to freeway constr. in city of Napa.

SAN PABLO, Contract awarded to Nick Goyak & Son, 700-20th St., Richmond, \$6,891 for constr. of a RC box culv. across Rheem Crk. in City of San Pablo, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

PITTSBURG, Contract awarded to C. F. Braun & Co., 1100 S. Fremont Ave., Alhambra, for the design & const. of a multi-million dollar chemical plant at the W. end of Loveridge Road, Pittsburg.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Domingos Balanco, 550 Hathaway Ave., San Lorenzo, \$34,777 for const. of storm sewer in Koch Lane between books in Ave. & Central Ave., in City of San Jose.

FEBRUARY 21 1957
 SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to B. C. Richter Contrg. Co. Inc., P.O. Box 1231, Oroville, \$224,771 for abt. 0.8 mi. grade & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on untr. base & const. weld. stl. plt. grdr. & RC deck brdg., 17 mi. SW of Redding, betw. 0.4 mi. S. of N. fork of Cottonwood Crk. & Ono, SHASTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Claude C. Wood Co., P.O. Box 599, Lodi, \$295,237 for 2.3 mi. gr. & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base & sel. subbase matl. at Mokelumne Hill, CALAVERAS COUNTY.

LOS BANOS, Contract awarded to Dallas Wilson Co., P.O. Box 848, Fresno, \$118,214 for const. water mains & appurts., sanitary sewer & trunk sewer mains & appurts., in the City of Los Banos.

SANTA ROSA, Contract awarded to Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc., P.O. Box 269, Marysville, \$28,990 for const. of approx. 1,200 ft. of 30" concrete pipe sewer in Stoney Point Rd. nr. Sebastopol, SONOMA COUNTY.

FEBRUARY 26, 1957
 FRESNO, Contract awarded to Easton Pump & Machine Works, 3087 S. Elm, Fresno, \$9,436 for inst. of 75 HP pump, tank & fence in the district.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Johnston Pump Co., Kentucky Ave. & Cleveland St., \$77,935 for seven well pumps & engine installations incl. site work, bldg., pipework, controls & misc. work.

FEBRUARY 27, 1957
 SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Ceccotti & Son, 1564 Redwood Hwy., Corte Madera, \$1,889 for const. 3"x12"x19' conc. reinf. stl. box on Arroyo Avichi Creek at South Novato Blvd., S. of intersec. w/Center Rd., Novato, Calif. in MARIN COUNTY.

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to Bragato Paving Co., 500 Bragato Road, Belmont, \$3,351 for reconstr. of Alta Lane in City of Menlo Park, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, Contract awarded to Bragato Paving Co., 500 Bragato Road, Belmont, \$28,878 for const. in Bay Road Assessment Dist., SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SAN CARLOS, Contract awarded to Chas. H. Berger, P.O. Box 575, San Carlos & Bragato Paving Co., 500 Bragato Rd., Belmont, \$295,085 for const. of streets, water & sewer lines in San Carlos Estates, City of San Carlos.

FEBRUARY 28, 1957
 SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Munz Pumps, Inc., 301 N. 12th St., Sacramento, \$11,890 for const. drainage sump & pump on right bank of Feather River at Shanghai Bend nr. Yuba City, SUTTER COUNTY.

FREMONT, Contract awarded to Galbraith Construction Co., 995 Blossom Way, Hayward, \$10,589, for construct water mains in Darvon Road in Newark and in frontage road at freeway interchange near Beard Road and Hesperian Boulevard, in City of Fremont, in ALAMEDA COUNTY.

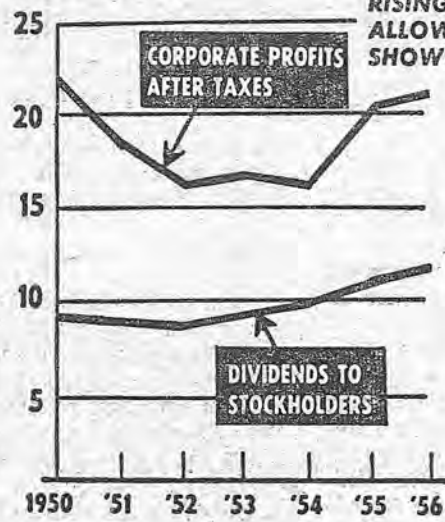
COLUSA, Contract awarded to Western Builders, P.O. 306, Sta. A, Palo Alto, \$8,892, for const. 2 RC box chvs. on Bear Valley Rd., abt. 25 mi. w. of Williams, in COLUSA COUNTY.

