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24TH IUOE CONVENTION IN SEATTLE

One of the best attended and most constructive conventions ever held, is the report from Seattle as we go to press with this issue during first days of the 24th convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers, assembled in Seattle on April 14.

Paramount issues of interest and importance to the many thousands of IUOE members in the U. S. and on numerous overseas projects are being weighed and acted upon at the convention, presided over by General President Wm. E. Maloney and General Secretary - Treasurer Chas. B. Gramling.

Current status of the construction industry is coming in for much consideration. Being studied are material shortages which have greatly hampered the industry, current wage negotiations, and the industry's outlook for the next two years.

California is well represented at the convention, having the two largest local unions in the IUOE, Locals 3 and 12. Business Manager Victor S. Swanson heads the Local 3 delegation and is in attendance as fifth vice-president of the IUOE as well.

Welfare Officer Set Up to Handle Injury Cases in Contra Costa

Increase in industrial accident injuries has made it necessary for Contra Costa County Building Trades Council to set up a Welfare Officer who will investigate each accident and assist the union member or his family in filing claims before the Industrial Accident Commission. All accidents involving any personal injury whatsoever must be reported to him to protect both the worker and his family. Louis H. Martin has been named to this post. He is located in the law offices of Carlson, Collins, Gordon & Bold, on Tuesday and Friday at 610 Court St., Martinez, phone 1400, and on Monday and Thursday at 1017 MacDonald Ave., Richmond, phone BEacon 2-6635. Brother Al Clem of Local 3 is president of the council.

Steel has been released for construction projects again, following a brief freeze order when it appeared a steel strike would occur.

Bay Area projects OK'd by NPA last week include these Oakland projects: Chase Aircraft, \$2.9 million; Owens-Illinois, \$1.3 million; General Motors, \$4 million; West-Tube Corp. in Alameda, \$11 million.

No shortage of lumber products, or manufactured building products which do not use copper or steel is anticipated in 1952.

Be UNION — buy LABEL!



NEW NLRB MEMBER—Ivar H. Peterson, administrative assistant to Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.), was nominated by Pres. Truman to succeed James J. Reynolds as a member of the NLRB. Reynolds resigned in December to take a job in private industry. Peterson was an attorney and then assistant general counsel for the NLRB from 1938 to 1946. (LPA)

Job Seekers Invade Alaska; Warning Is 'Line Up Job First'

Workers in many trades have headed for Alaska in the past few months and have found nothing but disappointment and discomfort, with no jobs available, prices very high, and living quarters scarce.

Engineers who are thinking about Alaska are urged to be sure they check closely with the union and the contractors before taking off. It is very important that one be sure of a job, have a little cash to carry him over, and adequate transportation.

Alaska union officials are sending out letters to west coast unions urging this procedure and warning that the labor market is already glutted, prices high, housing very scarce.

Biggest influx in history has been coming in recent weeks, apparently drawn by stories about high wages and a manpower shortage. The work season is April to September. There are quite a number of projects underway, but the only way to line up a job is through the union and the contractor.

WSB has ruled that all classifications of workers and mechanics performing construction work, regardless of the type of employer, are under jurisdiction of the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission. Ruling was made on test cases under General Wage Regulation 12.

Denver (LPA)—Plans to construct a building to house AFL unions in the Denver area were advanced with election of State Federation of Labor President George Cavender to head the newly-organized Union Building Corp.

Feather and Trinity River Projects Move Step Nearer to Realization

State Asks U.S. OK on Feather River Job

California last week asked the Federal Power Commission to approve hydro-electric features of the giant water-power project that the state wishes to build on the Feather River above Oroville, following lengthy studies and preliminary agreement by the various state and federal agencies involved.

Present plans on the \$1,300,000,000 project, which would greatly boost the state's power supply and provide water for arid sections as far south as the Mexican border, call for a dam 710 feet high about five miles above Oroville.

Also included are three auxiliary dams nearby. Storage in the main reservoir would be 3,500,000 acre feet. Proposed power plants would have a capacity of 465,000 kilowatts.

The project would be larger than Shasta. It was authorized by the 1951 Legislature as part of the state's master water plan.

Water would be provided for Butte, Yuba, Placer, Sutter, Sacramento and San Joaquin counties, and ultimately would feed deficiency areas in the Bay Region and southern California.

Relocation of about 30 miles of Western Pacific track and numerous other facilities, including the Big Bend power plant of PG&E would be required.

The state's formal application followed thorough studies. Agreement has been reached by the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, the Army Engineers, and the California Department of Public Works.

Bill Is Introduced For Trinity River Project Under CVP

Legislation was introduced in Congress early this month authorizing construction of the Trinity Project in the mountains west of Redding to be tied in financially and physically with the Central Valley Project.

The bill authorizes the secretary of interior to build a dam and power plant on the river, two tunnels and two additional powerhouses between the diversion dam and the Sacramento river, where the water will flow through Keswick powerhouse.

This river originates in the mountains directly west of Redding, runs south, then west, joining Klamath river to empty into the Pacific. Sufficient power would be produced to serve a city twice as big as Sacramento. This power would serve Trinity county customers and also tie into the CVP transmission loop. The water is needed in the CVP system.

"This is a self-liquidating project, richest of its kind left in California, and will not cost federal taxpayers one dime, but will repay the federal treasury every cent that it costs and more besides," said Rep. Clair Engle who introduced the legislation. "As a matter of fact, for every dollar invested by the government, the taxpayers will receive three dollars in return."

California LLPE Announces Endorsements for Primary

(State Fed. Release)

Unanimous endorsement of Congressman Clinton R. McKinnon for United States Senate featured the 1952 pre-primary convention of the California Labor League for Political Education held on Monday, April 7, in San Francisco.

More than 350 delegates of the state AFL political organization met in California Hall to make endorsements for the primary elections of June 3.

During his four years in Congress, McKinnon has won a reputation as a fighting progressive with strong sympathies for labor. He has also earned the respect and support of responsible business elements in his district.

The AFL convention also issued endorsements for the state's 30 Congressional, 80 Assembly, and 20 State Senate seats up for election on June 3.

Some districts were left open, and in these action may be taken later by the executive council, on recommendation of local LLPE's. In some districts "no endorsement" was voted, meaning the door is closed to any endorsements there.

CONGRESS

Here's the line-up on Congressional district endorsements: Dist. 1. Paul Golis; 2. Clair Engle; 3. John E. Moss; 4. Franck Havenner; 5. John F. Shelley; 6. Robert L. Condon; 7. Daniel F. Cunningham; 8. George P. Miller; 9. Harold Taggart; 10. Arthur L. Johnson; 11. Open; 12. Don C. Mayes; 13. William Hayes; 14. Open; 15. Open; 16. Jerry K. Harter; 17. Cecil R. King; 18. Open; 19. Chet Holifield; 20. Open; 21. Everett G. Burkhalter; 22. Dean McHenry; 23. Clyde Doyle; 24. Amos Hurley; 25. Open; 26. Samuel Yorty; 27. Harry R. Sheppard; 28. Lionel Van Deerlin; 29. P. J. Hall; 30. DeGraff Austin.

STATE SENATE

Here is the action on candidates for state senate: 1. Harold J. Powers; 3. Rob Roy Neilson; 5. Edwin J. Regan; 7. Harold T. Johnson; 9. Open; 11. Nathan F. Combs; 13. Open; 15. Luther E. Gibson; 17.

George Miller, Jr.; 19. Open; 21. No endorsement; 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 are open; 33. James J. McBride; 35, 37, 39, open.

STATE ASSEMBLY

1. Open; 2. Lester T. Davis; 3. Lloyd W. Lowrey; 4. Henry E. Casey; 5. Ernest C. Crowley; 6. Bliss Harper; 7. Open; 8. Gordon A. Fleury; 9. Roy Neilsen; 10. Open; 11. Open; 12. John J. McFall; 13. Francis Dunn, Jr.; 14. Randal F. Dickey; 15. Luther H. Lincoln; 16. No endorsement; 17. Wm. B. Rufford; 18. No endorsement; 19. Chas. W. Meyers; 20. Thomas A. Maloney; 21. Wm. C. Blake; 22. Open; 23. Wm. Clifton Berry; 24. Edward M. Gaffney; George D. Collins, Jr.; 25. Joseph P. Gilmore; 26. Richard J. Dolwig; 27. Open; 28. Open; 29. Robert Doerr; 30. Ralph M. Brown; 31. Open; 32. Wallace D. Henderson; 33, 34, 35, 36, open; 37. John B. Cooke; 38. John F. McGeedy. 39. Open.

(Los Angeles, Districts 40 through 70); 40. Edward E. Elliott; 41. Julian Beck; 42. Floyd Jolley; 43. Ralph Hilton; 44. Open; 45. Thomas J. Doyle; 46. Chas. E. Chapel; 47, 48. Open; 49. No endorsement; 50. Open; 51. Wm. A. Munnell; 5. J. J. Hollibaugh; 53. Open; 54. Alvin Holt; 55. Vernon Kilpatrick; 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, Open; 61. Lester A. McMillan; 62. Augustus F. Hawkins; 63, 64. Open; 65. John W. Evans; 66. Gordon R. Hahn; 67. Clayton A. Dills; 68. Vincent Thomas; 69. Carley V. Porter; 70. Open; 71. Open; 72. Stanford C. Shaw; 73. L. Stewart Hinckley; 74. Lester Van Tatenhove; 75. Richard B. White; 76. Open; 77. Sheridan Hegland; 78. Frank Luckel; 79. Kathryn T. Niehouse; 80. D. J. Sass.

Hear Frank Edwards nightly. Tell your friends.

292 Members Now In Armed Forces

Eleven new names went on Local 3's military service honor roll during the past month, bringing the total number of members now in various branches of the armed forces to 292.

The following brothers took out service withdrawal cards during the past month:

- William Warren Cook
- James Allan Deel
- Jack R. Dillon
- Arthur T. Evans
- Wesley E. Frey
- Wayne Gibson
- R. A. Langill
- Bob Marker
- William E. Probert
- Fritz E. Pohrer
- James H. Wheeler

Dispersion of all new defense industries outside a 10-mile buffer zone from San Francisco will be the procedure to be followed henceforth, defense officials announced.



- L. J. Muiler March 20, 1952
- L. A. Morrow March 31, 1952
- Dwight E. (Red) Williams March 1952

Official Notice to Members

PLEASE RESPOND . . . Our blood bank is practically depleted so AGAIN WE WE ASK . . . donate if you can!

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, Local No. 3-E meeting will be held on the fourth Friday, April 25th, at the Union offices, 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, Calif. at 8 p.m.

HEADLINES ON IKE, TAFT, ETC. BUT DON'T FORGET CONGRESS

"Election of a friendly Congress is a vital labor objective which should not be overshadowed by the fanfare of a Presidential campaign."

That is the warning of The Railway Clerk, weekly paper of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks. **CONGRESS HOLDS KEY**

"It is in Congress that legislation becomes helpful or oppressive to wage earners," the paper said in a lead editorial. "Legislation enacted by Congress is the answer to those who contend that organized labor should exercise no political voice in our democracy."

"Friendly Congressmen are not elected when labor 'stays out of politics.' The Taft-Hartley Act is an example of the kind of legislation to expect when labor fails to vote."

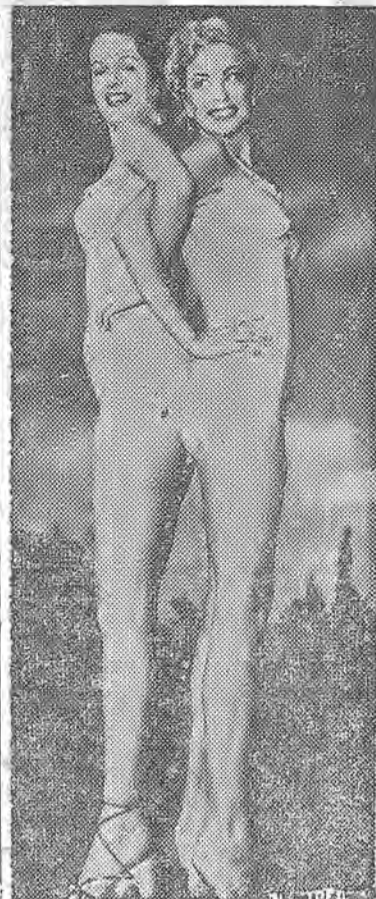
The Railway Clerk pointed out that Congressional action can lower paychecks and change living standards for all Americans. **'FRONT-LINE DEFENSE'**

"With the passing of days when

labor-management disputes were settled by street fighting, Congressional legislation has become the front-line defense against highly-organized and well-financed campaigns to destroy the labor movement," the paper said.

"It doesn't make much sense for working people to invite adverse legislation by sending candidates to Congress without first checking on what they have done or propose to do concerning wages, jobs, working conditions, security, and giving at least as much consideration to people as is accorded industrial investments."

"Most working people have also learned that the political complexion of Congress cannot be separated from the effects of Congressional voting on economic issues."



TWIN CHEESECAKE.—Toni Carroll and Pat Lewis put on this Siamese twin act during a winter vacation in Las Vegas. (Nevada publicity.)

Financial Data Required by Labor-Management Relations Act, 1947, to Be Furnished Members of Local Unions

OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL UNION NO. 3

of the **INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS**

RECEIPTS	
January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951	
Dues and Fees	\$ 962,280.67
Interest, U.S. Defense Bond	7,500.00
Rents	52,660.92
Engineers News	2,992.60
Books and Buttons	35.25
Good Standing Fund	6,279.75
Burial Expense Fund	28,655.25
Defense Fund	45,760.50
Reimbursements	5,916.79
Miscellaneous	14,370.18
	\$1,126,451.91

DISBURSEMENTS	
January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951	
Salaries	\$ 328,295.54
Officers and Business Reps. Expense: (38 B.A.)	105,319.57
Office Expense, direct, 14 Offices	63,297.26
Audit and Legal Fees	8,323.65
Blue Cross Hospital Plan	556.35
Bankers Life Co.	7,837.33
Books and Buttons	4,427.90
Building Operations	42,962.12
Burial Expense Fund	28,655.25
Capital Expenditures	138,759.49
Defense Fund	45,760.50
Dues and Fees, Refunded, Transferred, etc.	8,854.25
Employee Disability Fund	1,916.00
Engineers News	10,129.45
General Organizing	724.00
Good Standing Fund	6,279.75
Insurance	6,878.58
Miscellaneous	63,255.53
Per Capita, International	195,658.05
Per Capita, Local Councils	15,132.30
Tax, Excise	576.94
Tax, Federal O.A.B.	6,960.57
Tax, Calif. S.U.I.	6,072.32
Tax, Nevada Unemployment	28.73
Tax, Utah Unemployment	157.24
Tax, Federal Withholding	43,105.45
Tax, T. H. Unemployment	116.11
Transportation	10,077.28
	\$1,150,916.56

Less Payroll Deductions:	
Federal Withholding Tax	\$ 43,105.45
Federal O.A.B.	3,548.03
Calif. S.D.I.	1,790.90
Bankers Life Co.	1,572.10
Blue Cross Plan	887.95
Employee Disability Fund	416.00
	51,320.43

Net Disbursements 1951 \$1,099,596.13

BALANCE SHEET as of December 31, 1951	
ASSETS	
Cash:	
Office Funds	\$ 1,775.00
On Deposit	225.00
Commercial Bank Account	56,651.43
Savings Bank Account	59,042.12
Good Standing Fund	2,836.07
Burial Expense Fund	29,306.11
Defense Fund	50,907.13
Pension Reserve Fund	15,700.68
	\$ 216,243.54
U.S. Defense Bonds, Ser. G.	275,000.00
Real Estate	849,922.52
Transportation Equipment	98,604.86
Office Furniture and Equip.	33,502.79
	\$1,473,273.71

LIABILITIES \$1,473,273.71

Net Worth \$1,473,273.71

"I wish to marry your daughter, sir," said the suitor.

"Do you drink, young man?" asked the father.

"Yes, thanks," said the suitor, "but let's get this other matter cleared up first."

Describing a friend of his, Uncle Remus said she was "pretty as a picture—and she had a nice frame, too!"

Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 3 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of March 12 and of April 2 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from Brother Howard Lee thanking us for replacement of blood. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from the family of John I. Lynch, the family of Cyril Ribise, Agnes Rutherford, Mrs. L. J. Muller, Mrs. B. Hoblitzer, Mrs. Maud Fithian and Virginia Wheale and family. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Willard L. Alderson, Geo. L. Alred, Kenneth Anderson, Alf Andreassen, Joe Baker, Henry Curb, Geo. Criddle, E. Combs, Albert S. Counter, Troy H. DeMotte, Louis Escola, Smith W. Eakel, Johnny L. Evans, Floyd Erickson, Sam Ford, Benjamin Frank, Alfred Fagundes, Lewis Gillum, Selestino Gordidio, Harry A. Gaines, C. L. Herbert, Collier O. Jones, Antonio Jones, Paul Krugh, Edward F. Kirk, Cyris C. Kaiser, Wm. H. Lummus, Daniel W. Lindsay, G. D. McDonald, J. H. Miller, Lloyd R. Moore, Geo. Miller, Joseph Morris, Samuel H. Moore, Jack I. Mayes, Marion Mansell, Paul Marlow, Vern O. Nichols, Willard Nelson, Roy A. Nielsen, Eugene Olson, J. Eugene Orrock, C. G. O'Daniel, Geo. S. O'Neal, Elmer B. Owens, Max Pickard, Thomas J. Perkins, W. A. Quintin, L. R. Renwick, John B. Reynolds, Walter H. Rogge, Walter D. Sutherland, Emmett Star, Edward S. Selvage, L. H. Syar, Tony Silveria, Coy Sanders, Lowell Singleton, James S. Troutman, Grover Thorpe, D. J. Tasainer, Kenneth Vernon, Clarence R. Wilson, Lloyd Wardle, Wilford H. White, Calisto Zavier.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: L. J. Muller, Dwight (Red) Williams, R. A. Morrow.

