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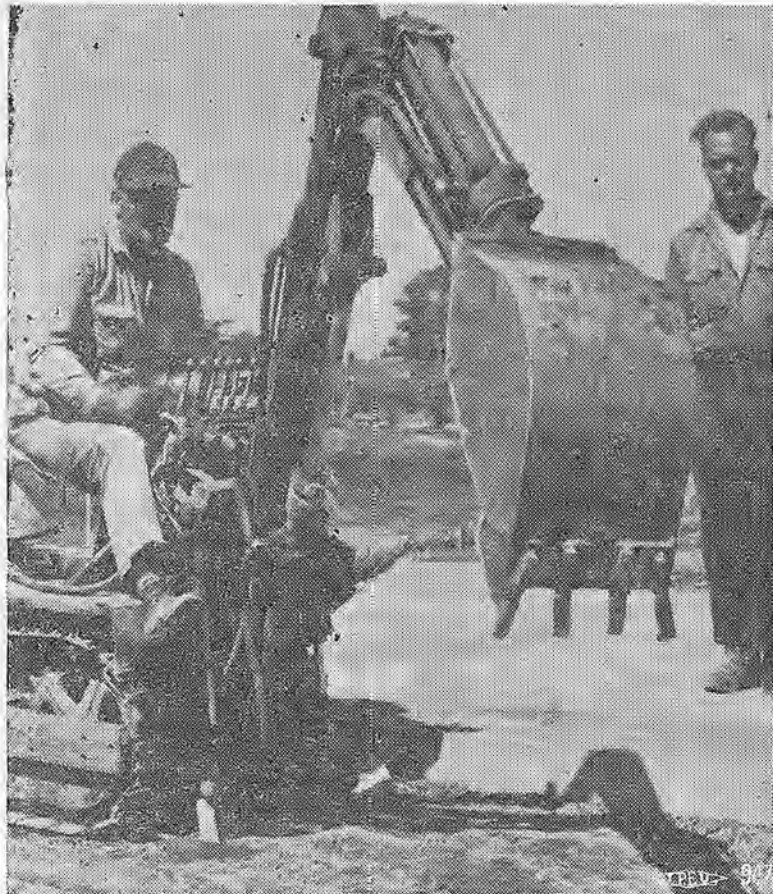
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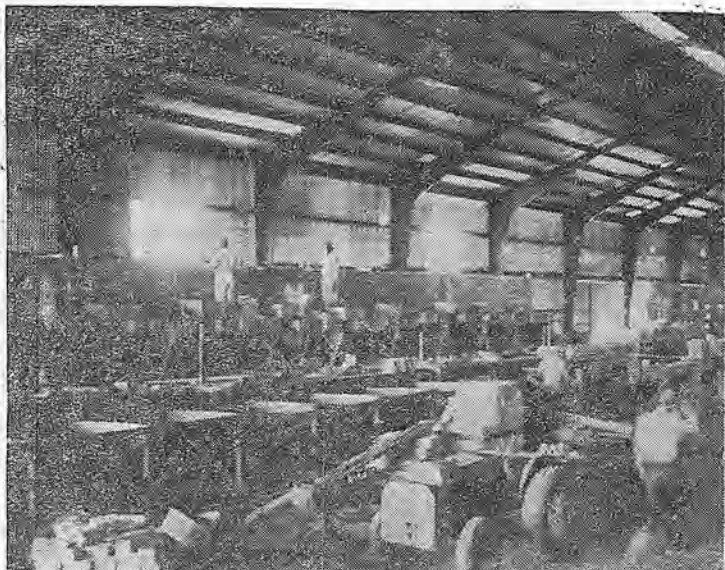
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SMALL BUT TOUGH—That's what they say about this "Agrihoe," being used at Palma Ceia Village Tract in Hayward. Bro. Cliff Brown, is the proud owner and operator, and at right is Bro. Al Wilson, oiler. Operating Engineers operate them big and small.



ON THE LONE PRAIRIE—Local 3 cowboys have a long pull on the vast open stretches under the big blue in Nevada. This shows Bros. Ray Walmsley, Gene Akins, and Mick Whalen building road at Gerlach with the new Euclid pulls bought by Dodge Const. Co. of Fallon, Nev.



NORTH VALLEY TUNNEL KILN—Work is nearly completed on the 420-foot tunnel kiln at the Gladding, McBean plant at Lincoln, said to be the world's largest and providing about 40 new jobs. (Picture, courtesy, Cliff Howard, asst. personnel mgr., and the Lincoln News-Messenger.)

Record Job Season is Now Underway in the West

The biggest season in the history of the West's far-flung construction industry is grinding its gears into full speed on a program that will alter the face of the Western Slope from the Rockies to the Pacific.

It is the story of man serving the needs of man, as fleets of earth-moving and construction equipment move out to do battle with natural obstacles and create fine new freeways, skyscraper buildings, vast coveys of homes, and vital water, power and public service projects.

Local 3 branch offices throughout the three-state jurisdiction report a quick start on the seasonal workload, following one of the worst winters on record.

WETTEST TO DRIEST

Going from one extreme to the other, the western regions suffered its wettest winter in 50 years and then turned about to experience the driest March in 107 years. The dryness, however, was badly needed and warmly welcomed by the construction industry.

It permitted widespread work on repair of damage in the \$500 million flood in Northern California and Nevada. With a lot of this extra work getting cleaned up, it enabled the industry to give some thought and energy to its normal work load, which in itself is heavier than ever this year.

Flood aftermath will go on all year for several years to come. The California Legislature, in its March special session, took big steps toward start of several vital water, power, and flood control projects. A fairly well integrated water conservation program, long delayed and long needed, is now shaping up as a result, and along with it will come new and badly-needed protection against floods such as last January's disaster, which killed more than 100 persons and did inestimable damage.

Operating Engineers, therefore, are a busy lot these days, and there are few men on the out-of-work list. The demand for men is growing every day and will no doubt soon hit a peak that will carry through the summer months.

A look at this month's business agent reports gives a good picture of the size and extent of the current construction program. Following is a digest of these reports:

Utah: It's Springtime in the Rockies, with a heavy season ahead. Highways, industry, mining activity, and homes.

San Francisco: Work in the metropolis was never better. Freeways, buildings, homes.

San Jose: A record year lies ahead. The industrial boom continues. Latest item: a huge GM

assembly plant at Sunnyvale, to start soon.

Sacramento: Clearing up the flood damage so as to get into a sizeable work program. New industry projects, many homes.

Fresno: Season off to a good start. Power and water jobs, industry, highways, homes.

Oakland: A total of 995 clearances in March. Eastbay undergoing a vast face-lifting program—doubledeck freeways, downtown skyscrapers, new home areas, industry.

Stockton: Big load at present on Tri-Dam project in the mountains to the east, homes, highways.

Nevada: Best year ever now at hand: highway improvements, new homes, mining expansion, new water, power, hotel projects.

Hawaii: Airport and housing expansion.

Marysville: Another \$32 million power tunnel project of PG&E to add to the extensive program now underway in this area.

San Mateo: Home and industry expansion are at an all-time high. Filling in the Bay to make room.

Northbay: Excellent year ahead.

Redding: First major contract awarded on the huge Trinity Dam project, a diversion tunnel. Stolte starting on Corning canal. Welcome, blue skies.

Ukiah: Tapping geysers for a new source of power.

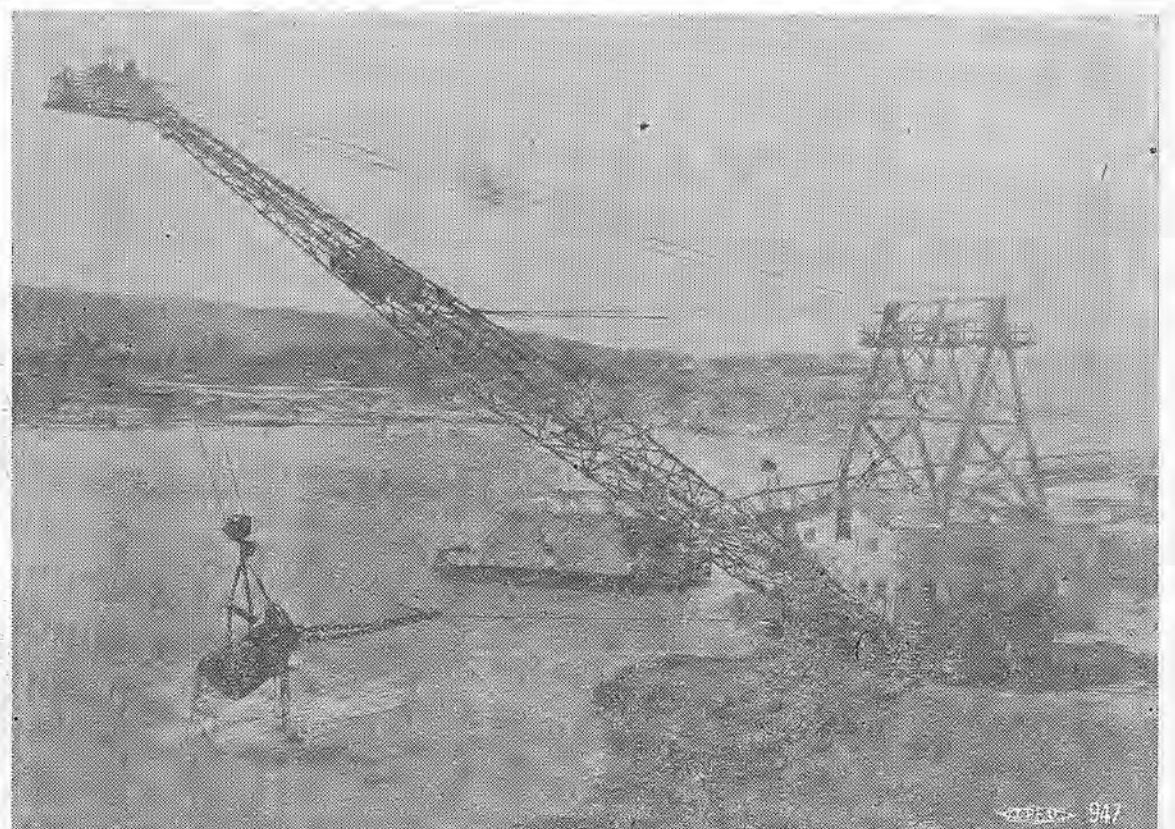
Eureka: It's Springtime in the Redwoods, with flood repair and a big outlay on expansion now underway.

Service Withdrawals

THEODORE L. DRESSER
HERBERT M. RUTH
JOHNNY SHAFFER

IN MEMORIAM

CECIL RAY SEARCH
March 14, 1956, Seaside, Calif.
L. A. WOOD
March 15, 1956, Sacramento, Calif.
JAMES H. WILSON
March 21, 1956, Springville, Utah
E. M. KRESS
March 21, 1956, Firebaugh, Calif.
F. D. BIRD
March 22, 1956, Petaluma, Calif.
ALBERT L. REESE
March 23, 1956, Sacramento, Calif.
JACOB BEYER
March 29, 1956, Oakdale, Calif.
PETER L. JOHNSON
April 2, 1956, Eugene, Oregon
PERCY C. FLETCHER
April 3, 1956, Eureka, Calif.
WILLIAM J. POMEROY
April 6, 1956, Ukiah, Calif.
W. E. KARSTEDT
April 9, 1956, San Jose, Calif.
CLIFFORD MELTON
April 11, 1956, Lakewood, Calif.
BAKER CLEVELAND
April 12, 1956, Palo Alto, Calif.



GROWING MATERIALS—That's what this giant 10-yard capacity Monighan is extracting from Mother Earth at the big Kaiser Radium plant in Pleasanton. A large percentage of the aggregates for the north-state's huge construction program come out of the large plants in the eastbay foothills. This Monighan

furnishes all material to the plant on both the swing and graveyard shifts. Bro. Bob Albertini, operator, and Wesley Lane, oiler, are on swing, and Donald Streitz, operator, and Frank Armondo, oiler, are on graveyard.

LOOK FOR THE UNION LABEL

IT'S YOUR GUARANTEE OF GOOD WORKMANSHIP!



"Man's indignity to man" is the way Chm. Jack Barbour, left, of San Mateo County Building Trades Sanitation Committee, describes unsanitary facilities which he says exist on 90 per cent of area construction jobs. This view shows unionists looking over a

neat, trim, and sanitary facility on a Milbrae job. Left to right: Barbour, Carpenter Arthur Houck of Local 848, San Bruno, and Bldg. Trades Pres. Henry P. "Hank" Schwab.

JOB SANITATION—TRADES GOAL

Here's How One Council Is Tackling the Problem

It is no secret that building tradesmen in San Mateo county and in most sections of California have long suffered under inadequate, unsheltered and often downright dirty sanitary conditions on the job.

These unsavory conditions have long plagued California tradesmen, but unlike the situation elsewhere, there has been a change in San Mateo County down the San Francisco Peninsula. Building trades officials are taking action.

They feel so strongly concerning the need for improvement they risk a bit of ribbing and the threat of being labeled "Chick Sales Agents."

HEARD COMPLAINTS

It all came about in January after Henry P. "Hank" Schwab, San Mateo County Building Trades Council president, quietly made a few notes on his routine job tours. He had heard complaints from members of several crafts and specifically from Jack F. Barbour, business agent of the Bay District Council of Carpenters of Local No. 3111, San Carlos.

Schwab decided that just because the conditions "have always" existed on some jobs there is no reason why they have to go on forever. He took action at the next council meeting.

Following the old army (and labor) custom of giving the job to the person who makes a suggestion, President Schwab appointed Barbour as chairman of a sanitation committee. Serving with Barbour are Phil Thorpe, business representative of Laborers Local No. 389, and Sam Abruscato, business manager of Plumbers Local No. 467.

Naturally, a complete investigation in an area as large as booming San Mateo County with its population of 250,000 was not feasible. A series of efficient spot checks were made on dozens of jobs.

The results? After a few days of "privy detail," Chairman Barbour literally ran out of adjectives. He says sanitary conditions on many jobs are, among other things, "unsightly, disgraceful, poorly built,

and, even now, with hot weather some months off, stinking."

It is the opinion of the committee that not more than 10 per cent of on-the-job sanitary facilities in San Mateo county today fully comply with existing city, county and state laws. Furthermore, Chairman Barbour adds that from his experience with building tradesmen who have worked in other sections of the state the same conditions exist throughout California.

NEED INSPECTORS

With the logical thought that while building tradesmen suffer sanitation indignities, factory workers generally have good conditions, the committee conferred with the San Mateo county building inspector's office and health department. Officials reportedly agreed conditions were "bad" but made the plea of a manpower shortage to more thoroughly enforce laws.

Chairman Barbour says: "If the PTA and other groups who originally backed sanitary legislation largely due to health hazards to playing children and homes nearby construction sites were aware of present conditions there would be a great outcry. Because we have laws the public assumes they are being fully enforced."

Committeemen stress that they are not recommending any certain type of sanitary facility. They say they have faith in the good judgment of contractors and builders to erect clean, comfortable structures once employers learn the campaign to eradicate "smelly eyesores" is underway. They also point out that state legislation is specific as to recommended types of privies.

LEGISLATION

Barbour's committee also stresses they are not asking for any radical or unprecedented innovations, pointing out state laws are clear on the subject. For example, Section 5416 of the amended health and welfare code reads:

(a) . . . "There shall not be less than one water closet for each 20 employees or a fraction part thereof working at a construction site. (b) The water closets shall con-

sist of a patented chemical type privy, or pit privy; provided, however, that a pit privy shall consist of a pit at least four feet deep with a well constructed shelter, the openings of which shall be fly-proofed, and with respect to which adequate sanitary and safe flooring shall be provided.

"With the approval of the local health officer other types of toilet facilities or modifications of those specified may be allowed."

The need for adequate sanitary facilities on the job is further recognized in the official foreman's manual issued by the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, 200 Guerrero Street, San Francisco. In listing three major matters that foremen must see to, the manual lists as Number 1, "Safety and sanitary measures on the job."