AUBURN, Contract awarded to G. S. Herrington, P.O. Box 708, Auburn, California, \$3,900, for reconstruct curbs, gutters and sidewalks; and replace pavement on High Street and portions of Lincoln Way in City of Auburn, PLACER COUNTY.

MARCH 1, 1957
 SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Trans-Western Const. Co., 9635 W. Colfax Ave., Denver, Colo., \$39,886, for const. Alder Creek Bridge No. 51 and Brush Creek Brdg. No. 52, on Sequoia Natl. Forest, TULARE COUNTY.

CORPORATE PROFITS ROSE - DIVIDENDS AT NEW RECORDS

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Source: Dept. of Commerce

HAYWARD, contract awarded to Vincent Rodrigues, 226 Jackson St., Hayward, \$580,954, for const. & inst. wtr. mains, sani. sewers, fire hyds. & appurts. in the La Vista Assess. Dist., Hayward, in ALAMEDA COUNTY.

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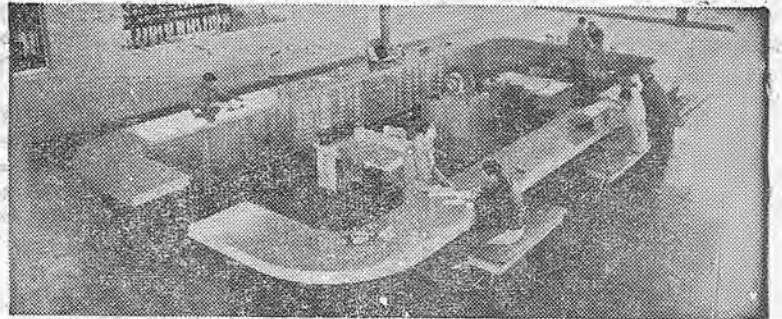
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YOUR AUTOMATION PLANS ARE NOT RADICAL ENOUGH!

WE MUST DEVELOP NEW THINKING!

WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT... WE MUST MOVE FAST...

OUR PLANT MUST TAKE THE LEAD!

11:00 AM
 SMOE MEETS WITH THE UNION TO DISCUSS A NEW CONTRACT

YOUR PROPOSALS ARE TOO RADICAL

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE OLD CONTRACT?

CHANGES CAN BE MADE... BUT NOT SO FAST!

LET OTHER PLANTS TAKE THE LEAD!

Timely Hints on Jobless Ins. Benefits

Following is the second in a series of questions and answers about California's employment security system and authentic answers supplied by the Department of Employment. In the last issue, discussion was begun about eligibility for and procedures relating to unemployment insurance. The following continues that discussion.

Q. When does my claim begin?

A. If you first go to an office on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, your claim is dated back to the previous Sunday (if you have not already earned more than your insurance weekly benefit amount). If you first go to the office on a Thursday or Friday, generally your claim is dated ahead to the coming Sunday. However, if you are unemployed Monday and Tuesday but work all day Wednesday, the Wednesday work is good cause for not reporting on Wednesday. In this case, if you report on Thursday (and your earnings for Wednesday were less than your insurance would be) your claim will be dated back to the previous Sunday.

Q. How will I be notified how much insurance I may receive?

A. When you file a claim for unemployment insurance, the date of filing establishes a benefit year. You will receive by mail a "Notice of Benefit Amounts Established" from the department's headquarters office in Sacramento. This notice tells you exactly how much you could receive, if you meet all the eligibility requirements of the Code.

Q. Why is my last employer told that I filed a claim?

A. The law requires that your last employer and all your base period employers be notified when you file a new claim. Your last employer is then required to submit any information he has which may affect your eligibility (Sections 1030 and 1327 of the Code).

Q. What is the Identification Card and why must I have it with me when I go to the Department of Employment Local Office?

A. Everyone is given an Identification Card when he files a new claim in order to help insure that he collects his insurance. The card also is used to help locate your claim records in the office, since records are filed by number, and without the Identification Card there may be a delay in making payment. In addition, your appointment day and time appear on the card. Another important item on it is the "Benefit Year Began" date. You can file only one new claim in a benefit year. You would not be able to file another new claim until 52 weeks from the date shown. Your Identification Card also contains your "occupational code," under which your work application card is filed.

Q. What happens if I go to work after I file my claim and then become unemployed again before the benefit year has passed?

A. You should go to your local office of the department as soon as you lose your job to register for work and file an "additional claim" (if you did not previously receive all your insurance for that benefit year).

Q. Suppose, after I have filed a claim, I do not come back to the office for a while—not because I worked, but for some other reason. How can I get my claim started again.

