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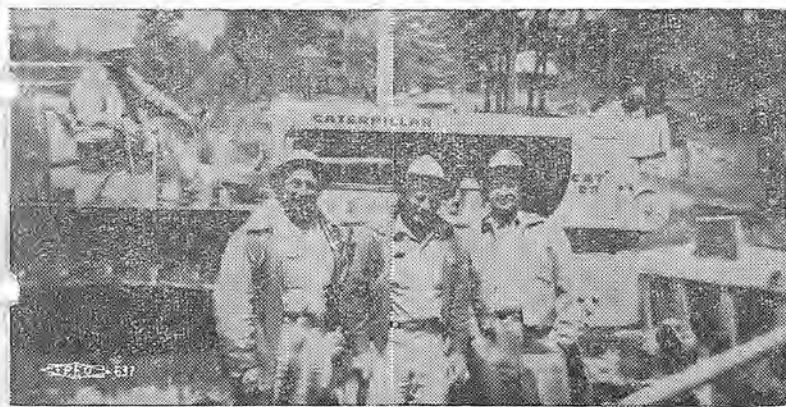
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Engineers Dig Up 500,000-year-old Tusk

Operating Engineers on the Orinda Excavating company job at Oleum on the northeast side of S. F. Bay got a big thrill out of routine digging for tank foundations recently when they uncovered a tusk estimated by Dr. L. Sturton of U. C. to be 500,000 years old. Shown here with the find are James Bryant and Phil Allen in front, left to right, and "Pop" Shause and Cal Renfro, standing. (Picture from Oakland Office, of Local 3)



Break Ground on Feather River Poe Job

Operating Engineer Bill Brown is shown on D-8 as he pushed first dirt on the 6½-mile tunnel job of Utah Const. Co., part of the \$35 million PG&E project on North Fork of the Feather river. Standing in front, l to r.: Harry Frederick, carpenter supt, Cecil Welton, outside supt., and Bro. Herb Alexander, master mechanic. (Photo by Les Collett)

Official Notice:

Directory of Local 3 Appears In This Issue

Complete and up-to-date directory of Local 3 offices and officers is carried on page two of this issue of the "Engineers News." You will note a good many changes in locations, telephone numbers, and names since the directory was last published.

This directory is published for the convenience of the membership. It is suggested that it be clipped out and saved for future reference.

Coyote Valley Will Be Dammed!

Last month we plugged for a strong vote on the \$5½ million bond issue to start the Coyote Valley Dam on the Russian River above Ukiah, and this month we are happy to report that the vote was overwhelmingly in favor: 15,079 to 6683. This means jobs, water conservation, and progress for this area. Congratulations to Sonoma County! Also approved, 14,226 to 6153 was an \$8½ million bond issue for a water distribution system to Sonoma County cities.

N. Calif. Military Bases to Expand

Defense department has asked Congress for some \$60 million for expansion of military establishments in Northern California. Among those requested are \$41 million for S. F. Naval Shipyard, \$2 million for Oakland Army Base, \$4 million for Alameda Naval Air Station, \$4½ million for Mare Island, \$2 million for Port Chicago, \$3 million for Treasure Island, \$2 million for Travis Airbase, SF Ammunition Terminal, \$13 million, \$2½ million for Moffett Field and \$1 million each for Seal Beach Net Depot and Hamilton Airbase.

To Build New City Of 54,000 at Moraga

Master plan for development of 8300-acre Moraga Valley in the Eastbay foothills into a community of 54,000 has been released by the Contra Costa county planning commission. Utah Construction Co. is the operator involved in the move. Building of Shepherd Canyon freeway would bring the area within easy driving range of Oakland and Contra Costa county points.

Record Season Gets Underway

One of the biggest construction seasons in many years is now beginning to stir dust on the horizon of the vast Pacific slope as this vital industry hastens to catch up with the phenomenal population growth in this favored land.

From Muddy Pass and the Green River in western canyons of the Rockies, past the green valleys of Utah, out onto the giant blue corrugations of mine-rich Nevada, thence over the white-flecked sawtooth range of the Sierras and down into the great central valley, down its rivers to the Bay and the Pacific—there are mighty muscular movements stirring as the Operating Engineers tackle Paul Bunyan assignments.

We thought we were off to an early start, with a long spell of good weather in March, but Old Jupe, the North Pacific vagabond, had different plans and dumped countless tons of rain in the valleys and snow on the mountains in the last two weeks of April and most districts had to pull in their gear.

Now the boys are off to a fresh start, and all areas report it looks like the best season ever. Only a few places are slow to get under

way, but even those have fine prospects as seasonal work and extra projects get going.

Main items in most areas are housing and highways, and brother these are really taking on big proportions. For instance, one little old village in Sacramento area has only 5132 homes on the plans, at a tab of \$75 million.

In the freeway department, we'll really see the changes. In Frisco, Engineers are pulling the hurricane treatment on four solid blocks of buildings for the \$40 million Embarcadero freeway, while across the Bay their brothers are shaping a beautiful bridge approach maze at \$6 million and a huge, fast expressway due north out of the Bay bottleneck.

In all, it will be a fine season. All members are urged to keep closely in touch with the branch offices so that we may keep union men on all jobs at all times.

On-Site Wages for Pre-Cast

Out of a quiet, unheralded meeting of several AFL construction crafts in San Francisco last month has come a development which may prove to be the most important event of recent years in the building trades union field.

As a result of this meeting the principle that construction wage rates and conditions shall apply for all building work is being firmly nailed down in the pre-cast concrete industry in the Bay Area.

The accord comes at a time when the off-site casting of concrete panels, beams, girders and forms of all types, some of them given extra structural strength by a tensioning process called "pre-stressing," is fast becoming one of the major techniques of the construction industry.

It closes a loophole that threatened to break down conditions for a large and ever-growing share of the building and construction activity hereabouts and is expected to set a precedent that will be spread through the other well-organized labor areas of the nation.

The meeting, which may well be

called "historic," took place April 11 at the headquarters building of the AFL Operating Engineers in San Francisco. Participating were (Continued on Page 12)

In Memoriam

- E. L. HILL
San Leandro, Cal., April 8, 1955
- ROY M. ALLEN
Salinas, Calif., April 9, 1955
- CHAS. L. DECKER
Marysville, Cal., April 18, 1955
- TONY J. CORREIA
Mt. View, Calif., May 2, 1955
- FRANK JOHNSON
Santa Rosa, Calif., May 9, 1955
- WESLEY R. WALKER
Oakland, Calif., May 12, 1955



Here is one of the longest line-ups of heavy equipment seen around the Bay in some time. It makes up the total equipment used by Hindry Construction Co. on its four

and one-half million-yard earth moving job at the Mills Estate in Burlingame. Included in this picture are 21 Cobras, eight D-W Twenties, 13 Cats, and three Blades.

When the members of Operating Engineers Local 3 climb onto these broncos the dirt really begins to move. (Picture from San Mateo Office of Local 3)

Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

A synopsis of the regular meeting minutes of April 2 was read and by motion approved as read.

The minutes of the Special meeting, held in San Mateo on April 12, read, and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of April 13 and of May 4, read, and the acts and recommendations of the board were by motion approved as read.

A notarized letter from Brother Lawrence H. Wixson withdrawing his declaration of candidacy for the office of Local Union Manager was read. It was regularly moved and seconded his letter be accepted. Carri 4

Cards of thanks received from the family of Howard A. Archer, Alva Hill and family, and Mrs. Charles Decker. Received and filed.

The following brothers were reported ill: Dwain Atherton, Wm. M. Brown, F. D. Bird, Joe Bruns, Carl Beyer, James C. Christian, A. G. Combs, R. D. Casida, V. B. Christensen, Wesley Churchill, Tony J. Correia, Chester L. Dede, F. C. Edwards, C. H. Erickson, H. E. Fitzgerald, C. R. Fram, Ralph Gilbreath, Roy Gesiner, O. Eugene Gilmer, Leon N. Hatten, Lonzo Harrington, Edward Hicks, Orville Hubbard, Henry Hayes, Leonard Jennings, Sie Kosich, Joseph Levine, Geo Larsen, Joe McClary, Peter J. McHugh, Ray McCoure, Gene Melendrez, Tony Machado, Ray A. Odell, Charles Overman, Jerry O'Donnell, Clyde L. Phillipsen, Frank Peterson, Grover Pearce, Ray Palmer, Paul Ryder, Paul W. Safells, Nelson W. Stroup, Frank Shelley, Ralph H. Sheperd, Darwin Smith, Barney O. Turner, Daniel W. Todd, Henry H. Wyman, Ralph Wheeler, Don Wheeler, Charles Whiteman, James F. Walsh, Clifford E. Wiseman, Solen Welton.

The following members were reported deceased: Brothers Chas. L. Decker, Donald E. Bowman, E. L. Hill, Roy M. Allen, Tony J. Correia. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased brothers.

Report of the General Secretary-Treasurer was read by President Clancy. Nominations were declared open and the following nominated:

Local Union Manager: Victor S. Swanson, Harry Metz, declined; Kenneth Brooks, declined; Lawrence H. Wixson, declined by letter.

President: Pat Clancy.
Vice-President: H. O. Foss.
Recording-Corresponding Secretary: C. F. Mathews.
Financial Secretary: R. F. Swanson.
Treasurer: P. E. Vandewark.
Conductor: Les Collett.
Guard: Glenn Dobyns.
Auditor: E. A. Hester, G. L. Moore, H. L. Spence.
Trustee: Charles Davenport, J. A. Carahoff, Ernest W. Miller.

Member, Executive Board: Harry Metz, Chet Elliott, Ed Doran, Al Clem, C. L. Casebolt, Ed Park, Al Boardman, A. J. Hope, declined, Danny Dees, declined.

Nominations were declared closed.

Brother Kenneth Brooks, who had previously declined his nomination, was granted privilege of the floor. In declining nomination Bro. Brooks stated that he had visited nearly every section within the jurisdiction of Local Union No. 3. He talked to many brothers in each district he visited and found that an overwhelming majority of the members were perfectly happy and were all satisfied that the present officers are doing a good job. For this reason, he feels that they should be retained in office by a unanimous vote. He also stated that those in opposition to the present regime were meaningless, small in number, and while they had a great deal of criticism and abuse to offer they had nothing constructive or beneficial to propose to the membership of Local Union No. 3. He further stated that he would not be a candidate for office at this time and that he was 100 per cent in favor of retaining the present effective administration.

It was regularly moved and seconded that in view of the fact there was no opposition, the secretary be instructed to cast a white ballot for all officers. The President declared the motion out of order, adding that the motion would be in order at our next regular meeting.

A report of the Negotiating Committee on the A. G. C. agreement was given at this time. Brother Swanson reported that for the last three weeks the committee had been negotiating and that many questions had arisen. He stated a ten cent increase had been tentatively agreed to. He mentioned another meeting will be held next Thursday but that negotiations may not be concluded at that time due to legal language involved. He stated that we had asked that heavy duty repairman tools be furnished by the employer and that when working with specialty crafts we received the same rates of pay and conditions that the specialty craft enjoy, and that we endeavored to get the foreman classification in the body of the agreement and had requested a permanent rate for the foreman.

Brothers Clancy, Vandewark, Clem, Metz, Foss and Boardman also reported on negotiations.

Brother Collett made a motion to give the Negotiating Committee full power to act in order to consummate the agreement. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Brother Ed Park, state labor commissioner, gave a report on the bills now before the legislature, stating they were receiving favorable action to labor.

Brother Frank Lawrence, Industrial Accident Commissioner, gave a short report, stating he felt the Negotiating Committee had done a good job.

Brother Lowell Nelson, Vice-President of the California State Federation of Labor and Secretary of the Solano County Building Trades Council, congratulated the members of the union for their show of confidence in the present officers. He stated Local 3 is held in high esteem in all councils he has visited.

Brother John J. McDonald, Third International Vice-President, congratulated the members on nomination of officers. He gave a report on what goes on in regard to negotiations in other locals in the West. His remarks were well received by the members.

Brother Vandewark reported on benefit increases in the Welfare Plan.

Under New Business, Brother Lawrence Wixson offered a motion which was ruled out of order by President Clancy.

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

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

Polio Shots for Those in Danger

As things stand, it appears that more kids are going to get polio this year than would have if the Government's Department of Health, Education and Welfare had developed a program for the wisest, immediate use of the new Salk vaccine.

Dr. Jonas Salk developed the vaccine and made it public property without royalty or commission. Unfortunately, Dr. Salk could not add the two ingredients necessary for a successful immunization program. Those ingredients are money and planning.

For a lot of families, the cost of polio vaccinations is now prohibitive. One mother, anxious to have her five small children vaccinated, was told that the cost of the shots would be \$15 per child.

NO PLANS FOR MANY
So far there is no plan to take care of children in the 1-to-5-year age group. In many communities, there is no plan to take care of children beyond the second grade. And, there is no plan to give the third and all-important shot to the children of the first and second grades.

So far, only a handful of states have appropriated money to start the job. The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare calmly says that Federal funds are not needed, that the program will take care of itself on a voluntary basis—given time. The whole problem of polio vaccinations has been left to an advisory committee composed principally of doctors, druggists, and manufacturers of the vaccine. The committee has no authority. Unaccountably, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which did such a magnificent job in developing the vaccine, has proposed no plan even to raise funds to complete the immunization of the first and second graders.

Families want to know what they can do to get vaccine that they can't afford for their children. They already are in debt to their doctors.

THREE-POINT PROGRAM

On their behalf, the AFL and CIO were represented at a meeting in Washington of public interest groups recently where the program for distribution and use of the vaccine was discussed. They urged a three-point program to make sure that the temporarily limited supply be used to best advantage during the critical next 90 days, and as supplies of the vaccine increase that it be made available to all children. Here are the recommendations:

That President Eisenhower issue a statement declaring that until June 1, or until supplies are adequate, the vaccine should be given only to children of ages 5 through 9 years—the most dangerous years.

That public health agencies and private physicians be required by law or regulation to record the date, name, and age of persons inoculated.

That Congress appropriate money, as it does for diphtheria, smallpox and whooping cough shots, for allocation to states to assure that no child shall be deprived of inoculation on account of cost.

Schools will be closing in a few weeks. The height of the polio season is approaching. Time is short.

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What's Doing in the Oakland Area

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

In spite of the untimely rains we witnessed during the month of April, all in all it was a good month for the engineers in the East Bay area with a total of 398 men being cleared from the Oakland office.

A number of jobs got under way during the month, particularly in the housing industry. The shipyards have been putting in numerous calls for Whirley operators, which is certainly a good sign. Peterson Tractor Co. and other equipment shops have been requesting repairmen from our office from time to time and there has been a shutdown at the Union Oil Co. at Oleum whereby Fluor Maintenance Corp. put additional members of Local 3 to work as heavy duty mechanics.

There are still, of course, a number of persons on our out-of-work list. However, we feel certain with nothing unforeseen coming up next month that we will be able to completely clear all of these men out to work, which is something that we all want to see.

The industrial work has not started to the extent that we would like to see it as yet, and for that reason we have a number of hoist men available for employment.

McGuire & Hester were awarded the contract by East Bay Municipal Utility District to install 3,100 feet of 24-inch and 1,200 feet of 20-inch steel cement-lined water line from Standard Avenue up Castro Street to Gate 31 at the Standard Oil Co. This will be a rough job because of traffic conditions and cave-in possibilities. The company is taking extra safety precautions to insure the safety of the employees during the approximately 45 days necessary to complete the job. The following members of Local 3 are employed on this project under supervision of Bro. James Fugitt, foreman: W. A. Baker, boom truck operator; Ken Schaffer, crane operator laying pipe; Jack Blackwell, oiler; Ray Delmas, backhoe; Frank Foley, oiler; Harley Morrin, clam; Don Freitas, oiler. Bro. B. C. "Scotty" Douglas is running the Hough loader doing the backfilling and Bro. E. T. Davis is on the pumps keeping the ditch dry, which, we might add, is quite a chore at high tide.

Triple A Machine Shop ship repair company has been very busy in old Yard No. 3, Richmond, during the month of April. They have had the job of reactivating five of the mothballed ships from Benicia Bay, as well as repairing several other Navy ships. They have repaired two dry dock basins and the finger pier. We have the following members working in their yard: Bros. W. A. Heffley, J. E. Gale and Frank Turner running Whirleys; Bros. Ted Gaffney and Merritt Hillhouse running compressors, and Philip R. Felix oiling.

Fredrickson & Watson Construction Co. began the \$531,606 Dublin Freeway job on April 29. This job will consist of 173,000 cubic yards roadway excavating and 4,900 cubic yards of structure excavating. The freeway section will be 2.2 miles long and will have an overpass over Highway 50. With a 40-hour week, they figure to complete the job on November 30, 1955. Bro. C. H. Strickland is the foreman, with the following members working with him: Ed Carey, grade checker; Clarence Crawford, cat; James E. Everett, jeep; Roy Kemmitt, cat; Jack London, mechanic; Waldo Ogan, blade; Marlon Perry, mechanic; John Phillips, jeep; Gordon Schoessler, jeep; Harvey F. Woodden, NW-25 dragline, and Jack Jones, oiler.

Hilp & Rhodes Co. has started work on the new super shopping center in Concord. Gallagher & Burke Const. Co. will do the dirt work for this project.