WILL GET COMPLIANCE

In the matter of securing better conditions, President Schwab emphatically states:

"There is no good reason why the 20,000 tradesmen of San Mateo County should have to tolerate this any longer. We are determined to carry out the wishes of our membership to bring about cleanliness.

"Any labor official, like any other citizen, can always register a complaint with the district attorney. However, we don't intend to penalize men by causing them to lose time on a job. We don't wish to harass contractors.

"Our avowed intention is simple: We positively are going to see that laws as they apply to construction site sanitation, including adequate drinking water, are complied with."

The committee invites the labor and daily press in other areas to cooperate. Further information may be secured from the chairman, Jack Barbour, Bay District Council of Carpenters, Box 574, San Carlos.

Kentucky Rejects 'Right-to-Work'

Kentucky legislators have killed attempts to bring a "right to work" law to the state. It was defeated by a 35 to 12 count.

Report of Last Meeting

The regular meeting of Local Union No. 3 was cancelled for April because of the nearness of the International Union convention, held during the week of April 9 in Chicago. Therefore there are no minutes to be reported in this issue of the Engineers News.

The following Brothers have been reported ill: Ben G. Bilbo, Baker Cleveland, Kenneth R. Christensen, Harry Dowle, Simon J. Dalton, Henry R. Doering, Jack Dundee, Calvin E. Denham, Edgar L. Duff, B. E. Dearing, Ralph P. Flickinger, Hensen C. Gordon, George Hymer, T. L. Hewiston, Geo. F. Helms, C. B. Jensen, Peter L. Johnson, Clyde Lusk, F. L. McCain, Donald Nielsen, Chester Pfohl, J. Russell Pattings, Sam Phillips, R. R. Porth, C. H. Sewash, Boyce F. Strother, Vern Sorensen, John Siri, Wm. E. Sweet, John N. Stetler, M. E. Tavenner, Frank Turner, Clifford Vincent, Wm. G. Varney, A. R. Whitehead, Robert F. Wright, Ernest Wonder, Clyde York.

—C. F. MATHEWS, Secretary.

TEN SAFETY RULES

1. Know your JOB: what it involves and exactly how it should be done.
2. Know your TOOLS: how to use them and how to take care of them.
3. Know your RULES: prepared to protect you from injury.
4. Know your RESPONSIBILITIES: to your family, employer and yourself.
5. Know your HAZARDS: be alert to all potential dangers around you.
6. Know your SAFEGUARDS: learn what protects you, and cooperate.
7. Know your PENALTIES: carelessness leads to pain and loss of money.
8. Know your REWARDS: figure out the many advantages of working safely.
9. Know your REMEDIES: be prepared to do the right things in an emergency.
10. Know YOURSELF: recognize your limitations, reactions and weaknesses.

Tips for the Homemaker ★ ★

Ever try the water-displacement method of measuring shortening if you haven't the fraction you need among your cup sizes? You fill with water a regular marked measuring cup to the one-cup level, then pour off an amount of water equal to the amount of shortening you'll need. Put pieces of shortening (pushing them below the liquid level) into the cup until the water reaches the one-cup line again, and you'll have the required amount of shortening when you pour off the water.

A white corduroy trench coat to be worn for rainy weather and also will be suitable for other needs has its own matching beret. Another white raincoat in a season when many bright colors are noted is of stocking knitted cotton. It looks like a long, lean sweater, and has a wide, enveloping collar. This coat is recommended for travel and for general wear.

Bread crumbs with grated Parmesan cheese—half and half—make a fine coating for veal chops or veal cutlet.

If the pleasant woodsy odor of your cedar chest or closet ever disappears, it'll return if you go over the surface with fine sandpaper.

When the temperature soars to new heights and the weather is the all-absorbing topic of the day—take a few short cuts to summer beauty: bathe in tepid (not cold) water and use light floral cologne lavishly . . . wear cool, tubbable cottons . . . eat lots of crisp green salads and fresh fruits . . . drink quantities of fruit juices . . . keep your beauty creams and lotions in the refrigerator.

On its way: tomato powder. It is said to have natural tomato flavor, color and food value. Research on powdered orange juice, which isn't in commercial production as yet.

The beige fox muff is a nice (inexpensive) luxury touch for fall's dressy clothes and for suits, too.

Recessed toe space is provided in most steel kitchen base cabinets and sink cabinet combinations to permit the worker to stand close to the cabinet with no undue straining or reaching.

An open pan of powdered charcoal or activated carbon is great for removing odors from the inside of a refrigerator.

When painting house siding, brush with the grain of wood, not at right angles to it.

For good tasting and good smelling waffles, try sifting about a ¼ teaspoon of cinnamon in with the dry ingredients.

Mix hot dog relish with mayonnaise; put a teaspoon or so of the mixture into the cavities of drained canned peaches. Broil until thoroughly hot. Serve with ham.

American Women Vote 10th Time

United States women will be voting for the tenth time in a presidential election when they go to the polls this November. The necessary two-thirds needed to give women the vote in all states was approved in 1920 when Tennessee ratified the 19th amendment.

Wyoming first gave women the right to vote while still a territory—in 1869. In only 15 countries are women denied the right to vote today.

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What's Doing in the Oakland Area

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

During the month of March the Oakland Office was particularly busy clearing men in various classifications—955 clearances issued for the month, in fact, 85 men cleared on March 26th. We have found ourselves short of good finish dozer, rubber tired, and finish blade operators. We are confident that with the continuance of good weather and with the amount of construction throughout the area there will be a lot of activity this season for Local 3.

The East Bay area is undergoing an enormous face lifting operation, especially the Oakland business section—with elevated freeways, building remodeling and the construction of new office buildings—the old town doesn't look the same. It is beginning to look like a west coast "Wall Street."

Among the major structures now under construction or near completion are: The El Dorado Building, a \$2,000,000 in which a two-story has been expanded to a seven-story office building to which a new 17 story office building is being joined. Raymond Concrete Pile are driving piling for the new Bank of California at 20th and Franklin. A \$1,000,000 parking building is under construction at 19th and Telegraph; this building to have facilities to park 736 automobiles. The old A. F. of L. Labor Temple at 21st and Webster is also being remodeled for a parking building.

The San Francisco Bridge Company has been awarded a contract or \$2,921,750 by the District of Public Works, 12th Naval District for removal and salvage of sea wall and construction of new sea wall and rip rap dike. Dredge ship channel, turning basin and area adjacent to piers to a depth of 42 feet below station datum and depositing the dredged material in the area to be reclaimed, including approximately 5,500,000 cubic yards of dredging and 400,000 cubic yards of sea wall consisting of rill, rock core and rip rap. The Company's Dredge "Moose" is on the job.

Associated Dredge Company's Salono and Pacific are "hard at it" on the perimeter dike at the expansion job at the Oakland Airport. The Dredge Pacific is keeping the outer toe of the dike and the Salono has started the inside toe.

Utah Construction Company's shop on Giant Road, Richmond, is a very busy place rebuilding and overhauling equipment for their various jobs around the area. The major part of the equipment that is used in this locality go through this shop for check-up and repair.

The Utah yard and shop is under the supervision of Brother Andy Anderson, equipment superintendent and ably assisted by Brother Joe Parkinson, master mechanic.

Brother Joe has just returned from a trip to Salt Lake where Brother Andy had sent him to check hoist, but Joe failed to tell him that this hoist was some four thousand feet underground and about five thousand feet back in the mine shaft. They were having quite a friendly argument about this and Andy was having a good laugh at Joe's expense.

We also have the following brothers doing mechanic work in this shop: Lou Cook, Art Charter, Charles Ford, Matt Condon, William Kazari, Harold Jarvis and Henry Criddle. The crane operator is Brother Wednell Crossland and Brother Jim Litterell, his oiler, are taking care of the, known as, the picking up and sitting down department, which keeps these two brothers quite busy.

NEW SUBDIVISION

John Delphia, a contractor from Patterson, California, has the contract to move approximately 125,000 cubic yards of dirt and to grade sixty-nine lots in preparation to build new homes. The builders of these homes are Murra and Dame and estimate the sale price of these homes at approximately \$13,000.

The dirt and grading on this project will be completed in about a six-week period. M. G. M. Sewer Contractors are installing the sewers and drain pipe. Murra and Dame say that sixty days after the grading is completed these homes

will be built and ready for sale. This housing project is located in the low rolling hills of El Sobrante on Appain Way just past La Paloma Drive.

We have the following brothers working: Earl Bernard, superintendent; Pop Foster, grade foreman; Jim Clark, Bob Shannon, Pete Storch, Jay Carlson, Jim Disney, Robert Huebner and Roy Van Viacken operating the equipment; with Charles Cox as the nut buster and Dan Boone, chief of party for the technical engineer work.

Stolte, Gallagher & Burk are now getting underway again on the North Reservoir Project in Richmond after the winter rains which did a lot of damage to the work they had completed. They have now cleared away the silt and are replacing a portion of the rip rap and re-compacting downstream embankment which was eroded by the winter rains. Most of the pipe has been completed and ready for test, as well as most of the cement has been put in place. They still have a road to build around the top of the reservoir, standard wire fence to erect, and also approximately 3,100 square yards of rip rap to place. The superintendent is Brother Vic McFarland, Cole "Stocky" Stockman, grade foreman; Leonard Michaelson, crane operator; L. J. Frohn, oiler; Stanley Rasmus, crane operator; Harry Trumpower, oiler; Dean Hodges, dozer; Roy Edwards, trencher operator; and H. Farrar, oiler.

NEW FILTER PLANT

North Bay Contractors from Santa Rosa have the \$500,000 contract for the new filter plant in Oakley for the Oakley County Water District. With the many construction jobs now in progress in this area, including Crown-Zellerbach, Du Pont, Kaiser Gypsum and many others, the filter plant has to be made larger to supply the demand for water. The water used is from the canal and is processed for drinking. The new plant is for the same purpose, but will be much larger and will also include two waste water tanks which will be reclaimed and used. It is anticipated to be completed in nine months. The superintendent is Palmer Odegward, Oliver F. Brown, dozer; F. C. Millerick, In-sley dragline; Ray Blomquist, D-6 loader; and Albert Chambers, oiler.

Brother Ken Ross, Superintendent for Pacific Coast Aggregate at Clayton, anticipates that this will be the best year they have seen. In fact, it looks as though it will be very good for the next two or three years. At the present time, the plant is working six days a week and expect in the near future to be working ten or twelve hours. The plant is now sending out 3,000 tons per day and may go to a peak of 5,000 tons of crushed rock. The following men are doing a fine job: Floyd Carr, dozer; Warren Eastwood, shovel; Ira Willis, oiler; Ben Edelman, loader; Charles Hord, plant oiler; Renata Moni, master mechanic; Ralph Trout, C. J. Wittenberg, Duane Lacy, Vanus Barb, oilers, Bill Costa, operator; and Joe Thibodeaux, mechanic.

Raymond Concrete Pile has moved their pile driver to the Gordon Ball Freeway job near Lafayette. They will drive the concrete piles for the five bridge structures. Brother Joyce Chapman is the operator with Brother H. B. Herring as fireman.

A. J. McCosker have moved a Byers hoe to dig a ditch for the pipe line installation under the freeway near Walnut Creek. They will put in a 30-inch concrete pipe for EBMUD. Brother Sam King is the operator on the hoe with Brother Graham Alexander oiling.

PLEASANT HILL JOB

Gallagher and Burk have two freeway projects at the present time; one, at Pleasant Hill and the other at Walnut Creek. The Pleasant Hill freeway commences at Acalanes High School and extends to Geary Road, a distance of 2.5 miles. There will be 276,000 yards of roadway excavation and 41,540 tons of import. This project is approximately two-thirds completed and anticipate to have completed in October. Brother Tom Stapleton, superintendent; Brother Ken Corbett, dirt foreman; Brother George Murley, pipe foreman; and at present have approximately 18 operators.

The Walnut Creek freeway contract in the amount of \$3,700,000 was started December 1, 1955, however, due to the heavy rains was unable to work. They do expect to have this job going strong by the middle of April. They have approximately 400,000 yards of dirt to move and at the present this portion of the job is one-third completed. It will require around 200,000 tons of rock fill on this freeway, a distance of 2.9 miles. The five bridge structures are now approximately 50% complete and anticipate to have the entire project completed in December, 1956. At the present time, they have quite a number of our engineers employed on this spread.

Brother Jim Clark, grading contractor in Concord, is doing the grading on a subdivision tract which is being built by Lathrop Construction. This tract is located in Gregory Gardens in Concord. Also, working on the tract are the following engineers: Don Renic, dozer and Lovell Walden on the Fordson and dozer doing a beautiful job.

The sub-divisions in the Contra Costa area are going in full swing with tracts for homes being built everywhere. Both the large and small equipment is being used for grading and digging so that the building contractors can get on their way. Last winter, with all the rains, the sub-divisions kept right on building in hopes the weather would break so that the engineers on the equipment could get back to lay out more work for the builders to start. The building prospects in the Contra Costa area look very good for the next three or four years.

Oscar C. Holmes of Redwood City was awarded the contract from the Contra Costa Sanitary District Sewage Treatment Plant on Arnold Industrial Highway near Pacheco. This contract in the amount of \$232,000 is for the construction of a new 60 ft. diameter digester tank with 30 ft. sidewater depths complete with equipment and existing digester and sludge control building. The building will be of steel frame. Oscar Holmes will use his own equipment to do the excavating which will include approximately 2,000 yards of dirt to be removed for the tank. Contra Costa is building up so rapidly that the disposal unit is not large enough and has to be expanded to meet the required needs in the area.

Pacific Coast Builders from San Francisco received the contract for the new building at the Contra Costa Junior College. This building 15,000 square feet will contain a student lounge, dining room, kitchen, rest rooms, and a book store. The structure is of wood frame and masonry and will also include a hot-air heating system. There is a time limit on this job of eight months.

HIGHWAY 50

Peter Kiewit and Sans' project on highway 50 in Dublin Canyon from Castro Valley toward Dublin is rolling along in high gear now after several delays due to rainy weather.

At present, most excavation operations are concentrated on the west end of the job to build embankments for the bridges. Their 80-D shovel is excavating at the Castro Valley undercrossing, and

the material is being hauled by ten-wheeler dump trucks to build the fill for Crow Creek Bridge abutments. The 38-B dragline is busy making the necessary channel changes. These operations are under the supervision of John Kaufman.

Brother George Dupree is shifting on the spread of DW-20's and cats on the west side of Pergola Hill building embankments for the Crow Canyon bridge.

Earl Tepper is foreman over the DW-21's and cats on the east side of Pergola Hill building the embankments for abutments on the San Lorenzo Creek bridge.

Clearing operations are progressing in advance of the excavation and embankment. Structure concrete work has started at Castro Valley undercrossing. The laying of the 84-inch reinforced concrete pipe at the east end of the project continues.

The general superintendent is Bill Roche, Brad Lockwood, assistant superintendent; Frank Zielinski, excavation superintendent; Mel Walker, master mechanic; Bill Johnson and H. P. Vogt, heavy duty mechanic, and working with them are approximately fifty operating engineers.

Close Building Supply is doing the job for Mohr Brothers on East Avenue in Hayward. This tract has 90,000 yards of dirt excavation and four miles of street grading and paving. Brother Earl Mack is the general foreman and also employed are quite a number of Local No. 3 men.

L. E. Dally Construction is doing all the excavation for the new Super Market to be built on the Hayward Niles Road between Hayward and Decoto. Goddard Brothers' Quarry is furnishing all the fill. Ed Buck is on the roller, Charles Patterson and Bob Cotes on the Fordson tractors. National Iron Works, Inc. set the steel structure with their Lorain truck crane; James Cook, operator and Lowell Botts oiling.

Elmer J. Freethy Company have poured all the concrete for the new reservoir located on the corner of Morse Avenue and Highland Boulevard in Hayward. Herrick Iron Works is doing the pre-stress work which will require approximately 32,700 pounds of wire with Ross Peoples operating the wire winder.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother Lou Eck slipped and fell from the P & H Truck Crane he was operating and broke his arm. We do hope you will be able to be back to work soon. Brother George Landis is operating the crane until Lou returns.

