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## Official Notice To Members

Our next regular meeting will be held on Saturday evening, 8 p.m., on May 7th, 1955, at the San Francisco Building Trades Council, 200 Guerrero Street, San Francisco.

NOMINATIONS of Officers, Executive Board Members, and Local Union Manager will be made at this meeting for the ensuing four (4) years.

**THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING. . . . ALL MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND!**

In addition to nominations, the members assembled at this meeting will also elect an ELECTION COMMITTEE to conduct the coming election.

## Get Out the Vote! Coyote Valley Be Dammed!

Operating Engineers are joining with other tradesmen and a strong public sentiment working for a "yes" vote May 10th on the important Coyote Valley Reservoir project on the Russian river. On the ballot will be the authorization of the county's share in building the \$20 million federal dam.

This is an important project to Sonoma County and the Northbay region. If you live in that area or know someone that does, work for and urge a "yes" vote on May 10th.



### In Memoriam

- WILLIAM SALSMAN  
Richmond, Calif., Mar. 21
- ROLLA PATRICK  
Carterville, Ill., Mar. 30.
- E. L. HILL  
San Leandro, Calif., April 8
- ROY M. ALLEN  
Salinas, Calif., April 10



**ENGINEER SWORN IN**—Frank A. Lawrence, long-time member of Operating Engineers Local 3, is shown here when being sworn into a new term until 1958, as presiding commissioner of Panel No. 1, State Industrial Accident Commission. He has been on the commission since 1951. Left to right: Victor S. Swanson, business manager of Local 3; Charles Hanna, assistant chief, division of apprenticeship; Lawrence, and Superior Court Judge Wm. Sweigert. Many labor and state officials attended the swearing-in ceremonies at the engineers' building, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco on March 31.

## Big Aggregate Operations Backbone of Const. Industry

Southern Alameda County and that portion of the Livermore Valley situated between the towns of Pleasanton and Livermore is the site of an industry with which the public is not too familiar but one which is essentially the backbone of the construction industry.

We refer to the rock, sand and gravel plants in that area operated by the Henry J. Kaiser Company, the Pacific Coast Aggregates,

and the California Rock Company. While these plants do not by any means constitute all the rock, sand and gravel plants and quarries in the geographical jurisdiction of Operating Engineers Local 3, they are three of the larger plants located in this area.

The first of these plants which we will attempt to give you a word picture of is that of the Henry J. Kaiser Companies, known as the Kaiser Radum Plant. This self-contained plant has been in operation for a number of years and is a plant in which all phases of the rock, sand and gravel industry is represented in a close proximity of one another.

It consists of a hot plant which has been in operation since 1939 and is capable of producing 85 tons of plant mix per hour, a cement  
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Part of the unique 7,000-foot conveyor belt at Kaiser Radum plant, near Livermore, runs under the main highway and railroad tracks from the classifier into the main plant where material is separated. This one plant ships 25 rail cars and about 4,000 yards by truck, each day. 84 engineers are employed here (Pictures by Bro. Jim Jennings of the Oakland office of Local 3.)

## Spring Job Push Now Underway

From the Colorado state line in the Rockies, westward to the Pacific shores, the construction industry is yawning and stretching its giant muscles in anticipation of one of the heaviest work seasons on record.

Nearly every branch office of Local 3 reports a sharp upward pick-up in job activity. Lack of needed rains has permitted widespread starts on projects. Only the south central valley area has not yet felt the pick-up.

Dams, freeways, subdivisions, power projects, industrial building—all are in second gear for a big push through the summer, and it is expected that Local 3 membership will be called upon for more

man-days in the production line than in many years.

The past winter has not seen as low a dip in the job rate as in previous years, since the pressure on many projects, such as California's bulging freeway campaign, has required work between rains and at every opportunity.

So, to Local 3 members, here's for a good season. But take it easy—observe all safety rules on and off the job!

## Welfare Problems?

### We're At Your Service!

We want to call to the attention of all members covered by our Welfare Plans that they should report ANY, AND ALL CLAIMS, DIRECTLY TO THE TRUST FUND OFFICES. These offices are maintained solely for the administration of the welfare plans and are not connected with the Local Union offices.

Therefore, if a member is covered by a group insurance underwritten by New York Life Insurance Co. he should then address all claims and inquiries to C. W. SWEENEY & CO., 476 Valencia St., San Francisco (phone HEmlock 1-4417).

If a member is covered under a group insurance underwritten by the Occidental Life Insurance Co. he should then address all claims and inquiries to the Rock, Sand & Gravel Producers Assn. Employees' Security Fund, 25 Taylor St., San Francisco (phone PRospect 6-0260).

WHEN MAKING INQUIRIES OR SUBMITTING CLAIMS members should not only give their name, address, and Social Security number, but ALSO the name and address of their employer. IF YOU

DO NOT RECEIVE SERVICE from the Trust Fund offices then we ask that you forward a letter to the Main Office of Local Union No. 3 at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, outlining in full the procedure you have taken and all information pertaining to your problem. The representatives of the Local Union will be glad to be of service to you and will see to it that you receive full assistance from the welfare offices.

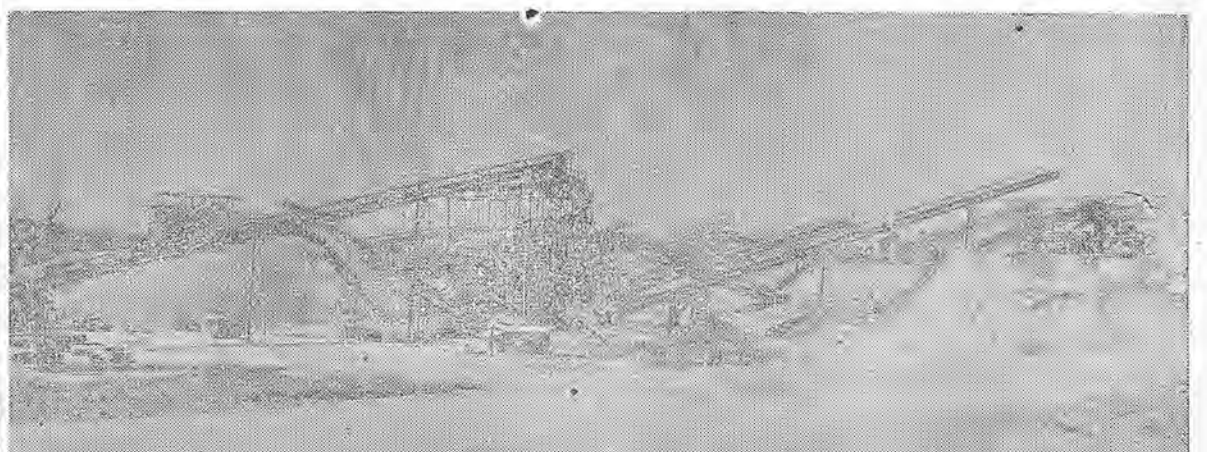
IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL MEMBERS KEEP A RECORD OF THEIR TIME WORKED. This is not only required by your union by-laws BUT it is to your own personal advantage as it will tend to avoid any errors in the computation of your hours worked in connection with your standing in the welfare plans.

## April 24th to 30th Public Schools Week,

Memories are one of our cherished possessions and time has a habit of painting even painful experiences with a happy glow. Certainly this is true of our memories of school days. Perhaps they were tedious at the time. Perhaps we did resent the lost hours at the

old "swimming hole" and the meticulous supervision of a teacher trying to refine our animal-like urchin ways.

But now as we look back even those of us who were most rebellious recognize that these were  
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Giant plants in Southern Alameda county process thousands of tons of aggregate daily—the backbone of Northern California's huge construction industry. This is a general view of Pacific Coast Aggregates

Company's plant at Centerville, one of several PCA operations. Enough aggregate stored in these hills for 100 years. (Pictures and article on the rock-sand industry—by Oakland office of Local 3.)

# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By AL CLEM, L. SOLARI, L. L. LAUX and B. BARR, Business Representatives

In spite of the fact that the month of March has been a comparatively mild one, our out-of-work list has been bobbing up and down like a cork in the water. Some days we have dispatched quite a number of men, but at the same time an equal number, or possibly even a few more, would come back on the list. With all of this, however, we had a slow and steady diminishing of names on our out-of-work list. Many of the Brothers returned to their former employers, some have left the area, and still others have gradually been dispatched and assimilated to local jobs which are finally getting under way after a very wet winter. The greatest number of persons who remain on the out-of-work list are the men who follow industrial work. Due to the slacking off of the work in the building program and the various refineries, we find that not only ourselves but the ironworkers and many other crafts are also finding it difficult to put all their members to work.

Perhaps the only bright spot for the industrial workers has been the Fluor Maintenance Corp. at Oleum and the H. J. Ferguson Co. of Richmond, both of which have furnished a number of jobs during the past couple of months for our members.

The gravel pits also provide a bright spot, with Rhodes & Jamieson recently having put a double shift of men to work. Conditions in the scrap yards have improved considerably due to the increased price of scrap. The shipyards and equipment shops have remained about the same throughout the past several months.

We are certainly hopeful that by the time this paper reaches our members, our out-of-work list will be back to normal again and all of our brothers will be working at their various classifications.

Gallagher & Burke Co. is starting the spring season with a bang with the purchase of two DW-10s, two DW-15s, two DW-20s, four D-8 Cats, ten pick-ups, and last but not least, a new and fully equipped grease truck which is commanded by none other than Bro. Ernie Alameda. Bro. George Morcel, master mechanic at the High Street yard, is keeping the equipment on the job and rolling with the able assistance of Ken Rishell and Art Johnson. The hot plant crew at the High Street yard has the plant cleaned up and tuned up ready for business—and plenty of it. Bro. George Ray is foreman, Bill Lawrence is fireman, and Hartwell Ledbetter, Louis Scott, Vic Baltahyar and Fred Greathouse are the boxmen.

Gallagher & Burke have started widening Lincoln Ave. from the Lincoln Ave. Children's Home to Maiden Lane, Oakland, a distance of about 2,500 feet. Bros. George Franks and Ray Klein are moving 38,000 yards of rock with the Model 6 shovel. Bro. Pete Peterson is on the blade putting the artistic touch to the slopes and Bro. Les Chrisman is the foreman. The company is putting the finishing touches to its Park Boulevard job, which will make the boulevard four lanes, divided, from Excelsior Ave. to Estates Drive.

A. J. McCosker's operating engineers are on the ball and pushing the wheels of progress with the installation of a new radio communications system. The 150-foot antenna was fabricated at the shop at First and Cedar Sts. in Berkeley and erected by Bro. Curley Toles, who will also install the six mobile units and one base unit. Mobile units will be mounted on the equipment transport, the field service truck, mechanics' pick-ups, and the foreman's pick-up. The system will be in operation in April and will have a radius of 50 miles.

Bros. Frank Booth and Marvin

Miller are working with the pie-butts at Todd Shipyard for Pacific Bridge Co. The Bridge Co. has about four months of work rebuilding Pier 4 which will include stringers, caps, decking, and paving.

Bro. Earl Baker dropped in to say "hello" and to let us know that the Marchio, Baker & Trewitt Co. is doing business and will begin resurfacing a portion of the industrial highway near Shell Ave., Antioch. Bro. A. Qualle is the blademan and Ray Cochrane will do the "monkey wrenching." Marchio, Baker & Trewitt have their offices and yard at the old Marchio Silica Sand Co. plant on Oil Canyon Road, in Antioch. They are also opening a rock and sand pit at the end of Oil Canyon Road.

Branden Equipment Co., Inc. of Hayward, is going into the second year of construction on the Palma Ceia Village housing project on Tension Road in Hayward. This project is the Branden Equipment Co.'s first job in the construction field with their own equipment. They purchased all new equipment at the beginning of construction. The Palma Ceia Village project was started March 17, 1954, and the job of 2,000 homes will be completed in March of 1956. Branden will spend \$40 million on this project, which will include excavating, curbs and gutters, rock for the roads, and the roads. These brothers, who have worked on this project since the beginning and will continue on the payroll until next March on a 40-hour week basis, are: equipment superintendent, K. F. Cline; foreman, C. W. Cline; DW-10s, Boyd Deaton, Tim Atkinson and Ed Miller; D-8 dozer, Bill Conn; D-6 dozer, Ed Hart; 12-blade, George Gentry; mechanic, Jack Brown; grease truck, Joe Riley, and roller, Lee Wright.

Pipe Linings, Inc. has been busy on their job on Calaveras Dam Road in Suisun since its inception March 28 and plan to complete work on July 10. This project consists of laying 30,580 feet of 44-inch I.D. pipe with a 3/4-inch lining of concrete. Their average is about 600 feet per day. They have about 100 days of work in all. Operating the mixer for Pipe Linings, Inc. is Bro. George A. John. Generator, compressor and pump operator is Bro. William McMullin. "Doc" Keith is superintendent for this job, with the assistance of foreman Art Dussault.

Stolte, Inc. has the contract for installing about 5,000 feet of 66-inch storm drainage pipe from 41st and West Sts. to Grove to 45th St., up 45th St. to Telegraph Ave., in Oakland. Also included in this contract is about 1,000 feet of smaller feeder lines connected to the large drain lines.

Bill Cole is superintendent on this job and working with him are the following members: NW 1 1/2-yard backhoe, Jim Johns, Sr., oiler, Al Abansino; Bro. Paul Craig is running the 3/4-yard Lima crane laying the pipe, with Bro. A. E. Sanders as his oiler; Johnny Costa is running loaders doing the back fill. Any mechanic work done on the job is handled by one of our brothers at the Stolte yard.

One of the contractors who is busy at the present time in Contra Costa County is Lee Immel. Im-

## How About Blood?

Hey, Brothers! What happened to that great start we made to build up a reserve in our blood bank? Seems to be working like our pocketbooks—all going out and nothing coming in!

We realize that with work picking up, it is a little more difficult to make an appointment with that good-looking nurse at the blood bank, but see what you, or possibly a member of your family, can do. We are constantly having requests for blood, and truthfully, we are getting down to the "bottom of the barrel." So how about it?

me] was awarded three contracts, the most recent of which is the Escobar Street job in Martinez, between the Shell Oil Co. and Avon. Operators on this job are Lewis Lively, Roy Thompson, Russell Bates, Richard Avilez, Chris Immel, Ervin, Ray Copley and August Paulsen.

Another company going at full speed this spring is the Transocean Engineering Co., on their 4.4-mile-long freeway on Kirker Pass. Working with Supt. Pat Murphy on the Transocean job are Bros. Glen and Don Bowman, Charles Hooten, and Calvin Barnett. Louie Robert's and Ransome Company's part in this freeway is the moving of 547,000 yards of dirt, which they plan to do in 120 days. Local 3 men on this portion of the project are Therman Smith, Arie Roberts, Dean Marvin, Larry Shaw, Richard Lundtoft, Clay Coffman and B. K. Miller. A total of 260 days should see completion of this freeway job.

California Building Co. is constructing a high school in Shore Acres, Port Chicago, under the supervision of Mr. Broman, general superintendent. Contractors are Al Rider Construction Co., C.J.C. Company of Pittsburg, Turin & Sons, and Louie Dannels. Operating engineers on this job are Bros. Ross Wallace, Lee DuBois, Burt Collett, S. P. Carrigan, Chuck Bray, Art Turin, Ernest George, Duane Jackman, Ervin Jarvis, Harvey Edwards and Lewis Rainey. The school should be finished in a year.

## News About The Brothers

Bro. Jack Moser is in the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Oakland, recovering from a double hernia operation which was performed on March 30. We all wish you a speedy recovery and hope to see you up and about again real soon, Jack.

Bro. Joseph S. Naimy has been in the Oakland Veterans Hospital since last December 31st. Joe will be there for some time yet and says it gets pretty lonely. Why not drop in and pay him a visit?

Bros. Vince Hoyt and Harry Buettner, doing business as Hoyt & Buettner, Industrial Repairs—Welding and Fabricating, have a new location. Their new shop is located at 22117 Meekland Ave., Hayward, phone LUerne 2-9920. They do repairs on trucks, tractors, and all construction equipment.

Bro. Jack Anderson will have his son, Staff Sgt. Donald Anderson, USMC, home with him for the next 30 days. Don arrived home from his second tour of duty in Korea in 14 months on March 9. After his leave he will return to Camp Pendleton, where he will be an instructor.

Bro. Darwin Smith just spent a little time in the Kaiser Hospital, Walnut Creek, where he was treated for a broken hand. Darwin was hurt when working on a dozer.

On equipment, men: Be careful! "Think first," and then be cautious—"anyone can get hurt."

## OAKLAND MEMBERS: VOTE!

Those members of Local 3 residing in the City of Oakland have a very important appointment on April 19th—we are referring to election day.

The governing body of the City of Oakland, namely, the city council, will be chosen at the polls on April 19th. It certainly behooves each and every one of us not only to avail ourselves of the privilege of voting on that day, but to get out and see that our friends and neighbors cast their ballots for the below-listed candidates for membership on the Oakland City Council. These men are endorsed by the Alameda County Voters League, A. F. of L.

DR. GROVER H. MacLEOD.  
JOHN F. QUINN.  
JOHN W. HOLMDAHL.

We particularly urge each and every one of you to cast your ballot for Mr. John F. Quinn, Brother Quinn is the present chairman of the Alameda County Central Labor Council, an ardent trade unionist who, at the urging of many of his friends and co-workers has become a candidate for membership in the Oakland City Council.