Louie Roberts and Ransome Co. are doing the dirt moving work for the new Zellerbach paper mill

in Antioch. Dean Marvin is foreman for Louie Roberts on this job.

Gallagher & Burke Const. Co. has begun work on the new cloverleaf on Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette. The highway goes from Mt. Diablo Blvd. to Acalanes High School. Frank Dodd is foreman on this work.

Elmer J. Freethy Const. Co. showed a great deal of activity during the month of April, with a number of jobs under way, several of them near completion.

This company has two jobs in the Harbor Gate area in Richmond now in progress preliminary to the large new Safeway warehouse which will be erected in this area. They just reclaimed and relaid 1,500 feet of 60-inch reinforced concrete pipe, after which they set 1,500 feet of new 60-inch reinforced concrete pipe plus 800 feet of 30-inch reinforced concrete pipe. They have 2,000 feet of open ditch to excavate which is 30 feet wide at the top and slopes down to a 15-foot width at the bottom. The ditch is eight feet deep. They also have another 1,500 feet of ditch to dig that will be 12 feet wide at the top and 4 feet wide at the bottom, and also 8 feet deep. This open ditch will be concrete lined. This particular job is a storm drainage system for the Harbor Gate area in Richmond.

In the same vicinity Freethy has the job for the Harbor Gate sanitary sewer, which consists of laying 1,852 feet of 15-inch reinforced concrete pipe plus 2,642 feet of 30-inch.

Another job under way for the Freethy Company is the Shiparo Reservoir project in the San Pablo area. This reinforced concrete reservoir with precast superstructure has a capacity of 4,500,000 gallons. The precast superstructure consists of columns, girders, beams and roof slabs—all precast and trucked to this location, where they were set in place by the Dalzell Rigging Co.'s large crane operated by Bro. Ben James with Bob Alter as his oiler.

Elmer Freethy also has the job at San Pablo Clear Water Station in El Cerrito. This work consists of demolition of the old wooden superstructure which supported the roof and replacing it with a modern precast reinforced concrete structure of columns, girders and slabs. He also has two reservoirs being built. One, the Brookwood Reservoir in the Lafayette area, is a 2,000,000-gallon prestressed, reinforced concrete storage tank. The other, the Jensen Reservoir in the Castro Valley area, is a 1,000,000-gallon prestressed reinforced concrete storage tank. He has the following brothers working on these jobs as well as in his shop in El Cerrito: Operators—Bros. Bob Collins, Joe Coolidge, James Mathison, Merle Henry, Gerald Boyle and Jim Addington. Oiling on the equipment are Bros. Ray Silva, Noel Evans, Myron Strable and Manuel Miller. Mechanics are Don Phillips and Bill Unger.

W. J. Moran Co. of Alhambra, Calif., has the general contract for the new H. C. Capwell Co. service building at West Grand Avenue and Poplar Street, in Oakland. James A. Tinley, superintendent, informs us that the building will be two stories of tilt-up type construction, with a floor area of 225,000 square feet. Cost will be approximately \$1 1/4 million.

A king-size truck ramp capable of accommodating the largest vans will lead to the second floor where all merchandise will be received. Distribution to the various departments and to the first floor loading docks will be handled by means of a conveyor system.

Raymond Concrete Pile Co. is driving 1,450 piles, with Bro. Bob Woods as engineer and Bro. Fred Palmer, fireman. Eastbay Exca-

vators have the excavation contract for the building.

Gerwick and Kiewit Co. is using the basin in Yard No. 2, Richmond for driving dolphin and is tying up its derrick barges in this storage yard. Also here, Ben C. Gerwick Inc., is receiving all the piling and preparing them for driving on their pier job in San Francisco. This job is furnishing work for a number of our brothers.

Walsh Construction Co.'s job on the approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is practically shut down due to high pressure lines that Standard Oil Co. has going across the right-of-way, and until these lines are moved and put through the tunnel which Walsh is building, there will be very little work on this job. In the meantime, in the past four weeks they moved 125,000 cubic yards of fill for Standard Oil Co. Fessenden Co. had the subcontract for this dirt moving project, which was a three-shift operation. This fill for Standard Oil will be used in erection of an ammonia plant sometime in the near future.

ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Bro. Peter O'Neil is back at work after having spent some time in the Alameda Hospital with five broken ribs and a broken finger caused from a fall off a ladder at his home.

Bro. Dee Atherton has been in the hospital recovering from surgery. He's doing fine now and will soon be up and around again.

Bro. L. V. Chanslor was recently in the Antioch Hospital with a heart ailment. We're all looking forward to seeing you back on the job soon, Bro. Chanslor.

Friends of Bro. Leonard Beck wished him bon voyage recently when he made a trip to New York. He flew East and will probably return by plane as well.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

RICHMOND, contract awarded as follows: for curbs and gutters:

(1) Serra School—to Carl Overaa & Co., 520-16th St., Richmond, \$5,995.

(2) El Monte School—to Angelo C. Sposeto, 5005 E. 14th St., Oakland, \$3,385.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Campbell Construction & Equipment Co., 1150 Folsom St., San Francisco, \$1,232,202 for const. of a 3-story wing to Providence Hospital in Oakland.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$22,222 for replace san. & storm sewers, Battan Ave., Oakland Army Base, Oakland.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$74,235 for const. sewer in Mountain Blvd., Burdeck Way, et al & in Pathway — R/W adj. to avy. streets in Oakland.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$9,515 for grade, pave & drain grounds of Franklin school site, 1530-9th Ave., Oakland.

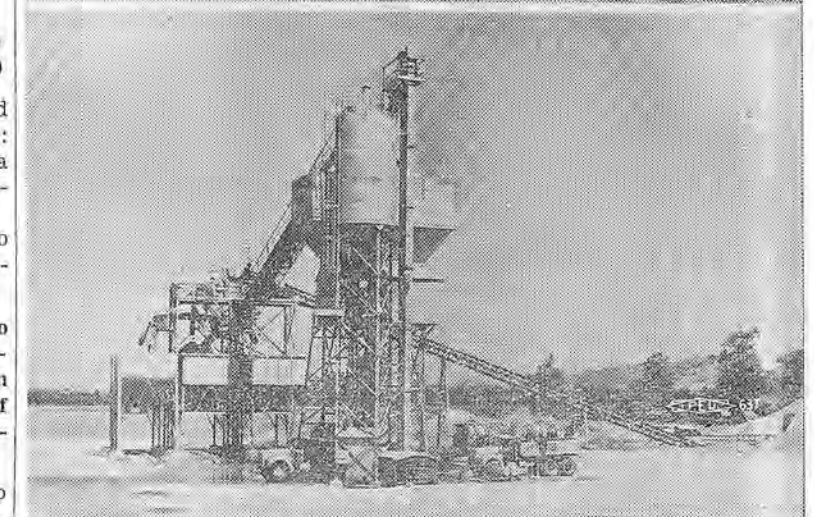
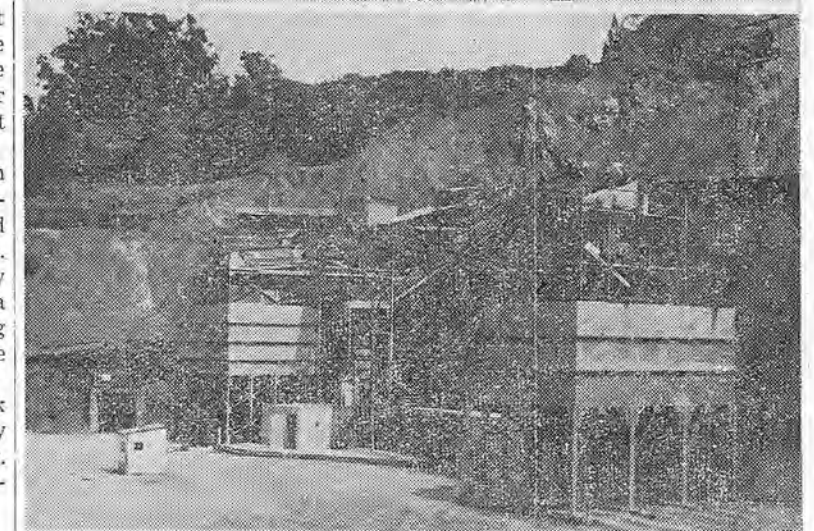
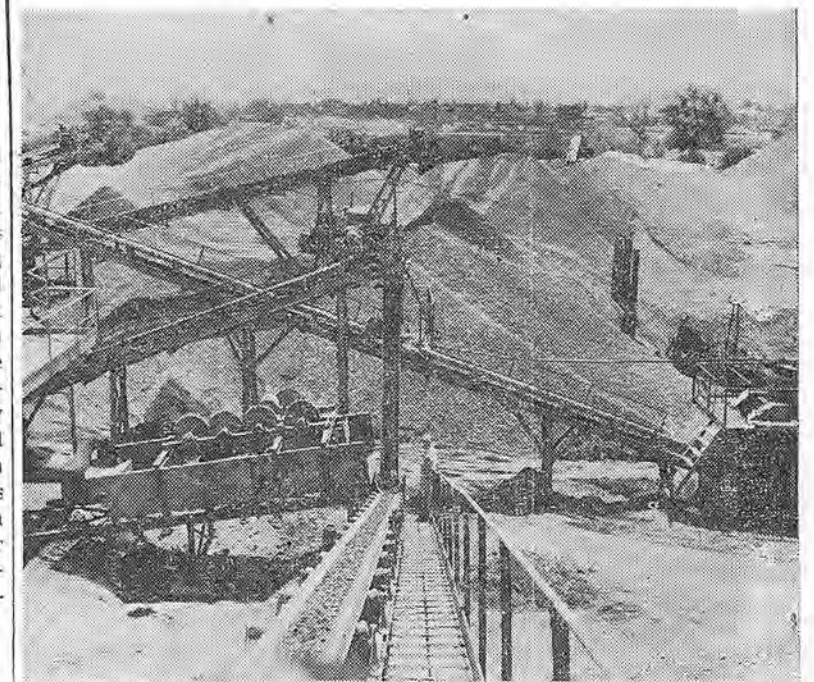
OAKLAND, contract awarded to Midstate Construction Co., 347 Clay St., San Francisco, \$184,693 for const. 2-story conc. frame building w/concrete floor & roof slabs and concrete block walls for Bachelor Officers Quarters—30 man, with related utilities, at Oakland Army Base.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$26,900 for grade & site work for W. Contra Costa Jr. College Campus, Richmond and San Pablo.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Rose & Matoza Const. Co., 20830 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley, \$33,555 for reconst. portion of County Road known as 150th Ave. from Foothill Blvd. to Hog Ranch Road in Eden Township, ALAMEDA CO.

WALNUT CREEK, contract awarded to J. H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 Eastshore Hwy., Berkeley, \$34,059 for trunk sect. No. 14 in Orinda.

Niles-Centerville Area is Big Producer of Rock Products



Top picture shows Foreman Cecil Alexander standing next to conveyor belt, with the huge gravel stockpile of Niles Sand and Gravel Co. near Niles in the background. (Pictures from Oakland Office, Local 3.)

Middle picture shows a portion of the Rhodes and Jamieson plant at Centerville where materials are separated, crushed, loaded on to trucks.

Bottom view shows part of the San Leandro Rock Plant at San Leandro, including the crusher. This is where the trucks load out.

In the last issue of the Engineers' News we endeavored to give you a run-down on the Aggregate Industry in the Livermore Valley area where there are a number of our members employed. The Henry J. Kiser Company has an additional plant at Niles and the Pacific Coast Aggregates Company has another plant at Centerville besides the two locations we told you about last month. In close proximity to these plants already described, there are the Rhodes and Jamieson Plant of Centerville, and the Niles Sand and Gravel Plant located between Niles and the Centerville area.

The Rhodes and Jamieson Plant has been in operation since 1951. Their material output per hour is 250 tons, or 2,000 tons per eight hour day, and they work two shifts a day. It is capable of producing 700 yards of ready-mix concrete per day. Rhodes and Jamieson's plant manager is Mr. D. A. Gildersleeve, and members of Engineers employed there are: plant foreman; Tommy Accatino; pit foreman, George Regan; shop foreman, Jack Misener; head millman, Ralph Adranda; mechanic, Frank Reese; welder, Forest Testerman;

operator on the P & H crane, Lee Howell; operator on the Bucyrus Erie 2-yard bucket, Noval Wayne, and oiler, A. S. Buatista.

The Niles Sand and Gravel Company began operations in the Niles plant in April of 1952, and in three years they have grown steadily until now they have a 4,000-ton daily output and employ twenty-one members of Operating Engineers on a two-shift basis. Brother Cecil Alexander is the foreman for the Niles operation. They have recently added several new pieces of equipment on this job—three DW 15 Jeeps and one TD 24 Cat. In addition to the Niles plant, this company also operates the Black Point Aggregate Company in Vallejo and the Concrete Material plant in Pleasanton.

An entirely different type of operation is performed by the U. E. Lee construction Company, sometimes known as the San Leandro Rock Company, of Lake Chabot Road in San Leandro. This firm has 23 Engineers on its payroll at the present time, some in the construction field as well as in its quarry. This is primarily a quarry operation where no sand is

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Feather River Poe Tunnel Job is Set to Start

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

The jobs are picking up slowly but surely, and we hope with a few days of sunshine to get the men on the jobs in this area. H. Earl Parker Co. was low bidder on a small highway job on 40-A in Feather River Canyon where the Poe Tunnel Project portal takes off. This company has a few men on landleveling and a crew in the shop. Earl says he has nearly torn out all his hair bidding, but so far has not been able to hit a contract.

Brown-Ely Co. has had their Yuba City work shut down due to rain, but the sun is shining now and no doubt they will be able to finish. We hope the farmers can get off their knees now as enough rain has fallen to fix up their water problems.

Archie Till has some cats still at Hammonton for Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields. His secretary reminded me to get him a sharp pencil for Christmas this year, for he has also been bidding high.

Baldwin Contr. Co. have small jobs going here and there in this district. The company has also moved into their new office building at 8th and Yuba Streets, and Al Regalia is so proud of his new office that the only thing he has on the walls is a big Local 3 calendar. W. H. Darrough & Sons of Yuba City have a small road job near Lake Almanor for \$42,191.

R. E. Hertel of Sacramento has a bridge contract for 2.5 miles out of Quincy in the amount of \$83,579. This same firm, in a joint venture with M. W. Brown of Redding, has a \$197,000 bridge and road job on Highway 89 near Grayeagle, Calif. The Macco Construction Co. is driving the piling on these two jobs, with Bro. Geo. Johnson as the operator and Bro. Emmett Coleman as fireman.

Utah Const. Co., on the W. P. tunnel at Keddie, are just about 60 per cent complete. Chuck Phillips is now superintendent on this project. This company is setting up an office in Feather River Canyon to prepare for the Poe Tunnel job. Geo. Foster is project engineer; Bro. Bob Harles, tunnel superintendent; Bro. Herb Alexander, master mechanic; Cecil Welton, outside superintendent, and Bro. Ira Bashaw, assistant super. There are only two skimmers and a shovel crew on this job at present and it will be from four to six weeks before the tunnel holes in, due to one difficulty or another.

Atlas Concrete Co. is setting up a ready-mix plant in Oroville. Bros. Andy Anderson and Bill Wilson are the co-owners and we wish them well. Walsh Const. Co. has five or six men on repair work in their new shop in Palermo, near Oroville. Kaiser Sand & Gravel does a steady business all the time and keeps the same good regular crew. Bro. Ed Neff can't wear out that new diesel motor in the old shovel. L. L. Rice Co. of Yuba City is getting more and more work every day in the oilfields around Willows and Glenn district plus some local work.

NEW WORK AND CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED

Howard B. Folsom—low bidder on Airport surfacing and seal coating in Chico, \$22,498.

Granite Const. Co.—low bidder on surfacing and shoulder widening job on El Centro Blvd. in Sutter County, from Division of Highways, for \$72,301.

Baun Const. Co.—surfacing job north of Willows on 99W, from Division of Highways, for \$152,381.

Baldwin Contr. Co.—work on playgrounds in Cedar Lane School, Yuba County, for \$5,042.

Bids called for May 11 for 3.2 miles of plantmix surfacing between Meridian and Sutter by Division of Highways, Sacramento.

Bids called for May 4 on Skyway in Paradise, Butte County; budget allocation, \$215,000; by the Division of Highways, Sacramento.

Bids called for May 4 for three bridges and approaches about four to ten miles north of Oroville in Butte County, by Division of Highways, Sacramento.

Bids called for May 18 for plantmix surfacing at three locations between Yolo and Colusa counties, budget allocation \$134,000, by Division of Highways, Sacramento.

City of Chico taking bids due May 10 for work on various streets, by Chico City Engineer.

City of Yuba City—street im-

provement bids due May 16 by City Engineer Geo. Reed.

Bids due May 9 on sewer work in City of Chico by Fred Davis, Director of Public Works, Chico.

Bids called for May 16 by City of Yuba City, for intercepting storm drains and sanitary sewers, by City Clerk, Yuba City.

So it looks, brothers, if we get a break in the weather, we will have work—and it can't get here too soon for any of us, including this Business Representative.

That's all for now.

—LES COLLETT.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT CONCRETE PIPE COMPANIES

Report of Negotiations: Several meetings with the Valley Concrete Pipe Co. have resulted in little or no progress to date except an agreement to continue the present agreement on a day-to-day basis.