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

The Business Agents gave their usual reports which were accepted as given. Manager Swanson called to the attention of the members, Section 22 of the Agreement with the AGC, in that no picket line can be recognized unless it has been authorized or sanctioned by the local Building and Construction Trades Council; therefore all members are cautioned to obtain assurance that the pickets are authorized.

Brother Lowell Nelson, Business Representative of the Solano County Building Trades Council, and Brother William Carroll, Financial Secretary of Local Union No. 12, were requested to make a few remarks, which were well received by the members.

NEW BUSINESS

It was regularly moved and seconded that we reiterate our position with respect to picket lines, that only lines authorized by the Building and Construction Trades Council shall be recognized. Carried.

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

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

HOUSEWIFE'S PLEA

My John is a good provider. He brings home all his pay. But he just will not register, Or "vote", on Election Day.

He yells about high prices, And about his take home pay; Yet, he neglects to register, And "vote", on Election Day.

He doesn't like to discuss, Conditions of today. He doesn't think it helps, To "vote", on Election Day.

He often gripes to me, About the taxes we have to pay. I have told him how to change it. To "vote" on Election Day.

At least, it wouldn't cost a dime, And chances are ten to one, If all our husbands "voted", Something would be done.

Perhaps some of the readers, Of this ditty I write to day, Will be able to encourage him To "vote" on Election Day.

I know we can't go on, With the bills we have to pay. So I hope he will help make changes.

This coming Election Day.
—ANNA EMORY

WAR AGENCIES USE MOST HELP

Only 16 per cent of U. S. government employes work for "normal" peacetime domestic agencies, the Senate Government Operations Committee reported. Only 5 per cent are employed by agencies created by the New Deal.

The rest of the government workers carry on functions of the Defense and State Departments, Atomic Energy Commission, Mutual Security Administration, Veterans Administration, Selective Service, Economic Stabilization Agency and other agencies brought into existence by past and present wars and the prevention of future wars.

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JUNIOR LABOR UNIONS IN SCHOOLS SUGGESTED TO MATCH KIWANIS PLAN

Fort Worth, Tex. (LPA)—Since the school board here approved a plan to set up junior Kiwanis Clubs among pupils, the Fort Worth Trades Assembly has asked the board that it also approve establishment of junior labor unions in the schools.

After all, the Trade Assembly's letter pointed out, "many, many more" or today's students will join the ranks of productive workers than will be able to achieve positions permitting their participating in the Kiwanis Club and other luncheon organizations.

"Therefore it is imperative," it continued, "that today's students be given a clear understanding of their future obligations as workmen and their future opportunities of community service as workmen, as well as a real understanding of the techniques and processes of American industrial democracy."

"We believe that this type of

pupils will prepare them to be extra-curricular activity for the either better Kiwanians, if the opportunity arises, or better trade union members if that opportunity arises; and that in either instance the standards of the respective organizations will be greatly improved in the next generation."

The labor group conceded that "future graduates who enter the business world" would benefit greatly "if the Kiwanis project is truly devoted to showing youngsters how to conduct a public-spirited, public-service luncheon organization," but it didn't "believe that one type of board-sponsored activity will be wholesome without the other." So it suggested that if the board could not see its way clear to grant the request for junior labor unions, then its policy should be amended "so that it will bear equally on all civic organizations, labor or otherwise."



What's Doing in the Oakland Office

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

Although Spring is officially here, it happens to be raining at the time this is being written. This fact coupled with the strikes going on has slowed things down considerably and put many of the fellows back on the out-of-work list. During the past month we did clear 465 from this hall, however, and while we have plenty of men to fill jobs in most classifications, we are already running short of hot stuff roller operators and finish blade men.

GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

There are approximately 40 Engineers employed on the Kiewit freeway job between Pittsburg and Antioch, and it is expected that this crew will be nearly doubled in the near future. There are two shifts in operation with the exception of the mechanics who are on a three-shift basis, keeping the equipment rolling. Bro. "Tiny" Burns is job steward and reports everything is running along very nicely out there.

There is considerable activity on Bechtel's PG&E job at Pittsburg. Parrish Bros., who have been handling the land leveling on this tract, are nearly through now and have started moving equipment back to their job at the Airbase at Fairfield. The H. J. Kaiser Co. recently set up a batch plant on the project and Bechtel started pouring cement. Cecil Moore has several rigs working in there on a rental basis and at the present time there are about 40 of the brothers working on the job, with Bro. Max Richardson handling the steward duties.

Eugene Alves has nearly all the dirt moved on his job for the new Arnold Truck Route out of Martinez. He has eight of our fellows on his payroll on this one. This outfit also has a contract on the PG&E job at Pittsburg, where they are hauling fill for Bechtel.

Bechtel's job at the PG&E plant in Antioch still is furnishing employment to about 30 members, while out at Columbia Steel, work has slowed down somewhat on the Pomeroy job. According to Bro. Bill Barr, steward, we still have about 20 Engineers on the payroll and it is expected that there will be work for another three months.

The Mt. Diablo Quicksilver Mine has started the furnaces and is in operation again following a three-month shutdown. Operations had to be suspended when a huge slide, caused by the heavy rains, made production impossible. The intervening time has been spent in cleaning up the debris and readying the plant for reopening, and the six Engineers employed at the mine have worked during most of the shutdown, helping with this work and repairing equipment.

Since the rains have slacked up a bit Utah Construction's job at Selby is moving along more rapidly and there are now four of the brothers on the payroll. Shop work for this outfit still furnishes employment to approximately 50 of our men. Bro. Bill Charlton, who was general shop foreman at Richmond, has gone to South America for the company and Bro. Joe Parkinson has taken his place. Bro. Dick Emry is general foreman over the yard.

Several jobs got under way during the first rain-free days and we are hopeful that there will be an increasing demand for operators and oilers as the season advances. M. G. M. has several sewer jobs in operation in Contra Costa County and is presently furnishing employment to about 20 Engineers, while Kevry Construction, with several small sewer and water lines, is keeping another 15 busy. Ariss-Knapp recently completed the excavation on the State Health Building in Berkeley and Payne Construction Co., prime contractor, now has Bertram Drillers of Los Angeles drilling for foundations. Two rigs are being used in the operation. Out in Contra Costa

County, McGuire & Hester have approximately 15 Engineers working on sewer line jobs—one in Antioch and the other in the city of Pittsburg—while up in the hills above the Broadway Tunnel, Jerry Farrar is busily engaged overhauling equipment and repairing roads to his rock plant. Jerry says the rain really played havoc with the roads and it is going to take a little time to get them in shape to haul rock from his crusher.

Fredrickson & Watson's job at Dublin is operating once again and this company is putting the finishing touches to the second section of the East Oakland Freeway. All the heavy construction is done on this one and the shoulders and access roads are expected to be completed in time to open the section to traffic in June. This company, in a joint venture with the M&K Corporation, has the contract for the third section of this freeway, which will extend as far south as Jackson St., below Hayward. Work was hampered considerably by the rains but is now gaining momentum and it is expected that they will be operating full swing in the near future.

The Four Companies still have a crew of about 70 Engineers working at Camp Parks, and it will be the last of May before they put the finishing touches to this present job. There is some talk of additional contracts being let out there, but nothing definite as yet. We all hope, of course, that there will be more work on the job for our craft, but it will probably be some time before we have anything more than "scuttle-but!" on it.

Silva Bros. keep busy on various jobs in the Hayward-Niles area, and Rose and Matoza of Castro Valley hired a few operators during the past weeks. Work seems to be shaping up very well for most of the small operators in the Hayward, Niles, Centerville and Pleasanton district and we are hoping that it will be a good summer for the small contractors, many of whom are brother Engineers, and who play such an important part in furnishing employment to the membership during the summer months.

Ben C. Gerwick, who has the contract for test borings for the proposed Richmond-San Rafael crossing, recently started work on the project, with Bro. George Westberg operating engine on the pile driver.

Consolidated Western Steel recently placed several orders for men for various jobs in the Bay Area, while Gallagher and Burke have put a number of Engineers to work on their job near Moraga. Orinda Excavating and Paving has been keeping several of the boys employed, and this outfit is looking forward to a busy summer. O. C. Jones & Sons have several jobs going too, and are presently putting the finishing touches to their paving project in Alameda.

N. M. Ball & Sons have approximately eight members working on their filter plant job across from Camp Stoneman, out of Pittsburg. There is approximately 65,000 yards of excavation to be done on this one, according to Bro. Bill Spencer, foreman.

The equipment shops in the area are fairly busy at present and we get an occasional call for a me-

chanic from one of them. About the same situation holds true of the shipyards—an order once in awhile, but certainly nothing to get excited about!!

O. E. Fogelberg's sewer line job running from the foot of Burma Road on the Oakland Army Base to the interceptor, a distance of about one and one-half miles, has been hampered considerably by cave-ins. There are five operators and two oilers on the payroll and once they get rolling it is expected that about four months will be needed to complete the contract.

Independent Construction Co.'s two hot plants, located at the foot of 50th and 66th Aves. in East Oakland, are going full blast—furnishing employment to about 12 members.

A. J. McCosker's new crusher plant on Lincoln Ave., Oakland, is beginning to grind it out and from the looks of things the hill they are chewing on will be marble-sized before very long—five brothers on this one.

The various gravel plants in the area are all busy preparing for spring activities. Harrison & Birdwell's plant is running full time under the supervision of Bro. Jack Taylor, while Kaiser's Upton plant at Orinda is also going full blast. The P. C. A. plant in the Livermore Valley was flooded during the heavy rains, but now that the water has receded they have three shifts working and expect to keep busy for the rest of the season. Kaiser's Radum plant and California Rock are also in full-time operation, while Concrete Materials is engaged in repair work in anticipation of a big season.

United Concrete Pipe has started up another rig, a 701 Lima back hoe, on their storm sewer job in East Oakland. Bro. Troy Manzer is operating and Bro. Harrison Steves is oiling for him. The other rig, a 803 Koehring back hoe, is being operated by Bro. Alfred Ramirez, with "Pat" Patterson doing the oiling. There are several other Engineers on this job. Bros. John Halland Neil B. Taylor are on loaders, Paul Spencer is operating a tamper, Earl Leavitt is taking care of the compressors, and Gordon Hunt is handling the mechanical work.

Dredger News

Dredge work, especially clam shell, continues to be good, and we have been experiencing some difficulty in getting dredgermen. A lot of the work stems from the fact that everyone in the Delta country seems to be afraid that melting snow in the mountains is going to create a serious flood condition and they are all rushing to reinforce their levees in plenty of time.

The Olympian Dredging Company has all its clamshell dredges working with the exception of the Golden Gate, and they are looking for a crew for this one. The Neptune is on Bacon Island, the Holland on McDonald Island and the Monarch on Venice Island. The suction dredge Palmer is still on the Stockton channel job, where work is expected to be completed within the next few days.

The San Francisco Bridge Company is still on the Mare Island job with the Welatka, and they expect to have work there for some time to come. This company is also working a few men at their Belaire yard.

The Dutra Dredging Company has its two clam shell rigs on levee work in the vicinity of Liberty Island.

The Associated Dredging Company has all three of its small clams working. The Curlew for the Leslie Salt Company, off Newark; the Liberty, near the Port of Redwood, and the Delta No. One, somewhere up the river on levee work. Simpson Brothers have their

News About the Brothers

Brother J. W. Holstine, who is employed by Lauffenberg Brothers as a driller, is confined to Permanente hospital at this time, following an eye operation. It will probably be a week or so before he is released. Another brother on the sick list is Glen R. Smith, who is confined to the Veterans hospital at 14th and Harrison streets, Oakland. Glen would like to have some company, and at last report he was in 6 West, Room 610. Brother D. C. Reynolds is back in the hospital again. This time at Mary's Help in San Francisco, where he is undergoing a bone graft on his hip. Brother Reynolds has been our hard-luck kid during the past year, having been in and out of hospitals several times. He originally broke his hip on the job and has had several operations to get it back in shape. Then a short time ago he fell, breaking his arm, and that, too, meant a stay in the hospital. By this time he must be getting pretty tired of being sick and we feel sure that he'd like to have some visitors—so how about some of you San Francisco boys dropping in for a chat with him once in a while?

Brother Sam Scoville has been very ill, too. He suffered a stroke but at last report was able to be home and seemed to be recovering satisfactorily.

Brother John D. Morgan has also been critically ill, and is hospitalized at the present time. He had to have several blood transfusions, and while we would have liked to contribute all that he required, we regret to say that we were only able to supply a portion because our fund at the local blood bank was so low! This is a sad state of

affairs for an organization the size of ours, and if any of you reading this and have not donated blood recently—call us at Twinoaks 3-2120 and we will be more than happy to give you all the details. In the meantime, we wish all these fellows a speedy recovery from their various illness and hope they will all be up and around again soon.

IN AND AROUND THE OAKLAND OFFICE

Brther Tommy Kennedy, with axels greased and all bags packed getting ready to take off for a summer in the State of Washington where he will be working for Bethlehem. Brother John Thompson still a bit shaken telling us of a recent escapade of his three-year old son. Seems that the little guy slipped out of the house after dark one evening, and following a frantic search by the family, assisted by all the neighbors and six squad cars, he was finally picked up hiking determinedly down the middle of the highway—"Just goin' to a party", he said! Brother Ray Prosser strutting just a bit—occasionally the arrival of Bonnie Joy, who weighed in at about eight and one-half pounds!

Brother Joe Frates, who says he was in the Engineers, 'before Local 3 was born', left recently for Arkansas where he will be engaged in loading out equipment for Bechtel. Joe has been employed by this outfit for many years, and while he has never been overseas for them he has worked all over the U. S. and Canada. Says he doesn't know how long he'll be away this time or where he'll wind up before the trip is over.

Klamath River Road and Bridge Jobs Get Underway

By E. A. HESTER, Business Representative

Natt McDougall Construction Company of Portland, Ore., are getting well under way on the Bureau of Public Roads project on the Klamath River. Mr. Shuman, general superintendent, continues to call for help. This is going to be a good job, and a long job, too!

The Bureau is calling for bids on a large bridge crossing the Klamath River. This bridge will connect the present Natt McDougall road job.

Bids are to be opened on another good-sized road and bridge job a few miles downriver and six miles west of Happy Camp. There is a lot of activity taking place on the Klamath River this year.

Laredon Construction Company of Los Angeles was the successful

dredge California busy on levee work. They are on the Empire Tract, in the vicinity of Stockton.

The Pacific Portland Cement Company at Redwood City has put its second dredge to work furnishing shell for their cement plant.

Hydraulic Dredging Co. Get Jobs at Anchorage, Alaska.

The Hydraulic Dredging Company finished building their small dredge, the Skookum, which is on its way to Seward from which point it will be shipped by rail to Anchorage. From there it will be transported overland to Lake Eklutna, 40 miles from Anchorage.

The following brothers from Local 3 are going as the crew on the Skookum: Knox Anderson, Harry Peterson, Norman Stanton, Otto Wie, W. G. (Tiger) Teague, Eric Salonius, Richard Salonius, Ted Ingraham.

We have also learned that Harry Neely and George Matheson are going from Local 12 and Earl Quigley from Local 701.

George (Hydraulic) Smith will be there to supervise the job. The dredge is supposed to arrive in Seward on April 13th.

bidder on the bridge, crossing Big French Creek, 27 miles west of Weaverville on Highway 299. This is expected to start within the near future.

The State is also calling for bids on the Freeway through Dunsuir. There are 628,000 cubic yards of material to be moved along with the construction of a new bridge crossing the Sacramento River.

George R. Patterson is moving in equipment on his Bureau of Public Roads job. This job is situated about 50 miles west of Redding near a place called Harrison Gulch. There is over 600,000 yards of muck to be moved.

There is still another Federal road job coming up near the above mentioned in the very near future.

Everything seems to be going along very well on the R. P. Shea project at Douglas City. Jack Lloyd is the man in the saddle on this project.

Morgan Construction Company of Redding has started its road project at Buckeye.

I don't look for any activity on the Bureau of Reclamation road job at Shasta Dam until sometime in July. This project is sure to go as the money has been appropriated.

Preparations are now being made for a project that will start in this area sometime in June or July which will employ between 12 and 1,500 men. This is good news for a lot of Engineers, particularly the old timers. I hope to be able to give you the details in our next issue of the Engineers News.