A letter was recently received from Brother Vern Clow, who is employed as a project manager for Utah Construction Company in Wentworth, New South Wales, Australia. He is working on one of

the largest projects of its kind ever undertaken for the benefit of the State—a project which will ensure that River Murray water keeps flowing into South Australia for irrigation and domestic purposes during the driest years.

It is nice to see Brother Bill Richardson back working for Judson-Pacific-Murphy after a serious accident on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge sometime ago. This accident occurred while he was operating a traveler crane used in setting steel; a piece of steel fell throwing him on the outer edge of the net. All that saved his life was the wire on the head phones which kept him from being thrown into the bay, some 200 feet below.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento, \$75,510, for const. of sewers in Garderland Asses. Dist., SACRAMENTO CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Pacific Pavements Co., Ltd., 85 Barstow St., S.F., \$123,800, for resurfacing streets in Richmond Dist. et al, in City of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$87,000, for repair levees, Russian River, SONOMA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to John Delphia, P.O. Box 313, Patterson, \$270,106, for 2.6 mi. grade and surf. w/sel. betw. Legunillas School and 3.2 mi. W. of Fairfax, MARIN COUNTY.

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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co. & Mercer-Fraser Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$38,590, for a diversion tunnel for channel change to be const. at Rattlesnake Creek about 39 mi. N. of Willits, in MENDOCINO COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Dorsey & Lathin, Box 33, Philo, \$9750, for channel clearing, Indian Creek, vic. of Philo, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Engstrom & Nourse, \$232,000, for const. 2-story reing. conc. office bldg. for Dept. of Motor Vehicles, Oakland.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co. & Mercer-Fraser Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$629,224, for 2.9 mi. grade & surf. w/plantmix surf. on cem. tr. base on Rt. 1 & betw. 0.6 mi N of Plaza Ave in Arcata and 1.0 mi. S of Mad River & on Rt. 20 betw. Rt. 1 & Mad River, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lord & Bishop, Inc., P.O. Box 812, Sacramento, \$91,998, for const. R.C. inlet struc. through Sacramento River levee into Elkhorn Slough, surf. detour road & resurf. levee crown w/cr. min. aggreg. base course & pltmix surf. near Clarksburg, YOLO COUNTY.



Big Power Tunnel Projects Spark Marysville District

By LES COLLETT and C. R. VanWINKLE, Business Representatives

The biggest and best news, since the flood, was announced yesterday by the P.G.&E., of more work to start on the further development of their hydro-electric facilities on the Feather River. There will be two projects to start in July, costing \$32,000,000 (no, that is not a telephone number), and they will be in Plumas County at Butt Valley, and Caribou Powerhouses.

It will mean about 23,000 ft. of tunnel and long penstocks. The third project at Belden will come up later. Also on April 3rd, the Poe Powerhouse contract is to be let, just north of Oroville and the access road will start in May which is not long away.

Utah Const. Co. is at long last getting underway on their W. P. Tunnel at Storrie. They have had their share of slides on this job. The same Co. is just about done on their tunnel lining job at Belden and will be in Keddie on another one by the time this hits the streets.

Utah, Bates & Rogers is going three shifts on all tunnel headings but will not have the raise going good for the surge chamber until about April 15th, according to Bro. Bob Harles, Tunnel Superintendent.

Halvorsen Const. Co. of Portland, Oregon, is back on the job at Spring Garden again. They have about one month of finish work to do and will sub the paving on the 2.6 mile job.

Richter Bros. of Oroville, is just about finished on their levee job at the Gridley bridge. New York Machine Shop in Oroville have been keeping a nice crew working of late. Kaiser Sand & Gravel keep plugging along on the job at Adelaide plant. I took a ride on Kaiser Blvd. today and will tell you that Bro. Dick Whittington keeps this in better shape than Rt. 40A over the mountains.

Walsh Const. Co. have a good crew getting all that tunnel equipment ready in their Oroville yard. Supt. Les Huntington states his pencil is going to get real sharp. Bechtel Corp. had to shut down their Poe Dam job on account of high water, Supt. Curlee called to inform me of this bad news.

H. Earl Parker Co. & Baldwin Contr. Co. are starting some work on the freeway south of town, and will be going full blast real soon. Parko also has work on the Nicolaus break and a good job on the Sacramento River just starting, also a small levee job near district ten. Baldwin Co. keeps busy in this area on their hot stuff and gravel plant facilities. Butte Creek Co. are steadily plugging along on their jobs in and around Chico.

We are proud to state we have signed an agreement with Paradise Ready-Mix. Bro. Bill Beaver turns out nice concrete and when you are in need of estimates, etc., drop in and see Bill. He and Mrs. Beaver are nice, friendly and courteous people.

Archie Till has a flock of rigs out on the rock piles at Hammon. Lester Rice & Sons have been going steady on their operations since the flood. Darrough & Sons have a few rigs working in the area.

The Pinole Land Co. of Fresno submitted a low bid on 2400 acres of clearing from the Sutter Bypass to the Yuba River for \$528,500.

Crocker & Tandy of Richmond, were low bidder on Ella School in Yuba County—\$128,894. Paradise Irrigation District calling for bids on the Mosquito Junction Dam at Paradise, Calif. for April 4th—bids last month rejected.

Butte Creek Rock Co.—street work in Plumas sub-division in Chico—\$21,502.

G. G. Williamson—sewer and ditch work in Chico—\$14,500.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Bro. Jim Dunn writes from the Orient telling of the job and equipment he has under his command for M & K Co. Inc.

We hope by the time this reaches print, every man will be digging dirt.

—Les Collett

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INDUSTRIAL REPORT

The agreements with the Natomas Company and the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields have been opened and one meeting, at this writing, has been held with the Natomas Company. This meeting was, as usual, purely preliminary with both sides feeling each other out and there are no results that can be reported.

With both companies we are faced with a somewhat change in the situation in that the management of the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields have changed and the Natomas Company has entered or become a part of a shipping line. What both these changes will mean in the attitude of the two companies is yet to be determined.

At this writing there is no indication of any changes in the local management or any signs that methods of operation, etc., will be changed. The closing down of dredge No. 10 by the Natomas Company may, they told us during the first meeting mentioned, cause that company to make some changes in its field operations.

For this reason at this same meeting no discussion was had of that very interesting subject to us all, wages, except in a very general way. However, all the other contract changes that you requested were, as they were drawn up and as reported to you, presented to the company, explained, and were taken under advisement by the company.

The coming regular and any special meetings called will be very important to each member and each and every one of you are urged to attend if humanly possible. We hold these meetings for these reasons primarily: One: So that we may keep you informed of any matters that may arise; Two: So that you can inform us of your ideas and thinking; and Three: So that you can make any decisions necessary.

If you don't attend, or if a majority of you stay away, then you do not have an opportunity to become informed or to make your position known, and a minority may make the decisions, which isn't good trade unionism.

MEETING NOTES
Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields: Your unit meets Monday, April 23, 1956 in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 Eye Street, Marysville and at the times noted below.

Natomas Company: This unit meets Monday, May 7, 1956 in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom and at the times set forth below.

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

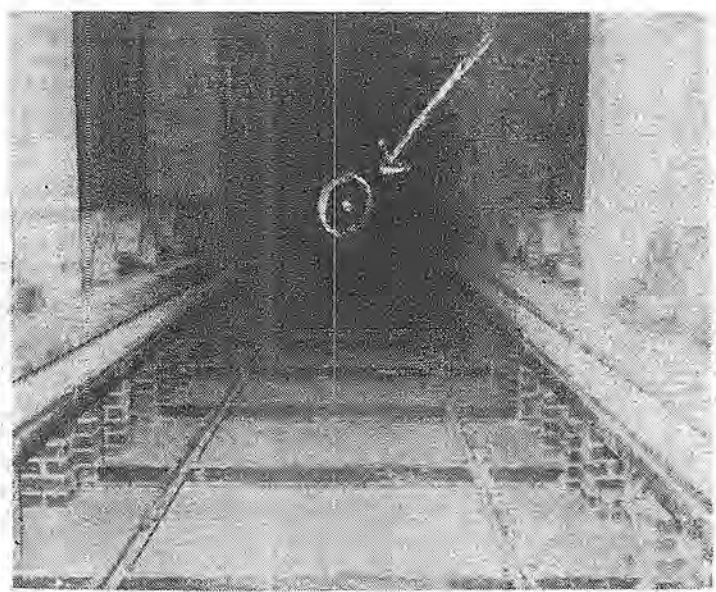
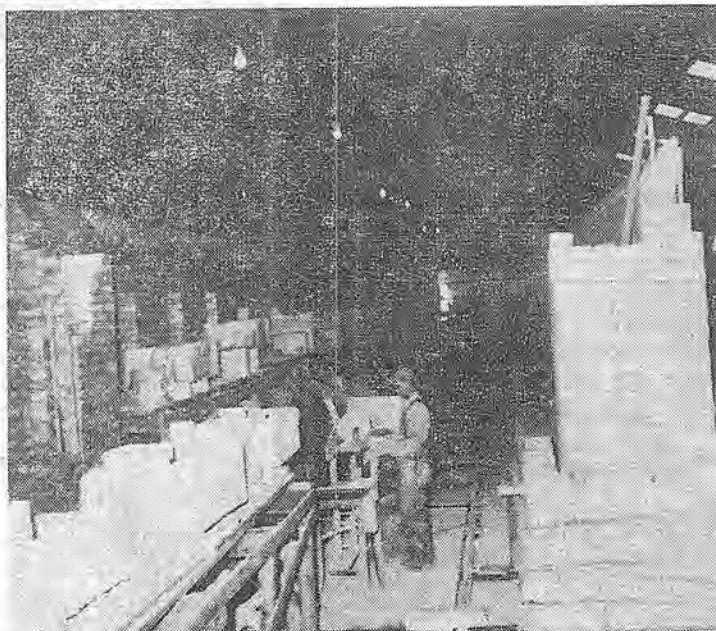
7:30 p.m. for those who are able to attend at night.

(Note): If the negotiations with the Natomas Company reach a point where a report can be made to the membership, a special called meeting will be called before the above date.

CONCRETE PIPE COMPANIES

If the trees leafing out, the birds fluttering and chirping in them and the occasionally balmy weather do not tell you that spring has arrived, then the concrete pipe moving out and being laid in the fields should tell you. For it seems that in the spring a farmer's fancy turns, not too lightly, to thoughts of concrete pipe for drainage and irrigation purposes. The No-Joint Companies have moved out into the fields and the plants are stepping up their activities, although in the latter no great increase in employment has resulted because of the stockpiling during the winter.

Lacasella Concrete Pipe Company has finally cleared away the mud from the flood and repaired the damage and are back into full production. They have several farm jobs and it is hoped and prayed that their season will be a very good one and it pulls them



Here are additional views of the 420-foot tunnel kiln at Gladding, McBean Co. plant at Lincoln, between Auburn and Marysville. This is said to be the world's largest such kiln and will add considerably to this plant's output, plus 40 new jobs for workers in the area. (Pictures, courtesy, Cliff Howard, asst. personnel mgr., and the Lincoln News-Messenger.)

out of the hole that the flood put them in.

CONCRETE PIPE COMPANY MEETING NOTICE

(Note): The meeting in Marysville was postponed for what was thought were very good reasons and will be held as follows:

Thursday, April 24, 1956 at 8:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 Eye Street, Marysville.

The Chico meeting will be held Monday, May 14, 1956 at 7:30 p.m. in the Teamsters' Hall, 818 Wall Street.

GLADDING McBEAN AND CO.

The annual report of the Company as issued to the stockholders, the employees and to the public in the newspapers presents a very fine financial position and we hope that it will mean that the company will be willing to pass on laborers' share to its employees.

The sales volume of the Company, according to the report, reached a new high and that was reflected in the production at the Lincoln Plant which enjoyed an unprecedented winter's work. Also indicative of this increased production is the expansion program that has been carried on at the plant.

Prospects for the coming year, from all signs, indicate another high year of production and sales. This means that the membership, barring an unexpected economic collapse, can look confidently forward to steady employment for some months to come.

The agreement is subject this year to openings for wages and pensions only and the Joint Board has been giving long and serious thought to these two subjects. For the purpose of discussing these two matters with the general membership, the regular meeting in April

was cancelled and a special called meeting to consider these important items has been decided upon for:

Tuesday, April 24, 1956 at 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium, Lincoln. The Company is to be requested to start all day workers at 7:00 a.m. and to give the swing shift men, except those that are absolutely essential and cannot be spared, time off if they are to take it, to attend this meeting.

This meeting will be one of the most important meetings of the year, and you owe it to yourself and family to attend. At this meeting only the above mentioned subjects will be considered and if you have any ideas on these subjects and don't attend and make your thoughts known, don't expect that any of us are clairvoyant and will know without your telling us your ideas and opinions.

We will try and make this meeting as interesting and as short as possible common surate with its importance. To do so, however, we will need your wholehearted cooperation and if the meeting is orderly and no extraneous subjects are raised, the business of the meeting can be conducted in a reasonable amount of time. However, we do not intend to rush the meeting, to attempt to muffle anyone or to railroad anything though. In other words, we want this meeting to reflect your thinking.

Month of May Meeting Scheduled: Joint Board, Tuesday, May 1, 1956 at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln.

General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, May 8, 1956 at 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall, Lincoln.

REPORT ON THE FLOOD: The

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physical scars are beginning to disappear, that is except upon the minds and hearts of the victims. Nothing will bring back the dead or erase the torment of those that suffered the loss of loved ones, saw their life's efforts washed away a trice or had to run for their lives.

The Sutter County Grand Jury has investigated and report. Its report brought forth nothing that was not generally known except that it attempted to fix the blame, the latter is a difficult and controversial subject and a subject there are perhaps as many opinions as there are those holding opinions. Perhaps the fault really lies in most of us generally because of our lack of interest in civil defense organization.

The Red Cross is rapidly cleaning up its work and has greatly reduced its staff although it will probably be months before its disaster headquarters close for good. Those that had first hand experience that the Red Cross did a much better job in this flood than in the former.

What is not generally known is that this was probably caused by Laborers' increasing activity in this and other similar fields both in active participation in the actual production of the work and in the fund raising.

Most of our members who suffered damage fared rather well, however, of course, there are some that are not satisfied and who are critical. What is not generally realized is that the aid granted by the Red Cross is based on NEED NOT LOSS.

We do not agree with the "need not loss" theory as we know that in a number of cases the flood caused an actual loss to the provident of ten or fifteen years of effort, while the improvident were amply provided for. We feel that the effort should be to replace the loss and the American people will some day, we hope, devise just such a method.

Because we have had the opportunity to observe the work of the Red Cross in this flood and have been privileged to have access to some of the confidential files, we know the Red Cross has done very fine job and that they deserve high credit.

If you have heard of criticism or think you know of cases where inequitable treatment was accorded to people in the same or similar circumstance, remember you may not have the facts. Because many a fine front has nothing behind it and many of those considered among the best fixed of the community are only one jump ahead of the sheriff.

Of course we know that mistakes were undoubtedly made. Deciding upon who or who should not receive assistance and how much is a tough job and a job we are glad we didn't have to do.

But when you consider that the aid given was an outright grant, not a loan, you can understand that the assistance rendered was a great help both to the individual and families aided and to the economy of the community as a whole.

LOST SECURITY CARD?

Have you lost your social security card? If you have, apply for a duplicate at your nearest social security office. It's important that you have an account number card so that you can show it to any new employer. Your name and social security account and if an employer reports your wage under a different name or number it may result in a loss of benefits to you or your survivors at a later date.

CHANGED YOUR NAME?

Have you changed your name since you received your social security account number card? If you have, guard against possible loss of future social security benefits by notifying the social security office at once of the change in your name.

Northbay Area Jobs Pile Up

By H. O. FOSS - F. A. LAWRENCE - L. C. SOLARI
Business Representatives

From all indications, this promises to be a very favorable year for the North Bay area. The demand for men has been good for the past several weeks, and with new jobs being let every week, our "out-of-work" list has been decreasing steadily.