The outcome of this election will have a definite effect upon every member of Local 3 living in the Oakland area at the present time. It will have a definite effect on future construction work in the City of Oakland. The following are the six points which will have to be settled by our city council:

1. Urban renewal and slum clearance.
2. Solution of the transportation problem.
3. Construction of a new mod-



JOHN F. QUINN

ern hotel.

4. More recreation facilities, to cut juvenile delinquency.

5. District election of city councilmen.

6. More industry for Oakland.

Get out and vote on April 19th for these men who will make the best decisions for you, and who at the same time will be making the best decisions for making Oakland a better place in which to live.

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Many a live wire would be a dead one if it weren't for the connections.

## 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 5 was read and by motion approved as read.

A Synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of March 16 was read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A Synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of March 30 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read, except that portion relating to owner-operator equipment, which was referred to New Business.

Cards of thanks were received from the family of Joe Groom; the family of Russell Stillwaugh, and Mrs. Charlotte Shanley and daughters. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Delbert Armer, John Ard, Joseph Briggs, Gordon Braden, Dewey Basham, Ben Bilbo, Carl Beyer, Wayne Brogton, Marvin Collins, Ivor Cunningham, L. Cawelti, Harry Crumme, Harry V. Carte, Buford E. Dearing, Hamilton Daire, Maurice Dadone, C. E. Decker, Louis M. Devincenzi, Lloyd E. Dixon, Leo Ely, Geo. E. Ellis, Raymond Eigholz, Anthony Faria, John Gosmeyer, Fred Griffith, Charles C. Hardin, John B. Holtz, Henry Hibner, Austin Hall, Paul L. Hein, Walter B. Heflin, Alvin Jones, Irving Jordan, Robert King, Joe Kimmel, Leon Lally, Bill Lauderdale, Vernon Lancaster, Clarence M. McRae, Michael Miller, Victor Miley, Jess Maxham, H. R. Maguire, James M. Neese, Jose Nava, Guilda A. Ordway, Robert L. Parker, R. L. Patterson, Frank Pierson, John T. Perdue, Evonor A. Rocha, John E. Rogers, John M. Soto, Lyman Samuelson, Roy A. Scott, Elmer J. Sudmeier, Roy A. Scott, Edward Sahlman, Wm. Salsman, Geo. H. Swinyer, E. L. Trautwein, Fred J. Von Roder, James P. Vickerson, Neal Willingham, James Winsky, Galen Wright, Jess Willingham, Royal Winfred, James F. Walsh, Wm. P. Walsh.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: R. A. Stillwaugh, Wm. Salsman, Rolla Patrick, John Carroll. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

Roll call of candidates for office in the coming election showed all candidates present.

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

Under New Business, the matter of owner-operators and their request that no oiler be required on small equipment, was brought up. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Union concur in the recommendation of the Executive Board in that their request be denied, and they be instructed to operate their small shovels, trenching machines, back-hoes, etc. with an apprentice as required by Paragraph 10, Section 20 of the current Agreement with the Associated General Contractors. Motion carried with a vote of 242 yes and 8 no.

Brother Frank Lawrence, Industrial Accident Commissioner and member of the Port Commission of Sacramento, requested that the Union endorse the Port Commission's request for appropriations of money from the Government to prosecute the work on that project. He also requested that Local No. 3 and their business representatives in the various districts, increase their efforts in respect to this project. His remarks were well received by the membership, and it was regularly moved and seconded to concur in the request of Brother Lawrence. Carried.

Under Good of the Order, Brother Danny Dees was permitted to take the floor in regard to his testimony before the Senate Investigating Committee. He read from the transcript, his testimony.

Brother George Simon was granted privilege of the floor.

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

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

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tember 9, 1943, at the Postoffice at San  
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# Alameda co. Rock Plants, Backbone of Giant Constr. Industry

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 plant, located on the same site and a rod mill which produces sand from pea gravel. These operations are grouped around the main crusher plant which is capable of handling approximately 1,200 tons of material per hour. The crusher plant is fed by a 5W Bucyrus Monagan which feeds the material to a conveyor belt which is 7,000 feet in length overall.

A unique phase of this operation is that the conveyor belt crosses beneath the highway and the main line of the Southern Pacific Railroad through a tunnel to the pit where the Monagan is working. This one plant ships around 25 railroad cars per day in addition to from three to four thousand yards a day delivered by truck to within a radius of 50 miles of the plant. The plant works on a year-round basis with a minimum amount of time lost to the members employed there. At the present there are 84 members of the

Engineers on the Kaiser Radium Plant payroll.

## P.C. AGGREGATES

Located not five miles from the Kaiser Plant is the Elliott Plant of the Pacific Coast Aggregates Company. Its operations spread over considerable area in the Valley, in fact, the entire operation contains three separate plants, the newest and most modern of which was constructed in 1949 and is capable of producing one thousand tons of material per hour. P.C.A. uses an entirely different method of feeding their plant. The dirt is handled by a 5-yard Bucyrus Dragline. Instead of the conveyor belt system they use a Monagan dumping into Cobra Wagons to transport dirt from the pit to the Grizzly. It is possible that this firm will soon add to its operation a crusher for the purpose of making sand. A good portion of the work done in this operation is handled by the 49 members of Local 3 who

are at the present on the P.C.A. payroll.

## CALIF. ROCK COMPANY

In 1932 the California Rock Company also found it advantageous to build a rock crushing plant in the Livermore Valley. The original plant was a wooden structure which has since been entirely reconstructed and replaced with a steel building. This plant uses still another type of equipment—a 54-in. Gyratory Crusher. They average 80 tons of sand per hour and produce 300 tons of concrete materials per hour. This firm, being somewhat smaller, employs only 16 engineers. Some of the old-timers on this job are Andrew Casella, foreman; Clay Nelson, utility operator, and Tommy Gillis, locomotive crane operator. Some of the employees of these three plants coming under the jurisdiction of the Engineers Union have been members in excess of 20 years.

We can say, without fear of contradiction, that in our visits to the Brothers employed by these various firms, we are always finding something interesting, new and different. In addition to the operating of the machinery, these plants have well-equipped shops where the repairmen not only repair and maintain the equipment, but are often called upon to improvise and construct new equipment.

These gravel firms have plants scattered throughout Northern California and we will endeavor in the next issue of the News to give you a run down on their operations as well as operations of other firms in the industry.

We feel that with the phenomenal industrial growth of Alameda County coupled with the numerous housing projects in the vicinity of these various plants that they are a very important part of the economy of this area. We certainly hope that they will continue to operate and expand and thereby furnish employment as well as an ever-ready source of supply of aggregates for the building industry in this area.

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## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

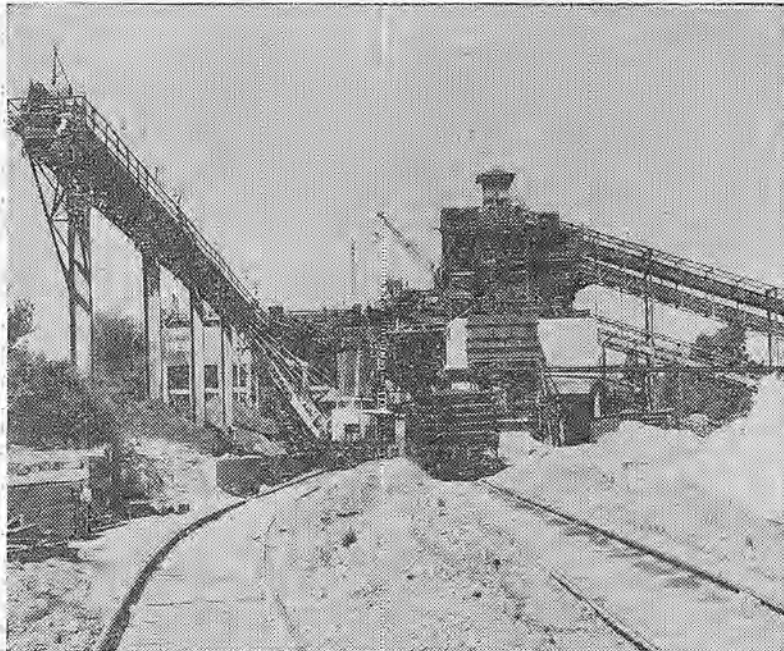
WALNUT CREEK, contract awarded to O. W. Van Cleave, P. O. Box 1933, Lafayette, for construction of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, City of Walnut Creek for year 1955.

PORT CHICAGO, contract awarded to Plant Bros. Co., 1168 Battery St., S. F., \$152,175 for rehabilitation RR barricaded sidings and regrading embankments, etc., at Naval Magazine, Port Chicago.

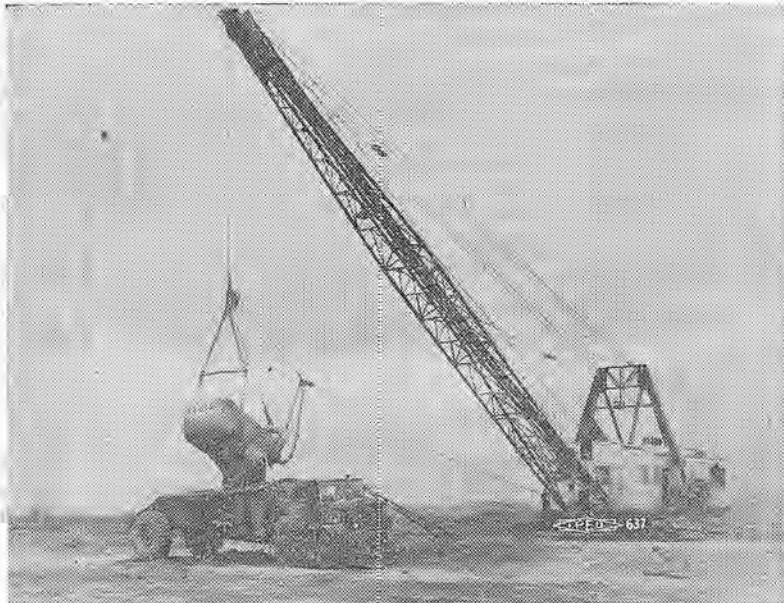
BERKELEY, contract awarded to William Dinwiddie, 1411 Josephine, Berkeley, \$24,932 for sorority house addition.

SAN LORENZO, contract awarded to Samson Const. Co., 10831 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, \$126,656 for const. of convent in St. John the Baptist Parish.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Pat Barkely, 620 E. Taylor, Sunnyvale, \$2,850 for const. of sanit. sewer lines at U. S. N. A. S.



This is a general view of the Crusher Plant at the big Kaiser Radium Plant in Livermore Valley. (Pic. from Oakland office, Local 3.)



Pacific Coast Aggregates has a plant at Centerville, one of its extensive operations in the area. This shows one of its Bucyrus Draglines in operation.



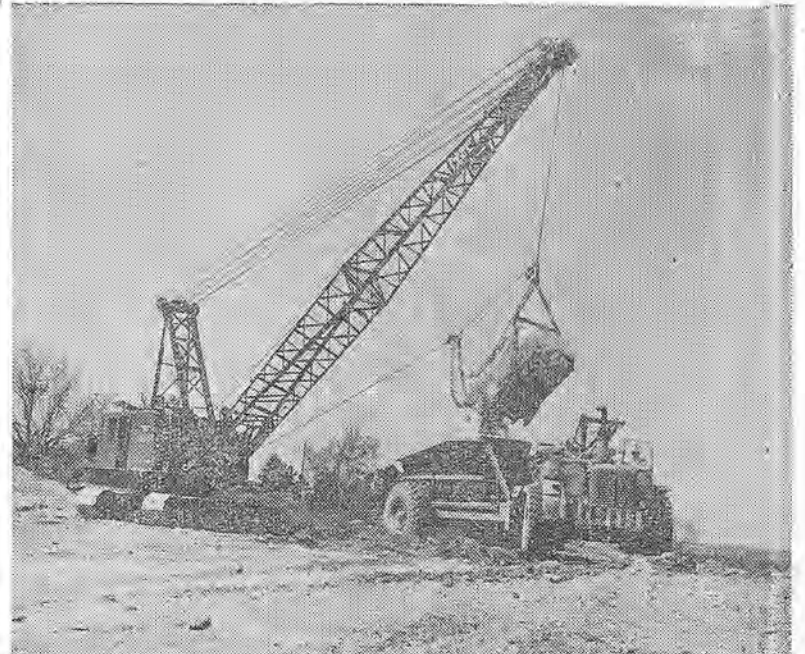
This view shows two Bucyrus rigs feeding the fast-moving Euclids at the Pacific Coast Aggregates Company gravel pit. These giant rigs are manned by Operating Engineers, with several hundred employed in the Southern Alameda county plants.



The D-8 cat operator at Kaiser Radium Plant is Arnold J. Cook. This view shows the end of the 7,000-foot conveyor from the classifier. From here it distributes into the main washing plant and is separated into aggregates.



Shown here is a portion of the 7,000-foot conveyor belt at Kaiser Radium Plant which feeds from the classifier to the main hopper of the washing plant. 8,000 tons per day can be put through the classifier. This is the first washing of the pit run at the classifier. The operator on the classifier plant is Charles Drohare, and his oiler is Stanley Rathbone. Charles M. Watt is the mechanic. There are 15 other mechanics in all at the plant. (Picture from Oakland office.)



Muscles of steel and rubber combine to move 2,000 tons of rock in eight hours. Operating Engineer Harry C. Lefever and Oiler Frank F. Ormond are here operating a 5W Bucyrus six-yard dragline bucket at the big Kaiser Radium Plant, near Livermore. (Pic. by Oakland office.)

# THE NEVADA ROUND-UP—

By H. L. "Curley" SPENCE and JOSEPH "Joe" MILLER, Business Representatives

Dodge Construction, Inc. have all of their equipment on the 13 miles of highway, east of Fallon, Nevada, off Highway No. 50, connecting with Highway No. 95 south, a short-cut through Fallon, south. Mr. Verne Wilson is the super on this job and believe me, he is a dirt mover. Bro. Jack Chatelle is the grade foreman, and Jack really keeps the rigs moving. Such brothers as Bob Ellis, Gene Akins, Ray Miller and Jim Street are on the electric pulls moving in overdrive (if there is such a thing on an electric pull). However, these electric really move the muck with these four brothers operating them. Now the cat spread is different for the following brothers are a little slower, but they get the job done. You know old slow and easy wins the race or some such saying. We find Brothers Art Allen, Carroll "Bud" Berg, Rod Kelly, and Arnold Odermott, Ray Seibert and Bill Martin holding down the cats.

The outstanding blade men for Dodge on this job are Brothers James Smith, Link Harris and Bert Roark, and they really make everything nice and smooth. Brother Ted Johnson and Tom Taylor are spreading the grease, and Brother Ed "Squirrel" Jones is back in his old stamping grounds of Fallon and busy keeping the Dodge equipment ready and rolling.

At the Dodge Construction, Inc., Iron Mine, out at Lovelock, Nev., with Bro. George Eckman as general superintendent, is really making progress with the iron ore operations. Brother H. W. Pardick and Charles "Gene" Shoffner are taking care of the loading operations at the railroad loading ramps. Bro. Ed Barrington is digging the ore out and G. Quilice is oiling for him. Bro. M. P. Eschinger is on the crusher breaking the iron ore so that Brother T. C. "Alabama" Bottoms and his oiler, Bro. W. V. Berger can load the ore into the trucks. Bro. Perry Thomsen is on the dozer keeping everything cleaned up and pioneered for the shovel operators. Bro. Miguel Pantoja is greasing the equipment at the Dodge Iron Mine, and there is one of the best greasers in the mining industry. Lots of experience behind the boy—and Mike is a fine fellow to work with.

## LOVELOCK ROAD JOB

Silver State Construction Company, or rather Andy Drumm, Jr., is "slinging" muck on the Lovelock, Nev. road job, and the brothers are busy as beavers. Brothers Henry "Hank" Kiechler, Marvin "Timber" Renken, Oliver Sullivan and Joe Armas on the super C's, the dirt has to fly. Although these brothers move a lot of material, they can't do the type of job they are doing without the outstanding job performance of Bro. Leonard Ellis, a super C specialist (other rigs, too). Bro. Ed Howard is on the backhoe and Bro. Dave Howard is chasing the pulls around with the DW-21. That sure looks like a fine rig along side of a super C, but who knows.

Brothers Dave McEvers, Bob Nelson, Ray Lambeth, and Nathan George are doing the dozer work for A. D. Drumm, and I must say they are also doing an excellent job. After the super C's and dozers get things stirred up, along comes Brothers Al Montrose and Bud Koepnick on the blades to smooth things out. Brother Joe Benbow is the fix-it man and keeps everything running, and Bro. Ray Travis pours the grease into the "rigs" to keep them rolling (friction free). With all the cooperation that these brothers give each other plus their efforts, Andy Drumm Jr. keeps his jobs moving and gets them done.

Stolte Bros, radar station job, with Schwartz Construction a subcontractor, at Winnemucca, Nev., is climbing up the mountain, and Bro. Buster McKelby, the foreman, is keeping the brothers mighty busy. Wind or cold, the job must go on. It is a steep, rugged climb to the top of the mountain, but the brothers will get there in good time, especially with Bro. Donald Govin putting the stakes out ahead of the boys. Pulling the cans around with a load of dirt are Bro. Val Salvador, Douglas Bevard, John Coswell, Gene Thomas

## Reno Members: Help Elect as Mayor Howard W. Johnston



HOWARD JOHNSTON

Talking about the Miller outfit brings to mind a fact and a man that all of you brothers living in Reno should remember, **BROTHER HOWARD JOHNSTON, THE MAN FOR MAYOR OF RENO, NEV.** The primary election is close, now, May 3, 1955—and let's go, brothers! Let's get to the polls; put our "X" beside Brother Johnston's name and see to it that he is our candidate in the General Election for Mayor. We need him; he'll work for us and for our interests in this, our city.