ATTEND your union meetings REGULARLY!

Petaluma and Russian River Jobs are in First Stages

By GLENN DOBYNS, Business Representative

Work is scheduled to start on the re-routing of Highway 12. The State Division of Highways announced the letting of the contract for the work to Eaton and Smith contractors from San Francisco.

The work planned will be making the turns wider and not so sharp, filling to straighten out curves of an "S" and grading to refinish the road surface for .8 mile between Monte Rio and Northwood.

This stretch of road is narrow and hugs the edge of the cliff. The sharp turns and narrow shoulders make driving hazardous although no bad accidents have happened at this point. The section to be widened is the bit overlooking the river.

The bid of \$79,487 won the contract. It should take about four months to complete, finishing July 1.

Workmen of the Roscoe Moss Co. in Los Angeles are moving equipment onto the city's McRae Ranch near Lake Ralphine preparatory to starting test boring operations for a new city well.

The company was awarded the contract for the job with its bid of \$23,481—an estimate. The final figure will depend on the depth to which the well is finally drilled.

Construction of the well and a new pumping plant and intake works at the reservoir are expected to be completed by May 10. The Fred J. Early Jr. Co., Inc., of San Francisco holds a \$25,185 contract for the latter job. Expected to be started in about a week.

The jobs are part of an overall expansion project for Lake Ralphine to make it ultimately the city's major water source. The program was undertaken to assure an adequate source of water until Russian River water is available from the Coyote Valley dam project.

The pump station was put out of commission when the dam caved in under heavy rains last December. Repairs to Lake Ralphine Dam will cost about \$45,000. Bids will be called in June for the dam repair.

The hydrographic survey that will be required before the contract is awarded for the dredging of Petaluma River will be started early this month.

The contract is expected to be let not later than May 1. Congress has appropriated \$185,000 for the maintenance dredging which was authorized by that body.

An immediate survey of available dredging disposal areas by the city has been urged. It is imperative that adequate and convenient disposal areas be in readiness when the dredger arrives.

COYOTE RESERVOIR

The proposed reservoir at Coyote Valley at its first stage of construction will contain 122,000 acre feet. Of this about 52,000 acre feet will be set aside for the siltation pool and flood protection. The balance will be used for all beneficial purposes by those who need it if their requirements are more than their natural rights. It is obvious that for the next 15 or 20 years the stored water will be more than adequate to supply all of the requirements within the Russian River watershed.

Thus, after satisfying all of the natural rights and the additional requirements, there will be a surplus of water for distribution to other water-short areas. On the basis that the sale of water to consumers can apparently pay for the project it is to the interest of people within the Russian River watershed to build and operate the project on a basis of selling as much of the surplus water as possible.

Other areas interested in Russian River water are the Sonoma Valley, the Petaluma River watershed, the North Marin Water District and the Marin Municipal Water District. Apparently, all of these can be supplied from the Coyote Valley reservoir out of excess water above local needs. The total cost of the project is

estimated at \$16,250,000 of which 65.55 per cent or \$10,656,000 is to be paid for by either the Federal or State government. This will include all flood control features including highway and utility relocations, etc.

The balance to be paid for by Sonoma and Mendocino counties amounts to 34.45 per cent or \$5,598,000.

Conservation use of water can first be divided between domestic, irrigation and recreation. Omitting flood control benefits of which the Federal or State governments are paying the full amount and also 40 per cent of the conservation costs.

In order to guarantee the recreational area being supplied with a minimum flow of 200 C.F.S., each year an investment of \$3,090,000 will be required of Sonoma County. This will amount to an annual charge of \$98,320 to be aid for by the areas receiving recreational benefits. The benefits to be derived from this flow will only be applicable to those recreational areas adjacent to the river and within the actual Russian River Valley in the resort section.

RUSSIAN RIVER NEEDS

Recommendations: That the Mendocino County Flood Control and Water Conservation District under direction of the Board of Supervisors initiate a survey to be certain of the needs of and the protection required by its people in the Russian River watershed. Already available are all of the surveys mentioned in this brief, together with supplementary agreements such as the Potter Valley situation.

That surveys be instituted by the Mendocino County Flood Control and Water Conservation District of the Eel River situation including Round Valley, Little Lake Valley near Willits, the other tributaries to the main Eel, and serious conditions of the South Ford of the Eel River.

Surveys should also be considered in the tributaries to the Navarro in Anderson Valley and perhaps other similar local areas in Mendocino County.

No definite commitments would be required from Mendocino County or any part thereof until some formal approach is made by interested parties, but it must be always kept in mind that the water policy of the State of California is in effect that "any section or part of California that is short of water has the right to enter into any other part of California for the purpose of developing and using surplus waters that might exist in the latter sections of the State". This means that if surplus waters are not needed and developed by such areas as the Russian River, Eel River, or any other then some other groups representing watershed portions of the state might be expected to look toward the areas of surplus for their needs.

With the good weather at hand we expect several small jobs to get underway.

J. R. Armstrong has moved back in to finish what had been started last year on Highway 101 north of Healdsburg. This job will employ about 15 Engineers.

Powder Magazine Blast Kills Worker

Leon H. Rykert, worker at the Hercules Powder Co. plant near Pinole in Contra Costa county, was killed when a storage magazine of black powder exploded at the plant last week. Two men were killed in an explosion at the plant on June 21, 1948.

The blast called further attention to extreme worker hazards at various ammunition and explosives storage and loading areas in the Northbay and inland waters. Premium pay is called for when metal tradesmen work in these areas, but constant vigilance is necessary to prevent accidents, injuries, and loss of life, which no amount of pay can compensate for.

Here's the Dope



Injury Rates Rise In Manufacturing

Washington (LPA)—Danger in manufacturing employment increased greatly during the first 9 months of 1951, the Department of Labor reported March 25. Injury frequency rates—the average of disabling injuries per million employee-hours—were 8 percent higher than for the 1950 period, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Although July had the highest rate for any month during the past 3 years, BLS pointed to the third-quarter average as being only 3 percent above 1950, compared with a 13 percent increase in the first quarter and 9 in the second. September's average was 2 percent below the 1950 month but 6 above that of 1949.

Of the 137 industry classification, 76 showed increases of one or more frequency-rate points, with 21 recording 5 or more, while only 13 reported significant decreases. Logging jumped to 108 from 95.6 in the 9 months and to 114.4 from 101.5 in the third quarter. Other industries with important increases were: bottled soft drinks, miscellaneous wood products, steel foundries, integrated saw and planing mills, steel springs, partitions and fixtures, miscellaneous fabricated textile products, metal household furniture, construction and mining machinery, elevators and sheet-metal work.

Kennecott copper, Richfield Oil, Still Doing Fine

New York (LPA)—Taxes are "killing them," but Kennecott Copper did better in 1951 than in 1950, despite a steep hike in taxes. Ditto for Richfield Oil, International Nickel, and others.

Kennecott's taxes jumped from \$58,726,006 in 1950 to \$83,035,765 in 1951, but net profits (after all taxes) rose from \$88,161,270 to \$91,347,153.

Richfield Oil taxes rose from \$8,750,000 to \$19,550,000; its excess profits taxes rose from \$1,000,000 to \$6,750,000. Nevertheless, its net profits rose from \$23,046,378 to \$28,218,231.

Taxes of International Nickel climbed from \$27,597,615 to \$48,148,718, but net profits rose from \$48,765,849 to \$62,875,571.

White Motor Co. sold 21 per cent more trucks and buses in 1951 than in 1950, but took in on those sales 46 per cent more in 1951 than in 1950. Its taxes rose from \$4,650,000 to \$7,300,000 but it still wound up with net profits of \$4,340,361 in 1951 against \$4,222,414 in 1950.

Taxes of Charles Pfizer & Co., drug firm, almost tripled, from \$10,064,900 to \$28,023,979, but net income (after all charges) climbed from \$940,521 to \$12,276,354.

On the bayonet course a rookie was particularly clumsy. He charged the dummy, stumbled, missed the bayonet jab and flattened his nose against the sack.

"Nice work, soldier," said the sarcastic sergeant. "If you can't stick him—bite him."

WET-DRY STALLS WORK IN NORTHBAY

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

As this edition goes to press our spirits have been somewhat dampened again and our fair weather is now news. Despite the present dampness the 1952 season is well under way. Once again, at this time of the year we have those out-of-work list blues. Sure would appreciate a call or card informing us if you are working or are no longer in this area, so we could get our list up to date!

Carey Bros. job at Valley Ford will probably be the last one to start this year as they are still mired down there—should be able to go about the end of this month. They have added three Super C's to their spread. Bro. Paul Fry—back in the area—doing the nut bustin' for this company.

George Slinson of the Slinson Company in the Napa area reports a new P & H has been added to their spread. This company reports plenty of work in their area already lined up.

Congratulations to Bro. Frank Rocha and wife on the arrival of a baby boy, Feb. 29th. We wonder what the profession will be... cat skinner or cattle man.

Brother Dwayne Parker in the Petaluma area has taken a withdrawal card, going into the dry goods business in the Santa Rosa area. Good luck, "Bud."

Brother Rei Brown dropped in with greetings the other day—says he has enough work to keep him busy for the rest of this year lined up already.

Brother Herb Maunder has finally made up his mind that working for Lakeside creamery and running a restaurant... the Vallejo area... will pay off—has taken a withdrawal.

Brother Ray Watson left the middle of last month for Casa Blanca. Going to work on the Atlas job as nut buster.

Brother Louis Buzzine of the 101 Ranch in Novato bought the Loarin shovel from John Previtara; this is the Norman Murdoc rig—lots of the old-timers will remember it.

Brother H. L. King dropped into our Napa office, reports working 6-10's for Stanley Ball at the Mira Mar Airbase.

VALLEJO WATER JOB

The last few weeks of drying weather that we have had in this area has made it possible for the job of the Vallejo Water Co. to get under way on a big scale. Walsh Construction Co. who has \$2,304,755 for construction of a pipeline and tunnel from Cache Slough to Fleming Hill in Vallejo, have about twenty-five of our worthy brothers working at present time. They also have \$1,402,775 contract for constructing a Water Treatment Plant on Fleming Hill. Two shifts working (cats) digging dirt and rock on this end of the project.

Walgreen and Peterson of San Francisco has the job of driving the tunnel for Walsh and have two shifts working. The rock is soft and will not stand drilling so an air spade is being employed with fair success.

E. E. Lowell on the water project for Vallejo has his jeeps moving the dirt. This job approximately \$70,000. Phillips & Weisberg of Oakland has the cement lining of the tank.

The street work and demolition of overpass on Georgia Street is getting under way by the Art Siri Co. of Santa Rosa. This job is approximately \$149,097. There is a blade, loader and dozer on this job at present.

TRAVIS AIRBASE

Parish Bros. have moved some of their jeeps into the Travis Airbase for their job of moving the dirt for the construction of the parking areas. MacDonald, Young and Nelson's job on the hospital is just about complete. Things are still slow at the base but expect more work in the near future. Landscaping, driveways and street construction are going full blast since the weather broke.

The Mike Miller job at Sonoma is coming to life—moved the big Buckeye digger in from Los Angeles and are getting ready to complete their sewer job which has been shut down since December. There is also a blade, loader and dozer on the job. Still about a thousand feet of pipe to be laid and

several weeks of cleanup to be done.

B. Miles Thomas sewer job in the Petaluma area just about complete with the exception of cleanup work. That has been a tough job from the standpoint of the water situation, which seeped in between the formation of sand on top and sticky clay on the bottom. Siri had the same trouble on the west end of the job—but they are finished now.

Seems Brother John Flores tangled with a gal last week and it wound up a tie. John now supporting a new car—no one hurt.

Brother Libchitz may park off the pavement but that still doesn't assure him of not being hit, we understand.

We'd like to extend a wish for a speedy and complete recovery to Brother Warren Blake who is on the sick list this month.

Brothers Paysee and Schultz of the Rouff spread, changed the scenery for a few weeks, working at Compache for the Crest Hill Mills temporarily.

GRAY SAYS CIO RAIDING BLDG. UNIONS

Charges of raiding by the CIO United Steelworkers Union "in a nation-wide campaign to usurp the long-established jurisdiction" of the AFL building trades unions were made by Richard J. Gray.

The president of the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department declared in an open letter to CIO President Philip Murray, who also heads the Steelworkers, that "we shall, if necessity requires, muster every ounce of our economic strength and shall use every means at our command to defeat this unscrupulous campaign."

TAKEN TO TASK

The letter, published in the current issue of the Building and Construction Trades Bulletin, took Murray's union severely to task for opposing legislation removing restrictions against the union shop in the building industry.

"It seemed incredible," Gray stated, "that while representatives of a great majority of the employers in the building and construction industry appeared and testified in support of the bill that an industrial union, wholly unconcerned and an apparently disinterested party, should have the audacity to voice opposition to its enactment."

Investigating further, Gray discovered that the Steelworkers are attempting to force their employers to agree not to let contracts for construction and repair work to building trades contractors.

MOVES PROTESTED

This would require the big steel and aluminum companies to assign construction work in their huge expansion programs to the Steelworkers' union. At the same time, Gray pointed out, the Steelworkers are demanding a union shop as a further measure to freeze out the building trades.

Gray protested both moves in a telegram to the Wage Stabilization Board.

After warning that the 3 million AFL building tradesmen will resist such barefaced attempts to raid their jurisdiction, Gray called on Murray to "reverse this present CIO infringement policy" and offered to meet with him to work out a "mutually satisfactory solution."

Often a person will soft soap you before taking you to the cleaners.

News Roundup From Utah

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

We have finally had three or four days of sunshine and most of our contractors are starting to get under way on their jobs. Parsons and Fife are starting to move dirt on their job in Salt Lake City, and have ordered five or six men. We hope they will be able to keep going. They have started this job several times but the weather has stopped them and they are getting pretty disgusted.

Gibbons and Reed are going right along on their overpass at Lagoon. They are planning on starting excavation on the second overpass at Layton this week.

Fluor Corporation have been putting on additional men on their job at Woods Cross the past few days, which is cutting down our out-of-work list very fast. Our man situation in the State of Utah does not look too good for the coming season.

W. W. Clyde is starting his second shift on his job at Dugway, which will also relieve our out-of-work list. Oluf Nelson is going to start his job at Timpe this week. This job will only be a short one, with mostly patrol operators and possibly one or two cat men.

Gibbons and Reed have had a few men plowing snow in to the Delta Ski Resort where there have been several cars trapped by snow slides.

Heber Glenn Construction Co. has a contract with the Government to build roads to the uranium mines at Greenriver, Utah.

We have had several men on draglines on the Jordan River trying to get the river cleaned out before the flood stages. The floods in Utah are looking very serious at this time.

Bechtel Corporation has put on another rig trying to get their pile driven and pulled before high waters hit them at the Jordan Steam Plant.

There have been a few jobs let for the State during the past week as follows:

For relocating an irrigation ditch through Layton—LeGrand Johnson, Ogden, low of seven bidders at \$26,159, compared with engineer's estimated cost of \$28,966.

For construction of .8 mile through Glendale, Kane County—Floyd S. Whiting, Murray, Utah, low of four bidders at \$69,836 compared with engineer's estimate of \$72,053.

For construction of 3.3 miles of U. S. 89 north of Kanab—Floyd S. Whiting, Murray, low of five bidders at \$205,119, compared with engineer's estimate of \$209,119.

For construction of 5.35 miles of State Road 114 between Provo and Vineyard, Utah County—Thorn Construction Co., Springville, low of five bidders at \$202,002, compared with engineer's estimate of \$215,651.

Construction of a new highway between Brigham City and Mantua—Gibbons and Reed were low for this job although it has not been awarded as yet.

Low bidder for construction of two reservoirs in Salt Lake City was the Bruno Corporation, Salt Lake City, with bids for \$111,943.

Bidder for the water line was the Walker Welding Co. from Pleasant Grove. This company does not go along with Local 3; we are hoping that we will be able to get him to go along on this job.

Utah Construction's dike job has been putting on a few additional patrol operators through this muddy part of the season. They are figuring on closing down the Garfield side within a few weeks, but most of the men who are working there who want to go to the Bingham job will be able to transfer without any lost time. The Bingham job is figuring on starting around the first of May, if weather permits. Men on Lark Tunnel are staying pretty stable. There is very little turnover on this job.

5840 Tunnel at Bingham has had a very rough time this winter with slippery ground. They have had crews of operating engineers coming and going on the outside loading ore which would be good one day and shut down for three or four. We hope that this crew that is on the job at this time will be able to stay.

Southern Utah

The work picture in southern Utah is much brighter and many of the members have been cleared and more will be cleared every day. The sun has been shining for two days now and that is all it takes here in the south. If this weather keeps up, by the end of the month our out-of-work list should be pretty small, so any member not registered should do so at once.

I was on L. T. Johnson's job at Garrison the other day and the dust was bad enough that they were hauling water for the fills as well as for Bros. Ross Bell, Steve and Kent Hancock, who were on the patrol and cats and cans respectively. This job should go all summer and will not be any snap but should provide work for a number of the brothers if L. T. can't find some non-members to hire, and I don't think there are any in these parts.

