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HONORS TO WELSH—Shown here are General Pres. J. J. Delaney, at left, and retiring First Vice-Pres. Wm. Welsh at the recent session of the general executive board in Miami, Fla. The picture commemorates Bro. Welsh's last official attendance at a board meeting.

1st GEN. VICE-PRES. WELSH IS HONORED ON RETIREMENT

Climaxing an active career of more than 50 years in the labor movement, Vice-President Wm. N. Welsh tendered his resignation to General President Joseph J. Delaney and was honored by his fellow officers at the meeting of the General Executive Board in February.

In tribute to Vice-President Welsh, we print in its entirety, his letter of resignation . . . a sincere and heart-warming message for us all. Here it is:

February 6, 1959

Gen. Pres. Joseph J. Delaney,
Hotel Shamrock Isle
Bal Harbour, Florida

Dear Pres. Delaney:

More than three decades ago, I sat down on behalf of a grand organization, the Steam Shovel and Dredgemen's Union and voted to become associated with another grand organization, the International Union of Operating Engineers. Out of that merger has grown one of the most respected, one of the most powerful organizations in the Labor Movement.

Today, I am sitting down again with my brothers and asking to be relieved of my duties

as your First Vice President. I am resigning effective this day.

Perhaps you won't mind my taking this opportunity to express my feeling as to what it means to me. Almighty God has blessed me with more years than the Biblical three score and ten. My health, too, has been reasonably good. I have no complaints, although I do have regrets.

More than one-half century in the Labor Movement has furnished a livelihood that has been good. However, it has been my long years with the Operating Engineers that has given to me the wide circle of friends who are dear and priceless. My regrets stem solely from taking leave of active association with them. My memories of them will ever be a source of encouragement for me and my heart will ever remain in their keeping.

The tough days of unemployment, the uncertain days of labor strife have all faded into the sunshine of joy and contentment in watching this great Union grow into the strong and robust youth of the Labor Movement.

I have served under many General Presidents. None has brought to my International more youth and progressiveness than the one who now heads it. Joe Delaney has been my friend and I have been his. When, upon the dedication of the new Headquarters in Washington, I was privileged to handle the trowel in the setting of its cornerstone, none knew better than I that the cornerstone of this Organization had been firmly set on solid ground. It is with no fears then, that I resign, for our beloved Union is in good hands in the person of General President Delaney.

My brothers on the General Executive Board, particularly, have my heartfelt thanks for the many acts of kindness and

cooperation extended to me over the years. I hope I have not been too long in my reminiscences but then, more than 50 years of memories with the Engineers have etched deeply the channels of joy and tears I experience today. I believe I have earned a vacation. A younger man, I trust, will pick up by burden and carry it steadfastly for the greater glory of our International Union. I hope to be his friend and continue to be yours.

Mr. General President, I submit my resignation to you and to my brothers on the General Executive Board as First Vice President and ask that it be accepted, effective immediately.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ William M. Welsh
First General Vice Pres.

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ORGANIZED LABOR ACTIVE IN D.C. AND SACRAMENTO; JOB SEASON IS STARTING

By NEWELL J. CARMAN, Local Union Manager

Operating Engineers are being dispatched rapidly out of nearly every Local 3 office these days as the weather holds good, giving an unusually early start to the annual job season, but this activity has not prevented action by your officers on the legislative fronts in Sacramento and Washington, D. C.

Our members are happy to see the jobs break early, after the winter lull, and though more rain and stormy weather are expected, we hope they will not prevent a steady resumption of work on the many jobs waiting to go in nearly every district of Local 3's jurisdiction in California, Nevada, Utah, and the Hawaiian Islands.

We wish to take note of the retirement of our first general vice-president, Bro. William N. Welsh, and the officers and members of Local No. 3 extend very best wishes to him for a long and happy retirement, a deserving climax to his 50 years of service in the labor movement.

It is highly appropriate that

organized labor is taking an active interest in the actions of our legislators in both the state and national capitals. In the past month I have attended legislative conferences in both Sacramento and Washington, and it is pleasing to note the interest shown by labor—a logical follow-up to the historic victories by labor at the polls last Nov. 4.

We must now consolidate these gains by making known our attitudes to those who create the laws governing us. We must speak up on every issue affecting the wage-earner and his family.

At sessions in Sacramento, the executive council of the Calif. Labor Federation and other representative groups have taken

definite stands on the legislative program proposed by Governor Brown and the new state senate and assembly.

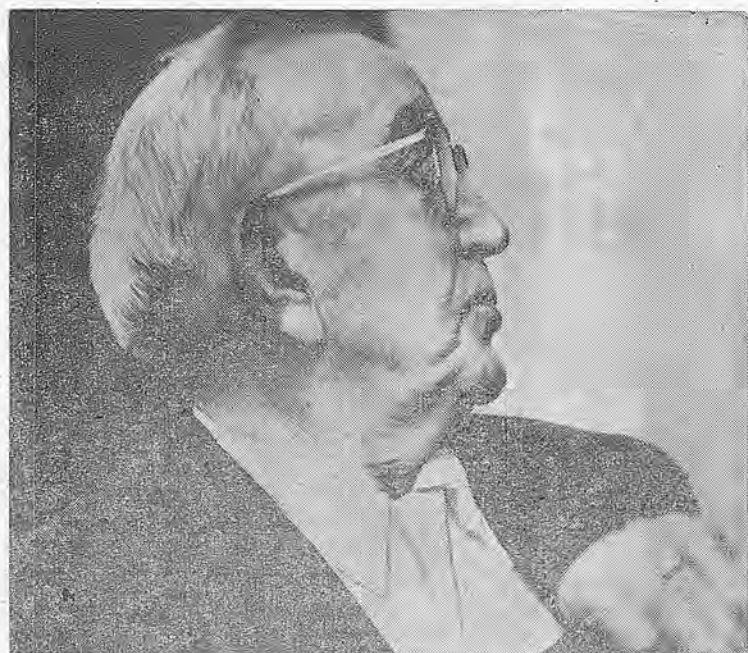
In Washington, a record-breaking 3,500 delegates were on hand at the fifth National Legislative Conference of the AFL-CIO Building Trades Department the first week in March. Bros. Wm. Minahan, H. T. Petersen, and I attended these sessions and talked with many of our legislators as well as with officers of our union and of our fellow building trades unions.

We impressed on senators and congressmen the importance of a six-point legislative program to the construction industry, to our unions, and to our members.

Apparently there is a move on to delete from the Kennedy-Ervin bill those provisions amending the Taft-Hartley Act that are helpful to building trades unions, and this danger was strongly impressed on congressmen, who were asked to take a fair attitude in the matter.

Here is the six-point program: Comprehensive corrective amendments to the Taft-Hartley Act. Modernization of the Davis-Bacon Act. Prevailing wage laws. Enactment of a broad housing bill. A \$1 billion airport construction bill. A \$11.4 billion school aid bill.

Report All Safety Violations Immediately



50 YEARS OF SERVICE is the record of retiring Vice-Pres. "Billy" Welsh. This is a candid study of him engrossed in proceedings at his last attendance at a general executive board meeting.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 1959:

APRIL

- 1 San Francisco, 200 Guerrero
- 7 Eureka, 2806 Broadway
- 8 Redding, Eagles' Hall, 1005 Yuba
- 9 Marysville, Friendship Hall, 323 E Street

YOU MAY HAVE MONEY COMING

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

Application forms (DE1964) for this purpose may be obtained from your local Department of Employment office or by writing to Department of Employment, 800 Capital Ave., Sacramento 14, California.

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San Mateo -- Hub of the Peninsula JOBS RESUME AS GOOD WEATHER CONTINUES

By BILL RANEY and JERRY DOWD, Business Representatives

IS SPRING REALLY HERE? It seems too early for the winter to be fully over and no doubt we'll get some more rainy weather. However, all of the small contractors are convinced that summer is here. A great many members have been called back to work and requests for men are increasing every day. Of course there are still many men on the out of work list but if the present rate of orders continue the list will look mighty sick in a couple of months.

All of the batch plants are producing again, now that home building is on the upswing! There are plans afoot for a couple of new batch plants in the North County area. Bay Cities Building Materials will erect a plant near Colma and H. E. Casey has started a plant near the big Marks Quarry in Rockaway Beach. It is also rumored that Joe Nash will put in a new portable plant in Half Moon Bay. This will make a total of 13 batch plants in the area serviced by the San Mateo district office. A number of hot plants idle for part of the winter are now showing signs of warming up their burners. There are now 8 hot plants putting out hot stuff in the area.

The dredging industry is showing some activity with Ideal Clement's rig working steady and Pioneer Shell still going strong. Leslie's dredge, the "Edwards" has been digging out some channels. Olympia Dredging Company is working at Coyote Point. The fact that a lot of people are getting the "yachting fever" nowadays it's causing the need for new, or larger, yacht harbors. Since we don't get many orders for men from the dredging contractors it's obvious the Brothers like the work as they don't quit very often.

H. Earl Parker is back in full swing again. They called back about 90 engineers after the last rain. In the areas where the brothers have finished rough grading, there are many subcontractors such as Bill Wilder, P. & E. Construction, McKeon Development, Phil Gentile, Lyle McCann, P. F. Rodgers, Owen McCue and others. Since the subdivision is geographically joined to the Doelger project, that area is a regular beehive of activity.

The Raymond A. Sunkes Co. from Glendale picked off a couple of pretty good dirt jobs right in San Mateo. They'll be loader and truck jobs, hauling rock from the hills to fill the lowlands east of Bayshore.

Nick Ratkovich still has a large area to fill south and east of the Millbrae Overpass. Nick has spent most of the winter rebuilding his shovels and hopes to get an early start as soon as

IN MEMORIAM

JIM W. DURHAM
Grass Valley, Calif., Feb. 3, 1959

MICHAEL H. SHEEHAN
Woodland, Calif., Feb. 3, 1959

IRA BEAULIEU
Oakland, Calif., Feb. 5, 1959

GLENN W. DAVIS
Salinas, Calif., Feb. 5, 1959

VERNON C. CLOW
Stockton, Calif., Feb. 9, 1959

WALLACE HAYES
Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 9, '59

FORD LEE McPHATE
San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 9, 1959

PAUL KULICH
Wastonville, Cal., Feb. 12, 1959

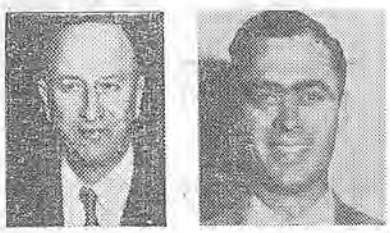
ART FISHER
Warrenton, Ore., Feb. 23, 1959

HENRY HARDING
Santa Rosa, Cal., Feb. 24, 1959

E. F. AUSTIN
Ogden, Utah, Feb. 25, 1959

MARVIN R. HOUGEN
Willow Creek, Cal., Feb. 25, '59

Lowell Nelson Is Honored



Nelson **Pollard**

In January of this year, Brother Lowell Nelson of Vallejo was appointed Chief of the Housing Division of the California State Department of Industrial Relations by Governor Edmund C. Brown.

On February 28th, his many friends in the labor movement honored him with a testimonial dinner at Terry's in Vallejo. The dinner was a fitting tribute to Lowell's years of service on behalf of Labor. In addition to prominent labor leaders and representatives from the various crafts, there were many notable State and County officials present.

In order to accept Governor Brown's appointment it was necessary for Brother Nelson to relinquish his position with the Solano County Labor Council, and needless to say we will miss the staunch support, fine assistance, and cooperation he always extended to the Operating Engineers, Local No. 3.

However, we want to take this opportunity to congratulate Brother Nelson on his appointment to this important post and also extend our sincere good wishes for a happy and successful tenure in State office.

At the same time we want to welcome his successor, James Pollard, to the office Brother Nelson vacated in the Labor Council. Brother Pollard is a competent labor representative and one in whom we have great confidence. The Solano County Labor Council is fortunate in having retained a man with his ability.

MERCED, Contract awarded to Harirs Const. Co., 264 Palm Ave., Fresno, \$372,861, for construct. Merced County Jail.

WEAVERVILLE, Contract awarded to A and E Paving Co., P.O. Box 428, Arcata, \$150,278 for 9.206 mi. surfacing with untreated base & double seal coat. Rush Creek Road (County Hwy. Route P-204).

The City by the Golden Gate SAN FRANCISCO JOBS GETTING UNDERWAY

By GEORGE BAKER & DAN MATTESON,
Business Representatives

Spring weather is prevailing here in the City by the Golden Gate and as of this writing work has picked up to a slight degree. Because we are behind a normal 10 inches of rain we hesitate to forecast how long the work will hold up but we are hoping the fair weather will continue throughout the summer.

Brother Ken Cooper, our San Francisco dispatcher for several years has left the employ of Local No. 3. For those of you who may not know, Ken's going to try to better himself and is entering an entirely different field. In about four years, if he makes the grade, we're going to be addressing him as DOCTOR COOPER! Brother Ed (Frenchie) DuBos has been hired in Ken's place and is doing a good job... we're certainly glad to have him with us and wish him the best of luck. Ed tells us that he appreciates the cooperation he is receiving from the members and that he intends to reciprocate in every way he can by cooperating with them.

Haas & Haynie have just started a 165-car parking garage on Mason Street between Post and Geary for Hertz Rent-A-Car Company. Cost of this project is \$300,000.

Devencenzi Bros. are about finished with the excavation on the Civic Center Garage, for Haas Haynie-Utah. Because this is all sand, what rain we have had hasn't bothered them too much on this job.

The huge building program in downtown San Francisco is continuing to progress rapidly. At this writing the Jack Tar Hotel, being built by Cahill Bros., is up to the third floor.

The American Trust Building on Sacramento Street (which is also a Cahill Bros. job) is nearing completion and the outside hoist is finished. The rest of the material will now be raised by two of the elevators.

The Crown-Zellerbach Building being built by Haas & Haynie is progressing very rapidly. The same company is constructing a Bank Building at the same location.

DEMOLITION WORK

The demolition of buildings in San Francisco is progressing rapidly. The following contractors are all working on this type of work: K.T.K. Wrecking, Bayshore-Wrecking, Cleveland Wrecking, Pissetti Trucking, Ballinger, Sherman Crane Service, Flora Crane Service and Henry J. Harris. Building demolition has furnished work for many of our brothers all through the winter and there's lots left to do yet!

Iyt at the State College campus. Engstrom & Nourse are progressing very nicely on their two building jobs.

