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**CITY FREEWAYS**—Giant arteries are slashing through California cities these days as traffic increases sharply. Here are two new routes taking shape. At left is the Alto interchange on U.S. 101 south of San Rafael, the new Richardson Bay Bridge in background. Picture at right shows U.S. 99 now carrying traffic thru Fresno on a full freeway, the old route and business district at right.

## Delaney in Pledge to Members as New IUOE Bldg. Dedicated

A promise of leadership and service to the membership was sounded by General President Joseph J. Delaney in the principal address at the program dedicating the new I.U.O.E. Headquarters Building.

The dedicatory program was held as a colorful outdoor ceremony in front of the headquarters structure in Washington, D.C. April 12, 1958. Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell and AFL-CIO President George Meany were other speakers on the dedicatory program which was witnessed by several hundred persons, including some 400 local union delegates in Washington attending the national organizational conference.

The dedicatory program opened with the national anthems of the United States and Canada—"The Star Spangled Banner" and "O Canada"—by Gene Archer, a National Broadcasting Company soloist.

The invocation was offered by Rev. Joseph J. Donahue, Chaplain of the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council. President Delaney gave a few remarks of welcome and then introduced Secretary Mitchell who was followed by President Meany.

First Vice President William M. Welsh, a veteran of 55 years in the union, officiated at the cornerstone-laying ceremony. It was noted that in the cornerstone sealed copper box had been placed a number of mementos of the union including the Constitution, I.U.O.E. roster, the official magazine and other items of historical interest.

The official dedicatory address was delivered by President Delaney and the ceremony closed with the benediction by Rev. Frederick Brown Harris, Chaplain of the United States Senate.

### FORCE FOR GOOD

Secretary Mitchell told the audience that "The American trade union movement is still the powerful force for good and for social progress which has made it a great and important part of the nation's life." He observed that 1958 will be remembered as a year of rededication by labor to its great ideals of the past.

Speaking to the Operating Engineers, the Secretary said, "This fine new headquarters might well be considered as a symbol of the opening of labor's new era—for as you take your lease upon these premises, unionism takes a new lease on service and progress."

Noting the responsibilities of union leadership, Mr. Mitchell said, "It is up to the leaders to see that that trust is fulfilled in every action they take. It is up to the members to see that they honor their trust, who will elect to office those who will member that they owe fidelity

to the interests and to the confidence of the union members who have put them into office.

And to remember, too, that the membership holds the ultimate power to judge, at voting time, who has served them in good faith and who has not."

President Meany drew attention to the close relationship of the welfare of the trade unions with that of the nation. In commenting on growing unemployment, he predicted that this and other obstacles to labor's progress would be routed.

### HITS "RIGHT TO WORK"

Meany rapped the anti-labor forces who are seeking to impose "right-to-work" laws on the working people. He called these efforts "backward steps". He closed his remarks by saying that "Joe Delaney is a dedicated leader interested in the welfare of his people" and said that he would play the same role of conscientious leader at the national level that he had enacted in his long tenure as a leader in local and area affairs.

In his address President Delaney traced the progress of the union from its founding to its present position. Paying tribute to those of the past, Mr. Delaney said, "We recognize the debt of gratitude to the illustrious leaders of our craft whose strength of character, perseverance, integrity and vision built this organization and who represent the foundation stones upon which it is built today. No less do we pay our respect and homage to the rank and file members whose loyalty, encouragement and support over the years were the brick and mortar which hold the foundation stones together."

Commenting on problems of the day, Mr. Delaney said that "... we have many evidences of horses pulling in harness, of employers and employees. There are questions of jurisdiction that have to be settled quickly and effectively to prevent the slowing up of the general program. There are selfish individuals who seek personal gain by running counter to sound judgment and sound leadership. There are hotheads who think that results can be obtained by noise and violence. On the part of the employer there are some who shudder at anything new.

Referring specifically to detractors, the General President said, "All these degraders and malcontents we pledge will cut but a small figure in the total who will go along with us in continuing to make our great union an integral part of American life in the American way."



**MOUNTAIN FREEWAYS**—Moving fast these fine Spring days is work on new mountain highways. Top view shows Sherwin Grade section of U.S. 395 on east side of Sierra Nevada, old winding route in canyon at right. Middle picture shows U.S. 40 plunging its way thru timber near Colfax, pushing fast towards a divided highway over the Sierras. Bottom picture shows the new section of U.S. 50 thru Dublin Canyon, making it four lanes from Oakland to Tracy.

## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

### DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR MAY, 1958:

- 1st Sacramento, C.E.L.T. Bldg.
- 7th Stockton, Engineers' Bldg.
- 8th Oakland, Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez
- 20th Salinas, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro

### JUST A REMINDER . . .

Our efficiency depends on your cooperation. . . . The individual member sometimes neglects to take into consideration that Local Union No. 3 has 22,000 members and in an organization of this size, we are confronted with many problems! It is not unusual to have six or seven members with identical names . . . and for this reason it is important that a member identify himself by presenting his membership card when making dues payments.

Members sometimes complain at the delay in receiving an acknowledgment for payment of dues mailed into the office. However, nine times out of ten we find that the reason for the delay was because we could not properly identify the member OR because he did not furnish us with his correct mailing address. It will facilitate our handling your record with speed and efficiency IF you will submit your membership card when paying dues and also make sure your correct address is on file!

## HONOR ROLL OF BLOOD DONORS

### SAN FRANCISCO

- Newman M. Baird
- Guido A. Nosenzo
- James L. Drury

### OAKLAND

- Wesley R. Chown
- Merle F. Cooley

### SACRAMENTO

- Edward McQuillan
- Mrs. Nancy Lee Ross
- Mrs. Carmelita Dingman
- Maurice Waugh
- John F. Sheehan

### STOCKTON

- B. H. "Smokey" Heuston

### SANTA ROSA

- Lloyd G. Worthington

### REDDING

- Carl Warner
- James Hershman
- Clifford Robinson
- John Lell
- Geneva Lell
- Orville Yarnell
- A. A. Canfield
- Jerry Bolden
- Harold Adamson

## Peninsula Members, Take Note!

The Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank mobile unit will be at the Recreation Center in Menlo Park (Burgess Park) on Friday, May 2, 1958, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Robert E. McKee, 4700 San Fernando Rd., West L. A., \$3,831,000, for const. garage & shop bldg. at Kaiser Center.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Robt. E. McKee, 4700 San Fernando Rd., West L. A., \$13,308,000, for const. 28-story bldg. at Kaiser Center.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Judson-Pacific Murphy Corp., P. O. Box 335, Bayshore Annes, Oakland, \$2,146,870, for RC bridge & steel superstructure for a bridge to be const. & approach & connect. to be graded & surf. w/pltmx. surf. betw. 5th St. in Rio Vista & E. end Sacramento River Bridge, **SOLANO & SACRAMENTO COUNTIES.**



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## ELECTRONIC AGE IS CATCHING UP WITH MAPPERS

By AL BOARDMAN & ART PENNEBAKER

The Electronic Age is about to catch up with the Surveyors and Mappers. Exhibits at the Washington, D. C., meeting of the American Congress of Surveying and Mapping and the American Society of Photogrammetry clearly depict the revolutionary methods in the entire range of activity from international aerial inspection to production and utilization of maps and color photographs.

George D. Whitmore of the U. S. Geological Survey, covering the feasibility and limitations of aerial inspection, stated that one high-flying jet aircraft in 170 flying days could cover the length and breadth of the 8.5 million square miles of Soviet Territory and bring back vertical photographs with a picture scale of 1:94,000. These photographs would reveal most military and industrial activities in the huge area.

The Shoran geodimeter and telurometer for ground control are used for location of primary positions and radar altimeter values for vertical control and determination of horizontal scale. Tests of a telurometer unit indicated measurement accuracy within the claims of the manufacturer: 2 1/2 inches at 10 miles - 4 inches at 20 miles and 8 inches at 40 miles.

Effects this will have on employment of field crews for surveys have yet to be felt. New fast methods usually cut down the costs of preliminary surveys, leaving more funds for actual location work. This should actually increase the numbers of engineering projects in the future. It is doubtful if a machine will ever be invented that will drive a hub on line and to grade.

## Mr. Dooley Says

"FIGHT THE COS?", asked Mr. Dooley who was squinting at a button on his friend's lapel, "have your uncle's children come to pay your home a visit of indefinite duration? Or is it the high 'cost of starving' you're fighting, Hennessy?"

"COS," said Mr. Hennessy, "as you'd know if you'd had as much time to read the papers as I have whilst sitting on the bench, a basking in the sun of the GOP prosperity, stands for 'Compulsory Open Shop.'"

"I thought they were callin' it 'Voluntary Unionism,'" Mr. Dooley said, "now that the 'No Work' and 'No Help Needed' sign industry's sudden prosperity has made 'Right to Work' lose its charm."

"So they are," said Mr. Hennessy. "They call it broccoli, but I call it spinach—and to hell with it!"

"A rose by any other name—," said Mr. Dooley, "but I know what you mean Hennessy, and I think you're right. Them few employers what's soundin' off about protecting a man's right to be anti-union, as I recall," Mr. Dooley said, "are the same one's what has been convicted of firing men what's pro-union."

(Editorial Note—In the years 1950 through 1956, employers were compelled by the NLRB to reinstate 18,492 men who had been fired because they were pro-union, and to pay them \$8,908,452, almost 9 MILLION dollars, in back pay. Those employers are the ones trying to bust your union by way of the COMPULSORY OPEN SHOP.)

## San Francisco Jobs In High Gear as Rain Stops

By HARRY METZ and BILL TOMBERLIN, Business Representatives

Now that the sun is shining, our only hope is that it will continue to do so! The heavy rains were certainly a bad break for the members of Local No. 3 as the jobs were just starting to open up. However, with the sun shining and the wind blowing, we hope it will dry up fast and everyone can get busy!

Charles L. Harney is back working full swing at the Ball Park and employs about 85 Engineers on the job; he also has 16 men working in his shop. Harney is also keeping a few members busy on his Geary Street job. They're using a concrete crushing machine on this job. It crushes concrete and asphalt and the material is then used for sub-grade.

Work is still progressing at the Evans Avenue Plant of the P. G. & E and there are quite a number of Engineers still employed on the job.

James L. Treadwell is working a full crew of mechanics and one welder . . . all engaged in repairing heavy equipment. This company also rents and sells used equipment and we are happy to report that they work under our union shop agreement.

The work on the Embarcadero Freeway will be delayed until the Belt Railroad can move tracks in order to make way for some piledriving.

The Fifth & Mission Parking Garage job is making good progress . . . they're now pouring concrete on the street level floor. This work is being done by the Hayward Concrete Construction Company. The steel work on the same job is being done by the Ceco Steel Products Company.

P. C. A's Brisbane plant has been practically at a standstill because of the bad weather . . . however, now that it's clearing up, things will soon be back in full swing!

The Fay Improvement Company was low bidder on construction of a nine-hole golf course in Golden Gate Park.

Cahill Bros., was awarded a contract to construct a 400 room hotel and a nine-story office building and garage for 400 cars at a cost of \$10,097,000. The site is the block bounded by Van Ness Avenue, Geary & Franklin & Post Streets.

The last of 18 massive steel legs of the new Crown Zellerbach Building at Market and Bush Streets was hauled into place last week. The pillars at the bottom each weigh 83 tons and are 67 feet high. These will contain the floors from the sub-basement to the second floor level. The Beatty Scaffold Company have introduced a traveling tower crane on this job. It has a jib length of 100 feet that can lift a one and a half ton load 25 stories!

The Olympian Dredging Company will remove 120,000 cubic yards of mud and silt at Pier No. 3 at Hunter's Point.

The State Harbor Dredge is working around the clock and keeping about thirty of our members busy. Brother "Slim" Vines does a very capable job with the brothers on this dredge.

Maguire & Hester was low bidder for construction of intercepting sewers at Candlestick Point.

Another contractor, Buzz Haskins, is working his spread nine and ten hours a day at the Henry Doelger Westlake sub-division.

We received a letter from Brother Jack Tull who is working for Morrison-Knudsen International Constructors in far-away Upper Sind Pakistan. He's on a 30 month contract and tells

us there are quite a few members working over there, with him . . . He tells us that two of the native Foremen wear old No. 3 buttons and are prouder of them, than a medal from the King! He asked that we send him a copy of the Engineer News as every one would like to read it and know what's going on out here. That makes us mighty proud too . . . it's nice to know that no matter how far our members travel, they're still thinking of their organization and interested in what's going on.

## SERVICE WITHDRAWAL CARDS

William F. Brown Jr., Richard Hunt, Bob W. Phillips, James O. Williamson, Warren G. Amrine, James E. Johnson, Jack Mauser, Lawrence W. Menefee, M. Eli Nelson, Don Hamilton, Michael Robertson.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to Pacific Coast Bldrs., 1 So. Park, So. San Francisco, \$2,186,600, for const. Union High School in Hayward.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to Theo. Wood Const. Co., 6268 So. 9th E., S. L. C., Utah, \$478,228, for 4.2 mi. const. 2 1/2" rdmx. bit. surf road, US No. 89, from 3 mi. of Kanab, North to Mt. Carmel Jctn., KANE COUNTY, UTAH.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to W. H. Darough & Son, P. O. Box 392, Yuba City, \$262,040, for 1.1 mi. grade & ptmx. surf. on cem. treat. bas. in Redding, betw. Parkview Ave. & Sulphur Creek, SHASTA COUNTY.

## IN MEMORIAM

DAVID H. STEIN  
San Francisco, Calif. Feb. 21st, 1958

BYRON O. POWER  
Reno, Nevada, Feb., 24th, 1958

WM. H. HARRIS  
Adelanto, Calif., March 11th, 1958

L. O. BUNTING  
Niles, Calif., March 12th, 1958

VIC MASON  
Campbell, Calif., March 1st 1958

FRANK MARTIN  
Hayward, Calif., March 20th 1958

ALAN B. FLYNN  
San Francisco, Calif., March 22nd, 1958

ALBERT M. CLAYTON  
Salt Lake City, Utah, March 27 1958

VERN A. DALTON  
Loomis, Calif., March 25th, 1958  
RALPH WADE CARSE  
Redwood City, Calif., March 28th 1958

GEORGE BENNETT  
SAWTELLE  
Corcoran, Calif., March 28th, 1958

## San Mateo, Hub of the Peninsula Storm Repairs, Big Backlog of Jobs to Keep Peninsula Busy

By BILL RANEY, Business Representative

Lots of storm damage repair work to be done this summer. Yes! It rained here too!

All this water has, of course, seriously damaged many miles of road surface, plugged up and washed out many storm drains and caused untold damage to slopes on most of the County's Road system. Needless to say, this situation will create a great deal of repair work for the Operating Engineers. Much of the equipment that has been resting for months is back to work on emergency jobs. One emergency job was done in about two days on Colma Creek, in South San Francisco. In a two block section of the creek in downtown South San Francisco, there were at least 12 draglines working around the clock. There were also a few cats working. 90 per cent of this work was a double time stuff. NICE?

The Guy F. Atkinson Company is in the middle of a rush job at the South San Francisco shop, to build the head and tail frames, plus supports for a two or three mile conveyor belt for Trinity Dam. They placed an order with us for 20 men which cleaned us out of layout welders. News like this travels fast, however, and we again have welders signed in on the out of work list.

The H. Earl Parker job at Daly City has really been a flop this winter. It seemed as if all the dirt men in the country wanted to get on this job, and many of them made it, but they haven't averaged ten days work since Christmas, due to the almost constant rain.

Piombo has moved in some of their equipment for the Airport job, but at this writing, it is still raining, so no work.

Last month we thought we had mentioned every member on the Utah job in South San Francisco. Our apologies to Brother Marris as well as Brother "Maggie" Magastretti. "Maggie" has the drilling and shooting concession there; no small item, either.

