

**PROFITS JUMP** 4 TIMES AHEAD OF U. S. WAGES

Facts dispel the false claims by industry that profits are decreasing

A New York Times survey reveals that 300 companies made 9 per cent more in the first quarter of 1949 than in the comparable 1948 period. Yet business wants lower taxes and special favors from the government to help it see through these "difficult" times.

But average weekly carnings of factory workers increased only 2.4 per cent from March 15, 1948 to mid-March 1949.

FOUR TIMES WAGE RISE

In other words, profits went up almost four times as fast as wages. At the same time, the cost of living, as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was up 1.6 per cent on March 15, 1949, over the same date last year.

While profits continue to soar, Labor Department figures show that wages are declining steadily. From a high of \$55.01 last December, average weekly factory earnings went down to \$52.62 on April 15.

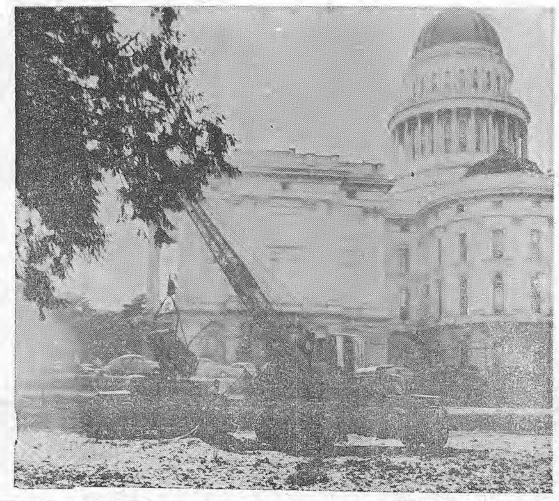
Here are some more facts in t profit picture:

Net profits of 300 representati companies were \$974,512,000 f the first three months of 1949, compared with \$891,682,540 in t same period in 1948.

Although profits of a few cor panies have decreased, earnings many major industries have co tinued to skyrocket.

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# **VICIOUS FIGHT** IS UNDERWAY IN WASHINGTON

An historic all-out battle is now underway in the backrooms of the nation's capital to smash the administration's proposed Columbia Valley Administration bill, according to word from the AFL's Labor League for Political Education.

Unions, farmers and businessmen of the Northwest are demanding CVA to check disastrous floods, stimulate production, sales, and general business activity, and provide badly needed power for new private industry and for defense projects.

Lined up against CVA is a variety of private interests, headed by the all-powerful power lobby, LLPE charges that the power lobby has dedicated itself to smear Atomic Chief Lilienthal because he was a success at TVA and now proposes to produce public power from our vast atomic projects. BUNGLING THE JOB

Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation are at present in charge of development at Columbia, river and are bungling the job, ac-cording to LLPE. There is "amaz-

ing lack of cooperation" and "too much jealous competition "between the two agencies," says LLPE. Big contractors who have established pipelines with existing agencies oppose CVA and "feel they make out better under the present confused and inefficient 'pork barrel' arrangement," LLPE says. Bureaucrats oppose it for fear of

loss of power. Smartest move is by the power lobby, which operates through

Ten automobile manufacturers gained 39 per cent in net profits. Chemical companies made 22 per cent more than a year ago.

Other industries where profits went up are iron and steel, outdoor machinery, railroad equipment, mining, aviation, electrical manufacturing, floor covering, paint and varnish, cement, dairy products, baking, candy and drug.

The net income of 297 industrial manufacturers increased 26 per cent in the first quarter of 1948 over the same period of 1947. -(LLPE).

### \* \* \* Delta-Mendota Job

Western Contractors were low bidders on a new 17-mile section of the 153-mile Delta-Mendota Canal. Work will not start until excavation is completed up to the new section.

#### \* \* \* Fishing in the Rockies

It's fishing time in the Intermountain Empire, and the brothers from that district report much interest in the sport. They boast the world's best fishing and fishermen.

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## 3-E Cancels Meeting

The meeting of Technical Engineers Local 3-E, which would ordinarily be scheduled for Friday,

June 24, at 8 p.m., at the union offices in Oakland, was cancelled June 17.

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Strike Hurts Hawaii	

Local 3 members in the islands report that the month-long waterfront strike has cut jobs down heavily, with construction down 50 per cent.

\* \* \* An angling license is required for the taking of all species of fish, mollusks, and crustaceans, says the Division of Fish and Game.

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of the fatal injuries reported in rch 1949, 17 were as a result vehicle accidents, 14 of which urred on highways.

Falls resulted in seven fatalities orted in March. In one case a n foreman was walking along atwalk in the kiln when a board ve way causing the man to fall inst the kiln wall. In another e a worker sustained fatal inies from a fall over a 27-inch lister on a staircase. A con-

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water associations," Rotary clubs, chambers of commerce, etc. It also is using pressure through the Engineers, and, of course, has its chosen Congressmen, including "Kerosene Lamp" Senators Hickenlooper and Ferguson.

Says LLPE: "America's standard of living, her competitive position in the world markets, her actual national security, depend on everexpanding power output at lower unit costs. The vicious fight of the power lobby to 'get' Lilenthal and stunt the growth of atomic energy, and to kll CVA, is just as 'und American' as if action had been dis rected from the Kremlin by Joe Stalin."

#### \* \* \* Feather River Jobs

PG&E's \$62 million power outlay on the Feather River is nearing completion. For a full report on this, see story inside.

#### \* \* \* Alaska Ice Pool

Bro. Don Perron just missed winning \$55,000 in the Alaska "Ice-Break Pool." Don bet at first it would break at 12:39, then changed at last minute to 2:39. You guessed it—it broke at 12:39.

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Considerable industrial growth at Redwood City Harbor these days.

# EDITORIALS

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### Big Business' Advertisements

The reactionary management of the Standard Steel Springs Company, in the 6th of a series of full-page propaganda articles it has been running in the nation's press, comes up with another lulu captioned: "The Star Gazers and Social Dreamers Won't Like This One,"

It then explains: "You may think this crusade to regulate and restrict business profits is no concern of yours because you are not a stockholder in business. Well, the critics and social dreamers won't like this one-but, let's open it and take a look."

Then it presents it's "startling" (Ho! Hum!) evidence to the effect that American business is "owned" by 18 million stockholders, and that altogether 78 million people actually have a stake in American business because they are insurance policy holders or own a savings account.

J. A. Livingston, a business analyist who runs a widely published syndicated column in the dailies, didn't agree with either those figures or the interpretation. Standard Steel Springs, Livingston observed, committed a common error when it stated that 18 million people own the corporations.

"Yet, less than a year ago," continued Livingston, "the Federal Reserve Board published an estimate that the number of shareholders is only 6 million, or one out of every 15 adults . . . The affect of such a misstatement, however, well meant, is to discredit the whole presentation. The average American who doesn't own any stock will wonder: 'I don't own any stock . . . Who are these 18 million?' "

Another thought we want to stress is that a comparatively small handful of managers and financiers run these corporations as if they owned them lock, stock and barrel, even though their own investments are a minute proportion of the total. The stockholders have very little to say about THEIR property.

The big boys, the insiders running these corporations, reserve a very substantial part of the profits for themselves in the form of fantastic salaries, bonuses, pensions. "Rights" to buy the stock much below the market price, and make other personally profitable manipulations at the expense of the stockholder.

As Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin recently put it: "The economic destiny of millions of workers and hundreds of thousands of stockholders is determined by a few men. Under such cidcumstances, we lose our individual economic freedom and set the stage for loss of our political freedom."

What we need is a lot more democracy in the direction of the corporations themselves and a larger voice for the stockholders in their affairs. Just how that is to be brought about is a job for economists and specialists to determine. But if it isn't solved, this country will be run for the benefit of the corporation officials instead of the people.

### Trade Unions and Public Relations

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The value of good public relations is widely recognized today. Big Business maintains expensive public relations departments and highly-trained experts. They are responsible for placing all phases of their employers' activities in a favorable light before the public.

Management, partcularly when it is in negotiations with its employees, does not hesitate to spend large sums on newspaper and radio advertising to support its case and to dis-

## Chicago Engineers New Home to Have Museum of Tools

Chicago .- The International Union of Operating Engineers (AFL). Local 399, has begun construction of a new two-story building in one of Chicago's most desirable locations, to house the local's offices and a permanent exhibit of tools used by members.

To the best knowledge of Andrew Leach, chairman of the local's building committee, it will be the first union home ever built to contain an industrial museum of essentials used in the engineer's trade

For many years, Local 399 has maintained a continuing educational program to keep its members abreast of the latest developments in air conditioning, refrigeration, combustion, economical use of fuels, and other scientific advances.

The union, one of Chicago's oldest and strongest, is composed mostly of stationary engineers in public buildings and downtown skyscrapers, who, like surgeons, cannot afford ever to cease studying their work.

HOLD CLASSES

Classes held twice weekly in rooms now rented by the union usually draw 150 to 200 of the members, most of them oldtimers who find it necessary to bone up occasionally so they won't rust in their When the new building is jobs. finished, the classrooms will be transferred there.

The structure, designed by the architectural firm of Atwood & Goldberg, will be built of concrete, steel and glass. The design will be simple and functional, of the most modern style. It will contain an auditorium to seat 750, which will be used both for lectures and for business meetings of the union.

\$200,000 INVESTMENT

The office section will front on 50 feet of Jackson Blvd., the auditorium section on Gladys Ave., the next parallel street south. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. site at present is in the middle of a block but will be on a corner when Chicago's great northwest superhighway, now in the planning stage, is completed. The union's building will stand close to the point where the northwest superhighway will turn into the still greater Congress St. superhighway, Chicago's road development of the century.

Excavation for the building was started this month. It will be com- into the Friant-Kern Canal this pleted in November or December, according to present schedules.

# Report of last meeting

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

COMMEN

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 7 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of May 18 and of June 1 was read, and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from the International Association of Fire Fighters, Local No. 55, thanking Union for support in their efforts to defeat Charter Amendment No. 2-the ill-advised Pension Plan. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Harold Carlson and family; Mrs. Rose Ferraris and family, and Mrs. Don M. Witt and family. Received and filed.

A communiction was handed to the Secretary by Brother Don J. Russell, signed by Brother James R. Johnson. The Secretary requested it be laid over to New Business.

The following brothers were reported ill; Louis L. Alexander, Miguel Archuleta, Arthur Azevedo, Ted Bardolí, A. C. Bashnick, Earl Brambrink, Sherman Brauscum, Wm. Casella, Wm. J. Cusack, Leo W. Ely, L. V. Ewell, Robert A. Fernandez, Louis Hansen, Woodrow Holmes, Alfred H. Huntington, George Hymer, John W. Jameson, John H. Johnston, Robert R. Jones, Rupert Lawson, Lawrence Lock, Omer Lucas, Chas. Milhous, Oliver E. Miller, Jr., Alvin A. Oakden, Basil L. Payne, Blythe Shade, Harold Simpson, M. A. Smith, Albert C. Taylor, Buddie Trisdale, David Vanekin, J. W. Vineyard, Fred J. Von Roeder, Al T. West, Albert White, H. F. Wilabee, Geo. E. Wilkinson, James N. Winsky.