The home building contractors are busily engaged at this time. We find new homes springing up like mushrooms all over town. In addition to this, there are several new Safeway Stores to be constructed.

The Auto Irrigation Company from Los Angeles have a \$243,586 job for the City of San Francisco laying pipe and putting in sprinkler systems in Golden Gate Park.

Chas. Harney has several rigs working on the Clarendon Avenue street widening job. Harney was also low bidder on the track removal job between Geary Bld., and the Great Highway. This is known as the "B" LINE. Bids were as follows: Schedule A—\$226,275.75 . . . Schedule B—\$226,515.75.

Work drawings are in progress for a 22-story American President Lines Building. The plans should be completed by June 1, 1959 and can be let for bids at that time. The estimated cost, \$7,000,000.

SCHOOLS

A contract is being negotiated between Hald's Business College and Fred W. Schell for construction of a one story secretarial school, administration area and classrooms. Estimated cost, \$180,000.

The San Francisco Art Association have chosen an architect for the first unit of their California School of Fine Arts Building. This unit will cost an estimated \$2,000,000. However, the overall construction will eventually amount to between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000.

As usual the contractors are busy working on many small projects throughout the San Francisco area. Although these jobs are all of short duration when added up they furnish many days of employment for our brothers.

We are happy to report that there were no serious accidents this last month. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK BROTHERS . . . DON'T RELAX . . . REMEMBER SAFETY FIRST PAYS!

Construction Awards

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$4,787,742, for 7.8 mi. four lane div. hwy, w/ramps, connects, & frontage rds. const. by grade, pave, w/PCC on cem. tr. subgr. & ptmx, surf. on cem. tr. & untr. base and const. 3 RC bridges, etw. 0.7. mi. E. of Baxter Ave., 0.6 mi. W. of Emigrant Gap, PLACER COUNTY.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Marvin E. Collins, 635 San Diego, El Cerrito, \$1,394,000, for const. & comp. the King Jr. Hi School, Fontaine St. nr Holmes Ave., Oakland.

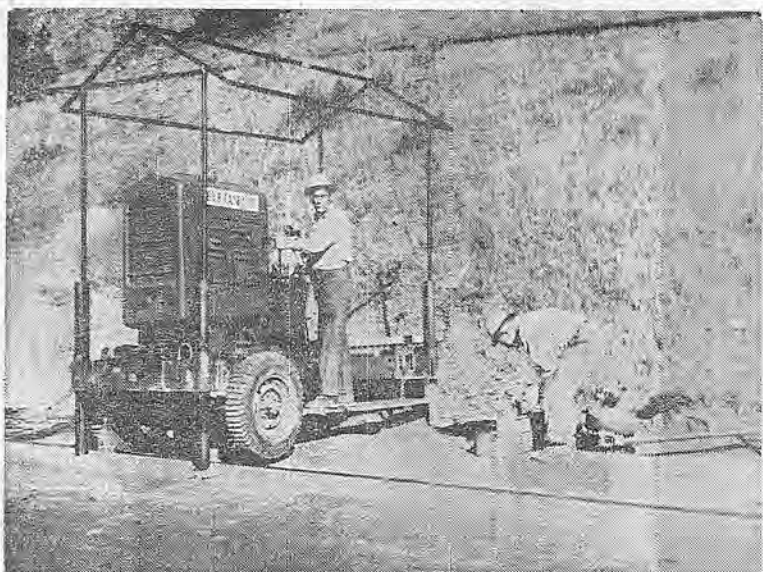
CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Lembke Const. Co., Box 1391, Las Vegas, Nev., \$1,065,077, for const. fin. arts bldg. at University of Nevada, Reno.

MT. VIEW, Contract awarded to Barrett Const. Co., 1890 Evans Ave., S.F., \$6,211,101, for const. 6-story hospital on W. side of Grand Rd., near Levin & Eunice Aves.

BERKELEY, Contract awarded to Bishop Mattei Const. Inc., 690 Market St., S.F., \$1,046,976 for const. 5-story addition to North side of Cowell Hospital Bldg.

TRAVIS AFB, Contract awarded to Stolie, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$1,089,922 for const. Readiness Crew Bldg., apron, operational alert & util. at Travis AFB, SOLANO CO.

BEALE AFB, Contract awarded to Bishop-Mattei, Const., Inc., \$1,288,000 for const. & comp. of addns. to composite struc. & pert. facils. at Beale AFB.



HORIZONTAL DRILL working near Cloverdale on slide prevention. More and more of these rigs can be seen drilling long the highways in order to drain water from potential slide areas.

SANTA ROSA-UKIAH AREA VERY SLOW IN PICKING UP

By R. F. SWANSON, Business Representative

CONGRATULATIONS—and a very big "thank you" to the brothers who attended the Ukiah meeting which was held on March 5. There was a very excellent turnout and the performance of the brothers was outstanding. On the whole, it was a very constructive meeting.

A REMINDER

To those of you who have worked for more than one employer and have earned over \$3600 in California during the past year—you have a refund coming for any money in excess of \$36 which was deducted for disability insurance—providing you make a claim for it by June 30. We have the refund forms in the office and will be very happy to send same on request. You may also obtain these forms at the department of employment.

WEATHER NOT ENOUGH

The weather conditions have been excellent during the past month but so far as the hiring hall in Santa Rosa is concerned it didn't mean a thing. It was probably due mostly to the very late season last year when the majority of the contractors were able to finish jobs which under normal conditions would have been going now and a lot more of the brothers would be working. What we need most of all now is for the "powers of California or the Federal Government" to take another look around our area and do something now about the deplorable conditions of the various roads and highways. We realize that presently there is a long range program which will provide a lot of work here but that certainly isn't helping us now. Maybe if we put billboards up just like the people did on highway 40 telling those who use the highway to please write to their congressmen that it may do some good in speeding up the program. Evidently it worked—look at the amount of work on highway 40. If this was done between Santa Rosa and Healdsburg, just to name one area, I am sure the congressmen would receive a lot of mail not only from the engineers but from the tourists, local people, truckers, etc., etc., etc.

STAKES

Yes, there are a lot of grade stakes that have just recently been set in this area along various highways which certainly need repairing or relocating. We certainly hope that the stakes mean work this year for the many brothers of this area.

AROUND THE JOBS

Huntington Brothers going right to town on their 3 1/2 miles of road work near Dos Rios. Thomas Construction still working on the bridge and road work near Longvale. Archibald finished and all of the rigs gone. (The job was on the Covelo road). Ball and Simpson down for a

while but back in business again on three miles of highway near Cummings. By the way, they expect to be out of there by or before August. Rapp Construction moving right along on the construction of the Honor camp located between Willits and Fort small jobs in and around Fort Bragg at Chamberlin Creek.

Baxman sand and gravel with Bragg. Siri still has about \$100,000 of work left on the slipouts south of Willits. There are a few other jobs both in Ukiah and Santa Rosa but so far nothing of major importance.

Guy F. Atkinson completely through at Coyote Dam with the official dedication in June. Presently the water is at the 57 per cent level. The Healdsburg highway and bridge job with very little work left for the engineer.

Ford Gravel at Ukiah could stand a few more jobs.

George Casey Co. have finished drilling near Cloverdale but still have 4 horizontal drills working on Highway 20 near Calpella.

J. Pitcher with one horizontal drill rig on slide area north of Cloverdale. Russian River Rock Co., near Geyserville, beginning to show a good stockpile of material.

Basalt at Healdsburg still furnishing work for a number of brothers.

Windsor Sand and Gravel still working and have worked at least two or three days a week all winter.

A couple of engineers can always be seen around Hiens Brothers.

Clem Mora has sold his crusher but it is questionable as to how far out of business he is going.

Empire Rock Co. in Santa Rosa haven't been working to their full capacity but at least they have kept their doors open all winter.

W & S Construction say that in April the people of Santa Rosa will be drinking Russian River water through the new system which they have about completed.

Don Dowd Co. with rigs sitting in Cloverdale waiting for a favorable time to complete their work on the school grounds.

Young and Engelke working a few rigs around Healdsburg. Oh yes, there are a few engineers working on a culvert near Cloverdale but this is the kind of job we don't talk about because of a few bad breaks the job is taking longer than anticipated.

GOOD NEWS

One big job was released this

Sharp & Robinson Construction to start on a 50-house subdivision at the end of 7th Street in Novato. Bro. Russell Sharp, co-owner will operate his own John Deere backhoe.

The Williams & Burrows project at Marin City is now underway—and McCammon is now moving in with their equipment—operated and maintained. Foreman is Bro. Pete Fogarty an operators are: Brothers Doc Sherman, Judd Harrison, Gerald Hammes, Kenneth Hammes, Pat Patterson, mechanic, Gerald Haskins and James O'Brien, 20 operator; also Brothers Stanley Hoberg and Orville Schmidt on the 20's. On the Williams and Burrows job at present are: Brothers Harold W. Ferrin, dozer operator; John Von Salden, blade; Delmar Steele, Joe Silva, also on dozers. Foreman is Bill Kimball. As more equipment is moved on this project, more operators will be cleared.

McGuire & Hester have started since the rains in Vallejo area and by the 9th they will be back in full swing with the whole crew. This job has been a very good one for the members. It has been involved with much loss of time because of the weather.

Martin Bros. of Concord have their concrete plant started up and have one trenching machine of J. Tanner & Company started to roll with prospects of being in full blast within two weeks, weather permitting. This will keep the engineers on the job busy for about 180 working days.

Stacy Bros. have been picking off a lot of small jobs in the Fairfield and Vacaville area and keeping busy all winter. These boys just bought a Warco blade which they are very proud of.

Parish & Harms find that they have run out of pencil sharpeners as they have been missing jobs lately. Dave Otis' new name is "\$600" Otis, as this is the amount they missed the last bid on a \$500,000 job. Come

month and this was the 4.9 miles of highway with a few bridges located south of Laytonville. The contractors had their pencils sharp on this one. Actually, the low bidder was Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville. Their bid was about \$2,410,000 and they only left \$6,000 on the table. On one item, the removal of 687,000 yards of material, Granite bid 85 cents per yard and the second bidder (Ball and Simpson) made a bid of 90 cents per yard. If Ball and Simpson had bid 89 cents (yes, just one cent lower) they would have been low bidders by approximately \$500. Close, wasn't it? At this writing we have not had a pre-job conference with Granite but they have been called and have assured us that prior to the start of the job we will have had a pre-job conference.

PERSONAL

Ken Cummings was in the office the other day and he looked fit as a fiddle. He had an operation and has been off for about four months and is now ready to go back to work.

on Dave, let's watch the bids a little closer and forget about the woodpecker season. We know you can shoot straight.

VALLEJO

Syar & Harms have approximately 10 or 12 members working around the city of Vallejo and also moving some of our men out of the area to other jobs. They are also working on the fill for their new yard on Highway 29 right near the A.G.E. store. Old Tony Syar is in Trinidad taking a long awaited vacation. Hope he took his big gun to the Caribbeans so that he can bring back some souvenirs. Thank you, Tony, for your unexpected card. We appreciate it. He says he is soaking up the sun and getting a nice tan. Nothing wrong with California, we have been getting it too.

H. J. Beck in Fairfield seems to have lined up a lot of small jobs in the Fairfield area and keeping his really going.

O. A. Fogelberg have their sewer and water line in Fairfield finished except for the testing of the water line with a small amount of cleanup work to do.

Clyde Plymell of Vallejo has been picking up a few odd jobs around with a lot of good equipment sitting idle and is ready to take up any job that comes along.

Stockton Construction have practically finished their storm drain job in Vallejo and are cutting down to about half a crew in comparison with what they had last fall. They will still be here for quite a while for cleanup as this is in the city and it always takes a long time to clean up on jobs that are practically in the middle of town.

UPPER LAKE

On the Ferry Bros. job at Upper Lake, Norm Gilliam approximates that there is 1,300,000 yards of dirt to be moved for a total of about 14 miles. The full amount allowed for this job is \$1,400,000. There will be eight DW 20's, three cats and one blade. The job was started on December 1st and it is estimated that they have about 32 per cent of the clearing completed and about six per cent on the levee work done. They also estimate that the job should be 100 per cent complete in October, 1959. They are going five days which will give them all an opportunity of appreciating Lake County's fishing and swimming on the weekends. The job goes from Point Lands to Indian Reservation in Upper Lake. There are 12 brothers on this job: Les Crane is foreman; Bro. Barnes on the blade; Clarence Bruce, Bro. Gunn, Bro. Varrs, Bro. Darrow, Bro. Bartlett on the 20's; Bros. Owens and Kinney on the cats; Bros. Grant Pitzer and Hall are the mechanics and Bro. Bryant is the greaser. Manager is Pat Ferry and Supt. on the job is Norm Gilliam, whom everyone remembers from the Big Cut.

McCammon & Wunderlich started back to work on March 2 with a full crew at Yountville. Weather permitting they are hoping to complete their job this year.

NEWS ABOUT BROTHERS

We are sorry to report that Bro. Lea Wright passed away Monday, March 2nd at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco. We all mourn the passing of this Brother who was

well known and well liked by all who met him.

Brother Lloyd Cowen has just come out of the hospital having had major surgery and will be available for work on March 15. We were so glad to hear that he has come along so well.

We wish to thank those Brothers who participated in the Blood Bank Drawing at Vallejo on February 18. We know that we received about 20 pints and would like to list all the Brother's names but they didn't all bring in their receipts. But we will say thank you all as this is such a great need in our organization. The Blood Bank is pen in Vallejo every 3rd Wednesday of the month at Post 104 on Couch Street.

In San Rafael, the Blood Bank is pen on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

Bro. Wayne Brooks has taken out a withdrawal—now is owner of the "Old Fashioned" located on 4th Street in San Rafael. Any of you brothers in that vicinity, drop in and see Wayne.

Bro. John West with Ghilotti Bros. has had an accident on their job in Stinson Beach recently—as this goes to press, we learn that it was not serious.

Brother Miles Peterson recently discharged from the service, says he won't be going to work as an oiler right now—has a very good deal on the Golden Gate Bridge as a Toll Collector.

It is still not too late to buy that year card. The following are more 1959 card packers: Brothers Thos. H. Bentley, M. A. Geister, S. H. Cervantes, Sr. and S. H. Cervantes, Jr., Gerald Ackerman, Paul Vincilione, Arthur J. Bresnan, Mel C. Piombo and Ray J. Piombo, James Thornton.