The main contention of the company has been the competitive picture in this industry and its contention that it cannot increase its costs at this time because of this competition. As there is a strong possibility that the complaint of the company may be to a great extent eliminated in the near future by certain developments that will be explained to you at the meetings, your negotiators decided to agree to a day-by-day extension.

No meetings have been held with the Lacasella directly, as this company and Valley Concrete Co. are represented by the same employers' association, whose representative speaks for both of them. As everything will be explained in detail at the meetings, you are urged to be present at all of them so that you may keep informed.

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

When the Negotiating Committee has gone as far as it can or it is ready to report, a special meeting will be called. The place of this meeting will be Chico.

Regular Meeting: The next regular meeting of your unit will be held Thursday, June 9, 1955, at 7:30 p.m., in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "I" St., Marysville.

NATOMAS COMPANY

Report of the Negotiations: At this writing, negotiations with the Natomas Co. appear to have entered into the final lap and we hope to have a report ready for you and a special meeting called by the time this reaches you.

Negotiations with the company have been cordial and several improvements in the agreement have been agreed upon. Also the company has offered an increase in wages which, due to the circumstances, in our opinion is well worth the consideration of the membership.

While this is being prepared, there are a couple of items in the agreement remaining to be worked out, as well as the question of insurance coverage. The indications are that these last items will be ironed out very quickly and we will be able to call a special meeting directly so that the membership may act upon the negotiated offer of the company.

It is to be expected that every member will make an effort to attend the aforementioned special called meeting, as each member's welfare is involved and we want every member to have an opportunity to express an opinion. Also there is some chance of the agreement running this time for a two-year period, with a wage and insurance reopener after one year, and all the members should express themselves on this last item.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETINGS

Except for the special called meetings mentioned above, the next regular meetings of your unit will be held Monday, June 6, 1955, in the Veterans Hall, Folsom, at the following times: 10 a.m. for those members work-

ing nights; 7:30 p.m. for those members working days.

GLADDING, McBEAN COMPANY

Negotiations Report: When this reaches you, at least four and possibly more meetings will have been held with the company. The talks to date have been what is usually referred to as explorative. The proposals, as voted by you at the last special called meeting, have been presented to the management and at present no agreement has been reached upon any of those items.

The Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council met in a special meeting Monday, May 2, and approved the form that your wishes had been drawn up by your representative to present to the company. The board also chose Bros. Ray Dutra and Dallas Campbell to sit with your representatives during the negotiations.

Full reports will be made at all the regular meetings during the negotiations and when your Negotiating Committee has completed its work as best it can, a special general membership meeting will be called, to act upon the results. So resolve right now to attend all meetings, especially the above-mentioned special called meetings, until at least, this year's negotiations have been decided. This is the only way you can protect your interests and welfare.

NOTICE OF MEETING DATES

Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council: Tuesday, June 7, 1955, at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln.

General Membership Meeting: Please TAKE NOTICE. Hereafter, it was voted at the last special called meeting, that all meetings until further notice be joint meetings. The next such meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, 1955, at 4:15 p.m. in the auditorium of the City Hall, Lincoln.

YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS

Notes on the Current Negotiations: While the progress with the company hasn't reached the stage that we have at the Natomas Co., we are confident that, if past experience can be used as a criterion, the results will be about the same. Here, too, as soon as we are able to make a complete report, a special meeting will be called.

Closing Down of Dredge No. 15: The closing down of this dredge, after months of expecting it to happen, necessitated a reduction in the forces. This caused a few seniority questions to arise which, we are happy to report, have all apparently been smoothed out. Those who were laid off, for the most part, have been offered other employment. But in most cases the work was too far away for them to accept profitably; however we do have hope of having jobs available soon that may be of interest to them.

NEXT MEETING NOTICE

The next regular meeting of your unit will be held Monday, May 23, 1955, in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "I" Street, Marysville, at the following times: 10 a.m. for those unable to attend the night meeting; 7:30 p.m. for those working the day shift.

PERSONAL NOTES

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Bro. Charles L. Decker, early Monday morning, April 18, 1955, at the Rideout Hospital, Marysville. Funeral services were conducted at Colfax and interment was in the Dutch Flat Cemetery. Bro. Decker had been employed by Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields and was one of the original members of Local Union No. 3 when that company was organized. He was 63 years of age and his only survivor, so far as we have been informed, is his wife. . . . Bro. A. V. Hall, kiln burner at Gladding, McBean, underwent a gall bladder operation recently, and

FRESNO AREA SLOW; AWAIT NEW JOBS

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

The Fresno area continues to be slow and there has been very little change since our last month's report to the paper. Due to several major power and flood control projects in the past years being completed we are still maintaining quite an out of work list, mainly cat skimmers and shovel operators, hoping for the starting of further development on the San Joaquin and Kings Rivers, which are still in the planning stages. Any information this office receives on any projects we'll be very glad to pass on to you.

Although we have received word that the Federal Power Commission has granted a license to the PG&E to develop hydro electric projects on the Kings River, amounting to \$80,000,000, this proposed work will consist of two dams and two new power houses and the remodeling of the Balch Camp Power House, but the PG&E must now reach an agreement with the local irrigation interests for use of the water involved.

Also the Edison Company have been granted a 50-year license for the proposed \$2,600,000 hydro electric project at the head of Huntington Lake. This work will consist only of a small dam and most of the money allocated will be used for the power house and power house equipment.

No word as yet on the Mammoth Pool project, this is still pending.

Eaton & Smith at their Big Creek job moved in and just got started but have now been shut down for about three weeks due to heavy snows.

MOUNTAIN ROADS

Ellis Construction will put down plant mix on the Mariposa Highway for the R. E. Maxwell Company and then will move their plant to Huntington Lake-Shaver Lake road job. This contract was let last year to the Oilfield Trucking Co. However, the local contractors and their crews have been kept quite busy with subdivision work and pipe lines. The rock plants and batch plants are quite active due to quite a bit of commercial building going on throughout the outskirts of Fresno. Due to quite a bit of activity in these subdivisions we have been plagued by so-called gypsos.

There is still some activity in the pipe yards — Colton Concrete Co. making pipe for various small jobs; Cen Vi Ro Pipe Co. at Lindsay making pipe for their job at Exeter with Morrison-Knudsen laying the pipe. United Concrete Pipe at Tulare making pipe for their job at Delano.

HIGHWAY 99

Gordon Ball job on Highway 99 have been going along steadily with very little change. They are hoping to be the lucky bidders on the next section directly north of their present two sections on Highway 99, which will consist of five miles, bids to be opened May 25th by the State Division of Highways.

Granite Company finished their highway job on Jayne Avenue out of Coalinga but were low bidders on a small surfacing job with plant mix on Highway 41 near Stratford, which will keep the plant busy for another few weeks.

L. B. Wells Construction Company were low bidders on 1.1 miles of grading and surfacing on Highway 180 in Mendota.

The Gene Richards Paving Company have finished paving on the Pacheco Freeway out of Los Banos and this highway will soon be open to traffic.

Merced County continues to be very active with major projects on Castle Field Air Base.

Guy F. Atkinson Company on their freeway job north of Fresno, are confined to structural work for

successfully, we are happy to report, and is back on the job. . . . Bro. Joe Kimmel of the same company also underwent a serious operation recently, and when in the office a short time ago reported that he is much better and well on his way back to health.

—C. R. VAN WINKLE.

overpasses and underpasses. There is some additional work to be done on this Freeway, which will tie into a one way street plan on Highway 41 to Yosemite, which is to be completed sometime next year.

We are still hoping we may have a little more activity in the near future.

Don't forget the Blood Bank.

In the Islands— FISHER CO. GETS JOB ON KWAJALEIN

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ
Business Representative

For the past three months since Contractors Mid-Pac completed its contract on Kwajalein, many local contractors have shown definite interest in bidding for work in the forward areas.

Fisher Construction was low bidder and will be handling most of the work contemplated for the island for the next year. They have been using a few Local 3 equipment operators and have committed to again use our men for work at Kwajalein, Guam and Okinawa. Standard Oil of California has definitely selected Sand Island the Honolulu harbor as the most logical and practical location for its new \$30,000,000 refinery. However, it will be quite some time before any construction begins.

We are also happy to note that Kaiser has been successful in arranging acceptance of his John E. project that should probably be ready for construction within 3 to 4 months. His latest move in buying out the Niualu hotel property adjacent to his controversial area did really change the picture to his benefit.

The Defense Department has agreed to expending \$13,890,600 for military construction in Hawaii.

NAVY JOBS LEAD

The Navy leads Hawaii's construction program with \$4,673,600 for military installations, family housing and classified projects.

Kaneohe Bay marine station would get \$3,227,600, of which \$1,912,000 is earmarked for housing.

The Naval Ammunition Depot would receive \$1,132,000; Fleet Training Center at Pearl Harbor, \$44,000, and the Naval supply center at Pearl Harbor, \$270,000.

Hickam Air Force Base would receive \$4,978,000.

The Army's \$4,239,000 construction program would include \$3,162,000 for Schofield Barracks; \$363,000 for the Waipio radio transmitting station, of which \$287,000 would be spent for housing, a \$714 for housing at Helemano.

The latest for Hawaiian Dredging would be a dredging job in Hong Kong, China. Their top supervisors have just left to view the job to be done there. Included in this group are Mr. Burt Croxson, Mr. Gray, both vice-presidents of the company, Captain Rosabo and Chief Engineer John Herd.

From Okinawa our dredge boys are kept pretty busy repairing the dredge "Gulf Stream." They will be doing some dredge work the latter part of this month.

Brother Joe Cathcart, who leaves with the dredge "Raymond" for Korea as leverman, is now acting as captain and doing a good job at it in the Pusan harbor area.



SACRAMENTO STARTS SEASON SECOND TIME Work Continues to Hold Good in San Jose

By Renny Burroughs, Hal Clark and Ernie Nelson, Business Representatives

As elsewhere in the state, Operating Engineers in the Sacramento territory lost work almost entirely in the last two weeks of April and the first week of May. Clearances had been running about 40 a week prior to this time and they dropped to a fourth of this. Beginning about the second week in May jobs rehired rapidly and we are up to about 40 clearances a week at the present time.

This territory has seen four big highway jobs, three sewer plants, one fish hatchery, two office buildings, one barracks and one large plant addition let in the past two weeks of May. So we have a backlog of good new work to go to as well as considerable work which has been under way for some time.

Quite a number of brothers who wintered here have gone to work in the North Bay area since the Valley opened so slowly. A brief rundown of the jobs on the West Side: Ferd Drayer leveling land near Knights' Ferry; Fred J. Early completing work at Camp Kohler and starting a new job on the Cordova sewer plant; R. A. Farish with foreman, Bro. Jack Richie, out in Capay Valley on a road job; Foy Derrick Barge setting some rock Walnut Grove way.

Graco Co. at Woodland is currently in negotiations, with the brothers saying that they will go on the street unless the company establishes wages and conditions in line with our tractor shop agreement. Dutch Graf is leveling land at Walnut Grove; Granite Const. Co., under supervision of Art Root, are rapidly shaping up their freeway job at Elk Grove, ably assisted by Los Gatos Const. Co. who have had some of the dirt.

Wet weather has been a headache for these boys. Granite also grabbed off a small job surfacing on Rio Linda Blvd. and later took a much larger underpass job on Watt Avenue. Haas & Hayne are erecting a large telephone company building right behind Teichert's office. Heraty & Gannon are high in the list of subdividers who have their own crew of engineers headed by Bro. Dick Wise, shop foreman Bro. John Fritz, and Bro. Anderson who will be equipment foreman.

AMERICAN RIVER JOB

Cecil Hulse is busy on his joint venture on the American River levee in North Sacramento. He's trying hard to break even on this job where he left so much on the table. Joost Const. Co. have been building warehouses in the Woodland district. Keston & Muny from Davis took the sewage plant job at Rio Linda. Lawrence Const. Co. and Lachmont Village Inc. keep their engineers busy in subdivisions. Lentz Const. Co. is operating full throttle again as things dry out. They took the pipeline work on the Cordova district sewer plant and are frequently seen around town where truck cranes are busy. Associated Metals scrap yard is banked full to the top and their management tells us that this will be the first summer that they will operate both cranes steadily without a summer break. Lord & Bishop took a \$20,000 bridge job on Franklin Blvd. and also have some work in North Sacramento. M-K took the foundation for the Veteran affairs building at 13th & O Sts. for approximately \$90,000.

Joe D. Miller from Bakersfield grabbed off the Rio Linda sewage plant and lines for \$193,578. McGillivray Const. Co. have a nice road job between Florin Road and Jansen Drive amounting to \$361,730. H. Earl Parker had Brothers Johnnie Chaddock and James Elston operating a dragline down Clarksburg way. The Ranney Method are sinking a cession at the foot of 6th Street for city water supply. J. R. Reeves is active all around town and especially at McClellan Field. Just mentioning McClellan Field makes our mouths water. Stolte alone has taken approximately \$2,250,000 worth of work on this installation the last part of April and the first part of May.

ELVAS FREEWAY
U-P-K, on the Elvas freeway, are rapidly setting up to finish this job. A. Teichert is strung out all

over with trenching crews getting started heavily about the middle of May. General excavation with them has been almost continuous except for the rain. This company has a heavy backlog of work to complete but has taken no big jobs which have recently come to our notice. Brighton Sand & Gravel come under the same heading.

Our sand and gravel plants on the West Side, Madison Sand & Gravel, P.C.A. at Woodland, and Robertson Sand & Gravel, have been stockpiling and building up their plants for summer demand.

McGillivray Const. Co. are progressing rapidly with their hot stuff surface job on Highway 50, east of Mather Field, with Brother Clyde Erickson in charge and Brothers John Dragon, George Frazier and Harry Wilson giving the assist.

Baldwin Co., with the paving job at Roseville, have been shut down due to the rains of April and, at this time, they are trying to resume operations. A little sunshine will see this project on the way for the summer. They expect Nov. 15 to be about the approximate completion date.

Piombo Const. Co. have had their job shut down at Applegate, also due to too much moisture in the muck. We need a lot of sunshine; about 30 days should do it. This company has about 10 days to go at Placerville for the completion of that project. Harms Bros. will move in on this job for the paving, which will also be finished this year.

A. Teichert & Son have two portable plants set up, one at Clarksville for the Shingle Springs job and one at Mather Field for their runway job. They are also in the process of setting another hot plant in their Perkins gravel area. This will be a continuous mix operation. Bro. Verrill Hallberg informs us that they have a summer's run for their two hot plants.

Granite Const. Co. are well on the way in their hot plant erection located at the American River Sand & Gravel site. This operation should start within the next 30 days. This company will also set up a concrete batch plant at Camp Kohler in the near future.

Merritt, Chapman & Scott and Savin Corp. keep 57 brothers on the payroll finishing up the dam at Folsom as the final phase of this job still lingers on.

We have completed negotiations with the Clark's Welding Works, with a ten-cent increase for all classifications effective May 1 with a one-year term.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

GEORGE WHITE setting road markers; BILL LANDRUM rolling hot stuff; NORM HENNINGSON signing for Health and Welfare; CHARLES KAMMERER looking for muck; PETE CONNOR watching blue tops; ERNIE FLINT getting ready to go north; HARVEY STANCIL backfilling pipe lines; MEL WISSLER paying dues at 5:30 p.m.; DOUG BUTLER sleeping in on rainy days; BILL EDWARDS losing his money; BILL CLARK loading out; JAKE GROSS looking for parts; HERMAN HILL running lathe; NORM MORELAND in business; JAMES BETTEN-COURT derrick tender No. 1; ABE NEWMAN laying out fence line; ROSS ADAMS pushing rock; MAX LANGLEY directing traffic; HARRY WILSON adjusting screed; GEORGE FRAZIER blocking traffic with a roller; HOWARD AD-DINGTON visiting Roseville; CHUCK RANDALL signing in; SHORTY JACOBUS watching belt line; BRUCE FARROW moving hot stuff; CHARLES LAMMA catching 2nd quarter dues; LEE YOUNG taking on his coffee; DEWEY SCHREINER likewise; DICK

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

In spite of the rains of the past two weeks, employment in this area has remained good. With several good-sized jobs now starting in this vicinity it looks like the Brothers will have a good Summer and Fall.

C. N. Swenson Co. have started work on their 12.7-mile highway job near Coyote between Ford Road and Llagas Creek. This job consists of widening two four-lanes with a separation down the center. Joe Farrell will be superintendent, with Brother Montgomery as general foreman. Volpa Bros., of Fresno, are moving in portable crushers and hot plant to furnish base materials and also do the paving. Calaveras Crushed Rock Co. will supply approximately 300,000 tons of fill material.

Lane & Walsh Construction Co. are well started on the San Jose sewage disposal plant, at the present time using two N.W. shovels, one truck crane, and four Cats.

Carl Swenson Co. are still working on their bridge job at Los Gatos and L. C. Smith on the Los Gatos freeway have now progressed to the point that they are considering putting on the second shift, weather permitting.