The following brothers were reported deceased: Harold F. Austin, Harold Carlson, Erik Larsen, J. L. Waughtel.

The Business Agents gave their usual reports which were accepted given,

In regard to the letter handed to the Secretary, signed by Brother James R. Johnson, the Secretary moved that the communication be laid over until the writer was present to answer questions that pertain to the communication. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary.

# The "Big Ditch" To Carry Water les

Central Valley Project water will pour southward through the Friant-Kern Canal for the first time this summer to irrigate farm lands in parts of Fresno and Tulare counties, it is announced by Regional Director Richard L. Boke,

Although uncompleted, the 153mile Friant-Kern "big ditch" will have been finished far enough southward to permit delivery of water as far as the St. John's River, a distance of 90 miles from Friant Dam, in time to be of benefit during this year's irrigation season.

Mr. Boke said approximately 100,000 acre-feet of water will be available in Millerton Lake to turn season. It will be delivered to districts which have executed regular When finished, land and building long-term CVP water contracts Some of these days I think I'll go

# The Cat Skinner's Bride Is Hopeful

Kerby, Oregon, June 9th, 1949.

Dear Editor:

Much has been said about the nervous bridegroom as he stammers out his " I do's" and misplaces the wedding ring. Yet the bride always seems so calm and detached. Well . . . you'd be detached, too, especially if you were thinking the "profound" (?) thoughts laid down in this bit of what I like to call poetry.

#### THE JUNE BRIDE'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, on the morrow I am to be married;

Across the threshhold by my "cat skinner" I'll be carried.

Help me to understand his jargon, For at mechanical terms I'm no bargain.

He talks about sprockets and bolts that are hazy:

credit that of its employees.

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In the maintenance of good public relations, organized labor lags far behind organized employers. The trade unions cannot expect to match the unlimited resources of the latter. But they can and must take more effective steps in the future to inform the public of the democratic nature of trade organization and of its broad social aims and objectives. Only by such means can organized labor overcome the handicap of an inadequate, and often hostile press.

The establishment of public relations departments and the employment of trained personnel will cost money. The trade union movement must be prepared to shoulder their responsibility and foot the bill in order that the job may be done.

### A New Racket

Reactionary Senators and Congressmen who are opposed to Re the Truman "Fair Deal" program particularly in the social security and health insurance fields have invented a new racket.

They project the estimated and imagined cost of such a program for 50 years and then have stories written in the papers which give the impression that the 50-year cost is the immediate cost of the program.

They tried this out on the Veteran's Pension Program and if went over in pretty good shape so now it is used to oppose any proposed expenditures in the public interest.

You can see the dishonesty in this argument if your Congressman comes up to you and says "John Jones, you are going to spend \$111,000 for food before you die. Have you got that much in the bank? If not you are bankrupt and broke. Better stop eating."

<ul> <li>"We intend it to be a monument to our craft and to the men who built our union," said Leach.</li> <li>* * *</li> <li>Truman Approves Bill</li> <li>For TVA Steam Plant</li> <li>cept delivery from points on the canal above the St. John's River. He said it will be furnished as Class 2 water at the contract price of \$1.50 an acre-foot. Irrigation requirements of the Miller and Lux exchange contract totaling about 800,000 acre-feet.</li> </ul>
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MABELLE S. DUNCAN.

June 15, 1949

# San Rafael-BOYS SCHOOL, SONOMA STATE HOME, BIG NORTH BAY JOBS

H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 3

The Archbishop Hanna School for Boys million and guarter project for which Williams and Burrows of Burlingame have the contract at Boyes Springs is going along very smoothly. Brother Franklin Serres, recently signed member, is furnishing the sand and gravel from a very efficient small mix plant which he built and installed at this project. Brother Oliver Chils is the Plant Operator for Serres and A. F. Carlson is the Project Superintendent for Williams and Burrows.

On this project there are a couple of old-timers-Brothers Jim Edwards and George Peabody on the trencher. Jim says, "it's a tough go-the plumbers filling his ditches with dirty old pipe of all kinds" and Brother Frank Bealer comes along with one of the Siri cats and fills up his trenches. Incidentally, the Siri cats are all over the place and it is believed the smallest cat "in captivity" is on this project. The skinner puts this cat in his watch pocket at night to take home-Siri, himself, says it's handy to have around the house when you forget to put out the "cat."

Just a short piece up the road, there is the thirteen million dollar project of the expansion of the Sonoma State Home where Haas & Rothschild are the prime contractors. Brothers Don Shireman, Allgor and Bonner are a few of the brothers here with Art Siri's cats here also-Brothers Mel Cross, Dillon, Gillmer, Brown and Graham and Hill are operating and Vic Henry doing the "nut-bustin'." W. A. Jury is superintendent for Siri with J. H. Eades acting as superintendent of underground operations for Siri.

#### NAPA ROAD JOB

Bill Rolland is superintendent on the Fredrickson Brothers road project at Napa with Brother Archie Edmonds as foreman. Bill Keeler is foreman on the cement end of the deal which should be about completed as this comes off the press and it is expected the black top and cleaning up will be completed by August 1st. Upon the completion of this project, it is planned to move the equipment to the Tahoe projects where Brothers Art Ingerson and Fred Butler are already working with Brothers Wengler, Schupert and Dixon and Davis on the finishing spread at Napa where Don Davis is the office manager and a "right-good-job" he is doing, too.

K. J. King is office manager, and most cooperative, for Ball & Son on the Harms paving project at Vacaville with Brother Andy Webster as superintendent; Brother W. C. Wentworth as cement foreman; Brother Brigham, paver operator with Brothers Blankenship, Broadwater, Peterson and Clark on the Woods mixer. Brother Floyd Davis is Master Mechanic with G. R. Edmondson on the cement base and Brother Jess Hernandez on the Brandt acting as superintendent. float with Brother Markle OT finish machine with Brothers Rush and Maunder feeding the plant and Brother Jack McManus doing master mechanic, assisted by Bro. chores on the truck crane, with Brother Rosenberry "bustin' nuts"; Brother Tilton on the finish blade, Brother Wilson on the form grader and Brother Hershall Wright on the cat. Brother George (Beechnut) Freeland taking off for Gurin Company Alturas-Cedarville road job where he expects to break his own record -can aim truer and further in the high altitude-hope to see you in September, George. . . . A. G. Raisch Company of Black Point are finishing up their Bolinas-Mill Valley resurfacing project and moving on to the Healdsburg-Cloverdale area. J. J. Ongaro, San Rafael contractor, keeps Brothers Walch, Sheran and Quinn Ongaro busy-we are glad to see Quinn back "in harness" again after a long illness. Forde Brothers, San Anselmo contractor, seem to be pinching off their share and keep several of the brothers busy.

granted. F. W. (Bud) Parsons, superintendent for this company, can "take a bow" on a smooth running

job. Brown & Ely, Corte Madera, have plans for the complete season where Brother Jimmy Hewitson is busy herding on Brother Bates, Cahill, Bortfeld, Halcro, McClure and Bro. Bill Schall in the shop.

Brother G. C. Goldie is Hot Plant operator for Parish Brothers, Benicia plant and Brother R. W. Hoffman keeps it greased. These brothers are temporarily assisting Bro. A. L. Marett and A. Bowhlman Quarry crew repairing and building and installing Goldberg washer plant at Cordelia Quarry with Brother Curb and Killingsworth on cats in quarry.

Brother Clarence Farnquist in charge of the plant and we notice that some of this brother's ideas are original as well as practical.

#### LAGUNITAS WATER LINE

Pacific Pipe Line Company are putting in 4400 feet of 18 inch pipe connecting Lake Lagunitas and Phoenix for the Marin Municipal Water District and should be completed as this comes off the press. Superintendent Hamilton is keeping Brother Darby, mechanic, and Brothers Rose and Tessmer on the trencher with Brothers Gunderson plant, Napa. and Bovet on the cat-all busy as little bees.

Brother Bill Stevens, an oldtimer, now in the contracting game and going right along on the sewer line installation near Tamalpais High School, Mill Valley-Bill can be reached at 2010 Carroll Avenue, San Francisco-here's to success, Bill.

DeLucca Construction Company, San Rafael, are waiting for sales of present homes before further developing of Strawberry Point with Brothers Keeman and Johnson puttering around and Brother Bill Jennings, mechanic, keeping busy.

Masterall Shop at Greenbrae, Corte Madera 1111, where Karl Elze is the proprietor, running a little behind schedule on repair work for local contractors where Brother Sam Bates is in charge.

R. J. Brandt, popular Corte Madera contractor, is keeping Brothers Al Edwards and Woodruff busy

around the home base with Byron Marin Equipment, 101 Highway Greenbrae-San Rafael 1868-Mkeeping Brother Jimmy Hewitson, Tom (Baked-Bean) Hughes busy on repairing of construction equipment.

ENGINEERS' NEWS

## Honolulu-Hawaii Hard Hit By Month-Old Waterfront Strike By J. W. WAIWAIOLE Bus. Rep., Hawaiian Branch

At this writing, Hawaii is in its 32nd day of waterfront strike with a contemplated shutdown of all sugar plantations within the next month by the ILWU-CIO.

Construction work in this area is down 50 per cent. This branch is fortunate that the Byrne Organization is still in this area and doing work for the Navy on a costplus fixed-fee basis and hiring our members on their projects on two outlying islands and Oahu. The Fisher Associates with Barrett & Hilp have called in for some men since our last talkfest when President Clancy was here. Other members are scattered with smaller outfits on this island and also on the other islands. The future here for work in the coming months looks very gloomy as proposed projects will not be fostered by those financing them because of the very uncertain conditions in shipping.

On the brighter side, we have been assured that in the event Mr. Meager of the Independent Ironworks Co. of Oakland, California, does the steel work on bridges gapping the Hamakua Coast Road on the Big Island, he would call our office for operators. Many of our members have their sights set on work in foreign countries.

two months before returning for his second contract with Bechtel-International-Saudi-Arabia. Nice trip, Jack.

Brother Jack Curry plugging away at the Moore & Roberts mix

Brothers Spiva and Schoenfeld doing the same thing at the Juarez Quarry for Louis Reidenbach, Napa. Louie lends a hand in a rush, but it has to be quite a rush as Louie is light on the work side, or so he says.

#### NEW CAT SKINNER

A seven pound four and a quarter ounce future cat skinner, Donald John, arrived May 20, 1949, for Brother Loren and Mrs. Murphy. Brother Louis Buzzini, Ignacio contractor, maternal grandfather, bustin' buttons,

Swen Swenson, 530 E. St. John's Street, San Jose, phone Ballard 1952-M, was a recent visitor in the office-he has a N.W. 25 with all attachments, 80 ft. boom, interested in working in any area.