If this good weather continues we look to the board clearing out fast.

See you next month!

CONTRACTS AWARDED

NORTH SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lentz Construction Co., 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sacto, \$177,283 for const. subdv. impvts. **STRAWBERRY MAN-OR**.

Richmond, Contract awarded to Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 West Cutting Blvd., Richmond, for const. of conc. vessel and barge docks for the new Richmond Terminal on the inner harbor.

CONCORD, Contract awarded to Romley Const. Co., 2780 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Walnut Creek, \$521,359, for const. of Science Bldgs. at Diablo Valley College, Golf Links Rd., Concord.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to E. H. Moore & Sons, 693 Mission St., S. F., \$479,600, for const. & comp. Horace Mann School, 5222 Ygnacio Ave., Oakland.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to E. H. Moore & Sons, 639 Mission St., S. F., \$70,000, for const. new 7th and 8th Grade School, Joaquin Miller School, loc. in Rainbow Dr., San Jose.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Rice Bros., Inc., P. O. Box 886, Fresno, \$427,989, for 2.3 mi. lgth, rdbed graded & surf, w/ptmx. surf. on Olive Hwy., betw. Ward Blvd. & Wyandotte-Miner's Ranch Rd., BUTTE COUNTY

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Harrod & Williams, Enterprise, 290 S. Murphy, Sunnyvale, \$509,736, for addn. to Pier "B" at S.F. International Airport.

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

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

Recommendations made by a committee of Union business representatives, who have members employed with the City of Oakland, were presented to the Alameda Building Trades Council and to the Central Labor Council for a united presentation to the Oakland City Council of wage demands. The effort is to get all crafts, whether affiliated with the B.T.C. or C.L.C. united in an orderly presentation, rather than have an individual presentation made to the council by the representative of each craft involved. The committee recommended that the City Council be asked to set each year the pay of each craft in line with the wages paid in area; and that a date for conference with the City be set, preferably before the COPE endorsements are given and that a time table be set up which would result in the wage ordinance being adopted by June 1, 1959.

NEW KAISER BUILDING

The new Kaiser Center, the largest office building west of the Rocky Mountains is fronting on Lake Meritt in downtown Oakland. This Center will be a twenty-eight floor building, sheathed in aluminum and glass, will be the dominant structure of the Center and will add a new landmark to the growing East Bay community skyline.

In addition to the office building, the Center will include a five level parking garage, a four acre landscaped roof garden, a four hundred-seat auditorium, an eight hundred capacity cafeteria, a bank, a restaurant and a wide variety of modern shops and convenient facilities. Some of the statistics are 1,650.00 sq. ft; usable floor space in office building 802,000 sq. ft., 4500 capacity in office building.

The height of the building is twenty-eight floors, 390 feet from ground level, with additional three levels below ground. Seventeen passenger elevators and two service elevators will serve the office building with lobby escalators and additional elevators in the various shops and garage.

An auditorium on the second floor will consist of a thirty ft. stage with a motion picture and television soundproof projection room. The dining area on the second floor will have an eight hundred capacity cafeteria or twelve hundred capacity banquet style.

Approximately eighty per cent of the building materials used in this huge structure are either produced by the affiliated Kaiser Companies or products manufactured from Kaiser raw materials. For instance, the ends of the Kaiser Center building are covered with huge pre-cast concrete and dolomite panels. The panels average 5x12 ft. in size and weigh 3,000 to 4,000 lbs. The dolomite gives a glistening white surface to the panels. It is a raw material mined by Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Corporations.

WALNUT CREEK FLOOD

The long-awaited bill to authorize the proposed \$24,000,000 U. S. Army Cor. of Engineers flood control project in the Walnut Creek watershed has been filed in the House of Representatives by Congressman John F. Baldwin. Army engineers recommended the project after a survey in 1957 and two public hearings in late 1957 and early 1958. It has since received the necessary blessings of the district engineer in Sacramento; the division engineer, San Francisco; by the U. S. Army Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors; the U. S. Department of the Interior; the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the State of California. Last month the U. S. Budget Bureau okayed the project, clearing the way for introduction of the bill. The project calls for fourteen miles of channels, including four miles of reinforced concrete channel linings, one stilling basin, 11.8 miles of levees and four pumping stations. These measures would flood-proof Walnut Creek from its source at the conjunction of San Ramon and Las Trampas Creeks to Suisun Bay. Of the \$24,000,000 in costs, the Federal government would pay approximately \$18,000,000; the taxpayers in Zone 3-B of the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District would ante up close to \$500,000 and the flood control district would shell out \$5,000,000 and later would be reimbursed by the state.

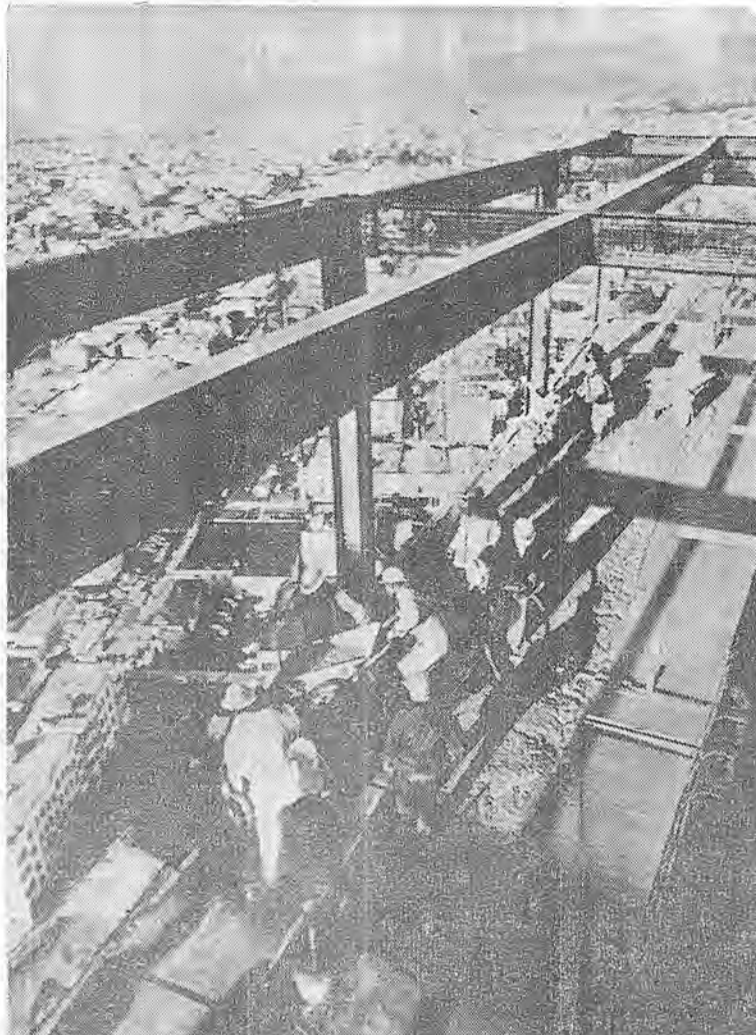
The Robert McKee Co. and al of the sub-contractors at the Kaiser Center have worked fairly steady this winter. we have seventeen Brothers on this job at present. The stone work on the main building is near completion and the concrete work is going along good. They are using motor cranes to pour for the garage building and material hoists on the main building.

The Oscar Friberg job off Mountain Blvd. at Fountain St. in Oakland has started back to work, but the first rain will shut them down again. They have about four weeks of dirt moving left. There are five brothers on this job. Brother Earl Brown is Super with Brother George Hallon and Bob Turner on the jeeps and Brother Don Starks on push cat with Brother Bill Robertson on the Tamper. It is pretty muddy but they will get a few days as long as the weather permits.

There is a \$1,390,000.00 school job which was let to Marvin E. Collins Co. of El Cerrito. There will be approximately 90,000 yards of dirt to move. C. Reynolds Co. from San Jose has subbed the dirt work and has now started their job of hauling about 40,000 yards of dirt.

J. W. Lee Co. has returned to work after the rains on the Water Filter Plant on Mountain Blvd. in Oakland. They also have a job starting on E. 14th St. and Estudillo Street in Oakland, which is a public library. There will be approximately 26,000 yards to move and they have two cats working at the present. They will move the dirt with pulls but are stockpiling top soil for future use. There are several houses on the job to be moved yet and will cover approximately one block.

Mc Cammon & Wunderlich job at Country Club Estates housing development is located on upper 106th Ave. in East Oakland. They are about finished and have a little more clean up work to



Pouring concrete floor on 28-story Kaiser Center building by crews of Contractor Robt. E. McKee. View is from 28th floor looking northwest with Berkeley in background.

do. Independent Construction Co. is doing the paving on this job with about 30 days left to finish. Tancredy Plumbing Co. has a trencher working and is doing some work for the uilding contractor. The houses are really going up fast on this project.

The celic Moore job on the new housing development at the top of Revere St. in East Oakland has started moving dirt again. There are two cats working at the present time. Brother Turner Hayes is on the dozer and Brother Clarence Smith on the cat and scraper. There will be about 85,000 yards of dirt to move on the job and most of that is to be hauled away.

The Brothers' on the Oakland Airport job for Fredrickson & Watson have worked fairly steady this winter due to the sand material they have had to work with. They will start laying rock again in the near future. Prodanovich, Inc. is working two rigs on the job doing underground drainage. They are having some trouble getting compaction in the trenches that cross the runways and taxi ways. The material is all sand and is very difficult to compact.

The State is planning a lot of work for the Oakland area in the near future. There is a survey party working on Mountain Blvd., South of Lincoln Avenue at the present time. There is also a right-of-way clearing job going on at MacArthur Blvd. near Broadway. They plan to spend approximately \$10,000,000.00 within the next two years building MacArthur Blvd. into a freeway.

STEEL MILL DOWN

The Pacific Sates Steel mill at Niles has been shut down for the past several months for a major repair job. Most of our Brothers who were working in this plant have now returned. The twelve inch and sixteen inch rolling mill were completely torn down and re-built from the ground up. They did an excavation job from seven feet to some fifteen feet deep.

They also installed a drainage system and piers for the foundation of these two rebuilt mills. These two rolling mills were extended in order to have one complete and continuous operation. They aso rebuilt the thirty in ch mill furnace and extended it in length. The mill furnace was re-built to enable the to re-heat the ingot which is made in the open hearth and then transported by their own railroad cars inside the plant area by our Brothers.

At the present time they are re-buiding the open hearth furnaces and are doing some excavation work and putting in a new drainage system. This part of the plant opened on March 2nd and put the Brothers back to work. When this plant is in full operation we have some

sixty or more brothers working, running cranes, dinky engines and doing the switching. These Brothers are under the very capable leadership of Oral Teague who has had this job for seven or eight years. The steward's are Brothers Ernie Head, Melvin Lorensen and Norman "Pat" Luna.

Moore Drydock Co. will start scrapping ships in the Alameda yard in a few days. They have about six or seven ships tied up there at present. How many will be scrapped at this time depends on the time it takes to scrap the first one. They will be cut-up, loaded and hauled by rail to the Learner yard in Oakland. Then the steel will be put through a giant shearer and re-loaded for shipment.

The California Rock & Gravel Co. near Livermore has been very busy during the year 1958 and the out look for 1959 is for a very prosperous year. At the present time they are putting out thirty to forty cars a day of sand and dgravel. They are now getting ready for a stripping operation which will take about six to seven weeks in order to give them enough material for

the coming year. This plant is under the supervision of Jack Silva with the following Brothers working: Clay Nelson is on a dragline, Joe Brusatori is oiler, Ken Enos is the loader operator, Tom Gillies is crane operator, Joaquin Martin as mill operator, Dante Manfredini is on a crusher, along with George Frates and Jack Silva, Jr., Bill Wright as Loco Engineer, Martin Wolfenberger as brakeman, Andy Casella, Sam Jackson and Vic Chanave are the H. D. mechanics, Bill Bettencourt is on dozer with Bill Casella as the welder.

Clements Construction Co. in Fremont is very busy in the shop manufacturing equipment for their hot plant at Truckee. They are fabricating the dryers, screens, washers, hoppers and conveyers. They are also overhauling all the road equipment such as cats, loaders, trucks, blades, rollers and cranes and have put new V-8 Ford motors in their tandem rollers and a twelve volt starting system on them to get them to start easier on cold mornings in the mountains. They also have put in a cyclone, wet tubes and ducts in their hot plant at Fremont. This job is under the Supervision of Brother Lon Mitchell who is shop foreman. At this time there is twenty six men working in this shop. When the snow is cleared at their plant in Truckee, most of the Brothers will go back up there to work and install all of the new equipment which has been prefabbed here. In Fremont they are now painting and repairing the hot plant, getting it ready for a good long run for the spring, summer and fall. They are going to repair the automatic plant as soon as this section is ready to operate. Plant supervisor is Brother George Young who has seven engineers working for him.

Gallagher & Burk in El Sobrante have a job for Whitecliff-Park Homes. There are 148 units in this first edition. The brothers have a million yards of earth to move and are working six day a week. This job should be completed around May if the weather permits.

PITTSBURG STEAM

Activity at the Pittsburg Steam Plant has picked up a little with a few new hires on the C. C. Moore pay-roll. Nine men are now employed with this company. Kellogg Co. has completed one of two stacks and has started on the second one. These concrete and reinforced steel structures are over 400 ft. in height. A unique method of construction is used regarding the hoist that climbs up as the stack is constructed. This hoist and stiff-leg derrick is mounted on a timber tower. The tower is secured to a platform inside the stack which is suspended from the inner wall of the structure each time a pour has been made and cured. The "floating" platform is raised to a higher level and the same sequences follows. A larger hoist on the ground level supplies the necessary material to the "floating-deck". Signals are relayed to the operator by radio box since all operators are "blind". Independent Iron has completed their portion of the erection at the Steam Plant and are moving out. C. F. Lauritsen is driving the piling for new transmission towers in the switchyard. P.G.&E. acting

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REDDING AREA JOBS ARE MOVING IN LOW GEAR

By J. B. JENNINGS, SID McBROOME, Business Representatives

Work in the Redding District shows a slight increase altho most jobs thruout the district have not started.

McCammon & Wunderlich Freeway job turns the wheels of progress March 9 with approximately 25 brothers called back to work. Sam Martinelli reports he intends to increase the personnel, weather permitting.

Guy F. Atkinson of the Trinity Dam Project has a few men busy on the belt line with approximately 60 or 70 mechanics on the job. The top peak in personnel will not be reached until May 1. A lot of this depends on the weather.