All of the underground contractors in this area, including A. J. Peters, P & E Construction, Atwater Underground Construction, E. T. Haas, Pat Barkley and John

WISE calling on his car phone; CHET YOUNGBLOOD tamper technician; JOHNNY MYRICK hiring a drill helper; R. D. SUTHERLAND Jr. roading a loader; LONNIE DUBOSE batching concrete; JACK WINGATE blading a street; PAT CALDWELL pumping wind; NORMAN HARRY pioneering; WALT GAVRILKO craning concrete; BILL GAVRILKO mucking rock; BOB HALL watching overhang; BOB CALLENDER clearing a road; T. E. (Scotty) SCOTT oil technician; DON OTTMAN changing?; MAURICE BOUZER welding; SMOKEY SUTHERLAND digging gold and selling building rock.

Our very best wishes for a speedy recovery go to Jerry O'Donnell who was seriously injured on the job and is still in Sutter Hospital with a back injury.

Brothers Joe E. Kortnem and John L. Wise operate the K&W excavators at Woodbine and Yreka Avenues, Sacramento, HI 6-3457.

Bro. L. A. Davidson, 291 Lindley Way, North Sacramento, WA 5-3141, has a new large size Hopto. Patronize these brothers when you have excavation for swimming pools, septic tanks, foundations, trenches, pipe laying or pits.

RAISES NUTRIA

That is what one of our brothers is doing. Brother Edward S. Crosley, 7625 Greenback Lane, Citrus Heights, now has 3 pair of the Nutria and welcomes visitors to his place. Nutria require very little care and can be raised in your back yard. One pen requires a space of 4 x 12 1/2 feet. The Crosleys are expecting to have some of these little baby animals for all to see some time the last of May.

THE THIRSTY MONKEY

A monkey walked into Bill Ellison's Associated Service Station one afternoon and sat down in a chair. Bill looked at the monkey and the monkey looked at Bill. "Who are you?" asked Bill. "Somebody steal your car, or what?" The monkey chattered. Bill didn't savvy. Then the monkey walked over to the water cooler and made signs like a cold drink. Bill looked at the thermometer. It showed 84... which made it the hottest day in Sacramento since last October. "So that's it," said Bill. He filled a glass with cold water and the monkey took it and drank. It turned out to be "Suzie," Brother Bill Edwards' pet, and was soon returned to Bill's home.

BLOOD BANK

Sincere thanks go to Clarence R. Russell, E. C. Larsen and Jesse D. Barrick who donated to our Blood Bank this past month.

SAFETY

Live safe, work safe and think "Safety." Remember, the next accident may be the last.

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

W. Mauck, are fully occupied and will continue so for the summer on various subdivisions in this vicinity. The same can be said for the paving and grading contractors, namely Ed Keeble, who has started excavating and grading on the new Macy store site off Stevens Creek Road. This job will keep several of the brothers busy throughout the summer.

Asphalt and concrete batch plants are enjoying a backlog of work. With the continual enlargements of subdivisions in this area we can look forward to a busy season in this type of work.

Work has picked up considerably in the southern end of this territory. Granite Construction of Santa Cruz were low bidders on a road job near Sunnyvale for approximately \$112,559 and they also have several other jobs in this locality. Roberson Bros. of Santa Cruz as well as Jolley & Sons are busy on several small jobs. Granite of Watsonville have about six weeks' work left to complete their sewer job for the City of Watsonville.

During the past few weeks a few more jobs have been started in the vicinity of Monterey. P&E Construction of San Jose have moved in two trenchers and Phil Calabrese has five rigs on a subdivision. Granite Construction are busy on the Metz subdivision and also have a sewer and water project under operation.

McGuire & Hester have about six weeks' work left on their sewer project for the City of Salinas. George Brewster of Avenal have moved their equipment on the subdivision near the Rodeo Grounds in Salinas. This job will take about three months to complete. Granite Construction are still at work on their sewer job for the City of Salinas and have several other small jobs in the area.

Los Gatos Construction have recently been awarded a contract for 56 miles of telephone lines reaching from Camp Roberts to Soledad. They also have another telephone line job to start later on in the month, extending from Gilroy to Salinas.

C. K. Moseman of Redwood City were the low bidders on a \$1,100,629 contract for the construction of a bridge at King City; work on this project will begin shortly.

HOLLISTER BRIDGE

Bos Construction of Berkeley were awarded a \$113,958 bridge job near Hollister. Spurlock, Jordan & Ruff will do the excavating and grading on this job.

In the northern section of the San Jose district work has picked

up considerably also and, most of the contractors are operating on a full schedule. Nearly all of the batch plants and quarries are going at full blast and some are installing new and modern equipment in preparation for a big year.

Sondgroth Bros. are preparing to install two new 40-inch crushers in their quarry, plus their 80-N.W. shovel and a couple of new rock buggies. Bahr & Ledoyen are also increasing the output in the quarry on Page Mill Road.

Some new projects have been let since our last issue, namely the Sunnyvale disposal plant at approximately a cost of \$1,000,000. Williams & Burroughs were the low bidders on the project and have already started operations. Ed Wynn has four Cats on this job and A. J. Peters with a Model 6 backhoe and a Bay City dragline on the main excavation.

Moffett Field is expected to come out shortly with announcement of the runway extension which has so long been anticipated. Brandon Construction of Hayward have moved in about eight pieces of equipment on their new subdivision consisting of 750 homes off Bayshore and Lawrence Road.

SUNNYVALE JOB

J. W. Mauck has started operations on his \$200,000 underground job for the City of Sunnyvale. O. V. Freeman has started work on several new subdivisions around Palo Alto. Joe Brady has about completed his underground job for the Callan Construction Co.

Jenecke of Mountain View, L. C. Smith and San Mateo County have resumed operations on the La Honda highway. Bridges Construction have started their \$130,000 swimming pool for the City of Sunnyvale. L. C. Smith of San Mateo is expecting to start work on his recently awarded Willow Street crossing job in Palo Alto.

The largest parking area job to be let in this locality, consisting of 17 acres for the Stanford Shopping Center, was recently awarded to Sondgroth Bros. It will consist of six inches of base material, plus two inches of black top.

PERSONALS

We wish to extend our sympathy to the families of Brothers Anthony Correia and Roy Allen in their recent bereavement. We are happy to report that Brother Don Wheeler is able to be up and around again, but will have to take it easy for awhile. We were pleased to receive a very interesting letter from Brother Carl Kirkpatrick, who is stationed in Germany.

Construction Awards

RED BLUFF, contract awarded to J. H. Trisdale, Inc., P.O. Box 779, Redding, \$474,360 for earthwork & strucc., Corning Canal, Sta. 361-75 to 624-00, Sacramento Canals, Unit, nr. Red Bluff, **TEHAMA COUNTY**.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Paul E. Woolf, 2203 N. Fruit St., Fresno, \$44,370 for const, a re-

inf. conc. box culvert & 0.4 mi. of approaches graded & surf., w/plnt. mixed surf., at Cummings Creek, about 3 mi. E. of Carlotta, **HUMBOLDT CO.**

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$52,761 for yard area graded & surf. w/plantmix. surf. on untr. base, 3 metal bldgs. furn. & erected, auto spray sprinkler system & const. foundation, water, sewer & elec. sys. at the S. F. Maintenance Sta. betw. 15th & 16th, San Bruno & Vermont St., City and County of San Francisco.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$10,315 for 0.25 mi. rdway, widen & channeliz. intersec. of SR No. 1. & Humboldt Hill, Rd., **HUMBOLDT COUNTY**.

SAN CARLOS, contract awarded to Bragato Paving Co., 500 Bragato Rd., Belmont, \$14,575 for resurf. portions of Laurel, Belmont and Greenwood Sts., in San Carlos.

FAIRFIELD, contract awarded to John H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 Eastshore Why., Berkeley, \$37,422 for const. 5 box culverts & one treated timber deck in Rio Vista area. **SOLANO COUNTY**.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$80,710 for resurf. Telegraph Ave. bet. 31st & 52nd Sts. **County**.

Niles-Centerville, Rock Plant Center

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produced. At the present their rock output is 1,700 tons per day. Superintendent for field work for this company is Ed Barr and field foreman is George Collins. The shop mechanic is E. E. Vaughn and operating their Michigan Loader is Brother Richard McCampbell.

These operations we have mentioned by no means include all the rock and gravel plants in Alameda County. Others are the Goddard Brothers Company, Hayward Rock Company, Niles Quarry and Escobar Quarry, to mention a few. Next month we will endeavor to give you a further word and picture story of this great industry as it operates in Contra Costa County.

Local 39 News

DISTRICT REP'S. REPORT

By JAMES T. RIVERS
District Representative

During the last half century the progress of unions and union men and the impact of the labor movement on the economic and political life of our nation, has exceeded the hopes of our early labor leaders and the fears of industrialists. There can be only one explanation for the gains of labor and it has to be that with greater educational facilities available to us, we, as individuals, are taught to think and we, as one of the partners in the unbeatable combination of labor and finance, have decided that the association of people into groups of union people is good for us and our American way of life.

We have heard of our early union people fighting for their fair share of the products of their labor, with few laws to protect their rights and with laws protecting the employer and property strong enough to allow the employer to use police power and murder as a weapon and a means to gain his ends without fear of prosecution. We have seen laws enacted in the first part of the Roosevelt regime that definitely favored unions and hit some employers hard. The ideas were right but were a little ahead of the thinking of the people. We now are in a period of reappraisal of the duties and responsibilities of both finance and employers and we as union people are being restricted in many fields that we feel is wrong. I believe we will come out with a clearer understanding leading to greater progress for our people.

We, as citizens and organized workers, can compare our progress with all people starting with the beginning of recorded history, where we find enlightened periods in man's thinking at the time of Christ, the Greek Nation, the Roman Empire, the French Empire and Republic and our western civilization. Without exception there were periods when men went behind and suffered between each of these periods, only to come forward again to build and achieve more glory than ever before. Such has been the history of people, and we are the people.

The past month I have completed contracts with the managements of the Elk's Club, Apparel City, Union Ice plants at Napa and Pittsburg, and have participated in negotiations for wages at the Washington Market, San Mateo and Alameda County Civil Service Engineers. One difficult situation, involving interpretation of contract and a new contract at the Dreisbach Cold Storage Company, has been successfully concluded. Operational hazards at Hamm's Brewery were checked for correction by the management.

At the instructions of the Local, I attended the Industrial Safety Meeting in Los Angeles to voice our protest against the relaxing of regulations covering the attendance of an operator, while the boiler is in operation. While in Los Angeles, I attended the regular meeting of our sister Local No. 501 and found several of our former members in attendance.

During the month, I have made 81 plant calls, attended one funeral, four district union meetings, three Central Labor Council meetings, one Business Representatives meeting and one Executive Board meeting. I have been spending as much time as possible checking new plants and visiting those in operation and can report that the district, as a whole, is in good shape and the prospects for the future are bright.

Well, it's getting close to vacation time, but if you can't get away for a vacation this year, you can get the same feeling by staying home and tipping every third person you meet.

If we had our lives to live over, a lot of us would make the same mistakes, only we would start sooner.

REPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO

By S. E. SMITH
Business Representative

Contracts now in the process of negotiations are as follows: Sussman & Wormser Company, National Ice & Cold Storage, Santa Rosa and Petaluma, Santa Rosa Ice, California Wine Association, Stuart Oxygen Company, Gene Compton Corp, Foster's Lunch System, Mannings, Inc, Armour & Company, Green Glenn Linen Service, Laundry & Linen Supply Board of Trade, United Textile, San Francisco Bakery Employers Association, Welfare for National Ice & Cold Storage Company.

Contracts completed are as follows: Fox West Coast, Cliff House Sutro Baths, Dubuque Packing Company, California Barrel Company, Holy Cross Cemetery, Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

There are still several plants in the area that are contracting out much of the work, which could and should rightfully be done by engineers. Recently it has been brought to my attention that business agents from the various building trades have stated that anything they install, they also shall maintain. This apparently is due to the large number of building trades people who are unemployed, and the representatives are endeavoring to keep their people working. All plant engineers should try to do all of the maintenance within their own plants and call in as little outside help as possible.

Progress is still being made in balancing our wage scales for the area and the inclusion of an apprentice clause within the contracts is required in the industry at this time. This is our only way of training men to take the place of the present highly skilled engineer.

FRESNO

By M. G. CAMPBELL
Business Representative

Employment in the Fresno Area is just holding its own.

We have two brothers out of work. No new jobs in sight.

Agreements Completed: J. B. Hill Grain Co., Fresno; Valley Oxygen Company, Hanford; Hotel Fresno, Fresno; Valley and Consumers Ice Companies, Fresno.

Agreements open for negotiations: Roma Winery, Fresno; San Joaquin Bakery, Fresno; Sunlight Bakery, Porterville; Union Ice Company, Firebaugh.

At our last regular meeting Bro. Sarouhan and myself were elected as delegates to the executive board.

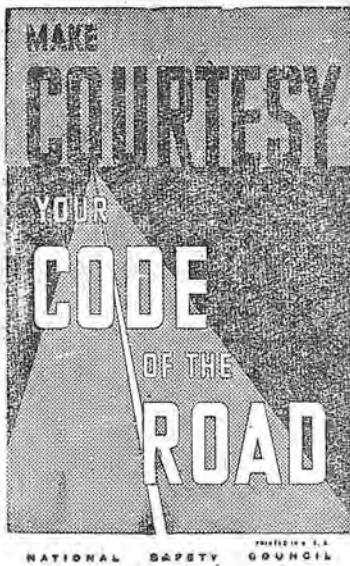
I haven't heard too much about the fishermen this year. Don't know whether the brothers are too busy or there is too much rain. Brother Johnson was on his vacation on my last visit. Bro. Launerville is taking his three week's vacation on a trip to Ohio.

All the brothers who are not delinquent in their dues, will receive their ballots for election of officers shortly. I would like to suggest you vote your ballot and get it in the mail when you receive it, before you forget about it. Be sure and VOTE.

PALO ALTO, contract awarded to Sondgroth Bros., 318 Sierra Vista Ave., Mt. View, \$8,318 for const. of parking lot on S.W. corner of Waverly St. & Hamilton Avenue.

BURLINGAME, contract awarded to Oscar C. Holmes, P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$24,877 for improvements in Pacific Manor No. 11, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$123,140 for const. Geary Road, from Hillsdale to St. Freeway, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.



Billion Feet of Virgin Timber 100 Miles From Golden Gate

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

The stormy weather that we all just experienced lasted for weeks, and none of us were too happy about it as it was just about sixty days late.

Harold Peletz Construction Company was the low bidder for water mains on Blemont Court and Montgomery Drive. Operating the trenching machine is Bro. James Joy with his oiler Bro. Hank Harding. Bro. Coy Hurst back-filling on the cat. Bro. Chester Yardley has his problems on this job getting compaction to the satisfaction of the Inspector. Brother Chester is owner-operator of this special machine that he calls—his "pogo stick."

G. M. Carr Company and Rocca Company have started working on the job that was awarded to them for the new bridge across Flynn Creek, about 18 miles west of Boonville. Allied Paving Company has started opening the detour. Bro. Henry C. Jones is on the cat clearing the right-of-way.

Arthur B. Siri Inc. of Santa Rosa was low bidder for the road job east of Boonville. This bid calls for 6.3 miles surface and plantmix. This job should make this company happy as they have missed every bid in this area so far this year. This job will keep their hot-plant and crusher at Calpella busy for some time.

MAINS AND DRAINS

Contract was awarded to Coding Homes Const. Company for construction of water mains in the Montgomery Village. They will start work immediately.

Contract was awarded to H. T. Treacy of San Francisco for construction of water main extensions on Montgomery and Reservoir Drives to Lake Ralphine in Santa Rosa.

Eaton & Smith was low bidder for construction of storm drain on Chanate Road and Pauline Creek. They started working this week. Operating the grade-all is Bros. George Pali with his oiler Joseph Plum. Bro. Basil Loveley is on the boom cat.

Granite Construction Company of Watsonville was low bidder for paving 2.4 miles of State Highway 20 in Lake County between Laurel Dell Lake and Tule Lake. This company moved in and started to work only to be held up during the recent rains. At the present they have three pioneer cats and one dragline working. This office has an order for more men for Monday morning so they will be making up for lost time starting next week.

Archie Edmonds, assistant superintendent for Frederickson Bros. on the Willits highway job is really work brittle after his two weeks forced vacation because of the weather. He is having a time now controlling traffic but what is he going to have when the vacation season starts. This company has more equipment coming in.

STORY OF CLOVERDALE'S AMAZING IND. GROWTH

Every few minutes throughout the day, and far into the night, logging and lumber trucks rumble singly and in groups of three to eight through Cloverdale's main street.

At times there is an almost endless stream of the heavy diesels, piled high with saw logs, with

STOCKTON REPORT—TRI-DAM HITS SNAG

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

Again the Tri-Dam Project has met with difficulties. Upon opening the bids in Oakdale on April 21st, as scheduled, the water districts received only one bid, a joint venture of Guy F. Atkinson, Arundel Corporation and L. E. Dixon, which was approximately \$1,800,000 over the bonding capacity of the districts. Consequently, this lone bid was rejected and new bids have been called for on May 23rd, with changes made in the specifications in order to induce more bidders.

Adverse weather has cut the Cherry Valley Dam job of Guy F. Atkinson's down to one shift on the rock. From all indications, it will be about the first of June before the job will really get rolling.

New jobs in the area since our last report are as follows:

C. V. Kenworthy, with Bro. Jack Corbet shifting, has started the road job between Clements and Wallace, which should keep a crew working for a couple of months.