Who else could we hand the reins of government to with complete confidence in their honesty and integrity, and with the feeling that he is with us 100 per cent. We need Howard Johnston for Mayor of Reno, and we are the only ones that can do something about this. Let's vote for him, fellows, and all of you talk to your neighbors and friends. Brother Johnston has had ten years experience in Reno's development.

He has had experience in meeting the public, an experience in dealing with the problems that can come up in business. He is interested in the future of Reno; not content to slide along on past glories or performances. And most of all he is interested in what will benefit Reno and the residents of Reno—You and I . . . So, let's You and I all vote:

**VOTE FOR BRO. HOWARD JOHNSTON FOR MAYOR OF RENO, NEVADA, and the Mayor for us.**

and Clifford Syth, keeping very busy trying to keep warm and their backs to the wind. Brother Louis Wilson is repairing the "rigs" along with the efficient help of Bro. Lee Drewery. Bros. Paul Willingham and Hallie Pfeifer, are doing the blade work after the "rock men" move out. This has been a rough job because of the weather, but the brothers will feel much better in a week or so when the good old Nevada sun begins to shine. Don't cuss me, brothers, it has to get better, sometime.

## CLYDE CO. AT ELY

W. W. Clyde Construction Company will start paving their road job at Robinson Summit, nine miles out of Ely, Nevada, and many of the brothers will be busy with the gravel and hot stuff. At W. W. Clyde's job at Carlin, there are two shifts going strong with several brothers on each shift. There will be a lot of rock to move on this job, as it goes up the canyon from Carlin to Palisade, Nev. The first mile is in a nice, level pasture, but from there it is a rocky, steep rugged eight miles of new road. I am very sure that W. W. Clyde will do a good job, though, because he has a very fine hard working crew of men on the job. Bro. Park Griffith is keeping everything in working order with his box of "monkey wrenches." Bro. Chris Guldager will be seen very hard at work with the blade the smooth, oh, so smooth work. The cats and pulls

are hard at work in the cuts with Brothers Antone Lundin, Dennis Rowley, Larry Guisasa and Don Gordon operating the electric pulls, and Bros. Elwyn Peterson, Eldon Bailey, Tim Heidrick, Wesley Marx, A. L. Cripps, and Walter Cripps on the cats. Bro. J. I. Ford takes his share of rock, too, with the scraper. Some of these brothers came from the State of Utah with W. W. Clyde, and they are "rearing" to dig into some of the great Silver State soil (checking to see if it is as good of grade as Utah). All joking aside, though, this is a swell bunch of fellows and they will do a fine job.

Over in Ely, Nevada, Foley Bros., Inc., have completed their contract at the two shaft jobs. Kennecott Copper Corp. is expected to take over the production arrangements around the 16th of April. The brothers on the jobs completed the construction ahead of schedule and were highly praised in a telegram from the Foley Brothers officials. Many of the brothers will remain on the job and work on the Kennecott payroll. The many brothers there have done a great job for Foleys and were very satisfied with the job in the past two years. Some will probably pull out for other parts of the country, telling others of their deeds in the shafts at Ruth, Nevada. We have sincerely appreciated the fine cooperation and jovial attitude found among the hoistmen, the HDRM and brothers around the shops who were working with Brother George Rood. They are all a splendid group of fellows and an excellent crew for the Shaft Construction jobs.

## ISBELL IN RENO

Back in Reno, Nevada, the Isbell Construction Company is well along with their four-lane highway west of Reno, with Brother I. J. Tobler on the drag-line digging the drainage ditch, and Bro. Lloyd "Blackie" Richards is on the backhoe. Brother Al "Boots" Potash is doing the finish work with the blade, and there is a blademan that is hard to beat. Brother Victor, "the Groaner" Lambert, and Bro. Ralph "Slim" Cubberness are on the electric pulls. This job is really moving right along and soon, the Biggest Little City in the World, "Reno," will have a finished four-lane highway coming in from the West for all you jolly tourists from sunny California.

Out at the East Second Street Isbell Gravel Pit and Hot Plant, where Bro. Bill Boegle is superintendent and has been fooling around crushing a little gravel and just putting in his time during the winter months. Now, however, quick as the sun starts shining and the work starts, Bro. Boegle takes a month's vacation and goes to California to take a rest from the winter's hard work and to visit his relatives. The gravel pit and the hot plant are still there waiting for you, Bro. Bill, so hurry back.

To the George Grifall outfit and Bro. Al Parlanti in particular. All I can say is sorry, sorry, sorry! My office girl says the typewriter can't spell, and I guess I'm a poor proofreader. All we can offer in defense is at least we began the last name with a "P." I offer my apologies, Bro. Parlanti, and will not call you Piretto again. Everyone seems busy around this outfit. Bros. Cal Scolari, Ed Gnadig and Al Parlanti all hard at it. See you fellows have a new office and yard to report in on Kietzke Lane. Mighty fine for an up and coming contractor like Bro. George Grifall. Congratulations.

The health and welfare plan under the Associated General Contractors for the brothers in this great Silver State of Nevada has gone into effect as of April 1, 1955. Full details of the plan will be printed in a later issue.

## SPARKS PLANT

Lagrange Construction Company, better known as Johnny DeLagrange, "The Little Man," is doing fine. Mrs. Mabel Lagrange has been promoted from office assistant to yard foreman. She has nothing but trouble from Bro. Sam Wauchope, the general HDRM for the "Little Man." Brother Pete Ferretto and Bro. Dale Morlan still

# Job Pick-up Slow in Fresno

By G. L. MOORE and J. D. MONROE, Business Representatives

In our last issue we were looking forward to Spring to arrive, thinking work would start up but according to bids being let and information received by this office it seems the work has by-passed this area. We are having wonderful weather so we cannot blame the weatherman for the lack of work. Therefore this news report will be quite brief as there is very little new to report.

We do have quite a bit of activity still going on at Castle Field Air Base with additional contracts being let from time to time. At the present time the following contractors are busy on Castle Field: Peter Kiewit Co. and Frederickson & Kasler, Stolte Inc., Clarence Ward Construction, Slough Construction, Bethlehem Pacific Steel, Dallas Wilson Trenching, Hess & Mace, Rush Construction and Shaw & Estes.

Concrete Supply Company of Merced were awarded a contract of \$57,971 on additional work at Castle Field and also were low bidders on a contract to the Division of Highways of \$164,853 for 11 bridges and 0.7 miles grading.

Stolte Inc. were awarded additional contracts on Castle Field Air Base, one of \$426,083 for hangars, access roads and parking aprons, and one for \$184,097 for buildings.

M. J. Ruddy & Sons will start to lay hot stuff Monday on their Plainsburgh Road job out of Planada, brought back their hot plant and have it all set up and ready to go. S. E. Boyd Company finished their subcontract with the Hubbs Equipment Co. on the Madera Friant Canal and have moved their rigs to Riverside. Hubbs Equipment have about another few weeks left to complete their contract.

Gene Richards Paving Co. got started on their paving job on Highway 152 (Pacheco Pass) out of Los Banos and expect to be through in about two weeks. This company is also busy on their Clinton Avenue overpass at the north end of Fresno, and have started work on the moving and setting back on their Abby Street Freeway job. Also doing some paving at the Fresno State College.

Stockton Construction Co. were awarded a storm sewer contract by the City of Fresno for \$33,551.76 across the D Street Freeway.

Guy F. Atkinson Company have about 50 per cent of their paving job done on their highway job at the Visalia Y and will move their paving crew up to Fresno to do their freeway job at the north end of Fresno.

Quite a bit of subdivision work still going on, with Petroleum Sales Construction; Saginaw Construction; Marvin Taylor; Kovick Bros.; W. M. Lyles Co., and Dallas Wilson Trenching.

Valley Paving Company finished their paving job on C. E. Moseman's road job at Riverdale and

have the Lagrange Link Belt backhoe out at the new disposal plant being built in Sparks, Nev. How's the hunting, Bro. Dale? Hear quail are in season. Bro. C. L. O'Coynce, after a short siege of the flu is back to work for Lagrange. Bro. Ed Duncan is the only man left out at Empire, Nevada, on the Lagrange job there. Just about buttoned up out that way. Lagrange Construction is moving right along. Bro. Bob Williams, "The Sandman," on Highway No. 40, west of Reno, has a new front on his sandpit now that the Isbell crew is moving dirt out there on their four-lane job. Bro. Bob and Bro. House are hard at work. No sleeping around this outfit, even if they are sandmen.

Bro. Paul Brothers, who operates the big GEM Ready-Mix Plant of Geo. E. Miller on East Fourth, in Reno, won't have quite so much work to do now that the weather is warming up. He won't have to keep the boiler going to keep everything warmed up around the plant. Bro. John Livingston and the Busch Brothers have their hands full keeping the GEM mixers running along with their other repair work in the shop of Millers. Brother J. E. Burney and Brother Vernon "Peewee" Galleron, the two outstanding welders of the Miller Company really keep things welded up at this establishment.

are moving back to the coast. Granite Construction have started black top operations on their Jayne Avenue job at Coalinga; Gerald Brewster finished up on their grading and moving their equipment to Salinas.

L. D. Folsom Co. were awarded a contract of \$21,898 by the City of Coalinga for drainage construction at the Coalinga High School.

Gordon Ball and the San Ramon Land Co. were successful bidders on a job at Fairfield and will not start their paving at Delano until late summer or early fall. They still have quite a bit of earth work to do.

John Ferry crushing rock at Porterville and have quite a bit of the aggregate stock piled at Porterville for the Gordon Ball job at Delano.

Baldwin Construction Co. at Lindsay will have finished their highway job by the time this goes to press and presume they will move back up north.

Frederickson & Kasler at Porterville still have a little work left, back filling bridges and clean up work.

Eaton & Smith have moved in on their Big Stump Road job out of Big Creek, have six cats working on the grading. It will be some time before they can do any clean up work on their road job between Huntington and Shaver Lakes. The Phoenix Construction Co. from Bakersfield have the paving on this latter mentioned job.

We know the brothers are anxious to hear about the Mammoth Pool project. No word has been received as to when this job will start and Bechtel Company tell us they do not know either.

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# OUTLOOK AT REDDING GOOD

By E. A. HESTER  
Business Representative

With the rain holding off, there has been a good deal of work going on in the Cascade Wonderland district. The work conditions have changed much since our last writing. We continue to have a number of members on the out-of-work list; however, from the way the situation looks, we will soon be needing some additional help such as blade, cat, and rubber tire equipment operators. There is no question that the work outlook is going to be good from now on.

Fredrickson & Watson are going full blast on the Bass Hill freeway job north of Redding. The firm recently submitted a low bid on the Stillwater Creek bridge and approach at \$57,777. They were also low bidder on the Hatch Mountain road job at \$555,555.

Piombo Construction Co. gradually is moving in a little equipment on their big job between Vollmers and Lamoine. If weather conditions continue there should be a lot of activity there in the very near future.

Also over in Lassen County, Claude C. Wood of Lodi was the successful bidder on about 16 miles of resurfacing plantmix project. The job is situated between Stone Ranch and Salt Creek, the road that leads from Adin to Susanville. The bid was \$214,711.

J. H. Trisdale, Inc., Box 779, Redding, the successful bidder on the Red Bluff and Corning Canal job, submitted a low bid of \$474,710 to the Bureau of Reclamation.

Baun Construction Co. will be moving up from Willows soon to their new job at Proberts. Clements Construction Co. has started preliminary work on their job at Los Molinos. They should be going full blast within another week or ten days.

Plenty of work is shaping up for the coming season and I shall be looking forward to seeing many new brothers showing up for work.

# SACRAMENTO GETS EARLY START

By W. V. MINAHAN, H. S. CLARK and E. M. NELSON,  
Business Representatives

Due to the very light rainfall during the month of March, this district is showing activity everywhere. Practically every employer has called back his regular employes and has begun to put on new hires. If the weather continues we should see our still large out-of-work list decline considerably by the middle of April.

The state, cities and counties have let considerable work to date, which involves highways, schools, sewers, and buildings of all types. The subdividers have also begun to work on several new sites including housing from 10 units to 1,500. This should be a boom year for heavy construction.

A. Tiechert has moved on their Roseville freeway job are are going good, with Brother Ken Fox and Brother Ray Austin doing the superintending and gaffing respectively. Tiechert also has the Shirgle Springs job about started again. Brother Oran Cobb sits in the driver's seat on this project, with Brother George White doing the ramrodding.

A. Tiechert also were low bidders on the Mather Field and McClellan Field jobs, and are progressing rapidly to date. They are contemplating the start of a concrete pour on April 2nd which will keep that crew going about six weeks. This company also has smaller projects going throughout this district.

McGillivray Construction, Brighton Sand & Gravel, J. R. Reeves, and all the other contractors are showing signs of an acute case of spring fever. They are breaking out all over with new jobs and hangovers from last year. Lentz Const. Co. has added several pieces of equipment to its string this year, which makes a healthy condition for our out-of-work list.

U.P.K. Co., contractor on the Elvas and Roseville freeways, is in the finishing stages of these projects. Last word we had was that they should be sold to the State in about a month.

Granite Const. Co. has started its Stockton Blvd., Highway 40, job again with Brother Art Root supervising and Brother Ted Cox doing the shifting. This company has subbed the dirt on this project to the Los Gatos Const. Co., who have also started the rigs pushing muck. Granite Const. also has leased the American River Sand & Gravel Co. holdings and started a complete overhaul of all facilities. They are putting up a hot plant and setting in crushers for all types of materials including concrete aggregate. Brother MacDonald is in charge here, with Brothers R. E. Stowell, Bill Reiber, Jack Richie, J. C. Lawley, Aaron Mills, Andy Peroni, Bob Kelly, Orville Herr and E. H. Richie making up the rest of the crew.

Johnson, Drake & Piper were low bidders on the fish hatchery at Nimbus, with a bid of \$457,852. We should see some pile driving here in the near future.

Elmer Wendt, contractor from Rio Vista, was low bidder on the American River levee, at \$466,635. This will also be under way by the first week in April. This firm will do the structures and Cecil Hulse, from Woodland, will handle the mucking.

Baldwin Contracting Co., which has the paving of 13.1 miles on the Roseville freeway, has its big portable rock plant set up in the middle of the right-of-way and will be ready to roll as of April 2. This plant will be moved three times in the course of this operation. There are approximately 40,000 tons involved here. Brother Bill Stanley, who is in charge, has promised us a picture of this operation for our next issue.

The constructors of Folsom Dam are well on the way to completion. They have shipped most of their equipment to Seattle for another dam job. This year will see the end of this project. The lake behind the dam is rising by the hour. There will be a road around the entire lake, with plenty of boating, swimming, and all types of sports.

T. E. Connolly Co. has resumed three-shift operation on the tunnel at Sly Park. Another month will see this project completed. Engineering Constructors, who laid the

pipe from this tunnel to Camino, a distance of seven miles, also will be finished early this spring.

Piombo Const. Co. has about completed its freeway job at Placerville. A few weeks of clean-up should do it. This company is about to start its road job at Applegate. Too much moisture in the fills has held this job down to date.

Another job coming up will be at Placerville, which will be the paving of four lanes, 1.5 miles, through the town on the new freeway. This project has already been advertised. Another job to start will be between Auburn and Newcastle on Highway 40. This should be about a million dollar job. Still another will be on Highway 50 at Fresh Pond.

## HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

MEL KELSO back in town; CHARLES JOHNSON checking parts; JACK CARWIN working on a shovel; CARL BAKER watching a crusher; BENNY ELLSWORTH greasing a 120; BOB WAGNON cutting streets; LEE YOUNG grinding bits; VIC GERHART running a handi-crane; BILL GAVRILKO checking in; JACK SHAFER getting certified; BOB SORRENSEN putting up a rock plant; RAY COPELAND welding; BILL COOPER working on swing shift; DEWEY SCHREINER having coffee; MARVIN WITHROW gassing up; FRED SALAS all over town; MARVIN REED readying a transit; JAMES MOUNTNEY heading for the club room; MANUEL WAHL going to Esparto; BOB JINKERSON visiting Placerville; BEN SHINN finishing grade; PETE CONNER sloping; CARL GENTRY cutting blue tops; HARRY ALLEE checking in; CARL PIRTLE heading for the tall timber; HAROLD ECKES visiting the office; ROY BELL looking at tugger hoists; CHESTER YOUNGBLOOD running a Hopto; DICK GRAY looking for trenching work; LARRY MERCIER back to Folsom Dam; BILL EDWARDS running a concrete lining machine; BILL DONALDSON working on High Street; JACK WINGATE sloping streets; WHITEY ADAMS lifting rock; LONNIE DUBOSE batching; FRENCHY GUZEK calling in; ROY SCARBROUGH signing the out-of-work list; PAT CALLAHAN getting cleared; BILL STANLEY testing for uranium; BERT (Wrist Watch) ATKINSON driving a new Chevrolet; DOC LINDSAY a two-Cadillac operator; HAROLD HUSTON dropping by to say hello; DICK WISE owner and driver of a new pink Plymouth.

Wishes for speedy recoveries go to the following: Lou Novi, who broke two ribs in an encounter with a slope and a bundle of stakes; Blythe Pierce, who had an encounter with an electric power line and was hospitalized for a few days; Kenneth Keithley, who is in Sutter Hospital with gallstones.