May we again plead with the Brothers about donating to the Engineers Blood Bank? Our fund is low and any donations will be greatly appreciated. Won't you please make arrangements with us to donate a pint of blood? It will take only a few minutes of your time. REMEMBER—you must not eat or drink for four hours before.

It couldn't happen on a better day—a boy born on St. Patrick's Day to the wife of Bro. Henry "Babe" Ghilotti, manager of Shamrock Materials. From the last reports, they are looking around for a good Irish name. Babe denies that the timing was in any way connected with Shamrock's advertising program.

Carey Bros. has purchased a new shovel, and Bro. George Ley will be their operator.

Ghilotti Bros. was awarded a contract in the amount of \$56,825 for streets, curbs, gutters, etc. in the San Rafael Highlands.

John Delphia was awarded a contract in the amount of \$270,106 for grading and surfacing between Lagunitas School and 3.2 miles west of Fairfax.

O. C. Jones of Berkeley awarded a contract in the amount of \$10,532 for park-grading, drainage, surfacing Muir Woods National Monument, Mill Valley.

Contract awarded to: Morro Underground Const. for construction of Sanit. sewers in East Strawberry Dr. and Road B in Marin County in the amount of \$16,632.

Paul H. Vincillone of Mill Valley was awarded a contract for construction drainage, culvert under tracks of Northwestern Pacific RR in San Rafael, amounting to \$4,880.

WHAT'S DOING IN NAPA-VALLEJO AREA

Contract awarded to Stockton Const. for sewer const. Dist-Reinf. Conc. Storm Drain in Vallejo at a cost of \$843,450.

Contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Navy-Rehabil. Ship Repair Facil. at Mare Island, cost of \$1,260,117.

Road Reconstruction award goes to Delta Const. at Travis Air Force Base, Solano County — contract award of \$29,953.45.

Work is really going full blast in these areas at present. Monticello Dam is about to start operations again after being shut down for over two months. In all probabilities, members who worked on this job before the storm will return by May 1.

We also wish to remind those members living in the Napa and Vallejo areas that they can donate blood in their vicinity. If you will just call our office, we will arrange the necessary appointments at a time convenient to you. The response from these areas has been very good, and we thank the Brother members who have made an effort to take the time to donate to the Blood Bank Reserve Fund.

We recently signed a Rock Sand and Gravel agreement with R. E. Rush Construction of Novato, who has taken over the Marin Rock and Gravel.

Brother Bill D. Palmer recently was discharged from the Army, and has deposited his service withdrawal, and is back working for Brown-Ely.

We regret to report the deaths

of two of our Brother members, Wm. Walsh and F. D. Bird. Both were old-timers with Local 3.

Members recently hospitalized were Bros. M. Tavenner, Calvin Denham and Earl Whitmore. Also received report that Brother "Scarbelly" Addington was hospitalized. Hope for a speedy recovery as this goes to press.

Congratulations to Bro. Seymour Miller upon his marriage recently. Bro. Miller and wife spent their honeymoon down Mazatlan, Mexico Way.

We wish to remind you again that our office is open every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 for the convenience of the members.

This is about all from this end. See you next month!



"By the way, can I borrow five bucks till payday, Joe? I just remembered I'm flat busted."

SPRINGTIME IN REDWOODS

By K. A. "KEN" BROOKS and EDWARD G. HEARNE

Business Representatives

Brothers it looks like the winter time is about to give up at last and let "Ole Sol" do its duty for us. At the moment work in this area is pretty well cleaned up; by that we mean old work.

New work has been rather slow in coming out, but by the time this goes to press it will be another story. Mercer-Fraser was the low bidder on the job at Arcata, Highway 101 and 229 over-pass, approaches and realignment, with a bid of \$629,244.

Bids for construction 1.5 miles of four lane highway on 101 south of Eureka city limits have been called for by the Division of Highways. The Engineer's estimate on this one is \$300,000. Bids have been called for on the freeway 101 north of Fernbridge. This section will be a divided four lane, two twenty-four (24) foot lanes with eight (8) shoulders separated by a twenty-two (22) foot median at an estimated cost of \$1,130,000, this is a "dandy" Brothers, over a million and a half yards of good dirt, probably a rubber-tire show all the way.

The State Department of Public Works has advertised a bridge job at Hoopa on the Trinity River. There is \$697,500 available for this six hundred twenty-four (624) foot span. Bids have been called for on the four lane bridge and approaches on 101 at Wilson Creek between Klamath and Crescent City. This one should be about three-fourths (¾) of a million.

REDWOOD BY-PASS

It looks now like we will soon get our first section of the Redwood by-pass, with six (6) million dollars available. Pepperwood to Dyerville section seems to be in the limelight at the moment.

Brothers, we could go on and on with work that's due to come out but we would only have to repeat ourselves in the next issue when the contracts are let. We might mention one more on Highway 299, the four mile section of realignment west of Willow Creek is due any day, there are about a six million yards in this one.

North: Peter Kievit Sons Company is nearly finished with erection of their batch-plant at Crescent City. Things are beginning to shape up and rock should be going into place by the middle of May.

Associated Dredge Company will be pumping mud by the time you read this article. We hope the weather will be good to them this year.

We are happy to report the sign-

ing of the Pelican Bay Construction Services to one of our Rock-Sand and Gravel Contracts. This Company will furnish aggregates for Peter Kiewit for the jetty.

Spierring Homes are going to build a large housing development two (2) miles north of Klamath on, ground well above the flood level. There will be between three hundred fifty (350) and four hundred (400) homes and the total cost of the project should be in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. This Company should find a ready market for their houses in this area.

East & South: Things should be picking up in these areas in the next few weeks but it is rather quiet now with most of the emergency repair work completed.

J. W. Briggs, of Bend, Oregon is getting started on their job at Bluff Creek. This one is between Weitchpec and Orleans.

Mercer-Fraser have the road open between Orleans and Happy Camp.

This section of State Route 96 has been closed since the flood December 21, 1955.

Activity is almost at a standstill to the south in comparison to what it was a short time back.

Maurer & Sons are still on the cleanup work at Bull Creek. They are doing a good job.

Mercer-Fraser is constructing a low level bridge across the Eel River at Holmes. Brother Roy Stevens is at the controls of the pile-driver.

John Peterson, local contractor, sure made a couple of the Brothers happy the other day when he rolled out a brand new 25 North-west for them to tear the paper off. Brother Walter Short pulling the levers with a big smile on his face, and Brother Albert Oswald, Oiler, with four pockets and two hands full of rags. "Take care of her fellows, she's a beauty."

Many thanks to Brother Gus Soderstrom for his blood donation. Come on, Brothers, let's have some more blood for our bank. It won't hurt.

We hope all the Brothers and their families registered before the deadline. We had our office girl appointed a Deputy Registrar for your convenience.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Kovick Bros., P.O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$18,197, for const. Sanit. sewer in Calif. from Cherry-Anna Alley E. to a point W. of 8th Avenue, Fresno.

SACRAMENTO GETS BIG SEASON START

By PAUL EDGEcombe, HAL CLARK, ERNIE NELSON
Business Representatives

The driest March in 107 years not only solved the flood predicament but has also relieved the unemployment status here in the Sacramento area.

Contractors have begun to try to finish the winter's hold-over work and some have started on new jobs, thus furnishing employment for the old hands and clearing some new ones. The past two weeks has shown a spurge in the dirt moving business. There hasn't been any new large contracts awarded recently in the construction industry to alarm this area to any great need of engineers but there has been numerous small jobs let that will furnish employment for many of our brothers.

Sub-division development is gaining momentum each week as new land is purchased and grading has started almost immediately. These projects require the services of engineers on the grading, sewers, streets and landscaping. Ford tractors are spouting up on almost all of these sub-divisions, too numerous to mention.

Dust has begun to fly in the McClellan Field area now that Teichert has started on the preliminary grading for the large hangar job of Robert McKee. Van Valkenburgh has his crew busy installing the underground facilities on this same project. Teichert has moved his equipment in on their ¾ million dollar extension of the main runway.

AEROJET PROJECTS

In the vicinity of Nimbus and Aerojet, this area is still loaded with activity and just recently McDonald & Chapak, Contractors, have started the liquid oxygen plant for Air Products, Inc. This is a 4 million dollar plant and when completed it will furnish their product to Aerojet's operation. Grading for the site is being done by Brighton Sand & Gravel.

Piombo Const. has resumed work on their highway 40 job near Applegate. This new section should be ready for traffic in another month.

Morrison-Knudsen moved in six cats and a blade to continue the S.P. railroad project above Colfax.

Operations in the gravel plants have increased considerably since most of the concrete construction has begun. A new addition to this business is the Rebel Hill Rock Products located near Folsom. They have their crusher about set up and will be producing soon.

Madison Sand & Gravel has kept a crew busy throughout the winter and as business increases they are calling back some of the layoffs.

We wish to express our thanks to all the brothers who have donated their time on the construction of the crippled children's project located on Hurley Avenue near Morse Avenue in Arden Park. The brothers who broke ground here are Louis Berinti, Red Gorman, Howard Green, Jack Brady and Delmar Hopkins who not only donated his time but also his loader. Again we want to thank you for the fine contribution toward a project helpful to the community.

Springtime always creates a situation when many of our members begin to stir and many drop by our office seeking information such as locations, facilities and hours on various jobs throughout the jurisdiction of Local 3. We are always happy to give you the best advice

that we have obtained but a better suggestion to you brothers planing on traveling is for you to read the reports in the Engineers' News which gives a complete picture of what is going on in the area of each branch office.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

WHITEY RESH painting a rig; ACIE DUNLAP tightening nuts; KEN PRESTON on blue tops; WHITEY YEAGER watching a pipe operation; BEN HUTCHESON marks of progress; L. W. WINNEY heading for the brush; DAVE CARTER calling in; GEORGE COONS working on the railroad; JIM WITHROW taking a ride; VERN LAMBERT pouring concrete; DON ABRECHT grading a creek; BOB SUTHERLAND calling long distance; BILL VALLEY getting certified; LUDDY GRAY cutting intersection; HARRY MATHWIG finishing grade; RED COVINGTON watching an unloading job; JOE HENRY standing by; LES MOULDERS selling gas and oil; PAUL BEAR at Associated Station at Placerville; CHARLES KAMMERER loading equipment; BOB HALL mucking rock; HAROLD LARSEN signing the list; LOYD DAVIDSON in the gradall service; HARRY WELCH back to Madison; HOWARD GREE "motor boating"; BILL EDWARDS driving a red Buick; AL MILLARD eating lunch; JAKE GROSS welding a crusher; HILLMAN CAYWOOD pushing muck; LARRY THEIS repairing a rig; NICK GAVRILKO home again; RAY ARMAS checking his card; TOM KERFOOT taking the nose bag; NORMAN HENNINGSON watching the bucket; BUCK PELTON calling in; GUS MORITZ in conference; HARRY RALPH riding a DW; BILL RAFFERTY trenching; ED BALDERSTON on a new job; REVOE PARKER on a new P & H 25 ton; JACK SUTHERLAND going places; GLENN ECKERT holding a scaffold; CHIC SEVERENCE gaffing.

Brother George L. Brandon is now selling real estate. Anyone who may be looking for a home to buy, or has a home to list for sale, call George at GL 1-6576 or WA 2-0023.

Brother Jimmy Tilton has a new Caterpillar "12" blade for rent. Call him at Dixon OS 8-5670.

BLOOD BANK

Sincere thanks to the following brothers who have donated to our Blood Bank since our last issue: Howard B. Green, George D. Wood, Charles S. Taylor, Walter T. Hayes, Mike Keenan and Gordon W. Hanna.

The following letter was received recently:

"Gentlemen:

"I certainly want to express a most sincere and grateful 'thank you' to those people who gave and made it possible for me to make a telephone call and in a few minutes have precious blood, for which there is no substitute.

"Accidents, sickness and even death 'generally' happen to some other person but believe me I know now no one has a guarantee against sickness which may necessitate an immediate blood transfusion. I certainly hope that our Blood Bank will always have a supply of blood whenever anyone needs it and I know it can have if enough people have foresight enough and take time to give.

"Again my most sincere thanks to those who made it possible for me to get blood—with a telephone call—blood for which there is no substitute.

"Sincerely yours,

CHARLES 'CHUCK' TAYLOR

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



MOUNTAIN DAMS SPARK STOCKTON

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

Not much change in the news and work picture in the Stockton area since last month. Work on the Tri Dam Project is progressing at a good pace, due to the good weather we enjoyed during March. From all indications, the bad weather is behind us now so in the mountains work should commence to roll.

Some phases of the Donnell's Dam are nearing completion, such as Addit 3 on the tunnel, with approximately 2,000 feet to go to hole out into Addit No. 2. The excavation for Donnell's Dam should be completed about the first of May and the aggregate plant will also be ready to produce concrete at that time.

Beardsley Project has started the backfill on their dam and hope to have it completed by winter with the help of three shovels and a Euclid Loader.

Tulloch Dam out of Oakdale has two shovels and one back hoe working on the core trench. This will be a concrete dam to be poured with a cableway. As yet, the only work on the aggregate plant is the foundation excavation being done by the back hoe.

The levee work has been completed with the exception of Craft and Galbraith, who have one contract on debris and another on levee repair which they are doing with the aid of Horace Spencer's equipment.

The H. Earl Parker Company is back on their Highway 49 job at Carson Hill, setting a few culverts and headwalls but will be unable to do any grading for at least another two weeks because of the

REPORT FROM . . . SAN JOSE, SALINAS & WATSONVILLE

By RICHARD A. CHRISTIANSEN Business Representative

Activities in San Jose during the month of March were chiefly negotiations. No settlements have been reached with Western Forge and Flange, the Ice Industry or Dried Fruit Industry.

Brothers Callahan, Gorham, Stitt and Williams are on the sick list and we hope they will soon be able to return to work.

Recently I attended a joint committee meeting of the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. to discuss possible affiliation with the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council. It was most interesting but some hesitancy exists as under the new by-laws the rates would be increased. When put into effect our monthly fee will be increased \$12 to \$16. We automatically become affiliated locally with C.O.P.E. (formerly L.L.P.E.), as well as contributors to the Radio programs. The by-laws of the Council have been approved by Brother Meany, so after a few minor corrections will be printed.

Attended regular meetings of Local 39 and of the Central Labor Council, but due to illness in my family, as well as having a system full of Virus X, I had to miss the Executive Board meeting.

Matters are being cleared up at Falstaff Brewery relative to the three men still not classified as Journeymen. The Apprenticeship training program was called to their attention and the matter in turn referred to Brother Fitch for appropriate action.

SALINAS WATSONVILLE AREA
Contracts have been opened for the Ice Industry but no meetings have been arranged. We expect a battle to get our demands put through, but we feel certain the men will stick together this year. We are appealing to the men with Union Ice Company at Santa Cruz to affiliate.

Request for wage increases for County Engineers is being prepared for presentation to the Board of Supervisors and we hope for success.

We are also working on the laundries in Watsonville and Monterey.

Please come to your meetings.

excess moisture in the ground.

Fredrickson Brothers are doing preliminary work at Valley Springs on Highway 12. They too, are being held up by the State because of moisture content of the soil.

M. J. B. Construction Company is cleaning up their borrow pit at Lodi in hopes of being able to start on the imported borrow within a couple of weeks. This sounds like a "cracked record"—but this job is also too wet to work. It is dusty on top but down about 18 to 24 inches, the soil is very wet.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

Charles Shields is still in the San Joaquin General Hospital recuperating from a serious automobile accident.

Burl Trull, an older member, had his cat roll over him on clearing job while he was behind it helping the chocker setter pull the cable off the drum. The cat started to roll back and due to the brush, Burl could not get out of the way. One leg was pinned under the track and Burl had to direct the chocker how to move the cat from his leg. Burl wound up in the Oakdale hospital with his leg broken near the hip joint and lacerations on the lower leg caused by the track grousers. Brother Trull was indeed lucky that the ground was muddy otherwise he probably would have lost his leg.

Jack Nichols who works on the Tri Dam has his wife selling house trailers as a side line at Sugar Pine. You brothers that need trailers should check with Mrs. Nichols as she can get you almost any type of trailer.