The Asta Construction Company of Rio Vista were recently awarded the \$18,000 plus contract for plant mix shoulders in the Fairfield area. Our sympathty to Brother Johnny Flores on the recent passing of his wife.

# NEWS FROM THE PROVO

#### By C. R. VAN WINKLE, Business Representative **REPORT ON PROGRESS OF NEGOTIATIONS**

A.G.C. Agreement. After several meetings with the A.G.C. Labor Committee, no actual progress can be reported today. The cause of the disagreement is a decent union security clause and, while wages have not been seriously discussed yet, the contractors in every meeting indicate that they have no desire to raise wages! There has been no break off of negotiations as yet and probably won't be because the agreement runs to August 1, on old work and there isn't much new work in the offing. Strike votes are being taken and show an overwhelming vote in support of our union.

**IRON MINES AGREEMENT** Construction Company's Iron Mines operations near Cedar City. Negotiations have been carried forward as far as possible. Identical agreements, except for classifications and wage scales, have been reached for the three trades involved, namely, Teamsters, Laborers, and ourselves. The new agreement reached an improvement over the old one. Vacations have been greatly liberalized, but wages, if wages go up, have been tied to the basic steel industry picture. At this writing, the agreement has not been ratified by the membership.

#### PERMANENT SHOP AGREEMENT

There have been no meetings regarding this agreement to date and may not be until the AGC agreement has been settled as this agreement is pretty much tied to the construction agreement. ROCK, SAND & GRAVEL & READY-MIX CONCRETE AGREEMENT

Meetings regarding this agreement have been postponed for 30 days by mutual agreement, that is until June 26. Competitive and economic factors, especially in Salt Lake City and Ogden, are the major issues in these negotiations. Postponement taken to give both parties an opportunity to do something about the situation. Wages only are open for discussion. PACIFIC BRIDGE CO.

#### AGREEMENT

Due to the shutdown of the plant, there has been no reason for any meetings with this company covering the operations at Park City and by mutual consent negotiation meetings have been postponed indefinitely, subject to call by either party. The passage

#### Klamath, California.

Jensen & Pitts, San Rafael contractor, doing the excavating for the Larkspur Sewer plant for John Rocca, San Rafael contractor, where Brother M. E. Tavenner is superintendent.

Brother Euclid Cox, welding shop located at 605 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael-Brother Cox is a certified welder and is quickly earning a good name for quality workmanship.

The Hydraulic Dredging Com-

This agreement covers the Utah of the Engle Act by Congress is being actively supported by your union, with the assistance of the State Federation of Labor and the Central Labor Council. Congressional delegation from Utah is actively supporting the bill in its present form in Congress and there is some hope that it may be passed before adjournment. This bill, if passed, will pay a government subsidy to marginal mines to encourage the stock piling of strategic minerals and, if passed, will reopen the Pacific Bridge Co.'s plant at Park City.

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#### KENNECOTT COPPER CO. AGREEMENT

No meetings held with the company to date. One meeting was set for last month but was postponed at the request of the company because of the company's preoccupation with the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen's dispute. At this writing there has been no settlement of this dispute and no information that it is near settlement. Settlement of this dispute favorable to the Firemen and Enginemen will undoubtedly go a long way in establishing a wage pattern for the state. THE OUTLOOK

Work this summer has not reached the peak of former years. Some State road work has been let but the prices bid have usen quite low, in most cases considerably under the engineer's estimate. This means that we have to stick closer together and prepare to resist any chiseling on the part of the contractors, as low bids usually incline the successful contractors to attempt to make up the lowness of their bids by taking it out of their labor. Your union will now become of far greater value to you than ever before if you want to maintain or increase your present wages and conditions. Let's be sure the contractors bid their ability efficiently to do a job and not their ability to take it out of labor.

Mining in the state, which evercises considerable influence on the economics of the state, is still adversely affected by lower prices. The iron mines at Cedar City have slowed down because of the slack in the steel market and a lower demand from C. F. & I. and Kaiser. Considerable work can be expected pany out of Oakland were low on in that area in the near future Johnson & Nelson, San Rafael the seven hundred thousand plus opening up a new iron mine for U.S. Steel at Desert Mountain. While no definite information has been obtained as to when it will start, rumor has it that the Utah Construction Co. will do the work. There is three million yards of excavation involved in the first year. TERMINATION SLIPS Be sure that when your employment is terminated by any employer that he gives you the blue termination slip required by the new State Unemployment Insurance Act. This the employer must give you or pay a \$10 fine for each failure. Be sure that it is filled out correctly as you must have this slip correctly filled out in order to receive unemployment compensation. If any employer fails to give this to you, notify the neurest office of your union immediately.

Deysher & LaFargue, San Anselmo Shop, are very happy keeping Brother Sandy Mills happy,

#### SLEEPY HOLLOW JOB

A. J. Peters Company of San Jose are finishing up their pipe and sewer line job at Sleepy Hollow with only about 800 feet of 10 inch

Brother Dean Maxwell and Bro. Carter have made progressive expansion on their sand and gravel plant at Red Hill bridge on the Russian River with many plans for the future.

#### STRAWBERRY POINT

Haskins & Devencenzi of San Francisco have several jeeps in at Strawberry Point where Brothers Richard Wellman, Jess McBride, Lloyd Haskins, Dave Devencenzi, Carlo Musct, Frank Brook, Carroll Maham are busy operating with Brother E. V. Curtis as foreman. Brother George R. Matzek severing connections with Jensen & Pitts, San Rafael to take over a Deputy Sheriff's badge in Alameda County -sure hope he doesn't "pinch" any of the brothers.

Brother Larry Thomson and Norghan keeping Gordon Chase's P. H. swinging with Brother "Junior" Green doing chores in the San Rafael pit.

Brother Jack I. Mayes, recently returned after eighteen months in Saudi-Arabia for Bechtel-International running shovel, taking off with wife and children for a trip through the Middle West in a new

expect to start the excavating for the Haas & Rothschild sewer disposal contract.

After looking over the local situation, it seems like all the local contractors seem to be batting better than average.

Tyson & Watters are finishing Brother Jack Edwards as foreman and Brothers R. B. Maury on the Motor Patrol and Frank Ordway on the cat-loader and upon completion will be moving up to Crescent City.

The Teichert job at Napa are finishing with Brother Snowball on the Motor Patrol and Brother John Dennis on the dozer. Brother G. C. Cuneo is foreman and Charles Coyle is superintendent, with Pete O'Neil and C. H. Smith looking after the state and county interests. RAFAEL YACHT HARBOR

McGuire & Hester, Oakland, have brought in their Buck-Eye 410 with Brother Sam C. Haley as operator with Brother Jess Stauft oiling for about a three hundred thousand plus contract in the San Rafael Yacht Harbor area with C. Cole as superintendent.

Bobo, Ignacio contractor, busy erecting the new towers in the Novato district for Station KSFO.

C. M. Syar, Napa contractor, now finishing the paving for the Fred left to install unless additions are Ford-plans to be touring about Napa and then moving on to my very special thank-you.

contractor, busy on local jobs and dredging project in the Napa River between Mare Island Strait and Napa. Huntington Brothers have tied in with this company but it is not expected there will be much going on here until about August. Erickson, Phillips & Weisberg bridge project over the Napa River is progressing nicely with Erickson the County Fair grounds with running the job and upon completion will move to the Salmon Creek project south of Fort Bragg. Brother C. R. Hubbard and E. C. Lackey are working at the present time on the Moore Dry Dock rig.

George Slinsen, Napa contractor, very busy and taking delivery of new "8"-George says "it's such a nice job, the No. 3 boys will have to pay me for running it, or I'll do it myself."

Brother George Goetz now in with his brother in the Goetz Iron Works, north of Napa doing all types of repair work-any work that can be directed his way will be appreciated.

I would like to say "thank you" and tell all the members I am most apppreciative of the support shown in the recent election. I would like to again pledge my efforts to serve Local No. 3 and its membership to the best of my ability as I have tried to do in the past.

To all the brothers active in supporting my candidacy, which to my pleasant surprise, I understand J. Early sewer line installation in there were a number so engaged,

### \* \* \* Women Get Breakfast On the Picketline

Logansport, Ind.-Breakfasts are being served on the picketline to members of the International Carment Workers Union (AFL) on strike at the H. W. Gossard Co. here.

More than 500 strikers here and 350 in a similar shutdown of a Gossard plant in Washington, Ind., seek 19c an hour increases, six paid holidays and other adjustments in working conditions.

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# Eureka-**CLEAR WEATHER BRINGS WORK;** MACCO CORP. IN FULL SWING OTTO E. NEVER and M. W. EDWARDS.

**Business Representatives, Local 3** 

The weather has cleared somewhat in the Redwood Empire and practically all jobs are under way. Macco Corp. has three Northwest 80 shovels working at present building roads and opening the quarry at Point St. George. They have also set up their office and shops in the same vicinity. Brothers Pat Ross, Harry McVey, C. W. Smalley, and Wm. O. Clark are

doing the cat skinning, using two D-8's on two shifts. This job will be working two shifts in all departments, including the building of the jetty by July 15th. C. L. McDonald is superintendent.

wound up near Hiouchi, Although it was a small job, it was handled with neatness and dispatch that was a credit to all concerned.

TWO JOBS HELD UP

The two jobs at Mill Creek Park which were supposed to be let to Mercer-Fraser Co., have been held men on the out-of-work list. Most up for 30 days. C. M. Syar has contractors have brought their been setting up an additional crusher at Klamath and should start his resurfacing job there before July 1st.

Mercer-Fraser Co. have their crusher set up on Redwood Creek for their resurfacing job above the Elk's Refuge.

#### PIOMBO SUB-LETS

Piombo Construction Co. has sub-let their dirt moving on the job around Freshwater Lagoon to George R. Patterson. Piombo has three cats on the job and two 1/2-yard draglines. Patterson, however, has more cats and carryalls on the job than Carter has pills. John Owen is superintendent for Patterson and Ross Maynard is shifter. Both outfits are 100% engineers from the superintendent on down. It is expected that this job will take two years to complete.

Mercer-Fraser Co's plants at Worswick and Essex are both busy as well as the plant at Alton. This company is also busy at Fortuna and Scotia, and several other small state jobs.

#### SMALL BRIDGE JOB

Tom Hull has several small bridge jobs to do for the county. Louie Conner has all of his rigs parked at the time this article goes to press. John Burman & Sons are busy at Bull Creek Park, trying to finish up their dirt moving job there.

Carr & Rocco are working at Dillon Creek, 27 miles above Orleans, building a bridge. They also have a small bridge to build at Camp Creek, a mile west of Orleans, and a \$130,000 bridge and approach nine miles west of Happy Camp.