Southwest Welding has moved in on the dam site and are working on the Penstocks. This job will last 1½ years. There are numerous other jobs awarded throughout the Trinity County. March 10th an additional clearing job was awarded on the Trinity Dam. Roy Kazer Construction Company submitted the lowest bid for relocation of five miles of county road between Ridgeville and Covingtons mill in the Trinity River

reservoir area.

Shea, Kaiser, Morrison tunnel job is still in full swing. E & W job 7 miles south of Red Bluff is due to start around March 15. Additional work on 299E and 99 north is slated for 1959. Work in the Susanville area is expected to start around April 1.

Work around the city of Redding continues to be slow with approximately three or four jobs in operation at the present time.

The summer of 1959 is expected to be one of the best for construction workers in the northern area.

The staff of the Redding office would like to thank the members for the tremendous turnout for the blood donation.

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as the General Contractor, has a multitude of subs on this project with more to come. If each one will hire a man or two we should be well represented on the job before summer comes.

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The Concrete Service Co. of Sunol was found in violation of their contract and subsequently taken before arbitration. The proceedings were brought to a satisfactory conclusion and all members reimbursed. We hope that future relationships with this company will be greatly improved as a result of this case. Wages, hours, starting time and proper hiring procedures were all part of the trial. A word of advice to all members at this point, keep a record of the hours you work in a time book. Its a regulation of this union and the one evidence that will stand up in a court of law regarding wages and hours.

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Winton Jones of Concord was awarded the excavation and backfill on the Lark Corporation project near Port Costa. This portion of the contract entails 150,000 yds. of excavation with the backfill to be done after the completion of the jet fuel tank.

This backfill is about 250,000 yards. Access roads will bring the total yardage to be moved at about a half a million yards. The following Brothers are on the payroll: Gordon Bowman is foreman, Fred Schlesky is master mechanic, Benny Floyd is technical engineer, Bob Kirk and Wayne Schlosser are on the DW 15's, Rubyen Cox is doing the pioneer work on a dozer. The other skimmers are Dick Lacey, Frank Brown, Dick Mansefield, Bernie Baker and Preston.

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Herrick Iron Works was awarded the Tank construction on this same project and will move in as soon as "Wimpy" and the boys complete the excavation. The completion of the tanks and the backfill is slated for September 1959.

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Ground will be broken at noon today for a new 100 bed dormitory at St. Mary's College, the first structure to be built on the campus since the war years.

News About The Brothers

Alva "Shorty" Watkins is now at home recuperating from a train wreck which demolished his car. He was working for Clements Construction Co. in Fremont and was on his way home from work when the train hit him. The accident occurred on Sequoia Rd. near Centerville.

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Brother Don Harnish is in the Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley. At this writing we have no report on what is ailing Brother Don. We wish you luck Don and hope it is nothing serious.

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Brother Floyd Benjamin who has worked for Pacific States Steel Mill for the past thirteen years is in the Kaiser Permanente Foundation Hospital at Walnut Creek. Brother Floyd was hospitalized with a heart attack and will be at Kaiser from six to eight weeks.

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Brother D. L. Booth and his wife were in an automobile accident in February. They were both in the San Jose hospital for a time but are both fine and home again. Brother Booth works for Fluor Corporation.

Brother Jos. McClary is in Peralta Hospital in Oakland with a heart attack. We are hoping along with Joe that by the time you read this he will be home recuperating.

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Brother Claus Petresen was in the Permanente Hospital with anemia. He has been home now for over a month and is doing fine.

Still another Brother who was in the Peralta Hospital with ulcers is home now. Brother Ray Butterfield was just released recently and is resting and relaxing. We want to wish all of the Brothers that are ill lots of luck in getting well, and we hope that by the next issue of the paper we won't have any reports of accidents or sickness.

According to doctors, you will live much longer if you give up everything that makes you want to.

Work Picks Up in the San Jose District

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

During the past two weeks our "Out of Work" list has diminished considerably. While new jobs have not started up as yet, many of the contractors have called back their former employees on smaller jobs that can be done at this time. From all indications 1959 promises to be a good year for the San Jose area.

McGuire and Hester have about six weeks work left to complete their 72-inch storm drain pipeline on Kirk Ave. Wilder and Jones were the low bidders on a \$168,745 contract in east San Jose for the construction of storm and sewer lines. Ince Bros. are still working on their underground work in Idlewild Sub-Division off Stevens Creek Road and expect to start a new unit shortly. Milardi Construction Company are busy on various underground projects off Ross Road and recently added two new cats to their equipment.

Santa Clara Sand & Gravel Company have resumed work in their pit off Stevens Creek Road and are furnishing the material for the new \$6,000,000 motel to be built in San Jose. Brother Al Dayton, the boy from Utah, is one of the key cat operators of this firm. Their plant at Coyote is still closed down.

E. H. More & Sons were the low bidders on a \$570,000 school job with Bill Smith doing the paving and grading.

Ball & Simpson have begun work on the new freeway in San Jose. They have called back many of their former engineers. At the present time they are putting the finishing touches on the clover-leaf at Los Gatos and are working on the overpass at 13th Street and the Bayshore.

A. J. Raisch have an early start on their Spring work. They were the low bidder son several street jobs and most of their men have been called back to work. Piazza Paving Company are also working in several Sub-Divisions and have scattered street jobs in San Jose at the present time. J. C. Bateman Co. have also started to work on various jobs in this vicinity.

Carl Swenson Company and their numerous sub-contractors are keeping approximately nine engineers busy operating cranes, loaders, compressors, etc., on their job at the Lockheed Plant near Moffett Field. This firm has also moved a crew on their new job for Ames Laboratory in Moffett Field. They are in their last stages on the Stanford Hospital job and are only using a limited number of engineers.

LOCKHEED JOB

Williams-Burrows are keeping six engineers busy on their job at Lockheed when it is not raining. They are progressing nicely on the housing unit for married students.

Manuel Smith is working three engineers on the water-line job in Mt. View. They have 1200 feet of 12-inch line and the job went for \$11,000. They plan to start very shortly on a job on Sierra Vista that has 5100 feet of six-inch pipe, 3663 feet of 27-inch pipe and 2675 feet of six-inch pipe. This job went for \$113,000.

Dan Caputo is working a crew on their Alviso Road and Bayshore Highway overpass job. M.J.B. Construction Company have the dirt road on this job and are shut down until after the rains.

Oakland Construction Company are using four engineers on their sewer job on El Camino Real in Palo Alto.

Cleveland Wrecking Company are using four engineers on their job at the Libby Cannery in Sunnyvale. They are tearing down a warehouse in preparation for a new \$300,000 warehouse to be built by Continental

Construction Company of Sacramento.

A. J. Peters are working seven engineers on their \$18,000 embarcadero job in Palo Alto. The job consists of 3800 feet of 16-inch lead lined water pipe. Brother Jim Toole is ram-rod-ding the job with Brothers Fred Jacques, the operator, and Frank Gomes, the oiler, on a backhoe. Mario Giusti is operating a loader, and Brother Kenny French, operator, and Al Beebe, oiler, on the trenches.

Monolithic Pine Lines, Inc., are using four engineers on their El Camino job in Mt. View. The job consists of 300 feet of eight, ten and 12-inch water line. Eugene Foster is bossing the job with Sam De Carlo operating the backhoe, Tex Barker operating the swing crane and Boyd Hottle the oiler.

Hogg and McCue are doing a storm drain job on Park Drive, feet of 60 and 65-inch pipe. They in Mt. View. They have 2000 are using six engineers on the crane, backhoe and loader.

MOFFETT FIELD

Chicago Bridge & Iron have been keeping a crew busy all winter on their job for Ames Laboratory at Moffett Field.

At this writing the dirt jobs are all shut down due to the weather conditions but when the weather permits we have plenty of new jobs to be started in the area.

Barnhart Construction Company have started their \$110,644 job on Lawrence Station Road in Santa Clara. The job consists of an addition to the Jefferson Union School.

Barrett Construction were low on the El Camino Hospital job located on Grant Ave., in Mt. View. It is a six story building that went for \$6,211,101. L. C. Smith Company did the honors of breaking ground with a Tourna dozer on Feb. 26, 1959.

Ince Bros. have started their \$129,794 sewer line on Ada Ave. and El Camino in Mt. View.

SANTA CRUZ, SALINAS AND MONTEREY

Most of the jobs are shut down around Santa Cruz, waiting for the ground to dry. There will be two or three good jobs coming up for bid soon in this area. Fredrickson & Watson are working rain or shine on the new Kaiser Sand Plant near Felton. Wheaton Jones and Joe Giordano are still working every day so they can clear the slide on Highway No. 9 between Felton and Santa Cruz. The sand plants are still working full crew around Olympia.

Work around Watsonville is at a stand still. Granite Rock is doing mostly repair work. Central Supply is putting up a new Standard Plant for hot stuff at Aromas.

Delphia-Early's job at Soledad has been shut down for the past two weeks. The State has called for bids on the section by-passing Soledad from Delphia's job to the Freeway Granite completed last year.

Fisher and Stoke are the prime contractors on the freeway project in Carmel Valley. Carmel Lumber Company are doing the clearing on this project.

Ed Keeble is going into the last stages of dirt moving on the airstrip at Fort Ord. Pittsburgh-Des Moines are doing the steel erection on this project. Independent Iron Works are setting the steel on the Hanger Shop for Lew Jones Construction. Pi-

sano Bros. are still busy with the underground.

Lloyd De Lane from Carmel has been doing the trenching and foundation digging for Daniels House job at Fort Ord. Granite Construction did the grading for Barrett Construction Company also at Fort Ord. Phil Calabrese is half way through his driveway work in the housing project at Fort Ord.

PERSONALS

We wish to take this opportunity to express our sympathy to the families of David Hansen and Glenn Davis who passed away recently. We would also like to extend our sympathy to Brother John Vierra, Jr., in the loss of his wife.

Lee Dunn is still reported on the sick list and we hope that soon he will be able to be back to work. Brother Ralph Guthrie, who several months ago received a severe injury to his eye, is reported back in the hospital receiving treatment.

We have received numerous requests from the Brothers in regards to having a blood bank in San Jose. We would like to ask anyone interested in having a blood bank contact the San Jose Office and if we can get enough Brothers interested in donating blood, we will be happy to have a blood bank set up for the benefit of the Brothers and their families.

Contract Awards

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., P.O. Box 607, San Carlos, \$99,961 for 1.846 mi. grade, p. n. x. surf., etc., Placerville-Lake Tahoe Hwy., EL DORADO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Huntington Bros., P.O. Box 446, Napa, \$389,994, for 3 mi. lgth. grade, drn. facil., inst. & rock slope protec. const. on Long Vale-Dos Rios-Covelo Rd., betw. Long Vale & Dos Rios por. MENDOCINO CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Affiliated Engrs. & Contrs. Inc., E.H.K. Ferguson, P.O. Box 218, Florin, \$935,500, for general engineering bldg. 2019 at Aerojet-Genl., S. sto. Plant, Nimbus Station, Calif.

LARKSPUR, Contract awarded to W. J. Kubon Co., 39-A Mary St., San Rafael, \$333,067, for construction of the Larkspur Elementary School, Larkspur.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Affiliated Engineers & Contractors, Inc., P. O. Box 218, Florin, \$965,500 for const. bldgs. 017, 4639 (Instrumentation & Control Bdg., Cast & Cure Bdg. & Operations Bdg.), area 46, NIMBUS STA.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Basalt Rock Co., 900-8th St., Napa, \$350,492, for stone protection along Stockton Deep Water Channel, SACRAMENTO, SAN JOAQUIN & CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.

BERKELEY, Contract awarded to Midstate Const. Corp., 347 Caly St., S. F., \$242,880, for const. additional classroom facils. te California School for the Deaf in Berkeley.

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to Zoeller Const. Co., Ivy Dr., Ross, \$109,814, for construction Bernard Hoffman Element. School addition at Las Gallina sAve. & Las Colindas Rd., MARIN COUNTY.

ALL MEMBERS WORKING IN THE ISLANDS

By HAROLD LEWIS
and RUPERT TEVES
Business Representatives

Aloha from Hawaii the winter wonderland, Hawaiian style.

The hotels are still full of vacationers from all over the world. The climate has been just right except for a few days of gusty winds which makes swimming a bit cold.

Work out here is still very good and at the moment all except one of our operators are working.

Hawaiian Dredging and Construction has just picked up a \$1½ million job for one mile of highway. This highway starts at the Moanalua Gardens where the divided highway is already built and continues on to meet the end of J. M. Tanaka's part of the new Maine arterial at the Kalihi River. Hawaiian Dredging has also started its Hilo Harbor job with the barge-crane Denson, a clam dredge, to remove coral and muck.

J. M. Tanaka's jobs at the Pali tunnel and the new McCully Street bridge are completed. His jobs at the Wilson tunnel approach road and his section of the Mauka arterial along Vineyard Street from Fort Street to Kalihi River are progressing rapidly.

The contract negotiations with Tanaka has been delayed a bit because of the illness of Tom Tanaka, negotiating officer for the firm.

Gilbert Ho's Highway Transportation is still working like mad preparing a suction at Iroquois Point for government housing and the union members there are doing a good job.

M. Miller Construction, a firm out of Los Angeles, has all the pipe work for the Kaneohe, Manana and Barber's Point housing at Iroquois Point. They, too, are doing a fine job with union labor.

The future of Honolulu's construction must look good because more and more mainland companies are getting a foothold out here. The latest to come over is P.C.A., a concrete aggregate firm that has bought the Clarke-Halawa quarry at Halawa and also the limestone quarry at Nankuli which was formerly owned by Western Rock Products.

The Standard Oil Refinery job at Ewa which is being supervised by Bechtel-Hawaiian Dredging is being done with 100 per cent union labor. Storage tanks are being built and acres of land are being filled and leveled for the refinery itself. This is a three-year job with a possibility of it going on to five if Standard puts up a cracking plant.

The Hood Construction job at Honolulu airport is also coming along fine. Rented equipment and union operators have started the immense job of clearing concrete slabs and structures of the former "Sea Bee" base and hundreds of former home sites. This job, too, will last a few years.