John Ainsworth is back from the South Pacific Islands.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

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PALO ALTO, contract awarded to H. T. Guerin, 107 S. Linden Ave., So. S.F., \$18,750, for slope protection of San Francisco Creek.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to The Clarewood Co., Inc., 34th & University, Berkeley, \$200,000, for const. of milk processing plant at 2nd & Addison Sts., in Berkeley for the Gold 'N Rich Corporation.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Jack & Irvine, 620 Market St., S.F., \$750,000, for const. of bank building for Oakland office of The Bank of California, at 20th & Franklin Sts., Oakland.

MILL VALLEY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$10,532, for grade, drain, surf. & pl. treat. timber curbs & posts for parking area, Muir Woods National Monument, Mill Valley.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874 25th Ave., S.F., \$13,130, for lay 2 & 8" c. i. water mains in Greenwich, Lombard & Hyde Sts., in Sutro Proj., San Francisco.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Judson-Pacific-Murphy Corp., 4300 Eastshore Hwy., Emeryville, \$307,000, for furn. & erect. struc. steel for Mfg. & Card Bldg. for new plant, Cottle Ave. & Monterey Rd., San Jose, SANTA CLARA CO.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Dalls Wilson Co., P.O. Box 848, Fresno, \$16,877, for inst. approx. 5200 ft. of 6" water mains, valves & appurts. in Tract 1358, Fresno County Waterworks Dist. No. 10.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Edward Keeble, Rt. 2, Box 64, San Jose, \$395,000, for site & earthwork for new IBM Bldg., Cottle Ave. & Monterey Rd., south of San Jose, in SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Risch Co., 900 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, \$107,919, for resurf. 10th St., betw. Madera & Bayshore, & Rosa St betw. 1st St. & 17th Et., San Jose.

A Record Year is Ahead for San Jose

By A. J. HOPE, H. T. PETERSEN and A. R. McCAFFREY, Business Representatives

Due to the lack of rains during the month of March and also the huge amount of work to be done in this vicinity, the out-of-work list has been depleted. We believe this to be the first time in many years that the Brothers have all gone to work so early in the season.

Leo Piazza Paving Company and O. C. Jones are in full operation on their freeway job on the Bayshore. Piazza Paving Company is also working on their several Sub-Divisions in this area and have completed work on their Rock Crushing Plant.

TAP GEYSERS, NEW SOURCE OF POWER

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

Geyser uncapped with a swoosh, but its future is still uncertain.

Heat means power. Power means industry. Industry means jobs. Jobs mean prosperity.

And if the source of heat is unlimited and can be harnessed, the possibilities are limitless and could radically alter the history and growth of the Redwood Empire.

Drilling started into the hot earth here in the hopes of harnessing the steam geysers coming from the thermal area.

A giant oil well drill complete with the latest heat control equipment was brought up here from Bakersfield on 11 truck-trailers.

If plans work out as have been contemplated—drilling successful, and enough power is generated, a heavy water plant will be built. Heavy water, they say, is the ideal moderator in all nuclear power reactors—which means atomic power.

Drilling went uneventfully to a depth of 612 feet, the drill hit a chasm and dropped six feet. Then "all hell broke loose."

The pressure was so great it lifted the 22-ton drill some 16 feet while men fought to get it under control. They poured 500 gallons of water per minute into the well to douse the steam. The water was poured in for several hours until the near-by creek was dry.

WELL IS CAPPED

Meanwhile, the drill was anchored to the derrick by chains, but the powerful unleashed giant moved the derrick and its heavy equipment.

Finally, the valves were shut and the well capped.

To uncup a series of cables and pulleys had been rigged; so one of the valves could be opened by men some 100 feet away under the safety of a wooden shelter.

The top of the casing of the well is set in a concreted pit 15 feet deep. The casing is set in the concrete and bolted to it. The first valve, which weighs 1500 pounds, is on top of the concrete floor and was to be opened by the cable. A second valve is above ground. It was to be opened first.

The top valve was opened and all hands ran for cover. The lower valve was opened.

Nearby, "Whistling Annie" and "The Great Giant Cuper" two of the original wells dug a quarter of a century ago, filled the sunny landscape with their ear-splitting roar.

The well is shut down overnight again opened in the mornings for the endless tests that must be made.

Depending on the amount of heat encountered, they hope to drill to a depth of 1500 to 2500 feet. Their aim is to find steam at a pressure of 1000 pounds per inch.

Since at least 40 per cent of the cost of producing electricity is in the cost of making the steam to run the turbines, and since here the steam and the pressure is free, the advantages are obvious.

ENDOGENOUS POWER

If the drilling is successful, a new type of power, never before used in the United States, will have its start. It's called endogenous power, meaning "coming from within."

Some 25 years ago several wells were dug on the property. The deepest is only 605 feet deep, and the pressure is 350 pounds per square inch.

"The steam is magmatic in its

We are happy to report that Brother Ed Keeble, who suffered a heart attack this spring, is again able to be up and around again. This firm has begun work on their two highway jobs. Brother Martin Keeble is the Super on the highway job between Los Gatos and Campbell. Brother Keeble has also begun work on the large I.B.M. project under the supervision of Brother Barney Bell.

L. C. Smith Company were the low bidders on the Highway No. 9 job. This will extend from Sunnyvale to one mile beyond Cupertino. Brother George Warren, Supt. on the L. C. Smith job at Los Gatos, reports that work is progressing nicely.

Kaiser Engineers of Oakland are busy on their new kiln at Permanente. At the present time they are using 8 truck-cranes, of which three are owned by Kelly Brothers, three by Eichleay Corporation, one by J. C. Bateman and one by Bibbie Construction.

All of the underground contractors are working at top speed, with

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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 225-19th Ave., San Mateo, \$316,279, for 4.0 mi. widened & surf. w/plantmix surf. on cem. tr. base & on exist. pave. betw. 0.4 mi. S. of McClellan Rd. & Rt. 2, SANTA CLARA CO.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741 50th Ave., Oakland, \$63,226, for reconstr. Waring St., Derby St., Bellrose Ave., Claremont Blvd., betw. Piedmont Crest & Russell St., in City of Berkeley.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Morro Underground Const. Co., P.O. Box 526, San Rafael, \$16,632, for const. of sanit. sewers in East Strawberry Dr. & Road B in MARIN COUNTY.

RED BLUFF, contract awarded to Del E. Webb Const. Co., P.O. Box 4066, Phoenix, Ariz., & Southwest Eng. & Mfg. Co., 333 W. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, Ariz., for const. of a forest products manufacturing plant on a 400-acre site north of the Red Bluff city limits.

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OGDEN, Utah, contract awarded to Dudley, Jensen & Johnson, Moab, Utah, \$116,000, for const. Utah Mine Access Rd., Indian Creek, in SAN JUAN COUNTY, Utah.

PETALUMA, contract awarded to Payne Construction Co., 689 Louisiana St., Oakland, \$53,765, for const. of metal frame exhibit building, including grading, mechanical & electrical work, 4th Dist. Agric. Association, Petaluma.

source." This means the supply is inexhaustible.

Many wells can be dug in one area without reducing the amount of steam, or the pressure in each well.

The wells dug here in the past have produced all the steam necessary to run a power plant which furnishes The Geysers resort with all its electricity.

The steam geysers have drawn thousands of tourists into the area in the past. But in the future, if their power is successfully harnessed, there is no telling the number of industries that may be attracted to this source of cheap, new, endogenous power.

How soon that may be, no one knows.

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Mark Sholar, superintendent of Granite Construction Company who have the Boonville Road job, started the pioneering this week. Brothers Dutch Schmidt and F. M. Vance on the pioneer rigs.

Transocean Construction Company have started this week on their Bodega Bay job. They hope to be going full blast in two weeks.

new jobs being let each day, namely John Mauck, Pisano Brothers, P & E Const. and A. J. Peters.

With more and more industry moving to the Santa Clara Valley the demand for men will have to increase. General Motors Corporation will soon erect a large assembly plant near Sunnyvale and the plant is expected to be in operation in 1957. This company will employ approximately 5000 people.

LOCKHEED PLANT

McNeil Construction Company is making good progress on the Lockheed Plant and will soon start on three additional buildings. In the meantime L. C. Smith Company have completed the initial grading operations.

Bahr & Ledoyen Company will soon move their Quarry operations from its present site on Page Mill Road to the Boronda Quarry near Capitola.

Sondroth Brothers and O. V. Freeman Paving Company are both in full operation and will continue so, throughout the year.

There is still some activity at Moffett Field with Bragotto Construction Co., Chas. Harney, A. J. Peters, Gene Richardson and Fred J. Early working on several small contracts.

SOUTHERN AREA

Work in the southern end of this district has picked up considerably. Wm. Radkte & Sons are busy on various jobs around Gilroy. Granite Construction planned to start their highway job around the middle of April, but they hit water two feet from the surface of the ground which will delay them for awhile. Valley Paving Company are rolling full blast on their highway job north of Hollister. There are approximately 10 engineers on this job.

A. J. Peters are working on their sewer job at Salinas. Granite Construction have many jobs in this area and are keeping a great number of the brothers busy. Los Gatos Construction are now working on their job at King City and plan to move their rubber-tired equipment there very shortly.

SAN ARDO OIL FIELD

Jess Harrison has everything busy in the Oil Fields near San Ardo and is also making good progress on his highway job at Carmel Valley. H. B. Folsom and Wilder & Jones are working on their project at Hunter-Liggett and Wilder & Jones are also busy on a large sewer job at Monterey.

Granite Construction have again started work on their Freeway job at Santa Cruz and Davenport, but as it is still too wet, it will be some time before they can operate at full capacity.

Permanente Corporation at Moss Landing are expanding their plant, which will just about double the production. Their Quarry at Natividad is still working two shifts.

The San Jose Office is closed every Saturday except the first Saturday of the month, when it will be open from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. The office will be open every Wednesday night from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Ask Congress Stop Miami TV 'Monopoly'

The AFL-CIO asked a congressional committee to request a "stop" order on a television-station construction permit pending review of a decision awarding Miami, Fla., channel to "monopoly" interests.

Andrew J. Biemiller, legislative representative, told the Senate Commerce Committee that the grant of a Chanel 7 license to Biscayne Television Corp. would place "control of all types of media (in the area) in the hands of a very few people."

Observe Safety Rules!

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP—

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

The Silver State has come out of its winter slump and jobs are starting to get underway in all parts of the State. We are expecting this year to be the best season that we have had up to date, and consisting of all type of work; Highways—Housing tracts—Mining—Tunnels—Hotel—Motel—River Projects, etc.

MINES

Consolidated Copper Corporation has the new 110-B Bucyrus shovel in the "muck" now and the brothers operating on it are very pleased with its performance. They have been overhauling one of the P & H shovels for several weeks and it should be ready for production in the very near future. In talking to the Superintendent on the job, I understand that they are converting the machine from a hydraulic control to air controls. Some of the brothers are anxious to see the results.

The work at Consolidated Coppermines is going along very well and there seems to be a possibility of more employment through an increase of operation in the not too distant future.

Since this year is the first time that the company has done open pit work, and are under a pit agreement for the first time, there are many grievances that come up from week to week, and it will take a few months for everything to get leveled off and a little time for all the personnel to finally get into a regular routine schedule. We are all looking forward to this job increasing considerably in size and also becoming a very good place to work.

IRON MINES

Dodge Construction Company has been very busy at their Iron Mine operations out of Lovelock, Nevada, even though they have been unable to ship any ore lately, due to shipping problems. As a result of these problems they have been stock piling their ore and taking more time for further prospecting and sorting out the high grade ores. All of the brothers are busy on the job and don't seem to be having any difficulties except kidding each other.

Mineral Materials Company has resumed operations a few miles south of Dodge Construction Company and claim to have found the Mother Lode of iron ore, but of course the brothers at Dodge Mine think differently. There has been a lot of survey work done and plans discussed at the Mineral Materials property, and by the rumors or "scuttlebutt" the operation may develop, in the next few months, into a large open pit operation having its own mill facilities right at the job site. I hope to see all this come to reality as it will be a great help to the town of Lovelock and Pershing County and the labor people of the area.

At the Anaconda Company coppermining operations in Weed Heights, Nevada, the mine is on full scale production. The same type of talk seems to be going on at Anaconda as at the Iron Mines. We have been told that an expansion program is being planned and is definitely going to get under way soon.

This is a large operation now and the talk is of more housing units and a flotation mill being

erected on the job site. We will see what the future brings and such will be reported in coming issues of this paper. We hope that facts will be known by the next writing.

HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Silver State Construction Company has been very successful in their bidding this year and have a lot of work going on now. They have most of the dirt moved on the job at Wellington, Nevada, and are preparing to gravel, etc. soon. The dirt moving crews have moved to Wadsworth, Nevada where the company has a sizeable job improving the road from Wadsworth to Nixon. At Yerington a portion of the brothers are busy driving piling in preparation for the bridge job and city streets. Another portion of Silver State Construction Company (Andy Drumm) has moved on to the job at Wendover (Utah-Nevada State Line). This job starts at Wendover and extends into Nevada approximately 17 miles.

Within the next thirty to forty days the Drumm outfit will move into the job they were awarded at Robinson Summit (on Highway 50, West of Ely, Nevada). The job is a little over 4 miles long and was bid in at \$429,373. There will be a considerable amount of excavation on this job, and part of it rock work. (Drumm hopes for very little rock.)

Gibbons and Reed Construction Company of Utah was awarded a job March 15th in Humboldt County on U.S. Highway 95, 21 miles north of Winnemucca, Nevada and running to the junction of FAS No. 615 coming from Denio, Nevada. This job was bid at \$547,049 and is an extension to the Dodge Construction Company job that started at Winnemucca and went 21 miles north. Gibbons and Reed will be moving on the job by press time and we will undoubtedly see some old faces from Utah on the job.

Dodge Construction Company is getting ready to finish the gravel on the job at Winnemucca and will get started on the oil soon.

At Dodge's job in Gerlach, Nevada they are also putting gravel on and this job will be ready for oil before too long. Brother Jack Chatelle, the Boss Man for Dodge, has had the brothers working at top speed and has a top-notch crew of Brothers at Gerlach to do the job for him. He says he could not ask for a better crew of men to work with and harmony among them is what makes them a good crew.

Morrison & Knudsen Construction Company was awarded a \$1,064,978 job at Pequop in Elko County. This job will be a four-lane highway excavation of about one-half million yards of material, and is 5½ miles long. M & K should be moving onto this job soon after this article goes to press and we are looking forward to a

large crew of the brothers going onto the job. At this writing, many of the brothers have asked who is going to be the Superintendent on the job for M & K. Sorry, brothers, but we don't know yet.

H. Earl Parker Company has been moving dirt, trees, etc., on the two jobs between Carson City and Lake Tahoe. Brother Clarence Storey and Son, Brother Galen Storey are on the Northwest, loading the rock into Euclid trucks. Brother John Reeves and Glen Hayes are the dozers, keeping the roadway clear for traffic, building ramps, and pioneering. After the crew gets the approach "mucked out" then the Parker Company will begin operations on the tunnel. The brothers here are having more problems with traffic and tourists than they are with the rock. They are at home in the rock cuts.

Isbell Construction Company have most of the pipe in on the South Virginia job at Reno, and are starting to move dirt now. Brother George Conley is boss of the earth movers and has most of his old crew back again. Quarter Brother Joe "Pinky" Krmpotic is on the boom cat with the pipe crew. Pinky is going to be a good operator after a little more experience. Brother Bill Ponton is shoving things around with the dozer for Isbell, and there is an operator who does a good job wherever he is or whatever he does. Brothers J. H. Cox and his oiler, "Andy" Antonovich, are on the Hoe, tearing everything up for someone else to fix, but at least they do a good job of tearing up the ground and digging the excavations as they should be dug.

Isbell Construction Company was awarded a large Sewage Disposal job in the Airport Road Area, and will begin working there soon. That will keep the brothers busy for quite a spell.

Going along the Truckee and Carson Rivers much work is being done. Schwake Construction Company is working on some channel changes and levies at Gardnerville, Nevada, where Brother Charles Ouletette is the Boss Man supervising for Schwake.