Congratulations to: Brother Oscar Brandon and wife upon the birth of a baby boy; Russell Davis and wife upon the birth of their baby boy; and E. I. Schlottman and wife upon the birth of their baby boy this past month. Could be three future engineers!

Congratulations also to Brother Otto Van Gorder, whose Beagle won a championship in San Francisco recently.

## PERSONALS

Brother Joe Gant, equipment rental and land leveling; call Galt 2802.

Brother Denzil Strong, grading, oiling, paving, etc.; call Lockeford 5.

Brother Chet Ball, footings, trenching, leveling, etc.; call IV 9-0187.

Brother G. W. Lloyd, blade rental; call Marysville 2-0314.

Brother Dean Ketcherside, draglines, backhoe, clam, etc.; call WA 5-0244.

## BLOOD BANK

Sincere thanks to the following

who donated to our blood bank this past month: Harold L. Peters, Mrs. Ada Wilkinson, Marshall J. White, Mrs. Frances White, Fred E. Lacert, George W. Crogan, and Marvin R. Russell.

Again we remind you to observe all safety rules and regulations while on the job. Always keep in mind that a life may depend upon your observance of these rules.

Remember, this office is open every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 for your convenience.

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# HAWAII SETS TUNNEL JOBS

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ  
Business Representative

The territorial highway department will open bids May 19 for construction of two tunnels, and connecting bridges, on the new Nuuanu Pali highway.

The longer tunnel, about 1,000 feet, will go under the Pali lookout. The other, 500 feet long, will be through a ridge on the Kailua side of the lookout. Bridge construction will connect the two twin-lane bores. This project will have unusually close supervision every step of the way.

Hyde Forbes of Palo Alto, noted tunnel engineering geologist, made a study and report on the borings made at the tunnel site by Samson & Smock, a Honolulu test drilling firm. One of Mr. Forbes' recent projects was the very difficult Broadway tunnel in San Francisco.

The Kalihi (Wilson) tunnel is still a controversial issue and no work has been done since it was closed. Mayor Blaisdell and Chief Engineer Vannata of the City of Honolulu want its present contractor (E. E. Black Co., Ltd.) to finish out the work. The Board of Supervisors is somewhat hesitant to go along on such recommendations and is weighing the recommendation of consultant engineer Peck on firing E. E. Black and offering the contract to finish the tunnel to other contractors on the mainland who are more familiar with soft dirt tunneling and who also have used the electro-mosis method of drying up soft mud.

Oahu Construction Co. received the contract for the new Nuuanu Valley highway section from Country Club Road to Carter's Corner, a distance of about half a mile. They submitted the low bid of \$323,688.

Kaiser's John Ena project has been stymied temporarily by local government and other big business interests on a problem regarding the development of certain waterfront areas around the site.

There is now bottled up in the Territorial House a concurrent resolution, No. 14, passed weeks ago by the Senate—the sole purpose of which is to give the Territory the opportunity and power to settle this entire matter.

Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd. has completed its little dredging job at Kawaihae, Hawaii. They contemplate a return of the dredge W. F. Dillingham, now in south Japan, to Hawaii if no other work closer is available.

Fisher Construction, Pacific Construction, and Walker & Moody will co-venture a \$6-million project in Guam. This is a housing project for military personnel now on the island of Guam. A few key men may be taken from the Hawaiian Islands but the majority of the labor will be by native Guamanians and others available on the island.

The NLRB has finally withdrawn from some its jurisdiction in the islands, especially those implicated in building and construction and the hotels. Their West Coast representative is in town to try some of the cases that have been processed prior to their decision and also to look into other cases that were filed after their decisions were made on coverage or not.

The general construction picture for the island is at a very low level at present, although there are contemplated projects in the millions of dollars scheduled to

# San Jose Area Work Picks Up

By "BUCK" HOPE, "MICKEY" MURPHY and "PETE" PETERSEN,  
Business Representatives

We are pleased to report that a great number of the Brothers have moved off the out-of-work list as the demand for operators has increased greatly the last few weeks.

The State Highway Department will open bids on four laning approximately 13.2 miles of Highway 101 on April 13. The job extends from Llagas Creek to the Y south of San Jose.

Lane and Walsh Construction Company will start the new San Jose Disposal Plant in about 10 days and will keep about 10 operators busy for some time.

L. C. Smith Company on the Los Gatos Freeway are now employing about 28 of the Brothers. This company expects to go on a shift basis as soon as Swenson Company completes the work on the box culvert.

Several new subdivisions are starting up in this area and generally the work outlook is very good for this time of the year, with most of the local contractors having work lined up for the summer.

Jenecke will resume operations on their La Honda Highway job some time this week. However, there is not much work left on this project other than the real hard rock which will require the use of a shovel and a few trucks.

Valley Engineers and E. T. Haas are making good progress on their two water main projects out of Woodside and Stanford.

Another huge subdivision has just got under way west of Woodside and extends to the Skyline. This job will involve quite a lot of equipment. Bahr & Ledoyen will do the grading and paving on this job.

Stanford grounds are still very active, showing a new Dormitory, a new Science Building and the huge Stanford Shopping Center, with the well-known contractors, L. C. Smith, E. H. Bean, Dinwiddie Construction, Wagner Martinez, W. P. Goodenough, Bahr & Ledoyen, Wm. Radtke and Williams-Burroughs, working here.

Oscar Holmes was the low bidder on a nice little bridge job on the western end of the Stanford property for approximately \$90,000. He has three Cats and a No. 6 Northwest in operation. Peletz Construction Company were the low bidders on a nice underground job in this same locality for about \$50,000, with Brother Clayton Davis as the super.

Joe Brady of Redwood City has started his big underground job for Callon Construction in East Palo Alto.

Sondgroth Brothers of Mt. View have started on their new subdivision in and around Los Altos and Sunnyvale and have moved their Northwest 80 into their quarry with Brother Guy Mattingly at the controls. This firm evidently is anticipating a banner year.

Williams-Burroughs were just awarded another nice contract in Stanford to the extent of \$820,000 for two more dormitories' dining hall and wings.

Work in the southern section of the district has picked up in the last two weeks. Granite Construction has started work on their sewer job at Watsonville after being shut down during the winter months. This firm has several other small jobs in this area too.

McDonald-Young and Nelson have started work on the new Safeway store in Watsonville.

Brother Phil Calabrese has begun work on his two subdivisions in Monterey. Brothers Hunt, Zimmerman and Cecil Connors with Bro. Wright as foreman, are working on this same project. Bro. Calabrese also has the grading and paving on two school jobs which were let last week.

A. J. Peters have started their

open up in the second half of this year.

Organizational work for membership is still a very definite problem for us as well as other organizations here affiliated with the AFL. It is, however, a boost to our morale to know that some assistance is to be forthcoming from the various Internationals.

\$70,000 job of constructing storm drainage facilities at the U.S. Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey. E. V. Hampshire was awarded a \$100,000 contract for the construction of barracks for the Navy.

M.G.M. Construction Company has a small water line job for the city of Monterey which will last about a month.

Granite Construction has started paving on its two subdivisions in Salinas after being held up all winter. They are still working on their sewer project on the south end of Salinas.

George Brewster of Avenal has begun work on his subdivision located near the Rodeo Grounds in Salinas. He is bringing in three 20's and four Cats from his job in San Joaquin Valley.

C. H. Merman of Redwood City was awarded the \$1,500,000 job near King City. This job will keep a good number of the Brothers busy all summer.

Fifty-four miles of telephone line is scheduled to be let the middle of the month. This will start at Camp Roberts and extend to the Salinas River at Soledad.

The Fadel Construction Company of Hollywood has about a month and a half left to complete the roads and Chesbro Dam at Morgan Hill.

## PERSONALS

We are happy to report that Bro. Don Wheeler, who is recovering from a heart attack is much improved, but still confined to a local hospital, also Brother Wyman who has been ill is up and soon will be able to go back to work. We were glad to receive a letter from Bro. D. A. Paris who has been working in Minnesota all winter. He says that the weather has been extremely cold and will be glad to get back to California.

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CONCORD, contract awarded to Joe Sobotka, P. O. Box 1074, Concord, for building additions and alterations.

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# More Stationary Engineer Reports

## REPORT FROM STOCKTON

By R. E. McCARTHY  
Business Representative

Visited the National Ice Co. in Stockton, chatted with the men awhile, looked around and spotted a flashy convertible. It looked like a rose among the thorns compared to the rest of the cars parked around. Found out it belonged to Bro. Hurt; think he is trying to make the rest of us jealous.

Visited Bro. Hans Petersen's shop at Gustine and noticed a very peculiar piece of machinery being made up. Bro. Petersen explained that on the overhead units for refrigeration of moving equipment a platform was needed that could be moved up or down or in or out, and this piece of machinery was the answer to it. These engineers down in the valley have come up with some good ideas, due to the fact that in order to work on special equipment, they have to use their ingenuity in getting their work done the easiest way. I for one want to congratulate Hans for designing this piece of equipment.

Visited the Blue Seal Creamery at Atwater. Not finding Red Coulon in his usual hiding places, I made a tour of the plant, just inspecting things in general. Apparently Red can take a hint because I see he has a file case now and it looks like his papers and catalogs were in order, in fact it is beginning to look like an engine room. Congratulations, Red. In addition to keeping his engine room office in order, Bro. Coulon was elected to the Stanislaus Central Labor Council as a delegate from Local 39. I told him several years ago that if he kept hollering do this, do that, he would be put to work. Now it's happened.

From the vote taken at Modesto and Gustine meetings on special call regards to the acceptance or rejection of the proposals from the Milk Manufacturers Assn., it looks like it is behind us for another year.

At the special call meeting held in Stockton, the employees at the McCormick Creosote Plant voted that a committee of plant men work with the business representative to set up the demands for the new contract, which looks good so far.

It's nearing election time for the officers of Local 39 and every time we hold an election, I as

## REPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO

By S. E. SMITH  
Business Representative

During the three years I have been actively associated with Local 30 many complicated problems have been presented. Maintaining our rightful jurisdiction is a never ending chore. Negotiations of contracts with a wage structure which assures our engineers of the highest possible wage, in face of the ever increasing living costs, is a constant battle. Establishment of a satisfactory welfare program is a new and complex problem, due to the constant increase of hospitalization, x-rays, laboratory and doctor's fees.

However, the wage raises received by the engineers since the amalgamation have been in excess of the national average and in excess of the majority of increases in this area. Brother Fitch has had many years of experience, so his assistance and advice have been invaluable, and it has been my pleasure to serve the membership to the best of my ability.

To keep abreast of the present labor laws is difficult because of the many additions and rulings of the National Labor Relations Board involving the jurisdiction of the engineers in various industries.

Our apprenticeship program has advanced considerably through the cooperation of management and our members. There is still room for considerable work in this field, but its continuation will assure us of qualified engineers for the future.

At the present time there are only a few contracts in the process of negotiations, but the most difficult one is the bakery contract, which is being negotiated jointly for San Francisco and the Bay Area.

The Executive Board member asked, "Why don't the members of Local 39 up in your district exercise their rights and vote when they receive their ballots?" The question is hard to answer. If the members in Galt, Lodi, Stockton, Tracy, Patterson, Newman, Los Banos, Merced, Atwater, Turlock, Hughson, Modesto and Ripon don't feel like voting it certainly is an indication that they don't care how the Local is administered or by whom; let's surprise everyone and all of us vote this time.

## REPORT FROM OAKLAND

By HERBERT H. SIMS  
Business Representative

The following contracts were completed during the month of March: Manasse Block Tanning Co., Kahn's Department Store, Ice and Cold Storage Industry of Northern California, and the Linde Air Products Company.

The following contracts are in the process of negotiations: Owens-Illinois Glass Company, Air Reduction Pacific Company, Stuart Oxygen Company, Pacific Oxygen Co., Consumer's Yeast Company, University of California (Berkeley Campus), University of California Hospital (located in San Francisco), and the Baker's Club of Oakland.

Letters regarding the opening of contracts for negotiations have been sent to the following companies: Washington Market, John Morrell Co., Hansen Ice Company, Independent Ice Company, and the Fox West Coast Agency Corp.

Last month our "Out-of-Work" list showed 32 men unemployed, but I am happy to report that since then, through the cooperation of the Chief Engineers and the management of various concerns, this "Out-of-Work" list has been reduced to only 16. Our goal, of course, is zero.

On my "Let's Get Acquainted" tour, I have now visited 94 per cent of the plants in the area.

**Have You Heard!** About Brother Mel Sevey's recent ski accident? You will be happy to learn that the crutches are thrown away and he is again ready for action.

Also, about Brother E. J. Patterson's write up in the Oakland Tribune on Sunday, March 6, 1955 issue; along with a very fine picture of Brother Patterson checking the boilers. This was a very interesting article and I never realized that the U.C. Campus Steam Plant produced and distributed approximately 1,600,000 pounds of steam every 24 hours during the winter months.

**Remember**—if at any time you are in doubt on any matter pertaining to Stationary Engineers, please call your Union office.

### PERSONAL NOTICE

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Brother Ernie McEntire who passed away recently.

Brother McEntire had been a member of this Union for a number of years and had taken a withdrawal card at the time of his retirement three years ago from the National Ice and Cold Storage Company. He had 42 years of service with this firm, which we believe is an outstanding record.

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## REPORT FROM SACRAMENTO

By A. R. OUGHTON,  
Business Representative

Agreements Open: Bercut-Richards Cold Storage Company, Air Reduction Pacific Sales, Hale Bros. Store, Weinstock-Lubin Co., and Reno Brewing Company, Reno, Nevada.

Agreements Closed: Senator Hotel and Milk Manufacturing Plants.

Sick list: Herb Hedrick, Fred Britton, Kenneth Thomas and Harry Thamer.

Withdrawals: Gustav Steinbrenner, Anthony Marengo, and Harry Bowman.

New Members: Louis Griess, and Martin Kostner.

Blessed Events: A couple of prospective new engineers arrived at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bunker and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Wildhaber, Jr.

Around the Plants: Howard Shamp, who has been doing a swell job as chief engineer at the Senator Hotel, is leaving there and Tony Trn is taking his place. Geo. Carden is taking over at Weinstock-Lubin Company where Bro. Trn was employed.

Brother Wayne Smith has moved to a state job and Martin Kostner

# Monticello Dam, Travis Air Base Spark Northbay District

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

Monticello Dam—Peter Kiewit & Son, two 80 Northwest shovels digging for erection of coffer dam, working two shifts. Excavating and pouring footing for gantry trestle. Water in the river has been diverted through the tunnel. It will be some time before any concrete will be poured into the dam, as there is so much preliminary work to be done yet.

Stephen Stolte, Inc., Gallagher & Burke road job up above the dam lost very little time on account of rain, and they have been working about 40 to 45 of our brother Engineers. The other end of this job was to have been let some time this month, but has been postponed to some future date.

Parish Bros., Harms Bros., and Gordon H. Ball have gotten started on their job at Travis Air Force Base, constructing parking aprons, etc., at a cost of \$3,576,149. There are jeeps, cats, dozers, shovels, cranes, rollers and what have you—working like a colony of bees. Dave Otis is the master mind on this project, with Rutherford as his assistant. Gordon H. Ball will do all the cement work and has moved the paving equipment onto the project, with a crew assembling equipment; also have a brand new batch plant laying there ready to be erected.

Parish Bros. will be double shifted on their Petaluma job as this report comes off the press. They were successful bidders on extension of freeway. Approximately 700,000 yards of shovel work and one-half million with dozers and cans—rubber. Also pinched off 3/4-million Travis Air Base joint venture, Harms & Ball. So high gear these people for 1955.

Our old friends, Stolte, Morrison & Knudsen, \$122,224.40, Travis Air Base—tactical facilities.

O. C. Jones Skaggs is for Navy, \$15,759 resurfacing.

Carey Bros. started United Housing, Corte Madera, continuing on Terra Linda and other subdivisions. Three 8's and TD-24 added to spread recently. Bro. J. Clay, pusher; Vern Coker, master mechanic.

Norcal Excavating with some 20's, etc. for hire, fine equipment. Phone GLENWOOD 4-6811. Bro. J. D. O'Connor owns this spread.

A. G. Raisch started on paving Waldo. Have something new in cement treating plant for base, designed and built by Bro. Bill Russell and Sandy Mills, the master mech. Corners stuck together by Bro. Ray Pyle. Quite a job! Going to put out 3,000 tons per day, and that's something!

Bro. Tony Brabo buying new equipment and busy as usual. Same for McCaffrey Bros.

Paul Vincillione starting again Larkspur way on large housing project.

All local contractors up out of mud—looks like a big season.

E. A. Forde Co. not too busy. Been missing a few on close pitching. See Bro. Tuso, the old Ukiah boy, is still with 'em.

We are slowly but surely catching up on a few of the "phony's" who are neglecting to pay the Welfare. The sooner these people

is taking over at Bercut-Richards Cold Storage Company.

Cerl Larkey has left Betsy Ross Bread plant and is now at Made-Rite Sausage Company.

Brother Harry Bowman is retiring from a job well done at the Forum building. He has been a member of the union since 1918. He was formerly chief engineer at the old Buffalo Brewing Company and president of old "210" for about 12 years. Take it easy, Harry. We agree with you that you have earned your retirement.

I hear Gus Linneman has a new ambition—trying to wear out a new Ford. I've been told he spends quite a bit of his time off on the road enjoying himself.