Fred J. Maurer & Son are pretty well done at Orleans and have already started tearing down the at Weitchnee and will start moving the dirt for the approach by July 1st. Malfitano & Macal have started on their job at Briceland again. They were held up last fall because of the early rainy season. SMALL LOGGERS HURT The news from the woods is not so good as far as the small logger and mill man is concerned. The price of lumber and logs is such as to make it impossible for them to operate. Of course, the Redwood Association members' woods and mills will continue to go full blast from now on. There has been in the last month, to my knowledge, fourteen small outfits that went broke or shut down until such time as the price of lumber or logs goes up enough to warrant starting again; however, it doesn't look good for the small operators.

flying in all directions. I think that outfit would make a good union concern. I know we would help everybody.

The Simpson Lumber Co. is Ed Johnson's job is pretty well planning to open up around the 15th of the month. We have quite a few men in that country. They should employ a good sized crew and Klamath will then be buzzing again.

All jubs are fully manned at this time and we still have a few crews with them. Work is now well under way and will have reached its peak by July 1st. We sincerely hope that the rainy season holds off until December 1st, at least, because it looks like a tough winter.

### \* \* \* Keno-Highway Jobs Are In Full Gear in Nevada Districts By H. L. "Curly" SPENCE

**Business Representative**, Local 3 Isbell Construction Co. is on a full time scale on their stripping job at Kimberly, Nevada, with three shifts a day, five days a week. They expect to put another shovel on in the near future, then there will be two shifts. That means four

crews, then the muck will fly. Isbell's highway job at Boone Springs is going along in fine shape. Brother Arnold Blair is last winter's severe weather. really going to town as superintendent with the good help of Brother Jimmy Blair.

Jim Sumsion is getting near the finish line on his highway job in Ruby Valley. He will be moving back to his job on the Mountain City highway in the near future.

Silver State Construction Co., better known as Andy Drumm, is well along with the highway job between Washoe City and Carson City, Nevada. Brother Randy made. Booth put so much hot stuff through that hot plant that he almost swamped Brother Ross Bell. running the blade on the highway

## Redding-The Dirt Flies on Shasta Region Highway Projects By E. A. HESTER Business Representative, Local 3

Many of our brothers have been cleared for work on the various jobs in this district during the past month. With better weather and much of the preliminary work out of the way, many of the jobs are now running with full crews and some double shifting. The N M. Ball and Sons job at Hayfork, with Brother Ted Irving as superintendent, is now running two shifts. This is 12 miles of highway construction and the boys are determined to be finished before the snow flies next winter. Carlin Bros. are almost finished with their job on Hayfork Mountain and Mercer-Fraser Co. is moving in to do the surfacing. Frank B. Marks and Sons of Newman is setting up a crusher at Browns Creek to furnish materials for both the Mercer & Fraser and Ball job at Hayfork.

R. A. Hientz Co. of Portland are moving ahead rapidly on their Railroad Relocation job at Keswick, with a full crew of engineers on the job. This company has expressed their satisfaction with the engineers furnished them by Local 3.

The A. Teichert & Sons job at Hornbrook is coming along with grade. Down at Mt. Shasta, Harms Bros. with Brother McFarland as now working on this project. superintendent, have started moving dirt with six cats working now and three or four Cobras to go Kern Canal, due to a sub-contracon by the time you see this in print.

Bids were opened on May 25 for 35 miles of surfacing and seal coat up the Sacramento canyon, be-McGillwray Construction Co. of Sacramento submitting the low bid. This is a badly needed repair job, as this section suffered with

R. B. Guerin, of South San Francisco, was low bidders on the highway job, between Alturas and Cedarville. This is an 850,000 yard job, with much of it rock, and looks like a two-season job. This is one of the largest highway jobs in this district in recent years.

The Harms' Bros. job at Ravendale, and Harms & Brown at Adin are both running now with full crews and good progress being

Down at Vina, N. M. Ball & Sons, with Brother Spencer as superintendent, are well started on their levee job along Deer Creek.

# Fresno-MOUNTAIN JOBS OPENING UP; HIGHWAY, POWER PROJECTS SET

#### H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE, **Business Representatives, Local 3**

From where we sit now it looks as though any of the boys who like mountain work should be able to clear out shortly. Bids have just been opened or awarded on the following jobs: C. G. Willis & Sons of Los Angeles, \$400,000 on the Shaver Lake-Huntington Lake high level road. This outfit should

move in any day.

L. A. and R. S. Crow of El Monte, \$408,000, low bidders on the first section of the Aspen Meadows project. Kirst & Sons Co. of Altadena low bidders on the second section of this project.

Bechtel Co. and M. & K. finally received the go ahead signal for the construction of a dam, powerhouse and tunnels on the San Joaquin River.

Barker Corp. submitted low bid for the clearing of the second section of the Rock Creek road project and have already started operations,

On the above mentioned jobs, they should be in operation within the next three weeks.

Bids were finally opened on another 17-mile section of the Delta-Mendota Canal, bringing that project into this district. The Western Conctractors submitted a successful bid of \$4,186,000. Starting of this job will be delayed somewhat because this same company is still excavating on the adjoining contract.

The Army Engineers are calling for bids to be opened this month the plant set-up and material on the third dam in the Merced beginning to move out on the Streams Group area. A. Teichert & Sons, as reported previously, are

Last month we reported that we anticipated trouble on the Frianttor not being willing to meet northern conditions. This matter has now been straightened out and the company in question has signed an agreement with Local Union tween Delta and Dunsmuir, with No. 3. At the present time we have nine engineers working on this job with the likelihood that the crew will be increased.

> Ashbach & Steenberg Co. has been making slow progress on the lining operations because of shifting dirt condition and are now trying an asphalt coating under the concrete in order to keep the lining from buckling.

Peter Kiewit Sons Co. expect to start their trimming and lining operations about July 1st. Their excavation and structures being well ahead of schedule.

On Highway 99, N. M. Ball & Sons submitted low bid to the Highway Department on the Tipton job for concrete surfacing, therefore we expect to see Andy Webster and his crew back down our way in the near future

## Peninsula-**Redwood City Is** Scene of Much **Industry Activity** By CHET ELLIOTT

**Business Representative, Local 3** 

In addition to the plants of the Permanente Company and Portland Cement Company. the Redwood City Harbor is the scene of much activity in new developments at the present time. The Johnson Western Company have been busy for some time past on dredging operations and J. O. Archibald has moved in a string of cats on this job, grading for the salt beds. The

Shell Oil Company is establishing a distributing station at this location. The Gerwick Company are driving the piles, Quick Way Company are busy on the grading, and Consolidated Western is erecting the steel on this project.

At San Mateo the Newbridge Realty Company headed by Frank Hefferman plan on starting their several million dollar real estate development job at Shoreview. The first unit of the fill contract was awarded several days ago.

South San Francisco is also the scene of much activity in real estate development. The Max Schmidt Company, promoters of Meadow Glen housing unit, will start operations soon in a four million dollar apartment project on El Camino Real, extending through to Junipero Serra Extension.

M. K. Company at the Airport are nearing the completion of the earth work and some cat operators are being laid off. However, the other units of the job including the paving of the runways and the pipe lines, will continue until the first of the year.

Over at the Coast on Highway No. 1, the A. Teichert & Sons Company are progressing very favorably on their highway construction project. From the standpoint of the worthy members this job is apparently O.K. due to the fact that the labor turnover has been zero after

The Ford Logging Co. is still on Liscome Hill, and doing a good job, as usual.

The Northern Redwood Lumber Co. has been notified from the National Labor Relations Board that we want an election there as quick as possible. The employees would like to have it sooner than that; however, we will have to abide by the ruling of the board. We sincerely hope that it won't take very long.

Brother Hap Horton is now tending hook for the Barker Corp. at Orick and no doubt the logs are hospitality of Reno.

Roy Cram is doing the job for Westbrook & Pope in Newark Valley and he has a crew of Engineers neers employed there now. out there with Brother Al Jensen in charge and they are really moving the muck.

Dodge Construction Co. is moving south for the summer months. They are well along on the Round Mountain, Nevada, highway job and will be moving to Las Vegas before long.

Basic Refractories' mine at Gabbs Valley has moved in another shovel and it looks like they will be starting out on a larger scale sometime in the near future. Standard Slag has a Northwest and a tractor or two on their property at Gabbs, Nevada, and they are putting up a mill, so Gabbs will be booming a bit some day soon.

National Lead is starting to haul ore again out at Dumphy, Nevada. Smith Petersen gravel pit and plant is back on a fulltime basis after being down for a few repairs this winter. Brother Chris Petersen is losing weight. He's working

so hard on that link belt. H. Earl Parker is getting along very well on his Mt. Rose highway

job. He has a very fine crew of Engineers, especially the ones from sunny California. They enjoy the atmosphere of the Gaming Club

of Reno. Especially Ike Gabriel and some of the other dear brothers from Parker's enjoy the good

Two shifts are now working on this job, making a total of 18 engi-

The Frederickson & Watson job between Anderson and Redding, has turned into quite a drainage project, with many feet of pipe being laid before grading can start. Supt. Harsch says he hopes to get started on the grading in another week.

Another drainage job, of a different type, is progressing at Tulelake, with Ramsey Construction Co. working three draglines on their contract for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, finishing their job began last fall,

E. G. Alves, of Pittsburgh, has moved in on the Churn Creek job for Shasta County. This is a county highway job, with new road construction and a new bridge across Churn Creek. Bill Jones of the bridge, with Brother D. Cherington at the controls. Another bridge job at Clear Creek, on the Kalamath River, in Siskiyou Co. has been awarded to George M.

Carr and Rocci, who are presently building another bridge farther down the Klamath River. With

two more coming up soon, one below Etna in Siskiyou Co. and one north of Red Fluff, this makes a total of four bridges and ap-

proaches in this district this summer.

> There is more work in this district this summer than there has season.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. is finishing the Taugus Ranch job and is moving equipment to their Livingston-Atwater job. This same company has sublet the dirt on the Berenda-Dry Creek job to George France, Inc., who have moved in and are operating.

The Stockton Construction Co. submitted low bid to the City of Fresno on the first unit of a large storm sewer project here and will start work when pipe is available. There are many small jobs both starting and finishing up, it makes a fairly large turnover in the office, however, we still have a "few" of the boys out of work,

who should be on somebody's payroll in the near future.

Two of our brothers passed away the latter part of May, meeting with violent deaths. Brother David Redding, is driving the piling for Rhoades was picnicking with his family on the San Joaquin River just below Friant; while wading in the river with a diving suit on he stepped into a deep hole and drowned.

> Brother Lawrence Leydig was killed by a fall from his hotel to the ground.

> Our next meeting will be held June 23rd, 1949, 8:00 p.m., at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

been for a number of years, with prospects good to keep a number of our brothers employed this

days of operation

Ted Bloomquist was the low bidder on the street and utility work on the Adobe Ranch project at Rockaway Beach, This work is being ably supervised by Brother Frank Coelho.

The L. C. Smith Company of San Mateo were the low bidders on a large street job at Palo Alto, adding the work to all the other projects under construction in this district by the same firm, the member of Local No. 3 employed by them will be busy for some time.

Due to the Highway and Airport construction, Real Estate develop ments, the activities of the rock asphalt, building material plants and such many members of Loca No. 3 are happily employed in thi district.