W. W. Clyde is going strong at Delta, two shifts, but this is a crusher and road mix job so will not employ over 1 or 12 members at peak. This company has all of the jobs here in the south so far except the Vineyard or Geneva road that Thorn Construction Co. has or was low bidder at \$127,000.

W. W. Clyde's jobs at Helper and Monticello are both going strong with two shifts of cats and cans and pulls on both jobs. They don't have any shovel work yet but plan to have soon.

Utah Construction still has their job going at Sunnysdale. This has been a tough job to keep going but the boys have managed well and stuck it out all winter. Bro. Owen Bingham had a bad accident on this job. He was working as a mechanic, installing a bolt in trunnion arm, when the dozer came down on him. He should be back at work in a couple of weeks but the dozer was wrecked beyond repair. All joking aside, we hope you have a speedy recovery, Owen.

Grafe Callahan, at Duchesne Tunnel, started cement lining the tunnel but ran into a little trouble. It seems they were hauling cement over a state road that would not hold the trucks, so were forced by the State to hold off a while until the road dried out a little.

Northern Utah

With the advent of what is supposedly called Spring, the contractors in the north are starting work on a limited basis and we are hopeful that, by the time you receive this issue of the News, work will be going full swing.

Wheelwright's have moved out on their bridge jobs at Lewiston and St. George. Gibbons and Reed have been running their hot plant at Ogden intermittently, furnishing the state road boys with mix and doing patching for the State in the Ogden vicinity. Parsons and Fife have crushed and hauled a large stockpile for the Riverdale road job.

Morrin & Son hold about the same pace at Second Street but indications are that they will be increasing their force in the immediate future. A number of housing projects are under way, furnishing work for several of our owner operators.

Gibbons and Reed are low bidders on the Brigham Canyon job. Generally speaking, it looks like we can expect a good season of work in the north.

State Road

We are happy with the favorable decision by Judge Larson of the District Court on the action against the State Social Security Law. No doubt the opponents of

the law will go to the Supreme Court in hope of a reversal of Judge Larson's decision.

It surprises us how any one with normal intelligence would seek to destroy a law which has so much more to offer you fellows than the existing law, and we are very hopeful that the Supreme Court will see eye to eye with Judge Larson in this matter.

Patching seems to be the order of the day and about every crew we see is hard at it; however, always prepared to plow snow on the way back to the shed.

You should be receiving the benefits of the 10c increase about the time you receive this issue of the News. We repeat—if any of you boys do not receive the increase, contact us at once and we will take the matter up with the engineer of your district or the shop superintendent.

PERSONAL NOTES

Bro. Ronald "Bud" Burns, genial plant oiler at Iron Mountain for the Utah Construction Co., we note with pleasure, is back on the job after having his appendix removed. Said he was a little tender around the middle as yet. . . . We were saddened the other day when Bro. John V. Price, shovel oiler at Iron Springs for Utah Construction Co., told us he was on the way to Mayo Brothers' Hospital in Rochester, Minn., for a check-up of a very serious ailment. Best of luck, John. . . . E. E. Marvin has a broken leg which he received in stepping off a shovel on Gibbons and Reed's job. . . . Ferris E. Harmon, master mechanic for Utah Construction, is recovering very slowly from a broken leg received while working on a Euclid.

News from the Mines and Shops

IRON MINES AT CEDAR CITY

The long-awaited Wage Stabilization Board recommendation in the steel dispute has now been made. Briefly it is as follows:

1. A 12½c per hour raise effective at the termination of the last agreement (Jan. 1, 1952); a 2½c per hour raise six months later (July 1, 1952) and a 2½c per hour raise six months after that (Jan. 1, 1953).
2. Six paid holidays. (We have none, and neither did they.)
3. Three weeks vacation after 15 years. (Ours is three weeks after 20 years, theirs was three weeks after 25 years.)
4. An increase of shift differentials from 4c an hour for the second shift to 6c an hour, and from 6c an hour on the third shift to 9c an hour. (We have our own shift set-up.)
5. A union shop. (We've had this for years.)
6. Time and one-quarter for Sunday work. (They had demanded time and a half for Saturday and Sunday work, which we have had for years.)
7. The steel workers also made a number of other demands for the elimination of a number of clauses that we have never been plagued with and which were referred back to the parties for further negotiations.

At this writing we have had no meetings with the company, simply because the matter has not developed to an extent that we can commence negotiations with the company. Frankly, we are waiting for developments and when the situation clarifies negotiations will be started.

At this moment the outlook is not good that a peaceful settlement will be made. It looks like a strike is a foregone conclusion unless the Government can force a settlement by seizure of the mills. It is reported that the steel companies have, at this writing,

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

- Sunday, April 27, 1952, 1:30 p.m.—Iron Mine Members, El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah.
- Thursday, May 8, 1952, 8:00 p.m.—Sand, Gravel and Construction Members, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City Utah.
- Friday, May 9, 1952, 8:00 p.m.—Sand, Gravel and Construction Members, Labor Temple, 161 West 1st North, Provo, Utah.
- Tuesday, May 13, 1952, 7:00 p.m.—Lang Co. Members, Engineers' Hall, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Friday, May 16, 1952, 8:00 p.m.—Sand, Gravel and Construction Members, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.
- Tuesday, May 20, 1952—Kennecott Copper Corp. Members:
 - 1:00 p.m., Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Hall, Bingham Canyon.
 - 3:30 p.m., Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Hall, Bingham Canyon.
 - 7:30 p.m., Midvale City Hall, Midvale, Utah.

Schedule of Utah Meetings—State Road Meetings

- Wednesday, April 23, 1952, 8:00 p.m.—Millard County Court House, Fillmore, Utah.
- Friday, April 25, 1952, 8:00 p.m.—Cache County Court House, Logan.
- Wednesday, May 14, 1952, 8:00 p.m.—Labor Temple, 161 West 1st North, Provo, Utah.
- Price Meeting will be announced by Post Card.
- Tuesday, May 20, 1952, 8:00 p.m.—Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Thursday, May 22, 1952, 8:00 p.m.—City Hall, Roosevelt, Utah.

offered a package of 16c. The only bright spot is that Kaiser at Fontana has signed. This will help keep Iron Springs going, if there comes a strike. In case of developments requiring action by our membership a special meeting will be called, so that you may be kept informed.

KENNECOTT COPPER CORP.

The election for Grievance Committeemen is now over and here is your committee for the coming year: Ray Gammell and Pat Pierce of the Shovel Dept., Carl Hatfield of the Crane Dept., Owen Allmendinger of the Dozer Dept. There is a vacancy on the committee from the Pump Dept. due to Bert Ivie bidding out of our unit. The committee is now sounding out this department, looking for a successor.

In welcoming the new committee to their not unarduous work, we wish to take this means of extending our thanks to the retiring members of the committee, who served long and well and many times at a personal sacrifice. They were always ready to cooperate and work with your representatives, and we know that the new committee and ourselves are going to continue to receive their cooperation and the advantage of their experience in advice and counsel.

The new committee met with the old committee on April 1, went over the matters pending before the committee and, among other things, decided to set up an Advisory Board so that representation can be had from every classification. This board will be appointed from among those who are interested enough in the welfare and conditions of our union to make the necessary sacrifice of time to serve. The committee has every hope that this move will stimulate greater interest among our membership to build a stronger and better unit.

At the present time work is being carried forward on a list of demands to present to the company in the coming opening of the agreement. Also, meetings are being held quite frequently with the company in an attempt to work out a common program for the training and qualifying of our membership for promotion and for the elimination of any rough spots in our seniority system. Progress today is gratifying.

LANG COMPANY

The company has been notified of our desire to open the agree-

ment, and negotiations will be opened soon after May 1. Before going into negotiations, it is our intention to call a joint meeting of the three crafts involved to work out a program in advance that will meet everyone's (or at least nearly everyone's) approval. It is to be hoped that many needed improvements can be worked out this year.

VITRO CHEMICAL COMPANY

We have every hope that the wage petition will be acted upon favorably by the Regional Wage Board in Denver before this issue reaches you. The petition was filed with the board on March 21 and action has been had on some cases in as little as two weeks.

At the present time considerable work is being done on the job descriptions, and copies of the preliminary work have been mailed to the stewards. You, in all probability, will be asked by them to give your advice on the description of your job. Your cooperation is solicited. Some delay may be experienced in the mill because of a change in the jobs.

SAND AND GRAVEL

We are working on the petition to the Wage Board for approval of the 10c an hour increase agreed to with the association for May 15. It is hoped that this petition can be processed before May 15, so that there will be no delay experienced this year in putting the raise into effect.

Plans are being laid for an aggressive drive among the unorganized sand, gravel and ready-mixed concrete plants. In going into this needed and necessary drive, we intend, we assure you, to use every weapon at our command, so that this unfair competition may be eliminated.

CONTRACTORS' SHOPS

The wage petition for the 10c an hour increase June 1 has been prepared and is ready for the signatures of the parties. This petition goes to the Construction Industry Stabilization Commission in Washington and our San Francisco officers inform us that it can be processed fairly rapidly, so we hope to have it approved before June 1.

Squirrel Hazard

In Elmont, Long Island, N. Y., union telephone linemen debated whether to demand special company-paid insurance against squirrels in their next contract. Edward Davis, 27-year-old lineman, working on top of a New phone Co. pole was tacked by a gang of his hospital bed. The squirrels came both sides along several minutes battle until he v from the pole 30 f

Special Announcement

CHANGE IN MEETING DATE

The regular meeting for Iron Mine Members will be held **Sunday, April 27, 1952, at 1:30 p.m.**, in the Ballroom of the El Escalante Hotel instead of Friday, April 25, 1952, at 8:00 p.m. Please make every effort to be present.

SOME PICK-UP IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA

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

During the past two weeks there has been some improvement in the work situation throughout the Sacramento area. Peculiarly enough, the Folsom Dam project wasn't the responsible factor; rather, it has been outfits like J. R. Reeves, McGillivray, John Mehren, A. Teichert, United Concrete, Brighton Sand & Gravel and many of the smaller contractors who have helped to relieve the unemployment situation.

J. R. Reeves is starting up again at the Signal Depot with Brothers Jim Brown and Bill Herzog in command. The Greenback Lane job has Brothers Jim Brown and Bill Herzog in command. The Greenback Lane job has Brother Sorensen in charge while Brothers Hank Doering and Bud Spring are running various jobs throughout the city and vicinity.

McGillivray is starting their Mather Field job with John Mehren subbing some of the dirt and calling for a couple of shifts of Super Cooperators.

A. Teichert has the Roseville job rolling and has started down the river again. They also have their usual run of city jobs, big and small. United Concrete Pipe is starting to roll two shifts on the West Sacramento Freeway. Brighton Sand & Gravel is busy at Mather Field, the Aerojet and West Sacramento jobs. Leo Lentz is keeping most of their regular crew busy.

CUT JOBLESS LIST

These have been the predominant factors in helping to cut down our out-of-work list along with calls for a few men from outfits like MacDonald, Young & Nelson, Underground Construction, Lord & Bishop and Chicago Bridge & Iron. Our sleeping giant, the Folsom Dam, is still dozing but we expect it to awaken in the not too distant future. The Hasler, D & H job has supplied the bulk of the work to date and it is with regret that we see this outfit slowing down. More of the rigs have been loaded and shipped north and quite a few of the brothers have gone along to take a whirl at the Washington job.

The T. E. Connolly tunnel job still keeps about 25 engineers busy on a round-the-clock seven-days a week operation. This won't last too much longer, either, as they punched a hole through last week.

The Savin job is adding a man or two now and then but are still in low gear. Bros. Jerry Aldridge and Art Root added as foremen in the mechanical and grading department respectively.

Brother Irving Poston is winding up Parker's job on the left abutment with a small crew—Brothers Jim Elston, Perry Maxie, Pat Chender, Chas. Woods, Obie Hicks and Johnny Chadick. Bro. Chas. Row is on the right bank with Bros. Paul Holt, Frank Adnick, Art Craig, Glen Burrow and Ralph Wilson.

IN THE FOOTHILLS

In the foothills, the construction work is showing a little more activity as the spring progresses. Joe Vicini, at Placerville, has been working his rigs on the Placerville Freeway for the last two weeks. The work looks good for the future for this company and these brothers keep busy most of the time.

MacDonald, Young and Nelson have just about completed their Safeway Store at Placerville. The Chris Henningson Bros. have their rigs on the dirt end of this project.

J. P. Morton is building two schools in the Placerville area and keeps several of the brothers busy all the time.

In the Auburn area, E. W. Simpson Co. is doing a leveling job on the Glass Valley highway and keeps Brother Wes Kemna busy all the time.

Joe Chevreux has a little road job at Auburn. Smokey Sutherland, Harry Allee and Leonard Jenkins are doing the engineering here. This job consists of an entrance to the DeWitt Hospital.

The California Rock Products Co. is getting ready to start their plant for the summer operations. Marshall & Miles' plant at Colfax have the plant going to capacity. They are separating the silvate from the black rock. Brother Fred Lewis is operating the dragline with Brother Pitchford oiling.

The subdivisions in the Sacramento area are showing more and more activity since the sun has shown. A. Teichert has moved into several housing units to finish up their street work. The other contractors have done the same.

The gravel plants in this vicinity are all working to capacity. The P.C.A. plant in Yolo is adding a new screening plant which should be in operation in the near future. W. C. Railing, at Woodland, is about to start his highway job at Plainfield. Fred Burger and Spike Voudouris are the shifters on the project.

The Jay Bailey Construction Co. has moved into the Woodland area and have several small jobs going at this time.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS:

Gus Ahlstrom and Art Lubbers trenching for DeVriend; Herman Lowe, Tommy Huff, Pat Billingsley and Kenny Stewart hanging steel at the soap plant; Frank Hassett, Selby Northcutt, Virgil Weimer and Jesse Kyle on Pollock rigs; Red Stratton, Frank Peckham, John Hyde, Bennett Terry and H. E. Fitzgerald at the Signal Depot; Clyde Burchfield paying six months' dues in advance; Wayne Boughton killing his first rattler of the season; F. W. Ringer sporting a year button; Golden Jensen at the new college; Dunc Keir and Ralph Monk doing steel erection at SMUD.

Hopes for success and good fortune go to Brother John Dennis and his wife who now operate the Twin Gables Tap Room on the Davis highway.

When out in the Carmichael district, stop in at Brother Munsell's Texaco Service, at 5106 Fair Oaks Blvd. Brother Munselle is an old-timer, well known and well liked.

Brother H. M. Hamilton is opening a new and up-to-date market between Orangevale and Folsom.

Brothers Arthur D. Runton and Gid Schnaidt are running the Florin Welding shop; Brother Frank M. Haiduk is in the excavating business. Call GI 2-0960. Brother Vince Morris is selling trailers at 1020 E. El Camino Ave.; Brother Don Lambert is still in the truck-crane and dragline business. Call Woodland 2-2093; Brother Barney Vanderhoof is still with Asphalt Service.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Al Baliel on the arrival of a son on March 22; also, to Brother and Mrs. B. Murray on the arrival of a son on December 29, of last year. We are a little late getting around to this one but be just found out about it when Brothers Murray and Pritchard paid us a visit during the last rainy spell.

Better health in the future to Brother Clyde Stonecipher, who is just out of the hospital where he underwent an operation; to Bro. Donald Wengler, who underwent an appendectomy last month; to Brother Irv Bobo who is suffering from an injured back; to Brother John H. Bailey, who had a seige with black pneumonia which kept him in the Mercy Hospital. Bro. Bailey was laid up for about three months.

We've had five donations to our blood bank this past month and we owe many, many thanks to Brothers Henry Goodwin (a regular three-month donor), E. B. Loyd, Wm. S. Edwards, Clyde Miller and Gene Austin. Thanks, fellows, to each of you personally.

Attention: All Gladding McBean employees... the regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 1952. This will be the last meeting before negotiations. Please attend! There will be two meetings... 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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

Here's the Dope



SOUTH VALLEY WORK IS PICKING UP FAST

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

The Sharp & Fellows Company of Los Angeles, submitted a low bid of one million dollars plus to the Army Engineers for construction of approximately 11 miles of road in the Kings Canyon, east of Trimmer. The company has already moved in and are establishing headquarters at the job site. Nick Gannon Jr. is superintendent and the Sullivan Engineering Co. from the southland will do the survey and engineer work on the job. At the present time there are two cats working and the job will carry approximately 10 cats, 2 shovels, truck crane, compressor equipment and other incidental equipment. The Tulare Lake Basin area has increased activity considerably

since our last report. Morrison Knudsen Co. is operating on a three shift basis with 10 cats. H. Earl Parker has moved in on the El Rico Levee with approximately 30 pieces of equipment working two long shifts. Richter Bros. with 11 rigs are busy on the Progressive Levee working two 10-hour shifts. Ralph Hall Co. is working for the Boswell Co. with 9 rigs. Ed V. Curtis is moving on the Coehn Levee with his spread of 10 pieces of equipment and is starting a second shift this week. Besides that, the Salyer Company and Crockett & Gambogi have spreads of their own at work. (Your representatives have been busy trying to arrange a settlement with these farm outfits that will be consistent with the conditions of the current AGC agreement. Will have further report on this matter in the near future.)