As was mentioned last month, we have a great deal of new work coming up this spring. It should be a "ball" for the small contractor, as there are literally hundreds of small jobs to be done in the \$5,000 to \$50,000 bracket. Some of the new work not previously mentioned:

- Two four million gallon reservoirs in Redwood City.
- Seven large apartment buildings in Shoreview, San Mateo.
- Olympia Dredge has a small dredging job off Coyote Point.
- New Sewage Disposal Plant for Burlingame.
- A \$100,000 addition to the

6th floor of the new airport terminal.

- A 2 1/2 million dollar to the Peninsula Hospital in Burlingame.
- One-half million dollar school in Hillsborough.
- Large playing field at Sequoia High School in Redwood City.

PLUS:

- Twelve more jobs, having 600,000 cubic yards of dirt to be moved.
- 125,000 linear feet of curbs and gutters.
- 573,000 square feet of black top to be laid.
- 40,000 linear feet of pipeline.

These figures do not include the backlog of jobs that might have been done if it had not rained in January, February and March. So you see, brothers, in spite of how rough it has been, we have a lot to look forward to.

Although registration for voting in the June Primaries closed on April 10, it's still not too late to register for the General Election in November. Remember, Brothers, there are many threats to our hard-won wages and working conditions this year especially the so-called "Employer-Employee Relations Act" which more truthfully should be called the "RIGHT TO WORK CHEAP ACT." Find out for yourselves the effects of these restrictive laws — ask a refugee from a "Right to Work" State. Let's all register . . . let's all vote! Let's not elect Knowland by default!

Highway curves, unlike those of women, get more dangerous after you pass 65.



"I WANT TO GIVE YOU A RAISE, JENKINS, BUT HOW CAN I, RIGHT AFTER IKE URGED THE NATION TO AVOID EXACTLY THAT VERY THING."



# NEW OFFICERS NAMED; EDGECOMBE IS PRES.

Appointment of two key officers of Operating Engineers Local 3 Paul Edgecombe as president and H. T. Petersen as treasurer, have been announced by Newell J. Carman, business manager of the union. Others previously appointed were Al Clem as financial secretary, and W. V. Minahan as recording and corresponding secretary.

The new officers have long been associated with the union members, officers and representatives, bringing a wealth of experience to their new jobs.

News of the two new appointments brought many expressions of commendation from the membership, since both men are well known and popular.

Bro. Carman made the appointments on March 17. Bro. Edgecombe, who had been appointed treasurer early this year moved from that post to the president's job, and Bro. Petersen, most recently serving as Stockton area representative, was named as treasurer.

Bro. Edgecomb joined Local 3 in 1941 after 12 years working for various contractors in Central California. He was appointed a San Francisco business representative in 1953 and was transferred to Sacramento in 1955. Last July he was appointed to the executive board of the union.

Bro. Petersen was first affiliated with Local 45 Steamshovel and Dredgemen's Union on August 3, 1931. Since 1934 he has continuously, in one capacity or another, represented the Operating Engineers. Here are some of the offices he has held: president of Local 59, financial secretary of Local 208, vice-president and business representative of Local 3.

He has also been president of the Building Trades Council of Contra Costa County and of Fresno, Madera and Kings Counties. He is a veteran of World War II, having served with the Corps of Engineers and commanded the 821st Engineer Aviation Battalion in the South Pacific.

Officers and members of Local 3 extend a warm welcome to both Bro. Edgecombe and Bro. Petersen and very best wishes for a happy and successful term of office.



Paul Edgecombe  
President



H. T. Petersen  
Treasurer

# North Bay Swings To as Sun Finally Returns

By H. O. FOSS, F. A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI and AARON S. SMITH, Business Representatives

As this goes to press, the sun has finally made its appearance after many, many weeks of heavy rains, etc. We now pray that the good weather will continue, so that the boys may return to work. The indications are that we will have a good year in the area.

We wish to call to the attention of our members living in the Novato, Ignacio, Woodacre, Lagunitas, San Geronimo and Nicasio vicinities that Brother Richard C. George is running for office of Supervisor in the 5th District—and would appreciate your vote in the election of June 3rd. Brother George is owner and operator of a cat loader and ford. loader—also has 3 dump trucks.

Due to the weather conditions throughout the Solano County area, the completion date on the Highway 40 freeway will have to be shoved ahead. It is not expected that this job will be done after another year has passed. The overpasses apparently will not be completed until the first of the year.

Before the last heavy rains hit, Bro. Tom Hanna had started back on the Marshall & Haas section of the Putah Creek Canal, but had to shut down again.

Huntington Bros. have had their equipment up in the Fairfield area about two months but have not been able to turn a wheel.

As of the first of April, M & K Corp. & Stolte have closed down their job until the storms are over. This is the first time this job has shut down.

A pre-job conference was held in Ukiah with Ball & Simpson who were awarded contract for state-grade, pave, ptmx. surf.—12 miles north of Laytonville in Menocino County at a cost of \$1,814,527.00. All parties concerned attended this conference—Bro. Foss representing the Engineers. Job is to get under way shortly, weather permitting.

Contract awarded recently to Slinson Const. of Napa—street and road work—state-grade, surf. and replace slope protect., approx. 12.8 miles east of Geyserville, Sonoma County. Cost, \$1,961,000.

Fred J. Early Jr., of S. F., awarded sewer const. contract—City Sanit. Sewerage works in Mill Valley at a cost of \$490,490.

**NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS**  
Brother Ward Foote had a corrective eye operation about a couple of weeks ago, and it was successful. Guess he needs them peepers but he won't tell what he's been lookin' at lately.

Brother Anson Bowen (Mike to his friends) has just been released from the hospital. He told us that he thinks the doctor's found what they were looking for but that they had to do a little cuttin' in the process. He's up and around now at home and looks just fine.

Have just heard from Bro. William Crocker from down Yuma, Arizona way. Guess you're missing this heavy California dew. Bill.

Brother Wm. McDonald re-

cently returned from a trip to sea—but is signing up again for another 3 months.

Bro. R. E. L. Killingsworth, many years with Parish Bros., suffered a heart attack recently—and we do hope he is well on the road to recovery by the time this goes to press.

Bro. Lee Cox who is in the finish grading and excavating business says he is so busy lately, and always going that one needs an appointment to get him: PHONE: GL 3-1079.

Bro. G. Schuermann of Deysher & Munson, "Heavy Equipment Specialists" are on call 24 hours. They do welding and machine work, cat overhauling and all heavy equipment. Telephone number is: GL 3-0701.

ATTENTION BROTHERS: EFFECTIVE MAY 1ST, 1958 your wage rates will be increased. Check your working agreement on the increase due in your classification of work.

Be sure and register on our out-of-work list when you are unemployed, as you are not eligible to draw State unemployment benefits unless you are regis-

tered on the out-of-work list. We would also like to have your cooperation on when you are called back to work. If you would just call us or drop us a postal—costs just 2c. This would help us to keep our out-of-work register up to date.

NEXT DONATION FOR BLOOD DONORS: Friday, April 18th at the Elks Club, San Rafael. We will make your appointment for you.

## 'Right-to-Work' Rally in Marin On April 22nd!

All members living in the Marin area are urged to attend a public rally on the proposed "right to work" law, to be held on Tuesday evening, April 22, at 8 p.m., in the Marin Catholic High School gymnasium in Kentfield.

All phases of this very controversial law, which is being proposed for the November election, will be discussed by competent speakers.

All are urged to attend!

# STOCKTON JOBS CLOGGED BY RAIN

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

The report from the Stockton District should be entitled "All Previous Records Have Been Broken." The headline would look good if we were referring to job placement of the membership instead of rain. The last reports are that all previous rainfall records have been exceeded for the past fifty years and should it continue to rain, it could be the wettest year since the time rainfall has been recorded in this area.

On the brighter side, it looks as though the work that was scheduled to begin by now will have to go into overtime and double shifts in order for the contractors to meet their deadlines.

In addition to the work that has already been awarded in this district and has appeared in past issues of this paper, we now have a few more jobs to do when the ground dries and some to be let in the near future.

A. Teichert & Son have been awarded the race track job at the County Fairgrounds in the amount of \$134,000.

S. M. McGaw Company was the successful bidder on a paving job at the Port of Stockton near Shed No. 8 for \$32,353.

Nomellini Construction Company were low bidders on the new water supply job at Sharpe General Depot-Tracy Annex for \$71,088.

Stolte, Inc., of Oakland are the low bidders to construct two bridges across the Stanislaus River south of Escalon on McHenry Avenue in the amount of \$439,837.

Jobs to be let before summer are the levee construction and stone protection on the San Joaquin River south of Mosedale, and bids are to be opened on April 23 by the Corps of Engineers. This job will entail 334,500 yards of excavation and replacement.

City of Stockton improvements for 1958 other than the bridges that we have already reported, will be the Oxidation Plant to be constructed on Roberts Island across the San Joaquin River from the present South Sewage Disposal Plant. Estimated cost is \$333,750.

Sewer line replacements — \$11,500.  
Ryde Avenue Storm Pumping

Plant to replace existing plant — \$15,000.

Swain Road Storm Sewer — \$35,000.

South Disposal Plant Expansion — \$340,000.

North Disposal Plant—Northwest Pumping Station — North Lift Station — \$406,000.

Northwest Gravity Trunk and Northwest Pressure Line — \$312,000.

Southern Industrial Trunk — \$1,100,000.

Central Fire House — \$430,000.

Again Brother B. H. "Smokey" Heuston was the only blood donor to the blood bank. It appears that Brother Heuston is big enough to share his blood with the whole district.

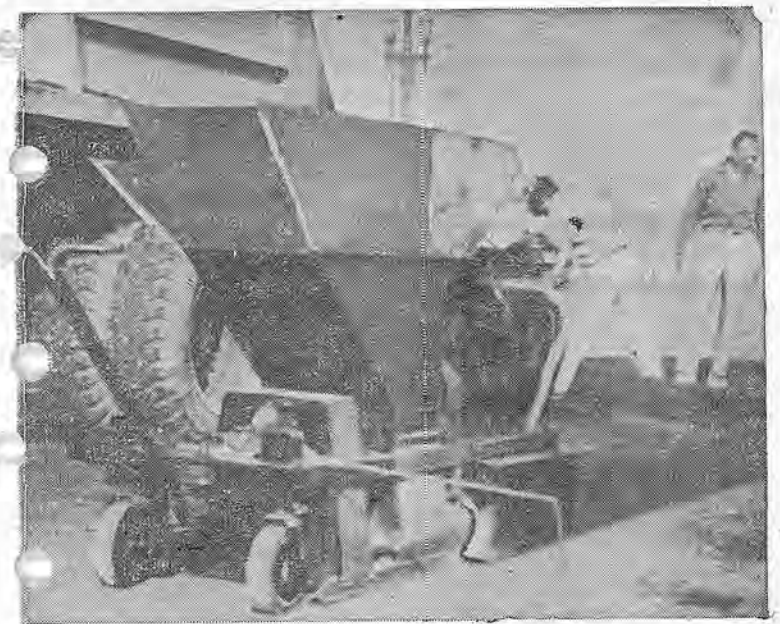
SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Cahill Bros., 350 Sansome St., S. F., \$10,097,000, for const. of a steel & conc. hotel & office bldg. at Van Ness Ave., Geary St., Franklin St. & Post St., San Francisco.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Fred S. Macomber, 8818 Melrose Ave., L. A., \$1,307,000, for const. residence halls, Fresno State College, Fresno, Calif.

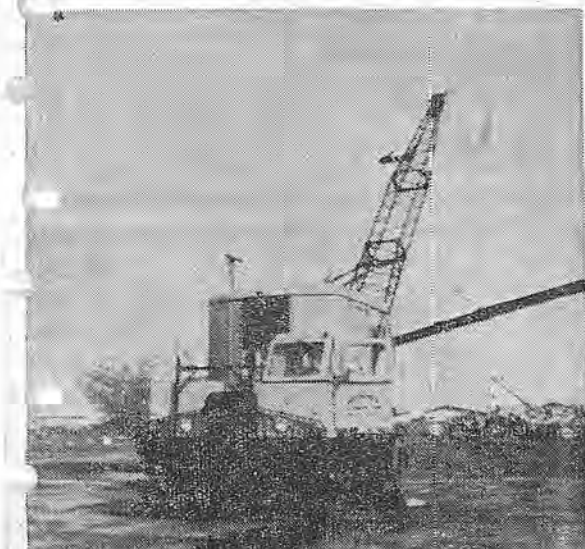
HAMILTON AFB, contract awarded to Wm. H. McDevitt Co., 1934 4th St., San Rafael, \$265,463, for const. chapel & educ. wing of reinf. conc., incl. site prep., walks, utils., bit. paved parking areas, landscaping, etc. at the base.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgomery St., S. F., \$134,960, for const. of South East Collecting Sewers, Sec. K-1, Rankin St. from Davidson Ave., N'y & Davidson from Rankin to Selby.

One reason many of us can't afford a European vacation is because our dollars made the trip without us.



**BERM MACHINE**—This picture shows what is called a Berm machine, used in paving operations. It requires a screed operator.



George Slinson Construction Company, 1558 Trancas Road West, Napa, Calif., has added a new P & H (one yard) Truck Crane to his list which totals to twenty-three pieces of equipment. Brother Chester Bailey is the Operator and Bro. Jesse A. Rhoades, Jr., is the oiler on the new P & H. This company employs twenty-four engineers throughout the year. Slinson Construction has a lot of work for this coming year and is figuring on adding more construction equipment in the very near future.



# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By H. T. PETERSEN, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, DON KINCHLOE, HAROLD HUSTON and WARREN Le MOINE, Business Representatives

From various reports reaching this office it is now well established that subdivision development will follow a definite upswing during the early summer months. This assumption is borne out by an authorization for the Federal National Mortgage Association to purchase at par F.H.A. or V.A. mortgage up to \$13,500 per unit under a one billion dollar grant to be made available as a special assistance program. In addition to this of course there is pending the rider to the Federal Highway Construction Bill which will make additional monies more readily available to those States whose planning and engineering is advanced to the extent

of the construction stage. California, fortunately, is in the lead and in a position to get a good slice of this extra appropriation. Also passed by the House of Representatives is the Omnibus Rivers and Harbors and Flood Control Bill appropriating approximately one and one-half (1½) billion dollars for navigation projects and extensive dredging. This will, of course, be of particular interest to our members employed in the dredging industry and the results should be noticeable and favorable by early summer. Of course, at the present time weather conditions prevent any appreciable amount of construction work, however, the general work outlook now appears to be much better than it was as of our last issue of the paper and although we had to see misery and suffering as caused by flood conditions and weather throughout Northern California, we will realize some immediate work and expect that possibly within the next two (2) weeks many jobs will be created through slide removal and clearing of debris and repair of other flood damage throughout the district. May we remind the Brothers our next meeting is May 8th., at which time nominations will be opened and there will be elected a rank and file member to the Executive Board of Local No. 3. We, therefore, request that if at all possible you attend this meeting at which time you will also be given a report on the current affairs transpiring in the district and within Local No. 3.

## KAISER BUILDING CONTRACT AWARDED

Award of major contracts for the \$45,000,000. Kaiser Center 28 story world headquarters for the Henry J. Kaiser industrial empire have been announced by A. B. Ordway, Vice President and General Manager of the building firm. Slated to rise on the seven acre site overlooking Lake Merritt in downtown Oakland, the structure will be built by the Los Angeles construction firm of Robert E. McKee, Inc. It is scheduled for completion late in 1959. Two contracts, one for the towering office building, largest west of the Rocky Mountains, and the other for a five level garage and commercial building were awarded to the McKee firm. This clears the way for an immediate start on the building.