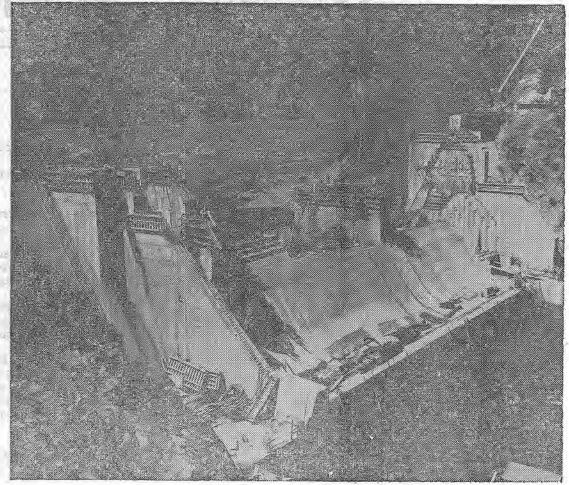
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### No Discrimination

Richmond, Va. (LPA)-Anothe step in the fight to give Negroe the franchise in the South wa taken recently. The U. S. Fourt. Circuit Court of Appeals uphel a District Court decree enjoining South Carolina's Democratic party from denying Negroes full partici pation in the party because o color. Circuit Court Judge John . Parker stated that barring Negroe from Democratic clubs, which control southern primaries, is indirectly but nevertheless plainly unconstitutional.

June 15, 1949

# **Feather River Power Jobs Near Completion**



### Rock Creek Dam

OPOPEE CREEK CAMP (Plumas County)-Pacific Gas and Electric Company's big Feather River power development is nearing completion exactly on a record-setting construction schedule despite the size of the \$62,000,000, 21/2-year project employing 3000 men.

pour forth next November from the 101,000-horsepower generators of Cresta Powerhouse. Three months later, in February, 1950, the 169,000-horsepower Rock Creek Powerhouse is scheduled for operation.

When the two plants are on the line, the company will have added 863,200 horsepower to its generating capacity since V-J Day. Elsewhere on the system new plants are under construction which will add a million additional horsepower by the end of 1951. P. G. and E. is spending \$600,000,000 on its postwar expansion program.

Involved in the double-barrelled Feather River project are the construction of two dams, two tunnels and the two powerhouses as well as a major highway relocation, erection of transmission lines along precipitous canyon walls, the transportation of heavy supples and the housing and feeding of construction crews.

For 16 miles through the narrow canyon of the Feather every sizable space along the highway has been put to use. Trailers, tents and temporary houses of workmen's families line the river bank from roadside to the water's edge. Dormitories for single men crowd against the canyon wall. Down in the val-120,000 feet of water per second. ley at Oroville and high in the mountains at Quincy the families of other workmen unable to get nearer have rented all available housing. carloads of steel, electrical equipment and heavy machinery. Shuttling trucks distribute supplies to the scattered sites of the manyphased project. Massive road construction equipment carves out a new route for the Feather River highway above the waterline of a future reservoir. Linemen high on the canyon slope and hard rock miners tunneling deep in the heart of the mountains labor to complete their parts in the great project. Rock Creek Dam construction began September 8, 1948, and now is 91 per cent complete, with 140,-000 cubic yards of concrete in place. First concrete was poured at Cresta Dam on August 6 last year. It is now 96 per cent complete, with 76,500 cubic yards of concrete poured. The dams will harness the plunging power of the Feather, diverting the water through 101% miles of tunnle, 25 to 27 feet in diameter, to the powerhouses, after which it will flow on undiminished for irrigation and domestic use in the valley below, Tunnel construction began in August, 1947, and now is 25,310 feet has been completed by 75 per cent complete, with 42,700 crews drilling forward from six cisco, is driving Cresta tunnel.

First new power is scheduled to out of 55,670 feet driven to date.

The two powerhouses are 70 per cent complete. They will bring the number of hydroelectric plants on the Feather River to five. Their 270,000 horsepower added to the 244,000-horsepower capacity of the three existing company plants will make a total of 514,000 horsepower of generating capacity in the Feather system.

The existing plants on the watershed are Caribou Powerhouse (90,000 horsepower), commissioned in 1921; Bucks Creek Powerhouse (67,000 horsepower), commissioned in 1928; and Big Bend Powerhouse near Oroville (87,000 horsepower), which began operation in 1908.

Here are details on the Feather River project:

#### THE DAMS.

Rock Creek Dam is two miles below Belden, On completion it will be 115 feet above streambed-as tall as a 10-story building-and 500 feet long, containing an estimated 154,000 cubic yards of concrete. It will store 4200 acre feet of water, creating a lake 21/3 miles long. Two steel drum gates 28 feet high and 124 feet long and one  $22 \times 15$  foot radial gate auxiliary will control the flow of water over the spillway, The gates are designed to operate without overhead structure, permitting unobstructed flow of the river when they are lowered. Cresta Dam is downstream from Trains puff up the gorge bringing Rock Creek Powerhouse. Situated in a narrow neck of the Feather River gorge, it will be as high but narrower than Rock Creek Dam, 350 feet long, and will contain an estimated 79,000 cubic yards of concrete on completion. The amount of concrete being used in the two dams would pave a standard-sized sidewalk 1000 miles long. The dam will have drum gates and a radial gate auxiliary of the same dimensions as at Rock Creek.

headings. Dropping gradually at a grade of .3 per cent, the tunnel will deliver an average flow of 1560 second feet of water and a peak flow of 3000 second feet into two giant 710-feet steel penstocks. The penstocks, pipes 12 feet in diameter at the top, will carry the water under tremendous pressure down the mountainside from the tunnel exit to the turbines of Rock Creek Powerhouse.

Cresta tunnel will be 21,554 feet (4 miles) long. Crews working from three headings have penetrated through 17,358 feet of granite. Penstocks to the powerhouse from the tunnel exit will be 800 feet long and 12 feet in diameter. THE POWERHOUSES

The heart of the project and the objective of all the other construction is the delivery of tons of water to the turbines of Rock Creek and Cresta Powerhouses to spin the generators. The generators will convert the energy of the falling water into electric energy for transmission to distanst farms and factories.

Each powerhouse will have two vertical type hydraulic turbines, turning generators having a capacity of 101,000 horsepower at Cresta and 169,000 horsepower at Rock Creek. The power will be fed at 220,000 volts into the transmission system taking power from the other three powerhouses on the Feather River. To handle the increased power, 32 additional miles of steel tower line is being built from Bucks Creek Powerhouse to Oroville, whence the electricity will be transmitted to Bellota Substation near Stockton, where distribution begins. At Rock Creek Powerhouse the canyon is so narrow that in order to accommodate the electrical switching equipment a huge concrete structure has been built and the Feather River highway has been rerouted beneath it as through a tunnel.

# Fishing Good in the Rockies; **Engineer Wage Talks Start**

By LOUIS SOLARI and RENNY BURROUGHS Business Representatives, Local 3

Engineers in this area have had a new topic of conversation lately—another fishing season. Tackle boxes and gear is all being checked over as the boys review the promise of this or that stream. Up here in the heart of the Intermountain Empire we have some of the world's best fishing and fishermen!

Negotiations are of vital interest to every Engineer this time of year also and we have enjoyed good attendance at our regular meetings in Salt Lake and Ogden. Our meetings are important, brothers, and we urge everyone to continue the fine attendance record. Our state meeting schedule is as follows:

SALT LAKE-Second Wednesday of every month at LABOR TEMPLE.

PROVO-Second Friday of every month at LABOR TEMPLE. OGDEN-Third Friday of every

month at LABOR TEMPLE. CEDAR CITY-Fourth Friday of

every month at CITY HALL.

Enoch Smith & Sons have started on the Coalville Pipeline job for Mountain Fuel Supply and are busy at Kimball Junction pioneering that section of the line,

Clyde is starting the Logan Canyon Federal Roads project with two cats and a shovel on the job site.

Morrison-Knudson are on the job for Utah Power & Light on 4200 feet of 78 inch pipe up Weber Canyon. A dragline, two dozers and two boom cats will be working on this project.

The Salt Lake end of United Concrete Pipe's job is going into high gear with the cats beginning to double shift recently.

Morrison-Knudson had four jeeps on the railway spur job in North Salt Lake with two dozers and a blade. This was a short job involving less than 10,000 cubic yards of dirt.

Olsen Manufacturing Company at Hooper have a crane in to move the 78 inch pipe they are manufacturing for Morrison-Knudson.

W. W. Clyde took the biggest job of the state highway program, a 350,00 cubic yard project between Parleys & Lamb's Canyons on May 27th for just under \$400,000. TOOELE, WENDOVER

Talbor & Wooten are hot on their bidding lately, working currently on the Midvale Reservoir, they have knocked off a \$12,000 latrine job at Camp Williams.

Tolboe & Harlin got a good job at the Holy Cross School of Nursing. Groneman Construction Company took the Heber School job. Earl House took the Grantsville & Tooele school jobs and Fyfe Construction Company took the Wendover school job. Maurin and Son are running an okey job on the Brigham City School.

Chytraus Construction Company has a job on the Tooele Swimming Brothers Wally St. Jeor and E. G. Reed will do the excavation.

in Salt Lake.

We also enjoyed a nice visit with Brother "Bud" Means who tells us that Spears Wells is taking him up to Washington on an Asphalt Planer this month. Brother "Bud" has a pleasing spot, "The Torch" on 5th South and Main, here in Salt Lake, where he dispenses beer these hot and dusty days, Many of the local brothers enjoy his hospitality.

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#### 60 Killed on Job in March (Continued from Page 1)

struction worker was fatally injured in a fall from a ladder when he grasped a loose plank for support while stepping from the ladder to a cement floor. Another death occurred when a ranch laborer who was suspended in a boatswain's chair to remove brackets from the side of a tank fell when the rope broke.

Five men were killed in accidents involving various types of hoisting apparatus. One of these workers, a mine skip tender, was crushed between the skip and timbers in the head frame when he jumped off the skip at the surface. He had signalled the hoistman to stop at the surface, but the skip failed to stop. A second skip tender, riding on the top of a skip in an incline shaft as the skip was being hoisted to the surface, fell or was knocked off by projecting timbers and was run over by the skip. In another death involving hoisting apparatus, a plant watchman was fatally crushed between an elevator platform and a hoistway door header beam as he attempted to get on the moving elevator. The hoistway gates were not automatic and were tied back with ropes.

Four men were killed in lumber operations. In one accident a tractor driver was killed by a 150-foot redwood tree snag which fell across the tractor. In another case a trimmer in a sawmill jumped on a trim table as the operator was starting the saw motor and landed just as the saw rose from the table.

Accidents involving electrical apparatus proved fatal to three men. In one of these a foreman was electrocuted while replacing old wire on a line when a splice caught on the cross arm and the wire flew up, contacting a 12 KV line above. In a second electrical accident a groundman was electrocuted when he was holding grounding conductors as they were being lastened to a supposedly dead 12 KV line. In the third case a maintenance electrician died of burns received when an oil circuit breaker exploded.