A. As soon as you wish to start your claim again, go to the office, renew your work registration and reopen your claim.

Q. How long after I file a new claim can I be paid?

A. Generally between two or three weeks. The first week after the claim is filed is a "waiting period" and no payment can be made for that week. If you meet all the eligibility requirements you usually can be paid for one week on your first regular report day after the second week has passed.

Q. Why do I have to go to a special window for my first payment?

A. At this special Eligibility Benefit Rights Interview the department can explain your benefit amount to you and answer any questions you have. The interviewer also will review with you the reason for your unemployment and the kinds of work you are qualified

to accept and are seeking—as well as the circumstances under which you are able and willing to work. If there is any question as to whether you are eligible to receive insurance you will want to have it resolved before a payment is made which might have to be repaid. This is a longer interview than can be handled at your regular window.

Do I have to go to the office every week to get my insurance?

A. Yes, unless you have returned to work. You must file a "Continued Claim Statement" or "Extended Duration Questionnaire" for each week you wish to be paid. It is not necessary for you to make a special trip to make your waiting period claim. You may do that when you claim your first payable week.

Does claiming my waiting period mean I get paid for the waiting period?

A. No, but in order to be eligible for payment for the week following the waiting period you must—during the waiting period—meet exactly the same conditions as for a week for which you may be compensated. That is to say, you must be unemployed, actively seeking work, and willing and available at all times during the period for suitable work. If you do not meet these conditions during the waiting period you will not be eligible for benefits for the week following the waiting period.

Q. How can I file a claim if I have gone back to work?

A. Fill out the claim statement you were given for the week before you went back to work, or the week in which you earned less than your weekly insurance, include on the claim statement the date on which you started your job, and mail it to the office to which you have been reporting. Be sure to show your gross earnings before deductions. If payment is due, a check will be mailed to you. You would generally receive this check in two or three weeks.

Q. Why do I have to report at a particular hour and day? Why can't I report when it is more convenient for me?

A. In order to give all claimants the most efficient service by spreading interviews over the day, claimants are given appointments. The day on which each claimant reports is determined by the last four digits on his Social Security account number, and the time of day by the last two digits.

Q. What should I do if the appointment time I am given interferes with my time for reporting to the union for dispatch?

A. By all means plan to be at your hiring hall when there is a chance of getting a job. Tell the interviewer who advises you what your report time is, that this interferes with your reporting to your union as required. He will ask his supervisor to change your appointment time.

Q. If I have an appointment for a job interview and cannot come in at my regular reporting hour, will I get my check?

A. Yes, if you are otherwise eligible, because that would ordinarily be good cause for not reporting at your regular day or time. However, you should report at the first opportunity.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

WEAVERVILLE, Contract awarded to M. W. Brown, Box 827, Redding, \$792,423 for const. earthwork, structures & surf. County Road Impvt. Trinity River Bridge to Trinity Dam, Trinity River Div., Calif., Central Valley Proj. TRINITY COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$1,132,116 for 1.4 mi. grade & surf. w/plantmix surf. on cem. tr. base & ped. undercrossing & 7 retaining walls in Oakland betw. Park Blvd. & 0.6 mi. S. of Lincoln Ave., ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Palmberg, Const. Co., P.O. Box 991, Astoria, Ore., \$48,400 for dredge aprx. 37,000 cy. in Noyo River, Calif.

**Doris: When is your sister thinking of getting married?
Tom: Constantly.**



HOLING THRU, ON THE NOSE—These boys reflect the happiness of water company and contractor officials on the accurate meeting of two bores on the San Francisco Water Company's tunnel project after 13 months of boring under the city of Hillsborough by Peter Kiewitt Co. (Story on page 2)

Field Survey Notes—NEW SURVEY FIRMS SIGN

By Al Boardman, Bill Minihan and Art Pennebaker Business Representatives

Several new Engineering firms have been signed up during the past month. Herbert Frahm has opened an office at 736 Main St., Redwood City, California. Herb formerly was Chief Engineer for Oddstead Homes. Sidney Mitchell of 300 South Murphy Ave., Sunnyvale, California signed an agreement covering his field survey work. Engineer Mitchell is a member of the Sunnyvale Planning Commission, and a former Engineer of that city. Creegan and D'Angelo of 14455 Big Basin Way, Saratoga, California have also entered the fold.

The many friends of long time member, Gideon Blewett, were shocked to hear of his passing. Brother Blewett has been ill for the past two years. We will miss him, as he was always a good union man. He was one of the rapidly disappearing pioneers in the organizing of technical engineers. He had the courage that so few possess, when it comes to an open fight for better wages and working conditions.

This is the month of our first quarterly meeting. It will be held on Friday, March 22nd, 8 p.m., at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, California. We expect a good turn out.