Subsurface work, including excavation and foundations, conducted by Mac Donald, Young & Nelson, Inc., has been under way since late last year and will be completed next month. Other contracts have been awarded to the following: Bethlehem Pacific Coast Steel Corporation on fabrication and erection of structural steel. Westinghouse Electric Corporation on elevators and escalators. Foothill Electric Corporation in Oakland doing the electric work. Kawneer Co., of Berkeley, aluminum and glass window wall. The Kaiser Center will rise to 390 feet above level, occupying the former College of Holy Names site on the western shore of Lake Merritt, bounded by Harrison, Webster, 20th., and 21st. Streets. It will be "floated"

on a five foot thick concrete slab foundation, 62 feet wide and 420 feet in length, and will have three basements.

The huge gold and gray structure will have 976,000 square feet of space, exceeding anything now existing in the west. With it will be the parking building and shopping center, with 674,000 square feet, for a total of 1,650,000 square feet of space. Shops will extend along the 20th. Street and Webster Street sides of the commercial and parking building which will be topped by a four-acre roof garden accenting a reflecting pool. Kaiser Center will provide executive and general staff offices for Kaiser Industries Corporation and its more than 50 affiliated companies. More than 3,000 Kaiser employees will be housed in the office building which will have a population capacity of 4,500. Contemporary in design, the office building will follow a curved arc following the Harrison Street shore line of Lake Merritt. It will be sheathed front and back in anodized gold and gray aluminum and glass.

End panels will consist of massive five feet by thirteen feet sections of precast white dolomite aggregate stone. Special window glass will be used, eliminating heat and glare. Approximately 150,000 square feet, or three and one-half acres of glass will be used throughout the building. All roof decks of the office building as well as those of the entire center will be landscaped as will perimeter streets adjacent to shop fronts. The interior of the office structure will include 20,000 square feet of space for shops and stores on the first floor, an auditorium, cafeteria, electronic computer section, and a medical clinic for employees. Main entrance to the building will be from the Lake Merritt side. A two story open well will connect ground floor and second floor lobbies, with an escalator threading through the well to the upper lobby. Both lobby areas will be given special decorative treatment, incorporated with interior planting.

A mosaic mural is planned for the wall near the main entrance. Lobby walls will feature precast polished panels fashioned from Kaiser materials such as anodized aluminum, dolomite, bauxite and iron ore. Seventeen high-speed automatic elevators will carry traffic from the lobby to three zones in the office building. Six elevators will service the 1st to 11th floors; five will provide express service to the 11th to 19th floors; and six will be express to the 19th and local from the 19th to the 28th floors. Two freight elevators will serve the main building and additional elevators will be located in the five level garage and shop structure.

The main auditorium on the second floor will seat 400 persons. It will contain specially designed king-size seats, a movie projection booth, light coves in a recessing pattern of vertical troughs along the sides, and a large glass enclosed foyer fronting on Lake Merritt. A spacious cafeteria—dining room overlook-

ing the Lake on the second floor, will accommodate 800 persons and may be converted into a 1,200 seat banquet room by closing off the serving area.

Walls of the dining room will be pre-cast polished dolomite stone panels, while one end will be decorated with a low 50 ft. long planter complemented by individual plants bracketed to the wall. Featuring colors of blue, yellow and white, the main dining room will have an unusual ceiling with certain areas lowered to form interesting geometric designs. Private dining rooms, the medical clinic, and general office areas complete the second floor facilities.

Additional offices and the electronic data processing section will be on the third floor, while executive and general offices will occupy the rest of the building through the 28th floor. On the 28th floor will be an executive dining room seating 175 persons, a complete kitchen, and two private dining rooms. The executive dining room will command a panoramic view of the San Francisco Bay area, the Berkeley-Oakland hills and Lake Merritt.

A gentle single season climate will be maintained throughout the building by means of radiant ceiling air conditioning. Consisting of perforated squares of aluminum, behind which is assembled a system of pipes carrying hot or cold water, the ceiling in each office of the building will radiate an evenly controlled temperature throughout the day to all points of the room.

Another unique feature of the Kaiser Center office building will be a push button control mailing system that will deliver by the simple pressure of a finger. A pneumatic tube system will be used for the transmittal of wire messages. The five level garage structure will provide parking for 1,200 cars and will be used by employees, visitors and shoppers. The 20th St. and Webster St. sides of the Kaiser Center will be occupied by quality shops and stores and other typical downtown facilities which round out the modern "one stop" shopping center concept. Continuous strip fluorescent lighting will be used throughout the building. Fixtures will be recessed and flush with the ceiling.

## PITTSBURG P. G. & E.

Macco Corporation of Paramount, California has been awarded a contract by the Pacific Gas & Electric Co., of California for the construction of the foundations for units No. 5 and 6 of the Pittsburg Steam plant. The completion date for this part of the job is scheduled for September 15, 1958. They have some 100,000 cubic yards of dirt to move with some 1400 wooden piles to drive, plus 690 concrete pilings to be driven. This part of the job has been sub-let to Raymond Concrete Pile Co., of Oakland.

Macco Corporation will then pour some 32,000 cubic yards of cement, with sub-contractor Steel Fabricator, Inc., of Castroville, California putting in the reinforcing steel and Morrill Co., of Oakland doing the mechanical and pipe work. There will then be some 40,000 cubic yards of backfill. O. H. Tucker is project manager on this job. The Operating Engineers of Local No. 3 employed by Macco Corp., on this job are Brothers E. A. "Whitey" Erickson Ass't. Supt., Walter

"Ted" Bowles excavation foreman and Bud Eychner as master mechanic.

There is the following equipment on this job being operated by the Brothers. Two Model D Northwest 80's with Donald W. Wiley and Paulas Craig as operators, with C. E. Baker and Larry Gardiner as their oilers. Two D-8 Dozers with Phillip Allen and Donald Tucker doing the operating. A Lorain Truck Crain operator with C. B. "Bill" Crossland, Jesse Pruitt as oiler and Thomas Browning on the Blade.

The following Brothers are running pump on the well points which is operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Emmett "Red" Bishop, George Hronish, John W. Kirby and Herman "Dutch" Hasenstein. The mechanics and welders are Floyd Burger, James Eychner, William Krause, Otis Ladd, John Mangan, Ed Sylvain. The mechanic helpers are John Dunnavant and Thomas Eychner. Brother Dennis Holbeck is the mechanic foreman. The survey work is being done by the following Technical Engineers: Lyman Alexander is Chief of Party, Homer Poston is head chainman and Keith Wiggins is rear chainman.

## SHIPYARD DRIVE

The action taken by your Business Agents in conjunction with other shipyard Unions, the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and representatives of shipyards and shops has created quite some interest. We are happy to say that since we last reported to the members, we have had four called meetings and each meeting has brought out a larger group from Labor Management and Municipal Government.

The basic reason for the creations of this mixed group is to bring to the attention of ship owners, the Navy and other agencies interested in ship building and shipping, the facilities we have in the East Bay area. The Marine Exchange, Inc., has prepared an attractive brochure designed in the interest of the Bay area.

This brochure points out not only the East Bay shipyards, ways and docks, it also shows the many fine machine shops and foundries that are capable of handling any job from the smallest to the very largest. Other facilities such as transportation, floating facilities, Marine railway and crane and rigging services adequate to the needs of any repair or conversion job.

It has also been pointed out that 90% of the machinery and material used in ship construction and conversion is fabricated or manufactured on the West Coast. Through the combined efforts of this committee on shipbuilding and repair, the Oakland Chamber of Commerce has hired Vice-Admiral Murrey L. Royar, Ret., as it's Washington lobbyist.

The winning of government shipbuilding contracts for East Bay yards is his first assignment. Royar, Commander of Oakland Naval Supply Center from 1948 to 1951 and later Chief of Naval Material, will immediately take up the shipyard and repair contracts matter in an effort to gain more work for the lagging East Bay Maritime Industry. This is the first Oakland representative in Washington for a good many years.

The Representatives of the Unions of this thirty five man committee pointed out, that the vast facilities used to build all types of ships during World War No. 2 are rapidly deteriorat-

ing for lack of use. The manpower problem was also brought out, showing that we are not making use of the skilled craftsmen in the area and that we are failing badly in the training of new craftsmen for the industry. A Bill to exempt tax on ships of over 1000 tons was passed in Sacramento recently and is now waiting the signature of Governor Knight. This bill will be a big help to the local yards in competition bidding.

Healy-Tibbets Company was awarded the contract at Point Molate for the Naval Supply Depot in Richmond. This is for the removal of mud and silt adjacent to the pier and depositing same in disposal area at Invincible Rock in San Francisco Bay. The brothers have approximately 96,000 cubic yards to remove yet.

## NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHER.

Our THANKS to Brothers Wesley R. Chown and Merle F. Cooley—both of whom donated blood last month!

Brother Joel Peterson who was working on the Capwell job in El Cerrito broke his leg while on the job, around March 1st. A crane boom fell on his leg. Brother Joel will be unable to work for quite a while.

Brother John Maravelias who had an operation on his right ear is now doing fine and able to go back to work. John was in the Martinez Community Hospital for this operation.

Brother John Vandevier is now doing business as Van-Chevron Service which is located at Tobin's Resort on Highway 40-A in the Feather River country. He is located about 42 miles up the canyon from Oroville and would like to see any of the Brothers who might be up there. There is a restaurant and bar with cabins and a grocery store. Lots of luck to you John.

Brother Ed Morris was hurt in an automobile accident on Lake Chabot Rd. Brother Ed was at the Eden Hospital for awhile but is now out and home again. He is having to wear a "horse collar" for awhile longer but we hope to see him being his usual "lively" self again soon.

Brother Robert Knapp is going to South America for the J. H. Pomery Co. He will be there working for at least a year.

Brother Otto C. Fink, Jr., has for rent a rotatiller and will do large or small jobs in and around the area of Southern Alameda County. He can be located at 10110 Madison Ave., Calaveras Valley or phone him at LU 1-4401.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to Jack P. Parsons, Const., Smithfield, Utah \$980,729, for 5.605 mi. const. 3½" ptmx. bit. surf. road, Interstate Hwy. No. 82, South 1.6 mi. NW from Howell, West to Rattlesnake Pass, BOX ELDER COUNTY, UTAH.

CASTLE AFB, contract awarded to Carl Daniels, P. O. Box 1470, Monterey, \$460,529 for const. ammunition storage facils. ADC type at Castle AFB, MERCED COUNTY.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sac., \$134,000. for const. racetrack at 2nd Dist. Agric. Assn., Stockton.



# Marysville Set to Go on Big Work Program

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

Going into the month of April there is a lot of work to start in this area, but due to so much rain it has really set the dirt moving back quite a bit.

M. K. - Westbrook & Parker have only a few mechanics on the payroll, with Brother Dallas Mathews in charge. He states the equipment will be in shape when the men crawl back on those cats and DW-21's, and that will make them happy.

Action Co. have a few men around the base also, but the mud is so deep that a "cat" goes out of sight after a couple of passes.

**FLASH** — Brother Del Hoyt just called in from Beale and informed this office that Brother David Storeys home burned last night (April 2nd), and lost all they had. We are so thankful that none were hurt, for Dave has a wife and four little kids, and none were injured.

Baldwin Const. Co., of Marysville were low bidders on a recap job on 40-A near the Sutter By-Pass — Amount \$35,380.

This Company received a bid for street paving, curbs and gutters from the City of Marysville — \$236,489.00, to start as soon as possible. Brother Al Verduyzen Superintendent, says they will have to do two seasons work one to catch up.

Baldwin also received a bid from Army Engineers for Perimeter Road and Fences at Beale Air Force — \$388,539. Transocean are subbing the Engineering, with Brother Ken Woods in charge of the Engineering Crew.

This Company also has a contract at the same base for construction of control tower and base operation building for \$337,625. Also a contract for water distribution system and sewage collection — \$239,289.

M. K. Co., Inc. — R. A. Westbrook & H. Earl Parker Co., were low bidders on a contract for construction of ordinance storage at Beale Air Base for \$489,375.

Lester L. Rice & Sons, Yuba City were low bidders on a paving job near Taylorsville in Plumas County for \$171,724. Work will start as soon as weather permits.

A Teichert & Sons Inc., were low bidder on 6.8 miles of surveying in Butte County on Oroville-Chico Road — \$34,873.

M. K. Co., Inc., R. A. Westbrook & Parker Co., also have a bid for apron extension and fueling system at Beale for \$1,881,315.45.

## LEVEES

Bids to be let include the Bank Protection and Levee Job on the Yuba River near Marysville April 15th by Corps of Engineers.

Bids due April 9th Department of Water Resources for a bridge across Feather River near Oroville for Western Pacific R. R. relocation.

Brother Cal Barnett is now the Superintendent for McCammon & Wunderlich Co., on the south of Oroville that they have subbed from Baldwin Const. Co.

Brother Harold Skeans, Supt. on the McCammon & Wunderlich Co. job on 40-A relocation near Oroville states his Company has a lot of extra dirt to be moved on account of slides, but all men are layed off at this writing.

Bo'Son Co., have a pile driving crew on a bridge on HiWay 22 West of Chico.

Jack Greenwood of Chico keeps a crew or two busy around that area.

Rudy Clay, of the Butte City Branch of the Butte Creek Rock Co., has had a few men busy all winter in that area.

The O'Hair boys of Colusa are getting their equipment in shape for the summer work.

G. G. Williamson of Chico has a few men on a pipe line job near Orland.

Baun Const. Co. can't get started on their Hiway 32 job west of Chico due to the rains and floods in that area.

Utah, Bates & Rogers also Bechtel Corp., are in the process of cleaning and finishing up their job on the Feather River Poe Project. This includes the tunnel, Dam and Powerhouse.

Walsh Const. Co., are concreting their tunnels now at Butt Valley and Caribou. Although the snow has hampered this job for the last few days—it being in somewhat of a snow belt.

J. H. Pomeroy have been shut down for a few days on their Powerhouse job at Butt Valley due to the heavy snowfall. Also Wismer & Becker, who are setting the equipment on this same job, have been unable to work.

Darkenwald, M & K. & Harms have been working a good sized crew on their Belden Dam project—the weather hasn't bothered this job too much. On this same project Harms is still operating their crusher.

M & K Corp are still working at the Caribou Powerhouse, but they are wading in mud up to their knees. Wismer & Becker are also setting the equipment in this Powerhouse.

Silby Drilling Co., are doing the drilling and grouting at the Belden Dam Site, with Brother Popovich in charge. They still have quite a bit of work there. This type of work does not employ many Local No. 3 members.

Peter Keiwit Sons are doing real well on their W. P. Railroad Tunnels with a good sized crew—approximately 35 to 40 members of Local No. 3 are working on this project. Brother George Smith is the mastermind for the Co.

Pacific Bridge Co., as I understand, are going to start their Feather River North Fork Railroad Bridge as soon as the weather permits, and I hope this is soon.

LES COLLETT & BILL WEEKS  
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## GOLD DREDGER COMPANIES: ON THE PRICE OF GOLD

Every recession brings out the usual rumors about an imminent increase of the price of gold, now pegged at \$35.00 per fine ounce. This one isn't any different from past recessions. As this question is an important one, a matter of life or death to the gold dredging industry, your representative makes every effort to keep up with the subject.

The present rumor is said to have originated in the office of a Utah, U. S. Senator who called a meeting in his Salt Lake City Office and let the news slip to a few mine operators and politicians. The rumored increase is to \$55.00 per fine ounce.

The matter was the subject of considerable discussion at the annual National Western Mining Conference in Denver in February, however, as yet it hasn't gotten out of the rumor state and we haven't been able to find out if there is any basis or foundation for the rumor.