**Just another reminder! Ballots will be mailed out in the near future to elect new officers. PLEASE MARK YOUR BALLOT, PUT IT IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED AND MAIL IT BACK. THIS IS YOUR UNION. PLEASE VOTE!**  
Be seeing you around the plants.

move to different pastures, the better this office will like them.

Shamrock Material, new concrete batch plant, hiring two engineers and looking forward to a great year. They have four new trucks now, and more going into operation by April 15.

Fred Jensen, candidate for councilman in San Rafael, became a father on March 5. Mr. Jensen formerly was associated with the firm of Jensen & Pitts. Bros. Arthur Bresnan, Melvin Piombo and Raymond Piombo announce the formation of Piombo & Bresnan, formerly Jensen & Pitts, in San Rafael. We note they did not have the "union bug" on their announcement; however, we wish them much success. They have acquired Bro. Joe Faustine as their operator.

Bro. Orville Hubbard hospitalized on March 15 in San Rafael General Hospital. Bro. Steve Giffen broke his leg, according to a report we received March 21. Bro. F. D. Bird suffered a heart attack recently. We hope that by the time this edition goes to press, the above brothers are well on the way to recovery.

Our congratulations to Bro. Bill Evans, with Raisch, who was married on New Year's Eve.

All brothers calling into the office will probably miss Irene, who was our secretary for the past four years, leaving the Engineers to become house manager for George LeFevre, a prominent businessman in San Rafael. We are very sorry that she has resigned her position. We know we will miss her, but we do feel that Terry Haag will meet you all with a nice smile and try to give you the service which has been extended out of this office in the past.

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## Construction Awards

SELMA, contract awarded to Lewis C. Nelson & Son, 2915 McColl, Selma, for construction of commercial building.

McCLELLAN AFB, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro, Oakland, \$132,268 for const. of ADC group utilities on base at McClellan AFB.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$17,602 for replacing interior and installing new exterior steam and condensate return lines, Bldg. 134, S.F. Naval Shipyard.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Volpa Bros., 233 Nielsen Ave., Fresno, \$3,458 for resurf. Hamilton Ave. betw. Van Ness and Mary St., Fresno.

EUREKA, contract awarded to M. W. Oldham & Harold P. Hastings, P. O. Box 546, Lakeport, \$6,565 for installing drainage facis. at various locations in MENDOCINO COUNTY.

EL CERRITO, contract awarded to Carl Overaa, 620 16th St., Richmond, \$93,666 for addns. to Castro Elem. School.

KENSINGTON, contract awarded to Carl Overaa, 520 16th St., Richmond, \$83,920 for first unit of Kensington Hilltop School.

RIO VISTA, contract awarded to H. F. Lauritzen, Box 470, Pittsburg, \$15,426.40 for replacement of Dolphin Pilings at Decker Island and Rio Vista Storage Activity.

HILL AFB, UTAH, contract awarded to Montgomery, Cornwall & Parker, 319 Ness Bldg., Salt Lake City, \$164,108 for const. fire station, crash and structural building.

BEALE AFB, contract awarded to W. K. Kendall, 1073 Judson Dr., Mt. View, \$20,883 for const. of a communications repair and service stock building.

## REPORT FROM SAN JOSE, SALINAS & WATSONVILLE

By RICHARD A. CHRISTIANSEN  
Business Representative

Contract negotiations are still taking place with the hotels, dried fruit industries, and ice and cold storage plants at Mountain View, Central Ice plant in San Jose, and with the ice plants in Watsonville and Salinas. Negotiations were concluded and offer made by the San Jose district accepted on March 16, 1955. Also, contract with Crown By-Products Co. and Garden City Pottery consummated and signed.

Our Apprenticeship Training Committee held two meetings during the month of March and an additional meeting was set for April 6. Some progress has been made.

With respect to hospitals, will state that while no contract has as yet been consummated, progress toward this goal has been made.

Some calls have come in for men and they have been supplied. Prospective applicants are plentiful. However, a close screening seems to be necessary as qualifications are being strongly stressed, which not only include one's mechanical ability, but the fact that he must be sober and of good character, and in addition thereto they stress the fact that younger men are desired.

The Administrator of the Salinas Memorial Service Hospital has been presented with a request for adjustment of wages, etc., but to

date no reply has been received. A recent visit to the plant gave the indication that perhaps additional personnel might affiliate.

May I most respectfully request that all members be certain to get their current dues up to date and, if possible, the dues for the quarter ending June 30, 1955. Not alone for your protection, but to enable them to have the privilege to vote in our June 1955 election. This is very essential and all members are urged to vote. This is your organization and in time you will receive ballots showing those who have been nominated and are eligible to be elected. So please don't fail to vote.

Have attended meetings of the Central Labor Council, and of our Executive Board, and a meeting of the Business Representatives of the Pacific Coast. I find that considerable good is derived from attending these meetings. I would also urge members to write their Assemblymen in behalf of our License Bill No. 787. Ask them to support the same.

The Salinas meeting will be held MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1955, at the Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., Salinas, Calif.

San Jose meeting will be held WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1955. Nomination for your Executive Board delegates, Central Labor Council, and By-Laws Committee. Please attend.

# Utah News Roundup

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

During the past two weeks we were pleasantly surprised at the amount of work starting, the clearances we are writing, and also the new jobs that were let.

W. W. Clyde has begun his job on Highway 40 from the Colorado state line west toward Jensen, Utah. Mack Olsen is the super on the job and has a good crew to back him up, such as Que Nelson, Chester Flanders, Harold Dalton and more, too numerous to mention at this writing. They expect

to start the crusher within the next few days and should be taking a few more operators. The company has a bunk house set up on the job-site, but the men are eating at Artesia, Colo., which is only a hop, skip and jump from the job.

Olaf Nelson also started their job at Tridell, Utah, which is just a few miles out of Roosevelt. They have 3 D. W. 15's on the job with the necessary cats and patrol and one backhoe. They expect to work this job on a 60-hour basis.

There are two new jobs to be let in the same locality. One will be from Boneta to Tabiona Jct. and the other is a Bureau job near Tridell. The Reed & Jensen job on the Vernal to Manila highway is still to be completed. The work picture in the Uintah Basin looks very bright for the summer.

Utah Construction Co. is still waiting for a little good sunny weather to start on the Wanship Dam. They have a spread of new cats, some of each kind and color. This should help to get an ample supply of good operators, but a little more hours of work per week will help even more.

The S. L. county sewer work is still going strong with more contemplated to be let this summer. It seems the entire state of Utah has at last become sewer conscious, as more and more communities over the state are planning similar sewers of their own. We are always happy to see such projects go not only from the standpoint of the work it affords No. 3 men, but because of the dire need of these systems.

Utah Const. Co. has again started operations at the Murray Slag Pile and expect to run quite a bit of pit run stuff, but no crushing. There is also some talk of a patch job on the dike for later this summer.

There are more school buildings being bid along with the many now under construction. This also seems to be a great expanding program in the building and construction industry over the state and is certainly one much needed. Although these building jobs do not absorb a great number of local 3 men, the few that do get on usually have a good winter job.

So once again we invite you to attend your union meetings and help plan the strategy for the coming negotiations. This should be a good lively year for negotiations in Utah.

## Northern Area

A number of men have been cleared to jobs in this area the past month and several other projects are getting under way which will require additional men within the few weeks.

The work prospects for the coming year look very promising at the present time and most of the delay has been due to the long continued cold weather and usual winter storms.

The State Road Commission has called for bids on April 12th for two additional jobs in this area. One of the jobs is the gravel and bituminous surfacing of eight miles of Highway 30 between Emory and Castle Rock. Young & Smith Construction Co. are in the process of moving their equipment back in to complete the excavating and grading on this road.

The other job is a 4 mile section of new road that will connect Redwood Road with 5th South west of Bountiful. This is a continuation of the job Gibbons & Reed completed a year ago, connecting Redwood Road with Cudahy Lane. The completion of this section will help relieve the heavy industrial traffic situation that exists in the west section of town.

The Army Engineers have called

for bids on about April 19th for the construction of runways and supporting facilities on Hill Air Force Base near Ogden. This work will consist of apron extensions, blast pads, warm-up aprons, primary runways, taxiways and stabilized overruns.

Additional work is also scheduled for bid during April or May on the following work:

1. New girls dormitory at the Utah State Agriculture College at Logan.
2. Addition to the Rock Elementary School in Ogden.
3. Resurfacing of runway and taxi strips on the Ogden Municipal Airport.
4. New gymnasium at the Davis High School.
5. Main gas line extensions and service connections for Mountain Fuel Supply Co. in Northern Utah communities.
6. Renewal of existing water lines in Ogden area to alleviate the low pressure that has to be contended with during the summer months.
7. Sewage disposal plant at Brigham City and additional gathering lines.

We hope the other proposed work that is in the planning stages materializes soon, although there appears to be sufficient work already under way to keep everyone busy for the coming year.

## Southern Section

Our out of work list has taken a beating the past month. If the work continues as scheduled, the list will be but a memory of winter at the next issue.

Construction in Utah County alone is expected to total \$50,000,000 for 1955. Some of the top jobs slated for this year, some almost completed and others about to begin, are the Anhydrous Ammonia Plant to cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000. The new pipe manufacturing plant, located on 117 acres just north of Geneva Steel Co., is almost complete at a cost in excess of \$7,000,000. Residence subdivisions will total 391 units at a cost of \$4,500,000. Construction at B.Y.U. will include a botanical laboratory and medical center, new stadium facilities, women's and men's residence buildings, tennis courts, utility extensions and a new heating system at a cost of \$7,150,000. There are flood control projects and street and highway work to be done. In all, it looks like a very busy season in this section.

All the jobs that have been let to date have started. Whiting and Haymond are doing very well on their job at Escalante. They have almost the same crew as a year ago and it is a good one. Strong Co. at Torrey are getting along very well, but the wind is moving as much dirt as the pulls and usually in the wrong direction. L. A. Young Co. is going great guns at Oak City. This is a dirt job and it is moving right along. The 21's are boiling over each trip with the help of the T.D. 24 push cat and a very fine crew. W. W. Clyde Co. has been the company with most of the work and consequently is using the largest number of our people. Their job at Ferron was supposed to move into a two-shift program Monday, April 4th, but our present storm may alter plans. This job is supervised by Bill Clyde as superintendent and Ray Corless as grade foreman. Brother Sheldon Neilson is supervising this company's work at Wellington. Blaine Clyde has the detour and overpass job in hand with Brother Vic Anderson as grade boss. Ruel Jensen is watching over the Nephi job for this company and really keeps the old Super C's clattering.

We are sorry to report that Bro.

## Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lang Co., Sand & Gravel, Iron Ore Mines, Vitro Uranium Corporation, Kennecott Copper Co.

Construction, Sand and Gravel members, 2nd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Construction, Sand and Gravel members, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West First North, Provo, Utah  
 Construction, Sand and Gravel members, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah  
 Vitro Uranium Company, 3rd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah  
 Lang Company—All Called Meetings  
 Cedar City Iron Mines, Thursday, May 5, 1955, 8:00 P. M., El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah  
 Kennecott Copper Mines, Wednesday, April 27, 1955, 1:30 P. M. and 3:00 P. M., Civic Center, Bingham Canyon, Utah

## Schedule of State Road Meetings

Cedar City State Road Wednesday, May 4, 1955, 7:30 P. M., El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah.  
 Uintah Basin Area at Roosevelt Commercial Club. Will notify each shed by mail of date.  
 All other State Road Meetings will be Called Meetings.

Fred Griffiths is back in the hospital after a losing round with the "crusher" he was oiling. Seems he hooked on to a shaft that wouldn't quit and it left him a badly fractured shoulder and no work clothes. Brother Griffiths was just getting into the swing of things after a very serious abdominal operation. Hurry and mend, Fred. Try it again—it may take this time.

We are happy to report that Bro. Tom Curtis' sight is on the improve. Brother Curtis was left almost sightless by a hemorrhage a few months ago. Tom thinks he will be ready to go to work by the end of this week and we'll be glad to see him back.

Bro. John Thornton is the proud father of his third daughter, born the 31st day of March. Congratulations, John and Mrs. Thornton.

## Southwest Construction

Laliff Woods is about through with the dirt moving at the Air Force Rocket Sled job at Virgin Mesa.

Fullmer is laying pipe and should be through by the end of April.

More work is slated to go early. Buckhorn Flat will be bid on April 12th.

## State Road

We are glad to see the change in the Capitol in regard to the chairman of the Road Commission, and anticipate good relations with the new chairman, Harley Corleisen, whom we are happy to welcome back.

Failure on the part of the Legislature to pass a bill for job security was disappointing. It seems obvious that in their estimation, you are not entitled to receive the same type of benefits that other workmen enjoy. At the request of the committee who was pushing the Civil Service bill, we kept hands off. It was suggested by some of that group that if the union was not involved in sponsoring the bill it would have a better chance of passing. We did just that thing and contrary to some adverse reports we did nothing to block it. We stood aside and the only results were bad—no bill and a couple of the committee fired. It definitely proves the need for you to let your union carry the load instead of you trying to do the job. Many men and women have been fired under similar circumstances. That's why unions are created.

When it looked hopeless on the first bill, we got our original bill introduced. Another bill was introduced by the State, County and Municipal Employees. They were all turned down. Why? Your guess is as good as ours. If you want us to we'll try again next time.

## Cedar Iron Mines

There is very little change in the work situation at the Iron Mines. The tempo stays about the same—no better, no worse. Prospects for the near future are indefinite. If we listen to all the rumors being peddled, we would probably go crazy. We do hope, however, that by the middle of the year something develops to improve the situation. In the meantime, we'll just

have to wait and see, maybe hope a little.

Fortunately, we have been able to get a good number of the brothers out on various construction jobs and it looks good for more jobs in the immediate future. Quite a number of road jobs are about to start and more bid openings are advertised. If you haven't put your name on the out of work list and will leave the area to accept work, send your name, telephone number and the line of work you do to us immediately and we will get the information on the book.

We should have been in some negotiation meetings by the time you read this and we will report any progress on same at our next meeting which will be held on Thursday evening, April 28th, at 8 p.m., Room 11, El Escalante Hotel as far as we know now. If there is any change, we will notify you of same.

## Kennecott Copper

Since the last shovel was buried and another man crushed, we had the opportunity to spend a day on the mine in the company of the State Industrial Commission Safety Engineer, the Company Safety Engineers from both Bingham and Salt Lake and Mr. Barlow. As a result, we believe we are well on the way to having the cause of these accidents remedied. Our steward, Bro. Everett Hibbard, was along and in order to point out the bad spots we directed the State Engineer to them and were able to bring to his attention the fact that the maximum of safety could be obtained by the methods we suggested. The main contention was that if the single cabs are operated from the track side under all conditions—except in extreme emergencies—the big danger will be eliminated. Fortunately on the same day Mr. Barlow went into a meeting with Mr. Ladenberger. Mr. Bowman was invited to the same meeting and the results of the meeting are contained in the following letter:

"For your information and in accordance with your request this letter has reference to our discussion in my office during the afternoon of Tuesday, March 8, 1955, concerned with safety in shovel operations at the Bingham Canyon mine. During this discussion: (1) I clarified to you the general operating problems involved as well as outlining the current status and locations of full-revolving shovels with and without dual operating cabs, and the locations of old 'standard' shovels; (2) I expressed company attitudes and plans concerning purchase of new shovels, replacement of 'standard' shovels, conversion of shovels presently in service with single operating cabs to dual cabs, and operating and safety precautions and procedures.

"With reference to item (2) above, it was stated the Company's intention to purchase and erect during this spring and summer, five new shovels equipped with dual operating cabs. Four of these new shovels will replace four 4161 type full-revolving single-cab shovels

## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

MARCH 24, 1955

SAN MATEO COUNTY, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 1st and Railroad, San Mateo, \$1,975 for storm drains on El Camino Real betw. San Marco Ave. and Santa Lucia Ave., in San Bruno.

COALINGA, contract awarded to Larsen-Ratto, 1901 Hedges, Fresno, \$73,258 for const. of Presbyterian Church.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to MacDonald, Young & Nelson, Inc., and Morrison-Knudsen, Inc., 351 California St., S. F., \$5,213,162 for separation structure and road work betw. S. F.-Oakland Bay Bridge at 4th St. and Main St.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Joseph Fratessa, P. O. Box 23, Monterey, \$119,942 for additions to motel at Ocean and Mission Sts.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to Joseph Bettencourt, 1015 San Mateo Ave., San Mateo, \$382,750 for const. new gym for Garfield Jr. High School.

STEAD AFB, NEV., contract awarded to McKenzie Const. Co., 560 Kietzke Lane, Reno, \$182,190 for const. airmen's service club with ext. utilities.

DIAMOND SPRINGS, contract awarded to H. L. Jordan, Pleasant Valley Rd., Placerville, \$6,048 (water supply), and to Staring & Galbraith, P. O. Box 111, Ceres, \$10,990 (grading) for const. of water supply line from reservoir to Diamond Springs School.

NIMBUS, contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., Inc., 46 Louise St., San Rafael, \$210,700 for const. of test stand No. 1 and addition to Control Bdg. No. 1 for Aerojet General Corp.

MARCH 22, 1955

SAN PABLO, contract awarded to Carl Overa & Co., 520 18th St., Richmond, \$128,620 for remodeling of new city hall and completion of admin. office at NW corner Market and 21st St., San Pablo.

now operating in the ore areas of the pit; these latter shovels, then, will be dismantled, converted to dual cabs, and erected on the East Side to replace five "standards" which will be scrapped. The fifth new shovel will not directly replace any present operating shovel but will eventually be used to develop the next "drop cut" level. The sixth "standard" shovel will be scrapped when our present Marion 151-M No. 7 shovel now working on O-Level, East Side, has completed current requirements there and is ramped to Q-Level, East Side.