Bids for the \$14,000 Capehard projects at Schofield and Fort Shafter will be opened in April. Bids for a five mile 30" water line to the Standard refinery will be asked for some time in April or May. Hotels and Co-op apartment buildings are being started monthly out here and with the present lack of construction equipment some of these jobs will have to be stretched over a longer period of time or much more equip-

SACTO GETS SET FOR A BIG YEAR

By D. R. KINCHLOE, ERNIE NELSON, HAROLD HUSTON,
EDW. HEARNE and BILL METZ, Business Representatives

The Sacramento area is beginning to look like spring again. If this weather stays warm and the sun shines like it has been, we should be under way by April for we have had many jobs let and many more to come. This year, no doubt, will be the biggest and best year the Operating Engineers have ever seen in the Sacramento area.

We have had two freeways let and one more to go. Two earth fill dams, a \$2,000,000 test flight hangar at McClellan, and Aerojet is spending \$275,000,000 on construction.

We received a letter from Brother Harold Huston who is now attending Harvard University Trade Union Program in Boston. Brother Harold is now attending Harvard University Trade Union Program in Boston. Brother Harold is studying hard and has a stiff course before him.

One thing Brother Harold remarked in his letter was "It's cold back here." Brother Harold also sends his regards and will be back the end of May.

The Business Agents in the Sacramento area have been doing a lot of organizing at night and have been doing very well. We have signed up five equipment and welding shops and are working on many others.

One of our newly organized shops is Walton's Radiator Service. Address—66 Harbor Blvd., West Sacramento. Phone FRontier 1-6900.

If any of you brothers need radiator work done, or hear of anyone who does, send them to Walton's Radiator Service.

One of our new equipment shops is the New Island Equipment Co., 6450 Freeport Blvd., phone GARDen 8-8818.

New Island Equipment will handle the Case W-9 Terraloaded; 1¼ to 2¾ cubic yard with four-wheel drive and rear-wheel steering.

Sacramento County construction is up to four million dollars a week and is continuing to rise as the season gets into full swing.

Aerojet has let several large contracts recently. At the present time, A. Teichert & Son have several crews leveling the dredger-toilings for building sites, roads and parking areas.

Lee Stephens keeps his crew of trusty engineers hid out in the cobble piles.

Brighton Sand & Gravel have finished their work except for a little clean up.

Robert E. L. Parker manages to get small jobs maintaining the premises and emergency work.

Affiliated Engineers do a good share of the work with a go-ahead crew of engineers. This company has also been the successful bidders on several large buildings.

Campbell Const. and Continental Const. have recently

ment will have to be brought in to meet completion dates.

The local contractors are all praying for the good weather to hold out, so as to complete present jobs and pick up more of the tremendous amount of work planned for the islands.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Phil Calabrese Const. Co., P. O. Box 1326, Monterey, \$196,617, for 2.2 mi. grade & pmtx. surf. on untr. base on San Miguel Canyon Road, between SR no. 101 & Strawberry Road, MONTEREY CO.

TRAVIS AFB, Contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 807-75th Ave., Oakland, \$121,479, for const. jet fuel storage base at Travis Air Force Base, SOLANO CO.

started jobs of considerable size —erecting warehouses and mixing plants.

The work at Aerojet has held good all winter and the brothers that were fortunate enough to be employed there made it okay.

Douglas is in the process of going ahead with expansion. No contracts are let as of now but will be in the near future.

The rock, sand and gravel plants are going all out to rebuild the stock piles which were depleted at the end of last season. These brother engineers employed at the plants are career men of long standing and contribute a lot to maintaining conditions in the Sacramento area.

The ready mix plants have worked steady the past month and are geared now to start the mud flowing for curb and gutters, driveways, patios, slab floors or what have you.

McCLELLAN

Gordon Ball has moved from Mather Field to McClellan Field. They have a good sized job to start on as soon as the ground is dry enough to start. They have been waiting for the state to let the rest of the work on Highway No. 90 at Winters, but for some reason they have not called for bids. Maybe it will be a highway with two dead-ends.

The bids are going to be out March 19 for 22,000,000 yards more on the Deep Water Channel. This will put some more dredge men to work.

Fruin and Colnon have moved in at McClellan Field. They have a large hanger to build, but most of the engineers work has been subbed out.

There is soon to be a hearing on a high level bridge across the Sacramento River at "R" Street. This is going to be opposed by the dredge operators and also the river boat operators. They feel that a bridge of this type would hamper river traffic. Sacramento could use at least two more bridges of any type.

Lentz. Const. has picked up several small jobs.

Brother Mike Simon, operator for Wm. Lynch, had an auto accident in December in which he received a broken back, but thinks he will be able to go to work this spring.

Brother Henry Goodwin was in the hospital for an operation, but he is out now and going strong again.

The crane rental business is now picking up and most of the long-boom engineers are behind the controls again swinging away to their heart's content.

The mechanics have all of the equipment repaired or rebuilt to suit the desires of each individual operator. The work in the shops is a continuous operation to keep the brothers happy.

Clark's Welding Works have a crew of capable engineers welding everything from a moonbeam to a broken heart. This is a union shop crew class A.

The owner-operators are off to a good start and have trenchers, back-hoes, fordsons, and loaders. Anyone needing work performed, contact these brother engineers for your job. These boys are 100 per cent union and will give you your money's worth.

The sub-divisions planned for the county are large compared

with the past and will furnish employment to a great many engineers when they get under way. This is one type of construction that furnishes work for all classifications of engineers.

The underground contractors are slow to start due to anticipation of rain. The ground is saturated now to the point where a deep trench sharing is required to prevent cave-ins.

Safety-First should be an every day practice with you brothers. A dead or crippled engineer is not what we need. Stay Alert! Keep Alive!

Brother Warren Rankin was in the Sutter hospital, he is out now, better than ever.

Madison Sand and Gravel have enlarged their plant in Winters and are all set for a good year.

February blood donors were:
NIELS PEDERSON
HOWARD B. GREEN
WALTER GANO

We would like to thank all the brothers and their families and friends that have donated blood to the Operating Engineers.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Work has been slow in the mountains lately due to the storms of late February that dumped several feet of snow on the ground.

Jaybird Tunnel was shut down temporarily while a crew was working on the access road. The road turned into a swamp when it got good and wet and became impassable for all but four wheel drive vehicles. Frazier-Davis has been dumping rock on the road in an attempt to correct this situation. It is impossible to say whether the tunnel will be working when you read this, but they are back at work as this is being written.

They are driving two headings now at the adit with two complete crews, while at the outfall end they have started on the surge shaft.

Gibbons & Reed have resumed operations on the Ice House Dam after being down for about two weeks. They took advantage of the shut down to do some repair work and trade in several "cats" for new ones. It is a nice looking rig, the new one, that is, and is being supplied by the Weaver Tractor Co. of Sacramento.

Continental Drilling Co., of Los Angeles has a crew of diamond drillers at the Ice House Dam taking core samples for Gibbons & Reed. The drilling is being done by Brother Paul Kuchler, assisted by Brother John George.

Piombo Const. Co. has started the clearing on their road job from Fresh Pond to Pacific House. This will connect two sections that are presently four lane. The next section will be let this summer and when both these jobs are completed it will provide a four lane highway from Pollock Pines to just east of Riverton.

Brother C. L. Langford is contracting the clearing from Piombo. He has Brothers Bob O'Leary and Larry Moore on his cats. Both of these brothers are equally at home on either a logging or a dirt job. Piombo's bid price for the job was \$799,000 and the project will be handled by the Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Brother Bill Pierce will be the job superintendent.

At Placerville, Joe Vicini has put a few of the Brothers back to work on a small project west of town. He also has a cat and a blade working on the road to Jaybird Tunnel. The brothers in the shop are trying to get the cats and other equipment back into shape for the start of work

in the spring.

Bennett Murray has lost very little time due to rain on his road job at Sommerset. This job is almost all decomposed granite, except for the part that is solid rock. He has two DW 21's on the job now, with Brothers Ray Groves and Bill Valley operating them.

At this time there is still nothing to report from the Lake Tahoe area with the exception of the Tahoe Keys job. This will be a new subdivision on the south end of the lake and will be built so that each back yard will face on a finger of water. This will involve moving between 3.5 and 4.5 million yards of dirt with a suction dredge. The engineering and surveying is being done by Riffe, Shipherd, and Jones, a civil engineering firm with an office at Tahoe Valley. This company employs only members of Local No. 3 in their field survey work and is managed in the lake area by Brother J. Paul Ramer.

On the Roseville-Newcastle freeway, A. Teichert & Son have started back to work with quite a few of the Brothers back on their rigs. The bulk of the dirt has been moved but there is enough left to keep the rigs busy until spring.

P. G. Moore, Inc. was low bidder on a small job at the Auburn Fairgrounds. This will consist of building a parking lot and roadways.

Their bid was \$37,205.

OVER THE HILL

Fredrickson, Watson and Ransome Construction Co. are 60 per cent completed on their four lanes of freeway that runs from Donner Monument to Boca.

"Old Man Winter" has shut this job down tight with all the heavy rain and snow. All of the equipment has been taken care of so that none of it will be damaged due to the extreme cold condition that exists during the winter.

As soon as weather permits they hope to start high-balling again with 100,000 cubic yards of dirt still to move. The remainder of the dirt excavation will have to be done with shovels, probably N.W. 80's.

There is over 300,000 tons of base rock to lay on this job and over 60,000 cubic yards of concrete to pour.

Six of the eight bridges are completed on this job with a total of 12,600 cubic yards of concrete going into them.

The Squaw Valley area is a little slow now with all the heavy snow. However, Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel is working every day they can to complete their contract to set 1000 tons of steel for the ice arena. These steel roof beams are modernized so much that they are really hard to set. They weigh 12 tons each and are 94 feet long.

Brother Earl Webster is operating the 50-ton P & H truck crane and Brother Gerald Lovelady is doing the oiling for him.

This job should be completed by March 1, 1959, if weather permits.

Work on the \$5,400,000 U.S. Highway 40 Freeway project, being done by the Woods & Kirt Co., which runs from Hampshire Rocks to Soda Springs in Nevada and Placer Counties, has been suspended for the winter. Work on the six mile section of freeway started last April.

The State Division of Highways said the project is 61 per cent complete and no difficulties are expected in having it ready for use for the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley.

Marysville Eyes \$62 Million Water Project

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

On or about March 16th, with the opening date on or about April 30th, bids are to be issued on the Oroville-Wyandotte Irrigation Project. This project will be located on the South Fork of the Feather River, east of Oroville running to north of Grass Valley and will cost in the neighborhood of \$62,000,000.

The project will consist of eight new dams (and minor reconstruction of another), approximately seventeen miles of tunnels, 11,000 feet of penstocks, three hydro-electric power plants having an aggregate rated capacity of 88,000 KW, 22 miles of power and irrigation canal, and the necessary roads and minor structures.

Bids are being asked in nine schedules and the bidders may bid on one schedule, all or any combination, however, rumor among the trade is that one company will probably take the entire job. Bechtel Corporation has been retained by the district as engineers and will not be a bidder.

Information is not available to us, at least at this writing, as to how soon the job will start after the bid is let, but because we are informed that there is anticipation that the successful a 30 month completion date, we bidder will not let much grass grow under his feet. This should be a good job for a goodly number of the brothers.

ROAD WORK

In addition to the road work already let or in progress the State Division of Highways has a busy season planned for this year of which a partial list follows: Yuba City, north on Live Oak Highway for about a mile, widen to 64 feet, \$240,000 budgeted. \$450,000 to widen and resurface seven and one half miles of the Short Route to Sacramento.

\$400,000 to widen and resurface Highway 40 from Robbins to the Sutter Causeway. Reconstruct a little over two miles of highway south of Grimes at a cost of \$200,000.

M. J. Ruddy and Sons, west of Williams have about 65% of their job to finish west of Williams, \$400,000 is the cost of this job to finish west of Williams, \$400,000 is the cost of this job which will keep ten or twelve of the brothers busy to the middle of the summer.

Around Chico there is considerable work planned on the Esplanade at a cost of over \$700,000. Between Codora Four Corners and Butte City Bridge they plan on spending \$1,150,000 to flood, blocking the road, build a causeway. This area has early every winter, will be a mile and two tenths long and will be a big improvement.

In addition to the above there are a number of small jobs (all of which provide employment) and several city improvement or sewer districts that they are planning to call for, or have called for bids. These make us feel rather optimistic about the work. Now all they practically have to do is top wasting this nice weather and get started.

BEALE AIR BASE

Hal B. Hayes and Associates are the successful bidders on the additional 400 houses (it was originally 477, but was reduced to 400) at the Capehart Housing Project. This makes a housing project of 977 houses being built from the ground up at a price of approximately \$18,000,000. (Which isn't small by metropolitan standards).

This project which has the greatest aggregation of sub-contractors on any job of like size in the world and has kept a goodly bunch of the brothers working through the winter when the weather permitted. It has been a little troublesome to handle because of the afore-

mentioned subs., but we hope we have it straightened out, at least temporarily.

Additional work recently let at the base included a \$1,288,000 award to Bishop-Mattei for construction of additions to the composite structure. Also Baldwin Contracting Company received approximately \$240,000 worth of work for relocating and remodeling the industrial shops, paving and utilities. Rumor has it that the talked about 6000 feet addition to the runway won't go this year.

LEEVE WORK

There are several levee jobs already let, held over from last year or contemplated, that will make this type of work pretty good this year. That is, when they get started. These contracts usually provide for a shut down between October 15th and April 15th of each year with work only permitted by consent of the Army Engineers. So it will be a few days before this work gets going, however, this apparently doesn't apply to L.A. and R. S. Crow who, at this writing, are trying to start up again.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT

Gladding, McBean and Company: Due to the Plastersol department going on a full time schedule with four crews on a five day week basis a few extra men have been hired. As we have said in past issues this is one winter that there has been no reduction in forces and this cannot but be a good omen for the level of construction this coming season, especially housing.

There have been a number of grievances during the past month, however, not all of them were too well founded. We would like to again advise and warn you not to go to the foreman alone with your "beefs". Take the Grievance Committee man with you as a witness and to represent you. This is your right under the agreement.

This is especially true if the foreman gives you a "warning slip" or intends to discipline you for some alleged violation of the working rules, etc. Then if the matter does get into the grievance stage, you have a witness and an advocate and it is not simply your word against the foreman.

Some of the brothers object to the warning slips, but we feel that they are very helpful as they establish a record and at some future time during the settlement of a grievance we aren't up against the old story

BLOOD

...We still need blood donors and are urging you again to visit the Mobile Blood Bank when it comes to your town. This isn't just something more you read, pass over and forget. It is a serious subject and if you or one of your loved ones should need blood you would understand how serious.