We have been advised that in the New York stock market gold mining stocks have showed surprising strength and that market consultants are advising their clients to invest in worth while gold properties. Also, we are told, by those that are supposed to know, that old gold mining properties are selling for the best prices in years. Whether this action is based on cold hard

facts or rumors and wishful thinking we just don't know.

Here are a few facts that may or may not support the stories that we have been hearing lately. The U.S. gold supply buried at Fort Knox is reportedly 22.7 billion dollars. Most people think that this gold belongs of the government, when actually 16.2 billions of dollars of this is earmarked for foreign governments and business agencies.

What most people do not seem to know is that foreign exchange is still conducted mainly in gold. In other words a foreigner can demand payment in gold, while an American citizen cannot. So that actually the gold reserve in this country is six and one half billion dollars, not 22.7 billions.

Many bankers are of the opinion, we read recently, that this reserve is insufficient to back up the 47 billion dollars of deposits in the Federal Reserve System and are reported to feel that the encouragement of the mining of gold in this country is the only way to increase this supply. This they know can not be done at the present price, so it must be upped.

How the gold reserves are being lowered is well illustrated by an article recently printed in the California Mining Journal for March. That our U.S. Treasury gold "is bought by Mexico for \$35.00 per ounce, Mexico then turning around and setting it to India for \$89.00 per ounce."

## WELFARE INSURANCE DISPUTE AT YUBA GOLD FIELDS:

Recently one of the Brothers was hospitalized and operated upon and when the insurance company made payment to him for the disability portion of the insurance, he was underpaid. This matter was, of course, immediately taken up with the Company and we are sure will be, in time, properly adjusted.

So that there will be no misunderstanding the disability insurance should be paid at the rate, for the first 26 weeks, of \$70.00 per week or \$10.00 per day. That is \$50.00 as provided by State law plus \$20.00. This starts the eighth day, except when hospitalized when it starts the first day hospitalized. It applies to both occupational and non-occupational accidents except that the method of starting the payments differ.

The Company recently sent to you a new "Group Insurance Certificate." A study of this certificate shows that all the benefits are apparently properly set forth, except it was noticed that the Dependents Life Insurance was left out. This matter has been called to the attention of the Company and we are sure that it will be corrected.

## MEETING NOTICES:

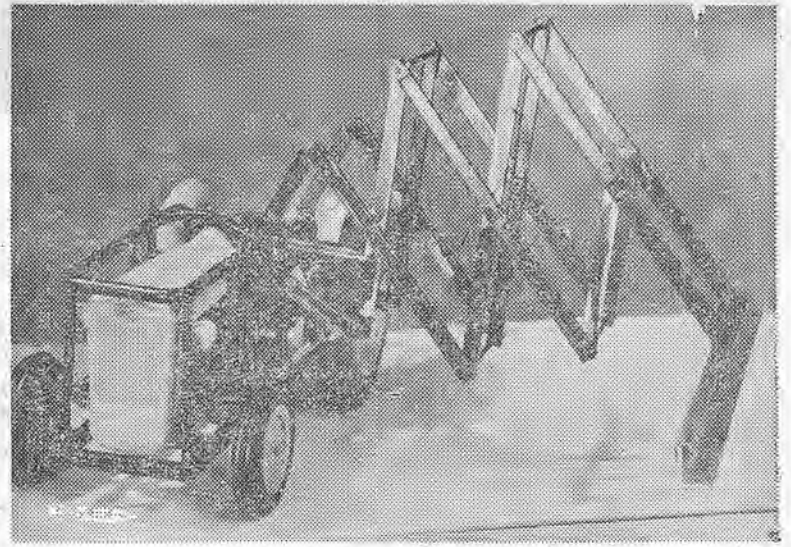
The Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields membership meeting will be held Monday, April 28, 1958 in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville, and at the times noted below:

The Natomas Company membership meeting will be held Monday, May 5, 1958 in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom, and also at the following times:

10:00 a.m. for those members unable to attend the night meeting.

7:30 p.m. for those members whose work enable them to attend at night.

GLADDING, McBEAN,  
No news they say is good news, but it is hardly good news



ENGINEER INVENTIVENESS — Here's a special piece of equipment designed by Bro. Thomas E. Morrison, 2658 Butler, Los Angeles, for pulling header forms quickly, easily.

to have to say, at this writing, that we have no knowledge, nor have the Company officials been able to give us any, as to when the plant will get started back up and calling men back.

It appears that the weather will be a big factor and with March going out like a lion and April having come blustering and blowing in, it is a mighty hard thing to prophesy or foretell when the weather is going to improve.

We noticed a little item in the daily newspaper the other day that we certainly hope doesn't spread to the pipe products and terracotta divisions. And that is that the Company has made arrangements with Japanese ceramic manufacturers for the making of Francisian China and Francisian Ware.

We hope that they don't start shipping this dinnerware into this country packed in sewer pipe or all of us had better start looking for the line where you sign up for your public welfare. All of which leads us to the personal opinion that it is too bad that tariffs have, under the Reciprocal Trade Act, been set so low that imports from low wage foreign countries are putting old established firms out of business or forcing them to take such steps to protect their finances.

We note that a couple of the notables around the plant have been getting themselves mentioned in the newspapers which you probably noted before we did. For instance Robert "Tiny" Radovich, the genial personnel manager is a candidate for County Supervisor for, we believe, it is the second district.

Speaking personally, and with no offense to the incumbent or other candidates, we think he would make a fine supervisor if he is elected and would serve the people well in his district and Placer County as a whole. Best of luck "Tiny."

Bob Schlundt, superintendent of architectural products (terracotta to you) has been elected president of the Lincoln Rotary Club. Bob, who has always been cooperative and understanding, will, we are sure, do a fine job and he a credit to his club. Congratulations Bob.

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council will meet Monday, May 5, 1958 at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Council, Lincoln. All board members, unless working, are urged to make a special effort to be present as there are some very important matters to discuss and decide.

The General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13, 1958 in the City Hall Auditorium, Lincoln. It will be convened as follows:

2:30 p.m. for those working the afternoon shift.

4:15 p.m. for those working days or graveyard.

ROCK, SAND, GRAVEL AND CONCRETE:

The writer of this article was

chided and justifiably so, by several of the brothers for not occasionally referring to some of the plants by name. The writer pleads "nolle contendre," that is guilty, but not intentionally so. Space is one reason that some things haven't been mentioned. Time to devote to the gathering and writing up news articles is another, and lack of news has also helped.

It would help a lot if the brothers would pass on bits of news or printable gossip about themselves or their fellow workers because, believe it or not, these articles aren't always easy to write.

The weather is having its bad effect on the industry. The other day for instance, the road into the Feather River Aggregates was covered with water and impassable at least, for automobiles. Bill Davis' Sand Plant on Paradise Road is practically washed out with a report having that a half million yards of sand went down the creek. There is only one man there loading out.

Kaiser Sand and Gravel at Oroville is down to three days a week due to the weather and the necessity of relocating the stock pile on account of the new highway cutting off part of the old stockpile. We note that Brother Jimmy Dorris, the truck mechanic, has been called back. Hope this is a good sign.

Butte Creek Rock over at Chico has rocked along all winter with little lost time, but this is almost an exception. Teicherts new plant near Chico was down to two brothers the other day. All the repair work has been about done. Now all they need is dry weather and some orders.

Most of the plants around Marysville, except the construction contractors, are smaller and have run along without much loss of time. For instance if the brothers at Yuba River Sand have lost any time they haven't growled about it. But Marysville Rock Products has had a rough go. Next month we hope the news is better and we certainly will try and make you believe that we haven't forgotten you.

## YOUR NEXT MEETING:

Will be held Friday, May 9, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville. We hope as many of you as possible will be there and apologize for trying to call a meeting last month the next day after the regular general quarterly meeting.

## NEW YORK MACHINE SHOP:

The shop has been rocking along about the same. It has had to reduce, because of short orders, to four days a week, but so far there has been no lay-offs, and none are anticipated. Everybody is optimistic and anticipates a good season starting, say, when the rains stop. There are no regular meetings for this unit as the meetings are held

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## REPORT FROM SACRAMENTO

By ALBERT R. OUGHTON, Business Representative

Agreements concluded: Sacramento Buildings.

Agreements Open: Hale's Department Store, Weinstock Lubin Dept. Store, Sacramento Valley Wholesale Bakeries, Sacramento Laundries, Crystal Ice & Cold Storage Company; National Ice & Cold Storage Company, Senator Theater, and Stillwater Orchards Company of Hood. Also, wage requests have gone in to the Sacramento City School Department and the Weimar Coast Center for our members who are employed there.

No new members this month. There were three members suspended during February: J. F. Riley, P. Kelly, F. Richards; and there was one transfer out of our local—Max McWherter.

Around the Plants: Charles Martin is one of the engineers at Crystal Dairy. The only time I get to see him is at contract opening time; but the Chief there tells me his is one fine boy.

Tony Martinez, who is employed at Rainbo Bakery is always busy when I call at the plant. The last time I was there, while he was talking to me, a bell rang. He said, "Oh-oh," and was gone—sounds as though he would also be a success as a fireman.

Earl Mead, another engineer at the Crystal Dairy, just returned from a trip to the Middle West. He told me about a rock slide that put his car out of commission for awhile. We are certainly glad to hear that no one was injured.

Jerry Meline has just started work at the California Oxygen Company—hope he will be happy there.

Bob Melvin fits in with what I said about his Chief of whom I spoke in another column, Lou Leathers. He works for C. Bruce Mace Company at Dixon and I can very seldom find him.

John Meyers with the National Ice & Cold Storage Company is wondering when I will come around with some good news. That's all right, John, it's retroactive to March 1, 1958.

Elwyn Milhorn, engineer with Rainbo Bakery at Chico is a darned good bakery engineer. If I were writing this report three days from now, I might have something more to say, but I will not see him until I go up the valley two days hence.

The next two engineers mentioned have the same last name—and for a good reason—they are brothers. One of them is real, real quiet and the other is real quiet. The real quiet one is Ronald Mohr who works at the Golden State Dairy and the real, real quiet one is Hale Mohr who works at the County Jail. Maybe he has a reason for being real, real quiet. Need we say more?

John Montgomery, engineer for the Community Linen Supply is off the job for a few days. He is having minor surgery. Hurry and get back on the job, John. They miss you.

We are a little late with the next report. However, we just got the news: You Reno, Nevada engineers will remember Thomas Henry, our steward there until recently. He and Mrs. Henry are the proud parents of a baby boy born January 11, 1958. Congratulations!

There were eight meetings on wage negotiations, five meetings with engineers on wage discussions, and two grievances during the month.

I made 41 plant calls and a trip up the Valley on the dairy

## Report From Harvard Univ.

By HERB SIMS

Hello once again to one and all. In the last issue there was a brief outline of this course of study, here at Harvard University.

It may be of interest to you, where the members of our class from overseas come from, and which unions they represent. They are as follows: Bangkok, Thailand—Chief Welfare Division, State Railway of Thailand; Copenhagen, Denmark—Trade Union of Taxi Drivers; Solna, Sweden—Swedish Union of State, Waterport Dept. Employees; Paris, France—Journalists Union; Firenze and Genoa, Italy—National Federation of Labor; Manila, Philippine Islands—Labor Education Center, University of the Philippines; Uganda, Africa—Postal Workers Union; Lima, Peru—National Federation of Telecommunication Workers; Glasgow, Scotland—National Federation of Railway Men; Tanganyika Territory, East Africa—Tanganyika Federation of Labor; Kenya, Africa—Kenya Federation of Labor; Rijswijk, Netherlands—Union of Civil Servants & Public Employees; Malines, Belgium—Christian Union of Energy & Chemical Industry Workers. Listed among this group is Dr. Samniang Charumlind from Thailand. We call him Sam. He is a graduate medical doctor. We have the honor of having the only full fledged medical doctor in the history of the Trade Union Program.

This is not only a wonderful course of study, taught by outstanding instructors, but we are also able to live and associate with our fellow students from other countries, and to exchange ideals in the operation of the labor unions throughout the world.

We exchange criticisms and we suggest ways to improve our value to the members of our various unions.

negotiations.

It seems like jobs are beginning to open up again and I have hopes that our out of work list will soon be a thing of the past.

Glen Morgan, who has been a fine engineer, has entered the Highway Patrol. We wish you the best of luck in your new job, Glen, and we know you will be a success. Hope to see you some time—but not in your line of duty—if you know what I mean!

I also attended the business agents' meeting and the Executive Board meeting in San Francisco.

Se you at the April meeting.

God made woman beautiful so man would love her, and He made her foolish so she'd love him.

## San Francisco Apprentice News

The Upgrading Class for Stationary Engineers was instituted March 11 at John O'Connell Trade School. The class is being taught by Vincent J. McGarry, with a total enrollment of 62 and average attendance of 34. This shows widespread interest in self-education, when it is considered that, for the most part, these men work shifts. This class will run a total of about six weeks.

San Francisco Unified School District has informed the Joint Apprenticeship Committee that they will make a class and instructor available for Journeymen Stationary Engineers if interest is shown by the members of the union in a Trade Extension Class.

Send a card to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, if you are definitely interested in attending class this fall to extend your knowledge of the trade. The purpose of this announcement is to determine the number of men who would be going to class if one is made available to us.

## REPORT FROM OAKLAND

By BERT TANNEHILL

The out of work situation in this area has seen little or no change in the past month. We have had a few calls for jobs mostly due to members reaching retirement age. However, the picture is a long way from being what we would desire. The inclement weather has had a far reaching effect on most crafts and even seems to be affecting our craft.

We are still working on negotiations with Manasse-Block Tanning—Table Products—Ice and Cold Storage and the University of California.

Also, in the process is the submission of requests for the engineers employed in Alameda County, Contra Costa County, City of Oakland and City of Richmond.

It was with great regret that we learned of the sudden passing of Brother Manuel Roach, and I wish to take this opportunity of offering my sincerest sympathy to his family.

Have been busy visiting plants and attending meetings which might be of concern to us.

We are trying to place an apprentice engineer at one of the hospitals in this area and I would like to mention at this time that should any of the Chief Engineers in plants, be interested in the apprenticeship program, to please contact me for further information on this matter.

## County Employees Hit Open-Shop Legislation

Contra Costa County Employees Association, on February 26, 1958, adopted a resolution opposing the "Employer-Employee Relations Initiative" which is being proposed for the November general election ballot. This is the so-called "right-to-work" or "voluntary unionism" law. In passing this resolution the Association stated "... This proposed constitutional amendment is detrimental to all of us; public workers as well as our fellow workers in private industry."

BURLINGAME, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 225 19th Ave., San Mateo, \$23,741, for impvts. in Ingold Industrial Center, Millsdale Industrial Park, Burlingame.

## Health and Welfare News—

### ELIGIBILITY RULES ARE EXPLAINED

It is the intent of your union office to disseminate pertinent information to you through this column from time to time. One of the duties we will attempt to perform is to keep you informed about your Health and Welfare Plan to the best of our ability.

In this issue you will note details on the different plans in Northern California, in the form of a question and answer column. If you happen to have a question of a personal nature, please direct all inquiries to the Administrator Mr. Charles Sweeney, at 476 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California, or call HEMlock 1-4417.

**Question: What area the eligibility rules for the members of Local 3 working in the Construction Industry?**

**Answer:** Basically, employees covered by the Health and Welfare Plan in the Construction Division become insured on the first of the month following their completion of 300 hours of work within a three (3) months period. At this time the employee is credited in the Welfare Office with a Bank of Hours—Eligibility Reserve similar to savings account at any bank. From then on the hours worked each month are credited to his account and whenever there are enough hours in this account to allow for withdrawal of 115 hours he receives a single month's insurance protection. Each month thereafter the sum of 115 hours are deducted from this bank of hours to insure continuing insurance and when the reserve of hours drops below 115 hours the employee then becomes ineligible for insurance. An employee may accumulate surplus hours to his account up to a maximum of 700 hours for use during periods of unemployment or part-time employment. Any employee participating in one of the Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Trusts covering construction work, who has accumulated 700 hours in his reserve account can be assured of a maximum of six (6) months coverage without adding to the reserve of hours.