Engineers Limited Pipeline Company have a dozen members busy laying pipe for the California Water Service. About 300 feet has to be bored under the Western Pacific switchyard tracks.

Standard Water and Sewage Products Company from North Sacramento were the successful bidders on the sewage disposal plant and sewer lines for the town of Ione in Amador County.

Utah Construction Company is going up in the air with the headhouse on the rice silos job with about 18 silos to be poured yet on a three shift basis.

CHERRY VALLEY JOB

Rothchild-Raffin & Weirick, with a bid of \$820,000 was awarded the spillway and gates on the Cherry Valley Dam. This is strictly a concrete job as Atkinson has already made the spillway excavation.

O. K. Mitty & Sons of Gardena, Calif., was the low bidder on the Shawmut Grade job out of Chinese Camp for the \$287,912, which is below the engineer's estimate. This will be a tough rock job to be completed with a heavy penalty set on it by the state as the detour road will not take winter traffic.

M. Malfitano & Son are working on their road job two miles south of LeGrange with Brother Rip Edwards doing the snapping.

The brothers at PCA Tracy plant have been working full time in spite of the wet weather we have had during the past three weeks. Clements Company will start their hot plant in the PCA yard just as soon as the roadway is in condition between Crows Landing and Vernalis on Highway 33.

Tracy Rock and Gravel are setting up an 1101 Lima at their Tracy pit. This machine will replace a 38B Bucyrus dragline and should make the work a lot easier on Bro. Hap Arbuthnot.

R. A. Farrish Company is doing the grading on the Heinz plant at Tracy. J. H. Pomeroy Company has the prime contract on this job.

S. M. McGaw Company has managed to keep the regular crews busy over the past month on several small jobs and will start to resurface on Jack Tone Road just as soon as they get the green light from the county engineer.

The Olympic Dredging Company is making good progress on their job at the new rice storage plant at the Port of Stockton.

MORMON CHANNEL

San Francisco Bridge Company has filled the Mormon Channel from Center Street to Washington Street with material from the Turning Basin and are now dumping the dredgings on the waste area west of the port. They hope to finish the enlargement of the Turning Basin before May 30th. Jack Scheurer had his Lorrain Dragline on this job for three weeks.

We of the Stockton District are happy to report one of the brothers going into the transit mix business. Bro. E. C. (Andy) Anderson has a Noble Concrete Batch plant set up in Oroville to serve the people of that district and can do so with materials of top grade. Anyone in need of transit mix service in the Oroville district would do well to call Bro. Anderson. He will deliver in any quantity.

Brothers, we are in desperate need of blood. Our reserve is used up, and the wife of Bro. Hank Morris is in the U.C. Hospital in need of blood at this time. Anyone willing to donate blood can call this office and we will arrange an appointment for you at the Blood Center. Thank you very much—in advance.

We are saddened to report the untimely death of Bro. Frank M. Johnson. He died yesterday while working at Hein Brothers Gravel plant. We extend heartfelt sympathy to his family.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to Germer, Abbott & Waldron, Tremonton, Utah, \$726,877 for 15.511 mi. ptm. bitum. surf. & const. conc. bridge, 42.66, 0 to 0, on U.S. No. 91, 3.2 mi. N'y fm. jct. of S.R. No. 20 & U.S. No. 91 S'y for 15.5 mi. IRON COUNTY.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$29,958, for erosion control at Fort Ord.

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP—

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

"The Grass is Green and Spring has Sprung!"

Isbell Const. Co. at Ely, Nevada, is still moving ore from the three copper pits that they are working in that area. The many brothers there are now under new supervision since the resignation of Supt. Frank Quilici. Mr. Bob Hoover is now "The Wheel" out at Ely, and Mr. Ted Maestretti is the assistant. Things have been up and down at the pits for the past few months, and the brothers are looking forward to Isbell Const. Co. getting new contracts from Kennecott Copper Corp. and Consolidated Copper Co. Of course, there are many rumors flying around the jobs, but as one of the brothers stated; they are building a large hotel in the heart of Ely to house all these "rumors." There is a great deal of prospect drilling going on around the pit areas, and with the price of copper increasing as it has, the future of the open pit mines looks very good, and we are looking forward to an excellent season in the mining industry at Ely.

The dirt moving on Isbell Const. Company's four-lane highway coming from the west to Reno, Nevada, is just about finished. Now for the sub grade and gravel, and the plant mix, and the highway will be ready for the California tourists!

This has been quite a job for the brothers. Especially Brother Victor (The Groaner) Lambert and Bro. Bill Ponton, the outside dozer and push cat man. Bill really has those electric pulls moving. Jimmy Howe and Ralph "Slim" Cubberness are the other two pull men on the job. Now that Home boy is a real electric man, and Cubberness holds his own—no one gets ahead of that Slim boy at anything, for Slim can hold his own any day of the week at everything he starts. Matt Greve has been doing his part on the four-lane job. I see Brother James Johnson and his patch crew hard at work around Reno, Nev.

EASTERN ROADS

There have been three more road jobs awarded in the eastern part of the State of Nevada, and even though the weather has been very rough during the past six weeks it looks like "Spring has Sprung" and these jobs should start very soon.

Gibbons & Reed Co. from Salt Lake City, Utah, was awarded the first of the three jobs, which was from 10 miles west to 3.5 miles west of Wells, Nev.

Stewart and Hitchcock from Las Vegas, Nevada, was awarded the first of the three jobs, which was from 10 miles west to 3.5 miles west of Wells, Nevada.

Stewart and Hitchcock from Las Vegas, Nevada, was awarded approximately 10 miles of road work from Junction U. S. Route 50 Alt. 5 miles north of McGill, Nevada, to Berry Creek road.

Hoops Construction Co. from Twin Falls, Idaho, was awarded the 19 miles of widening and resurfacing on U. S. Route 93, between 28 miles south of Wells, Nevada, and 9 miles south of Wells, Nevada.

W. W. Clyde Const. Co. has moved their gravel and hot plant on the Robinson Summit job, west of Ely, Nevada, and will soon be putting some of the brothers back to work crushing rock and laying off.

On W. W. Clyde's job at Carlin, Nevada, between Carlin and Palisade on highway 28, the brothers are very busy on a rough, tough, just the way they like it, job. Bro. A. L. Cripps has been changed from operator to foreman, and is hard at work keeping the rest of the brothers busy and keeping the work lined out properly for them. Brother Chris Miller is operating the Northwest Shovel in the rock cuts. Brother Anthony Madeiros is on a dozer and ripper, and there is a real operator. The foreman is really happy to have Tony working for them, I know.

The brothers on this job have just started working their way up through the rock cliffs, south of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and it is going to be slow, hard work, but they are doing a very good job as they move along. These brothers

stated that they don't mind the rock if only the weather man will let them keep working, and turn off his high winds, and rain and snow flurries.

Dodge Const. Co. has been keeping the brothers busy at the Iron Mine out of Lovelock, Nevada. Bro. George Eckman, the supt., has everything moving along very well. Bro. C. E. Shoffner is at the railroad keeping everything in order for the trucks.

Brothers T. R. Hildenbrand and Mike Esenger are on the Crusher, and these two brothers are experts at keeping the Grizzly clear of large boulders.

Brothers T. C. Bottoms and Ed Barrington Sr. are operating the Northwest Shovels, and W. V. Berger and G. Quilici are their respective oilers.

The Cat work at the Iron Mine is well taken care of by Brother Perry Thomsen.

This group of brothers have worked together for a long time and they work very well together, even under the dusty conditions that occur there when the wind blows, which seems to be all the time.

DODGE AT FALLON

At Dodge Const. Company's road job east of Fallon on Highway 50, the brothers are moving dirt very fast. Oh they have run into some rock in the midst of the SOFT sand dunes. This is no worry (though for Brother Jack Chatelle, the foreman, and the "Rock Crew" on the Northwest, Brother Glen Hayes and his Oiler, Geo. Workman will take out the rock without any loss of time.

Brothers Joel Peterson and Earl Oltman are the operator and oiler on the dragline for Dodge. This is a fine combination of manpower, especially on a dragline as that is "Pete's" specialty, so with an excellent oiler like Earl the job will be handled very well.

On the Crusher, Brothers Glen Vawter, the operator and Paul Whitener, the oiler, will be seen very busy along with Brother Harry Muhlhauser, the Mechanic.

Brothers D. L. Peck and son L. A. Peck are working hard getting the Hot Plant ready for operation, hoping to get into action soon. D. L. will be the plant operator, and L. A. will be the fireman when things get started around the plant.

Around the Borrow Pit, Brother E. C. "Curley" Hildebrand is showing Dodge how to make the "yardage fly" with the 1 1/2-yard Michigan Loader. "Curley" is really moving with that "rig," and happy to see the truck drivers all out on the road instead of in the Pit. Bro. Al Henderson will be seen on almost any piece of equipment that Dodge has as he is an all around hand—Supt., too.

Brothers Gene Aikens, Ray Miller, James Street, Ray Wilmsley, and not to forget the brother that likes to give me a bad time, Bro. Bob Ellis, are zooming along in the cuts with the electric pulls. Bros. Lawrence Ferguson and Wm. Martin are on the pushers, keeping the pulls moving. These brothers move dirt in a manner that brings a smile to Superintendent Vern Wilson's face.

The rest of the brothers are moving back and forth along the job, and are doing all they can to stay ahead of the outstanding expert blade crew, which consists of Brothers "Link" Harris, Lee Pilcher, George Castleberry, James Smith and Bert Roark. I don't know how Dodge Const. Co. happened to obtain all of these brothers, but I am sure that Supt. Vern Wilson has kept his eyes and ears open for quite some time in regards to where they were and how he could influence their change of jobs.

Brother Ed Jones, the H. D. R. M., follows the brothers around the job and keeps their rigs in running order.

LOVELOCK, DAYTON

Silver State Const. Co. is very busy on three jobs in the State. One at Fallon, one at Lovelock, and the large job at Dayton, Nev. The job at Fallon is very near completion, and should be done very soon.

At Lovelock, the crusher is grinding away with Brother J. J. Thomas as the operator, and Bob Hettinger as the oiler.

Brothers Richard Kingston and Robert Yturiaga are on the shovels loading rock for the crusher, and with the string of trucks that Silver State has these brothers are kept busy all the time.

The pull spread has moved on to the Dayton, Nevada job, and Brother Leonard is still mastering a Super C along with Brothers Henry Kiechler, Marvin Renken, Joe Armas, Oliver "Buz" Sullivan, and Dave Howard who is on the DW 2L.

Brothers Dave McEvers, Bob Nelson, Ray Lambeth, are on the Dozers shoving things around the job, and doing the extra Dozer work.

On the Cats & Cans we find Brothers "Red" Melendy, C. J. Anderson, Charles Welsh, and "Buster" Morse doing a fine job along with the aid of Brother Warner Skinner and Herb Carleton on the push cats.

Brothers Joe Benbow, Harold Watts, and their helper James E. Cromwell are taking care of the mechanical end of the Dayton job.

Brothers "Bud" Koepenick and Oluf Hartvigsen are the Blade Operators for Andy Drumm, and they are among the top rated when you speak of Blade Operators.

Brothers Vern Nichols and Lawrence Harrison are doing the greasing or rather lubricating on the Dayton job and everything looks like it is well done.

This highway project is being run under the supervision of Brothers "Chip" Montrose and Joe Solaegui, two very capable men.

Brother Dan "Mike" Milovich has finally found himself a home oiling on a Truck Crane operated by Brother Frank Jakowatz. Now that is a real Truck Crane crew, believe me, when Frank blows the horn that Danny really starts hopping for that Frank is a real tough operator on Truck Crane oilers! Brother Nick "Lefty" Lemich has finally found a company by the name of Clarence Dieterich, that will put up with him for a while. "Lefty" is the head skippy man, and assistant oiler on a Ditcher. Brother Dieterich's company has quite a lot of work around Reno.

Brother Harry Smith operates the Ditcher what time he is not working in the shop giving Brother Ed DeGarmo a hand with the repair work.

Brother Ed Kirk is the head oiler now. Ed is a real oiler, he gets oil on everything, even himself. Bro. Dave McNeilly is Dieterich's foreman. However, Mc gets labor pains, and does more work than any one on the job.

Porter Burge is doing quite a lot of work around town. Brother V. McCold is Burge's all around operator, and does a good job on all of Burge's equipment.

Harms Bros. Company has finally got started on their highway job at Ravendale, Calif. Mr. Curley Christman is the Supt. on the job, with Brother Dick Stone, the Grade Foreman, Brothers Lynn Walker, Harvey McNeil and Fred Martin on the Cats, Wes Carlson on the repair crew. With good weather continuing the job will be in full swing next week.

HERE AND THERE

Brother Donald E. Adamson, former HDRM for Foley Bros. Inc. has retired to Pony, Montana.

Brother Charles P. Halstead, former Hoistman at Foley Bros. has left Foley's to enter some new work around Eureka, Nevada.

Brother O. H. Taylor is back in the Great Silver State ready to go to work, but content to do some fishing first!

Brother Harry Hayes is still seriously ill, and has been transferred to the Veterans Hospital at Reno. Everyone is wishing him a speedy recovery. We would all like to see Harry back on the job in good health real soon.

Brother F. O. "Fat Boy" Ricketts is still in Ely, Nevada, with the Ely Sand and Gravel Company (Lost some weight, I think.)

Brother T. R. DeLavega has retired from the craft since he found

N. Bay Junks Out of Work List

By H. O. FOSS and FRANK LAWRENCE
Business Representatives

On my trip to Guaymas, Mexico, I ran into "Big Bill" Dippold, general superintendent for the Utah Company on an \$8-million harbor job in that city. Bill sends greetings to all in the States.

Brother Bud Hall, general superintendent for Delphia, was in advising they are starting the Ignacio job April 15 with Bro. W. S. Kimble as foreman and Bro. Dan Boone, office manager; 260,000 yards rough grade, will be gone soon.

Brother Pug Hastings dropped in to say hello. Didn't know him, it's been so long. Up Lakeport way, just bought Hotpo rig for truck mounting, backhoe and attachments. Pug says not making any \$\$ but has three 7s and cans. Been paid for a long time. This is one of the real boys!

Marin Equipment at Greenbrae has gotten more contractor equipment of all kinds than you can count. If he should not have your particular request, he will get it. Good shop, top mechanics. You bust it, they fix it, or it can't be fixed. Remember this place.

Brother Fred Jensen, our new city councilman, is taking his first vacation down Texas way. Going to try to get him to go to work soon.

Parish Bros. is double shifting on Petaluma job as of May 9. Bro. Mike Saparetti is general super. Bro. Chilton is estimator. Should be easy going for him for awhile as these people have about all they can chew for 1955. Joint ventures, etc. Should, with no trouble, get the extension north end of Petaluma. Their office in Benicia is remodeled—something very ultra. I enjoy those deep chairs.

Joint venture, Peter Kewitt Monticello Dam approximately on schedule. Joint venture, Travis Air Base, Harms rolling in high. Bro. Dave Otis, general supt.; Bro. Jack Rutherford, assistant supt.; Bro. Gene Waggoner, master mechanic. Bro. Monty Boldoc is in charge of the quarry. Last check shows over 100 members on jobs.

Basalt at McNears, where Bro. Crawford is in charge, is very busy getting out rock up river on many jobs. Some left over from 1954.

Amaral at Petaluma buying more equipment and growing each day. This keeps several brothers busy all the time.

Hein Quarry at Petaluma just keeping even. Old saying, "nip and tuck."

At A. G. Raisch, Bro. Russell, general supt., pitching with rosin sack on Waldo. Be here next year. Broke big subdivision opposite St. Vincent's—streets, sewers. Lots of yardage. Bro. Harless in charge. Harms has crusher making small ones for Waldo job, with Bro. Jim Henry their supt.

Breshan & Piombo, successors of Jensen & Pitts, are keeping busy where Fred Jensen left off—getting acquainted. Barney Piombo sets around in his big chair helping boys along.

MANY JOBS

Ghiolotti Bros. have got all they can handle—new equipment and really expanding! Ten new mix trucks on job—have quite a crew! Local contractors busy—keeps us busy chasing "jippos."

Novak, in Novato, has a bunch of nits and lice and other equipment in high on his various housing jobs. Bro. Gibney is in charge,

Uranium in the great State of Nevada.

Brother Aleck Eliades has quit construction work, and is working in the service station business, Beany's Richfield Station, 1st and Aultman Streets in Ely, Nevada.

Brother Noel Jacobsen has also left the operators to manage the Frontier Tavern at Austin, Nevada. "Jake" should feel at home there as he has been at that work before.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

The men who are working for A.G.C. Contractors are now covered by the Health and Welfare Plan which is now in effect in the State of Nevada, and as soon as the insurance company prints the booklets explaining the entire policy, we will distribute copies to the membership.

with Bro. Louie Giannini master nuts and bolts.

Carey Bros. in Terra Linda and Corte Madera job moving fast.

It looks like the out-of-work register will go out the window, it seems, for 1955.

Pacific Co. Engineers & Builders of Berkeley picked up two fairly good-sized building jobs and were awarded contracts, one for \$48,794 erecting A. F. Bldg. addition, and another for \$205,633 erection and construction of auditorium theater. Both jobs on Travis Air Base.

Friant Const. Co. has started grading on their job at Napa on Silverado Trail, at cost of \$59,815. The job consists of grading, paving and culverts.