"The net result of the program outlined in the above paragraph will change our current shovel status of 18 single cabs, 6 "standards" and 15 dual cabs (total 39) to 14 single cabs and 24 dual cabs (total 38 full-revolving).

"I stated the company's intention to follow up the above outlined program with one of either converting the remaining single cab shovels to dual cabs or an alternative of equal safety effect. This, you understood, is a program that would cover a number of years; however, in the meantime we shall continue to extend every reasonable effort to work these shovels in such a manner that they may be operated from track side in digging cuts. Where track side operation is not practical nor feasible additional precautions will be taken to make bank conditions as safe possible.

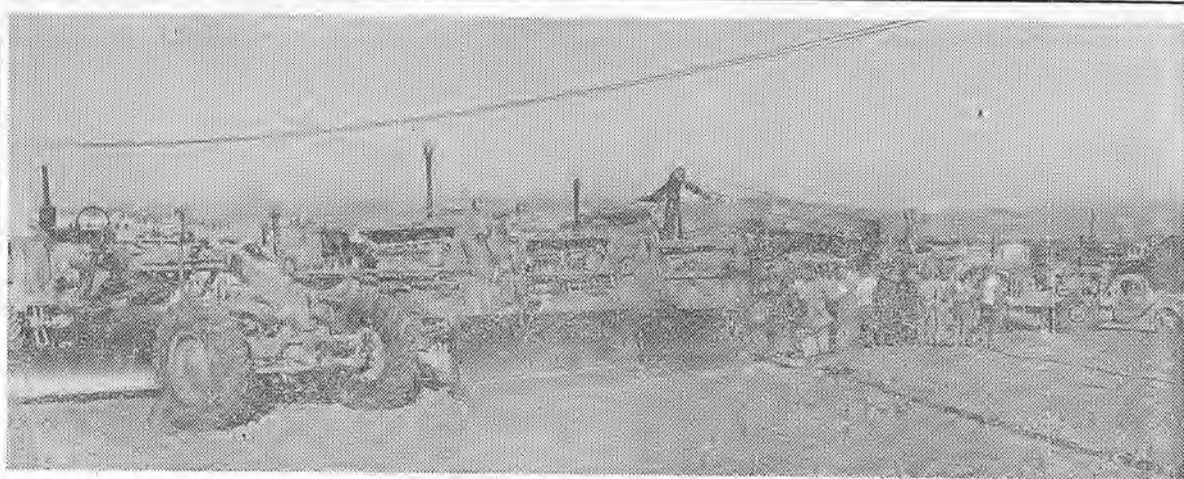
"I pointed out also the necessary cooperation needed from the union, as well as the crews themselves, that they must be conscious of the inherent hazards involved in mining operations and therefore should be alert at all times to those dangers, and should at all times observe and practice safe working habits, rules and instructions."

Yours very truly,  
 (Signed) J. C. Ladenberger Jr.  
 Mr. Barlow indicated to us that the operator is the person to determine if a bank is unsafe and if he pulls away from the bank on that account he will not be penalized for so doing. Remember this, your work is normally hazardous, but you can help protect yourself by taking safety precautions.

At our last visit Brothers Rendon and Smith were making good progress and our congratulations to Brother Rendon on the new addition to his family.



Big rigs lay groundwork for the approach to the new Northbay bridge from Richmond to San Rafael. Walsh Const. Co. DW20 is shown here operated by Operating Engineer Cliff Bakewell, and behind him on the Push Cat is Harold Corbett.



Rarin' to go on the bridge approach for the new Northbay bridge are these Operating Engineers and a string of hefty rigs of the Walsh Const. Co. The boys paused long enough to have their picture taken and then away in a cloud of dust.

## Stockton is Getting Underway, Season's Prospects Good

By ED DORAN, C. L. CASEBOLT, WALTER TALBOT and M. W. GRIFFING, Business Representatives

The work prospects for this year are very good here in the Stockton district, although most of the work will not get under way until the middle of May or the first of June.

The upper dams of the Tri-Dam project will be let on the 21st of April but we do not expect any activity until June as these dams are near the 6000-foot elevation. Probably, only access roads, clearing, and camps will be constructed this year, with the work on the dams proper getting under way next year, with the exception of the tunnel.

Claude Wood Company has completed their job on the Miller's Ferry Bridge and are now busy on the approaches to the Lockeford Bridge job, subbing from Brighton Sand and Gravel.

Kenworthy & Patterson have resumed operations on the Priest's Grade job, with M. J. Ruddy Company waiting to get started on the black topping.

A. Teichert & Son are about through hauling dirt on the Manteca by-pass job but still have to haul to the north section of the by-pass, which should not take long.

M.J.B. Construction Company and Lord & Bishop have finally started to roll on the freeway north of Lodi, with the old "Super C's" ablowing and agoing.

The Shawmut Grade job on Highway 120 beyond Chinese Grade should be advertised by the time this article goes to press.

Utah Construction Company have plugged along through the winter with a few of the brothers working and at this time, are getting ready to pour the rice silos which will be on a three-shift basis. They are also the successful bidder on the new Walnut Growers Association plant to go up here in Stockton, but as yet, have not started on this project.

### SUBDIVISIONS MOVE

The subdivision work is picking up again as the ground is dry enough now to support the equipment. Stone Brothers have opened up a new subdivision north of town with A. Teichert & Son cutting out the streets with two DW 20's and a push cat. Stone Bros. have Brother Clem Callavan on their blade.

Claude C. Wood Company and C. V. Kenworthy were the low bidders on the 4.3 miles of road between Clements and the Calaveras County line. This job should be drawing a few men off the out of work list by the time this is printed.

M. Malfitano & Son have started their road job at LaGrange which amounts to \$92,000

Tracy Rock & Gravel are stockpiling material for A. Teichert & Son's Manteca Freeway job and some of the brothers are getting a little overtime at the pit.

Clements Construction Company is getting their hot plant at PCA's Kerlinger Pit ready for a thirty-day run on resurfacing Highway 33 near Vernalis.

S. M. McGaw has been keeping some of the brothers steadily employed on work around town and will probably get going on their job on the Jack Tone Road east of Stockton in about two weeks.

Winton Jones has three of the brothers working in the Tracy district, subbing street work for Art Lincoln in the Lincoln Park Addition.

Holden & Gorham is building two storage aprons for H. J. Heinz Canning Company in Tracy, who are moving their Oakland operation to Tracy. The construction of the additions to this plant should supply quite a few jobs for the members of Local 3.

The Olympian Dredging Company's "Monarch" Dredge is in the Port of Stockton Turning Basin dredging for the dock at the rice storage plant.

Bro. LeGrande Sobrero is now in the vacuum cleaner business. He's a top notch salesman for the Electrolux cleaners in the Manteca district. You boys that haul the dirt, both on the job and into the house, might make it easier on the little woman by giving Brother Sobrero a call.

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### CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

MARCH 21, 1955

FRESNO, contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., Box 2087, Stockton, for const. of storm sewer across "D" Street freeway right-of-way on Calaveras St., \$33,551.

SAN MATEO COUNTY, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., P. O. Box 610, San Mateo, \$73,264 for 5 mi. surf. with pltmx. surf. betw. 0.1 mi. north of 16th Ave. and 0.2 mi. south of Bransten Rd.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Cahill Bros., 350 Sansome St., S. F., \$95,000 for alterations to cold storage bldg. on Battery and Lombard.

CASTLE AFB, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$6,770 for const. of three groups of CM blast walls.

## Walsh Co. Gets Job Building Approach To Northbay Bridge

The job of constructing the Richmond approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge has been awarded to Walsh Construction Co. This job has presented the Walsh firm a number of problems, because of the right of way lying through the Richmond Refinery of the Standard Oil Co. of California. The job entails moving of approximately 170,000 cubic yards of shale rock in the roadway excavation as well as construction of a six-lane overpass structure, 1,200 feet of cantilever retaining walls averaging 26 feet in height, and a bin-type retaining wall 300 feet long.

Roadway excavations are being done of this project by three DW-20 scrapers and three D-8 dozers. One cat is equipped with an Otero hydraulic ripper which has proved indispensable in this particular type of rock. Other equipment on this job includes a D-4 loader, a Cat-12 blade, a Lorain truck crane and a Northwest backhoe.

Because of the many pipes from the refinery crossing the right of way, it has taken much thought and teamwork on the part of Bro. Frank Campbell, foreman on this job, and his operators to have made such a fine showing in such a short time.

The brothers working on this Walsh Construction Co. project from Local 3 are: W. F. Dunham, dozer; Clarence Olsen, blade; George Tipton and Howard Huston, dozers; Earl Rubke, Lorain crane; Roger Landrum, NW backhoe; Eric Glasgow, oiler, Lorain crane; Lloyd Noe, grease truck; Pete Johnson, mechanic; Fred Bennage, oiler, NW; Joe Nelson, Cliff Bakewell and Bob Shields on DW-20s. Ken Griffith is superintendent for this job.

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### CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Nielsen & Nielsen, 1071 Westwood Rd., San Jose, \$359,414 for const. boys' gym at San Jose Jr. College.

BURLINGAME, contract awarded to Arthur Bros., 29 Vista Ave., San Mateo, \$117,950 for const. of sewage and drainage facils., Millsdale Industrial Park betw. El Camino Real and Bayshore Hwy., betw. Burlingame and Millbrae.

STANISLAUS COUNTY, contract awarded to M. Malfitano & Son, Inc., P. O. Box 750, Pittsburg, \$92,702.80 for grading and surfacing on La Grange-Snelling road betw. McDonald Creek and Merced County line.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Jourdan Conc. Pipe Co., P. O. Box 152, Fresno, for pipeline irrigation on new campus of Fresno State College, \$17,900.

GILROY, contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 1535 S. 10th St., San Jose, \$33,284 for const. of warehouse bldg. for Calif. Prune & Apricot Growers Assn.

WALNUT CREEK, contract awarded to E. S. Campi, 22 Sheridan Rd., Oakland, \$18,990 for two-story store addn. for McDonnell Nursery Store.

FRESNO, contract awarded to J. T. Cowan, 625 Belmont St., Fresno, for const. of warehouse and office bldg. at corner Pearl and "M" Sts., \$100,000.

CASTLE AFB, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$6,770 for revetment blast walls.

## Drought Shows Great Need for Coyote Dam on Russian River

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

Fate of the Coyote Valley Reservoir project on the Russian River will rest with Sonoma County's voters May 10 when they decide whether to authorize bonds for the county's share in building the \$20,000,000 federal government dam.

The Sonoma County Supervisors have called the special county-wide election to bring to a final test a water development project that has occupied official attention increasingly for more than 15 years.

On the ballot will be two propositions:

Proposition A, authorizing the sale of \$5,650,000 in general obligation bonds from which up to \$5,598,000 will be this county's partnership contribution to the federal government's capital costs of the dam.

Proposition B, authorizing the sale in successive blocks of an additional \$8,500,000 in general obligation bonds to finance self-liquidating county aqueducts to distribute released Coyote Valley water from the Russian River to the water users.

It was a solemn moment when the supervisors unanimously adopted the two long resolutions required to send the issues to the electors.

This is "one of the most substantial" proposals ever presented to the people of the county and one deserving the support of every far-thinking citizen of this county.

The multi-purpose dam will create a 122,000 acre-foot reservoir in Coyote Valley above Ukiah for flood control and water conservation.

Local interests, meaning Sonoma County and probably part of Mendocino County, will contribute \$5,598,000 toward the dam costs, this payment representing the water supply developed by the project for domestic, agricultural, industrial and recreational uses.

The federal government will carry the balance of the cost, some \$13 to \$14 million, as a flood control outlay.

The act of Congress that authorized the dam requires the "local interests" to have their share of the dam cost available in ready cash before the Army Engineers award construction contracts.

It is understood that a favorable vote on Proposition A, on May 10, will be followed by an immediate congressional appropriation to get construction under way. The federal money is provided in waiting legislation approved by the President's Budget Bureau.

Sonoma County officials, however, have made the Proposition A bond issue big enough to guarantee to the federal government that this county alone has the money available to get the partnership project under way, if necessary.

The \$52,000 over and above \$5,598,000 in Proposition A is for consultant and other technical costs incidental to the bond issue and sale.

Proposition A will be the key issue in the election and the dam project.

The supervisors' resolutions provide that they can sell the dam bonds if Proposition A carries even if the aqueduct bonds in Proposition B fail to carry.

Labor has worked exceedingly hard for this project. The supervisors obviously were greatly im-

pressed by the support of all AFL unions.

### WILLITS JOB UNDER WAY

It isn't very often, considering the nomadic nature of the engineers, that we get a chance to speak of a home town boy in his own area.

Bill Rolland, 38, superintendent of the Frederickson Brothers job eight miles north of Willits, was raised in Sebastopol, not too many miles from his present working site. He attended the Santa Rosa Junior College where he graduated in 1937. Two years of work in the mines of Idaho followed and then he returned to the University of California where in 1941 he graduated with a degree in mining engineering.

Uncle Sam beckoned on his graduation from U.C. in 1941 and Bill saw service in the South Pacific with, of course, the engineers. He was discharged in 1946 and rejoined his parents who by now had moved to Berkeley from Sebastopol. It was at this time that he went to work for Frederickson Bros. In 1949 he was raised to superintendent status where he has been ever since.

Archie Edmunds, who has a good many years of solid experience with the engineers and the same company, is Bill's assistant. Don Davis is the timekeeper and he is the man who can, at will, give you the statistics on the job. Bill recently added a new man, Fred Katarzi. Bill was asked if mining engineering wasn't a long shot from his present work. He said no. As a matter of fact, he added, it was closely allied since he was still working with geological formation, even if they were only on the surface.

Frederickson Bros. won the bid for realignment and resurfacing of 2.1 miles of U.S. 101 north of Willits with a low bid of \$578,000.

Bill reported the roadbed would be a cement treated base and would take an estimated 150 working days. He added that 12,000 tons of hot stuff would be poured and that would take 20 days.

We have working on the project Brothers Sol Cox, Robert E. Stritzel, Harley Jolliff, C. R. Carr, Charles Marshall and Herschel Wright on the dozers. On the Shovel Bro. Geo. J. Ernst, Oilers, Bros. Leo Beers, Gus Wallin, Robert Archibald, Truck Crane Operators Bros. Ken Doaks, Douglas Clements, Bros. Frank D. Elk, Robin Adair, Grade Setters, and Bro. Cecil Edward the Welder.

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TRAVIS AFB, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc. and Marrison-Knudsen, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$122,224.40 for const. of AAA tactical facilities.

MERCED, contract awarded to Concrete Supply Co., P. O. Box 778, Merced, \$57,971 for const. of runway and taxiway extension and additional runway and taxiway at Merced City Municipal Airport.

DIXON, contract awarded to Carvers Const. Co., 1119 Princeton Ave., Modesto, \$208,574 for const. West Dixon Elem. School.



# UTAH CO. GETS POE TUNNEL JOB

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

Utah Construction Co. has been awarded the contract to drive the 34,000 ft. Poe Tunnel for the P.G.&E. in Feather River Canyon. We will be meeting in the near future with officials of this company and will know more about the job by then. It is not known at this time, whether or not it will be a camp job. Stolte, Inc., is doing the best they can to get started on the Poe Bridge near the powerhouse site, but it is a rough deal all around. Bro. Bill Brown is on the cat and he states it is like a bucking bronco on those boulders.

Judson, Pacific & Murphy have finished the bridge at Bardee Bar and the P.G.&E. are putting on the decking now. Utah Construction Co. is going pretty good on the W.P. Tunnel lining job at Keddie, Calif. We look for the Halverson Co. to start their road job at Spring Garden any day now.

Brown & Hertel of Redding has a contract for one mile of grading and road mix and a steel plate girder bridge for \$197,039, near Grayeagle, Calif. They will be moving in any day now. Baun Const. Co. got started on their Highway 20 job between Colusa and Williams, a few days ago and will have the hot stuff rolling pretty soon. This company was low bidder on 0.16 mile of road work in the south of Colusa, for the Calif. Division of Highways. Brown-Ely Co. is doing very well on their paving job south of Yuba City on Highway 24. Bro. Barney Bell is paving foreman and doing a good job.

Baldwin Const. Co. have a few

small crews working around the area. Los Gatos Const. Co. is moving dirt near Olivehurst on 99-E. Raymond Concrete Pile Co. is doing the pile driving for the structural foundations.

H. Earl Parker Co. have quite a few rigs around the district on landleveling and a few rigs trying to get started on the levee of the Sacramento River. We hope to have some men over there pretty soon. Butte Creek Rock Co. keeps going very well around Chico, and Bros. Rudy Clay and Bill Gates take care of the oilfield work around Glen and Butte City.

Richter Bros. of Oroville have had a few men working near the Gridley-Oroville turn-off south of Oroville. New York Machine Shop still has a few men on the payroll but this has been one of their slowest winters. Kaiser Sand & Gravel doesn't have many changes around their plant. W. H. O'Hair & Co. is doing some crushing off Larken Road in Butte County. W. H. Darrough & Sons of Yuba City have had a few rigs on landleveling. L. L. Rice & Sons of Yuba City have quite a few men on the payroll on their crusher and the oilfield work in the district.