**Question: What happens to hours that I work over 115 hours per month?**

**Answer:** Since 115 hours of work per month are required to continue eligible in the trust, the hours that you work over and above this amount accumulate in a surplus account until maximum accumulation of 700 hours is reached. Then any hours over and above the 700 maximum are put into the surplus account and not credited to your individual bank of hours reserve. This surplus account then is used to add to the 115 hours that you individually contributed so as to meet the required insurance premium each month. At the present time the insurance premium is \$14.13 which is equal to a little more than 140 hours of employment. Since ten cents (10c) per hour is contributed for each hour of work it can be seen, therefore, that a minimum of 25 hours has to be drawn out for each employee from the surplus account in order to keep eligible for insurance benefits, when working the minimum number of 115 hours per month. This surplus accumulation is used to provide insurance protection for the greatest possible number of employees participating in the fund throughout the year.

**Question: What are the eligibility requirements of employees in the Rock, Sand and Gravel Industry?**

**Answer:** Members in Rock, Sand and Gravel and Building Materials work who perform 80 hours or more of employment in

one month are eligible for insurance in the following month. There is no "Bank of Hours" eligibility rule for this type of employment.

**Question: Where are eligibility records kept and what information available to the member regarding his eligibility?**

**Answer:** The work records for the greatest number of Operating Engineers are kept at the Trust Fund Office, 476 Valencia Street, San Francisco. Any member wishing to know his current eligibility or the hours of reserve he has in his "Bank of Hours" may write to this trust office and he will receive an individual reply regarding the status of his account for eligibility. Any member requesting this information should include his social security number in his letter of inquiry.

**Question: What method is used for keeping the records of each member at the trust office, and how can PAYROLL VOUCHERS OR STUBS be used to prove work performance?**

**Answer:** A complete installation of mechanical computing machines record the employer reports each month showing the work record of each member. Once these reports are received accurately from an employer there is very little chance for error in providing the member with his accurate credits. However, if the member works for an employer who is delinquent in his contributions to the Health and Welfare Trust Fund; or, if an employer report does not list all the work performed by each member, the member may have need from time to time to provide his work performance and the only accurate proof which can be accepted is for the member to be able to provide his payroll stubs or vouchers. The stubs show the week in which the work was performed, the employer for whom the member worked, and the number of hours of work. The Administrator of the Welfare Fund can then accept or reject the claim based on his knowledge of this work performance irrespective of the records in the welfare administration office if such employer reports were inaccurate or delinquent.

It is therefore extremely important that each member of the Union keep his payroll stubs in a permanent record in order that he be guaranteed the benefits accruing from any work performed under the provisions of the Unions collective bargaining agreement.

**Question: Are there other trusts in effect for members of Local No. 3 in addition to the Construction Industry, the Rock, Sand and Gravel and the Building Materials agreements referred to in these questions?**

**Answer:** Yes, there are eligibility rules for members working in the Steel Trust, the Scrap Yard Trust, Equipment Trust, and the trust funds for Utah and Nevada. These rules will be discussed in a future article along with other items of interest.

ATWATER, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sac., \$59,352 (Alt. A) & to Northbay Const. Co., 560 Boyd, Santa Rosa, \$369,305 (Alt. B), for const. outfall sewers & sewage treat. plant. Loc. at SE corner of Atwater city limits.





# THE NEVADA ROUND-UP . . .

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

Dodge Construction, Inc., have started work on the Unionville, Mill City, job. This work has been going on for about three weeks now. The job is quite long on miles, but short on dirt. The foreman on the job figures that the job will probably run for another two months.

Brothers C. T. Kline and Gene Harris are operating the patrols. On the "Euc" pulls, Brothers Mick Whaler, Ray Miller and A. J. Henderson are working at a fast pace and showing great results each day. Brother Ed "Squirrel" Jones is the H.D.R.M., on the project and as always "Squirrel" has everything running and in good order. On the cats, Brothers "Curly" Hildebrand, Lawrence Ferguson and son Don Ferguson, "Tex" Rodgers and Dan Ellis are making the dirt fly. Brother Oscar Moser is the grade setter and Bro. Bob Rogne is the boom truck operator. Bro. S. W. Silva is the grease monkey on the job and is doing a fine job of it considering the crew that he is working with. Rough boys.

Vern Wilson is the superintendent on the project and former Brother. Bob Vicks is the foreman for Wilson. This crew of Dodges has always been a hard working sincere group of men and always do a good job for Wilson.

## IRON MINES

At the Iron Mines negotiations have finally been completed and an agreement has been reached that will cover the three Iron Mine operators presently working in Western Nevada. They are the Standard Slag Company, located at Wabuska, Nevada, Dodge Construction, Inc., southeast of Lovelock, Nevada, and the Mineral Materials Company, which is next door to the Dodge operation.

The iron mining industry in this state has been having its problems as they have had trouble keeping a market for their ores and this has also caused many problems during the past negotiations; however, things have been worked out and all of the brothers working on these three operations will now be under a uniform agreement which will run for two years.

Most all of the brothers felt that they were entitled to further benefits in the agreement, but due to the situations that exist in the industry, they decided to accept the proposed contract, as it was close to their demands and if the industry does get on its feet next year, then they will make up the difference on the next negotiations.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every operator on the three operations for their 100% attendance at the meetings and for the splendid cooperation that I received during the negotiations. It gives me a lot of pleasure to preside over meetings that are so well attended and where the membership voice their ideas and interests so well. Thanks again.

## M-K JOB

The Morrison-Knudsen job east of Reno is again running along very well after a short job tie-up. There were several points of controversy that had to be corrected and as a result of meetings with the M-K "Brass" these things were taken care of to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. The Brothers have all settled down to work again and we look forward to a smooth running operation throughout the job.

The shovel crews are working two shifts now and the rock is beginning to move much faster as the traffic is now detoured around the big cats, which will make work much easier. I also

want to thank the membership on this job for their support and cooperation.

Brother P. W. Burge has a fine job around Reno, Nevada, and keeps Brother Ed Gnadie busy repairing and bossing. Bro. Ray Williams on the back hoe digging between shower and snow storms. Bro. Freddie Polish on the new D-7 cat and doing a fair job. Brother V. McCale back with P. W. doing a fair job around the outfit.

George Griffall Company for their regular crew, Brother Cal Scalari and his traveling companions Al Parkant, a couple of fine men. Bro. Roy Neelson the dozer man for George is the brother that gets the work done. Now there is a new comer for the Griffall Company by the name of Joe Anelli, he is a real oiler believe me as I have seen that Joe in action in more ways than one. Bro. Bob Williams (The Sand Man) is going big now. He has LaGrange C. C., brand new crusher out in his pit. The Sand Man's in production now.

Brother Al Maberry and his oiler Hank Schultz are back from Elko, Nevada, where they raised the steel for the Stockman Hotel in Elko. I think maybe Mr. Herman from Martin Iron will be at ease for awhile now that Al is back. He won't have to call in and ask for someone to operate the P & H truck crane for one-half day or one lift. I sure hope Al never decides to quit the truck crane work. If so, Herman and Martin Iron Works will have to close up shop or teach Mr. Herman how to operate the crane.

## FALLON JOB

Silver State Construction Company have been working on the job in Fallon, Nevada, that runs in front of the Dodge Construction, Inc., office. This was just a small job and is almost done as far as the dirt work is concerned. They will oil the job as soon as weather permits.

The big G. E. M. concrete mixing plant is the only place that has operated all winter. But leave it to Brothers, that boy knows his way around a mixing plant.

Brother Beryl Johnson out around Reno and Sparks, Nevada, doing a bit of patching on the streets. Bro. Johnson is quite the patching boss man and he is also good at patching other things around town especially when he is riding around in the

company pickup.

Due to the continuous bad weather in the area over the past six weeks, most all of the major jobs in the area have slowed down, but we are hoping that the weather will give us a break so that the work will be going by the middle of the month.

Two more jobs will be awarded on the 10th of April, one job is east of Fallon, Nevada, at Frenchman's Station, and the other will be at the foot of Hickinson's Summit east toward Eureka, Nevada. There is about 20,000 yards of dirt to be moved on each of these two jobs.

We have been hearing from some of the contractors that have jobs in the eastern end of Nevada and they expected to get started on two of these jobs about the 15th of April. The Rice Brothers south of Ely, and B. C. Richter, south of Wells, Nevada, are the two that should get under way then. The other jobs on that end are not expected to go until later, because of the snow and heavy water conditions.

## Marysville

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at the shop and on call.  
**CONCRETE PIPE INDUSTRY:**

There isn't much else to report this month than last month. The entire industry is waiting for the end of the rains and the ground to dry out. As they say the mud won't stay still until they lay the pipe. In the meantime there has been no increase or decrease in employment or change in the part time work week, but a little sun will make a lot of difference.

## THE NEXT MEETING:

The next regular joint meeting of the Laborers, Operating Engineers, and Teamster will be held Monday, May 12, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville. Let's see you all present.

## PERSONAL NOTES:

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Brother Vern A. Dalton on March 26th, after a long illness. Brother Dalton had long worked for the Natomas Company and was well known, and well liked. He was 53 years of age. Services were conducted March 29th and interment was in the Roseville Cemetery. The officers and members of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 extend to Mrs. Dalton and family their heartfelt and sincere sympathy.

**ATTEND your union meetings REGULARLY!**



"It seems a few people misunderstand your lecture on 'right-to-work' laws, B. G. . ."

# FEW ENGINEERS ARE OUT OF WORK IN THE ISLANDS

By OTTO E. NEVER, Business Representative

This is the monthly report and news item from District 15 where the men are men and the women are darn glad of it.

The Capehart construction program is now in the process of actual construction. M. J. Brock was the successful bidder on the Tripler Hospital and Fort Shafter Capehart housing. Work is estimated to begin on that project by April 15th. Richards Construction Company was low bidder on

the Kaneohe Capehart. Work is estimated to commence on that job by May 15th. The Len Company was low bidder at Camp Catlin and McGrew Point Capehart unit. Low bid was \$8,617,777. Murray Saunders was the successful bidder of the Manana Capehart project. The Pacific Construction was low bidder on the Hickam Air Base. The estimated price by the U.S. Engineers was \$9,600,000. However, Pacific Construction Company bid it for \$7,988,000. It was estimated this company left \$844,000 on the table when the extras were included.

J. M. Tanaka Company bid \$218,143.95 for the Manoa trunk relief sewer line. This company also bid an additional \$85,979.31 for the widening of the St. Louis Drive bridge. Both bids were accepted. At the present time the demolition of the present buildings at Fort Shafter is holding up the actual construction of that end of the Capehart housing. As soon as the present buildings are removed, work will start. The dirt moving was a separate bid and Gilbert Kobatake, a non-union contractor, was low bidder. There is also a possibility that there will be a \$9 million Capehart housing project at Fort DeRussy.

At the present time we have very few members out of work and we have been hard pressed to supply heavy-duty mechanics and grader operators.

With the present outlook on construction during the next two years, all of our members will be employed and we face the necessity of taking in new members to complete our membership drive in order to have sufficient qualified members to handle all jobs. Calls for members from the mainland to fill present requirements have been very unsatisfactory. Although we have had a tremendous inquiry, when calls have been made to mainland members, less than five per cent have responded. Wages are considerably lower here in the islands and conditions cannot be compared to the rest of the territory in Local 3.

Our negotiations here must be handled with the finest sense of diplomacy. In fact we feel that we have now reached the point in diplomacy where we can tell a contractor to go to hell in such a diplomatic manner that he looks forward to the incident.

## SCHOFIELD JOB

The Meyers, McKee and Nordis job at Schofield is progressing very well with practically no complaints from the membership as far as the general contractor is concerned. However, the Hood Construction Company of Los Angeles who have installed sewer and drainage lines have been a most consistent violator of all our union working conditions. They have not kept up with the increases agreed upon between ourselves and the Contractors Association which is a 10 cents increase every six months. They have hired non-union men instead of calling the office for our members and they have insisted on members reporting to the office before going to work and then sending them to the job site from the office. This often causes our membership to be 10 to 15 minutes late starting work

for which the company has docked their employees a half an hour. This is a Los Angeles company that is supposed to practice and believe in union principles. We are particularly incensed at the superintendent, Mr. Bart Herple, who has made us many promises to rectify these violations but has done nothing about it. Mr. Harry Davis is the project manager. This company is also on a joint venture at Kaneohe for the Centex Construction Company and is a party to pay as much as 20 cents below the scale on the job for Centex. The other partner in the co-venture is the Hercules Construction Company, comprised of Mr. Dave Thompson and Mr. Reuther. We write this information with the hope that our brothers on the mainland will take note of the Hood Construction Company and its unfair anti-labor tactics that they have practiced here in the islands.

We have many non-union contractors, particularly Japanese and Chinese. They are non-union because they want to chisel on their employees. They make no bones about it. We are doing our best to organize these cheap chisellers and to teach them to become Christians. Compared to the Hood Construction Company, these latter contractors are angels to say the least.

The sugar strike is now in its second month, going into the third, and with 14,000 sugar workers out of work the economic condition on the neighboring islands is very bad. What little construction work has been going on at Kauai is now at a standstill; the same applies to the other islands. Unless the work is of a Federal or territorial nature, things are at a standstill. With the exception of the island of Oahu, building construction, street work, sewers and other work, a part of subdivision development, is in full swing.

## ELECTION WON

We are happy to report that our election at the Wilson Bore No. 2 with E. E. Black and Gibbons & Reed was successful. The vote was 13 to 6 with three members not voting. Being pay day, they had stayed home to recover from a hangover. We are very grateful to Brothers George Baker and Hisashi Sensui for their splendid cooperation and help in organizing this job. We also wish to acknowledge the sincere help and cooperation from Brother Elmo Samson of the Laborers Local 368. Brother Samson has ever been ready and willing to assist us in any endeavor we undertake.

We have filed with the territory of the little NLRB for an election at the Joe Yoshida Company. This is a small unit but we feel we have a good chance to win.

At the time of this writing I am planning on visiting the M & K and Hawaiian Dredging Company tunnel job on Molokai as well as the dredge McLeod of the Pacific Dredging Company at Kawaihae.

We are continually taking in new members and with the assistance rendered us by the San Francisco office, we can report definite progress.

**Observe Safety Rules!**



# UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

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

The magic word of Spring is starting to rustle through the dormant wheels of machinery and the zest for moving the good earth is once more foremost in the minds of construction men.

The much talked about upper Colorado River Storage project has really been a subject of controversy the past months with no new appropriations being made and talk of the curtailment on the work already in progress; however, good news during the past few weeks has bolstered our morale that the much needed money will be appropriated and the work will continue on Glen Canyon. Also, the chances for a prime contract on Flaming Gorge being let, are better than they have been in months with a good chance that it will be let by July 1st.

In addition to the state road work to be bid this month, L. A. Young and Vernal Sand & Gravel Company were low bidders at \$142,908.90 on a section of secondary road in Duchesne County. Morrison-Knudsen Company is getting set to start their road job in Dinosaurs near the Utah-Colorado border as soon as the weather will allow.

W. W. Clyde Company has started work on the Heber to Keetley job. They have been hampered by wet weather but should really start moving the dirt now. Bill Glyde is superintendent on the job and most of us are well acquainted with him.

Heber Glenn has bought two D. W. 20's preparatory to starting on the Vernal to Manila road and has hired a crew of No. 3 operators and have been doing some grading for the new Indian Hills School here in Salt Lake City. Alder and Childs Company is the general contractor on this job.