Geo. Slinsen has finished the job of constructing a drainage system at Napa State Hospital and is putting the finishing touches on the grading of several streets in a large area northwest part of Napa. Most of this section of town was without curbs and gutters. He has enough work lined up to keep him busy for the most part of this summer. Bro. Ed Burk is the big pusher. With all the new equipment that George has acquired, he is in a position to step out for a large-size job.

BASALT EXPANSION

Basalt Rock Co. is in process of expanding their plant at Napa Junction to make material that will go into the cement for the Monticello Dam. It is a material that will hold down the heat that concrete generates in large pours.

Bro. Roy Scott was in the office to say hello. Has been released from the hospital but still on the convalescent list.

Bro. Richard V. Padgett informs us he is now self-employed, and is contemplating perhaps hiring in the not too distant future. We wish him luck. Bro. R. G. Getty was in requesting a withdrawal card as he is retiring and taking a long trip. We wish him good luck, too.

Bro. Donald Dowling, oiler, recently deposited his service withdrawal and informs us he was married recently in Honolulu. Congratulations are in order. Bro. Alfred Cardoza, working for Lippstren in Corte Madera area, suffered an eye injury while on the job and is not able to work at present, for six weeks or so. We wish him a speedy recovery.

We respectfully wish to call the following to the attention of our members: Napa LLPE is backing Leo Yokum and Lohm Lloyd Jr., candidates for election to positions on the Napa High School and Elementary Board. They are two labor men, asking for your vote in the May 20 election. Leona LaBarge, office secretary at our Napa office, is serving on this committee. Thank you for your attention to the above.

This just about winds up the news from this end. See you next month.

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CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Gentry Bros., 2481 Valley Rd., Sacramento, \$21,978 const. curbs, gutters and drainage facis. in Fulton Oaks, SACRAMENTO CO.

APRIL 29, 1955

CHICO, contract awarded (General) to J. H. McAnulty, 382 E. 10th Ave., Chico, \$242,765 for cons. women's gymnasium, men's and women's locked rooms at Chico State College.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to M & K Corp, 405 Montgomery St., San Francisco, \$85,934 for site & foundation work at Office Bldg., 13th & "O" St., Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Watkin & Sibbald, 6 bridge St., San Anselmo, \$21,199 for grounds improvement Phase 3, at Fresno State College.

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to Cantor & Coull, 1814 Clinton Ave., Alameda, \$11,410 for 3 steel H-piles furn. & driven as test piles on the Embarcadero, betw. Howard St. & Merchant St.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & F Sts., Marysville, \$46,655 for 0.2 mi. grade & surf. w/roadmix surf. on imported base, 1.6 mi. E. of Pulga Bridge, BUTTE COUNTY.

Utah News Roundup

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

Work on the Wanship Dam has once again resumed with a spread of all new machines. Quite a number of new faces are operating so the prospects make for a good season. This company, Utah Construction, also expects to start the second shift this week. Due to the inclement weather we have had all spring, work has been a little slow starting, but now that spring has really arrived the picture looks very bright.

J. K. Thayne Co. was low bidder on the North Temple road from the Airport to Saltair Junction, at a figure of \$740,986. Length of the road is about 10 1/2 miles. Construction will get under way this month on a basis of two nine-hour shifts.

This same company is finishing up a large reclamation job near Havre, Montana, and will not really get under way here until the machines are through and moved down for this job. We understand Thayne has purchased a hot plant from Olaf Nelson Co. and expects to set the plant in readiness soon.

W. W. Clyde has also started his job at Wanship on the road along with other jobs this company has going. They are working on the Beck Street overpass and have a road job at Jensen, Utah.

Whiting & Haymond have started their job at Duchesne with a spread of Super Cs and will be needing some operators soon, I'm sure.

Reed & Jensen also have started their job on the Vernal to Manila highway high in the Uintah mountains—up where fishing gets real good about July.

All in all, the work in Uintah Basin is probably better this year than it has been in a long while. With the prospect of the Echo Park probably going, we could very well have a boom in this area for some years to come. We also should see plenty of action in this vicinity this summer, with construction of the Pacific Northwest Pipeline crossing the border into Utah somewhere near Rangley, Colorado.

The best news, of course, is our new contract and raise for 1955, along with plenty of work.

Northern Section

Peter Kiewit Sons Const. Co. was low bidder and has been awarded the contract for construction of runways and supporting facilities on Hill Air Force Base. Their bid was \$3,458,285 and the job consists of the construction of apron extensions, blast pads, primary runways, taxiways, and stabilized overruns. The work is scheduled for completion on or about November 1, 1956.

L. T. Johnson has been awarded the contract in the amount of \$199,733 for construction of the extension of Redwood Road from Cudahy Lane to 5th South, in Bountiful.

Carl E. Nelson Const. Co. was awarded the contract for gravel and surfacing of the new section of Highway 30 being completed by Young & Smith in Echo Canyon. Nelson's bid was \$261,345.

Construction of the new girls' dormitory at Utah State Agricultural College, in Logan, has been awarded to Ace S. Raymond Const. Co. for \$530,000.

Campion Const. Co. submitted the low bid at \$125,900 for the new addition on the Polk School. Construction is to start immediately on a \$246,509 addition to the Telephone Building in Ogden.

Mac Const. Co. has started on the \$310,600 gym building at the Davis County High School, in Kaysville.

Following are several other jobs scheduled for bid within the next few weeks which should increase our construction considerably: (1) addition on the Central Junior High, in Ogden; (2) installation and conversion of additional facilities on the Bountiful city power plant; (3) extending of existing water mains and laying of several miles of new pipe to alleviate the critical water situation that existed last year in Ogden.

May 26th is the date set for bid opening on the earth fill test embankment in Willard Bay.

The Bureau of Reclamation has three other jobs scheduled for bid

during May or June. They are the enlarging of the Pine View Dam, construction of a diversion dam at Stoddard, and four miles of open drain, structures and road crossings near Woods Cross.

This additional work, combined with what is already under contract, will keep the members employed for some time to come.

Southwest Construction

At Virgin Air Force Rocket Sled Project matters are advancing to the completion stages. Smith Contracting Co. from Kansas City has just moved in and is setting up to lay the rails. Their job will require about 30 days for completion and will constitute the caboose of the train. There are about six Operating Engineers on the job.

Germer, Abbott & Waldron have moved in on their job at Buckhorn Flat. Bro. Si Morrell is grade foreman and from the way the work is shaping up, it is going to be run straight. Jed Abbott is going to super the job. Already a number of our boys who were laid off at the iron mines through curtailment have been put to work, and the future looks good down there for the rest of 1955.

Southern Section

A good portion of the work mentioned in the previous issue has started. A little of it has been completed, and a lot of it is still being looked forward to.

Christianson Bros. have just got started at BYU. This firm was low bidder on some additions to the ladies' dormitories. The new structures are to be built just north of the ones that were completed last year.

Starting date of construction on the anhydrous ammonia plant to be built on the Geneva Steel Co. property is very elusive. Rumor has had it going several times in past months. As far as we are concerned now, the more toward fall the better. An explanation of that statement would be that almost all our people are now employed and since there is little winter work in this area at best, a building job such as this would add greatly to our winter employment condition. We might add such was the case last winter with Consolidated Western Steel Co.'s pipe plant which was under construction throughout the winter and benefited our members greatly.

United Concrete Pipe Co.'s plant at Pleasant Grove is shifting into high gear, with some new machines and personnel. The most recent additions to their crew are Bros. Joe Widdison, who took over the old steamer; Vern Ahman, who is firing for Joe; C. R. Bridget keeping the bins full, and Garth Penrod oiling for Sam Lowry. These are additions to the old crew of Bros. Armond "Ham" Hawley, Doug Luke and Charley "Doc" Gaines. They have a formidable crew of nut busters headed by Bro. Rube Anderson as master, with Bros. Godfrey Nelson, George Dodge, Sam Fratto, and last but far from least, Bro. George McNeese, who is also doubling on the electrical stuff. With this bunch of boys they should make pipe without forms.

We are watching with much interest the starting of Fish Northwest Const. Co., Inc. \$163,000,000 job on the Pacific Northwest Pipeline Corp. natural gas transportation line through the intermountain West. There are to be 29 separate working crews consisting of from 200 to 300 men each employed on this project. The Fish Northwest Co. will be the prime contractor. Subcontracts will be let. Crescent Junction probably will be the center of operations in Utah due to its proximity to the

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

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

Construction, Sand and Gravel members, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West First North, Provo, Utah.

Construction, Sand and Gravel members, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.

Vitro Uranium Company, 3rd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lang Company—All called meetings.

Cedar City Iron Mines, Thursday, June 2, 1955, at 8:00 p.m.

Kennecott Copper Mines, Wednesday, May 25, 1955, 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Civic Center, Bingham Canyon, Utah.

Schedule of State Road Meetings

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railroad. Up to 240,000 tons of 26-inch welded steel pipe will go into the main system. Laterals will boost this tonnage. The new pipe plant at Geneva will turn out 20,000 tons monthly at capacity and Fish Northwest Inc. will take the entire output until the line is finished. Tentative starting date is early in May and the line should be completed early in 1956, with favorable weather.

Congratulations to Bro. Battista "Spaghetti" Antonino and Mrs. Antonino for a baby born to them April 12 at Springville.

Cedar Iron Mines

On May 4, 1955, after lengthy negotiations, a new agreement to cover the next two years was consummated in Salt Lake City with the Utah Construction Co. for the Cedar City Iron Mines employees.

At a membership meeting held jointly with the Teamsters and Laborers on Thursday evening, May 5, at Cedar City, the agreement was ratified.

The major advancement provided for in the new agreement, and one which has been sorely needed in the Cedar area, is a hospitalization and surgical plan for the employees and their families. We do not have the details of the plan. These will be published at a later date. There now remains the job of having plans submitted by a number of insurance companies, after which the negotiating group will select the best plan offered. As soon as the information is available we will bring it to the membership.

We are happy that Utah Construction finally broke down on this item. It has been tried for a number of times in past negotiations with no success. We have the idea that the company will benefit materially and that the results will show in the production schedule because of the peace of mind such a program gives to the worker who is covered.

During the month of April a number of men were called back to work and we hope that this indicates better things in store in the near future for our members at the iron mines.

The next iron mines meeting will be held Thursday, June 2, at 8 p.m., in Cedar City.

Kennecott Copper

At this writing we are expecting a call from the Kennecott Copper Corp. for early negotiations.

The AFL Non-Ferrous Metal Trades Conference in early April developed and adopted a schedule of propositions to make to the copper mining industry for the 1955 negotiations.

At the conclusion of the conference, the various trades involved from this area met with the Kennecott Unity Committee and adopted a program which consolidated the conference proposals with proposals from other groups and submitted these propositions to the company for consideration. These proposals are in line with the expression of the membership at Bingham and whatever we come out with will spell progress. This year we are stressing a

much better pension plan along with issues of increased wages, holidays, a better vacation plan, and a guaranteed annual wage. As the negotiations progress we will keep you informed. We have indicated to the company that we are not satisfied with the way the negotiations were handled in the past and have been assured by them that we will get proper consideration from them this year.

Our last meeting indicated that a sincere effort is being made to correct the situation in the Shovel Department. We hope it continues.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, May 25, 1955, at the Bingham Civic Center. At the last meeting all the stewards were re-elected by a motion from the floor. Bro. C. J. Robison resigned and Bro. Lynn Margetts was elected to fill the vacancy in the Shovel Department after three other brothers had refused the nomination.

State Road

As a result of the Legislature's failure to take appropriate action on the Job Security Bill, some individuals are leaving the employ of the State and finding jobs elsewhere. A number of former employees dropped their membership in Local 3 because they seemed to think the passing of such a bill was the most important thing of all.

We repeat that the only way we are going to succeed in building a program for you fellows is through your support of the organization. Through the history of the labor movement, reverses have been suffered time and time again but because of men who believed in the purpose of organized labor we have attained the benefits we now enjoy. The door to Local 3 is still open to those of you who wish to support the organization. We solicit you members back into Local 3 and also invite new members to join, so that we may build a beneficial program.

We are endeavoring to arrange a meeting with Commissioner Corliesson to negotiate for some improved working conditions, better wages, and so on, and hope by the time you read this article we will have some word to report which will be favorable to you.

For your information, we again would like to give you the names of the business representatives and the various districts they cover. George Farrell has District No. 1; Charles Cockayne, Districts 2 and 5 and the Salt Lake Shops; Jay Neeley, Districts 3 and 4, and Glen Fullmer, District 6. We are entering into our busy season but these brothers will call on you whenever possible. If you have any problems, contact any one of the representatives in your area and they will be happy to assist you.

Associated General Contractor's Agreement

We have now completed our negotiations with the AGC in the state of Utah for an additional year and have maintained the union security clause, with 10

cents across the board for all classifications.

Following are the classifications and increased wages which will go into effect June 1, 1955:

Engineer-Mechanic (Journeyman) (Permanent Shop)	\$2,335
Apprentice (Perm. Shop)	2.06
Air Comp. Operator	2.30
Air Comp. Operator (two or more compressors)	2.425
Asphalt Plant Engineer	2.60
Asphalt Plant Fireman	2.20
Mechanical Finishers, Asphalt or Conc. Operator	2.60
Boxman or Mixer Box Operator—Concrete or Asphalt Plant, Batch Plant	2.325
Brakeman, Locomotive	2.15
Cableway Engineer	2.75
Concrete Mixer Operator, Paving or Batch Plant	2.60
Concrete Mixer, Skip Type	2.325
Concrete Pump or Pumpcrete Gun Operator	2.325
Crane Operator, including Equipment with Boom	2.75
Derrick Operator, including Chicago Boom-Stiff and Sheer Pole	2.75
Drilling Machine Operator (Well or Diamond)	2.60
Elevating Grader Operator	2.60
Engineer, Crushing Plant	2.60
Engineer, Locomotive	2.60
Engineer, Dinkey Operator	2.325
Euclid Loader	2.60
Fireman	2.15
Generator Plan (400 KW or over)	2.375
Greaser	2.275
Hoist Operator—1 Drum	2.425
Hoist Operator—2 Drums both in use	2.65
Material Loader or Conveyor Operator	2.20
Mixermobile	2.60
Motor Patrol Operator	2.70
Oiler	2.15
Pavement Breaker—Emsco Type and Similar	2.475
Pile Driver Operator	2.85
Pump Operator	2.325
Road Mixing Machine	2.60
Roller Operator	2.60
Ross Carrier, Fork Lift or Lumber Stacker, under 6 tons capacity (on Construction Job Site)	2.325
Fork Lift or Lumber Stacker, 6 tons or over capacity (on Construction Job Site)	2.60
Straddle Type, under 6 ton capacity	2.325
Straddle Type, 6 tons or over capacity	2.60
A-Frame Truck and Tugger Hoist (steel and boiler erection)	2.60
Self-Propelling Elevating Grade Plane	2.725
Front End-Loader Rubber Tired under 1 yard	2.375
Front End-Loader Rubber Tired over 1 yard	2.60
Shovel or Dragline Operator	2.75
Screedman	2.15
Turnapull, jeep or similar type operator	2.725
Tractor Operator, Track Laying Type with Power Attachments	2.60
Tractor Operator, Track Laying Type without Power Attachments	2.45
Tractor Operator, Rubber Tired (industrial or farm type)	2.325
Tractor Operator, Rubber Tired (with attachments)	2.60
Tractor with Front End Loader	2.60
Towermobile	2.475
Trenching Machine Operator	2.60
Repairman or Welder, Heavy Duty	2.60
Repairman, Helper	2.15
Heavy Duty Rotary Drill Rigs (such as quarry master, joy drills or equal)	2.70
TUNNEL AND SHAFT RATES FOR ENGINEERS WORKING UNDERGROUND:	
Diesel or Compressor Operator	2.425
Heavy Duty Mechanic or Welder	2.70
Heavy Duty Mechanic or Welder Helper	2.425
Mixer Operator	2.475
Motorman	2.425
Mucking Machine Operator	2.85
Oiler	2.325
Pump Operator	2.425
Pumpcrete Operator	2.65
Shaft Hoist Operator	2.70
Shovel Operator	2.85
Tractor Operator	2.70
Fuller Kenyon Pump (Cement Hog) and similar type equipment	2.60
Brakeman-Switchman	2.325

Daily report of awards for construction

Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK
APRIL 6, 1955

ORLAND, Contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., Inc., Box 269, Marysville, \$14,619 for const. sani. sewer betw. 7th & Yolo Sts. to South street.

SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to Bridges Const. Co., P.O. Box 966, San Jose, \$123,216 for const. swim. pool in Washington park.

SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to Williams & Burrows, Inc., 500 Harbor Blvd., \$994,300 for const. primary sewage treat. plant w/7½ mil. gal. p/day cap. plus 6 mil. gal. p/day pumping cap. for industrial waste.

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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to R. A. Farish Co., 1521 W. Oak St., Stockton, \$175,350 for abt. 2.1 mi. grade & surf. w/roadmix surf. on untr. base & const. an RC bridge betw. Rumsey — 2.3 mi. north, YOLO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$1,158,822 for 1.3 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmix surf. on cem. tr. base & const 3 bridges betw. Thornhill Dr. & Ascot Dr. in City of Oakland, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Elmer G. Wendt, P.O. Box 606, Rio Vista, \$466,635 for levee const. along American River, Natomas Canal, Arcade Creek & Linda Ck., near Sacramento, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Stewart & Hitchcock, 1146 S. 10th St., Las Vegas \$169,234 for const. por. of S. H. S. betw. Jct. US 50, Alt (5 mi. n. of McGill) & Berry Creek Rd. approx. 10.343 mi. WHITE PINE COUNTY.