Eckley Construction with the aid of some of our good brothers are doing the river work at Dayton, Nevada, and taking on some land leveling while they are there.

Pyramid Construction Company has finished a job on the Truckee River, east of Reno on a dare waiting for another portion of work that is coming up in the same area.

In and around Reno, on Housing Projects, Hotels, Motels, etc., all of the local contractors are busy. John DeLagrange Construction, Earl Games Construction, George Grifall Construction, Probasco Construction, Dieterich Construction, Porter Burge Construction, and Allen Amer Construction have their equipment and men moving from one job to another throughout the city.

With all the jobs going now and others yet to come, we look forward to a very busy and prosperous year for the brothers in the Silver State, and wish it to be a long season, making up for the rough winter that has just passed. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, So play it SAFE brother and avoid casualty for sure.

Red Cross Appeal Backed by Labor

The AFL-CIO Community Services Committee "looks forward to another year of partnership with the American Red Cross, CSC Chairman Joseph A. Beirne said in urging union members to contribute to the annual Red Cross fund appeal being conducted this month. The Communications Workers, praised the "truly magnificent and able job" the Red Cross did during last year's floods, but pointed out that it performs many other services. In most, if not all of them, it closely cooperates with organized labor, he said.

Attend Meetings!

FRESNO DISTRICT IS PICKING UP FAST

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

With all the nice weather that we have been having this season is getting off to a good start.

Morrison, Walsh & Perini are about finished on their widening and straightening of the Black Rock to Balch Camp section of road and getting their equipment moved back to the Wishon Dam site. They are also plowing snow and cleaning slides on the Shaver Lake via Dinkey Creek road to Wishon. The company have had mechanic crews assembling two electric shovels and have had a small crew putting back the diversion dam, which was washed out by flood waters. They hope to be on a two shift basis about May 1st.

H. Earl Parker Co. hope to get started about May 1st on their Stump Springs Road job, which was awarded to them last Fall. Eaton & Smith, who had about completed their first section of this project last Fall, will have quite a bit of repair work to do this year. This damage was caused by flood waters.

The State Division of Highways awarded to Fred Galante Co. of Visalia an hourly contract for re-

pairs on Highway 180 from Boyden's Cave to Cedar Grove in Kings Canyon.

Bechtel Co. and the So. California Edison Co. opening road from Big Creek to Vermillion and are planning on getting started again on their Huntington Lake Power House about May 1st.

Ellis Construction Co. have started their hot plant at Centerville, at the Howard Wolfe Rock Plant site, making material for the Ted Baun job on east Belmont Avenue in Fresno.

P.C.A. have just completed rebuilding their rock plant at Lemon Cove and are running two shifts trying to catch up to the time lost for the shut down for repairs caused by flood damage.

Gordon Ball and San Ramon Land Co. have moved their barge plant about 8 miles north near Pixley and are pouring the last section of their Highway 99 contract. Stewart & Nuss laying black top on this job.

L. B. Wells Co. making very good progress on work at the Porterville State Hospital, on street and road leading from the Hospital to town.

LEVEES, FREEWAYS Paul E. Woof Construction have been awarded an additional contract for levee and channel work at McKays Point, Tulare County.

Stewart & Nuss Inc., sub-contractors, on C. K. Moseman's freeway job through Fresno, are making very good progress moving dirt.

The Gene Richards Co. are again moving dirt on their section of the freeway after having been held up waiting for structures.

Sub division work still going strong with most of the local contractors being kept busy, on streets, ditches, pipe lines, etc.

The Hertel Construction are about to wind up their bridge job at Berenda near Chowchilla.

The Frederickson Kasler Co. were low bidders of \$2,285,809 to the Calif. Div. of Highways for 7 bridges and 3 pumping plants, between Califa and Merced County Line.

Ted Baun Company are moving right along on their widening job on Highway 140 near Mariposa. The H. Sykes Co. are finishing up their 3 bridge jobs near Hornitos, the Horace Spencer Co. is moving dirt on this job.

Standard Materials Co. keep quite a few of the boys busy on various jobs at Castle Field Air Base. All the rock plants in the area are running at top speed. It looks like a very busy season.

State Division of Highways have advertised for bids April 25th for 5.7 miles of grading and paving south of Traver in Tulare County.

Brothers may we again remind you of the Blood Bank? We have had no donations for several months. You never know when you or your immediate family will be in need, please donate.

Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is closed Saturdays and open Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m.

awarded to Oscar C. Holmers, Inc., P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$56,057, for reconstr. portions of Orange, Baden & Spruce Aves. in City of So. San Francisco, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

APRIL 3, 1956 SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to C. C. Gildersleeve, P.O. Box 947, Grass Valley, \$3152, for conc. bridge to be repaired arc. Novato Creek, 9.5 mi. of San Rafael, MARIN COUNTY.

APRIL 3, 1956 SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Walter Lenkeit, 2321 24th Ave., S.F., \$211,483, for const. Lincoln Way sewer, Sec. B, 29th Ave. to Sunset Blvd., S.F.

SO. SAN FRANCISCO, contract



HIGH GEAR, HIGH BOOM—That's the predicament this operator found himself in, due to a mechanical failure. Rather embarrassing. (Picture from Reno office of Local 3.)

Utah News Roundup

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

Spring has once again come to the Rockies bringing with it a lot of work and hope for a good season in the construction industry. During the past few weeks we have been clearing men to the jobs at a very increased pace; consequently, most of our members are working at present.

There are several old jobs to complete, new ones to start and more being bid each month. The many road jobs in and around Salt Lake have been going on for some time.

Last week Utah Construction Company started a small crew at the old Murray Slag Pile using the new D-9, a shovel and a few Eucs. We never know how long these operations will run but in any event some of the brothers reap some benefits right close to home.

Gibbons and Reed have set up their crusher at Kearns and are in the process of building a large stockpile before going to Parleys. Also, word has been received here of the filling of a reservoir at Big Cottonwood.

W. W. Clyde has started the second shift at Vernal on the 13-mile stretch between Vernal and Jensen. This is a good big road job, at present using three pulls, seven cats and a shovel crew.

Strong Company have also started on their project north of Vernal on the Manila Highway. We expect to see a lot of activity on this road in the future as it is the only access into the proposed Flaming Gorge part of the upper Colorado River Project, and there is quite a stretch of this particular highway that really needs some work done.

F & S Construction Company at Kearns are working long hours again trying to catch up.

Utah Construction Company is slated to start at Wanship Dam about April 16th.

Thayne Const. Co. is rushing against a penalty at Saltair.

Southern Section

The construction locally, has broken no records this spring. Thanks to much activity to the north our bench list is very small. The members left in this area are anxiously awaiting the start of proposed work, such as the highway overpass and four leaf clover to be constructed at Pleasant Grove, the long awaited new alignment between Mapleton and Springville and the location of a new generating unit of Utah Power and Light Company are being looked forward to locally. The location of the generating unit depends upon success or failure of a drilling venture now in progress to procure water for said unit. The drilling is being done at Castlegate, Utah. In the event of obtaining an undesirable amount of water, we understand the Provo Canyon area is being considered as second choice.

The ammonia plant at Geneva is gradually becoming the operation we had in mind six months ago. Blaw-Knox Company has subcontracted all the buildings out. At present there are four separate building contractors at work in the area. It seems to the writer, if this plant is in operation in December, 1956, as planned, there will be a great execution of construction.

The local membership received a stunning blow with the untimely death of Brother Jim Wilson. Bro. Jim was driving to his home in Springville from the swing shift of Consolidated Western Steel Company's job at Geneva when he was involved in an accident which claimed his life. Surviving are Mrs. Wilson, two lovely daughters and a young son. We will remember Jim as an exemplary union man and craftsman. Jim excelled as a shovel operator and repairman. The way Jim's many friends and brothers took up his cause, speaks for the fine attitude and respect he held among the membership and community. Mrs. Wilson would like to convey through this article her thanks and appreciation for your many kindnesses.

From all indications, it will be much safer for the membership to get back to the bang and clatter of their work. While taking it easy the past winter we suffered as

many near casualties as we normally do in a rush season.

Brother Orvil Wardle is recuperating from a badly wrenched knee, suffered in a skiing mishap, of all things. Brother Dan C. Smith lost another finger to his hobby. Brother Dan is a machinist in Thorn's Shop, where he has many opportunities to lose fingers, still he waits to get home. Brother Sam Fratto is back in the harness after a serious operation. He looks a little peaked but is plenty rugged. Brother Dee Adams is wearing a brace on his back, in hopes of curing a condition that might require an operation. Brother Bill Burch called to say he thinks he is able to work after a serious accident last fall.

Northern Area

The primary interest this past month has been about the proposed fill across the Great Salt Lake for the Southern Pacific Railroad. As almost everyone knows, the contract has been awarded to the Morrison & Knudsen Construction Company. This project has been talked of for a number of years and considerable tests have been completed and now a method has been devised whereby a job of this type can be accomplished. There is some preliminary work under way at this writing, including the improvement of the access road and the building of a camp. Several Engineers are already on the job, and as the equipment arrives, a number of additional men will be required. It will be some time yet before the main project starts as it will be quite a chore to accumulate and assemble sufficient equipment for a job of this size.

W. W. Clyde Co. has moved back in on the Echo to Henefer road with a crew who have been with him for a number of years. Clyde was also low bidder on the overpass reconstruction job west of Ogden.

Morrison & Knudsen Co. have a few Engineers busy on the Gateway Canal job. The heavy winter storms caused considerable damage to the Canal right of way, so it will be several months before this work can be completed.

The United Concrete Pipe Co. job on the Davis Aqueduct is back in full swing again with the Young & Smith Construction Co. working two pipe laying crews and several draglines and backhoes. Young & Smith are also doing the heavy excavation for Davis & Butler on the Bountiful and Ogden Water Purification plants.

Davis and Butler Construction Co. are using several Engineers on their Sewer Pumping plant in Ogden and on the Layton Sewer job.

Some other work has been contracted this month including J. B. Parsons Co. gravel stock pile in Rich County \$13,440, Olaf Nelson Construction Co. gravel stock pile in Cache County, \$7640, Bolton & St. Joer, Layton Water line and A. H. Palmer Co. alteration and addition to the heating plant at U.S.A.C., \$152,786

The scheduled bid opening on several jobs has been postponed until April, due to the revision of some plans, but there is sufficient work already under contract to keep everyone busy.

Southwest

Spring is making a fair showing in the St. George area. Thorn's have started their hot plant for a few custom jobs in St. George. We notice the state engineers have been at work through Santa Clara and adding that to the hot plant in St. George it could mean a road job in sight there.

Jim Reed is moving in equipment on the Leeds job and will be making dirt fly in a few days.

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

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

Construction and Sand & Gravel Membership, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West 1st North, Provo, Utah, 8:00 P.M.

Construction and Sand & Gravel Membership meeting, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, gden, Utah, at 8:00 P.M.

Vitro Uranium Membership meetings will be called meetings.

Lang Company Membership meetings will be called meetings.

Kennecott Copper Corp. Membership meetings, called meetings.

Cedar Iron Mines will be called meetings.

State Road, all called meetings.

Whiting and Haymond are about ready for black top on their road project at Beryl Junction.

At the Newcastle Dam job it is still pretty wet. Someone's boner is running the cost of the project up about \$150,000, about \$87,000 extra to Industrial Construction Company for extra dirt moving. This is pretty stiff on a small irrigation district but it is good for a number of Operating Engineers.

At the Iron Mines we believe we are in the process of getting the vacation problem resolved. At a recent meeting, and after numerous drawn-out sessions with the company on the matter, we were offered settlement on the following basis: All men, who when called back, had not been off the payroll in excess of six months would receive the 4 per cent two weeks vacation if qualified under the vacation clause of the contract. All men who are called back in the future, if off over three months, would have to start out new for vacation privileges. If the proposition is accepted in the meeting of April 4, 1956, at Cedar City, that would be the procedure.

Some welcome snow has fallen at the mines in the past few days and it is pretty sloppy around there. According to what we read in the newspapers the Rex property has finally been settled and grapevine rumors indicate some activity on that property shortly. Seeing is believing.

Way up north of the Cedar Iron Mines on top of the Kennecott Copper Mine, Isbell has progressed to the point where they are about out of over-burden on the east side, and are moving part of the equipment on the west side. Bob Hoover tells us that when they are set up on the west side they are going six days. That will be good news to the crews up there. Considering the traffic problem to get up there, five days doesn't offer much inducement for the brothers to stay, in view of all the other work which is about to break.

Kennecott Copper

At Kennecott Mine, a brother member's life was snuffed out in early March as a result of the eternal insistence of the company to work the single cab shovels on the bank side. We met Mr. Barlow the day after the accident and at that meeting got a commitment which the membership said was inadequate. We called Mr. Barlow later and he said he felt that what he proposed was as far as he could go. Feeling was running very high about the problem and we felt that it was time to go to the top of the ladder. Accordingly, we called for an appointment with Mr. Pett. In a very short meeting, at which Merlin Bowman, Charles Cockayne and Chief Steward Everett Hibbard attended, Mr. Pett told us that those shovels would not be required to operate any more from the bank side. We asked for a letter to that effect but he said a letter was not necessary as he would see that the word was put out from the mine office. If any one asks or requests any one to operate from

the bank side, refuse to do so and report the name of the level foreman to us immediately through the steward. We regret that a good member, Brother Richard Smith was required to give his life before this could be accomplished. Our deepest sympathy goes to his lovely wife and family.

APRIL 4, 1956

RENO, Nevada, contract awarded to C. Dieterich Co., 122 Rock St., Reno, \$49,386, for realign sec. of Cochran Ditch on & along certain designated sts. & R/W in SE sec. of Reno, Nevada.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Asta Const. Co., 33 N. Front St., Rio Vista, \$18,745, for resurf. West Ripon Road betw. 1000 ft. W. of Fredrick to 600 ft. W. of Kincaid Rd., SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Robt. R. Murdoch, 3632 Boyer Circle, Lafayette, \$40,958, for bridge to be const. & 0.6 mi. approaches graded & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base, about 2 mi. S. of Lakeport at Thompson Creek in LAKE COUNTY.

APRIL 5, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Healy-Tibbitts Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., S.F., \$29,300, for dredging & misc. pile work at S.F. Yacht Harbor, San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Paul E. Woolf, 2203 N. Fruit Ave., Fresno, \$87,680, for emergency levee repair & channel restoration, St. John's River below McKays Point near Woodlake, TULARE COUNTY.

NOTICE

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BLUE SKIES WELCOMED AT REDDING

By E. A. HESTER
Business Representative

Skies are blue again, in northern California, with every indication of staying that way. So—the wheels of prosperity for the Operating Engineers are beginning to roll once again.

On Highway 99, thirty-five miles north of Redding, Piombo Construction Company are as busy as the proverbial bees, on their road project, with Brother Phil Dunn in charge of operations.

Connecting with this project is the Guy F. Atkinson job. They are getting underway with Brother Jim Daley in charge.

J. W. Briggs, of Bend, Oregon, is also moving equipment in on his road job, located near Happy Camp, California, in Siskiyou County. Brother Shinn, of Local No. 701, is in charge of this project. Brothers Archie Miller, Wallace Freshour, Donald A. Bentley, Vern Thomas, Henry Goodwin, Wilbur Graves, E. J. Coburn, Robert Miller, Bob Wayne Melick, Jack McCarthy, Allen Henry, and Odell Brown are the first to hit this job and we expect to have about twenty men on the job, all told.

H. C. Jordan is at work getting M. W. Brown's freeway job, at Yreka, underway. Meanwhile, Brother Thomas E. Miles is running Mr. Brown's job at Salt Creek and Jack Tucker is in charge of the Hilltop project.

Somers and Stacy, of Klamath Falls, are moving in on their job at Callahan.

Harms Brothers, of Sacramento, are expected to move in on their new job, soon, at Sage Hen Summit and Dry Creek, near Alturas, in Lassen County.

Baldwin Contracting Company, Incorporated, of Marysville, will be moving in, very shortly, on their ten mile stretch, north of Adin, in Modoc County.