Bids are due May 4th for a small bridge job in Sutter County in the amount of \$75,000. That's for now... let's get the dirt flying.  
—LES COLLETT.

**INDUSTRIAL REPORT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS:**  
Monday, April 25, 1955, at the

Engineers Hall, 1010 Eye Street, Marysville, at the following times:

10 a.m. for the members employed at night.

7:30 p.m. for those members working days.

**NATOMAS COMPANY:**

Monday, May 2, 1955, at the Veterans Hall, Folsom, at the following times:

10 a.m. for those members unable to attend the night meeting.

7:30 p.m. for those members able to attend the night meeting.

(NOTE: If the negotiating committee is ready to report the above meeting will be a special called meeting, held jointly with the other two crafts, and you will be so notified by mail.)

**GLADDING, McBEAN COMPANY:**

Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Tuesday, May 3, 1955, in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln, at 4:15 p.m.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** As the next few membership meetings will probably be joint meetings with the Teamsters, look for the meeting announcements on the bulletin boards in the plant and at the office.

**CONCRETE PIPE COMPANIES:**

Monday, May 9, 1955, at 7:30 p.m., in the Teamsters Hall, 818 Wall Street, Chico.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** When the negotiating committee is ready to report, a special called meeting will be held of the membership in Chico.

**INDUSTRIAL REPORT**

Spring is in the air and the annual round of negotiations have started with the companies. While it is too early to predict the outcome, undoubtedly preliminary reports will be indicative of the attitude of our employers and also interesting, and it will be a good idea if you are in attendance at all the meetings of your unit.

By doing this you will be in a position to not only know what is going on, as full reports will be made to each meeting, but to also advise your representative on the many points that are sure to arise, and which may have a lasting effect upon you personally. Remember, it may be too late to object to some detail, especially if it becomes a part of a package, at a special called meeting to accept or reject, as the offer may be too appealing to the majority. Negotiations at this writing have progressed beyond the preliminary stages with the Natomas Co. and the next meeting, with the preliminaries out of the way, should see us getting close to the meat of the question. Negotiations also have started with the concrete pipe companies, but the position is still that of the early sparring stage. Negotiations very soon will start with the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields.

Before this reaches you, a special called joint meeting of all the members of both unions comprising the Lincoln Industrial Council and who are employed by the Gladding, McBean Co. will have been held on the question of opening the agreement and, as it will undoubtedly be voted to open the agreement, upon what to ask.

As the meetings, for the next few months at least, as we said in the meeting announcements, will probably be joint meetings at Lincoln, they will be announced in the plant and at the office in Lincoln. While we know how inconvenient it is to attend the meetings in Lincoln, with the transportation and other problems, yet here is an inconvenience that, if induced, can be profitable.

Employment at Gladding, McBean's plant in Lincoln is increasing, with the recall list exhausted and the company hiring in new men. The company seems very optimistic that this will continue as they tell us that according to all the portends, business will be much

# Construction Awards

Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK  
MARCH 4, 1955

**OAKLAND,** contract awarded to John F. Tulloch, 3428 Ettie St., Oakland, \$40,448 for building addn. and alt. at Carnation Dairy, in ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**HAWTHORNE, NEV.,** contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co. and Wendell Nelson, Fallon, Nev., \$135,604 for addition to Mineral County High School.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** contract awarded to Peter Sartorio, 262 Clementina St., S.F., \$189,182 for const. firehouse, Engine No. 11.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 232 Santa Marina Bldg., S.F., \$1,313,870 for const. wharf and connecting Piers 15 and 17, Port of S.F.

**WALNUT CREEK,** contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 66th Ave., Oakland, \$84,927 for const. sanit. sewers about 1 mi. south of Walnut creek, toward Danville, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**SAN MATEO,** contract awarded to W. H. May, P. O. Box 183, Belmont, \$440,239 for const. Parkside School in Parkside Tract at Eisenhower and Halsey Sts., and Fiesta Gardens School in Fiesta Gardens Tract at Sullivan St. and Bermuda Drive, San Mateo.

**MARE ISLAND,** contract awarded to Dalzell Rigging Co., 1505 52nd St., Emeryville, \$3,364 for relocating hydraulic buffers 70 ft. above the ground.

**FAIR OAKS,** contract awarded to Frederick Chapek, 605 Fremont Way, Sacramento, for Science addition to San Juan High School, \$108,000.

**HAYWARD,** contract awarded to Wallace Webb & Son, 1772 B St., Hayward, \$112,856 for additions to Sequoia Elem. School.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** contract awarded to Cahill Const. Co., 350 Sansome St., S.F., \$1,387,653 for const. office and warehouse bldg. for S&W Fine Foods, Inc., in S.F.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** contract awarded to P&Z Co., 120 S. Maple Ave., So. S.F., \$440 for test boring at Jackson-Commercial sewage pumping station.

**HAYWARD,** contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741 50th Ave., Oakland, for traffic signal system, hwy. lighting, and channelization at intersec. Rt. 5 and Harden Rd., \$63,988.30.

**MARCH 7, 1955**

**MENLO PARK,** contract awarded to Stevenson Pacific Co., 1135 Chestnut St., Redwood City, \$79,864 for const. Willow 7th and 8th grade school at Pipe and Elm Sts.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** contract awarded to Carrico Const. Co., 365 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$12,935 for site work on Potrero Annex.

**SARACENTO,** contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., 46 Louise St., San Rafael, for const. of office and warehouse bldg. for Union Oil Co.

**SUNNYVALE,** contract awarded to Nicholson Barnhart, 785 Walsh Ave., Santa Clara, \$639,633 for const. of mfg. and distrib. plant on Kifer Road.

**SAN JOSE,** contract awarded to N. A. Lamb, 23 El Caminito Ave., Campbell, \$69,742 for const. of a multi-purpose bldg. for Orchard Elem. School.

**HAYWARD,** contract awarded to C. A. Gossett & Sons, 10058 Madison Ave., Castro Valley, \$41-

better this year than last.

At this writing, the anticipated reduction at the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields, due to the imminent closing down of Dredge No. 15, has not materialized. Also the company has informed us the immediate effect may not be so great as vacations are being scheduled and some of the men who can expect to be laid off, will be needed as relief men.

The Natomas Company has sent a crew to Snelling to dismantle a dredge owned by the company there and this will supply some additional work, and if any of our members at Yuba are laid off, they should contact the office to see if a place can be arranged for them at Natomas. **Incidentally, it should be noted that since the Folsom Dam has neared completion, there are houses for rent in the Folsom area.**

—C. R. VAN WINKLE.

\$61 for additions to Independent School, Manter Ave. near Crow Canyon Rd.

**BEALE AFB,** contract awarded to Brown Ely Co., 7360 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, \$1,300 for grading and paving.

**NORTH HIGHLANDS,** contract awarded to Continental Const. Co., P. O. Box 2551, Sacramento, \$211,000 for unit No. 1 of McClellan Jr. High School.

**SUISUN,** contract awarded to San Francisco Bridge Co., 140 Montgomery St., S.F., \$15,680 for dredging mouth of Suisun Slough in Suisun Channel.

**REDDING,** contract awarded to M. W. Brown, Box 827, Redding, \$42,310.50 for grading and surfacing 1/2 mi. of road nr. Anderson.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** contract awarded to J. R. Armstrong, 5741 Central, El Cerrito, \$6,260 for removal of approx. 2,000 sq. yds. of existing damaged areas of asphalt conc. pavement and replace with new asphalt conc., S.F. Naval Shipyard.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** contract awarded to Associated Pipeline, Inc., P. O. Box 66, So. S.F., \$37,200 for const. of auxil. water supply system in Perry and Harrison Sts.

**SAN FRANCISCO,** contract awarded to H. E. Fahlmann Co., 1695 Jerrold Ave., S.F., \$84,761 for const. Francis I. Proctor office bulg. on Univ. of Calif. Medical Center campus.

**McCLELLAN AFB,** contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$414,375 for const. of runway extension.

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# WHEELS TURN IN REDWOODS

By A. R. McCAFFREY  
Business Representative

The wheels of progress are starting to roll in the Redwood Empire, weather permitting.

Mercer-Fraser Co., alias Ralph Brown, is starting out as usual—work all over the country. On March 24 they were awarded two concrete bridges and approaches north of Arcata. Their bid on this was \$370,982. On March 10 they were awarded a base surfacing job at Smith River, a \$569,000 project. On April 1 they were awarded the base and surfacing, also resurfacing the present highway between Eureka and Arcata, their bid being \$613,771. In the meantime they are working on various jobs around the area.

Valley Engineers, Inc., of Fresno, are getting started on their water project in Cutten, south of Eureka. Their bid was \$615,370.

Bechtel Corp. is getting rolling on the PG&E steam plant at Buhe Point. The following subcontractors are working on this project: C. C. Moore, Consolidated Steel, Foster Drayage Co., and Arthur B. Siri, Inc.

Macco M.K. Co., at Crescent City, also is getting ready to go. One dozer starting April 11.

J. Ira McNutt Co. of Springfield, Ore., has two dozers opening up on a job on Berry Summit. The firm's bid was \$459,092.

Humboldt Constructors also have two dozers working on their highway job at Berry Summit. John Delphia is also expected to move in on this job. It is a co-adventure.

John Burman & Sons are going full blast at Red Mountain Creek. Finally got the rip-rap situation under control.

F. Fredenburg of Temple City, Calif., was awarded a bridge on the Fort Dick Freeway, nine miles north of Crescent City. The bid was \$71,781.

John Peterson of Beatrice was awarded a bridge job at Weitchpec. His bid was \$11,585.

Arthur B. Siri, Inc., has considerable work at Hoopa—grading, surfacing, etc.

All of the local contractors are starting to get going; also the rock, sand and gravel companies are busy.

As usual, our out-of-work list has been large this winter and we still have a few men on it but the way it looks from here, we won't have it long.

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# Construction Awards

**MOFFETT FIELD**, contract awarded to Watson Bros., 12298 Bellomo, Sunnyvale, \$17,024 for earthwork, paving, sanit. sewer const. and plumbing work at Moffett Homes Housing Project, Naval Air Station.

**PORTERVILLE**, contract awarded to R. Pedersen & Sons, 446 Clark, Fresno, \$176,629 for const. of library and occupational therapy bldg. and firehouse at Porterville State Hospital.

**STOCKTON**, contract awarded to D. A. Parrish & Sons, Inc., 3128 E. Miner Ave., Stockton, \$34,700 for partial water, gas and sewer system, manholes, etc., at 2nd Dist. Agricultural Assn.

**MARCH 8, 1955**

**STOCKTON**, contract awarded to S. M. McGaw Co., 307 Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$76,438 for reconstruction Jack Tone Road betw. Linden Rd. and Copperopolis Rd., SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, 2832 9th St., Berkeley, \$32,019 for const. of factory bldg. on 49th Ave.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Malott & Peterson-Grundy, 2412 Harrison St., S. F., \$5,277 for resurfacing 7 tennis courts and 1 basketball court at various parks and squares, S. F.

**SALINAS**, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles, P. O. Box 435, Avenal, \$24,191 for const. of water system at Rodeo Grounds, Salinas.

**UKIAH**, contract awarded to Kilburn Deal, Rt. 1, Box 68-F, Ukiah, \$40,000 for const. of hardware store and warehouse at Oak and Standley.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Carrico Const. Co., 365 Ocean Ave., S. F., \$12,935 for site improvement at Potrero Terrace Annex involving const. of walks, curbs, fences, and railing.

**MILPITAS**, contract awarded to Camping Const. Co., 904 54th Ave., Oakland, \$70,000 for const. of conc. two-story auto transport bldg.

Near **EUREKA**, contract awarded to B&R Const. Co., 110 Market St., S. F., \$54,500 for additions to Cutten Slem. School.

**COALINGA**, contract awarded to Remco Const. Co., P. O. Box 1679, Avenal, \$42,690 for const. of an approx. 800,000-gallon concrete reservoir with either concrete or wooden roof, approx. 70 ft. by 197 ft. over all, for City of Coalinga.

**TRACY**, contract awarded to M. J. Weitz, 1521 Bessie Ave., Tracy, building work; and Ralph E. Manna Co., 2365 Lombard, S. F., mechanical work; \$100,000 for const. of addn. to Tracy Ice & Development Co.

**OAKDALE**, contract awarded to Watkin & Sibbald, 6 Bridge St., San Anselmo, \$27,942 for ground improvements to National Guard Army.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Harold T. Treacy, 41 Santa Ana Ave., S. F., \$7,349 for laying 6-in. water line in Chestnut St. betw. Fillmore and Laguna Sts.

**SAN JOSE**, contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., Rt. 1, Box 800, San Jose, \$29,920 for const. of Julian, Cinnebar, Keeble Sts., betw. Stockton St. and The Alameda, in City of San Jose.

**MARCH 9, 1955**

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Peter O. Mattei, Pier 7, Foot of Broadway, S. F., \$36,000 for remodeling Pan Amer. World Airways ticket office on Maiden Lane, which includes some structural steel.

**STOCKTON**, contract awarded to Modern Engr. & Const., 1128 N. Union, Stockton, \$38,498 for const. of residence.

**SAN ANSELMO**, contract awarded to V. Maggiora, 7 Harrison Ave., Sausalito, \$2,456 for construction of foot bridge and sanit. sewer over San Anselmo Creek in Lincoln Park, MARIN COUNTY.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Ave., S. F., \$14,854 for replacing Haight St. sewer between Divisadero and Scott Sts.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Los Gatos Const. Co., P. O. Box 111, Los Gatos, \$28,474 for 0.3 mi. of grading and surfacing with double seal coat, removing existing bridge and const. of new cul-

## COPY OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES—INCOME AND EXPENSES—REPORT FILED WITH SECRETARY OF LABOR

Letter of Compliance issued by Department of Labor, February 7, 1955

### International Union of Operating Engineers 1004 K ST. N.W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

CALENDAR YEAR: January 1—December 31

#### International Union of Operating Engineers—FUNDS BALANCE SHEET— As at December 31, 1954

ASSETS	GENERAL FUND	DEFENSE FUND	DEATH BENEFIT FUND	BUILDING FUND	TOTAL
CASH ON HAND	\$ 1,100.00				\$ 1,100.00
CASH IN BANK:					
Checking Accounts	2,981,122.95	645,629.58	779,497.50	35,535.23	4,982,803.12
Savings Accounts	555.03	875,351.53			1,000,000.00
DEPOSITS	10,905.07				10,905.07
INTEREST RECEIVABLE—SAVINGS ACCOUNT	1,718.75				1,718.75
MATURED BOND INTEREST COUPONS		625.00			625.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:					
Local Unions	3,213.39	3,401.69	104.62		6,719.70
Advertising	223.15				223.15
LOAN TO RAILWAY LABOR'S POLITICAL LEAGUE FOR EDUCATIONAL FUND		25,000.00			25,000.00
LOAN TO CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION		10,000.00			10,000.00
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT BONDS	2,303,444.00	3,399,891.38	3,035,135.07		8,738,466.45
CAPITAL STOCKS	150.00		5,000.00		5,150.00
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES—LESS DEPRECIATION	67,684.56				67,684.56
PREPAID EXPENSES	27,356.40				27,356.40
PAYMENTS ON BUILDING SITE—NET	472,916.49	255,000.00			727,916.49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,499,363.65</b>	<b>\$5,214,897.16</b>	<b>\$4,785,465.49</b>	<b>\$35,535.23</b>	<b>\$16,515,261.53</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:					
Printing and Sundry	\$ 15,950.79	\$ 7,525.00			\$ 23,475.79
ACCRUED TAXES	5,693.25				5,693.25
EMPLOYEES' CONTRIBUTIONS DUE TO PENSION FUND FOR DECEMBER	560.01	337.50			897.51
I.U.O.E. CONTRIBUTION DUE TO PENSION FUND FOR DECEMBER	10,467.15	4,320.84			14,787.99
ESTIMATED UNPAID DEATH CLAIMS			3,650.00		3,650.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$22,681.20</b>	<b>\$12,183.34</b>	<b>\$3,650.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$38,514.54</b>
<b>NET WORTH DECEMBER 31, 1954</b>	<b>\$6,466,682.45</b>	<b>\$5,202,713.82</b>	<b>\$4,761,815.49</b>	<b>\$35,535.23</b>	<b>\$16,466,746.99</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,499,363.65</b>	<b>\$5,214,897.16</b>	<b>\$4,785,465.49</b>	<b>\$35,535.23</b>	<b>\$16,515,261.53</b>

#### International Union of Operating Engineers — FUNDS OPERATING STATEMENT— Year 1954

	GENERAL FUND	DEFENSE FUND	DEATH BENEFIT FUND	TOTAL
<b>INCOME:</b>				
Local Unions	\$2,004,026.92	\$755,103.65	\$718,230.25	\$3,477,350.82
Interest and Dividends	101,655.25	99,763.80	94,312.46	295,731.51
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,105,682.17</b>	<b>\$854,867.45</b>	<b>\$812,532.71</b>	<b>\$3,773,082.33</b>
<b>EXPENSE:</b>				
Organizing Salaries and Expense, Conventions, etc.	\$ 752,599.30	\$242,385.68	\$ 3,092.00	\$ 994,984.98
Office Expense, Printing, Rent, Office Salaries, etc.	201,328.70	21,897.07		223,225.77
Dues Books and Supplies	48,321.02			48,321.02
Taxes	7,543.78	711.18		8,254.96
Affiliations Per Capita Tax	117,318.00			117,318.00
Pension Fund	120,827.76	50,518.87		171,346.63
Death Benefits			442,590.00	442,590.00
Strike Benefits		9,570.00		9,570.00
Journal—Publishing and Mailing	180,068.01			180,068.01
Legal and Accounting	4,440.00	43,636.31	1,800.00	49,876.31
Dues Refunded			1,613.50	1,613.50
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,432,446.57</b>	<b>\$368,719.11</b>	<b>\$449,095.50</b>	<b>\$2,250,261.18</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 673,235.60</b>	<b>\$486,148.34</b>	<b>\$363,437.21</b>	<b>\$1,522,821.15</b>

vert at Hester Creek, 5 mi. north of Soquel on Old San Jose Rd., in SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

**CASTRO VALLEY**, contract awarded to Ralph Larsen & Son, 64 South Park, S. F., \$111,652 for const. Vannoy Elem. School.