#### THE TUNNELS

A spectacular feature of the Feather project is the driving of two horseshoe-shaped tunnels 25 to 27 feet in section-higher than a two-story building-through granite for a total distance of 10% miles. Twelve to 15 drills mounted on a "jumbo" drilling machine bore simultaneously into the rock, preparing holes for blasting charges. After the blast a mucking machine with a continuously moving belt passes the tons of debris back into dump cars for removal from the tunnel.

Rock Creek tunnel will be 34,113 feet (61% miles) long, of which

#### THE WORK FORCE

The elements of the complex construction job have been coordinated through the hydroelectric engineers and the supervision of the company's general construction department.

Actual construction is in the hands of five contracting firms. Both dams are being built by the Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc., which also is building Cresta Powerhouse and is drilling 4000 feet of Rock Creek tunnel.

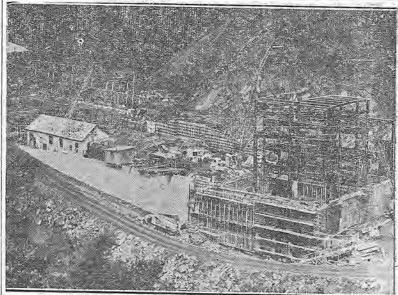
Rock Creek Powerhouse is being built by the Walsh Construction Company, which also is drilling 6700 feet of Rock Creek tunnel. The remaining 24,000 feet of Rock Creek tunnel is under contract to the Arundel Corporation and L. E. Dixon Company of San Gabriel. T. E. Connolly, Inc., of San Fran-

We had a nice visiit with R. H. Hopley, first Operating Engineers' Business Representative in Salt Lake in old Local 354. He served

that Local and the Iron Workers on a part time basis back about 1934. Brother Hopley still has many warm friends in both crafts here

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Always ask for the Union Label, Shop Card and Union Button. After a reasonable number of unsuccessful attempts, demand it!



COLGATE POWERHOUSE-Shown above is the \$31/2 million Colgate powerhouse project of the PG&E, nearing completion on the North Fork of the Yuba River, 35 miles northeast of Marysville. It will add 40,200 horsepower to the current output.

# San Jose-Aluminum Foil, a New Industry For West, Opens in San Jose By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and JOE BILEY

**Business Representatives, Local 3** 

Permanente, as many of you may know, has entered into a new field. Plainly speaking, the rolling of aluminum foil. This is an entirely new industry on the West Coast and as usual, the Kaiser Company are the pioneers. All the machinery for the processing of sheet aluminum to foil was imported from Germany and installed in the old Mag Plant.

At present there are about twenty-five engineers engaged in this work but we hope to have many more men working in there as the demand for this metal increases. A great number of new uses have been found for the foil and we are confident that the market will grow.

#### SAN JOSE

There is quite a little work going on in this district and the employment situation is improving. Many miles of pipeline and sewer is being laid in this area. A. J. Peters have 12 trenching machines in operation. Stolte is going strong with their share of pipe work. Burch & Bebeck have a good-sized contract in San Jose, also the Electrical & Mechanical Engineers of San Francisco . . . Leo Piazza will soon be unishing up his Meridian Road job, also the widening of Story Road These two jobs have kept a number of the brothers busy for some time. We notice that Leo was also low bidder on the Spring and University job and he is keeping occupied on four or five subdivision jobs.

Space will not permit the mention of all the small jobs being done by such local contractors as: Raisch, Heple, Bechtel, Jensen (L. C. & L. W.), Ted Reed, H. S. Nankive. Swensen, Vierra, Keeble, Peters, Bateman, Nichols and Cash and a dozen more in the city of Sen Jose-not to mention the surrounding towns and southern section of this territory . . . A new Drive-In Theatre is being built by the F. & D. Theatre Co. This 1000 CET theatre is being erected just norm of Santa Clara. McFadden of Pale Alto is doing the excavating and grading and A. J. Peters has 000. (Granite was second with moved in a couple of trenchers.

According to reports from severa, of the brothers, the sales of require about six months for comthe ready-mix plants have dropped of slightly. We hope this is only a temporary condition. This also is "Skeeter" Hanson, hot plant foreman for Central Supply at Aromas but it is with an effort.

#### MOSS LANDING

steel job at the P. G. & E. power expansion of the Monterey Air plant is about completed. Consoli- Base and W. W. Bird have moved dated Western Steel have moved in their "Jeeps" with Brother Les Bill Peters of the A. J. Co., who in and will set the smoke stacks Pettit as foreman. a few storage tanks Two completed the storage tank facili- this time. The operators on these ties Ben Gerwick has finished pile rigs are very seldom ever seen being. About 30 members of Local plain sight. Thanks boys! This 3 are employed at present on this saves a lot of extra time by not project with prospects of a few having to run down telephone remore jobs coming up soon.

plete with their present contract. (We understand they have more to come shortly.) The brothers who operated on this job really de-

serve a lot of credit as this country is rugged and only the first class can survive.

#### SOUTHERN TERRITORY

Brother Bill Hogg, plant foreman for McGillvary Cons. Co., informs us the company will soon have completed their resurfacing job at Coyote and are planning on moving up to Brother Hester's territory within the next few days. We were happy to have Bill and his crew here and we are sorry to see them leave.

Due to the price drop in crude oil, much of the activity to which have become accustomed to we seeing on our visits to the San Ardo oil fields, has been greatly curtailed. Much of the equipment is at a standstill or been moved elsewhere. Jergen Oil are continuing with one piece of equipment, but for how long? That's a guess. The most recent information on the oil situation is that there are going to be a few wells sunk by this company in and around Watsonville and Castroville. Several months ago there were a few tests made in this area and I guess these companies know just about where oil will be found.

Archibald & Sondgroth (Mountain View & Redwood City) have put the finishing touches to their Arroyo Secco jobs out of Greenfield and have dispatched their equipment and operators to other jobs.

Fredrickson & Kessler were low bidders on the 101 highway job So. of King City. Their bid was \$174,-\$191,000.) This job should start around the 15th of this month and pletion.

#### MONTEREY

This little town is much engaged applicable to some of our quarries in its expansion program. At presand hot plants. Brother O. R. ent Stolte has about \$100,000 worth of work in Big Sur and Monte Vista Park, also Winters Park. is maintaining a full crew, steady, Valley Trenching, Granite, Underground Construction and Phil Calabrese all have small jobs in and Bethlehem's heavy structural around this area. Granite has the

Speaking of Gran

## Ukiah-**Engineers** Open New Office for GLENN DOBYNS

**Business Representative**, Local 3

A personal survey by our Business Manager and approval of our Executive Board led to opening of a new office in Ukiah. It is apparent that the District has been too large for one office to serve its members to advantage.

The territorial lines of the Ukiah office will run from Healdsburg on the south to and including Mendocino county on the north, all of Lake County on the east, to the Coast on the west.

Art Seiri, Inc., have moved their equipment on the underpass job for the Masonite Company. This underpass will route all traffic to and from the company under 101 highway.

Baldwin & Straub have poured the last yard of concrete for the hand railing on the Calpella Ridge. Tom Hester has a number of small sewer jobs in Ukiah. Hester has sharpened all his pencils, lay-

ing for a new contract. MENDOCINO HOSPITAL

The work has started on the contract which was recently awarded to Moore & Roberts of San Francisco for the Mendocino State Hospital, at Talmage, Calif. They have moved in two clam shells.

The Nevada Construction Co. of Reno, Nevada, are well along with the clearing for the right-ofway on the road between Talmage and Cloverdale, which consists of 10.4 miles. They expect to have eight or ten more pieces of equipment operating by the first of the month.

The superintendent, Britt Pugh, was an expert blade man before he was promoted, apparently he does not want to loose his touch of a blade — just by accident I caught him "practicing" after working hours.

Carl N. Swenson of San Jose, who was the low bidder on the (Continued on Page 12)

ifying us that they went to work -Brother Everett Turner, Law rence Holst and Roy Baker.

We are holding mail in this office for Brother Fred Draper, who we believe to be in Alaska. Brother Draper please give us a forwarding address . . . Brother Murphy learned just recently what it means to be under military arrest. It all happened in Moffitt Field and for the reason that he went places where he shouldn't while trying to locate have the sandblasting and painting

of the 12-foot tunnel ves bridge cranes are being used to of the company have estimated Brother Murphy is free again (aftinstall heavy machinery. Chicago that 17 motor patrols, 13 shovels er a lot of explaining) and the job Iros & Bridge Co. have nearly and 24 tractors are in operation at has been taken care of . . . It is with a great feeling of sadness that we report the death of Sam Madriving operations for the time without their union buttons in toon, our friend and one of the best-liked and most competent superintendents that the N. M. Ball Company has ever had. Sam was a grand fellow and it is hard to believe that he is gone. He will be missed by a large number of the brothers and we all join in extending to his widow and boys our deepest sympathy. Brother Leo Dohony is enjoying his home these days after a long stay in the Pacific Islands where he served in an official capacity . . . Recently, we received a letter from Brother Paul Harper who is in Dhahran, Saudi, Arabia. He says a number of other brothers are working close by, Ole Nelson, George Franks, Bill Lake, R. M. Price, "Flick" Mayberry and a number of others. It seems the boys are doing o. k. over there. They have the best of eats, an air conditioned barracks and a house boy to take care of the icing of the beer, laundry, etc. Not bad . . . In closing, Brother Murphy wishes to your name be removed from out thank all of the brothers who so Fombo Bros. & Pete Farrish "Out of Work List." (Next time a loyally supported him in the rehave made very good progress on penny post card will do. It's cent election. He feels very grateful for such a nice vote and will rozdways for accessibility to the ing brothers have also been enter- do everything possible to warrant

# Sacramento-CATSKINNERS & RATTLESNAKES, FEATHER RIVER JOBS PROGRESS By BILL WAACK and LES COLLETT.

**Business Representatives, Local 3** 

Construction has picked up some since our last report but there are no large jobs to be let in the near future so far as we are able to ascertain.

The W. O'Hair Co. of Colusa were the successful bidder on a F.A.S. road job near Gridley for \$103,000 and will be going by the time this reaches print.

The Bechtel powerhouse job at Brother C. W. Floyd has been

foreman up there for the past two months.

The McEwen road job at Willow Glen is on the last stages now also.

#### 14 RATTLERS KILLED

The Granite Construction road job at Chico cut-off is advancing pretty well in that bad lava rock and the last count I had, 14 rattle snakes had been killed. The skinners won't get off their cats until they find the rocks at least 50 feet away from them. Brother Bill Crosson says the snakers are so big he can hear them rattle above the exhaust of his D-8. Some snakes!

The landleveling in this district hasn't gotten underway yet, for they haven't harvested the grain as yet.

The Van Valkenburgh Co. storm sewer job at Chico is doing nicely with Brother Chuck Keithly and his good crew very busy. Ditto for Irrigation Construction Co. in Chico. Brother Bob Steele is on the back filler there.