Eaton and Smith have a lot of work left on their job at Montgomery Creek and the same is true of Fredrickson and Watson in the same Shasta County area.

Clements Construction Company has a lot of unfinished work yet to tackle, at Fort Jones.

CORNING CANAL

Stolte Incorporated, of Oakland, are beginning to move equipment in on their section of the canal project at Corning, California.

Richter Brothers, were the successful bidders on the dirt job for the Diamond Match Company, at Red Bluff. All in all, this is over a fifteen million dollar project with about two hundred thousand yards of muck to move.

Earl L. McNutt is starting up their job near Douglas City. However, things are still pretty wet around that part of the country.

E. T. Haas Company, of Belmont, California, have started a sewer disposal project at Anderson, California.

There is a lot of new work coming up—the Bureau of Reclamation is calling for bids, April 10, 1956, on another section of the Corning Canal, near Red Bluff.

And now—the long awaited for news on the big Trinity Dam diversion tunnel, near Lewiston. The job goes to Gates and Fox, of Burlingame, whose bid was one million three hundred and forty-eight thousand dollars. The winner up was Guy F. Atkinson with a bid of one million six hundred and sixty-one thousand.

Our out-of-work list is getting pretty thin!

GET SECURITY FACTS

If you have a question about Social Security, almost any one of your friends may be willing to discuss your problem with you. But, if you want to be sure to get the facts about your case, go to your nearest Social Security office.

Nine out of ten mothers and children will receive Federal Social Security benefits if the family breadwinner dies.

Daily report of awards for construction

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

MARCH 2, 1956

TRAVIS AFB, Contract awarded to Campbell Const. & Equip. Co., 1150 Folsom St., S. F., \$1,066,327, for const. Nike T-53 Potrero, Travis AFB Defense Area Travis AFB, SOLANO COUNTY involving const. barracks, Officers' Qtrs. Bldg., Adm., Rec., Storage Bldg. and

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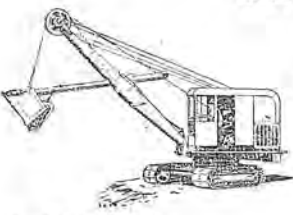
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SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, 575 Berry St., S.F., \$1,859,283, for const. por. of a separation struc. & misc. street work betw. S.F.-Oakland Bay Bridge at Fremont St. & Howard St. City & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

MARCH 6, 1956

SONOMA, Contract awarded to F. W. Serres, Santa Rosa Hwy. & Eavedale Rd., Aqua Caliente, \$7,784, for grade, base, plt/mx surf. on 3rd St. W. betw. Napa & Perkins.

COLMA, Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$15,574, for const. grading, paving, sewers, etc. on Conti Property in Colma.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Pacific Bridge Co., 256 Montgomery St., S. F. \$1,282,881 for repl. submarine quaywall at S. F. Naval Shipyard, San Francisco.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to V. Rodrigues, 226 Jackson St., Hayward, \$59,211, for const. improvements of Line K-2 betw. Sulphur Creek & vic. of Odom Dr. in Hayward, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

MARCH 7, 1956

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & "F"

Sts., Mrysvl, \$9,500, for emerg. levee reprs. R&L banks of Honcut Crk., from 0.25 mi upstream from jct. w/Feather River & 2.0 mi upstream from S.H. No. 24, YUBA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Bridges Const. Co., P.O. Box 966, San Jose, \$66,292, for const. bridge & grade & surf. approaches w/pltmx surf on untr. base across Mark West Creek, 4 mi. N. of Santa Rosa in SONOMA COUNTY.

EUREKA, Contract awarded to Tom Hull, 930 Carson St., Eureka, \$19,865, for repairs to Fish Warf.

HAYWARD Contract awarded to M. W. Garing, 4515 E. 15th St., Oakland, \$85,140, for const. water fluoridation station near intersec. of St. Hwy. Rt. No. 5 (Castro St.) & Decoto Rd. in ALAMEDA COUNTY.

CAMPBELL, Contract awarded to Associated Engrs. Inc., 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$46,652, for const. vitr. clay san sewerage project.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to Barrett Const. Co., 1800 Evans Ave., S. F., \$275,000, for const. of livestock exhibit bldgs., 2nd Dist. Agric. Assoc., Stockton, consist. of 3 cattle exhibit bldgs., compost station & judging ring. Floor area 71,000 sq. ft.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., P.O. Box 191, Fallon, Nev., for const. approx. 4.108 mi. of primary hwy. sys. on U.S. Rt. 50 betw. 4.5 mi. W. & 0.4 mi. W. of Robinson Summit, WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA.

MARCH 9, 1956

FRESNO, Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., 3306 Winery St. Fresno, \$13,960, for inst. water mains in North Gate Tract No. 1482, city of Fresno.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$15,722, for reconstr. Powhattan Ave., betw. Bradford & Peralta Sts., San Francisco.

FRESNO, Contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const., P.O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$48,017, for const. sanitary sewers, Unit No. 1, Mariposa St. betw. H St. & Fulton-Van Ness Alley, Unit No. 2, sewer exten. to Bel Air & Unit No. 3, Fulton-Van Ness Alley Block No. 82, Fresno.

OGDEN, UTAH, Contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., P.O. Box 450, Boise, Idaho, \$45,000,000, for widening the fill on the Lucin Cutoff & replacement of 12 mi. wooden trestle with rockfill.

SAN LEANDRO Contract awarded to Dinwiddie Const. Co., Crocker Bldg., S.F., \$3,960,000 for const. of Stage 1 of Bay-Fair Shopping Center, to be located on a 65 acre tract at 154th & East 14th St., San Leandro.

MARCH 12, 1956

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to O. K. Mitty & Sons, 15905 S. Broadway, Gardena, \$3,200, for emerg. chann. restoration, Woods Creek 0.5 mi. upstream from Jacksonville, in TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., P.O. Box 1349, Fresno, \$4,750, for emergency levee reprs. on R & L banks

Wutchumna & Ketchum ditches & Packwood Canal, nr. Woodlake, TULARE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$152,103, for 0.8 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmx surf. on cem. tr. base abt. 4 mi. SE of Boonville betw. Coon Creek & Ornbau Creek, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$133,058, for 0.7 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmx surf. on cem. tr. base betw. Low Gap Rd. & Must St in Ukiah & 0.2 mi N. of Ford Rd. MENDOCINO COUNTY.

MARCH 13, 1956

REDWOOD CITY, Contract awarded to Somers & Stacy, P.O. Box 853, Klamath Falls, Oregon, \$18,900, for flood damage repair & slide removal on Sec. A & B of FDR 4005 (Callahan-Cecilville) beginning near Callahan & extending SW'ly 7.260 mi. Klamath Nat'l Forest, SISKIYOU COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Craft & Galbraith, 242 Maxwell, Oakdale, \$12,520, for levee repairs, left bank Stanislaus River betw. US 99 and Riverbank.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Payne Const. Co., 689 Louisiana St., Oakland, \$64,562, for re-decking Freepoint Bridge across Sacramento River near Freepoint.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$11,577, for const. PCC parking lanes in Richmond, betw. Esmond Ave. & McBryde Ave., CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$12,930 for channel clearing work at var. loc. on San Lorenzo River & it's King Creek tributary, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to O. C. Holmes, Inc., P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$84,130 for const. slope embankment & place riprap, San Francisco Creek, SANTA CLARA & SAN MATEO COUNTIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to O. C. Holmes, Inc., P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$4,150, for channel clearing on Love & Zayante Creeks, Tributaries of San Lorenzo River, vic. of Ben Lomond, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

MARCH 14, 1956

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$24,625 for repave Dunkirk St. & rehabilitate adj. railroad tracks, Oakland Army Terminal, Oakland.

CAMP MATHER, Contract awarded to Covington & Wolverton, Rt. 1, Box 573, Sonoma, \$11,770, for const. of sewer field & bathhouse piping at Camp Mather, TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

SEASIDE, Contract awarded to Wilder & Jones, Inc., 1525 Fremont Extension, Seaside, \$151,619, for const. sanit. sewer mains wye branches, rodholes & manholes w/ frames & covers, E. Seaside & Del Rey Terrace Sewer Project.

SALINAS, Contract awarded to A. J. Peters & Son, P.O. Box 632, San, \$27,594, for const. san sewers & storm drains & appurts, Fairfax Subdiv, Salinas.

LOS ALTOS, Contract awarded to Sondgroth Bros., P.O. Box 1055, Mt. View, \$5,64 ton, for resurf. Los Altos Ave., betw. Edith Ave. & Pine Lane & portions of Pepper, Hawthorne, W. Edith & Whitney Aves., 3rd & 4th Sts. in city of Los Altos, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

MARCH 15, 1956

CASTLE AFB, Contract awarded to Clarence Ward Const., P.O. Box 806, Fresno, \$355,705, for const. warehouse, exten. 200x200x35 ft. high. stl. frame, etc. & Admin. Motor Pool Bldg. 1 story conc. block bldg. w/conc. slab floor, wood roof, CED COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Conincl. utils. at Castle AFB, MERTACT awarded to Gibbons & Reed Co., 825 W. 9th N., Salt Lake City, Utah, \$547,049, for const. approx. 9.717 mi. on S.R. No. 8 (U.S. No. 95) betw. a point 21 mi. N. of Winnemucca & jct. of FAS 614, HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NEVADA.

MARCH 16, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Haas & Haynie, 275 Pine St., S.F., \$2,688,834, for const.

of 2d stage of Valley Fair Shopping Center in San Jose.

MARCH 19, 1956

TRAVIS AFB, Contract awarded to Price-McN ear Const. Co., 8601 Sepulveda Blvd., Sepulveda, \$1,000,144, for const. of Nike T-86, cement hills at Travis AFB Defense Area, SOLANO COUNTY, involving const. barracks, var. bldgs., utils., roads & related items.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Maaskant Bros., 505 N. 10th Ave., Hanford, \$6,955, for emerg. levee repairs, right bank of Tuolumne River near Modesto, STANISLAUS COUNTY.

MARCH 20, 1956

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to P. H. Vincillione, P.O. Box 186, Mill Valley, \$4,880, for const. drainage culvert under tracks of Northwestern Pacific RR in San Rafael, MARIN COUNTY.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$9,299 for grading, paving at Calo Dog Food Co. canner-warehouse on Embarcadero, Oakland.

SO. SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$14,275, for grade, pave, curbs & sidewalks, Dollar Ave., So. San Francisco.

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., Inc., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$56,825, for const. streets curbs, gutters, walks, sewers, storm water inlets, rodholes & monuments in Rafael Highlands Unit No. 2, San Rafael.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Paul E. Woolf, 2203 N. Fruit Ave., Fresno, \$6,740, for emerg. levee repairs on Sand Creek & Cottonwood Creek, Alta Irrig. Dist. nr. Cutler, TULARE COUNTY.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to V. Rodrigues, 226 Jackson St., Hayward, \$9,755, for const. san. sewers at foot of 19th Ave. to connect Port of Oakland facilis. w/city of Oakland sewer system.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to R. B. McNair & Sons, 3745 Rhoda Ave., Oakland, \$15,581, for const. sanit. sewer to tie in the Grove St. Terminal Area to sewage disposal sys. of East Bay Munic. Utility Dist.

MARCH 21 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgomery St., S.F., \$355,440, for const. SE collecting sewers, Yosemite pumping sta. diversion struc., force main & conn. sewer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$25,669, for const. asph. conc. pavement on DeHaro St. & others.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Gordon L. Capps, P.O. 583, Stockton, \$12,650, for emerg. levee repairs on right bank Mormon Slough nr. Linden, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to J. A. Carstensen, P.O. Box 2037, Castro Valley, \$82,757, for resurf. of City streets and maintenance in city of Hayward, ALAMEDA CO.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to Associated Engrs., Inc., 346 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$17,816 for const. water main in Hathaway Ave., Hayward.

MARCH 22, 1956

UKIAH, contract awarded to Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick, 274 Brannan St., S.F., \$46,450, for const. 1 story assembly bldg. w/lean-to addn. for kitchen & toilet rooms, approx. 3350 sq. ft. area, Home Economics & Exhibit Bldg., 12th Dist. Agric. Assn., Ukiah.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Paris Bros., 2752 Park Blvd., Oakland, \$5836, for sewer repairs in vic. of Bldgs. 410, 511 & 844, at Naval Supply Center, Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to J. W. Briggs, Box 283, Bend, Oregon, \$299,024, for const. drainage struc. on portion of Forest Dev. Rt. 1203, Bluff Creek, beginning approx. 10 mi. NW of Bluff Creek Guard Station on Klamath River Hiway approx. 6 mi. NE of Weitchpec & approx. 11 mi. SW of Orleans, Calif., and extending N'ly 6.299 mi., Proj. Calif. FRD 1203-A, Bluff Creek, Six Rivers National Forest, HUMBOLDT CO.

MARCH 23, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Oscar C. Holmes, P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$7700, for repair levees at Matadero Creek, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

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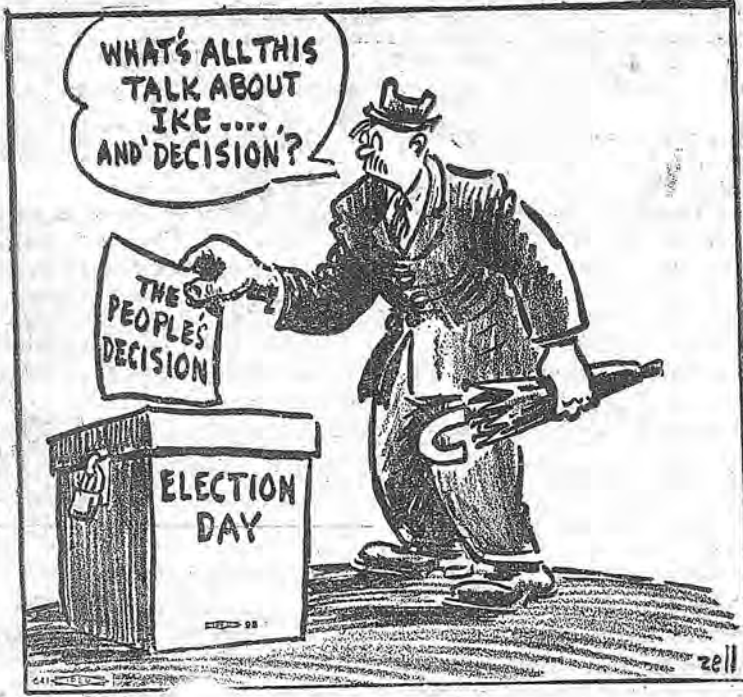
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He Was AWOL but He Had His Reasons

A Red Cross field director at a Naval Station, came across this straight-faced memorandum filed by a seaman, second class, to the executive officer of his ship. The seaman's name is omitted to avoid embarrassment:

"Subject: Overleave, Reason for.

"1. I left the ship on ten days leave at my brother's farm in Arkansas. On Sept. 10, my brother's barn burned down, all except the brick silo, which was damaged at the top by the bolt of lighting which started the fire. On Sept. 11, he decided to repair the silo right away, because he had to get his corn in it. I was going to help him.

"2. I rigged a barrel hoist as I had been taught to go by my Division Officer, to the top of the silo, so the necessary bricks could be hoisted to the repair work. Then we hauled up several hundred brick. This later turned out to be too many bricks.

"3. After my brother got all the brick work repaired, there was still a lot of brick at the top of the silo on the working platform. I said I would take it all down below. I climbed down the ladder and hauled the barrel up. Then I secured the line with sort of slip knot so I could undo it easier later. Then I climbed back up the ladder and piled the bricks into the barrel until it was full. Then I climbed back down the ladder. Then, I untied the line to let the brick down.

"4. However, I found the barrel of brick was heavier than I was, and when the barrel started down, I started up. I thought of letting go, but by that time I was so far up I thought it would be safer to hang on. Half way up, the barrel hit me on the shoulder pretty hard, but I still hung on, as my Division Officer told me to always when holding a line.

"5. I was going pretty fast at the top and bumped my head hard. My fingers also got pinched in the pulley block. However, at the same time, the barrel hit the ground and the bottom fell out of it, letting all the brick out.