Due to the unusually wet weather we experienced all during the month of March and the first part of April, we are hoping that when we do get started most of the jobs will work nine or ten hours per day and six days a week to help make up for lost time.

Going north, a number of new jobs have been advertised for bid this past month and advance notices have been received on additional work that is scheduled to be bid in the very near future, which should help improve the employment situation considerably for the Operating Engineers. Many of the men have jobs to go on as soon as the weather permits. The late heavy storms (nearly 40% above normal in this area) have kept several of the general contractors idle this past month.

### WEBER BASIN

The Bureau of Reclamation is scheduled to open bids during April for several jobs on the Weber Basin Project. The main job of this group is for the first stage of the permanent dike on Willard Bay north of Ogden. This first section consists of the excavation of approximately 2,200,000 cubic yards of borrow materials and transport to the dam embankment along with the excavating of approximately 6600 feet of drain in the borrow area. The second job is for the furnishing and laying of nearly 20 miles of pipe in the Uintah Bench area along with reservoir structure and pumping plants.

The third job is for the excavating realining and lining of a section of the canal in Morgan County, where slides and underground water have been a problem.

The four million dollar construction program scheduled for Hill Airforce Base is to be under way by June 1. The Army Corps of Engineers expect to open bids in San Francisco on April 10 and 23 for the aircraft hanger, 75,000 square yards of parking apron, taxiway and underground duct work. These jobs should help

relieve the strain for local work.

The State of Utah will open bids in April for the Fish and Game Department consisting of a 23,900-foot dike and control structures at the Ogen Bay Bird Refuge.

### OTHER CONTRACTS

Several other contracts have been awarded this past month including one to J. B. Parson Construction Company with nearly two million dollars for 11 miles of road west of Termon-ton; Legrande Johnson Construction Co., \$216,869 on 8 miles of road mix surface west of Snowville; M. Morrin & Sons Co., \$420,593 on Weber County High School gymnasium; Rocky Mountain Construction Co. of Salt Lake, \$597,894 on work at Hill Airforce Base; Klopfer Construction Co. of Logan, \$23,538 on water line from Pine View Reservoir; L. T. Johnson Construction Co., \$6919 on the Willard Drain; D. R. Mayberry Co. of Ogden, \$41,449 on Ben Lomand High School athletic field, and Detweiler & Detweiler of Twin Falls, Idaho, \$442,753 for underground and surface piping for Marquardt Aircraft Co. at Little Mountain.

In the south, the proposed route of Utah's north-south interstate defense freeway through Utah County met very little opposition at a public hearing to determine the location of the super highway. The lack of opposition will surely hasten the starting date, which according to Mr. Ellis Armstrong should be by late summer.

The County Planning Commission urged highway authorities to purchase sufficient right of way to permit construction of up to eight lanes from Salt Lake City to Spanish Fork in Utah County. The present plans are for six lanes as far south as Provo and four lanes continuing south.

Bids opened by the Utah State Road Commission on two road improvement projects showed the apparent low bidders were from 10 to 25% under the engineer's estimate.

Theo Wood Construction Company of Salt Lake City was the apparent low bidder on a 4.2 miles of highway No. 89 starting three miles north of Kanab. The low bid was \$478,288, estimated cost was \$635,302. The first ten miles of the road into the Aneth Oil Field was advertised for bid on Saturday, March 8, 1958 and on March 18, low bid went to Jim Sumsion. Also let at the same time, was the long awaited job between Washington and Pintura, with low bid going to Schmidt Construction Company. Both of these jobs should go immediately after the wards are made.

Strong Company is scheduled to complete the grading work on the Arches National Monument road this week. This new grade will open up some heretofore inaccessible scenic beauty to the tourists this summer. The road is being built on a 28-foot grade, and will be oil surfaced for a width of 20 feet. Construction started last July and will be completed in June of this year.

## MEETING NOTICE

**Kennecott Copper Meeting — Wednesday, April 30, 1958, at 7:30 p.m.**

All other meetings will be called meetings.

The next District Meeting for all construction will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 1958, at the Labor Temple Annex, 151 South 2nd East, Salt Lake City, Utah, at 8:00 p.m.

The total cost will be approximately \$581,000. This road will be a fitting monument to the fine crew who chiseled it out of solid rock. The old timers who furnished the road building know-how are Brother Lee Gillman, Brother Fox Cranmer, who run the grading, and operators Brother Leo Foster, Harold Dalton, Tracy Bronson, Lynn Larsen, Alvin Denver, Tiny Roy-lance and others.

### GENEVA STEEL

Consolidated Western Steel Company's operation at Geneva Steel has been curtailed to the point of alarm. Where some sixty members of Local No. 3 were employed one year ago, only a handful remain. The reason being the steel company's determination to form a construction unit within the plant manned by the production and maintenance workers. Since the AFL and CIO merger we have felt that this would not happen. We believe the craft unions should maintain jurisdiction over construction work within the plant, and have requested an arbitration team from President Gray's headquarters to settle this issue. The duties of Local No. 3 members employed by Consolidate Western have been varied and the emphasis has been on the very skilled worker. The remaining few and a great many who have had to leave are in this category. Brother Jim Lewis has performed the duties of Master Mechanic, Dispatcher and in many cases Steward, and has performed each duty well. Brother Jim is well deserving of the respect of our membership. Still on the payroll at Consolidated are such notables in our field as Brother Leonard Allen, his buddy and oiler, Brother Billy Leon, "Nig" Lees, Brother Vic Bronson, Brother Doyle Barney, Brother John Thornton, Brother Leon "Pee Wee" Rees, Brother Claude McKay, Brother Ray Lewis, Brother Jim Lewis and last but not least, Brother Fred "Whiteye" Harding. It is the sincere wish of the writer and all concerned that the situation may be resolved in the best interest of the membership.

The clean-up on Jim Reed's job west of Blanding is proving very tough on Local No. 3 members. Brother Al Norton received a broken arm when the D-9 decided he should go. He was thrown from the "cat" when it came to a sudden stop after sliding sidewise down a rocky slope.

Brother Bill Nelson suffered a broken leg while repairing a D.W.21. He was ejected forcibly by the ejection gate after a cable broke. We are told by witnesses that this accident could have been much more serious. Condolences to these brothers and we hope they will soon be able to return to work.

### SOUTHWEST UTAH

In the southwestern section of the State of Utah the work picture isn't too much improved. At the Utah Construction Iron Mines at Cedar City, another cutback took place a short time

ago. One bright spot in the Cedar area came with the bid opening by the Road Commission on the Pintura-Anderson junction stretch of Highway 91. L. A. Young's job at Central is pretty well bogged down because of weather conditions. They had fifteen inches of snow a few days ago.

At Bingham, the tunnel gang is going strong. Recently, the travel time pay was increased to one hour, which makes it a pretty good job.

There is nothing encouraging to report on the Kennecott Copper Mine at Bingham. A few days ago, one of our bright congressmen said that if we are in a recession, its a gold-plated one; however, if his means of livelihood was suddenly taken from him and he suffered the pangs of hunger, he might realize what is really going on. It's too bad these fellows can't be made to feel the squeeze the same way labor does.

On the Industrial plants, Western Phosphate, busy shipping; Vitro Uranium, holding the line; Sand & Gravel, looking hopefully to an early start; Lang Shop, keeping busy; State Road, not much progress, too much red tape, and too many people "passing the buck."

WATSONVILLE, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$171,900, for sph. conc. surf., curb, gutter, etc. on Lincoln St.

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UKIAH, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sac., \$346,676, for const. sewage collection system for the district in MENDOCINO COUNTY.

BEALE AFB, contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 269, Marysville, \$337,625, for const. control tower & base operations bldg. at Beale AFB, YUBA COUNTY.

BEALE AFB, contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 269, Marysville, \$388,539, for const. access & patrol roads & perimeter fence at Beale AFB, YUBA COUNTY.

MILL VALLEY, contract awarded to Fred J. Early Jr., Co., Inc., 369 Pine St., S. F., \$490,490, for const. sanit. sewerage wks. incl. addns. to sew. treat. plant, etc., at Mill Valley.

MARYSVILLE, contract awarded to Baldwin Contr. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 311, Marysville, \$236,489, for street paving & const. curbs & gutters, city of Marysville.

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# SACTO'S APRIL LOVE: MORE SUN!

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, ERNIE NELSON, ED HEARNE and BOB SORNSEN, Business Representatives

The work situation around the Sacramento area is pretty much the same as last month, Brothers. No work has started yet and the rain and snow have shown no sign of a let-up at this writing. It is beginning to look as though it will take at least a month or six weeks of good hot sunshine before any of the big jobs can start rolling.

Gordon H. Ball could start pouring concrete at Mather Air Force Base if they had two or three weeks of sunshine. The concrete is about 50 per cent on this job.

Baldwin Construction Co. has started work on one of the two dormitories at Mather. Brighton Sand & Gravel Co. has to excavate and fill for the building pad before the second dorm can be started.

The E. J. Mackey Construction Co. of Sacramento submitted the low bid for construction of a headquarters squadron building at Mather. The building will be used by the strategic air command when they set up shop here. Their bid was \$143,652.

George Casey Co. drilled tow test holes over 100 feet deep on the site of the multi story officers quarters so that the Corps of Engineers can decide what kind of foundation they need for this building.

We are sorry to have to report this, Brothers, but two of the jobs that we were counting on have been set back several months. We reported last month that bids on the Roseville to Newcastle job and the structures on the South Sacramento freeway would be opened in April. We have since learned that these bids will not be opened until September. Both of these jobs could have been started as soon as the bids were opened.

Stolte Co. has part of the excavation completed on their Davis job. Granite Construction and P.C.A. both have their rock plants shut down near Yolo. A. Teichert & Sons and Madison Sand & Gravel are still running their plants. Madison has their hot plant ready to go the first chance they get. Madison's crew is Vic Johnson, foreman; C. L. Ward, shovel operator; E. T. Derby, oiler; Joe Chamberlin, welder; Martin Wohlgemuth, boxman; Fred Manning, crusher operator, and L. Dee Wright, oiler.

## ANTIQUÉ RIGS

Shorty Barlow just returned from a trip to Mexico and Guatemala. He took several pictures of the equipment that is used down there on the construction jobs. He says that while most of the rigs are late model, there is a large amount of antique stuff. He says that if the Local 3 Brothers had to run some of it for a short while they would never gripe again about having to run a hard mouthed cat.

On the 28th of March the Perkins Gravel Co. shut down the plant at Perkins. This is the first time in many years that this plant has shut down for anything other than repairs. This plant is a part of Teichert Aggregates as is the Del Paso Rock Co., the rock plant of Teicherts at Woodland, the road rock plant on Fruitridge Road near the Sacramento Signal Depot, and their several ready mix plants in the area. A. Teichert & Sons have not been successful in bidding jobs of any large size so far this year and stockpiles were getting big at the plants so they are starting to shut them down until they get some jobs.

These plants provide employment for many of the Brothers in the area so we hope they get

started again right away.

McCammon & Wunderlich has been overhauling equipment this winter on Highway 40, keeping 5 or 6 of the Brothers occupied and will call back some of their men as soon as the weather permits.

Fredrickson & Watson have called back a few Brothers but rain shut them down again.

On Highway 40 we have Clyde Woods, Kirst & Alwood Corp., from Los Angeles, who expect to start around the 15th of April. They will have 4 or 5 shovels on the job. Two 80's are about overhauled at Diamond Springs now. Brothers Guy Creason, Floyd Miracle, G. Benson and Joe Gazaway are really doing a good job of it. Over the hill on Highway 40 Fredrickson & Watson have another contract 8.8 miles in length. Johnny Owens is general foreman and Pause is the superintendent. Doolittle has a sub-contract for the clearing and is working one cat now and then as weather permits. They have from 3 to 5 feet of snow yet. In Squaw Valley Johnny La-Grange, from Reno, is doing the excavating for Diversified Builders and called back some of his men to try and move the snow to get some footings in for buildings. There is 5 feet of snow in the Valley. Brother J. Baker is foreman and doing a good job of it.

Process Tool & Bitts from San Francisco is doing some core drilling on Highway 49 at North San Juan for another dam site for State Department of Water Resources in Nevada County. They are running two shifts and Mell A. Duggins, Louis Duggins, Tommy Thomas and Hecker are the operators. Hank Heines is foreman.

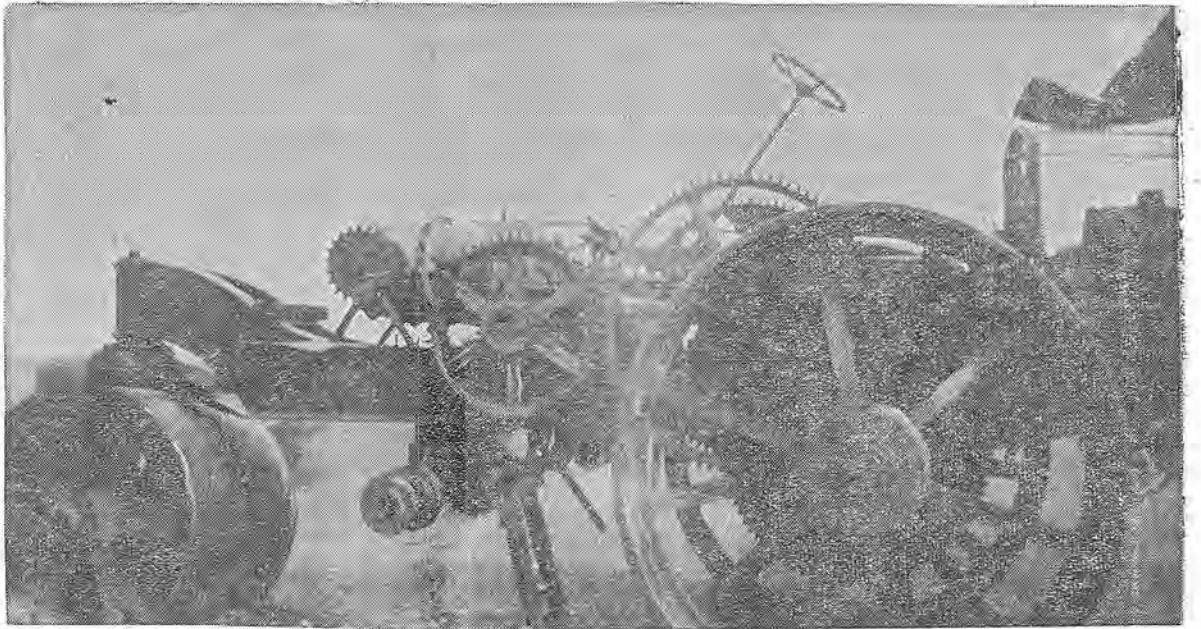
## AT NEVADA CITY

At Nevada City we have with us now, The Miners Foundry & Machines Works which was established in 1862. Operated by Hugh Williams and George Rua they do all kinds of building such as mining cors, conveyors and bid contracts all over the World. On Highway 50 Clyde Woods is going back to Pacific House on the job he had last year and clean out some slides. One of the shovels will go back for a short time before going to their job on Highway 40. All in all, we have a very good year in the mountains, so hope for good weather so we can get the Brothers back to work again.