APRIL 8, 1955
CHICO, contract awarded to Howard B. Folsom, P. O. Box 722, Westwood, \$22,498 for surf. seal coat, etc. of runway & Taxiway at Chico Municipal Airport.

MARYSVILLE, contract awarded to Baun Const. Co., P.O. Box 4057, Fresno, \$14,367 for apt. 0.16 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmix surf. on cem. tr. base & extend drainage struc. near so. city limits of Colusa, COLUSA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$35,082 for reconstr. of 15th Ave., betw. Stockton Blvd. & 55th St.

APRIL 11, 1955
CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Stewart & Hitchcock, 1146 S. 10th St., Las Vegas, \$169,234 for const. portion of S. H. S. betw. Jct. US 350, Alt (5 mi. N. of McGill) & Berry Crk. Rd., approx. 10.343 mi., WHITE PINE CO.

FOLSOM, contract awarded to

Johnson, Drake & Piper, 9009 San Leandra St., Oakland, \$457,852 for const. hatchery bldg., refrig. sys., fish troughs, fish ponds, etc. & surf. for Nimbus Fish Hatchery, loc. near Sacramento, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Peletz Co., 1236 Central Ave., Santa Rosa, \$11,490, for constr. of water mains on Belmont Court & Augustan Ave. & Montgomery Dr.

APRIL 12, 1955
SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to Calif. Steel Products Co., P.O. Box 1709, Oakland, \$50,325, for (struc. steel for stiffening truss, etc.) & to Independent Iron Works, Inc., 8th & Pine Sts., Oakland, \$1,008 (struc. steel for approach span) for furn. struc. as steel for Hawklin's Bar, No. 116 Bridge and Six Rivers National Forest.

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgom. St., San Francisco, \$398,593 for relocation of Crystal Springs 60" & 44" pipelines, Guadalupe Valley, nr. Brisbane, SAN MATEO CO.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Jake Huizenga, P. O. Box 243, Seaside, Calif., \$508,487 for const. of Walter Colton Jr. High School, Monterey, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Claude C. Woods, Box 599, Lodi, \$214,711 for 15.3 mi. surf. exist. roadbed w/pltmix surf. on untr. base, betw. Stone Ranch & Slake Creek, LASSEN COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, cont. awarded to Reynolds Const. Co., 16W 2nd St., Springville, \$193,764 for 17.297 mi. 2" roadmix bit. surf. on S.R. No. 20, betw. jct. of S.R. No. 20 & U.S. No. 91 & Garfield Iron Co., Line, IRON CO.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contact awarded to L. S. Young Const. Co., Richfield, Utah, \$108,922 for 5.693 mi. 2" roadmix bitum. surf. & const. 1 conc. bridge, 25.87' on FAS Rt. No. 288, betw. Gunnison & Clarion, SANPETE COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, cont. awarded to Thayan Const. Co., 2021 E. 2021 E. 2700 S. Lake City, \$740,986 for 10.437 mi. const. 3 plantmix. bitm, surf & 2 conc. strucs over 20' span on U.S. 40, betw. Salt Lake Airport & Saltair Jet. in SALT LAKE COUNTY.

APRIL 13, 1955
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$13,143, for resurf. 1.74 mi. of Rio Linda Blvd., from Elverta St. to "M" St., SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Asta Const. Co., 33 N. Front, Rio Vista, \$20,010 for resurf. 2.41 mi. of Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks to Greenback Lane, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Piombo Const. & Bresnan, 931-2nd St., San Rafael, \$9,144 for entrance grounds improvement at Santa Venetia school.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fred J. Early, Jr., Inc., 369 Pine St., San Francisco, \$181,276 for const. sewage treatment plant & sanitary sewers in Cordova Sew. Assessmt. List, SACRAMENTO CO.

APRIL 14, 1955
DAVIS, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$11,200 for reconstr. por. of 10th & 11th Sts., in Davis, SOLANO COUNTY.

NOVOTO, contract awarded to S. H. Cerbantes & Son, LaTorre Motel, San Rafael, \$11,823 for const. sanit. sew. in Feliz Rd., et al.

MODESTO, contract awarded to A. P. Rasmussen, Rt. 2 Box 477, Ripon, \$27,425 for const. sanit. sew. in Fremont-Granger Adn.

SACRAMENTO contr. awarded to J. R. Reeves, P.O. Box 1072, Sacramento, \$65,564 for widen Fair Oaks Blvd., No. 3, Stanley Ave. to Manzanita Ave., SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Floyd O. Bailey, 165 Del Monte Wy., Auburn, \$5,529 (sched.1) for resurf. access road to North Fork Dam, in PLACER COUNTY.

APRIL 15, 1955
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to B & B Const. Co., 4825 "J" St., Sacramento, \$8,965 for const. underground duct line on Capitol Ave. betw. 8th & 9th Sts., and along 8th St. & const. 2 manholes

to serve the State Dept. of Employment Blvd.

SACRAMENTO, conti. awarded as follows:

(1) SHASTA CO. to Frederickson & Watson Const. Co., 873-81st Ave., Oakland, \$555,3555 for 4.9 mi. grade & pave/plantmix surf. on cem. tr. base, betw. Deb's Place & Summit Hatchet Mountain.

(2) SACRAMENTO CO. to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$361,730 for 3.9 mi. widen & surf. w/pltmix. on cem. tr. base & widen 7 bridges, betw. 1.8 mi. S. of Florin Rd. & Jan. sen Drive.

(3) PLUMAS CO. to W. H. Dorough & Sons, Box 392, Yuba City, \$42,191 for 0.5 mi. grade & surf. w/roadmix. surf. on cem. r. base, betw. Westwood road & Almanore Dam.

(4) FRESNO CO. to Volpa Bros., 233 Nielsen, Fresno, \$14,819 for traf. sig. sys. & hwy. lighting furn. & instal. channelization in & adj. to City of Fresno at intersec. of Rt. 41 w/Maple Ave. & Rt. 4, w. Highland Ave.

(5) SOLANO & NAPA COS. to Parish Bros., P.O. Box 6, Benicia, \$118,205 for 5.5 mi. plantmix pld. over por. of exist. pav. & parking area graded & surf. w/pltmix. surf. on cem. tr. base, betw. 0.7 mi. E. of Rt. 208 & Cordelia Underpass.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 225-19th Ave., San Mateo, \$779,137 for 0.8 mi. grade & pave w/PCC & const. steel girder bridge betw. 0.3 mi. N. of Willow Rd. & 0.5 mi. S. of Willow Rd., SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Reichhold & Jurkovich & Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, \$69,602 for 4.1 mi. plnt. mx. placed on exist. traveled way & const. shoulders of untr. base, betw. E. city limits of Petaluma & 4.7 mi. E. of Petaluma, SONOMA COUNTY.

APRIL 18, 1955
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Claude C. Wood, P. O. Box 599, Lodi, \$124,792, for 4.3 mi. grd. & surf. w/plantmx. surf., betw. 1.2 mi. E. of Clements & Calaveras Co. line, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Gibbons & Reed Co., 825 W. 9th N. Salt Lake City, U., \$292,430 for const. por. of P.H.S. on U.S. 40, betw. 10 mi. w. & 3.5 mi. w. of Wells, approx. 6.477 mi. in ELKO COUNTY.

APRIL 19, 1955
FRESNO, contract awarded to United Sprinkler Co., 6009 W. Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, \$105,584 for const. flagpole & sprinkler sys. for ground improv. Phase 11, at Fresno State College.

REDWOOD CITY, contr. awarded to Stevenson-Pacific, 1079 Chestnut St., Redwood City, \$89,770 for const. Selby Lane Elm. school, unit No. 3-1954, Atherton, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

BELMONT, contract awarded to The Pacific Co., 801 Cedar St., Berkeley, \$467,500 (comb) for State Aid Proj. No. 1, at Mae Nesbit school, & State Aid Proj. No. 2 at Cipriani school.

ALBANY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$19,930 for resurf. Cornell, Masonic, Pomona, Sonoma & Washington Avenues.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Malott & Peterson-Grundy, 2412 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$4,989 for resurf. 9 ten. courts in various city parks, San Mateo.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 225-19th Ave., San Mateo, \$10,944 for resurf. sts., Proj. Unit No. 2 (1954-1955) Tilton Ave., et al.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 225-19th Ave., San Mateo, \$36,593 for reconstr. Alameda De Las Pulgas, Corel Av., to approx. 100's of Avila Rd., San Mateo.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to Huntington Bros., P.O. Box 474, Napa, \$203,952 for 2.7 mi. grade & surf. w/rdmx. surf. on untreated base, betw. Ft. Ross & Stewart's Point (por.), SONOMA COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Rose & Matoza Const. Co., 20830 Rutledge Rd., Castro Valley, \$9,772 for reconstr. por. of Hog Ranch Rd. & Radio Rd. from 150th Ave. to

a point 0.19 mi. E'y in Eden Township, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Robert G. Fisher Co., P.O. Box 568, Fresno, \$7,474 for const. water distrib. mains, Fresno Co. Waterworks Dist. No. 19.

VALLEJO, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$1,052,800 (Alt. A), \$1,093,000 (Alt. B) for const. storm drains in Solano Ave., Tennessee St., Mariposa St. & Springs Road, Vallejo, SOLANO COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, const. awarded to Thomas Const. Co., P.O. Box 683, Fresno, \$24,744 for const. RC. box culvert on realignment of por. of La Honda-San Gregorio Rd. Co., Roqd. No. 28, SAN MATEO CO.

APRIL 20, 1955
BIG BASIN, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$51,638 for const. CI & galv. pipeline, Big Basin Redwood State Park, Div. of Beaches & Parks, Big Basin, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

TRACY, contract awarded to R. Gould & Son, P.O. Box 190, Stockton, \$12,059 for irrigation water supply proj., booster pump station, at Deuel Vocational Inst. Tracy.

REDWOOD CITY, contr. awarded to Associated Dredging Co., 1702 Bridgeway Blvd., Sausalito, \$23,030 for dredge por. of Coyote Point Yacht Harbor, Pt. San Mateo, S.F. Bay, & deposit matl. in disposal area S. E. of Harbor.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to H. H. Anderson, 29700 Niles Road, Hayward, \$10,922 for const. storm sewer Line B in Flower Lane betw. Beach Road & Island Road on Bay Farm Island, City of Alameda.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Bx 900, Watsonville, \$0,162 for seal coat various streets in city of Monterey, involv. 450,000 sq. ft., seal coating.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 W. Cutting Blvd., Richmond, \$9,165 for replace fender piles, wharves, 4, 5, 6, 6½ & 7, Oakland Army Base.

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to S. F. Water Dept., 425 Mason St., S. F. \$13,525 for laying 6" & 8" cast iron mains in Leland Ave., betw. Delta St. & Bayshore Blvd.

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to Hart & Hynding, Inc., 472 Tehama St., S.F., \$56,291 for reconstr. Engine House 46, job 1398.

SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to John Mauck Co., 507 Borregas Ave., Sunnyvale, \$172,954 for const. Fremont trunk sani. sewer & appr., Sunnyvale.

APRIL 21, 1955
SANTA CRUZ, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Bx 900, Watsonville, \$11,187, for const. pavement and drainage strucs. Hillside Way Rd., SANTA CRUZ CO.

MARYSVILLE, contract awarded to Baldwin Contrg. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 269, Marysville for playground surf. & grad at (1) Linda Elementary school & (2) Cedar Lane school.

SANTA CRUZ, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Bx 900, Watsonville, \$10,219 for const. Fall Creek Drive, betw. St. Hwy. and Farmer St., SANTA CRUZ CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lord & Bishop, P.O. Box 812, Sacramento, \$20,307 for const. concrete bridge on Franklin Blvd., SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$17,501 for asph. conc. surf. in Olive Glen Dist., 1911 Assess. Act.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan St., San Francisco, \$15,680 for const. RC & CM storm drain and appurt. on Chante Rd, betw. Lewis Rd. & Merwin Ave. & Lomitas Ave. betw. Pauline Creek & Chanate Rd.

PACIFIC GROVE, contr. awarded to Ince Bros., 835 N. Angus St., Fresno, \$19,726 for const. sant. sewers in Marina Pines Area in County Rd. betw. Grove Acre Ave. & Forest Ave., in City of Pacific Grove.

SUNNYVALE, contr. awarded to John W. Mauck Co., 507 Borregas Ave., Sunnyvale, \$172,954 for const. Fremont trunk sewer & appurt. in Sunnyvale.

Late Rains Halt Redwood Jobs; Off to a New Start

By A. R. McCAFFREY, Business Representative

After three weeks of rough weather and six inches of rain, the contractors in the Redwood Empire are trying to get going again. It is pretty tough on everyone concerned just sitting around and the work piling up, but it looks like we might get going this time, I hope, weather permitting.

Macco M. K. Co.'s jetty job at Crescent City is now rolling full blast, six days a week. The shop is on a two-shift basis. Marlin Tryon also has a rip-rap job on the Crescent City Harbor.

Brother Clifford Kelly has taken over A&E Readymix Co. in Crescent City and is in a position to really give service in any part of the country. He has a dandy portable outfit also. Good luck, Kelly.

Brother Morris Berry of Crescent City is the proud owner of a late model 12 blade. He can be reached at the Shangri-la Trailer Court. Brother Denny Snodgrass is also in the equipment rental business and can be contacted through Clyde Aho in Crescent City.

Raymond Concrete Pile Co. has a steam driver working on the F. Fredenburg bridge job at Smith River. After they finish this job they will move on to another bridge job at Klamath.

Mercer-Fraser Co. has moved in on the highway job north of Crescent City to the Oregon border. They have two crushers, two draglines, a front end loader, two blades and a dozer so far on this job.

Pelican Bay Construction Co. at Smith River is doing some small jobs around the area. On May 11 bids were to be opened by the State for 15 miles of paving in this area.

Arthur B. Siri will move in on their highway job at Klamath May 9. Their bid on this job was \$136,354.

Mercer-Fraser Co. have started on their two bridges and the approaches north of Arcata. They also are working on the freeway between Eureka and Arcata. Both of these jobs will amount to \$984,753. They also have two other highway jobs, one in Fortuna and the other at S. R. 1 and Humboldt Hill Road.

Arthur B. Siri, Inc., from Santa Rosa, have taken over the Mad River Sand & Gravel Co. at Arcata. They are setting up a new 4,000-pound Madsen hot plant and should be in operation before long. They presently are working on different jobs in the area. They are at Hoopa, Blue Lake, Klamath and two jobs in Eureka.

The area on Highway 299 from Berry Summit to Willow Creek should be called Contractors' Row. Humboldt Constructors are on the first section, with four dozers and a blade. John Delphia is on the second section with three dozers, and J. Ira McNutt Co. from Springfield, Ore., is on the third section with three dozers. There will be more equipment added to these jobs in the near future. The fourth and final section will be let

sometime this year, taking this large project into Willow Creek.

Brother Tom Hull informed me that his piling and decking has arrived and he will start shortly on his \$250,000 dock job in Eureka for the Coast Pacific Lumber Co.

Maurer & Sons were low bidder on the Olsen Dock job at Field's Landing but the job has not been awarded as yet. There is approximately 100,000 yards of fill on this job. This firm is also working on two other jobs besides Berry Summit, a rock sea wall and dredging job in Eureka and a grading job at Alderpoint. We have six engineers on this last job.

Valley Engineers are making good progress on their large water system job at Cutten after fighting the mud for the last month or so. Engineers Ltd. have an underground job for the Telephone Company at Arcata.

John Petersen has a culvert job on Conley Creek; his bid was \$27,253. He also has another bridge job at Slate Creek, east of Weitchpec. This is a \$11,585 job.

George C. Puntor of San Diego has a cleaning and painting job on the Eel River bridge south of Scotia. Paul Woof of Fresno has a culvert and approaches to put in at Cummings Creek, three miles east of Carlotta. R. H. Douglas of Fortuna also has a bridge deck and approaches project at Martin Creek, 11 miles east of Bridgeville.

Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. are moving in to erect a 500,000-gallon steel reservoir for the Eureka Humboldt Community Services District at Cutten.

Bechtel Corporation are making good progress on their \$10-million PG&E project at Buhne Point. I have heard from a reliable source that this project will be twice as large as the original plans called for. The following firms are working on this project: C. C. Moore Co., Consolidated Western Steel Co., Arthur B. Siri, Inc., and E. Land.

All of the local contractors have a backlog of work; also the rock, sand and gravel firms look forward to a good year. With the weather permitting, it looks like we are off to a good start. The sooner we eliminate our large out-of-work list, the happier we will be.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., P.O. Box 231, Springfield, \$572,843 for 7.354 mi. 3-in. plantmix bit. surf. & const. 2 conc. bridges over 20 ft. span. on sec. of U.S. 160 from Center St. in Moab N'y for 3.7 mi. & from Center St. in Moab S'y for 3.7 mi. GRAND COUNTY.

Construction JOBS PICK UP IN REDDING Awards

By E. A. HESTER, Business Representative

The work situation is looking better every day. New jobs are popping up here and there, one right after another.