The Mobile Blood Bank is in Marysville every second Thursday between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. It is also scheduled at irregular times to be in Oroville, Chico and, we are informed, Williams. Check with your Red Cross in those cities for the time, place and date, and make a date to donate!

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

MEETING NOTICES

Quarterly District Meeting: This very important meeting will be held Thursday April 9, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. in the Friendship Hall, 323 E Street, Marysville. All members are urged to be present.

Grievance Committee: Meets each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville. This is the place to bring your problems, especially if you are not satisfied with the action to date.

Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields: This unit meets Monday, March 23, 1959 in the Engineer's Hall, 1910 "Eye" Street, Marysville. The meeting will convene at 10:00 a.m. for the convenience of the swing shift, remain in session until the business is completed, recess and reconvene at 7:30 p.m. for the convenience of the day and graveyard shift.

Rock, Sand, Gravel and Ready Mixed Concrete: The membership meeting of this unit will be held Friday, March 27, 1959 at 8:00 p.m. in the Laborers' Hall, 1245 Lincoln Street Oroville.

Natomas Company: Membership meeting, Monday, April 6, 1959, in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom and at the following times: 10:00 a.m. to enable the swing shift to attend.

7:30 p.m. for the convenience of the balance of the membership.

Gladding, McBean and Company: The Lincoln Industrial Council Joint Board meets Monday, April 6, 1959 at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln. ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE URGED TO BE PRESENT.

The General Membership will be held Tuesday, April 14, 1959 in the City Hall Auditorium, Lincoln. The meeting will convene at 2:30 p.m. for those members working on the swing shift, recess when the business is completed and reconvene at 4:15 p.m. for the rest of the membership.

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

of the foreman saying "well I fore" or something like that. Again we say the slip establishes the record and if you get one and don't think it is justified, "beef" right then.

Gold Dredging Companies:

There is a little change happening with these companies outside the usual. Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields are remodeling Dderge No. 18 and will probably be in operation by the time you see this. This will create about 18 more jobs for the dredger brothers which is a welcome change from the down hill picture that has been the case of recent years.

At Natomas Company negotiations start for the agreement for the coming year (at Yuba there is a three year agreement) with the question of wages only to be the subject of negotiations. The first meeting is scheduled for March 11th and a report for the membership may be ready before the next meeting.

Rock, Sand, Gravel and Ready Mixed Concrete:

Some increased activity has been noted in this industry. There has been one or two new plants put up (we thought the industry was a little crowded, but apparently some don't agree). Dewey Dodson and Ed

SUNSHINE IN THE REDWOODS

By KEN BROOKS and BILL TOMBERLIN
Business Representatives

Brothers that headline looks a lot better than last month but work still remains very slow, and the out-of-work list is not the way we like to see it by any means.

A few of the Brothers are going back to work, but nothing to get excited about. We have high hopes that we will start rolling lots sooner than last year and from all indications our hopes have some foundation.

The Highway 101 job from Little River to Trinidad was let on the 4th of this month. The low bidder was Delphia & Crow with a bid of \$2,288,888.88, how about the figure? There is about one and a half million yards in this one, 97 acres of clearing. This we like as it is this kind of job that puts the Brothers to work. They should start the clearing by April 1, weather permitting, of course.

We are real sorry to report to you that the latest information we have is that our big job on 101 at Weott will not be let until after the turn of the fiscal year, which is June 1.

It seems a shame that some of our jobs come out so late in the year when we have such a short season. We hope that we can eventually make someone listen and change this practice in the near future. We also have been informed that there is a good possibility that the bridge and approaches will be let at south Scotia on 101, which is one of the most needed jobs in this area. Of course, making im-

Helsum, cement contractors have put up a plant on the Lester L. Rice property in Yuba City (Lester quit the business) and Roy Matthews of Gridley is going to put up a plant in Yuba City, or so we are told.

Concrete Pipe Plants:

This industry has been rather slow with the four day week being the rule rather than the exception. We are sure hoping that this ceases and they get back on a five day week, at least in the near future.

Tractor, Machine and Contractor's Shops:

Peterson Tractor Shop at Chico is a beehive of activity with more work being done, we New York Machine Shop has also undergone a good shot in the arm and has a good schedule of work. The contractor's shops, which is not so unusual at this time of the year, are also holding up well.

PERSONAL NOTES:

We regret to have to report the recent death of Brother George M. Davis, who was employed by Butte Creek Rock Company, after a lengthy illness and operation in January. We extend to his wife and family the heartfelt sympathy of the officers and members of Local 3. . . Brother James Walsh of the Valley Concrete Pipe Company, Yuba City, is reported to have suffered a heart attack recently, but is reported to be greatly improved at this time. We're pulling for you, Jim. . . We wish to take this means of extending to Brother Arlis Morrow, of Goforth Brothers, Williams, our sincere sympathy in the recent loss of his wife, Grace, after a long illness. . . Brother W. A. McCloud, of H. Earl Parker Co., is reported to be in the hospital after suffering second degree burns. At this writing we have no report as to how the accident occurred, but much improved. . . Brother Louis Roseberry who just recovered from a bout of pneumonia in the hospital reports that he is going to enter the University of California Hospital for a check-up, treatment and possible operation. Good luck, Louie.

improvements on the roads in this part of the country, is like the fellow who redecorated that shabby room in his house; when he got it done it made the rest of the place look so bad he had to continue the operation but with each step he became more happy with the results, so it is well worth the waiting and planning to attain the ultimate end.

CRESCENT CITY

Up north around Crescent City things are pretty quiet at present with only realignment near Patrick's Creek Lodge on 199, which may be a prelude to some of the future work on this road into Oregon, you Brothers may or may not know that there is much discussion and planning going on to do a lot of highway tunnel construction on this road through the mountains into the State of Oregon. We can't say at present what the end result will be. Keep your fingers crossed, we can sure use the help. There is also considerable dock work to be done up there which would help the unemployment situation to a great extent.

Coming on south of Big Lagoon, Mercer-Fraser has completed the demolition of the old bridge and are getting ready to go to work on the last part of the paving and cross fill on this 4-lane section of 101. Sure is a nice job to say the least.

There is quite a bit of activity on new buildings at Humboldt State, but as you all know, there is very little work for the Brothers on this type of job, just a few hoists, etc.

In the Willow Creek area about the only activity we have is slide work and a new gym building at the Hoopa school to be constructed by Barnhardt Construction of Medford, Oregon. When the weather permits we expect Wallace Bros. and Jim Clack to go back to the "Big Foot Country" at Bluff Creek and finish that timber access road. We understand there is a bridge to go in on that road this spring but we have nothing on it for certain.

We also see a lot of stakes along the Hoopa-Willow Creek road, route 96, but no one seems to know when the Federal Bureau of Roads is going to do anything on it. Soon, we hope! EUREKA

In and around Eureka there is the usual amount of little jobs of all types that put a few beans in the pot for a few of the brothers, but nothing of any real importance at present.

The voters of the city saw fit, just recently, to vote in a new Charter providing for a City Manager, whether this will put more of the city construction up to competitive bid or not we can't say at this time. We'll know more about it after July 1 of this year when the change will be made.

Well, brothers, it looks like we have about covered it for this time. As the old farmer said by this time next month the sun will be shining on both sides of the fence making things look better all around.

Don't forget our district meeting on April 7 at 2806 Broadway, Eureka. Let's have a good crowd, Brothers, and please don't forget our Blood Bank. We really need it. We are short now.

The office is open every Monday night, 7 to 9 p.m. for your convenience.

UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

By MERLIN BOWMAN, GLENN FULMER, GEORGE FARRELL, JAY NEELEY, and JAMES HALL, Business Representatives

The first day of March came to Utah complying with the old adage "In like a lamb", with a 62 degree temperature, the highest on record; and with all the new work ready to start, we are hoping that the end of the adage, "Out like a lion," will not run true to form this year, as our out-of-work list is seriously in need of some good working weather.

Gibbons & Reed are getting started on the Freeway with Brother Grant Collett as Superintendent on the job and Brother Ike Beaudoin and Denton Parker taking over on the shifting. The company has their Coleman Loader set up temporarily at 9400 South and 10th East which makes it quite a long haul. This is only temporary in order to get enough sand for the sand pad before starting on the vertical sand drains.

Alfred Brown Company was low bidder on the State office building which is to be constructed just to the north of the State Capitol Building. Gibbons & Reed Company will do the excavating for this job which will amount to about 220,000 cubic yards.

Wheelwright Construction Co. has once again moved into the Salt Lake area on some more of the Cottonwood Sewer District work, which is the same area they spent two years in, in 1957 and 1958.

Raymond Concrete Pile Co., is now busy driving the pile on the new Salt Lake Airport Administration Buildings. Christiansen Brothers are the general contractors on this job. We are very happy to see this job start

as it should make a good 1½ years job for the old "steadys" who work for Christiansen. Pete Deros and Joe Solmonson are on the crane and Max Barnes and Jime Foreman are taking care of the cat work and batchplants.

There's good news this week with the announcement by the Bureau of Reclamation on the April 1 date, set for the bidding of the Stanaker Dam six miles north of Vernal. This is to be an earth-filled dam, the kind that makes plenty of work for No. 3 men. We are not sure anymore as to the quantity in cubic yards to go into this job, as each notice we receive is different from the previous one; however, it should be a sizeable amount. There will also be the re-routing of several miles of new road. We are in need of a good fair contractor on this job because of the geographical difficulty we could be in if the wrong kind of contractor should get it.

Work at Flaming Gorge is picking up in momentum. Coker Construction has "holed through" on the tunnel and Kiewit is still getting in more equipment and calling for more operators.

Work on the Water Treatment Plant at Little Cottonwood Canyon is going along pretty

well. Davis and Butler Co., the general contractor on the job, has given us a little trouble during the cold, slow winter season about oilers and A-Frame operators; we hope that is all behind us now. Our thanks go to the real crew of good union men on the job whose cooperation and level-headed approach were instrumental in bringing this company to terms.

SOUTHWEST

The weather has had all the jobs down in this area, but a change in the weather looks like things will be rolling again by the time this reaches you. Western Contracting Corporation has had its share of shut-down time due to shovel breakdowns, with travel gears in both 191's down for a week; however, everything is rolling again now and the muck is really flying. We hope this continues.

Down below at Kennecott, we finally got the Bank-Trimmer problem settled. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the stewards and men for their cooperation in helping to stem the recent pilferage by the Mine, Mill & Smeltermen's Union; there is a very noticeable increase in membership into the Operating Engineers Union since the start of this campaign. Brothers Joey Badouinatz and Everett Hibbard are to be complimented for the way they have handled this. Let's all get behind them and keep the ball rolling.

Around Lang Shops, things are really slow. The big fire at the car body shop put a lot of the boys out in the weather; however, our people still have We would like to mention to you people from Lang Company that negotiations will be starting soon so would like for you to start thinking of changes you would like to have in your contract. Make notes and give them to your stewards so that we will have something to work with.

The Sand & Gravel plants are still slow as expected this time of the year but things would start moving again soon.

Utah Construction Company finally holed through on their tunnel job at Copperton. This has been a real tough job. The management and men should be commended on this job as it was finished ahead of schedule despite the obstacles they had to face.

There isn't too much to report on the Strong, W. W. Clyde and M. K.'s jobs at Pintura as the weather has had these jobs shut down tight; however, they should be rolling again soon. Hoagason and Story have just about finished the Diversion Tunnel with only a few days of cleaning up to do. They have assured us that the Health and Welfare payments will be paid retroactive to the beginning of this job.

Utah Construction's Iron Mines are going at a rapid pace, having called back all of the members and hiring additional ones. We would like to compliment these Brothers on the way they are getting ready for negotiations and we sincerely hope we can come up with enough to make everyone happy this year.

PERSONAL NOTES

We would like to extend Best Wishes and a Speedy Recovery to Brother Joe Anderson who is in the Iron County Hospital and Brother Clayton Lewis who is hospitalized in Salt Lake City; also Brother June Hunter who has been ill for almost a year now. Hope to see these Brothers

on the job again soon.

To the family of John Yassie, Kennecott employee, we would like to offer our sincere sympathy over his untimely death which was the result of an automobile accident. This same accident has left another man, Brother Raul Paz, in poor condition. Brother Paz is also a Kennecott employee. We hope his recovery is speedy and complete.

NORTHERN AREA

The work situation in this area is beginning to improve somewhat these past few days with several new jobs getting underway and some of the ones which have been down due to the normal winter weather, starting to take additional men.

Preliminary work has been completed and advance notices have been issued on several interstate highway projects scheduled for the northern part of the state. Included in a partial list of the projects, is the job from Rattle Snake Pass to Snowville, a distance of 7 miles estimated at \$2,000,000; Peterson to Morgan at a cost of \$2,000,000; Wasatch in Rich County to Castle Rock, a 7 mile section estimated to cost \$3,000,000, and the 31st Street overpass and connecting accesses. Also, a number of secondary jobs are scheduled to be bid early this Spring.

Miya Brothers Const. Co. submitted the low bid for the access road, irrigation, ditch, fencing and reservoir cleanup on the Willard Bay reservoir area.

Waterfall Const. Co. has been awarded a \$109,175 contract for water storage and distribution facilities at the Thiokol Chemical Co. Plant west of Corrine. This plant is fast becoming a large installation keeping quite a number of men busy with additional work scheduled for bid within the near future.

Several other jobs have been let within the past few weeks which will help the employment situation considerably including Waterfall's \$96,982 on Water System Facilities for the Bureau of Reclamation; E. H. Knudsen's \$50,275 on Ogden City Sewer work; Olson & Davis' \$550,455 on Logan College work; Olof Nelson Const. Co. on gravel stockpile for Ogden City; L. T. Johnson Const. Co. on Ogden Municipal Airport; Olsen Const. Engineering Co. on earthwork, pipelines and structures for the Weber Basin Project.

The work on the Morrison & Knudsen Company project for the Southern Pacific Railroad on the Lucin Cut-off is scheduled to start tapering off within the very near future. This has been an exceptionally good job and we truly hate to see it come to an end.

SOUTHERN SECTION

After a record breaking road construction year in 1958, the Utah road commission hinted that Utah motorists "ain't seen nuttin' ye." Contracts amounting to an estimated 40 million dollars will be let during the next 12 months, an increase of 8½ million dollars over 1958.