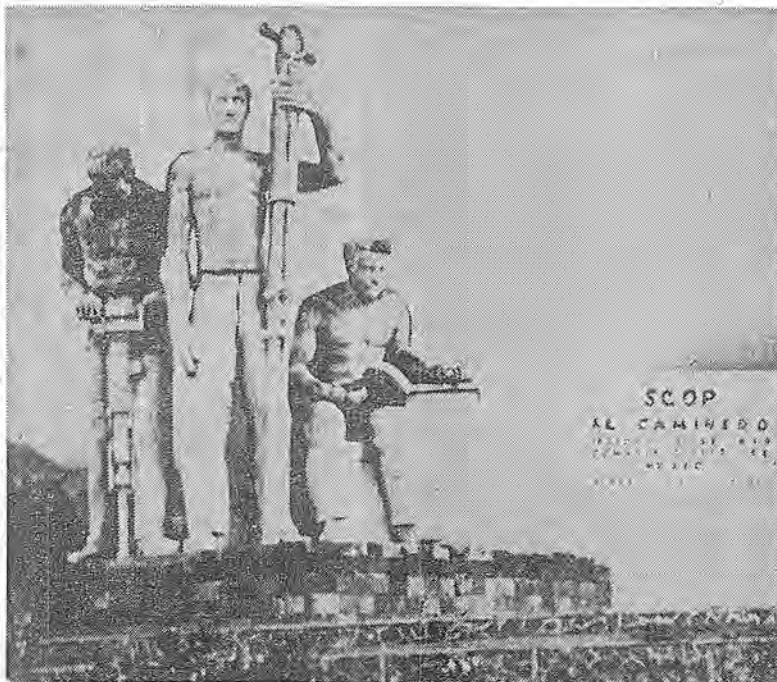
There have been no bids called yet for the Upper American River Project but they should be calling for the first stage by the middle of April. This will be for access roads to Ice House Dam, Junction Dam, Jaybird Tunnel, and Jaybird Power Plant. We hope to report more on this next month.

The following Brothers are on our sick list: P. A. Hamm. Brother Hamm was hurt on the job while working as a heavy duty mechanic for A. Teichert & Son. He has a broken arm and a cracked disk. S. W. McElroy is in the Sutter Hospital with a cracked skull. Brother Ray Austin is sick in bed at home but should be up and around by the time you read this.

We wish all the sick Brothers a speedy recovery and return to good health. We also want to



**IN OLD MEXICO**—The 30 million Mexicans just south of us are eagerly expanding all forms of public construction, but their methods and equipment are slow to catch up with their needs. This ancient roller is typical of equipment now in use. It was converted from steam to gasoline and takes a two-man crew, reports Bro. Shorty Barlow, Sacramento member of Local 3 who recently visited Mexico and took this picture. He says our members would really appreciate their equipment if they had to run something like this.



**MONUMENT TO ROAD BUILDERS**—Mexico believes in honoring the men who build its highways. This attractive monument is in Mexico City, and includes key men in the road-building industry.

**SAN JOAQUIN**, contract awarded to H. R. Langworthy, 5053 S. Cider St., Fresno, \$110,842, for const. curbs, gutters, etc., in the city of San Joaquin.

**SAN JOAQUIN**, contract awarded to Haskell Devel. Co., 5612 E. Inyo, Fresno, \$58,105, for const. AC water main & appurts. in the city of San Joaquin.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sac., \$81,385, for 21.0 mi. surf. hwy. w/ptmx. surf. over exist. surf. & apply fog slt. betw. Yolo & Colusa County Line, & betw. Perkins & Sloughhouse, in YOLO & SACRAMENTO COUNTIES.

ask anyone who knows of a fellow member that is in the hospital or sick at home to please notify this office right away so we may visit them. All too often we don't hear about a member being sick until he is back on the job.

Brothers, don't forget the next regular District Meeting at 8:00 p.m. on May 1, 1958. This meeting will be at 2525 Stockton Blvd., in the C.E.L.&T. Labor Temple. This is a very important meeting, Brothers, so please attend. If you want a good union you have to take part in its functions.

**BLOOD BANK:** Our sincere thanks go to Edward McQuillan, Mrs. Nancy Lee Ross, Mrs. Carmelita Dingman, Maurice Waugh and John F. Sheehan who donated to our blood bank since our last report.

Remember this office is open every Thursday 8 a.m. through 8 p.m. Other week days, 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Closed Saturdays.

**SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.**

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P. O. Box 873, Sac., \$101,562, for impvt. of various streets, golf courses, etc.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Volpa Bros., 3763 No. Arthur Ave., Fresno, \$133,610, for 4 mi. grade & ptms. surf. on untr. base, on Grangeville Blvd. No. of Lemoore, betw. 22nd & 18th Aves., KINGS COUNTY.

**REDDING**, contract awarded to Jess Hogg & Son, P. O. Box 20, Yuba City, \$47,546, for const. san. sewer impvts. in the Dakyn-Highland Sewer.

**EL CERRITO**, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$56,756, for street widening, Fairmount Ave., from San Pablo Ave. to Shopping Center & Central Ave. from Carlson to Liberty St. & Liberty St. from Central to Fairmount.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 4th St., Berkeley, \$51,655, for 5.6 mi. rdwy. to be surf. w/rdmx. surf. & drainage facils. to be install. in Tomales Bay State Park & in Mt. Tamalpais State Park, MARIN COUNTY.

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## Santa Rosa Work Outlook Is Not Too Good; Some Dam, Road Jobs

By J. D. MARK, Dispatcher, Santa Rosa

It does not look like this area will have much work this year, we have one decent job, and that is it. The dam will be finished with two months work and I doubt if Highway 20 will have near that amount. Once the weather gets good, Humboldt Constructors and Mercer Fraser will soon finish their job at Longvale, and the rest is peanuts. The State said last winter that we would be having a bridge across the Russian River at Healdsburg, but if they don't start advertising for bids soon, there will be very little work done this year. Also there was supposed to be a resurfacing job on Highway 101 sometime this year, but of course there is still plenty of time for that job as it will go fast.

It would seem that the Coyote Dam, even though it is not finished, still did considerable good this year at the height of the flood. Some 12,000 cubic feet a second flowed out. The Army Engineers Project Engineer said: "That meant that the river didn't get as high below the dam, but it remained higher longer because of the continued discharge of stored water after flooding eased." The dam stored 6,500 acre feet of water during the backup. The dam is designed to store 122,000 acre feet when completed.

The State of California Division of Highways has extended Highway 20 another 33 miles to include the road from Willits to Highway 1 on the coast. Highway 20 is now 237 miles long, running from the ocean to a junction with U. S. Highway 40 near Emigrant Gap in Nevada County. This 33 miles from Willits to the ocean will mean a good job some time in the future as this road is only partly surfaced and will need plenty of work on it.

The business meeting held in Ukiah was from every angle a huge success, the turn out was better than Santa Rosa had three months ago. Brother H. O. Foss presided, assisted by Brothers Al Clem, Paul Edgcombe and Bill Minahan. We were told that all areas will elect one Rank and File member to the Executive Board. This sounds like a very good idea. Mr. Sweeney of the Operating Engineers Trust Fund gave an interesting talk on the Health and Welfare Plan, taking time out to answer the members' many questions. Also, we were pleasantly surprised to have our old business agent, Glenn Dobyns, at the meeting.

The E. T. Baxman Co. of Ft. Bragg were low bidders on the resurfacing job at MacKerricher Beach State Park.

Lange Bros., of Lakeport were low bidders on the Clear Lake State Park job to widen or to grade and surface 2.2 miles of park roads with plant mix on untreated base.

Power, Mullin and Richardson Construction Co. of Palo Alto were low bidders on repairs to the bridge across the Middle Fork of the Eel River near Dos Rios.

### SANTA ROSA WATER

The city of Santa Rosa has called for bids for the extension of the water system and a 1,500,000 gallon tank. There is 8 miles of pipe to be laid, ranging from 27" to 6", the 27", 20", 18" and 16" to be steel, the remainder either steel or asbestos. Approximately half of the pipe to be 12". Bids have been asked for both steel and concrete on the reservoir.

The Rincon Valley Trunk Sewer Line is now up for bid, this job consists of 19,369 LFT of reinforced concrete or VC pipe in sizes ranging from 33"

to 10", also 63 manholes and 76 LFT tunnel under highway.

The Los Alamos trunk sewer line has been advertised. It calls for 10,350 LFT of 15" pipe and 35 manholes.

At a location 1.5 miles west of Guerneville there will be repairs to the retaining wall along the Russian River.

In Mendocino and Lake Counties, there is to be 30.8 miles of plant mix surface to be placed over existing pavement at various locations between 1.7 miles and 3.5 miles north of Calpella and between 0.6 miles west of Potter Valley and Lower Lake junction.

### ARIZONA SLAVERY

Received a letter from Brother Joe Lovely who is working in Arizona. I think portions of his letter are worth quoting. He states:

"I can see just how this 'Right to Work' law has an effect on the working stiff in this country. I never have seen so many men in one group that keep one eye on the work and the other peeled for the boss, when he walks through the shop you can feel the tension build up. I am in favor of giving the man a day's work for a day's pay, but not to have to keep a guard posted to watch the boss's movements. I asked several of the guys why they were so jumpy when the boss showed up. They all have the same answer, it's a good shop and the pay is good. If you mention union, they just clam up or change the subject. It appears to me that the 'Right to Work' law has a terrific impact on them."

Brother Lou Barnes was stricken with a ruptured appendix and was operated on March 12. He is up and around now, and feeling fine.

Brother Joy Allen had a little hard luck. Someone entered his home and stole all his silverware, a 12 gauge shot gun, a 25-35 Winchester rifle, a 22 cal. Winchester rifle and a .38 Colt automatic pistol. Looks like Joy will not be doing any deer hunting this season.

We had our first casualty for the year. Brother Vern Motley fractured his knee while working for Pete Barretta on the Coyote Reservoir clearing job. Looks like he will be laid up until the middle of July, according to his doctor.

Brother Bay Lovely is back in the hospital again, he has had a long siege of it, and we sincerely hope he will be back with us in the near future.

Brother Lloyd G. Worthington was thoughtful enough to donate a pint of blood to our blood bank. Our sincere thanks to you, Brother Worthington.

Brother James E. Johnson beat the draft to the punch and joined the Army Engineers the 25th of March.

Brother Wm. F. Brown, Jr., was drafted on March 5 and has left for Fort Ord.

Don't forget the meeting on June 5 in Santa Rosa, at which time we will elect a rank and file member to the Executive Board. This will be a very important meeting and all should be present. It is imperative that we select an outstanding member for this very essential post.

**Observe Safety Rules!**

## LATE RAINS HURT JOBS IN SHASTA AREA

By J. B. Jennings, Bus. Representative

Northern California has its worst winter in history!! Since our last report, the job situation in this district remains about the same, although the heavy rains that we have had closed down some of the jobs that were beginning to resume operations. However, the weather has not affected the Shea, Kaiser, and Morrison Clear Creek Tunnel Project or the lining of the Diversion Tunnel on the Trinity Dam Project. The cat skimmers and the rubber-tired operators are practically at a standstill on the Trinity project. There are approximately 135 of the brothers working on the Guy F. Atkinson job.

Report on the Gibbons & Reed Job Highway 99, Shot Gun Creek. Recently at a meeting held with Roy Ladd, project manager for the Gibbons & Reed Company, Mr. Ladd informed me that there will be approximately 60 engineers on this project. When the weather permits, operations will resume and there will be one shift, which will work 9 hours per day, 6 days a week.

The Dunsmuir job will be advertised April 21st and it is expected that the job will get underway immediately after it is awarded.

New work set for Highway 97. The State Division of Highways called for bids April 1st to resurface two stretches of Highway 97 in Siskiyou County. One job calls for resurfacing 17.1 miles of the highway from Juniper Station to 1 mile north of Dorris and for widening a curve just south of Dorris. The state has set aside \$500,000 for the work. The other job will resurface 13 miles of Highway 97 from 8.3 miles north of Weed to Grass Lake. This work is estimated to cost \$156,000.

We are happy to report that we have signed the construction Agreement with the A & S Paving Company, that moved in from Washington and has set up a permanent hot plant in Yreka. This is the only hot plant in that district. Also, the A & S Paving Company is 100 per cent union.

We have also signed the construction agreement with Floyd Leonard, who has a job on the Klamath River, 15 miles east of Happy Camp. Brother Leonard will also employ 3 operating engineers on his job.

W. H. Darrough & Son are now underway on their new contract on the Miracle mile. At the peak of the job there will be 14 engineers employed on this project.

The Stolte Corp. has moved in one rig on their overpass job located on Eureka-way, Redding. Work on this project will get underway when the weather permits.

The Diamond Match Project at Red Bluff is nearing completion and we still have a few engineers employed for the Rosendaphal Corp., and McCleanhan Plumbing Co. on this project. Work around Red Bluff has been extremely slow!

The Operating Engineers are now re-affiliated with the Building Trades Council in Redding and we have 4 delegates who were installed at the regular meeting held April 2nd. They are Bro. Sid McBroom, Bro. Barney Word, Bro. Marvin Nelson, and J. B. Jennings.

We are still holding three checks in the Redding office for

## FRESNO AWAITS BIG SPRING PUSH

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

The Engineers who were fortunate to have jobs during March in this area, got in very little time. In a few areas where they were lucky to have sandy ground they were able to beat the rain.

The North Bay Construction Co. have started work on their \$304,305 sewage treatment plant for the City of Atwater. Standard Materials Company will do the dirt work and furnish the concrete for this job. Lentz Construction Co. from Sacramento have started on their \$72,417 outfall sewer job connecting to this plant. M. J. Ruddy Co. have finished preliminary grading at the new Atwater High School.

Bergren Iron Works are erecting the steel on this job. A. Gonsalves Co. have finished a small sewer job in Merced. Granite Construction have also finished their sewer job in Merced. The Clarence Ward Construction Co. were low bidders of \$494,159 for training site and building, with gas, sewer paving at Castle Field Air Base in Merced.

Carl Daniels Co. were low bidders at \$466,536 for ammunition storage facilities also at Castle Field Air Base. The Morro Construction Co. are winding up their sewer job at Mariposa. Beleme Construction have completed their sewage plant job, also in Mariposa. In Yosemite Park the Paul E. Woof Co. have a few days left on their crushing job for the Park Service.

Granite Construction Co. and the Heydal Construction Co. also have small operations in the Park. It will probably be near the first of June before operations can be resumed on the H. Earl Parker and the Harms Bros. jobs at Tioga Pass (Yosemite). In Madera the Frederickson & Kasler Co. are still bogged down in mud on their Madera freeway job. When this job will resume operations depends on the weather.

The Mammoth Pool Project has also been slowed down by the weather. The operations at Rock Creek was shut down for a time but has resumed operations at this time. At the dam site the Bechtel Company continues to build roads and complete the camps. MACCO — M & K & Associates are underground on the diversion tunnel. Excavation for the keyways for the main dam will necessarily await the completion of the diversion tunnel. The main tunnel will not be let until late in April.

Harms Bros. will move a crushing plant in to crush tunnel muck for road surfacing. With the exception of the diversion tunnel, this job is strictly one shift. The Harms Bros. & Thomas Construction are well along with their pioneering of the road leading to the new power house and tunnel addit. This same company is pioneering the 1½ miles of this same road from power house eight to

the following named brothers: C. K. Stephenson, \$11.76 (Trinity Dam Contractors), B. C. Leissner \$12 (Subsistence from M. W. Brown), and W. R. Schaafsma, \$3 (Subsistence, from M. W. Brown).

We would like to thank the following named brothers and their wives for the blood they previously donated: Carl Warner, James Hershman, Clifford Robinson, John and Geneva Lell, Orville Yarnell, A. A. Canfield, Jerry Bolden, and Harold Adamson. Remember, brothers, the blood you give today may save your lives tomorrow. So, please, get on the blood wagon and contact your local blood bank and give a pint! WE URGE YOU TO DONATE TODAY.

the river, where Thomas Construction has started work on the bridge across the San Joaquin River.

In the City of Fresno, Macomber Construction is making good progress on their Library building and the 4 million dollar McLane High School and stadium. This same company has a \$1,307,000 contract for buildings and facilities at the Fresno State College. Vogtberg Company also has a lift slab job at the State College. The Commercial Transfer Company was awarded a contract for \$62,778 for paving in Fresno. This same company was awarded a contract for \$125,944 for grading and paving on Grangeville Blvd. near Hanford. The rock plants in the area are working only part time.