TULARE COUNTY

In Tulare County on the pipe laying operations, it has been necessary to redesign the concrete pipe to keep seepage to a minimum and additional money has been allocated by the Bureau of Reclamation on this work. New contracts will be let within the near future. Piombo Bros. at Indian Flats are continuing on their job with about the same crew. Eaton & Smith Co. have resumed operations on the Yosemite Highway east of Marioposa.

Permanente Company have resumed operations at White Rock east of LeGrande and expect to be busy there for the next 5 months.

Castle Field work is still down because of weather but expect to start asphalt paving operations as soon as conditions permit.

Land leveling operations is being maintained at a high peak and it is now a problem to fill the jobs available.

PINE FLAT DAM

Pine Flat Dam is continuing at a fast rate and have broken all concrete pouring records on dam construction. There is an anticipated certain amount of turnover during the spring months but most of the brothers expect to stay out the job.

The gravel pits in the area are all busy and will continue so through the summer months. There are many small jobs in progress too numerous to mention and at the present time we do not have many operators on the out of work list.

Bechtel Company expect to start operations on the grading job at Power House No. 3 of the Southern California Edison Co. and are calling back the brothers who have been working for them. As yet there is nothing definite as to whether the Vermillion Valley Dam will start construction this year.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, April 24, 1952, at 631 Kearney, Fresno, Calif., at 8 p.m.

Brothers, don't forget to donate to the blood bank for the Engineers. For further information contact our office.

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U.S. Pays Taft's Son \$40 a Day

A Washington newspaper reported this week that Senator Taft's son, William H. Taft, is on the payroll of the Munitions Board as a "consultant," at \$40 a day. The report caused a congressman to make this comment:

"Senator Taft is very fond of shouting that the government is spending too much money, but it's all right with him when sizable chunks of the taxpayers' money go to his son, who, so far as I can see, has no particular qualifications as a high-priced 'consultant' on munitions."

PAYROLLS RESUME IN NORTH VALLEYS

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

It is good to report that a lot of our members in this district have been on a payroll since our last news letter and it looks good for all of them to be working at the time this reaches print. The Foster & McHarg Co. were the low bidders on a levee job on the Sacramento River above Knights Landing in the amount of \$108,000. There was \$37 between them and the next bidder, which is what we call close.

On Tuesday, April 8, another section of levee in that vicinity was to be let. This one will be a larger job, with more members put to work.

Rice Bros. have been catching jobs out of this area and taking quite a few of their steady crew with them.

Since the good weather crept up on us, the H. W. Ruby Co., with the bridge jobs at the Oroville Wye, have added three more members and are really going to town

on their jobs.

Piombo Construction Co. came back to this area to finish up their job on Butte Creek, near Durham, and called this office for 14 operators of various classifications and nothing makes this Business Representative so happy as to clear men by the dozens. It will take Piombo about a month to button up the job, and by that time something else should be going.

BUTTE AREA

Butte Creek Rock Co. added a couple more men on the job and all the men around the Chico area are busy.

E. E. Myers has a crane crew on the Butte Fair job in Gridley. Spencer Robinson of Gridley keeps himself and a few men busy all the time.

Voy S. McMath has started his land leveling operations and put in a call for men.

J. Harold Shaver has five or six men out around the Meridian area—land leveling.

Darrough & Sons have their entire cat and pull spread busy on land leveling in the district.

Rice Bros. have a lot of local street work and put several more blade men to work.

Richter Bros. of Oroville called in for a Northwest 80 crew to start back to work on their Highway 49 job above Camptonville and will no doubt put a few more to work later.

The PG&E let some kind of a contract last week near Oroville, but the phones are not working today and we don't know who was the low bidder as yet.

NEGOTIATIONS

O'Connor Bros. are doing okay on their school job in Palermo and N. R. Jesse Co. of Chico was drilling the well with a non-union crew. We have been trying to line these people up as a good outfit and we are happy to report some progress. Likewise, we have been in negotiations with Lassen Pump Co. of Chico and will report progress with that firm.

Walsh Construction Co. still has a few mechanics in the shop at Oroville. Bud Bynum quit to go on a job in Africa and promised to write us.

The New York Machine Shop of Oroville keeps things going pretty steadily and it looks like a good summer for them.

All the gravel plants in the area are increasing the tempo of their operations and putting a few more men to work as they go along.

We have had no letters from foreign parts this month and none from our brothers in the service, so we take it for granted all is well with them. But come on, brothers, write anyway for we are always glad to receive mail from you.

AFL Union Charges Discrimination At Schenley Ranch

(State Fed. Release)

The AFL National Farm Labor Union charged this week that the Delano Ranch Division of Schenley Industries, Inc., has discriminated against union members in laying off workers.

The union has been organizing the field workers at the ranch.

W. A. Swearingen, local NFLU organizer, reported that the Kern County Labor Council had placed the Schenley ranch on its "unfair" list.

"Indiscriminate and untimely laying off of employes known or thought to be union members" was the basis of the action, Swearingen stated.

The union has made good progress in the past month in their organizing drive, Swearingen claims, and last week had a clear majority of those employed.

On Friday, practically every union member was laid off in a manner "contrary to any previous pattern."

The NFLU organizer stated that the lay-off came earlier than usual this year, and the union believes it is the company's intention to try to "starve out" the union members so they will have to seek work elsewhere.

The State Conciliation Service was called into the dispute at mid-week and was endeavoring to arrange a meeting of the disputants.

Meanwhile, the Fresno County Central Labor Council joined the AFL Kern County Central Council in placing the Schenley ranch on the "unfair" list as NFLU picketing was extended to the company's office in Fresno.

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HELP SICK MEMBER

Def-oit (LPA)—When a member of the Communications union underwent a delicate—and costly—operation, with a long hospital stay in prospect, members of Local 10438 here came to his aid. The collection totaled more than \$2000.

14,215 Labor Violations!

The U. S. Dept. of Labor reported for fiscal 1951 that its Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Division found 14,215 employers had violated laws on minimum wages, overtime and child labor, and were forced to pay \$6,666,995 in back wages to 95,604 employees.

Of the 33,479 establishments investigated, minimum wage violations were found in 19 per cent; overtime pay violations in 44 per cent, and child labor violations in 9 per cent.

Of the 2,973 establishments violating the child labor laws, 41 per cent were farms.

The record, though bad, was declared by William R. McComb, administrator, to show a marked improvement over previous reports.

The machine tool industry—vital in tooling up for mobilization—boosted its employment almost 55 per cent over its pre-Korean level by July 1951. By the third quarter of 1952 it is expected that further increases in employment will expand the work force of the industry to about 90,000, or 50 per cent above mid-1951.

Making Ends Meet Old Folks Warned Against Food Fads, Wonder Diets

By BERT SEIDMAN

Food fads and wonder diets will not help older folks to keep in good health.

Older folks are warned against such alleged short-cuts to good health in a pamphlet which has just been published by the Department of Agriculture.

The pamphlet contains suggestions for a daily food guide list for selecting a balanced diet, as well as suggestions for the older person who cooks for 1 or 2, or who hasn't much cooking equipment.

The pamphlet suggests that instead of turning to special diets which over-emphasize some foods and ignore others, older people, just like everyone else, need a variety of foods containing proteins, minerals, and vitamins. However, they are warned against a high calorie diet which causes overweight, a frequent problem among older persons.

The diets suggested are not intended to pamper the appetites of older folks and are not very different from those for other age groups. However, since senses of smell and taste become less acute as a person grows older, there may be a greater need for more interesting and more colorful types of foods.

The pamphlet also suggests that many older folks may prefer to eat frequent small meals rather than the usual three meals a day. This is all right provided the total amount of food consumed during the day adds up to a good diet.

FOOD BUYS

In many parts of the country oranges and grapefruits are still the best fruit buys. Good vegetable buys include cabbage, carrots, lettuce, escarole, and celery.

Eggs are still in good supply and reasonably priced.

This is the season for winter carrots. Carrot prices have dropped appreciably in recent weeks. Carrots now on the market come mostly from Arizona, California, and Texas. Carrots can be used in salads, as cooked vegetables in many styles, and for used raw as a relish, or a between-meals snack.

FOOD HINTS

When paring carrots scrape them lightly to avoid wasting food.

Don't buy beets if they seem to be soft, flabby, or shriveled. These beets are usually poor in flavor and examination of them may reveal decay.

The best oranges are firm and

Sportsmen's News

Huge Tuna Catch

Terminal Island—In spite of high canned tuna inventories, commercial fishermen brought in a whopping total of 344,369,677 pounds of tuna to California ports during 1951, according to State Department of Fish and Game records.

The annual catch total was 43 million pounds below the all-time high of 387 million pounds landed in 1950. The catch amounted to 312 million pounds in 1949, and 294 million pounds in 1948.

Greatest contributor to the 1951 tuna catch was yellowfin, with 173 million pounds recorded. Forty-eight million pounds of albacore, 118 million pounds of skipjack, and slightly less than four million pounds of bluefin accounted for the balance of the annual tuna catch.

Annual totals of other selected commercial species caught in 1951 include:

Bonito, 783,000 pounds; yellowtail, 4,690,000 pounds; Pacific mackerel, 89,838,000 pounds; anchovy, 6,954,000 pounds; Pacific herring, 4,917,000 pounds.

3,291,342 Ducks Are Counted in California

When the State makes its annual survey of California's huge waterfowl population, it's a big, fast operation.

Six airplanes, a helicopter, special aerial cameras and a group of 14 trained observers aloft, supported by 50 ground tabulators, were involved in this year's count.

The final results, as released recently by the Department of Fish and Game and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, give a total of 3,291,342 ducks in the State on January 7 and 8, when the census was made.

The survey plan, developed by John Chattin of the California Department of Fish and Game and Hortin Jensen, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service waterfowl flyway biologist, used the best available scientific and statistical techniques.

In previous years the annual survey was hampered by inability of ground observers to cover the territory completely, due to weather and road conditions. This plus the varying human factors all detracted from accurate tallies.

Now, with aerial photography available on a large scale, estimates can be checked against the camera eye and the human margin of error reduced. The operation has to be completed rapidly. Chattin relates, to eliminate the possibility of duplicate counts occasioned by shifting of waterfowl populations.

"The January inventory will give us a basis for comparison, from here on out," Chattin said. "For the first time, we've been able to photograph the bulk of the birds and get a reasonably accurate count. The results will be important to waterfowl management practices regionally, and increasingly so each year."

Lucky Catfish

William R. Welch of (20624 Western Boulevard,) Hayward has received a casting rod and reel prize for turning in a catfish tag—the first return in a new State research project.

The angling gear was presented by the Foothill Sportsmen's Club of Oakland, cooperating with the California Department of Fish and Game.

Welch's lucky catfish was tagged by the Department at the Antioch Bridge on January 15. It was caught near Frank's Tract on February 10.

Ruth B. Scheffer of (2019 South Hunter,) Stockton turned in the second catfish tag on the State's books and received a prize of 100 yards of bait casting line. Her fish was tagged February 11 and caught six days later.

Lucky Striped Bass

There's more to fishing than just catching fish, a surprised Pittsburg angler discovered when he was handed a \$100 bill recently by the San Francisco Bass Club.

Anthony Billeci of Pittsburg cashed in because the plastic tag he took from a striped bass and turned over to the Department of Fish and Game bore the top lucky number at the Club's annual award.

Cash and merchandise prizes are awarded some lucky striped bass anglers who return fish tags during the year. The Striped Bass Club is cooperating with the State Agency in a continuing research project to learn more of the striper's habits.

Man Friday

In Saskatoon, Canada, local union officials decided they had a large education job to do on City Mayor J. S. Mills, who is badly addicted to punning. In a discussion with union representatives on the five-day week for city employees, Mayor Mills remarked, "There's nothing new about the five-day week. It was invented by Robinson Crusoe, who got all his work done by Friday."

STOCKTON FIGHTING OFF-ON WEATHER

By ED DORAN, SPIKE CASEBOLT, BENNY BURROUGHS and
WALTER TALBOT, Business Representatives

Seems as though all we have this year is weather. A week of sunshine and then, more rain and snow. Some of our more optimistic contractors have started work but they can't keep it up—everything bogs down. Landleveling is still our best bet in the Valley, and should continue good through the summer because so much time has been lost due to heavy winter rains.

In the Manteca area, the Akslands have all their cats busy. H. M. Aksland has three rigs on the Vernalis side of the river. Larry's cats are pretty well scattered and Ernie's are still working on the Union Road.

Also in the south Manteca area, George Lake has three rigs working, with Bros. Pete Ozella, Joe Silveria and Tony Barboza at the controls.

Bond and Rushing have the leveling job for the County Hospital about completed, with Bros. Ray Guadagnolo and Ray Smith doing a good job with the cats.

Blackmore and Richards finished their leveling job for Biasotti and left it looking like a pool table.

Over in the Tracy area, Virgil Deaver has one rig at work knocking down rice checks. Bro. Woodrow Wheat on the D-8.

H. Jenecke is busy as a beaver. Has one job going near Visalia and four rigs working near Dixon.

C. V. Kenworthy finished the land leveling job near Wasco and is back doing construction work here in Stockton.

TUOLUMNE RIVER

Joe Meyers and Roy Reeves have a big job near the Tuolumne River west of Modesto but due to the rising river, the land is too boggy to level. While they are waiting for the river to recede, they are doing a few odd jobs.

George Patterson's leveling job at Thornton was to start up again April 7 but, as usual, it rained the morning they were to start. It looks like the curse is on this job.

Frank Taylor is still double shifting his cats, with more work coming up in the Los Banos area when he finishes his job out near Holt. He has Bro. Roy Pierce, who has his cat working with Frank's, doing the shifting.

Albert Vogel, who had his cats working down in the Fresno area, is back trying to finish the job he left near Tracy last winter. Bros. Gene Vierra, Frank Vierra and Frank Lopes are herding his engines.

John Renner is out on Roberts Island with two of his cats trying to level the field before the hay gets any higher.

LANDMARK TO GO

One of the Mother Lode landmarks is to be replaced. The 52-year-old PG&E power house on Angels Creek is to be replaced by a \$1,095,000 plant. The company, in applying to the Federal Power Commission, said it hopes to start work next month. Completion is estimated by the winter of 1953. The new plant will be located a half-mile downstream from the present power house and will have a peak capacity of 3,800 kilowatts. It will use the same amount of water, but with a greater drop through. On the hill above the plant, two earth-fill dams will be built to create a forebay reservoir of 58 acre-feet capacity on the Utica ditch, which carries water to the existing plant from the North Fork of the Stanislaus River. One dam will be 52 feet high and 300 feet long while the other will be 3 feet high and 400 feet long.

Uniting against the threat of flood, farmers west and south of Modesto have reached an agreement as to what should be done on levees along the Tuolumne River. County Engineer Oliver Deatsch and Engineer William Wooley of Patterson have recommended to the two factions that immediate action be taken to strengthen the levee along the river proper. Then, if there is time, the older Johnson-Carpenter levee should be raised and strengthened as a secondary defense against flood water.

Bro. Verne Eutsler is back on

the job after being laid up for some time.

Bro. Ed Cooms is hobbling around with crutches and will be back on the job with McGaw in a short while. Ed is getting over a broken leg and has been out of circulation for the past 10 months.

State Fed. Summer School in June At Santa Barbara

(State Fed. Release)

The California State Federation of Labor's fifth annual Summer Labor Institute will be held this year at the Miramar Hotel, Santa Barbara, during the week of June 15-21, it was announced this Monday by C. J. Haggerty, executive head of the state AFL organization.

Following kick-off ceremonies on Sunday, June 15, five days of intense work will follow on such subjects as wage stabilization procedures, cost of medical care programs, consumer education, use of statistics in collective bargaining, and workmen's compensation methods in California. Closing ceremonies and official adjournment will follow on Saturday, June 21.

A top faculty of labor, government, and university figures will conduct the institute classes and seminars.

Hotel reservations may now be made with James E. Hamilton, Manager, The Convention Bureau of the Santa Barbara Chamber of Commerce, Post Office Box 299 Santa Barbara, California.

Miramar Hotel prices include room, meals, and full use of recreation facilities, including the hotel swimming pool and tennis courts.

Hotel rates for institute members are \$12.50 per person double room and \$14.50 per person single room.

An added feature of the 1952 institute will be participation of the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees.

Special classes and seminars are being arranged for culinary workers on each afternoon of the five-day education schedule. Further details regarding the culinary program will be announced early next month.

119th Miner Killed Since 119 Toll at West Frankfort, Ill.

Washington (LPA)—The nation was horrified when a blast killed 119 soft coal miners at West Frankfort, Ill., last Christmas. Since then, 119 more have been killed.

Right after West Frankfort, 9 were killed in December, 54 in January, 37 in February and 19 as of March 27. There were 44 deaths in West Virginia, 25 in Kentucky, 21 in Pennsylvania soft coal fields. Another 21 were killed in Pennsylvania's hard coal mines.

Latest recorded death was that of C. H. Marty, 33, killed at Long-acre, W. Va., when run over by a mine car. He had worked 13 years in the mines. He left his widow and one child.