SURVEY NOTES

We have been receiving many reports from various areas that Surveyors are going to work for Civil Engineering firms without a work clearance from the Union. This practice is a violation of the Union's By-Laws.

For your information we are quoting Article VI, section 6 (a) of the By-Laws of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

"A member shall be privileged to work in any part of the territorial jurisdiction of Local Union No. 3, provided, however, that:

(a) in those areas in which Local Union No. 3 maintains an Employment Office, no member may obtain or accept employment except through the Employment Office of the Local Union from which office he shall obtain a Local Union card."

In the future all surveyors must work in accordance with the By-Laws. Anyone found to be in violation, will be cited to appear before the Executed Board of the Local Union.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Edward Keeble, Rt. 4, Box 64, San Jose, \$72,222 for reconstr. of Alma Ave. betw. Almaden Ave. & Lick Ave. in City of San Jose.

STOCKTON IS WET; ROAD JOBS WAIT

By ED DORAN, WALT TALBOT, ALBERT McNAMARA & C. I. CASEBOLT, Business Representatives

From all indications, the month of March is going to be the wettest month of the winter season. This makes the prospect for an early spring seem doubtful, although a lot of wind could change the outlook.

The Tri-Dam Project is rapidly drawing to a close with Beardsley Dam completed except for relocation of the railroad over the dam. Donnels Dam still has enough work to keep many of the brothers working until May, at which time this project should be completed. Tullock Dam will not have the concrete placed until July but will wind up their job soon after that time.

M.J.B. Construction Company of Stockton was awarded a County road job on Lathrop Road between Highway 50 and 99 in the amount of \$57,128.

S. M. McGaw Company, Stockton, were the low bidders on the paving and grading work at the San Joaquin County Fairgrounds for \$32,618.

A. Teichert & Son won the bid for \$24,835 on the reconstruction of McDonald Island Road west of Stockton.

Thomas Construction Company are hampered by the rains on the pouring of the footings and abutments for their bridge job. They have to replace the old O'Brynes Ferry Bridge, which is a covered wooden structure approximately 100 years old, because it will be covered by water when Tullock Dam is completed and has to be replaced by the new structure to be located 1,000 feet upstream and will be 120 feet high. The approaches were excavated to subgrade before the rains came.

A. Teichert & Son, under the supervision of Adolph Bauer, have completed hauling in the borrow on their Highway 50 job near Mossdale and should be preparing the subgrade for concrete by the time this is in print.

Valley Engineers of Fresno have completed the sewer and water lines at the County Honor Farm.

Stanfield & Moody were low bidders on a County road north of Lodi. The bid was \$33,261. This job will probably not start until spring.

ROAD JOBS
Several small jobs are scheduled for the immediate future such as three miles of road on the Tuolumne Road east of Sonora with bids to be let on March 27. Another job to be let on March 15 is for exploration drilling and core testing on the Stanislaus River north of Jamestown. The State Highway Department has surveyed and flagged several road jobs to be done this year and on some, the new right-of-way fences are being installed.

A road job which will cost approximately one million dollars will be three miles east of Ione and run into Jackson in Amador County. Another is on Highway 50 from A. Teichert's present job to Stockton through French Camp, which is approximately four miles and on Highway 108 from the junction with Highway 120 to about three miles west of Jamestown. With these road jobs we have mentioned and additional ones to be let from time to time, we hope to be able to keep the Stockton area members busy this season.

The Claude C. Wood job at Mokelumne Hill has slowed down because of rain and also several buildings and houses have to be moved off the right-of-way. The clearing is over half finished and as soon as the weather permits the dirt and rock should begin to fly.

Joe Vicini has three DW 20s and a D 9 stripping for Owen-Illinois at Ione and at Sutter Creek he has two dozers and three cats and carryalls at the high school. They keep working when weather permits.

Brothers, the blood bank is pretty low. During the rainy weather when you are not working, why don't you go over to the blood bank and donate a pint of blood. Office hours are: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You never know when you or your family will need blood and a number of the members are not covered by the Health and Welfare Plan and must pay for their transfusions.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to M & K Corp., 404 Montgomery St., S.F., for const. of Caribou No. 2 Powerhouse on the Feather River North Fork, 46 air miles N.E. of Oroville. The powerhouse, 100' x 200' & 32' foundation below the water to the main generator floor level, will be loc. adj. to the existing Caribou Powerhouse.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$1,395,915, for 7.9 m. grade & pave w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base & exist. pvmt., betw. 1.8 mi. N. of Salinas River Brgd. at King City, & 1.2 mi. S. of Green-