Proposed work in this section for 1959 includes: A project on the interstate freeway from American Fork to the north Orem City limits, a 4½ mile job to cost about two million dollars; a project from Floy to Crescent Junction, a distance of seven miles to cost some \$1,200,000.00; three sections of U. S. Highway No. 91 from Washington Junction to the Washington County Iron County line, the cost, approximately 4½ million

CONTRACTS AWARDED

OGDEN, UTAH, Contract awarded to Olsen Const. Engineering Co., 3231 Kies Ave., Ogden, Utah, \$561,235, for earthwork, pipelines & structural lines 1.9, p-3.7 and p-20 incl. pumping plants, Weber Basin Proj., Utah.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to L. C. Stenson Const. Co., Roosevelt, Utah, \$152,490, for const. of rd. bit. surf. rd. & 83 ft. concrete & steel struc.; on Rd. no. 26.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Contract awarded to Warkle Jensen, 745 E. Center St., Springville, Utah, \$68,509, for 69 mi. graded drwy. on SR No. 95, from jctn. SR No. 95 & 261 west 35 mi. to A. E. Camp & from jctn. SR 47 & 261, north White Canyon & on SR No. 261 34 mi. to jctn. SR No. 95 in SAN JUAN COUNTY, UTAH.

RENO, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 235, Reno, Nevada, \$104,313, for const. conc. pipeline & appurts. for Virginia and Truckee Storm Drain.

dollars; the Thistle to Red Narrows Section in Utah County on Highways No. 89 and 50, a 6½ mile section to cost one million dollars; Castle Gate to Helper 2½ miles on Highway No. 6 and 50 to cost \$800,000.00, also 2½ miles on Highways No. 6 and 50 between Castle Gate and New Peerless to cost some \$750,000.00; Price to Huntington in Carbon County approximately seven miles; Mt. Pleasant to Fairview in Sanpete County some seven miles, to cost in excess of \$200,000.00. In addition there are numerous smaller jobs in San Juan, Millard, Sevier, Piute, Beaver, Iron, Garfield, and Kane Counties.

Gibbons and Reed Co. from Salt Lake were determined to be low bidders on the Orem Freeway. The interstate system in Northern Utah County will be six lanes of Roadway with 40 foot median strip and will be built according to interstate defense highway standards. The low bid of \$1,452,948.00 was submitted for this job. The Freeway extends from 16th North to 16th South in Orem and consists of 1,626,000 cubic yards of imported borrow material, and 339,000 yards of unclassified excavation on a 4½ mile segment of interstate Route No. 15. The Engineers estimate on this job was \$1,899,077.70. The work on this section should be started at the time this is published.

United Concrete Pipe Co. plans a plant expansion that will bring about a year-round operation. The first of several building projects is now underway, and will consist of a 100x260 foot building of 24,000 square foot capacity. Future enclosed buildings will include those for spinning, pre-stress, fabrication and pre-wrapping and coating. The project also includes the construction of a warehouse, grading and surfacing of 120,000 feet of plant roads.

United Concrete Pipe Company is doing business in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and Colorado, but Pleasant Grove will remain as this company's headquarters for these mountain states.

Sentiment is gaining to push toe work on several central Utah projects. A power dam at Castilla only slightly smaller than Deer Creek, and the Bates Reservoir on the Upper Provo River is proposed, the latter being preferable to enlarging Deer Creek, since it would provide irrigation and flood control to Wasatch County.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED MEETINGS.

Labor Organization Financial Report

CASH BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR (Exhibit A)\$ 598,175.39

Add:	
CASH RECEIPTS	
Dues (or per capita tax from affiliates)	\$1,443,414.13
Fees excluding work permits	226,226.91
Work permits	5,070.00
Fines	3,355.00
Assessments (Exhibit B)	59,761.62
Income from investment (Dividends, Interest, etc.) (Exhibit C)	21,598.43
Receipts from sale of assets (Itemize in Schedule A) (Exhibit D)	69,992.91
Receipts from sale of supplies (labels, buttons, etc.)	119.25
Other Receipts	
From members (Burial Expense Fund)	103,917.23
From Repayment of advances or loans (Itemize in Schedule B advances or loans to officers or staff)	105.00
From other sources (Itemize in Schedule D) (Exhibit E)	123,276.11

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS 2,056,836.59

TOTAL CASH ACCOUNTABILITY \$2,655,011.98

CASH DISBURSEMENTS	
Per capita tax and assessments (Exhibit F) ..\$	368,221.08
Salaries	No. of Persons
Officers	8
Staff	166
Allowances	
Travel and related expenses	5,789.16
Other (Itemize in Schedule E) (Exhibit G)	99,271.51
Taxes (Exhibit H)	51,468.50
Fees for legal services	12,521.57
Fees for other professional services	17,686.04
Office and administrative expenses (Exhibit I)	106,306.48
Benefit payments to or for members or dependents (Exhibit K)	103,573.50
Publications, publicity and educational expenses	21,055.93
Purchase of assets	55,301.24
Other disbursements (Itemize in Schedule G) (Exhibit L)	249,629.88

TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS 1,805,075.82

CASH BALANCE AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR \$ 849,936.16

BALANCE SHEET STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Cash:			
Cash on Hand (Exhibit N)	\$ 598,175.39		\$ 849,936.16
Securities:			
Government Bonds	\$275,000.00	\$250,000.00	
Corporate Stock (Ex. O)	100,670.39	103,270.39	353,270.39
Fixed Assets (Net of Reserves)			
Land and Buildings (Itemize in Schedule H)			
(Exhibit P)	1,845,059.92		1,817,516.11
Furniture and Fixtures	49,363.35		52,393.28
Notes and Accounts Receivable (see Schedule J)	600.00		495.00
Other Assets (Itemize in Schedule K) (Ex. Q)	131,595.76	112,972.73	
Total Assets	\$3,000,464.81		\$3,186,583.67
LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH			
Net Worth (excess of Assets over Liabilities)	\$3,000,464.81		\$3,186,583.67
Total Liabilities and Net worth	\$3,000,464.81		\$3,186,583.67

STOCKTON SEES FULL YEAR AHEAD

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

The work picture for this season looks very promising. If the construction work that is contemplated for the San Joaquin River is approved we should have a full year in this district.

The State Department of Water Resources has allocated approximately three and one-half million dollars for flood control on the San Joaquin River from the confluence of the Merced River up to the confluence of the Stanislaus.

The U. S. Corp of Engineers are planning to let a million dollar contract for levee repair and realignment in this same general area. Both projects are scheduled for bids later this month.

Other jobs to be let in the Stockton-Modesto district are: The Atomic Energy Commission has allocated \$200,000 for new road to Site 300, south of Tracy, or the Corral Hollow Road.

The State Department of Parks and Beaches will call for bids on road and levee work at the new Caswell Park which is near Ripon on South Austin Road.

In addition to the announced construction of a concrete elevator to handle bulk rice at the Port of Stockton, which was awarded to the William J. Moran Company, another job at the Port was awarded to Utah Construction Company to construct 42 concrete silos and two large steel tanks which will increase capacity of the existing storage elevators to nearly five million bushels. Estimated cost of the job is one million dollars.

This, along with work to be let by the City of Stockton for an underpass on Harding Way and numerous smaller projects, and county road work that is proposed for this year, should keep the brothers in this district busy.

Union Construction Company has started the clearing for I. L. Croft & Son, Inc., at Calaveras Big Trees. They have three dozers working in the snow and mud, which makes it difficult to stay in the right of way.

I. C. Croft & Son, Inc., have one dozer working to prepare for the rock crusher and hot plant. It will be some time in

April before Croft will be able to start moving dirt.

A. Teichert & Son are drilling the rock on the Murphys job. As soon as the drilling is completed they will move in the equipment and really get started.

A. Teichert & Son was low bidder, with \$18,907, to grade and pave Hammer Lane.

The contract for reconstruction of streets in East Stockton was awarded to Stanfield & Mody. The bid was for \$158,843.

MOKELUMNE

Lord & Bishop are working on the new bridge across the Mokelumne River at Victor, east pany have a little work left on of Lodi. Claude C. Wood Company the approach and should be ready for black top before long.

Lee J. Immel of San Pablo was low bidder on the resurfacing job from Grant Line Road on the Fabian Tract, between the new bridge being constructed on Middle River by Erickson-River bridge.

Phillips & Weisborg, and Old Basalt Rock Company are working on the Stockton Deep Water Channel, placing rip-rap on another contract for which they were successful bidders, in the amount of \$350,492. M. Malfitano & Son will do the cat and dragline work for Basalt.

Associated Constructors were low bidders on the new cannery additions for Hunts Foods in Oakdale. George Reed has a sub-contract on the paving and A. L. Craft has the excavation and grading.

Ripon Construction had the largest single land leveling job this past season, leveling 400 acres for peaches on the Libby, McNeil ranch near Ripon.

APPEAL FOR BLOOD

Brothers, we are again appealing for donors to our Blood Bank. We have many members who cannot get blood paid for, at various times of the year through the health and welfare program, due to the lack of eligibility. This, in most cases, causes the member to go to the county hospital where a charge is made or the replacement of the blood is demanded. We believe an organization of this size should be able to supply any blood which might be needed to members or their immediate families in this sort of situation. Our thanks to Perry McCollum, B. H. "Smokey" Heuston and Walter Talbot for their recent contributions.

PERSONAL NOTES

Brother F. L. "Blackie" Forrest has returned to Stockton after working a year with Crow, Steers and Shephers, in Greenland.

Brother William F. Kramer is convalescing in his home from recent surgery.

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP

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

Isbell Construction Company is really well along with their storm drain job along South Virginia Street, Center Street and the Old Virginia-Truckee Railroad right-of-way in Reno. Brother Ted Delavega is on the Northwest backhoe and that Brother is a real digger.

Brother Clarence Wibel is on the Michigan loader. He runs around all over the place doing odd jobs, back filling and what have you.

Brother Al Shay on the blade smoothing things out, blocking traffic mostly. Brother Jack Cox on the truck crane bouncing around with the clam bucket and a hook part of the time on the rig.

Out at Isbell Construction Company 2nd Street pit operating where Bill Boegle and his faithful crew hang out most of the time doing mostly odd job repairing and sending out a few loads of gravel or sand once in awhile.

George Griffall Company has another 22 Bucyrus and believe me that fellow is doing O. K. around the town of Reno, he has lots of work. Brother Roy Nealson on the dozer, Brother Cal Salari is really digging with that backhoe.

George E. Miller Company is well along with their irrigation ditch job near the University of Nevada. Brother Howard Johnston is the big push on the job. Brother Marvin Lindley on the backhoe.

Brother Bob (The Sand Man) Williams has had lots of business during the winter. Even Smith-Petersen Company was hauling from his pit for awhile. Now that Bob really gets around when it comes to business activities.

Paul Tholl Company has quite a bit of patching work around Reno with Brother Burrell Johnson in charge of the work. Brother Johnson was in the hospital for a short time for a check-up, but Brother Johnson is out and going strong now, better than ever.

Brother Roy Tucker is on McKenzie Construction Company's truck crane on the bank job on South Virginia Street and believe me that Roy is doing O.K. he hasn't hit a cab yet with the dragline bucket.

Gordon H. Ball was awarded the runway job on the Naval Air Station at Fallon, Nevada, and are in the process of moving on to the job. They have about 300,000 yards of excavating for the runway extension and then the concrete crew will go to work. This job went for around a million and a quarter and should keep quite a few operators busy this summer.

Woods & Kirst Construction Company are keeping several HDRM busy repairing their equipment at the storage area in Reno. They are pushing things right along in order to get the machines ready for this seasons work. They hope to get back into the dirt within the next two or three weeks, if the weather continues to hold as it has this past month.

DODGE AT FALLON

Dodge Construction Company of Fallon, Nevada is progressing very well on their job north of Lovelock, Nevada. They have about 4 miles of roadway excavation to go yet and have set up the gravel plant and are starting to crush the gravel for this job. The members on this job have been very fortunate and have only lost a few days this winter due to weather.

On Dodge Construction Company's job at Contact, Nevada, they are down for a few weeks but will be operating again by press time the way it looks now. Most of the Contact crew have been moved to the Lovelock job

ad will keep busy there until the Contact job gets underway again.

Willis Brothers Construction will start their job north west of Denio, Nevada about the 15th of March. John Perdo of Lovelock will put his machines and operators on this job about that date he says.

Whitting Brothers Construction of Las Vegas, Nevada have had their jobs at Winnemucca, Nevada, but expect to start the street work in Winnemucca and the Paradise Valley job during the last part of this month or early in April.

Gibbons & Reed Construction Company are expected to resume work on their road job at Ely, Nevada, within the next week or two judging from the reports that we are receiving from the Brothers in the Ely area. They still have approximately half of this job to do yet.

The Iron Mine operations around Lovelock are very slow at the present time but more activity is expected about the first of April. The Iron Hat Mining Company has the road pioneered from the valley floor to the pit site and a lot of the dirt moved for the actual road bed. We expect the pit operation to get underway some time next month. We will attempt to keep you all posted as this work develops.

TRUCKEE CANYON

Silver State Construction Company has been moving along very well on their job just east of Reno in the Truckee Canyon. They have only lost a couple of days work out there due to the weather. They have laid off a few operators but still have a good sized crew working. Drumm has most of the dirt moved on this job and should complete the excavating by the 1st of April. The crusher crew is keeping busy making gravel and drumm is getting it out on the road just as fast as his blade men get a section of sub-grade finished. They will start paving this job just as soon as the weather gets warm enough for Drumm to get the Hot Plant set up.

At Sparks, Nevada, George Probasco, Inc., is busy building a new tract of homes at the Green Brae district, and is keeping several operators busy. Brothers Doc Kendrick, Mau-

rice O'Brien, Ovie Trott, Donald Hanneman, Billy Duran and Theo. Stillman are on the job for Probasco and are hard at work. Brother Stillman is doing the HDRM work at the shop and the other Brothers are operating around the housing project on loaders, tractors, etc.

Crooks Brothers Tractor Company has had their shop full of machinery that is in need of overhaul and are keeping the brothers quite busy thus far. There has been talk of possibly putting more men on and going into a two shift operation if the work load gets any heavier than it is now. Brother T. C. Bottoms is in the Crooks Brothers shop overhauling a northwest 80 shovel for the Iron Hat Mine and will be moving to the mine as soon as it is finished. He thought it might be a long time if those parts don't come in any faster than they have been in the past month.