10-Ton Windows

In Charleston, S. C., union workers hired for the Atomic Energy Commission's Savannah River plant learned that they will be protected from radiation by the world's heaviest windows, each weighing 10 tons and made by union glass workers in Pittsburgh.

SUN IS GO SIGN FOR WORK IN SAN JOSE

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

Brothers, at this writing we are happy to announce the situation is quite contrary to what it was at the time of our last letter. At that time we had approximately 170 men on the Unemployed List. During this past week of sunshine we have placed quite a number of engineers and the list has now dwindled to around 20 men. This is due to the fact that many

of the jobs tied up for several months during the stormy weather have now resumed full operations. In order to make up for lost time many of the contractors have seen fit to lengthen the work and in some instances the day and in a few cases have double-shifted.

MOFFETT FIELD

Guy F. Atkinson has resumed double-shift operations on the runway job at Moffett Field which took about 25 men off our list. The same can be said for their quarry on Stevens Creek. Peter Sorensen too has put on a full crew on his job at the base. Carl N. Swenson Company, A. J. Peters and Roy Butcher are also in full swing. Raymond Concrete Pipe have two drivers on their foundation job for the new wind tunnel to drive approximately 1750 concrete pile. Brothers Vivian, Paulson and Park are the operators. Lourie Paving have started activity on its underground work at Moffett with a full crew. While we are still on Moffett we must not forget to mention that the M. K. Company was low bidder at a figure of approximately \$1,600,000 on a new barracks and mess hall unit. J. C. Bateman is just about complete with his contract on the base and also on the work opposite the base on Bayshore. Leo Piazza has started work on his 70,000 ton job on the base and at the present time is hauling the hot stuff. There is much more work and many contracts to be let on this base in the near future. At the present time there must be at least \$10,000,000 worth of work by contract in operation for the Navy and the NACA.

Frederickson & Watson have started up again on the Eastshore Freeway job but have found it still a little too wet in many instances for full operation. . . . The Raymond Pile Company is making fairly good progress on the 250 piling which they have to drive. They have been hampered and harassed considerably, however, by the recent flood waters. We have not learned definitely as to when the State will call for bids on the next strip of this Freeway. . . . We expect any day now to learn that bids have been called for the Lexington Dam—possibly before this comes off the press. . . . The A. J. Raich Company have moved much of their equipment out for the resumption of operations on their Stevens Creek highway job. Operations on this job were suspended last year due to the bad weather. . . . Frederickson & Watson were the low bidders on the Pacheco Pass resurfacing job and they are expected to start operations in the not too distant future.

This has been a very bad winter for most of the brothers and we are very happy indeed to see them go to work. About the only jobs in this district which did not suspend operations during the bad weather were the Permanente Cement and the Kaiser Foil. These companies maintained a crew of approximately 125 engineers throughout the winter. (These were the lucky guys). Have you realized brothers when either you or your wife purchased Kaiser Aluminum Foil that it was made by Engineers of Local 3. Good stuff. You should try it.

In the immediate vicinity of San Jose, Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Los Altos and Los Gatos there are about 12 new subdivisions and tracts under construction. There is quite a lot of other construction going on as well, schools, banks, churches, etc. and much underground work. The following contractors have underground work in this district and you are apt to run into them anywhere—Hester & McGuire, Pistano, Pisano

Bros., Chas. Dorfman, A. J. Peters, Bebek & Brikch, Foley & Kruger, E. T. Haas and Ed Keeble.

SOUTHERN TERRITORY

Santa Cruz, Watsonville and Moss Landing — Granite Construction Company will be starting their Capitola street job very shortly now—also their pipeline job at Big Basin. . . . Leo Carwell, one of our well-known local contractors, has several small jobs around this locality. . . . Robinson Bros., Jolley & Sons and Jim Evans also seem to keep fairly well occupied around Santa Cruz. . . . Granite Construction have resumed double-shift operations on their stripping job for the Santa Cruz Portland Cement at Davenport. . . . Granite has also resumed operations on their highway job at Freedom after being shut down on account of the bad weather. . . . Granite has a couple of school jobs at Watsonville under construction. . . . The Associated Engineers have about a 30-day job for the Telephone Company. . . . There is nothing new in the line of work on the PG&E plant at Moss Landing or the Kaiser plant at Natividad.

MONTEREY, PACIFIC GROVE

The Webb Construction Company were low bidders on the \$1,000,000 building job at Ford Ord. . . . Stolte also got a nice job at the Fort. . . . Hickey & Sons are moving right along on their sub contract from Webb. . . . After a year of tedious labor the Normac Construction Company have completed their housing project at Fort Ord. . . . Granite Construction Company has several small jobs in operation at the Fort. . . . The Stolte Company has started its new sewer contract at Pacific Grove. . . . The E. T. Haas Company has started its sewer disposal plant at Pacific Grove. . . . Dorfman has completed his sewer project at Seaside. . . . George Augusta has three small jobs in and around Monterey.

SALINAS AND VICINITY

The Rice Construction Company was low bidder on the highway job between Salinas and Chular. So far it has not moved in any equipment. . . . George Augusta has started his college subdivision. . . . Granite has three or four jobs in operation in this locality. In fact, no matter where you look in the southern part of our territory you see some of Granite's equipment at work. This also tends to keep quite a number of our brothers at work in their shops. . . . The Associated Engineers are busily engaged in the construction of their trailer camp at Camp Roberts. . . . Jensen & Haddock are putting in the sewer work at the camp and our well-known brother contractor, Tony Pisano, is doing the paving.

GILROY AND HOLLISTER

George Renz has several small jobs in operation around this locality. . . . John Paroline is doing the paving and grading for the forest ranger's station out of Morgan Hill. . . . Frederickson & Watson will start their hot plant and crusher plant very shortly in order to supply the material for their newly-acquired highway job in Pacheco Pass.

NEWS FOR AND ABOUT THE BROTHERS

In closing, this office wishes to thank the Brothers who informed us by cards and telephone that they have gone back to work; namely Brothers Don Wiley, Dale Sanders, Harrell Lockett, Fred Rehman and many others.

We have just received a nice letter from Brother George Azevedo, who is now in Korea, just four miles behind the front lines. He wishes to be remembered to all his friends and would like to hear from them. His address is as fol-



WRONG JOB—The radio personnel manager hired Roxanne a TV photographer. Something's wrong. She should be in front of, not behind, the camera. (LPA)

CITIZENS' UNIT BLAMES AMA

(AFL Release)
The American Medical Association is chiefly to blame for the failure of Congress to streamline federal medical services.

That's the charge made by the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report. The committee points out that the plan would coordinate and unify 35 different medical agencies into a Department of Health.

"Vast waste results from duplication of their services and from their practice of competing for scarce medical personnel," reported the committee.

The committee charges that the AMA refused to compromise, but has "given its ultimatum of opposition and backed out."

"This is a situation in which the 200,000 doctors of the country, independent of their own organizations, should do their own thinking and make their own opinions known," the committee continued. "Concerted action on their part would undoubtedly make a strong impression on Congress."

The committee warned that if the present legislation fails, it could be years before another attempt would be made to reorganize the sprawling federal medical system.

lows: Cpl. Geo. Azevedo, U. S. 56064909, Battery A 31st. F. A. B. N., APO c-o P.M., San Francisco, Calif. Good luck, George, and a speedy return to San Jose.

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Hawaii Industry, Labor Seek Medium in Better Relations

By J. K. WAIWAILOE, Business Representative

The simultaneous economic pressure reactions by labor unions in the service and building and construction industry, and the accelerated organizing programs of various craft organizations who have won many recognition elections the six months have proven to a marked degree the need for management to take stock of their treatment of labor in their hire.

Their insistence on complete open shop as heretofore has changed a little. This new trend of thought has been shown in all new agreements to date, however, we are all determined to still hold out for the outright union shop as is customary and made available in many mainland localities.

Realizing the extensive organizing that is being done in the Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd., a member of its board of directors, Ben Dillingham, asked to be heard in a session with all affiliated organizations involved. He stated his desire to do their own negotiations instead of calling on the employers' council. He further asked the consideration of labor to assist them rather than working towards the breaking of a company that is well established in the community in fair labor relations. That he would personally recommend to others in official capacity with the company to be fair and equitable in any labor relations with those organizations involved.

Clearing of site is just beginning at the Moanaloa Housing project with V. O. Burkhalter Equipment Co. doing the necessary excavations. Contractors Mid-Pac has closed down its heavy equipment department at the operating base and has laid off 5 of our mem-

bers. The Kaneohe Marine Base is also busy at this time with new barracks to be completed by August of this year. Most of our members are still retained on the job.

Dredging operations will again hum with projects out in Manila with the Dredge Norfolk and a local crew from here keeping it working round the clock. Pacific Dredging Co. requested for Bro. Joe Cathcart to leave for their Okinawa operations with others to be called just as soon as the dredge Gulf Stream is through with repairing. The dredge Raymond, now at Naha Harbor Okinawa, is not yet fully staffed with a crew, according to information received. The Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd., has finally sent their dredge Dillingham to the bone yard. They have bought the controlling interest of the dredge Jefferson and is now re-fitting her with diesel engines to run her instead of using power barges or direct power from shore. When repairs are through they will give her a trial run at Kaneohe Marine Base before sending her to Kwajalein for necessary dredging and material needed for an enlarged landing field.

This branch won its election with Collins Concrete & Steel Pipe Co. and negotiations are continuing. Many engineers in the navy yard are coming in now.

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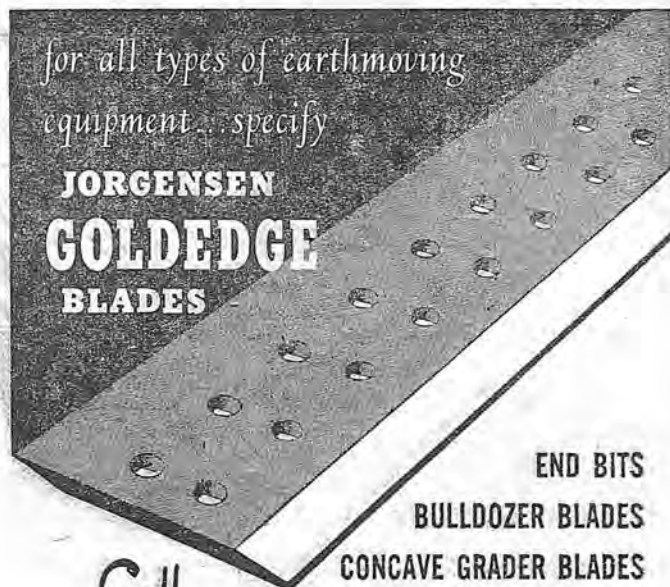
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Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. Vandewark)

MARCH 3, 1952

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to W. P. Fuller & Co., 301 Mission St., San Francisco, \$50,387 for furn. road paint and thinner for State Hwy. Depts. at Reno, Elko, East Ely, Tonopa and Las Vegas.

MARCH 11, 1952

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Del E. Webb Const. Co., P. O. Box 4066, Phoenix, Ariz., \$1,025,215 for const. QM warehouse & stockade, & guardhouse, at Fort Ord.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., Casanova Ave., Monterey, \$900,108 (sched.) for const. 16 motor repair shops, 4 motor dispatch offices, 16 oil stor. bldgs., 6 gasoline stations, 16 vehicle wash racks and 12 vehicle grease racks, incl. clear. site, grade, spring, etc., for Motor Pools M & N, at Ft. Ord.

ALBANY, contract to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$26,646 for const. sanit. sewer and water piping, in Assess. Dist. No. 2, & 1911 Act.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to San Francisco Water Dept., 425 Mason St., S. F., \$15,566 for reloc. 6" and 8" cast iron water mains in 13th St., betw. Mission and Harrison streets.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., San Francisco, \$4,347 for repairs to damaged conc. deck & concrete supports of Pier No. 3 at the U.S. Naval Air Station.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Nomellini Const. Co., P. O. Box 1177, Stockton, \$79,859 for const. trunk line storm sewer in Alpine Ave., betw. Kensington Way & El Dorado street.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$49,642 for const. sewers in Corp. Yard & 77th Ave.

EL CERRITO, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, P. O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$5,114 for resurf. Arling-

ton Ave., betw. Barrett & Cutting.

MARCH 13, 1952

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Commercial Const. Co., 326 Eye St., Marysville, \$16,075 for extending culvs. & frain. strucs. & widen roadway at 13 locations, betw. 1 mi. E. of Meridian & 3 mi. W. of Yuba City, SUTTER CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to The Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 W. Cutting Blvd., Richmond, \$5,720 for remov. wharf timbers & piling near ft. of 17th St.

PLEASANTON, contract awarded to McCammon & Wunderlich, 1465 Edgewood Dr., Palo Alto, \$14,257 for grade & surf, Angela and Kottinger.

CAMP BEALE, contract awarded to A. D. Schader, 164 Spear St., San Francisco, \$391,741 for rehab. RR. tracks, Camp Beale.

MARCH 14, 1952

TOOELE, UTAH, contract was awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., Springfield, Utah, \$146,840 for grade stor. area, bit. surf., Tooele Ord. Depot.

MARCH 17, 1952

OAKLAND, contract awarded to S. & Q. Const. Co., 248-9th St., San Francisco, \$45,558 for const. sewage pumping stations "D" at Oak St., near Clement Ave. & Sta "E" at Grand St., near Clement, Alameda, Und. SD No. 75.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th street, Sacramento, \$11,219 for const. outdoor storage yard, west of warehouse, driveway & sidewalk & const. roadways south side & in front of warehouse.

MOFFETT FIELD, contract was awarded to Carl N. Swenson, 1095 Stockton Ave., San Jose, \$252,500 for const. auxiliary equipt. bldg. for 8-ft. supersonic wind tunnel at Moffett Field.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to F. R. Knowlton & Son, Layton, Utah, \$112,409 for const. 0.039 mi. concrete bridge over 20-ft. span on State Rt. 102, betw. Hay's Corner & Deweyville, BOX ELDER COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Juab Co. (State No. 1294): To W. W. Clyde & Co., Springfield, Utah, \$227,226 for 7.515 mi. 3" pl. bit. surf. Road US No. 91, betw. Chicken Creek & Levan.

(2) Millard Co. (Fab F-235(5): & F-235 (4): To W. W. Clyde & Co., Springfield, Utah, \$318,931 for 33.515 mi. 2" rd. bit. surf. US No. 6, betw. Hinckley & Skull Rock Pass.

(3) Beaver Co. (No. 1348): to L. A. Young Const. Co., Richfield,

Utah, \$19,000 for 17,000 T cr. rock, etc., stockpiled 4.6 mi. S. of Cove Fort and 300' East Hwy. US 91.

(4) MILLARD CO. (No. 1349): To J. M. Sumsion & Son, Springville, Utah, \$15,000 for 14,000 T. cr. rock, etc., stockpiled 13.6 mi. S. of Kanosh & on US No. 91.

(5) Millard Co. (No. 1350): To Olof Nelson Const. Co., Logan Utah, \$12,150 for 10,000 T. cr. rock, etc., stockpiled 2.2 mi. S. of Scipio on SR 63.

(6) Juab Co. (No. 1351): To J. M. Sumsion & Son, Springville, Utah, \$9,000 for 10,000 T. cr. rock, etc., stockpiled 2.8 mi. S. of Levan, on hwy. No. SR-28.

MARCH 18, 1952

YOUNTVILLE, contract awarded to J. H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 East-shore Highway, Berkeley, \$8,870 for const. road and grounds improvements at Vets Home.

NAPA, contract awarded to Slinson Const. Co., 1358 Trancas Road, Napa, \$7,863 for improv. School St., betw. 1st and 2nd streets.

TRIMMER, contract awarded to Sharp & Fellows Contracting Co., 533 Central Bldg., Los Angeles, \$1,100,540 for river road reloc. and Sycamore Creek, Gaging Sta., Pine Flat Proj., near Trimmer.

BURLINGAME, contract awarded to Theo. G. Meyer & Son, 200 Quint St., San Francisco, \$796,107 for const. Burlingame Elem. School.

BURLINGAME, contract awarded to Dana R. Tyson Co., 1201-10th Ave., Sacramento, \$11,550 for landscaping at the new Burlingame Intermediate School.

MARE ISLAND, contract was awarded to Basalt Rock Co., 900 8th St., Napa, \$4,792 for pav. reprs. west of Bldg. No. 655, under Spec. No. 32916.

MARE ISLAND, contract was awarded to A. D. Schader, 164 Spear St., San Francisco, \$7,527 for railroad track repairs at the Shipyards.

MARCH 19, 1952

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to M & K Corp, Financial Center Bldg., S.F., \$299,800 for const. Proj. 29-Delta & Wilde Home School units.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Fred Drayer, 1234 Caroline St., Alameda, \$224,400 for 300 acres clearing reservoir area for Big Carson Dam, in Lagunitas Canyon, MARIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract was awarded to Frederickson & Watson Const. Co., 873-81st Ave., Oakland & M & K Corp, Financial Center Bldg., San Francisco, \$1,380,621 for 1.3 mi. grade, conc. pave on cem. tr. sub-grade, & pitmx. surf. on cem. tr. base; const. traf. sigs. & mwy. lights betw. Army St. & 17th St., SAN FRANCISCO.