"6. I was heavier than the barrel and started down again. I got burned on the leg by the other rope as I went down until I met the barrel again, which went by faster than before and took the skin off my shins and hit me on the other shoulder. I guess I landed pretty hard on the pile of bricks because at that time I completely lost my presence of mind and let go of the line and the barrel came down pretty fast and hit me squarely on top of the head.

"7. The doctor wouldn't let me start back to the ship until Sept. 16, which made me two days over leave, which I don't think is too much under the circumstances."



APPLE WORKERS VICTORIOUS—According to Teamster officials these and other pickets should be back at work soon at the apple canneries at Sebastopol, Calif. Many of the signed-up firms are back in operation.



ADOPTION CEREMONY conducted by Chief Black Elk in Chicago made Ann Marston, national women's archery champion and daughter of a member of Detroit Plumbers Local 98, a princess in the Oglala Sioux tribe. Her Indian name is Shuta-wani-cha-win, which in English means She Who Never Misses.

MARCH 30, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$113,334, for reconst. of Glen Canyon sewer, betw. Portola Dr. & Glen Park Playground, SF.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., P.O. Box 231, Springville, Utah, \$29,948, for reconstruction U.P. RR overpass near Nye's Corner, on SR 84, in WEBER COUNTY, Utah.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to James H. Clark, Rt. 2, Box 2202, Red Bluff, \$118,500, for clearing Bear River from Feather River upstream approx. 4 mi. in YUBA & SUTTER COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Hydraulic Dredging Co., Central Bank Bldg., Oakland, \$2,237,780, for channel enlargement west channel, Yolo Bypass, Liberty Cut & Prospect Slough, Sacramento Deep Water Ship Channel Proj., SOLANO & YOLO COUNTIES.

JOKES, Etc.

Wife: "Your cough has been worrying me so much that I have got somebody in to see you."

Husband: "The doctor?"

Wife: "No, darling. The man from the insurance company."

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Chlorine—A dancer in a night club.

Carbon—Storage place for street cars.

Barium—What you do with dead people.

Atom—Eve's husband.

Tin—Not fat.

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The chief strode into the foe'sle and shouted, "OK, you lazy, half-witted jerks, muster on deck on the double!"

Then men grabbed their hats and mustered—all except one, who lay in his bunk, blowing smoke rings.

"Well," roared the chief.

"Well," said the sailor, "there certainly were a lot of them, weren't there?"

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Virginia: "George says ill-health always attacks one's weakest spot."

Friend (sweetly): "You do have a lot of headaches, don't you dearie?"

* * *

"When my brother joined the Navy he wanted to start at the top."

"So."

"So they made him a barber."

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Washington, D.C.—As one of the first witnesses to appear before the Senate Finance Committee now considering H.R. 7225—the House-passed Social Security Bill, Congressman James Roosevelt (D., Calif., got in an early appeal to the committee members to also consider Public Assistance recipients in liberalizing the Social Security Act, Roosevelt urged the Committee to seriously consider amending all or part of his bill, H.R. 7848, into any Social Security legislation passed out by the members.

In supporting H.R. 7225, and urging adoption of his proposed amendments, Congressman Roosevelt said:

"Much as I am in favor of the provisions of H.R. 7225, I earnestly and deeply hope that the Members of the Senate and this Committee will realize that it only does half the job, that it leaves much undone."

"In general, my suggestions would amend the Public Assistance provisions to provide increased income, eliminate certain inequities and restrictions, and permit a more effective distribution of Federal funds, Congressman Roosevelt continued.

"In my opinion and that of many others, improvements in the Public Assistance Section of the Federal Social Security Act have been shamefully neglected. The laws of no two states are alike. Congress has the responsibility to correct this and make our Public Assistance Laws uniform throughout the Nation."

"I respectfully urge that the members of the Committee not only adopt H.R. 7225, but also amend into it the features of H.R. 7848, and give our needy aged, blind, physically handicapped and dependent children their right to human dignity," Roosevelt concluded.

U.S. Employees Council To Seek Wage Hike

The AFL-CIO Government Employees' Council has voted unanimously to ask Congress for a "standard of living" wage hike for federal workers.

The proposal, voted by representative groups affiliated with the council, would seek to place government wages on a level comparable with salaries of industrial wage earners.

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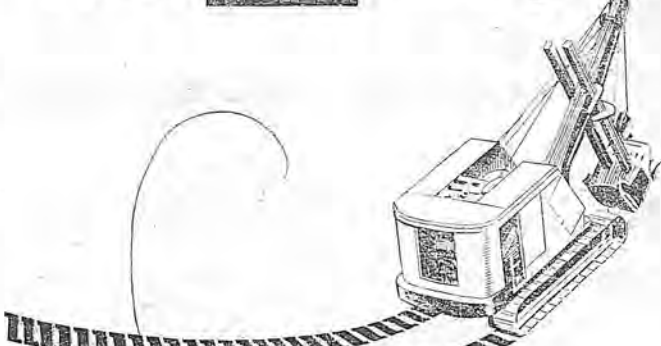
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San Mateo Is Hub of the Expansion Program in the Peninsula Area

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

Although at all points in the Peninsula Area extending from Daly City to Monterey real estate development and industrial development expansion have now reached an all time high, the City of San Mateo stands out as the actual hub of all expansion activities.

Some of the large projects confined to the city limits of San Mateo include Shoreview, Parkside and Hillsdale Manor, where millions of yards of earth are being moved in to fill the tideland area, the building of 19th Ave. Park subdivision and huge shopping area by the L. C. Smith Co. and Eichler Homes, the Recreational Center along 19th Ave., under development by L. C. Smith, which is also to be built on filled ground with earth hauled from the higher ground at Eichler Highlands where the Eichler Homes, Inc., are building several hundred homes. There is also David Bohannon's extension of the Hillsdale Real Estate Development project which extends from El Camino Real to Polhemus Road, covering hundreds of acres of hilly property. These huge projects and many more within the confines of San Mateo are certainly beneficial to the Operating Engineers Union due to the employment provided for our worthy brothers.

All of the aforementioned projects create additional work for all of the contractors in this area, such as the one-half million dollar, twenty-four inch water mains, now under construction by the E. T. Haas Co. of Belmont, the paving of 19th Ave. contracted for by the L. C. Smith Co., the building of many new schools, fire houses and police stations, which makes a healthy condition for members of Local No. 3.

Extending out from the city limits of San Mateo to Hillsborough, another large real estate development project is starting and the E. T. Haas Co. were the low bidders on one-half million dollars worth of street grading and paving as well as installation of utilities for the Hillsborough Highlands Co., the Mills Estate being developed by Tecon-Trousdale for homes as well as for industrial and business establishments. This seems to be the largest earth moving venture. On this job, four million yards of earth have been moved and there still remains another four million

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yards to be moved. The Stoneson Corporation at Millbrae Meadows where Brother Floyd Watson has a large fleet of cats at work, the Consolidated Lands Co. at San Bruno where thousands of acres of hills are being graded to accommodate thousands of homes, and where several million yards of earth are being moved by the McCammon & Wunderlich Contracting Co. The newest homes building development is just getting under way at Notre Dame Acres in Belmont, south of Belmont the Farm Hills Development in Redwood City, where the McCammon & Wunderlich Co. are grading and installing utilities for the Oddstad Homes Co. and will continue in operation for some time and keep a good many members of the Operating Engineers Union on the payroll.

ACROSS THE COUNTER IN SAN MATEO OFFICE

Brother Henry Lorenzan, in for clearance to the J. O. Archibald Co. How about those doughnuts, Henry? Brother Gordon Blain, cat operator for the Tecon Trousdale Co., in with his young son. Won't be long, Gordon, before Jr. will take over for you. Brother Jack C. Osborne, taking over a new job for Oddstad Homes, as foreman. Good luck to you, Jack. Father and son team, Brother Richard Hutchings, Sr. and Jr., working together on the McCammon & Wunderlich job. Brother Henry Elsfasser, home again after a recent hospitalization. Hope you're feeling better now, Henry.

Harbor Compensation Act Changes Long Overdue

(AFL News Service)

Congressional action to bring the Longshoremen's and Harbor Workers Compensation Act into line with present conditions is "long overdue," AFL-CIO Legislative Rep. Walter J. Mason told a House Labor Subcommittee.

The act covers about 600,000 workers, serving as a workmen's compensation law for longshoremen, ship repairmen, ship servicemen, harbor workers, other off-shore workers, and employees of government contractors at defense bases or on public works in other countries, and is the basic legislation for the District of Columbia.

Mason spoke not only for the AFL-CIO, but also for the Intl. Brotherhood of Longshoremen, the AFL-CIO Metal Trades Dept. and the Washington Central Labor Union.

"Congress has particular responsibility toward this legislation," he told the subcommittee. "It should seek to develop a model compensation law toward which state legislative efforts can be directed. However, in many ways, the basic provisions in this law have fallen behind the standards established by the various states."

Mason endorsed a provision in the Senate approved bill reducing from seven to three days the waiting period before permitting any benefits, and its proposals for a series of adjustments in the number of weeks for which compensation is

payable for permanent partial disabilities. He also approved the bill's removal of the arbitrary limit on total compensation payable for any injury.

He rejected the Senate bill's proposal to cut the waiting time before compensation is made retroactive to the date of disability from the present 49 days to 22, explaining that "we, in AFL-CIO, see no reason why this period cannot be reduced to 14 days."

WOULD BOOST BENEFITS

Mason also voiced the AFL-CIO's refusal to accept the Senate bill's recommendations on maximum and minimum benefits.

The bill would raise the top payment from the present \$35 a week to \$50; Mason said it should be at least \$60 "if Congress is to continue to adhere to the two-thirds (of average weekly pay) principle."

He urged a \$20 a week minimum in place of either the present \$12 or the Senate measure's \$18.

The law now provides that in computing death benefits, weekly wages are "considered to have been" not more than \$52.50 or more than \$18. Mason urged that the Senate's boost to \$75 and \$27, respectively, be rejected in favor of a \$90 maximum and a \$30 minimum.

Ninety per cent of all people who work for a living are covered by the Federal Social Security Program.

In the Islands

NEW HAWAII LAWS HELP WORKERS

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ
Business Representative

Act 133, a revised law relating to Wages and Hours on Public Works, which went into effect last August is being felt by some Contractors who heretofore, were always successful in underbidding jobs let out by the Territory of Hawaii and the City and County of Honolulu. It has been noted that a few are giving up the construction game to get into other lucrative fields. Although this Act is patterned after the Davis-Bacon Act to some extent and the determination for wages will be taken from the U.S. Labor Department, there is much need for immediate clarification and application of its enforcement and policing policies.

A federal minimum wage of \$1 an hour for work covered by the Fair Labor Standard Act became effective March 1. The act covers about 10,000 island workers who are engaged in interstate commerce. Certain workers in the Sugar Industry are also covered.

The Territorial minimum wage is far below the federal standard—75 cents on Oahu and 65 cents on outer islands.

The Teamsters Executive Board meeting of the International caused quite a commotion in island labor politics. Both newspapers blared front page headlines daily on their activities and news permitted for publication every day they were in session here.

"CANNIBALS"

All is not too peaceful in the AFL-CIO camp here, as a charge of "Cannibalism" is made by E. J. Kovack, business manager of the Plumbers and Fitters Local 675. He charged three AFL-CIO officials with trying to raid the membership of his plumbers union.

At stake immediately are about 100 employees of Oahu Plumbing and Sheet Metal Co., Ltd., where Local 675 has a union-shop contract. The sheet-metal union filed with the National Labor Relations Board asking the agency to conduct a "union shop cancellation" election. The election was held last week and a decision is pending on 11 challenged ballots cast.

This is the first such case in the history of Hawaiian labor. Union Shop agreements are hard enough to negotiate and get here without a sister union setting such a precedent.

Directors of National Metals Limited, a scrap iron yard with whom we have been negotiating the past month now insists that we work on Flynn and Learner, another competitor, before continuing with them.

Brothers Peter Frank and Joseph Souza are now employed with Flynn and Learner. There are 5 former members of Local 635 also employed there. Two of them act as top supervisors for the local yard. These ex-members are very adamant against organization there. It is hoped that those in the lead on the west coast for Local 3 who were instrumental in getting an agreement with the Learner Company and Associated Metals Scrap Yard will help its Hawaiian Branch.

If plans for the Honolulu Airport are followed through to completion, we in the islands can be proud of one of the finest airports in the world by 1959. Cost of the new terminal building is estimated at \$5 million. Construction will begin next year and take two years. Cost of taxi-ways and aprons and cost of preparing the support area for the terminal building (access roads, parking space, etc.) will total \$3 million.

No estimate has been given for the cost of constructing the new runways.

Most of the work that is presently going on are with school buildings that were started early last year and due for completion soon. Some big work may be started later on in the year. These are federal jobs (housing).

Work on Kaiser's Hawaii Kai

The City by the Golden Gate

S. F. JOBS HIT AN ALL-TIME HIGH

By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ
Business Representatives

Work for members in and around San Francisco has never been better. The big new freeway jobs across town have not been officially decided on as yet.

Guy F. Atkinson's job on the Bayshore Freeway has been cut back to a single shift due to M & K Corp's. pipe line job being behind schedule. The 4.1 mile link of Bayshore Freeway between South San Francisco and San Francisco's Third Street cut-off probably will be completed in July 1957, State Highway Engineers estimate.

Although they estimated the work is seventy per cent complete, they said it will take more than a year to finish the rest because of these complicated features:

(1) Rerouting of the Southern Pacific right-of-way from its present tunnel route to a new roadbed around Sierra Point.

(2) A freeway overpass to be constructed over the new railroad route.

(3) A traffic interchange, allowing autos to cut off for Brisbane and Visitation Valley.

The new link will cost about \$8,000,000 almost fifteen per cent more than it cost to construct the entire 51 miles of the old Bayshore Highway in the late 1920's and early 1930's.

A contract in the amount of \$8801,245 was awarded to the Campbell Construction Co. by the San Francisco Defense Area, for construction of defense installations at Fort Funston.

Another large construction company has decided to locate itself in South San Francisco. The Utah Construction Company has purchased a large parcel of land with a mountain of fill to be moved into the swamp land. This reclaimed land will be sub-divided into large industrial lots.

Walter Lenkeit Co. has been awarded a contract (\$211,483) for construction of sewers along Lincoln Way.

Fay Improvement Co. is kept busy doing resurfacing jobs on various streets and also a new contract for a sewer at Glen Park Canyon.

M & K Corp. has another new job at Yosemite and Ingalls for a sewage collection station to cost \$335,440.

Piombo Construction has started excavation for the new South Basin Sunset Reservoir.

Most all of the local contractors are busy, including the home builders.

Hotel was stopped last month and has not started again to this date.

The much publicized "Sand Island" deal is again stymied in Washington. This time a resolution is requested by the powers in Washington to counteract an executive order issued before World War II, when our Federal Government took it over from the Territory.

Survey Notes

ALL 3-E MEN ARE WORKING

By AL BOARDMAN and BILL MINAHAN
Business Representatives

It is a most comforting feeling to report that all of our members are employed. When we receive an order for men we now have a difficult time locating competent personnel.

We recently sent a three-man party to the Del Webb Construction Company, who are building a \$15,000,000 plant for the Diamond Match Company at Red Bluff.

Two parties were dispatched to the Bechtel Corporation at Sunol. They have the design and construction of the General Electric atomic energy pilot plant.

The Union Oil Company has broken ground for a large bulk storage plant at Richmond. John L. Hunter, Civil Engineer, has been employed to do all the field engineering.

SIGNS AGREEMENT

Mr. Hunter signed an agreement with our union and we sent him a four-man party to do the layout work.

The land survey firms tell us they have more commitments at this time.

Some members working in the East Bay area have indicated they would like to have meetings held in Oakland. At one time meetings were held every other month in Oakland. However, the attendance did not justify the continuance of these meetings so they were cancelled.

If the membership will give us their support we would be most happy to reactivate the Oakland meetings.

Currently the Technical Engineers meet on the fourth Friday of every month at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco. The time, 8 p.m.

An old time surveyor, Baker Cleveland, died on April 11, 1956. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

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