#### FEATHER RIVER NEWS

Wismer and Becker are about to get in enough supplies to go on with their electrical work on the Rock Creek and Cresta powerhouses with Brother Dick Whittington on the overhead crane. Brother Kenny Johnson, foreman at M & K Cresta powerhouse is on vacation and told me he wasn't going to visit a construction job during the 15 days and hoped no one even mentioned construction to him. Work is progressing nicely there on that job.

Western Pipe and Steel are rigging up their equipment in Feather River Canyon to put in the pen stocks at both powerhouses. Brother Bud Walker is on one of the derricks.

T. E. Connolly Co. are going right on with their tunnel and are also putting in a batch plant at the outlet and it is about complete. Brother Dave Wood will be in charge.

Walsh Construction Co. are making progress in their tunnel and at the powerhouse, too. Brother Bob Harles is master mechanic at the tunnel and Brother Bob McAvoy at the powerhouse with Brothers Bill Weeks, Paul Collett, and Glen Bales on the shovels and cranes.

Colgate is just about finished. mountain air and never mentioned trout.

Richter Bros. of Oroville keeps busy as do the Gilbert Brothers at New York Machine Shop.

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The Rice Bros. road job at Oroville is about one-half finished and Kaiser Sand and Gravel Plant is busy also.

In the Quincy area, C. C. Steele has an airport job with one cat, two jeeps and one dragline and Steele says he has 45 to 60 days work around there and is a good place to spend the summer.

Matthews and Jorgenson Co. of Stockton have the sewer line jobs in Quincy and Brother Bill Edwards is subbing the ditching work from them.

Brother B. L. Smith of Yount and Smith gravel plant said business should pick up with them. They are also attemping to recover the gold and I hope they strike it rich.

Brother Ira Bashaw is branching out and now has another garage at Belden, That makes him a tycoon, American Bridge Co. should be

up soon to put in the drum gates on the two dams.

#### CONTRACT MEETINGS

A number of meetings on the new gold dredge contracts were held during the month of May and to this date of June. Conditions of holiday pay for dredge crews, travel time, clean-up gang, wage increases and the vacation clause have stymied the committee, but definite progress has been made on all issues excepting wage increases.

On this issue it is impossible to make any predictions or promises. It is the one issue that will be bitterly discussed until the termination of bargaining when it will be referred to the membership for ratification or rejection. This will be up in the immediate future.

Brother "Dutch" Vandewark came to Marysville on a matter concerning N. L. R. B. relations on one of our newly organized concerns and represented Local 3 in a most able manner. His opponent in the opposite corner was Wayne Lietzel of the California Employers Association. We gave Vandewark the decision on points.

Parker is going good on the Meridian-Colusa Levee's, working five days, nine hours on double shifts. Il of the gang are on these river spreads and it looks very good for at least 18 months, with an aggregate of over 7,000,000 yards to move.

#### P. G. & E. PIPELINE

This makes many of us unhappy. Gatos Highway. Bob Bowman who was project NEWS OF THE BROTHERS manager for this company in Hats off to Brother Charles site.

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ports about non-union operatorsthat do not exist.

Bechtel Corp. have had to Brothers, we have nothing to rechange their starting date on the port other than what I reported pipeline due to the inability to se- last month in regards to the Auscure pipe at this date. The latest trian Dam, the Coyote No. 2, the information is that they will not Lexington at Los Gatos, and the get going before the first of July. relocation of the Santa Cruz-Los

Atomia has returned to the states Craft, Register No. 54,435, initiated for this job. We understand he is Dec. 15, 1911, by former Local 67, a master at pipeline work. "Big" of Oakland, who just recently re-Bir Hanna will be in charge of the ceived his Life Membership Card. escavating on the front end, and Brother Craft really is an old timer Mr. Quiett will be in charge of the and has been a faithful supporter welding or double ending together of organized labor. He served as an of the two 30 foot lengths. This officer of the old San Jose Local work will be done in the Santa 842, for five terms . . . Brother Class yard and the wrapping and Leonard Cunha, we wish to thank cleaning of the 60 foot sections will you and your wife for the considbe fone by a portable wrapping eration shown when you called this and cleaning machine, on the job office long distance to ask that

the clearing and the necessary cheaper.) The names of the followjob site. They are just about com-led on our "Courtesy List" for not- the confidence placed in him.

#### NEW SUP'T.

Julie Williams replaced Alex Simpson as general superintendent for Dixon and Arundel Corporation. This company is making pretty good progress with their tunnel except Jack Ass Creek south which has as much water in it as Feather River.

Morrison and Knutson Co. Inc. are busy on the two dams and concreting the tunnel and Rogers Flat shops have been busy overhauling the Euclids 24 hours per day around the clock. They look like brand new rigs when Mark Smith et al get through with them. Piombo Construction Co. are almost through grading on their road job near Belden, but I understand they will also oil the road. If so, it will be a couple of more months for this company. Brother Mac McClintock said he liked the





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# What's doing in the Oakland office

#### By Al Clem, Chas. Dees and T. D. Bryson, Business Representatives, Local 3

Since the last issue of the paper, work has improved con- day they flew to Kingston, where he has learned a lot and has be-, Rena, to whom we extend our sinsiderably in this area. During the first of the period we cleared a good many jobs. A mid-month slump set our outof-work list back somewhat, but things have picked up again in the last week. In most instances, however, we still have Jamaica did not hold the charm to a variety of diseases and when to the members of Local 3: plenty of takers for all of the jobs.

The J. R. Armstrong Company recently started work on the additional lane to the highway out past the Broadway tunnel. The completion of this job is anxiously awaited by residents of the Walnut Creek-Lafayette area, as it is expected to help considerably in overcoming peak hour traffic slow ups out that way.

Fredrickson & Watson are well started on their new job on the Freeway in East Oakland and they now have a fleet of "Pulls" and Jeeps in operation. This company has finished the sub-grade on the San Leandro Blvd. job and is now pouring concrete.

Macco Construction Co. have the sub-contract to drive the piling on this job. Brother Earl Webster is operating truck crane with Brother L. C. Smith handling the oiling.

Stolte-United has the mucking machines double shifted on the sewage disposal job near the Army base.

Out in Contra Costa County, Macal Improvement has a couple of rigs doing grading on the Haas & Rothchild job at the new Detention Home near Martinez.

Ben Gerwick has double-shifted the drivers on the PG&E job in Antioch. Grading is nearing completion out there and hiring of Engineers has fallen off considerably.

Brother Bob Vaughn, new steward on Fluor's maintenance job, at Oleum, reports that things are running smoothly out there. Incidentally, Brothers W. Griffey and George Parker are working in this push cat in on the Crow Canyon plant on the Chicago Bridge and Iron job.

Dropped by the Ben Gerwick yard in Richmond the other day, and ran into the two Brogden brothers, Bob and Dick. They have a crane of their own and are busy establishing a yard. These boys have been members for a number of years and we know their many friends join us in wishing them every success in their undertaking.

Work on the Ora Loma Sewage Disposal Plant near Hayward is progressing well. At the present time there are three Engineers on who is contracting this work.

outfit has 10 Engineers employed on this work.

Another North Oakland operation is being handled by McGuire & Hester, who have the contract for installation of a 58-inch water line. Brother George Westbrook, who has been working up around Sacramento for the past several From then until they arrived at Says its a good thing the top was months, is on this job. Brother Stan Sipes is also on this spread April 23, they didn't once glimpse sure ag'in' him all the way back. operating hoe and Charlie Johnson is placing pipe.

Buran Equipment Co.'s yard in East Oakland is one of the most active in the area at present. They are engaged in thoroughly reconditioning a number of D-8s for export trade:

Activities at Parr - Richmond Terminals have slowed down furing the past weeks. Work fluctuates considerably with the handling of cargo out there, and another pickup is expected in the near future.

Excavation of Keeble's job at Livermore is nearly complete. They are starting to lay the crusher run, which is being supplied by a local plant.

Louis Biasotti & Sons have moved three jeeps, a blade and job. This contract was nearly finished last fall when the heavy rains came and stopped the work. Slides filled the cuts and now much of this work has to be done didn't know, as the only way was over before the road can be surfaced. Brother A. Verecuyssen is superintendent on the job.

One bright spot in the employment picture is the Rock, Sand and Gravel Industry, which is booming again following a three-month slow-up. The Pacific Coast Aggregates recently announced that they were starting a second shift in their Plant 118 in Elliot.

Brother Vic Fahrni is back at Utah Construction's yard in Richthe payroll for Louis Francheschi, mond. Practically the same crew is out there, but things remain Lowery Paving has the contract very slow. Brother Vern Walker for placing of underground cables recently took a transfer as he will the Telephone Company on be employed on a Utah job in Ore Shattuck Ave. This San Francisco gon.

they waited three days for the come quite proficient in treating cere sympathy. arrival of the Java Head. This and diagnosing them. Members of time was spent in sightseeing, but the rodent family, they are subject for them that they found in Cuba, one of them becomes ill it is a and they were ready and anxious matter of deep concern to the to get underway by the time the consider that they are worth from boat was readied. On March 3 they \$700 to \$1,200 a pair! Earl says set sail for Cristobal in the Canal that his place will be easy to find Zone. The trip through the canal and he extends an invitation to was accomplished in nine hours, any of his friends to drop by and thanks to an obliging banana boat, see the chinchillas grow if they which gave them a tow-and happen to be traveling up Highenough bananas to keep them sup- way 101. plied for days. At Balboa, on the

Pacific side, they had the boat reconditioned and on March 15 set becalmed in the doldrums-that emergency. Finally on the ninth day fiying fish began to appearwelcome sights to the travelers, for their presence heralded the carried them home. During this life-schools of tuna, porpoises at play, whales floating like serious it wasn't so far away.

oversized commuters, and an occasional lone Galapagos turtle, hunslowly and self-sufficiently about his business. These big fellows would eye the craft interestedly, duck out of sight. Where to, they straight down-often several miles. The gooney birds proved an un-ending source of entertainment, and one in particular, which they

identified by a battered short tail, and followed for hundreds of miles. Upon their arrival at San Diego,

the Kenoyers left the ship and came directly home, but not until they had indulged themselves in enough hamburgers and milkshakes to satisfy the hunger acquired in those long days out on the Pacific.

owner-not surprising, when you ing people who will protect their

Brother Pat Collins, who tells us he just likes to "bang around," out for the Cocos Islands. They has just returned from a trip to arrived on March 19 after an easy Ann Arbor, Michigan. He went three-and-one-half-day trip, and by bus and then picked up a Dodge left on March 22, San Diego bound. convertible to make the trip home. the southern California port on sturdy because the elements were land-over 30 days and nothing Clinton, Oklahoma, greeted him but their small boat and the ocean. with a cloudburst and then Texas Ten days of this time was spent had a tornado packaged up and waiting for him. And at Amarillo. strange quiet spot in the sea, he said, he saw several cars blown where sailing ships have been off the road. So what did he do? known to lie helpless for as long In his own words, he "hung onto as 100 days waiting to be picked the steering wheel good and tight up by the trade winds. The Java till he got into town, then let Head had auxiliary motors, but loose of it, went to a hotel and gasoline was at a premium and just stayed put till it stopped blowthe supply had to be hoarded to ing." When he got underway again in mind, we still have that nonkeep the generators charged and he ran into pea-soup fog in New to see them through in case of an Mexico and then, just for variety, this tapered off into a nice snowstorm at Flagstaff. Those who know Pat will assure you, however, that it would take more than arrival of the precious winds that a few didoes of Mother Nature to ed for what they are, blood suckdampen his spirits. One thing he ers. Then and then only will they part of the trip they became accus- regrets though-he knows a spot tomed to seeing all kinds of sea in Lincoln, Illinois, where you can union where we can all bargain get a good meal for 50c-wishes

On the sick list this month we dreds of miles from land, paddling find Brother Ed Bangle recovering from an operation he underwent in Stockton last month. And here in Oakland, Brother Guy but when whistled at they would Mattingly is up and around again following a major operation at Permanente early in June.