CONTRACTS AWARDED

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Affiliated Engrs. Constrs. Inc., P.O. Box 218, Florin, \$319,900, for const. in-process storage bldg. 0424, area 04 at Aerojet-Genl. Solid Rocket plant, Nimbus Station, Calif.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Elmer J. Freethy, 1432 Kearney St., El Cerrito, \$181,101, for const. prest. conc. water storage resvr. of 3 million gal., loc. in El Cerrito.

SANTA CLARA, Contract awarded to Barnhart Const. Co., 785 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, \$110,644, for const. of addns., 1201 Lawrence Sta. Rd., Santa Clara.

McCLELLAN AFB, Contract awarded to Gordon H. Ball, Inc., Camille Ave., Danville, \$215,383 for replc. of pavement at McClellan AFB.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Healy Tibbitts Cons. Co., 411 Brannan St., S.F., \$203,631 for altns. to Marina Yacht Harbor.

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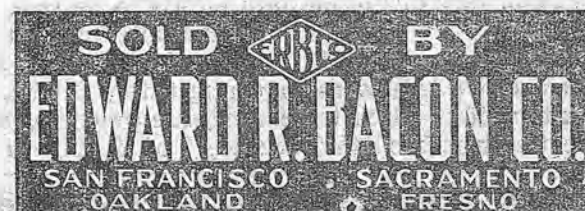
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FRESNO AREA IS BACK AT WORK

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

After a very wet February the sun is again shining in the Fresno area. With the return of spring weather many of the Brothers are back to work. Most of the dispatches the past month have been for engineers who were off due to weather.

After having heavy rain and snow the Bechtel Corp. at Mammoth Pool have called back their crew and at this time are again operating on a two-shift basis. The DW20 spread will be increased as the fill area permits. The rock fill and spillway excavation continued through most of the wet weather keeping quite a few brothers busy throughout the winter. The Power House on the Mammoth Project is moving right along with penstock installation due to start about April 1. Consolidated Western Steel will install the penstocks.

The Utah Construction Co.'s tunnel project is again in full swing. The two headings at Shake Flat were flooded out for about two weeks when a small dam washed out, flooding the downstream heading. The two headings at Rock Creek and the outlet have lost no time. The excavation on the surge chamber continues on three shifts.

Walt Taylor Inc.'s job at Bass Lake have lost some time due to wet weather but are again back to work.

The Fresno Paving Co.'s job at Fine Gold is going very slow due to equipment breakdown, their job at El Portal is likewise hampered by breakdowns.

The Brothers in the Merced area have lost considerable time this winter. There is very little construction in that area at this time and the rock plants are running part time.

There has been some pickup in subdivision work the past month. O. D. Frost Construction Co., J. P. Willis Co. and Fortier Construction Co. are keeping a few of the Brothers busy at this kind of work. The Fortier Construction and Stewart & Nuss Co. are back to work on the Shaw Avenue Freeway. Kovick Bros. and Granite Construction Co. have sewer jobs due to start soon.

Rice Brothers - Stewart & Nuss plant at Herndon has been enlarged and are keeping a good sized crew busy.

Griffith Company and W. J. Smith Co. are back to work on the 99 Freeway job north of Fresno. Griffith Company at Le-moore Air Base have started back to work with all the cats and are getting started on cement treated, hope to start concrete about the 16th. This job has lost a lot of time due to the weather.

L. B. Wells Construction Co. have started cement treated and will be putting down black top some time this month on their

Tulare job. This company was low bidders on a road job out of Tipton. This job should start about the 15th of March.

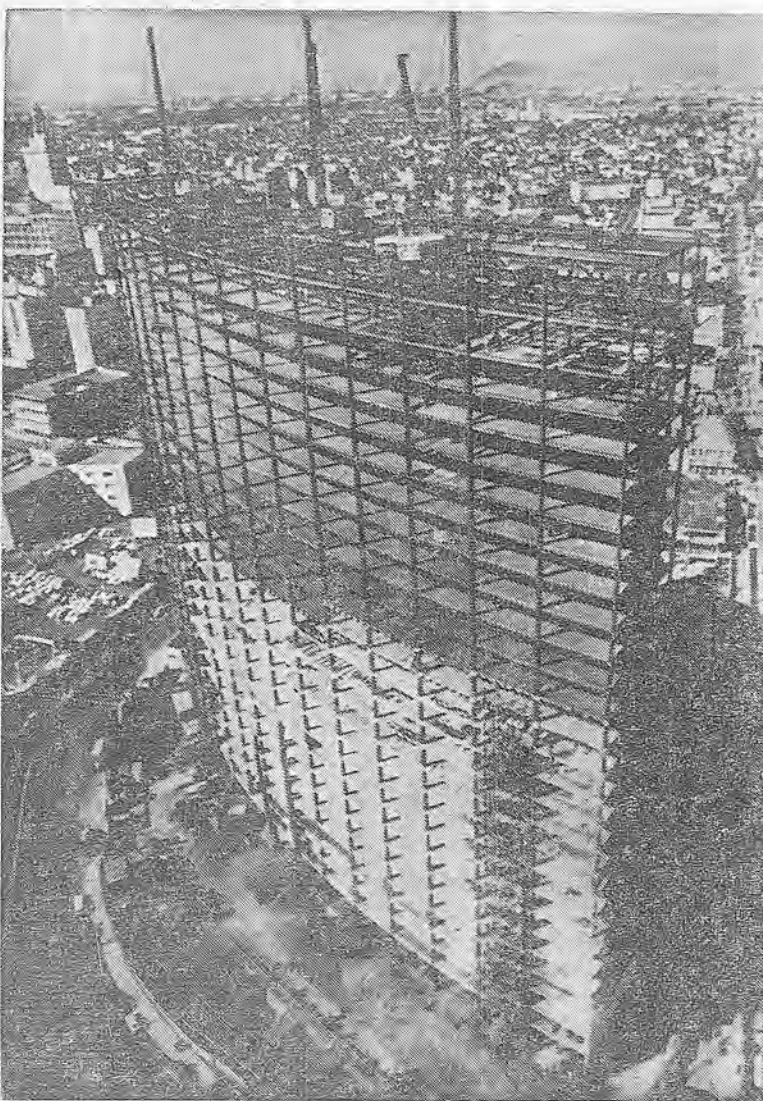
Rice Bros. at Tranquility are putting down base and will get started on black top about the 20th of this month. This company also has a job at Calwa.

WINSTON—Green Company has started on Terminus Dam with four cats doing pioneer work. This company has about 15 brothers on the payroll so far.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. at Porterville on Success Dam has lost about two weeks due to weather. They have six DW 20's, one euc, four blades, one 54B shovel and 7 cats. This company is pouring concrete on the outlet. This concrete will have to be poured and the river diverted before they start the keyway.

Only one blood donor for the month of February—Brother Russell Pyle. Thank you!

Our blood bank is very low—please, can't we get some of the Brothers to donate?



Looking down on the Kaiser Center office building from a "skyhook", the final steel beam, marked by a 28th floor banner, is being placed during recent "topping out" ceremonies. Oakland City hall can be seen at upper left and San Francisco in background.

Startling Facts Given on Job Injuries

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Safety Representative

142,000 Californians suffered disabling injuries on the job in 1958—injuries that prevented them from returning to work the following day.

852 Californians were killed in accidents at work.

However, 1958 was a year of progress in one-the-job safety.

The work injury rate dropped to 31 disabling injuries per 1,000 workers—the lowest rate in California history.

Industrial Safety Conference devoted to this subject brought out many interesting aspects of tunnel work, but was insufficient to justify any specific recommendations such as for changes in the Tunnel Safety Orders, which were considered adequate at this time. However, the Committee feels there are some features of tunnel work which should be examined at greater length and it is therefore recommended that another full meeting be devoted to this subject in 1959.

SAFETY ORDERS ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH

California Safety Orders establish standards of work safety. They are the framework in which you can work safely. But your complete safety on the job depends a great deal on your own efforts to be safe.

Almost all accidents and injuries are caused by someone ignoring Safety Orders, not following safe practices, "taking a chance," or failing to correct

dangerous conditions.

Avoid all unsafe acts and all unsafe work practices. They endanger you and your fellow workers.

Most employers look on their employees not only as workers, but as friends as well. Your employer doesn't want you to get injured.

Apart from his personal feelings for you, the total cost of accidents and injuries is tremendous—at least four to six times the direct cost. For besides doctor's fees and hospital expenses, there is loss of time by other workers, damage to the product, expensive repairs for machines and equipment, and an increase in insurance rates—to name just a few things.

The law requires your employer to carry compensation insurance to protect you if you are injured at work. But what you get from compensation insurance is always much less than your pay.

Many working people are paying for their homes, educating their children, and carrying other obligations as well.

Injury means lower living standards for you and your family—and in many cases, actual hardship.

Give serious thought to on-the-job safety, and don't be slow to make suggestions to your employer or safety committee. Your suggestions should be welcome, even though they may not all be considered practical.

If you notice unsafe equipment or unsafe conditions, report them at once. If you fail in this duty, you or your fellow workers may be injured.

Work safely, and help others to work safely.

Here are some safe practices and some things to remember

to every quarry and open pit mine worker.

Wear a safety hat wherever there is any danger from falling or flying objects.

Report each and every injury to the person in charge, no matter how small the injury seems.

Don't ride on conveyor belts at any time.

Don't climb over conveyor belts except as provided walkways.

Keep out of any bin or bunker containing materials that may cave or run—unless you wear a safety belt with a life line and are attended by another workman.

Before cleaning, repairing, or adjusting a machine that might injure you if it were moving, stop the machine and block it to prevent accidental movement.

Don't repair electrical wires or equipment of any kind without proper authority.

If you work at the Face—before working above or below

In 1950, when the first Governor's Industrial Safety Conference was held in this State, our work injury rate was 42 disabling injuries per 1000 workers.

The injury rate has thus been reduced more than 25 per cent since 1950.

TUNNEL SAFETY

The single meeting which the Committee from the Governor's other men, notify them. It will prevent injuries from falling rock or material.

Place drill steel or other material in a safe place where it cannot fall or roll down on men working below.

Don't work under dangerous loose rock. If it looks dangerous, tell the person in charge right away.

Don't use bars for barring down unless one end is blunt.

Don't deepen or drill in any holes (or parts of holes) that have been charged with explosives.

Thoroughly examine any boulder which you intend to drill or strike or break with a hammer or pick, to make sure it has no drill hole containing explosives.

FINALLY SEE UNION VALUE

By AL BOARDMAN and ART PENNEBAKER, Business Representatives

The American Society of Civil Engineers met in Los Angeles last month and came up with some revolutionary ideas covering unions. Among these were the following conclusions: Engineers, both employers and employees, can learn to live with unionization. Engineers' unions have many advantages—also some dangers.

Three California engineers described the 15 year history of engineering unions in the San Francisco area. The three, Wm. W. Moore of Dames & Moore; Arnold L. Olitt of Woodward, Clyde, Sherard & Associates; and Jack Y. Long of J. Y. Long Co., Engineers, are employers who have dealt with engineering unions.

These worthies cited an indirect advantage of union activity. "Employers actually have been forced to band together. This has led to exchanges of information on other subjects in addition to unionization.

Also, the fact that employees are represented by duly elected unions has minimized interference from other unions. Pay and working conditions have been improved and standardized. This benefits employer and employee.

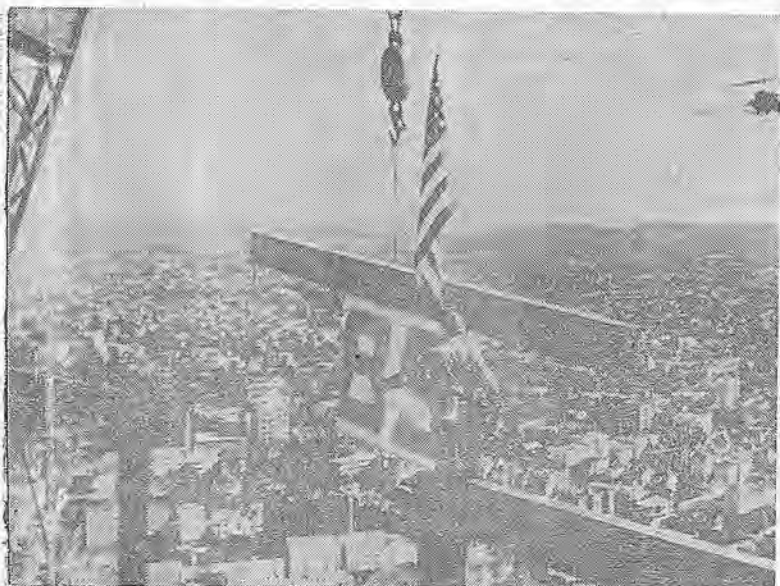
All of this comes from the staid and proper ASCE, who not long ago raised its hand in terror at the mere thought of labor unions in the civil engineering field. Of course the great disadvantages were stressed also at this great convention. Mr. Olitt was grieved over the fact that the minimum wage in the union contract is usually considered the maximum by the employer, and management is not so lenient with sick leave, vacations and retention of employees during slack periods."

Jack Long sang a familiar refrain—his heart still bleeds for the young engineer who, he says, tends to specialize under unionization and thus not get the broad background necessary for proper professional development. This, friend Jack says, tends to lower the engineer to technician status, with work too often directed by non-professionals.

Jack also conjures up a problem of defining the place where technical classifications stop and professional positions begin. Mr. Long said he is not convinced that unions have reached the objectives offered to their members and to the employers.

In answer to the detailed disadvantages stated by Mr. Long, et al, let it be said that the efforts of the employers to keep young graduate engineers from being sullied by union membership has, in fact, created an unwarranted hardship on those people. The false doctrine that a graduate engineer is the sole agent of management denies that person an opportunity of gaining field experience. As for gaining the objective offered to the members, this union takes a back seat to no organization in results gained in the past ten years.

REDDING, Contract awarded to Redding Sand & Gravel, Inc., P.O. Box 741, Redding \$72,305 for a two lane Hwy. W/Co. and private connection to be graded & surf. W/PTMX, surf. on untr. base on Co. Hwy. Rt. 9-D and 9-E, apprx. 0.5 mi. No. of S. River Bridge at Anderson frm. Co. Hwy. Rt. 8-E, abt. 2.4 mi. Northerly.



Here's close-up view of final steel beam being placed on roof of 28-floor Kaiser Center office building in Oakland.