MARCH 20, 1952

MARE ISLAND, contract awarded to Ferguson Bros., 8923 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$7,988 for const. salt water lines repairs, und. No. 32918.

MARE ISLAND, contract was awarded to J. G. Goupais, 2455-18th St., S.F., \$6,500 for RR track repairs, under Spec. No. 32919.

MARCH 21, 1952

FALLON, NEV., contract was awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nev., \$39,304 for const. one 5000-ft. & one 4300-ft. runway at Fallon Muni. Airport.

TRAVIS, AFB., contract awarded to Asta Const. Co., 33 N. Front St., Rio Vista, \$44,423 for reseal surfaces of bitu. portions of runways & taxiways at the base.

SAN FRANCISCO contract was awarded to Hess Const. Co., Inc., 2303 Artesia Blvd. Long Beach, \$393,743 for 4.763 mi. grade, surf., etc., Huntington Lake-Sierra National Forest. FRESNO COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to Whiting & Haymon, contractors, Springville, Utah, \$265,881 for 7.399 mi. const. 2" bit. rd. surf. road & Conc. box over 20-ft. span, County Rd, betw. Gusher & LaPoint, UTAH COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Independent Const. Co. 741-50th Ave., Oakland, \$25,739 for surf. water St., betw. Broadway and Franklin streets.

FOLSOM, contract awarded to Willamette Iron & Steel, 2860 N.W. Front Ave., Portland, Ore., \$129,283 for fabric. penstock gate hoist & appurts, for Folsom Dam.

SAN LORENZO, contract was awarded to H. H. Anderson, 15059 E. 14th St., San Leandro, \$2,250 for const. 20 cy. conc. ditch lining, incl. removal of old lining, etc. from 250' E. of E. 14th, betw. Oriole & Plaza Drive.

FRESNO, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Surf. Park. lots, 1-6, Block 114: To Volpa Bros., 223 Nielsen, Fresno, \$4,509.

(2) Asph. surf. Block No. 61, Lots 1-6: To Stewart & Nuss, 419 Thorne, Fresno, \$4,591.

WOODSIDE, contract awarded to Jos. McFadden & Son, P.O. Box 915, Pajo Alto, \$18,543 for impvt. Canada Rd, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

MARCH 24, 1952

PALO ALTO, contract awarded to B. Miles Thomas Co., 436 Pacheco St., S.F., \$20,315 for const. storm sewer in Homer Ave., et al.

PALO ALTO, contract awarded to McCammon & Wunderlich, 1465 Edgewood Drive, Palo Alto, \$247,997 for street impvt. & storm sewer, Loma Verde Ave, et al.

NAPA, contract awarded to Slinson Const. Co. 1358 Trancas Road, Napa, \$2650 for paving at the Milk house, Napa State Hospital.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Helwig Const. Co., 407 N. Main St., Sebastopol, \$4,280 for const. alts. to water supply system at Los Guilucos School for Girls, near Santa Rosa.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Joe Chevreux, P.O. Box 65, Sta. "A" Auburn, \$18,246 for 0.3 mi. widen roadbed & place imported subbase, untreated rock base and plant mix. surf. betw. 1-7 mi. & 2.3 mi. north of Auburn, PLACER COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Kring Const. Co., 251 Kearny St., S.F., \$14,740 for inst. two tee-type hangars at Contra Costa Airport (Buchanan Field) nr. Concord.

MARCH 25, 1952

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Baun Const. Co., P. O. Box 1281, Fresno, \$161,302 for 6 mi. grade & rdmx. surf. on cem. treat. base, on Poplar Road, betw. 6 mi. S. of Poplar & Poplar, TULARE COUNTY.

TRACY, Contract awarded to Artis & Griffin, 616 Williams St., Bakersfield, \$50,060 for const. & modify turnouts, Sta. L-300 to 4535, Delta-Mendota Canal, Central Valley Proj. loc. in SAN JOAQUIN, STANISLAUS, MERCED & FRESNO COUNTIES.

EL CERRITO, Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, P. O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$17,857 for improving Rosilind Ave., et al.

TRAVIS AFB, Contract awarded to Parish Bros., 2nd & "L" Sts., Benicia, \$31,550 for const. parking areas at the base.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Carl R. Fiedler, 2231 "S" St., Sacramento, \$2,973 for conc. pave alley betw. "S" & "T" Sts., & 13th & 14th.

MARCH 26, 1952

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract to Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S. F., \$3,409 for pave, etc., on Peralta St., betw. Mayflower & Powhatten Sts.

PALO ALTO Contract awarded to Ralph Larsen & Son, 64 S. Park St., San Francisco, \$344,313 for const. new city hall at Newell Rd. & Embarcadero Rd.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Avenue, Oakland, \$28,880 for const. sewer in 66th Avenue & rights-of-way.

MARCH 27, 1952

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to G. E. Schilling Engineering & Const. Co., 1227 "D" St., Reno, \$99,234 for 1.19 mi. const. secondary hwy., Keitzke Lane, from U.S. 395 to Airport Rd. & Peckham Lane, et al, WASHOE COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Young & Smith Const. Co., Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, \$203, 758 for 10.23 mi. const. secondary hwy. sys., betw. Mtn. Spring Summit & jctn. with Blue Diamond Mine Road, CLARK COUNTY.

SAN CARLOS, Contract awarded to Oakland Sewer Const. Co., 9915 Walnut St., Oakland, \$43,732 for const. sanit. sewers, manholes, & appurts., North Devonshire Sewers.

MARCH 28, 1952

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., San Francisco, \$156,721 for const. a depressed trucking wharf connecting Piers 29, and 31.

SAN BRUNO, Contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, 2625-9th St., Berkeley, \$1,207 for repair & reseal asph. roads at Cape Esperance Housing Proj.

MOFFETT FIELD, Contract was awarded to John B. Paroline, East Dunn Avenue, Morgan Hill, \$4,193 for repair & reseal asph. roads at Moffett Homes Housing Proj.

MARCH 31, 1952

SANTA ROSA, Contract awarded to Peletz Co., 1948 Belmont Ct., Santa Rosa, \$6,278 for const. addnl. sewers in South Park Sanit. Dist. SONOMA COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to G. E. Schilling Engineering & Const. Co., 1227 "D" St., Reno, Nevada, \$99,234 for 1.19 mi. const. secondary hwy., Keitzke Lane, from U.S. 395 to airport road, & Peckham Lane et al, WASHOE COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Young & Smith Const. Co., Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah, \$203,758 for 10.23 mi. const. secondary hwy. sys., Diamond Mine Road, CLARK COUNTY.

APRIL 1, 1952

CAMP STONEMAN, Contract awarded to A. D. Schader, 164 Spear St., San Francisco, \$31,437 for rehab. railroads at Camp Stoneman.

PORT CHICAGO, Contract was awarded to Martin Bros. Inc., P.O. Box 5, Concord, \$34,965 for rdwk. & pav. Nav. Magazine, Port Chicago.

SACRAMENTO, Contract was awarded to Williams & Burrow, Inc., 10 California Drive, Burlingame, (General) \$472,900 for const. hdqtrs. bdg. for Hwy Patrol.

BERKELEY, Contract awarded to J. H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 East-shore Hwy., Berkeley, \$8,445 for improv. Cedar Street, betw. Sacramento St. & 463 west.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Moore & Murdoch, 1701 Belgrave Place, Oakland \$15,353 for repair. timber bridge acr. Fall Creek, 6.4 mi. north of Santa Cruz. SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract RE-SCINDED to Claude Fisher, Ltd., 2455 E. 55th St., Los Angeles, \$292,000 for clear & grade site of VA Hospital, Fort Funston S.F.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, \$64,717 for 0.7 mi. widen existing pavement with plantmix surfacing on Cement treated base, located between Willow Road & First Street, in City of Rodeo, CONTRA COSTA CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts were awarded as follows: (1) MENDOCINO CO. (1-Men-48-B): To R. E. Hertel, 715 "J" St., Sacramento, \$15,892 for repairing portion of bridge acr. Mill Creek, loc. 11 mi. northwest of Boonville. (2) TRINITY CO. (1-Tri-20-D): To Laredon Const. Co., 1418 N. Highland Ave., Hollywood, \$33,100 for const. reinf. conc. bridge acr. Big French Creek, 27 mi. west of Weaverville. (3) LAKE CO. (1-Lak-15-B): To A. A. Edmonson, 701 Arroyo Avenue, San Fernando, \$21,246 for const. two reinf. conc. box culverts at Lucerne & Deer Creek, 8.5 mi. & 9 mi. east of Uper Lake. (4) MADERA & MERCED COS. (VI-Mad, Mer-4,18-DA): To H. C. McKern, 213 Old Taylor, San Jose, \$12,135 for clean-

& paint steel bridges (two) across Fresno River at Madera & over Santa Fe RR, near Merced.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 1st & Railroad Ave., San Mateo, \$78,957 for 1.0 mi. widen with imported sub-base matl. & cement treat. base & plantmix surf. on exist pavement & cem. treat. base betw. 25th Ave. & 41st Ave., SAN MATEO CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 1113, Sacramento, \$122,748 for 2.5 mi. const. borders, shoulders & base of untr. rock base, & surf. center of roadbed with plantmix surf., betw. 2.5 mi. N. of Vacaville & Midway, SOLANO COUNTY.

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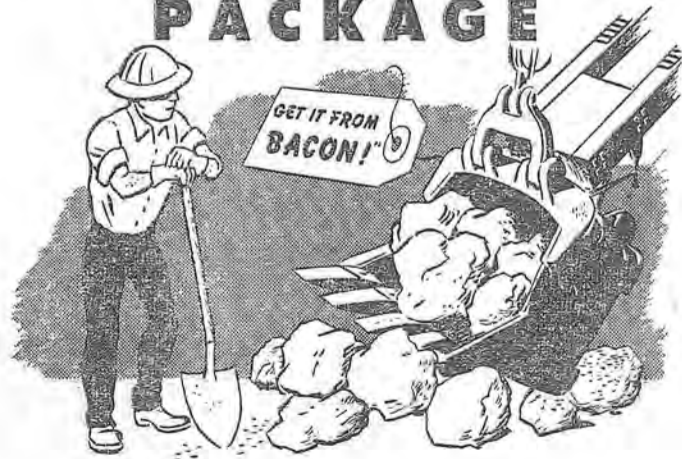


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Redwood Empire Finally Gets A Break in the Weather

By A. R. McCaffrey, Business Representative

It is beginning to look like Old Man Winter is finally going to give us a break up in the Redwood Empire. We have had a few nice days this last week and it seems like every contractor in the country is trying to get rolling.

At this time, many new jobs are starting.

Up in Crescent City, Oil Terminals Co. has started pile driving on Citizens Dock. This job should last over a month, with plenty of overtime.

Healy-Tibbitts Co. has a job driving piling out on the Dutton Lumber Co. dock.

Out at Dutton Lumber Co., Fred Korthase is coming right along on his mill job. He completed the mill at Blue Lake for McIntosh. Fred also has several rock jobs in and around Crescent City.

Above Crescent City at Patrick Creek, on Highway 199, John Burman & Sons and Mercer Fraser Co. are busy removing a large slide which closed the road for quite a while.

Mercer Fraser Co. is starting to roll again after being down practically all winter. The hot plant and gravel plant at Essex, and also the plant at Worswick, are going full blast. They have several jobs scattered around the country rolling. They also are doing the dirt work for Robert McCarthy on the new housing project. This is a \$700,000 job.

John Burman & Sons have a job at Turwar Creek, up the river from Klamath, gravelling several logging roads. They are also busy on the approaches to the bridge over the north fork of Mad River, above Blue Lake, putting in an emergency detour. Carr & Rocca are putting in a new bridge on this same job.

Bro. J. L. Connor has two dirt moving jobs going at this time. One is at Brainerd Cut and was for 100,000 cubic yards. The other job is just south of Eureka at Bucksport.

HOME PROJECTS

Blakeslee-Spierung, in Arcata, is starting a new subdivision of 50 homes. There is considerable grading and street work to be done.

The Ernest Pierson Co. plans to build a 400-home subdivision at Freshwater Corners. Work will start in the near future.

The following members and contractors will be working on the log haul road for Simpson Lumber Co. at Klamath again this year: Fred Korthase, J. E. McSweeney, and Bros. Louie Connor and Tom Coy. This lumber company has a large building program and at present they are surveying for a private logging road from Klamath to Crescent City. The road will parallel Highway 101.

Pelican Bay Construction Co. at Crescent City is still working on the Paragon Plywood mill. This company also plans a private log road to be located from the mill site at Dead Lake to Highway 101.

Frederickson Bros. have four dozers opening up their job at Scotia. At this writing, they are planning to start their string of jeeps and also a couple of draglines in a few days. When this job gets rolling we will have approximately 35 Engineers at work on it.

The next jobs to be let for bid will be 1.9 miles of resurfacing on Highway 199, from Oregon Mountain to the Oregon border, estimated at \$120,000, and 2.9 miles of grading on the Burns Freeway at Arcata, estimated at \$600,000.

Funds have been allocated by the state to repair the road between Alton and Bridgeville. This is an emergency job and repairs are badly needed at this time.

We have approximately ten men on our out-of-work list at this writing, mostly dragline operators. If the good weather holds out, we will be completely out of men by the end of the week.

"His last speech had his audience in the aisles," said the politician's opponent.

"Applauding?" inquired a friend.

"Nope," said the political foe, "stretching and yawning."

Construction Awards

(Continued from Preceding Page)

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad Avenue, San Mateo, \$245,718 for 5.1 mi. plantmix resurf. on Bayshore Freeway, betw. Colma Creek & Broadway, SAN MATEO CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Frederickson & Watson Const. Co., 873 - 81st Avenue, Oakland, \$82,767 for 2 mi. plantmix surf. on untr. rock base over exist. surf. & const. shoulders, betw. Ferguson Rd. & 5 mi. E. of Gilroy, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., S. F., \$1,673,277 for 2.6 mi. grade, Port. cem. conc. pave, on cem treat, subgrade & const. grade separation strucs., betw. N. City Limits & 0.1 mi. S. of South City Limits of San Mateo.

APRIL 2, 1952

SAN BRUNO, Contract awarded to Haet & Hynding, 389 Clementina St., San Francisco, \$70,526 (Sch3) for const. utility bldg. & utils. at Golden Gate National Cemetery.

REDWOOD CITY, Contract was awarded to Hedahl-Martin Company, 501 Standish St., Redwood City, \$502,903 for const. of a health & welfare center at San Mateo Community Hospital, located in San Mateo, SAN MATEO CO.

APRIL 3, 1952

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$313,263 for 18.466 mi. pltmx. surf., etc., betw. 9 mi. N.E. of Lyon-Churchill County Line, to Churchill-Pershing County Line, CHURCHILL CO.

APRIL 4, 1952

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Commercial Const. Co., 326 Eye St., Sacramento, \$184,728 for misc. work at Darrah Springs Fish Hatchery, near Manton, SHASTA COUNTY.

MOFFETT FIELD, Contract was awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 1535 S. 10th St., San Jose, \$326,844 for const. test chamber building for modified 16' high-speed wind tunnel.

FORT FUNSTON, Contract was awarded to Oscar Presco, 1270 Missouri St., San Francisco, \$5,769 for rehab. Fort Funston facilis. for AAA.

APRIL 7, 1952

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon Nevada, \$313,263 for 18.466 mi. plantmix surf., etc., betw. 9 mi. N.E. of Lyon-Churchill Co. line & Churchill-Pershing Co. line, CHURCHILL COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Contracts awarded as follows: (1) KANE CO. (State 1354): 0.826 mi. 3" bit. surf. road on U.S. 89, 3 mi. N. of Glendale, northerly: To Floyd S. Whiting, P.O. Box 158, Murray, Utah, \$69,835. (2) KANE CO. (FAP F-105(7)): 3.322 mi. 2 1/2" rdmx. bit. surf. road, U.S. 89, Kanab—northerly to Floyd S. Whiting, P.O. Box 158, Murray, Utah, \$205,168. (3) UTAH CO. (FASP AS-96(6) & State 1340): 5.355 mi. 2 1/2" pltmx. bit. surf. road, SR 114, betw. Provo & Vineyard to Thorn Const. Co. Inc., Springville, Utah, \$202,001. (4) BOX ELDER CO. (FAP F-83 (2) & U-83(3)): 4.948 mi. 3" pltmx. bit. surf. road & widen bridge on U.S. 91, Brigham-Mantua: To Gibbons & Reed Co., 259 W. 3rd South, Salt Lake City, \$577,269. (5) DAVIS CO. (State 1335-A): Relocation of Layton Ditch, on U. S. 91, Layton, to LeGrand Johnson, Logan, Utah, \$26,159.

FLAT FEET DISABILITY

In Washington, D. C., union postal clerks applauded but chiropractors frowned as Congress brooded over a bill that promised to reduce the frequency of fallen arches and flat feet among Government employees. Introduced by Rep. James Morrison (D., La.), the proposed legislation declares: "In order to provide better working conditions for postal employees and to promote efficiency in the postal service, the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to furnish a flat-top stool for each clerk in a first or second-class post office who performs the duty of distributing mail."