On May 18, bids will be opened on a highway job between Fort Jones and Quartz Valley Road, a distance of about seven miles of roadway to be shaped and surfaced with plant mix surfacing. With the work that we have going on in that vicinity, it should keep all the boys up that way busy for a long time.

Lots of hot plant and black top work coming up. On May 25, bids will be opened on about 18 miles of resurfacing and black top work between Fall River Mills and Burney, Calif. If you happen to see anyone that follows that kind of work, tell them to head for Redding along about June 1.

For the last two weeks we have been held up on account of rains and storm, but now the sun is shining and we expect to get off in a big way and put a lot of men to work.

Fredrickson & Watson grabbed off another road job between Lane Valley Road and Manton. The firm has a lot of unfinished work left over from last year, and with the new jobs that they have recently been awarded it looks like they are going to use about a hundred of our Engineers for the rest of the year.

Eaton & Smith have been awarded the road job between Montgomery Creek and Hillcrest, Hwy 299 N, at a cost of \$601,031. Bro.

Andy Cathey will be the superintendent, he has already begun to move equipment in and hopes to be under way some time between the 15th and 25th of May.

Souza & McCue Construction Company of Yuba City have been awarded the road job out of Weaverville at \$94,674.

Claude C. Wood is going full blast on their Igo-Ono job and are getting ready to start their 15 miles of resurfacing and plant mix on the Adin and Susanville road.

Somers & Stacy and J. H. Trisdale, Inc., have everything in high gear on the Corning Canal Project. Clements Construction Company are doing some preliminary work on their 12 miles out of Los Molinos. This firm should be going full speed ahead by May 15.

Piombo Construction Company continues to move equipment in; they should be going strong on this project by June 1. This is a big job and will require a lot of equipment and good men as the going is rocky and rough.

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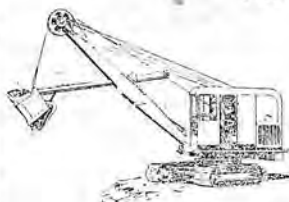
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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$136,354 for abt. 0.5 mi. grade & surf. w/roadmix surf. on imp. base matl. & const. bridge betw. Klamath & 0.5 mi. E'y., DEL NORTE COUNTY.

WATSONVILLE, contr. awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900. Watsonville for the following 2 jobs:

(1) reconst. driveways on E. 3rd St., betw. Main & Beck Sts., Watsonville, \$3,272.35; (2) resurf. and seal coat E. 3rd St., betw. Main & Beeck Sts., Watsonville \$9,137.00.

ISLETON, contract awarded to Alex Robertson Co., P. O. Box 786, Walnut Creek, \$285,143 for const. sewage treatment plant, collection sys. & outfall sewer in city of Isleton, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Concrete Supply Co., P. O. Box 778, Merced, \$164,853 for 11 bridges to be widened or repl. & about 0.7 mi. roadway gr. & surf. w/plantmix surf. on untr. base betw. Rt. 32 & Merced city limits, MERCED COUNTY.

S.F. BOYS IN HIGH GEAR ON BIG JOBS

By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ, Business Representatives

With the weather breaking like it has and the work breaking, it looks as though we can all look forward to a full and busy year. For the first time this year, we can report a shortage of skilled operators in some classifications.

At the present time we find the following contractors in operation in the area:

Charles Harney, having been awarded a large construction job in the East Bay, is finishing up the stretch of Bayshore Freeway between Third Street and Alemany Blvd.

Morris, Knudsen & MacDonald have made rapid progress on their Embarcadero freeway. Before any construction can begin, it is necessary to demolish about four blocks of concrete buildings.

Ed Keeble, back on his project, is moving fill at a good pace. John Delphia is filling in his end of the new Bayshore Freeway across Candlestick Cove.

Guy F. Atkinson is taking advantage of every break in the weather to get in a shift. Progress made on this job is remarkable.

Smith Bros. (not the cough drop kids) have purchased eight acres of land in Sutro Forest with the intention of putting in a subdivision of medium-price housing.

Eaton & Smith working on their piece of Bayshore Freeway at 6th and Harrison.

Down on the waterfront we find a Ben C. Gerwick job at Piers 15 and 17. Also at the Ferry Building we find Swinerton & Walberg remodeling the north side of the Ferry Building.

Down at Rollingwood, opposite the U.S. National Cemetery, sev-

eral outfits are working. Largest is Joseph Brady Co., working on the Sterling Homes subdivision. Macco Const. Co. has two NW-80 shovels working in the pit. Barbettini renting his rigs out to Sterling Builders on the Rollingwood subdivision.

Piombo Const. Co. moving right along on their job at Buri Buri.

Out at Westview we find R. A. Farish opening up a new tract for new homes.

The Henry Doelger project at Westlake was interrupted earlier in the month by change in plans and specifications. About 15 members were laid off during the shuffle.

Building around town includes Dinwiddie's two projects, the new Equitable Assurance Society and the Salvation Army job on Geary Street.

Theodore Meyers has jobs at Hunters Point and the housing project called Western Addition.

Fay Improvement Co. doing a track removal job on San Jose Avenue. Charles Harney cutting roads in on Midtown Terrace.

J. H. Pomeroy & Co. making good progress on the American Can Co. job.

Again we come to the time of year when our agreements expire. Probably by the time this letter is printed, most of them will be behind us. We hope so, and for the better.

Field Survey Notes—

\$100 MILLION AVON JOB

By AL BOARDMAN and BILL MINIHAN, Business Representatives

We are glad to welcome back into the fold Bill Minihan, who will lend a hand in the East Bay and the Central Valley areas. He will work out of the Oakland office and will be in the San Francisco office Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 p.m.

It also gives me pleasure to announce that yours truly has been nominated without opposition to the Executive Board of Local Union No. 3 for a four-year term. We are fortunate that the Tec. Engineers have a voice in the affairs of the Union.

Bechtel has started the survey work on the \$100,000,000 refinery job at Avon for Associated Oil. Four parties are at present doing the layout work. Stanley is the Field Engineer.

The engineering firm of Tudor and Googerough informs me that the single bid submitted was in excess of the funds available. This means that the sale of bonds will not be any Tri-Dam construction.

Of interest to the members are these few notes on Alaska gleaned from the Western Construction Magazine.

EMPLOYMENT IN GENERAL

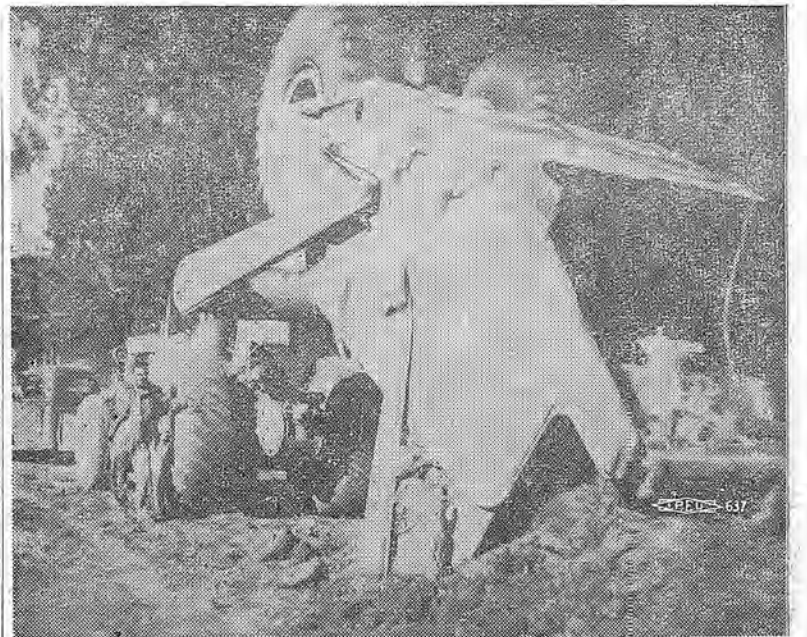
To get back to a bit of optimistic information, hiring will begin in earnest in April and May on the regular run of construction projects in Alaska. During the 1955 construction season about \$97,000,000 will be spent by the military on defense projects. This represents a drop from \$131,000,000 last year. However, in terms of jobs the 1955 figure represents a lot of work. The bulk of the 1955 construction will be in the Fairbanks area. Colonel Carl Y. Farrell, Alaska District Engineer, reports that the tendency now in military spending is towards projects in remote areas. Most of the 1955 construction will be for the Air Force. In the Anchorage area about \$26,000,000 will be spent by the military on construction. Next year a further drop in construction expenditures is anticipated. Colonel Farrell said that no more than \$50,000,000 will be spent during the 1956 construction season.

BIG JOBS AT LADD FIELD

Alaska's focal point for construction during the 1955 season is Ladd Field where more than \$35,000,000 in defense work will be in progress by July. The district engineer reports that work will go forward at Ladd as soon as the spring breakup permits. Many of the biggest contracts at Ladd are slated for completion before the winter of 1955-56. Ladd Field is located next door to Fairbanks.

CONSTRUCTION CAPSULES

Anchorage led all Alaskan cities in construction during the 5-year period from 1949 to 1953 according to the Alaska Development Board. Alaska's biggest city chalked up the impressive total of \$20,000,000 in building permits. . . . A congressional subcommittee has approved legislation authorizing up to \$250,000 annually for water power development surveys in Alaska. Alaska has tremendous hydroelectric potential and the construction of power dams in the future is expected to take up the slack in employment which will result as defense construction tapers off. . . . Voters in Seward have approved a \$5,000,000 utility bond issue for the construction of a power dam at Crescent Lake and also for transmission lines from the power site to Seward. Work will begin this summer. . . . Oil lease applications have been filed on more than 70,000 acres on the Kenai Peninsula. So far, however, there have been no gushers even though virtually all the major oil companies are carrying on explorations in the territory. . . . The last 15 per cent of work on the Haines-Fairbanks pipeline depends on the weather. Testing will begin in June, and oil transmission is scheduled for early August. . . . A new railroad pier at Seward will be started this year. Job is estimated at \$4,400,000, is really two



Safety Belt Saves Engineer's Life

Clem Hoover, member of Operating Engineers Local 3, is shown standing by the wheel of a wrecked D-W 20. He was saved from serious injury or death by observing safety rules and wearing a safety belt when hoist cable broke. The rig was travelling at high rate of speed and stopped within six feet. Bro. Hoover has a sore tummy but is still with us. (Picture by Chet. Elliott)

Employment for Local 3 Members Increases in the Peninsula Area

By CHET ELLIOTT and PAUL EDGEcombe, Business Representatives

During the past month opportunity for work has gained considerably at the San Mateo office. Although there are some members who are still idle, our out of work list has become much smaller, which makes everyone concerned very happy.

Brother Floyd Watson, after being absent from the construction field for some time, is now back in the contracting business and has purchased all new equipment which is being put to work as fast as delivery will permit on his one million yard dirt moving job for the Stoneson Co. at Millbrae at the site of the old Macco Quarry. This work consists of grading for homesites and construction of streets. There will be several hundred homes built at this location. Brothers Williams, Brownlee and Giannine have been cleared from this office for the job.

Mr. Joseph Brady, manager and owner of the Joseph Brady Company, who is under contract to Finsen & Odstadt Real Estate Developers, is now operating at three locations in San Mateo County and employs a large crew of operating engineers at Linda Mar, Carlmont and Rollingwood and expects to start operations in a few days at Redwood City. At a pre-job conference with this enterprising manager your representatives learned this firm has several million yards of earth to move and utilities to install which will employ members of Local No. 3 for a long period of time.

Brothers Bob Lane and Ed Pittard of the Lane & Pittard Co. were the successful bidders on five hundred thousand yards of grading for homes at Pedro Valley and are moving rubber tire equipment and cats to this location. Brothers Evans, Spaulding, Blaine and several other members have been cleared to the job.

The Piombo Construction Co., who have been operating on the Bayshore Freeway at Belmont for more than a year, have just about completed this project, and are moving most of their equipment to other locations. However, a few of our worthy brothers will be employed for a month or six weeks finishing up the job.

BIG MILLS JOB

The large Mills Estate subdivision job, which consists of the grading and filling of eleven hundred acres of land and involves the moving of four and one half million yards of earth for industrial build-

500-ft. gravel fill quays.

Brother Howard Adams is confined to the San Francisco County Hospital. Visiting hours are 2 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. On Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 7:30 p.m. He will appreciate a visit from his many friends.

Next meeting of 3-E Division is on Friday, May 27, at 8 p.m., 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco, California.

ings and homesites, has now been in operation for one year and this firm has moved two million yards of dirt to date which is quite a feat considering the length of the haul and the overpasses over the highway and railroad tracks. In order to accomplish this result the Hindray Construction Co. Contractors on this project now are working 21 cobras, eight DW Twenties, 13 cats and three blades and are working five 10-hour shifts and will continue to operate a year to two years more.

Douglass and Woodhouse Company, L. C. Smith Co., Oscar Holmes Co., Bragato Paving Co., E. T. Haas Co., Arthur Brothers, Thomas Construction Co., Stevenson Pacific Co., Associated Dredging Co. and all the other local contractors and the rock plants and building material plants in this area are all operating at full capacity on the many large building, highway construction, underground work, street grading and paving and dredging projects throughout the district.

SAFETY BELT SAVES

In this issue of the Engineers' News, there is a picture of a wreck on the Hindray Construction Co. job which is an example of the importance of observing all safety features on the job. This safety minded firm, with the cooperation of the members of Local No. 3, inaugurated a policy of wearing safety belts on all types of rubber tire equipment, which to date has more than likely saved the lives of two operators.

On the twelfth of April a special meeting was held in the city of San Mateo for all members of Operating Engineers Local No. 3 who were employed in San Mateo County and the San Mateo office wishes to compliment and thank the membership for the large attendance at this meeting. We also wish to apologize for not having a larger meeting place to accommodate the many members who were present.

It is very gratifying to us that the members of Local No. 3 take the interest in their organization to attend and take an active part in the business that took place at this meeting—thank you, Brothers.

Poe Tunnel Job Starts

Contract for a 6 3/4-mile, 24-foot tunnel on the \$35 million PG&E power project on the Feather River was won by Utah Const. Co. and Bates and Rogers Const. Corp., and work has begun.

SHIP'S BAKE SHOP

A Navy cruiser's bakery must produce about 4000 servings a day for her crew.

On-Site Wages for Pre-Cast

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Local leaders and international staff men of the Structural Ironworkers, Operating Engineers, Cement Masons, Laborers, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Pile Drivers Local 34, a Carpenters affiliate.

All of the crafts agreed that there will be no more "shop rate" contracts for any of their mechanics in connection with pre-fabricating concrete panels or forms to be used in construction.

The agreement is already bearing fruit. When it was reached a new pre-cast concrete yard was being established in South San Francisco, the Pacific Pre-Stress Co. A contract had been tentatively arrived at by this firm with the Ironworkers providing shop rates for some of the work. This was renegotiated, and when Pacific Pre-Stress began its operations it was on the basis of full construction rates and conditions.

Another pre-casting concern, American Terrazzo, has had a patchwork picture, part construction rates, part shop rates. A change is in process of being made to put all construction pre-casting under full construction rates.

The Ben C. Gerwick Co. has a casting yard at Petaluma pre-casting beams for the San Rafael-Richmond Bridge and that has already been operating 100 per cent at construction wages.

The situation that will take longer to clear up is that at the Basalt Rock Co. pre-cast plant at Napa, where the Ironworkers have an agreement that runs until June 30, 1956, and which provides for shop rates for work at the huge 20 by 40 feet casting tables on which slabs are pre-cast.

Basalt had been applying the lower rates on various other kinds of pre-cast work, but the union has informed Basalt that by May 11 all operations of its members other than work at the casting tables must be at the going construction rates.

It was the situation at Basalt that came to attention initially and led to the general agreement on wage standards in pre-cast concrete work.

Basalt had the sub-contract for pre-stressed beams for the new Richardson Bay Bridge on Highway 101 just north of Marin City, and early in March when it became

definite that Basalt was starting to cast the beams and paying less than construction wages, Pile Drivers Local 34 walked off the Richardson Bay Bridge job.

Bus. Rep. Jack Wagner of the Pile Butts issued a statement charging that Basalt was paying some of its men as low as \$9 a day below building trades rates and invoked the clause in the areawide agreement with the Associated General Contractors that the contractors must provide in any sub-contracts for observance of the conditions of the area agreement.

After several weeks the Pile Butts went back to work, and the issue went to arbitration. Meanwhile the April 11 meeting was held, clarifying the general situation, and Brother Wagner and a representative of the contractors settled the bridge arbitration with a mutually acceptable written decision.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, cont. awarded to Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick, 274 Brannan St., San Francisco, \$824,258 for const. spillway & outlet works in Cherry Valley Dam, Hetch Hetchy Contract No. 274.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson Co., Inc., P. O. Box 558, San Jose, \$488,111 for 12.7 mi. net length widen & surf. w/plantmix. surf. on cement treat. base, betw. Ford Rd. and Llagos Crk. (por), SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$361,229 for 0.634 mi. grade, bitum. surf. and const. underpass, betw. 0.2 mi. N. of Gate No. 1 of McClellan AFB & 0.2 mi. S. of Ben Ali-Antelope Road intersec. (Watt Ave.) in SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

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