Volpa Bros. have completed their job on Blackstone Avenue, from Shaw Avenue to Pinedale. At the Wishon Dam project, Morrison Walsh & Perini have called back part of their crew and are battling heavy snow and rain trying to complete concrete operations by June 1st, to enable the PG&E to catch the spring runoff. At the Haas Tunnel, Kings River Constructors, are busy cleaning up and preparing for gunnite and concrete lining operations.

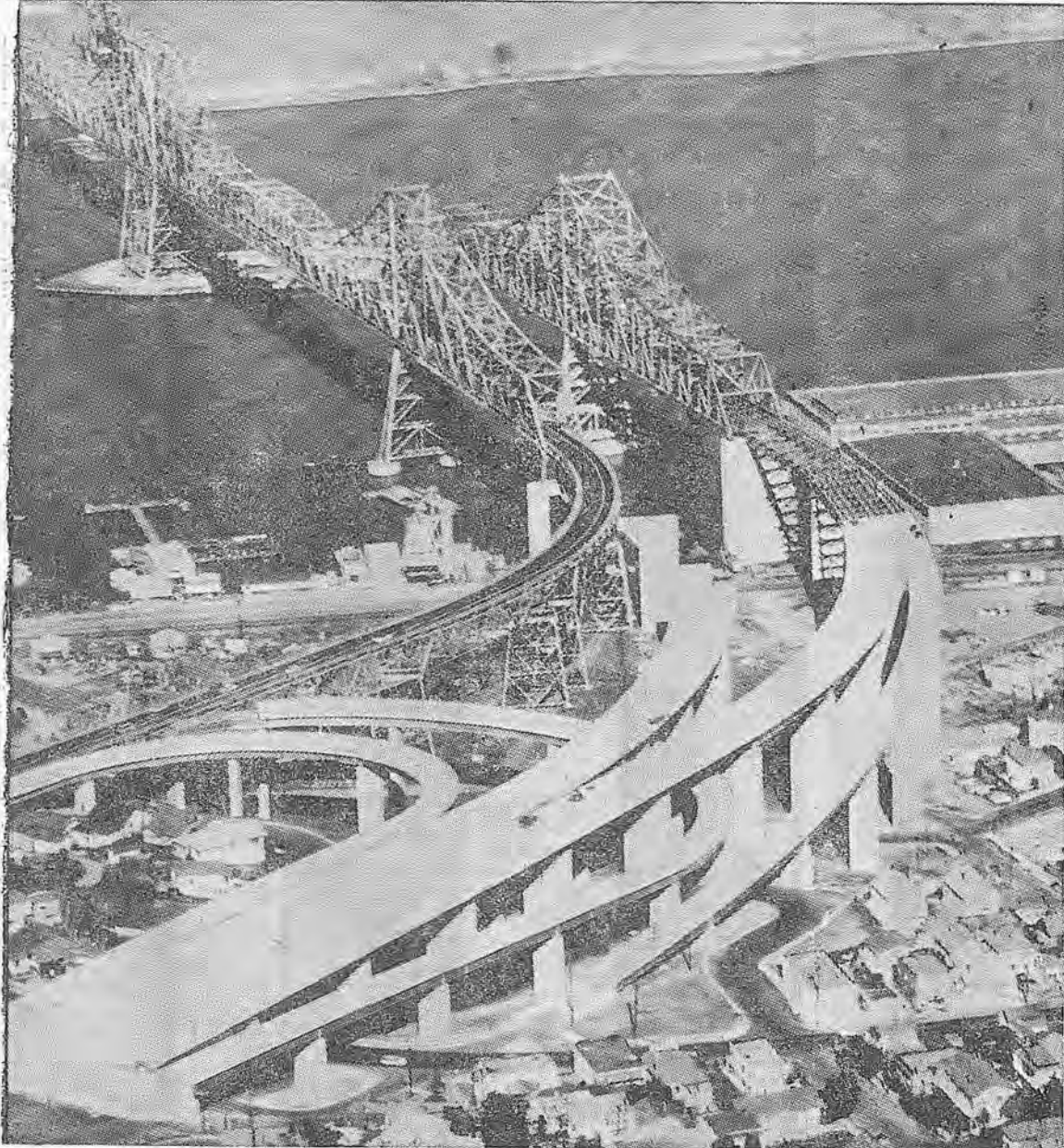
General Crane Service is installing pipe and liners in the Haas Portal. Consolidated Steel have called back their crew at Haas Penstock and are getting ready to lower pipe into the underground chamber. Rothschild, Weirick and Raffin are making good progress on their power installations at Haas and Balch Power Houses. Process Diamond Bit Co. is core drilling at the Black Rock Dam. Pre-pakt Co. will resume work next month on their job of raising Black Rock Dam. J. C. Weldon has a D9 cat clearing right of way for the power lines from the new power facilities on the Kings River.

L. B. Wells Construction Co. of Visalia was awarded a \$186,180 contract for plant mix surface on cement treated base for 6 miles, on Road No. 196 north of Exeter. The Hi-Way Constructors Inc. were awarded a contract for \$13,765 to replace drainage structures in Woodlake. Ted Baun Construction has suspended operations on their job near Five Points due to weather. The City of San Joaquin has awarded contracts to H. R. Langworthy Company for \$110,842 for curb and gutters; to the M. M. Batchelor Co. of \$15,096 for drainage facilities and to the Haskell Development Co. \$58,105 for water mains, all in the City of San Joaquin. The soil in this area is black gumbo so it will be some time before this work can get started. We have had many inquiries regarding the proposed Lemoore Air Base. To date there has been no contracts let for this job. Likewise there has been no new developments on the proposed Success and Terminus Dams in Tulare County.

I am very sorry to report that we had no blood donors this month. Let's do something about this.

By G. Lynn Moore  
J. D. Monroe and  
B. F. (Tiny) Helling,  
Bus. Reprs.





**EASTWARD HO!**—Scores of thousands of commuters plagued by the Bay Bowl Bottleneck, are these days eyeing hungrily the rapidly-moving \$40 million opening of the Richmond-Carquinez-Vallejo bottleneck, which giant project centers here at the Straits, where a dozen rivers draining the vast valley-Sierras hinterland converge to meet San Francisco Bay. A huge, complicated approach system is finished. The twin bridge is reaching across for a late-58 completion date. And the 300-foot cut, at foot of picture (bigger than Panama's Culebra) is moving. Beyond, an overpass system is shaping quickly thru Vallejo suburbs. Everyone is looking forward to 1959 and a safe, easy, fast trip from the Bay to the Sierras. (Photo, courtesy Peter Kiewit Sons Co.)

## Rains Halt Work In San Jose District

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

The unusually heavy rainfall of the past few weeks have completely shut down all construction work. Once again our "out-of-work" list, which had just started to diminish, is perhaps longer than it was last December. However, dark as the picture looks at the present time, we expect this to be a very prosperous year as soon as the weather permits.

All of the paving contractors are shut down and only a few sewer jobs are in operation at the present time.

Ed Keeble was the low bidder on a contract for \$149,299 for the widening of Alum Rock Ave. and erection of street lights. At the present time they are using six members on this project, when the weather permits. On April 16, 1958, bids will be let on this same job for construction of concrete bridges and approaches.

F. W. Spencer & Sons of San Francisco were the low bidders on a \$94,182.00 contract for the construction of a boiler plant for the Agnew State Hospital.

P. & E. Construction are still working on their sewer job on the Santa Clara-Los Gatos Highway. They have a considerable amount of work yet to be done on their storm drain project on Downer Avenue.

O. C. Jones was awarded the contract for the widening of the intersection of Winchester Road and Stevens Creek Road and the installation of traffic lights.

Ball & Simpson have been shut down by the rains on their freeway job and Bayshore Rock on this same project are working only a few men.

Sanco Pipe Line have recently acquired a new 25 N.W. shovel. This firm has about two weeks work left to complete the outlets on Pano Dam near Los Gatos, and about three weeks work left to complete their job at Lockheed Plant.

Ed Keeble Construction Company was awarded a \$125,400 contract, that includes grading, paving and widening of the bridges on 1.8 miles of highway east of Route 68 and Lawrence

Station Road. At this time the only thing that is out of water is the road.

Sondgroth Bros. were awarded a \$135,207 contract for improvement of California Street in Mt. View. This job is broken up into four units which include roadway improvements, sanitary sewers and storm sewers.

Kleinsmith, Inc., have started work on their parking and packing Plaza jobs in Los Altos. The job went for \$119,165 and has 416,300 sq. feet of rough grade and 376,800 sq.ft. of finish grade.

Cotherman & Judd are waiting on the rain to stop so they can get under way on their Remington Ave. job in Sunnyvale.

C. J. Woods are finishing up their sewer job in Menlo Park and are getting ready for their Matadero Creek job between El Camino Real and the Bayshore Highway in Palo Alto. The job went for \$145,050 and they have 33,385 cu. ft. of channel excavation.

O. C. Jones picked up another job in this area for \$52,243, which includes widening the road and channel on Monterey Road in San Jose.

Freeman Paving were awarded the job for improvement of Fabian Way in Palo Alto. There is 61,500 cu. yds. of import fill and excavation. The job went for \$397,923. This firm was also awarded a contract in the amount of \$33,706 for the construction of three parking lots.

Pisano Bros. have been unable to work on their Stanford job due to the rains. They have been awarded a new job at Stanford Medical Center for construction of storm and sanitary sewers. The bid was \$46,761.

### SANTA CRUZ, SALINAS AND MONTEREY

Granite Construction Company have just started to put men to work on their job in Santa Cruz. They had five cranes digging and laying pipe, 4 dozers and three D.W.21's doing the clearing when the rains again shut them down. Bush & Allen also on the same job were using three dozers and a loader.

Kelly Bros., in spite of the rain, have set the pre-stressed concrete beams across Highway 17 on the Ed Keeble and Dan Caputo job. Wendall Batt, Jolley & Sons, Roberson Bros. and V. Kester have all had to stop work on account of the rain, but they have had to pitch in to help out in order to keep the City of Santa Cruz from being flooded again.

Engineers Limited just started work on their P. G. & E. gas line from Davenport to Santa Cruz when the rains shut them down.

Granite Construction Company have had most of their truck cranes standing on the Pajaro River Bridge and San Lorenzo Bridge to keep the debris from piling up and causing damage to the bridges and surrounding areas.

Heer's Associates, Granite and Van Valkenburgh on the Fort Ord job at Monterey were forced to close down because of the rain. The sand plants in this area are also very quiet.

We now have a union welding shop in Seaside, located on Fremont Street. This shop is called Kayser Welding Service. We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming him to our family of contractors. We also have a new owner-operator by

## REDWOOD EMPIRE HAS GOOD JOB OUTLOOK; THEY NEED IT

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Due to the weather conditions, like in all other areas work is at a standstill. One consolation we do have is that there's a lot of newwork coming up for bid in April. All in all, there will be close to \$6,000,000 in the combined bids. This and the project yet to be completed from last year's lettings gives us the prospect of a very good year. We need it.

Work in the Crescent City area has not changed any since our last article. We had hoped to have some news on the L Street by-pass, but as yet the bid has not been called for by the state. Our information from the State District Engineer, the bid for this job will be called in April. What has happened to the proposed city water in line project, we are unable to say. It looks like the good fathers are unable to make up their minds what to do. When the two projects mentioned above get into production it will greatly depreciate our out-of-work list for the Crescent City area. Shanley Construction Co. still working every day on their sewer disposal plant; weather conditions have not bothered the few members we have on this job. Sorry that we can't say the same for the contractor.

Pelican Bay still operating with a skeleton crew, they hope to go on full operation in the middle of the month. We certainly hope so, as this plant employes quite a few members and with the new work proposed for this area they no doubt will employ a few more.

Howard Korte placing the rock on the new high school which is in its completion stages by B&R Construction Co. Morris Berry, an owner-operator, is doing the blade work on the streets and yard, under the supervision of Skip Bowie. Marlin Tryon Construction Co. of Smith River, like everyone else in this area, is not doing much.

Tom Hull doing very little on the bridge at Prairie Creek due to high water. Still have some piling to drive. At present it looks like R. H. Douglas will be unable to get on this bridge job at Requa as planned.

The Division of Highways call for bids on surfacing 3½ miles of four-lane expressway on U. S. 101 between Patrick Point State Park and a site three-tenths mile north of Big Lagoon.

A 443-foot bridge will be built over Big Lagoon. A total of \$960,000 is available. Grading and other construction are nearing completion under an earlier contract. Norman I. Fadel, Inc., is the contractor on the above.

In Willow Creek things are just the same as last month. At

the name of James Wolter Grading Company in Seaside.

Phil Calabrese has been kept busy clearing the slides from the highways in Carmel. Simpson Sand & Gravel Plant was hard hit by the overflowing of the Carmel River.

### PERSONALS . . .

Robert Lencioni is back to work for the Urban Bros. at Mt. View, after being laid off from work a month due to a broken hand, caused by an accident with a mixermobile on the Cahill job at Stanford.

We were very happy to receive a letter from Brother Ron Mossholder, who is working in one of the islands in the Pacific. He says that he has been working 70 hours a week. He is employed by the Atomic Energy Commission. We also received a letter from Brother Bill Smets, who is in Thailand and working for Raymond Construction Company. He states that the weather is very hot, averaging from 115 to 120 degrees.

present we do not look forward to a big year in this area. The completion of Kuckenbergs job on U. S. 299 looks to be the extent of work of Willow creek. This will be coming up for bid in April. The culvert is to be located at Lupton Creek, east of Green Point. One can readily see by the cost and size of culvert that we have a drainage problems in this area. Further west on U. S. 299 the state is calling for bids on the realignment of the highway at Essex Gulch Road, at the cost of \$145,000. Bids to be advertised for in April.

In the southern area at Dyerville, Guy F. Atkinson anticipated starting by the first of the month. As of the last storm they are at a loss to make any commitment. They will use all their own equipment this year. At present they have sixteen D-8's; two D-9's; four blades; nine DW 20's and one Euclid. All the D-8's are of the 14A series. The brothers won't have to worry about running a good piece of equipment, they are all good. Whoever draws that Euclid will certainly give the boy a run for his money. The Green Hornet as its widely known among many operators is one going concern. We should place seventy-five men over all on this job. And one only knows this is being looked forward to by the membership and ourselves.

### DYERVILLE BY-PASS

We have a second unit of the Dyerville By-Pass to be let this month. This will consist of clearing and culverts at the cost of around \$830,000. \$700,000 for the clearing and the balance on the construction of culverts. Also in the southern section of U. S. 101 Highway there's to be allocated 1 million dollars to be used in general storm damage repairs. Contracts to be let where possible.

Coming up for bid this month also will be the extending of the new freeway from Singley Hill to Fortuna. This will consist of grading and surfacing at the engineers estimate of \$1,500,000. And north of Eureka we have coming up the extending of the existing four-lanes to Bella Vista Hill, with the rebuilding of the old bridge in this bid, the estimate is \$900,000.

On state sign Route 36, one mile north of Bridgeville the state will be calling for bids for the realigning of ¾ of a mile of said highway at the cost of \$100,000.

By the above, brother you can see that we are in for a good year. Let's hope that the weather man does his part so we can get these projects into production and intrun some of the members back on their feet once again. We all hope by the time this article comes due again that we'll be crying for men, which could really happen with a dry week or two.

Remember brothers this office remains open from 7 till 9 p.m. Monday nights for your convenience. The last few Mondays the attendance hasn't been up to par. Let's see if we can do better this coming month, with a little effort and a word of mouth among the membership we believe this can be accomplished.