YOU WORK IN WAR YARDS? READ THIS

AFL Metal Trades Department this week advised all persons who worked for the Navy during the last war and believe they may be eligible for premium pay and gratuity pay for work performed on certain holidays to immediately file claims for this pay.

The problem of premium and gratuity pay for holiday work which arose recently has raised a question as to the eligibility of ungraded workers of the Navy for such pay. Secretary B. A. Gritta of the Metal Trades Dept. has sent the following letter to all affiliated and cooperation unions and councils:

"Dear Sirs and Brothers:

"Since the Supreme Court ruling in the John Stuart Kelly case (Government Printing Office), affecting premium pay and gratuity pay for work performed on certain holidays during World War II, questions have arisen as to the eligibility of ungraded employees working for the Navy Department for like payment.

"It is not clear at this time if per diem employees working for the Navy Department, are entitled to like compensation under the decision rendered by the Supreme Court in the John Stuart Kelly case. However, it is felt that all per diem employees should immediately file claim with the General Accounting Office, Bureau of Claims, Washington 25, D.C., for such payment. A sample copy of claim form for such use is enclosed.

"Our reasons for recommending that claims be filed by these employees, is because of the ten year Statute of Limitations. As it now stands, one holiday has already been outlawed, and more delay will, of course, decrease the amount an employee is entitled to, if at a later date, such claims are honored.

"In advising members of your union to file claim, such employees should clearly understand that the filing of the claim does not mean that they are entitled to such payment. Chances for recovery of premium pay and gratuity pay for holidays worked during the war period is indefinite at this time. However, all employees should file the claims so that the interests of such employees will be protected.

"The Metal Trades Department is going to take up this entire question with the Legal Counsel of the A. F. of L., and if it is felt that per diem employees working for the Navy Department are entitled to such payment, and the Comptroller refuses to honor payment, a test case will have to be filed in the court for such an award."

LABOR'S POLITICAL ROLE IS STRESSED

Cleveland. — "Working people must recognize that all of the battles of labor in the future will not be fought around the collective bargaining table alone. The condition of the American people also will be greatly influenced by what happens at the legislative table.

"Victories gained in the industrial field can be lost on the political level if the voters are apathetic at election time."

That's what Secretary-Treasurer Phil Hannah of the State Federation of Labor told a conference of Ohio federal labor unions here.

"We must elect liberal members to Congress and the Ohio General Assembly," Hannah added.

EVERYTHING IN GREAT STATE OF NEVADA BEGINS TO LOOK BRIGHT

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE, Business Representative

Andy Drumm has been leveling some land during the tough winter, but now he is starting out on his highway jobs.

Dodge Construction Inc. has most of its crew out at Lovelock, Nev. They will be moving to their job between Eureka, Nevada, and the Hay Fork Ranch in the very near future. Brother, that will be a real good job for the dear brothers. They can stay in Eureka, Nevada, and really "whoop" it up every Saturday night. Oh Boy, what fun they will have.

Isbell's is well along with the four-lane highway job between Sparks and Vista, Nevada. The snow has melted out some at Isbell's, White Horse Pass job near Wendover, and they will be starting there soon. Isbell's stripping job at Kimberly and Lane City is going along in fine shape, along with the mud and slush.

Earl Games crew will be moving to help George Schilling build the extension of Kietske Lane to connect with Highway 395 soon.

Clarence Dieterich has quite a job out at Stead Air Base.

George Miller's crew is down at Hawthorne, Nevada.

A lot of distinguished brothers visited the Reno office during the

past week. Brother Ralph Bronson, manager of Local Union No. 12; Brother Charley Harberson, Business Agent from Bishop, Calif.; Brother Harold W. Gibson, Bro. Gibson is a "roustabout" Business Agent of Local Union No. 12.

"Now, then, Tommy Brown," said the teacher, "I want to set you a little problem. Suppose there were five children and their mother had only four potatoes to share between them. She wants to give each child an equal share. How would she do it?"

"Mash the potatoes," said the boy.

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BIG GOVT. HOSPITAL JOB IN S.F. DELAYED

By PAT CLANCY and CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representatives

The Veterans Administration on April 1st rescinded the award of the contract to Claude Fisher for the clearing and grading of the site for the Veterans Hospital at Fort Funston and there isn't any information available at present as to the further disposal of this large government project.

J. Henry Harris has moved a shovel and crane crew to the Dinwiddie job at the Children's Hospital. This work is under the supervision of Bro. Bill Mathews and with the aid of Brothers Marr, Sheehan and Shaner the job seems to be moving along very well.

The latest information from the Bauer Construction Company as to the starting date of their large government housing project at the Presidio seems to indicate this work will get under way about April 20th.

Eaton & Smith were successful bidders for the excavation on the Rothchild, Raffin & Wiercke job on the Lakeside School at Lake Merced. This firm used D. W. 20 Caterpillar jeeps on the job and this type of equipment seems to put in good performance.

Devencinzi Bros. have just about completed their excavating work at the Ingleside Police Station.

The Chas. Harney Company started work on the San Jose Ave. widening and refinishing job. This firm also has several other jobs in operation; they are located in Golden Gate Park, Sloat Boulevard, Monterey Boulevard, 24th Street and Chattanooga Street in addition to several other points throughout the San Francisco area.

The Lowrie Paving Company is keeping a crew of engineers busy on the 18th Street pipeline, and the Associated Pipeline Company has started operation on the water pipeline for the City of San Francisco on Sadowa Street.

Work on the experimental field east of the Bayshore city railroad yards at Candlestick Cove has been progressing as fast as possible. There is 40 to 80 feet of mud and water 5 feet deep and the engineers are now attempting to push a fill from the point of Candlestick Cove into the Bay to determine if it will serve as a base for a new roadway. However, even if the experimental fill is successful, it will take three years and \$3,000,000 to complete the project from South San Francisco to San Francisco. If it will not work, it will then be necessary to build a bridge at greater cost!

M. & K. Corporation and Chas. Fredrickson Company were the successful bidders on the new piece of the Freeway between Army and 18th Streets, coming up over the hill. The bid was for about \$1,300,000. They have already started work with one shovel and three cats and expect to be in full swing within a very short time.

The junk yards are running about as usual. The local union was successful in completing negotiations with the Building Material Dealers Association . . . the agreements covering the repair shops are to be opened in the near future.

Your representatives have been very busy in addition to their routine work, there have been several

meetings to attend in connection with the Carpenters strike. We only hope by next month's new report that most of the grievances will have been settled.



OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT

By RUSS SWANSON

Things are beginning to pick up in regards to the letter writing situation from the brothers who are working on overseas projects. The letters are appreciated very much and whatever information that can be derived from them will be published in this paper.

Letter received from Howard Dougherty, who is working for Macco Pan Pacific in Cochabamba, Bolivia, tells us that the wages for the Bolivians are very good. They start at 13c an hour and if the work is very good, they can go as high as 25 1/2c an hour. Howard sent some pictures of the country and it looks as if Bolivia is a very lazy country. Howard is working in the Andes Mountains and the job is going very well. Thanks for the information, Howard.

A letter was received from James Brown who is on the mainland, but has requested employment from Iron Mines Company of Venezuela. The Company has informed him that there is no place in Venezuela for him and on this information we sent a letter to the Company but as yet have not received a reply. So far as can be found out, the only jobs in Venezuela are jobs the brothers get through their own personal contact and there have been no contractors calling this office for men.

A letter was received from A. P. (Pat) Burgess who is working for the Arabian American Oil Company in Saudi Arabia. Not too much information was given but he did send in \$60.00 for a year's dues and that must speak for itself.

A letter was received from Bro. Don P. Faston who is working for "Tapline" in Saudi Arabia as leaderman of the Roving Maintenance Crew. Bro. Easton paid some dues—\$120.00 to be exact, which carries him into 1954. He said the job is fine.

Walt Crawley is back from Guam for B.P.M. and he says he is here to stay. He stayed with them for one year. It is a little late for the following, but Brother Ed Malhiot is back from Korea after fighting for Uncle Sam for 18 months; he was with the 76th Engineers. Ed was very lucky and came back all in one piece, but from his story it seems as though there really is a war going on and a lot of Americans are casualties and the 64 dollar question is: "For what?" The writer of this article has his own opinion. Ed's dad, Don Malhiot is still working in French Morocco for Atlas. It's wonderful to see you back, Ed, and thanks for coming in to say hello.

We have heard that Roy Carpenter is on his way home from French Morocco; however, we haven't seen him yet but feel sure that he will be in the office as soon as he returns.

As long as we are on the subject of North Africa—it would be appropriate to give some reasons on the non-hiring of men for Atlas Const. Co. during the last three months. There has been a lot of scandal in the newspapers regarding the North African Air Base (Atlas Const.). A few of the facts regarding the situation are: 1. The job cost per square yard is less than the original estimate by the air force over 1 1/2 years ago; 2. The job has just been a political "football" in this election year for a few politicians who like to get their names spread all over the front page; 3. The work is under constant supervision by a contracting officer of the U. S. Government; 4. The workmen have been screened very carefully and are all com-

petent with the majority having a union affiliation; 5. There has not been any failure on any runway construction as can be seen. The job has been done strictly in good faith but due to certain "politicians"—very few men have been hired this year. It might be added that the same reasons could apply to the work in Greenland this year. "Friday" McDaniels is in Greenland for "North Atlantic Constructors." He worked there last year also. He has been trying to obtain jobs for a few of the brothers here but so far to no avail.

Work in Alaska has been the basis for many questions and so far Local No. 302 of Seattle and also of Alaska have been able to supply plenty of men. Any information regarding Alaska will be published and possibly in the next issue of this paper, work will have started and there will be many men needed for the territory.

We're proud of our members and it's nice to know that their wives are proud of them too! Brother A. T. Nelson is working in Chihuahua, Mexico, and Mrs. Nelson has been forwarding us his dues . . . she wrote us quite a little note with the last remittance and we're passing it on to you: "You may be interested to know that Mr. Nelson is down here building a mill for American Smelter & Refinery Company. This mill will be the only one of its kind in the world. It will turn ore, principally zinc and lead into molten and then a gaseous state. The gases are separated and through various processes returned back to zinc and lead. The furnace he is building is the only one of its type and contains over 400 jackets, each weighing a ton. There are miles and miles of conveyor belts, using every system known. There are only two Americans on the job, but in spite of that he is enjoying it and has excellent help which is completely Mexican. He expects to have his part of the mill running June 1st and has the sole responsibility for all this machinery which, to him, is highly interesting!"

There have been a few brothers who have called this office from a hospital bed. Bro. Tony Acosta is in St. Mary's Hospital for a few more weeks after having been burned while on the job. Bro. Cliff Alumbaugh is in the S.F. Hospital with some type of "inside" trouble. Chris Hausler just came home from the hospital. We sincerely wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you back on the job in a short time.

Coyotes, Bobcats

A total of 1,029 predatory animals were taken by California Department of Fish and Game hunters and trappers during the month of February.

There were 201 coyotes, 189 skunks, 147 bobcats, 30 badgers, and one mountain lion among the wildlife enemies taken. Siskiyou County led in the coyote kill with 31—better than one a day—accounted for by hunter-trapper Clarence M. Griswold.

The month's lone mountain lion kill was made in Glenn County by hunter Lyle P. Simpson.

Despite inclement weather the 37 state employees put in a total of 830 man-days and made 34,223 trap sets.

Field Surveying Report

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

New developments in the Technical Engineers field have kept your business representatives on the run during the past month. In the Eureka area, new construction work and prospects of several large jobs to come, has increased our organizational activities. We have contacted the local engineering firms and they have formed an association known as the Northwestern California Civil Engineers & Surveyors Association and wish to meet with Local 3 at an early date. We expect to get results from this meeting.

In Santa Clara County the Associated Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors of Santa Clara County after having failed to negotiate with the union for over four months, suddenly awoke to the fact that there were certain merits in having an agreement with the union. They now want to resume negotiations. We expect some results, good or bad, in the near future.

The following wage scale for Technical Engineers on heavy construction in Seattle was put into effect as of February 1, 1952:

	Per Hr.
Senior Engineer	\$4.10
Chief of Parties	3.60
Chief of Party	3.25
Instrumentman	3.00
Head Chainman	2.50
Rear Chainman	2.25

Job notes: The Bauer Construction Co. has agreed to hire union survey parties for its Presidio Wherry Housing project. They plan on starting on or about the 21st of April. The Fort Funston Hospital contract has been rescinded by the Veterans' Administration and will probably be relet at a

later date.

The Western Association of Civil Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors, which covers the entire Sacramento valley, have promoted a company union and filed with the National Labor Relations Board for a representation election.

These employers are desperate and will use anything available to prevent your union from representing their employees which they know will cost them money.

We are intervening in this election and will report the results of our efforts in the next issue of this paper.

We cited the Zupan Builders of Sacramento before the Building Trades Council at Marysville for employing a firm engineering firm on a Marysville subdivision. The council gave us their full cooperation by placing this firm on the "We Do Not Patronize" list.

The developers of a large subdivision near Sacramento became dissatisfied with a non-union engineering firm and replaced them with one under contract with our union.

Rain Floods Turn to Flood Of Work on the Peninsula

By HARRY METZ, Business Representative

Sunshine, after a stormy winter, has created a shortage of men due to the flood of new work starting. This past rainy season has been the worst on record and proved tough on many of our members as they used up their unemployment insurance.

The Bayshore Freeway stands out as the most important project in San Mateo County. Two million of the six million dollar figure has already been deducted to complete the freeway from Peninsula Avenue in Burlingame to 16th Avenue in San Mateo. Other allocations are \$310,000 to repair the present freeway north of San Mateo and \$147,000 to purchase rights of way for the new section. Additional construction south of 16th Avenue is now in the planning stage.

Piombo Construction Company, with a bid of \$1,673,277 was awarded a contract for grading and paving of the freeway and construction of cloverleafs at Third Avenue as well as a pedestrian overpass at Poplar Avenue. Work is expected to start immediately.

The extension will eliminate the present four-lane Bayshore Highway through San Mateo and replace it with a six-lane divided freeway.

L. C. Smith Company with a low bid of \$245,718 was awarded the job of resurfacing 5.1 miles of freeway between Colma Creek and Broadway, Burlingame.

The Healy-Tibbets Company are going right along with their trunk sewer job. Roy Smith is superintendent and Bob Brown the foreman.

Your representative feels that from time to time a member likes to be recognized as a good Local No. 3 member! With this thought in mind I intend to mention the names of our brothers working for various contractors each month. In this report I have selected the engineer employees of L. C. Smith Company. Among the old-timers are Cliff Kent, Al Shoran, Leo Jurkovich, Cal Hogg, Claude Shirk, D. Bishop, John Gardiner, J. Mailton, C. Marcian, S. Sammis . . . all members of Local No. 3, who have been with the company for over five years. Other members working for this firm are Bill Ballam, Wesley Walker, Wm. Hosking, Wm. Bryant,

Curtis White, George Henderson, H. Webster, G. Fleming, Bob Tucker, J. Simons, Slim Seymour and Bob Madison. These all represent a fine bunch of union men, as well as good workmen!

On the Baywood Park Company job, Wally Phipps is handling Baretini's spread and with him are some of the best operators in the business . . . Ed Keeble of San Jose has finished clearing the right of way in preparation for John Delphia to get started on the Portola job . . . Floyd Watson, with Stoneson, looks as though it will be a busy outfit this summer . . . E. T. Haas is spread all over the county and keeping several of our members busy!

The recently concluded negotiations with the Retail Dealers Associations in the ready-mix concrete business has resulted in a 20 1/2c increase for our members working in these plants.

California Aggregate Company overhauled their equipment and are now operating on full scale. United Concrete Pipe Company are back working on their pipeline after suffering a heavy delay. Frank Smith is working on various jobs in the county. Williams & Burrows with Tom Craig heading the engineers' team, are all busy. Bragato Bros. equipment is a common sight all over San Mateo county. Sperry & McCune keeping busy and hustling for more work . . . McCann & Webber after a quiet winter have come out of hibernation and have all their equipment working. Standard Home Builders still working on their subdivision at South San Francisco. Met an old friend, Bob Lane, in Redwood City. He is managing to keep his rigs going and is a hard worker himself. In the same category is Reese Woodhouse of Douglass & Woodhouse, a fellow with a good background in the construction field.

Yes, between the quarries and the contractors, work on the Peninsula is "humming." Let's hope it stays that way!

British Laborites Sweep London Council Vote

London (LPA)—The Labor Party won 92 of the 129 seats in the London County Council, to roll up the biggest council majority in history. In the old council, Labor had only a two-seat margin.

Labor gained 14 seats in Northumberland, three in Cumberland, two in Devon, and won 20 seats in Berkshire, although in all the Conservatives or Independents kept control.

The results, said Herbert Morrison, former foreign secretary, "show that the people definitely are disillusioned by the record of the Conservative Party so far."

Of the world's electric power, 43 per cent is generated in the U.S.