**COLMA**, contract awarded to Landes Const. Co., Brewster Warren Bldg., Redwood City, \$45,000 mfg. plant.

**THERMALITO**, contract awarded to Henning & Son, Stockton, \$146,600 for const. Nelson Ave. School.

**MODESTO**, contract awarded to Harris Const. Co., P. O. Box 109, Fresno, \$329,500 for additions to Thomas Downey High School.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Guth & Schmidt, 2821 S St., Sacramento, \$94,736 for additions to Earl Warren Elem. School.

**SANTA CRUZ**, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$3,533 for const. of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and center strip, Beach St. extension between Pacific Ave. and West Cliff Drive.

**EXETER**, contract awarded to Consolidated Western Steel Division for const. steel water tank, \$13,786.

**MATHER AFB**, contract awarded to Brighton Sand & Gravel Co., P. O. Box 1, Perkins, \$44,703 for preparing of A/C parking apron and A/C taxiway and apply seal coat.

**CASTRO VALLEY**, contract awarded to B&R Const. Co., 110 Market St., S. F., \$459,040 for construction Center Street School.

**GUSTINE**, contract awarded to George Reed Co., 529 Covina Ave., Modesto, \$9,865 for const. of tennis courts at High School.

**CROWS LANDING**, contract awarded to Jesse Wagoner, Rt. 5, Box 634, Modesto, \$25,742 for construction of gunite constructed swimming pool and bath house.

**TRAVIS AFB**, contract awarded to Protective Coating Engineers, Buena Park, \$15,562 for aircraft parking apron sealing.

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# ENGINEERS IN ACTION AT SAN FRANCISCO

By PAUL EDGECOMBE and PAT CLANCY, Business Representatives

This is the time of year when the Operating Engineer begins to stir and stomp and is raring to go. He is inquiring as to location, facilities and hours on various jobs. We enjoy the situation when there is work enough in the jurisdiction of Local No. 3 so that we can suggest and help place competent engineers on the many types of heavy construction equipment that will be in operation throughout the area this coming season.

In the San Francisco area the freeway projects and building construction that were in progress have kept many members busy for the past month. With the proposed work that has been awarded, more men will be employed on these jobs as soon as they get under way.

On portions of the freeway, Ed Keeble has moved his DW-10s and cats back on the Candlestick Point section, having recently finished the grading job at Rollingswood subdivision.

A two-shift operation is going on at Guy F. Atkinson's Brisbane pit with the 150-B and 88-B shovels keeping a steady stream of trucks rolling to the big water fill section.

Chas. Harney has several pieces of equipment cutting ramps at the vicinity of Third and Bayshore junction. Recently the section from Alemany to Third Street was opened for traffic, and is quite a relief to this particular bottleneck.

Eaton & Smith are busy on the elevated roadways and connecting links of the Bay Bridge and South Freeway.

Morrison & Knudsen and MacDonald, Young & Nelson have moved a rig in, doing the preliminary work on their big \$5,216,162 Embarcadero Freeway. This is just a starter on this multi-level traffic structure.

John Delphia was the low bidder for the water fill gap between Atkinson's and Keeble's sections. This material will be taken from the hillside near the garbage dump.

Several building construction jobs are now in progress, with a few more in the making. In addition to the Dinwiddie Equitable Life Insurance Building, they are building a new three-story building for the Salvation Army on Geary Street and also remodeling and adding three more floors onto the Emporium store, Mission St. entrance.

J. H. Pomeroy Co. continues to make progress on the American Can Co. block-square building.

Other operations in the construction industry remain stable at the present time.

As of April 1, Bro. Harry Metz assumed the duties of representative in the San Francisco area, north of Mission Street, with the transfer of Bro. Paul Edgcombe to the new branch office in San Mateo.

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## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Plant Bros. Corp., 1168 Battery St., S. F., \$30,000 for additions to John Finn Metal Works which includes some structural steel.

MARCH 10, 1955

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., 859 S. Maine St., Fallon, \$312,817 for const. of portion of PHS, US 50, SR 2A, betw. 7 mi. NE of Carson City and 2.5 mi. NE of Dayton, LYON COUNTY, approx. 6.073 miles.

SKAGGS ISLAND, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 4th St., Berkeley, \$15,759 for resurfacing and paving existing roads and new roads at Naval Radio Station, Skaggs Island.

PALO ALTO, contract awarded to O. C. Holmes, P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$67,921 for const. 91 ft. steel deck girder bridge with concrete deck across San Francisco Creek on boundary line between Stanford campus and City of Palo Alto.

TRACY, contract awarded to Dryden Const. Co., P.O. Box 536, Stockton, \$35,900 for additions to Tracy Senior Elem. School.

## Field Survey Notes—

# SURVEY MEN IN NEW PACT

By AL BOARDMAN

Agreement has been reached with the Pacific Manufacturing Co. of Santa Clara and San Francisco on an agreement covering the Mill Draftsmen of the Santa Clara plant. Terms of the new agreement call for a two-year term with a wage opening January 1, 1956. A new overtime clause which reads as follows: "All work performed in excess of eight (8) hours per day, Monday through Friday, shall be paid for at the rate of one and one-half times the regular rate of pay for the first two (2) hours, and at the rate of two (2) times the regular rate of pay thereafter. All work performed on Saturdays, Sundays and the holidays hereinafter defined, shall be paid for at two (2) times the regular rate of pay."

An increase of \$15 per month for all classifications, bringing the scale up to the following rates:

Apprentice Draftsmen—	
First six months	\$241.00
Second six months	259.00
Third six months	278.00
Fourth six months	295.00
Fifth six months	313.00
Sixth six months	331.00
Seventh six months	349.00
Eighth six months	367.00
Ninth six months	385.00
Tenth six months	405.00
Mill Draftsman, Journeyman—	
First year	424.00
Second year	442.00
Third year	460.00
Senior Mill Draftsman	479.00
Assistant Chief Mill Draftsman	521.00
Tag Writer—	
First six months	248.00
Second six months	262.00
Thereafter	280.00
Blue Print Operator	235.00

Next meeting of Technical Engineers will be held on Friday, April 22, at 8 p.m., at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco.

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## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to O. E. Anderson, 1075 N. 10th, San Jose, \$934,920 for const. of first unit of new Sunnyvale High School.

CASTLE AFB, contract awarded to Precision Drilling Co., P.O. Box 693, Santa Rosa, \$4,120 for drilling, casing, plugging, developing and testing pumping 2 deep wells for Ordnance Storage Area.

COALINGA, contract awarded to Remco Const. Co., P.O. Box 1679, Avenal, \$72,800 for locker room addition to Coalinga Union High School.

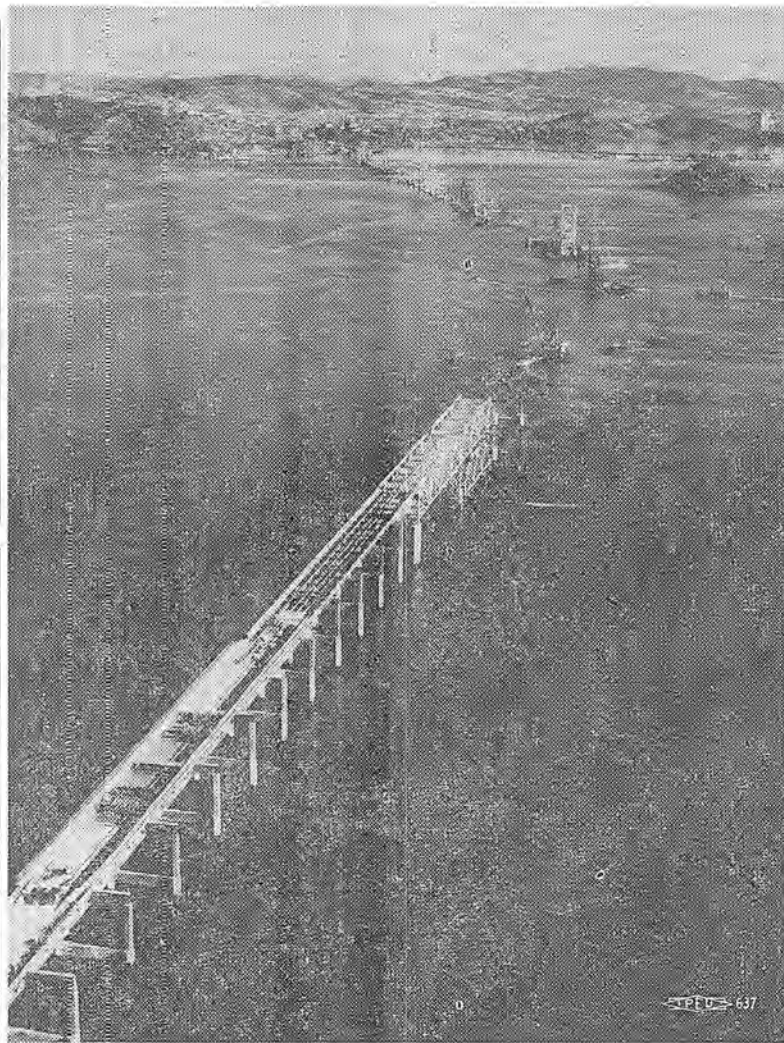
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SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Associated Engineers Inc., 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$12,564 for additional site development at S.F. State College.

HAPPY CAMP, contract awarded to Bos Const. Co., 1035 Grayson St., Berkeley, \$25,783 for redecking bridge cross Indian Creek, in SISKIYOU COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., P.O. Box 1349, Fresno, \$262,713 for 1.5 mi. of grading and plantmix surface on cem. tr. base on Abby St., surface, etc. on Blackstone Ave., and RC bridge betw. Divisadero St. and Hedges Ave., Fresno.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$20,624 for const. of culverts and resurfacing Central Ave. betw. Cottage and Sherman



More than 50,000 tons of steel and 14,000 yards of concrete are going into the \$70 million Northbay bridge between Richmond and San Rafael, which is moving ahead rapidly. This fine picture of latest progress was taken by Jim Jennings, Oakland dispatcher of Operating Engineers Local 3.

# 50,000 Tons of Steel on Big North Bay Bridge Project

The Richmond-San Rafael Bridge presently being erected on San Francisco Bay is one of the largest bridges under construction in the world today.

The contract for the superstructure of this bridge was awarded to the joint venture composed of the Judson Pacific-Murphy Corp., Emeryville; Peter Kiewit Sons Co., Omaha; Stolte, Inc., Oakland, and Fred J. Early Co., San Francisco. This contract consists of fabricating and erecting 36 100-foot girder spans, 36 289-foot truss spans, and two cantilever spans with main span clearance of 1,070 feet. The necessary reinforcing steel and concrete for one deck of the bridge is also included in the superstructure contract.

The contract calls for erection of some 50,000 tons of structural steel, pouring of some 14,000 yards of concrete, and placing of some 1,400 tons of reinforcing steel. At the present time there are about 200 men on the job who are affiliated with either Ironworkers Local Union 378, of Oakland, or with Operating Engineers Local 3, Oakland. These unions are represented by approximately 170 ironworkers and 25 operating engineers.

The main steel is erected on the 289-foot spans by use of a twin boom traveller. Each boom has a capacity of 35 tons, and the entire rig was manufactured by American Hoist and Derrick Co. Operators on this rig are Jack Reasor and Tommy Thompson.

The erection travellers for the cantilever spans have not been set up at this writing. Present plans call for them to be erected within the next two weeks. They are 55-ton capacity stiff-leg travellers, also from American Hoist and Derrick Co. Stringer side-walks on the job are placed by two separate crews—each employing a Lorain Moto-Crane. The two "short" men in the business, "Shorty" German and "Shorty" Bennett are operator and oiler, respectively, on the first rig, and "veteran" Ed Saucers and M. Elfin Best are operator and oiler on the second rig. Truck cranes are used in the yard to yard out and store the steel. The two major rigs employed are 30-ton capacity Lorain Moto-Cranes, which are operated by Herb Weaver and Arnold Butterfield, with Dan Kiser and W. Rowe oiling. These men handle a tremendous amount of tonnage in an eight-hour day.

Our two ace mechanics, who do a great job of keeping all of these pieces of equipment running, are

a couple of oldtimers with the contractor, Frank Veronda and Carl Strader.

The compressors on the job are manned by O. L. Dean, Arthur Stout and A. Hightower.

Project Manager Francis J. Murphy thanks Local 3 for the assistance it has given them on construction of the bridge. The members of Local 3 who have been employed on this job have enjoyed excellent working relations with the Judson Pacific-Murphy Corp., which has proven to be very cordial at all times with Operating Engineers Union No. 3.

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## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

HICKAM AFB, OAHU, contract awarded to Hawaiian Dredging Co., 1350 Ala Moana, Honolulu, \$595,100 for rehab. of airmen's dormitory Bldg. 51.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded to Morris Daley, 1350 Howard Ave., Burlingame, \$27,118 for store bldg. on Broadway betw. Main and Jefferson.

TALMAGE, contract awarded to Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick, 274 Brannan St., S. F., \$315,920 for alterations to unit No. 2, complete facilities in unit No. 4 at receiving and treatment bldg., Mendocino State Hospital.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Williams & Burrows, 5000 Harbor Drive, Belmont, for addition to Fireside Dial Bldg.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to A. J. Peters & Sons, P.O. Box 632, San Jose, \$56,399 for extending storm drain facilities at U.S. Naval Postgrad. School.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Edwin J. Mackey, 720 Home Ave., Sacramento, \$422,388 for const. admin. bldg. at Sacramento Municipal Airport.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to F. V. Hampshire, P.O. Box 448, Salinas, \$88,743 for const. of Armory for California Natl. Guard, Monterey.

WATSONVILLE, contract awarded to George W. Davis, 506 Center St., Watsonville, \$177,600 for const. of two schools, T. S. MacQuiddy Elem. School and the Thornley School.

CLARKSBURG, contract awarded to Clark Bros., Clarksburg, \$2,346 for drilling well and installing pump at Clarksburg Union High School.

# JOBS SLOW ON PENINSULA

By CHET ELLIOTT  
Business Representative

Work is slow in San Mateo area for this time of year.

Although many engineers are employed in San Mateo County at this time, we still have a large out-of-work list which seems to slowly get smaller. However, three large real estate development projects are due to begin operations in the near future.

The Joseph Brady Co. of Redwood City will begin operations on three real estate development projects during the next 30 days which will involve the moving of over three million yards of dirt.

Foremen Bros. Archibald and Eitner, with a large crew of Cat and rubber-tired operators, are happily engaged in moving 500,000 yards of dirt for the purpose of real estate development on Alameda De Las Pulgas at San Carlos. Operating the Cats at this location are Bros. Hutchinson, Sanders, McKinsey, Turner Smith, Spaulding, Gausberger, Young, Ford, Tobacco and Hague. On the rubber-tire rigs we have Bros. Floyd Farwell, Ed Farwell, Renwick, Jacobson, Thomas, Johnson and Vicori. Bro. Don Baldwin is the heavy duty mechanic on the job. J. O. Archibald, the contractor on this project, also has a large job ready to start across the bay and is buying more new Cats and other equipment for the job. Bros. Eitner and Archibald, the supervisors of this project, highly commend their crew. They claim they have the best group of engineers ever assembled under one roof.

Although, as stated earlier in this report, work is slow at present, there are many new projects planned for the coming season and it is the opinion of the contractors in the area that this will be the busiest year to date.

The San Mateo office of Local 3 is happy to announce that we have moved to larger quarters. We are in the same building, upstairs, which is much better. We feel that we will be able to give the members better service at the new location which is 703 B Street, Room 210.

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## Public Schools Week, April 24th to 30th

(Continued from Page One)  
important formative years. That behind that stern disciplinarian who stood over our shoulder at our desk or at our side at the blackboard, there was true kindness and a devotion to an ideal. That ideal was that only enlightened men and women can make a democracy work.

Yes, the public school teacher in her importance in the scheme of things takes her place along with the stars and stripes in Old Glory. And perhaps it is a sad commentary on our times that today there is an increasing shortage in the required number of these consecrated citizens. The drift away from the teaching profession is even more alarming to students of this problem than even the shortage in classrooms.

But there is an answer to this problem and each of us can find it only by going back to school. Yes, even if for only a day. The 36th annual Public Schools Week gives each of us that opportunity. The answer will be found in knowing what the schools are doing, what the problems of teachers and students are today, and translating that answer into public opinion. Where public opinion is based on knowledge of the facts any need can be met.

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## Ask Trinity Project

A total of 21 California state senators on April 13 signed as co-authors of a resolution requesting Congress to approve the Trinity River-San Luis Reservoir Project to be linked in with the CVP and the Feather River Project.

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## SERVICE WITHDRAWALS

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