On May 14, Brother Owen B. Laws was married to Miss Jacquie Landregan in Reno. Owen is the son of Brother Gus Laws, one of attached himself to the expedition our oldtimers. Jacquie is the daughter of retired Commodore J. W. Landregan. The young couple will make their home in Walnut Creek and we all wish them a great deal of happiness in the years to come.

Brother Frank Cabral wrote to us recently from Kuwait, Persian Gulf, where he has been employed While the Kenoyers were riding for eight months by International their hobby across the seas, Broth- Bechtel, Inc., as a greaser on cats.

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We would like to take this opportunity to pass this thought on

Most American working people are sound, logical, and well meaninterests if they are educated toward that end. The problem that we all have is to agree on the best way to protect the interests of the people who must work and then to do something about it.

It appears that the one thing that has been proven to work with the greatest success is our labor unions. In spite of the seemingly insurmountable obstacles from both management and our fellow workers, we have made progress. To protect the gains we have made, and to continue to progress, the man on the job must see that his interests are protected.

Remember, if the fellow working with you does not belong to the Engineers Union he is a direct obstacle to your progress and a menace to the conditions that you have fought for. You would not continue to pay his insurance, nor the payments on his car, nor allow him to take advantage of the privileges of your home. Why allow him to associate with you at. your work? And with that thought union cutthroat out on the sidelines where he will be visible to all other good union men with whom we are associated. Wear your button-so that those individuals will stand out, to be countsee the light and come into the collectively.

The Napa River job bids opened on May 26. Hydraulic Dredging Co. was low bidder at \$710,000. This job will get started about August 1. They have some changes to make in the dredge, and the dredge must go in drydock to complete repairs.

Bids opened on June 2 for the Redwood City job, and the San Francisco Bridge Co. was awarded the contract at \$46,886. This job is a small dredge job scheduled to start around June 15. Brother Walter Lutholtz (skipper) is taking the "Pronto" out to do the job.

On the Petaluma Creek job, bids have been postponed until June 21. 次 ★ ★

Oysters are good to eat the year around, but from May to September fewer are marketed because this is the spawning season.

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#### NEWS ABOUT THE BRC

Hobbies, avocations, outside in- uled to join the party at Kingston, for it. A member of the Oakland terests-call them what you wish. Jamaica, on February 20, they left Rifle Club for the past 15 years, to work for the City, at the Port Among the members we find they California by plane on February 5 he has won many honors for his are varied, always interesting and for New York. After a few hours marksmanship. He first became many times unusual. Sometimes a of sightseeing, they went on to interested in shooting as a hobby hobby is engaged in strictly for Annapolis where they were to pick while in the Navy during World pleasure and relaxation, and again up Bilek's car to be driven to War I, and has participated in the it is started with an eye toward Florida. After a leisurely trip sport ever since. Says his choice making a living, or as a supple- through the southern states, with of rifles is a 52 heavy barrel Winment to the weekly pay check stopovers at Miami and Key West, chester, but that he also favors when the going gets rough during they flew to Havana, where they the government 30 carbine Spring- highway to build-a lot of which the winter months. This month we remained for three days. Then field.

have reports which include both came what they consider the most categories - target shooting and interesting part of the whole trip sailing, obviously in the strictly —a day's drive by bus to Cama- Hvall, is that "ace in the hole" enjoyment class, and chinchilla guey, Cuba. Gone was the hustle, type of fellow we described earfarming, more of the "ace in the bustle and slavish schedule-keeping lier. Earl started raising chinchilhole" sort of activity.

that Americans live by-their trip las back in 1942. He had one pair In the boating classification we was purely for pleasure. The only which he put in a "fur farm pool" find Brother Martin Kenoyer, who foreigners aboard, their wish was at Redwood City. Out of this start owns his own boat, the "Cinnamon the driver's command. Martin he acquired several good animals Paul Beauchamp passed away aft-Bear," which he sails at every hadn't fasted sugar cane, so the which he continued raising in the opportunity. His participation in bus came to a halt while he sam-this sport recently let him and pled and examined it to his heart's During the past year he has been longed partially through the gen-Mrs. Kenoyer into one of the most content: A beautiful view took so successful that he decided to go erous blood donations from his interesting vacations imaginable- Mrs. Kenoyer's fancy-again they into the business on a larger scale. brother Engineers. Known by the sort of trip that most of us stopped and waited patiently while He purchased land near Murphy, many who worked with him as a dream about, but never quite take. she snapped pictures. And so on in the southern part of Oregon, blade and roller operator for Inde-At the invitation of Frank Bilek, down the road. They ambled into and moved up there bag and bag- pendent Construction Co., Oliver owner of the 44-foot cutter Java Camaguey about sunset, bringing gage, confident that he can make DeSilva, Lee Immel and many oth-Head, early this year they started to a close a day that was rich in a good living raising the little fel- ers, he was highly respected not on a trip which took them across atmosphere and easy-going charm lows. He says that as chinchilla only for his skill, and love for his the best bathing suit figures in the country down to Jamaica, the -and neither had so much as culture is comparatively new in fellow workers, but for his loyalty Cocos Islands and back up the looked at a watch or thought of this country, not too much is to unionism as well. Brother ginia Mayo (proof above), in a coast of Central America. Sched- the time for hours past! The next known about their care. However, Beauchamp is survived by his wife, sating two-piecer. 1 TOWNER

er Gene Ramone was pursuing his. Frank wished to say "hello" to all own here at home. An expert his friends and probably will be marksman, he recently won the coming home soon, as the job will Western States Championship for terminate in approximately two small bore rifle shooting and has more months.

six silver and gold medals to show

Brother Bill Berry will start of Oakland, as an Equipment Operator.

Brother John Fillinger dropped us a line recently from Cumana, Venezuela, where he is working on a highway job as foreman. They have approximately 200 miles of is quite rugged. He stated that "they expect to have quite a num-Our third hobbyist, Brother Earl ber of camps soon and have been doing some carryall work-but will start a '54' soon." Blackie Roberts is the general superintendent on the job.

> On Saturday, June 11, Brother er a long illness from a rare ane-

SMOOTH AS SATIN .- One of Hollywood, by the name, of Vir-

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#### ENGINEERS' NEWS

June 15, 1949

Daily report of awards for construction Leandro St., Oakland, \$264,241 for water sewer betw. San Leandro const. 118 mi. 12,500 KV distrib. line & 32 mi. convert from single MAY 23, 1949 5 mi. West of Belmont. MAY 23, 1949 to Jas. H. McFarland, 266 Laguna to Jas. H. McFarland, 266 Laguna

#### (Compiled by P. E. Vandewark) MAY 10, 1949

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FAIRFIELD, contract awarded to Asta Const. Co., 33 North Front St., Rio Vista, \$17,712 for const. pltmx. shldrs., portions of Road Nos. 77,83,100, D-113, near Fairfield, SOLANO CO.

YUBA CITY, contract awarded to Fred J. Early Jr. Co. Inc., 369 Pine St., San Francisco, \$278,990 for const. sew. treat. plt., (Proj. No. 2).

YUBA CITY, contract awarded to D. D. Morgan, 838 Morley St., Yuba City, \$27,538 for const. sew. pump. plant. (Proj. No. 3)

YUBA CITY, contract awarded to Irri. Const. Co., Colusa Hwy. Yuba City, \$24,762 for install. sew. pipe & MH.

YUBA CITY, contract awarded to Valley Conc. Pipe & Prod. Co., Cooper & Reeves Avenue, Yuba City, \$18,974 for furnishing concrete sewer pipe to city of Yuba City

PLEASANTON, contract awarded to Peter Sorensen, P. O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$130,730 for const. sew. treat. pant.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to J. R. Armstrong, 400 Central Ave., El Cerrito, \$305,382 for 5.6 mi. gr. & pltmx. surf. betw. 3.5 mi. E. Broadway Tunl. & Rte. 107, in Walnut Creek, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Barker Corp., P. O. Box 1316, Stockton, \$69,650 for 70 acres clear on 8.257 mi. Mammoth Road, Sierra National Forest, MA-DERA COUNTY.

RENO, NEVADA, contract was awarded to G. W. Schilling Engr. & Const. Co., Inc., 1227 D St., Sparks, Nevada, \$14,138 for const. sews. & storm drains, Jonada Heights Dist., Reno.

RENO, contract was awarded to Geo. E. Miller, 111 Morrill Avenue, Reno, Nevada, \$4,279 for realign. Eastman ditch.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick Inc., 112 Market St., San Francisco, \$307,117 for const. foundations & appurts for railroad bridge, Oakland Harbor, Ser. Eng-04-203-49-14.

#### MAY 11, 1949

REDDING, contract awarded to Downer & Eckley, 1003 University Avenue, Reno, \$33,600 for const. roads & other grading on the Shas-

ta Union High School campus. SACRAMENTO, contract was awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Company, 10 W. Orange Ave., South San Francisco and Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$2,819,378 for 1.3 mi. grade & conc. pave on cem. tr. subgr. & pltmix surf. on cem tr. base; const. grade sep. struc.; const. 2 undercrossings, pedes. undercrossings & off-ramp overcrossings; & furn. & inst. hwy. lighting & traf. sig. sys., betw. Augusta St. & 25th Street, San Francisco, SAN FRANCISCO CO. (IV-SF-68-SF).

PALO ALTO, contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$203,302 for grade, pave. etc., in Oregon Avenue, etc., under Proj. No. 48-1.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to E. J. Treacy, 452 Dewov Bly San 1 65

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EL CERRITO, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Av. Oakland, \$143,832 for const. vitr. sew. laterals in Assess. Dist. 7, under 1911-1915 Acts.

#### MAY 16, 1949

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Pav. Co., 175 So. Montgomery St., San Jose, \$99,656 for const. st. wk., san. sews. & appurts., storm wtr. drains, wtr. sys. & st. 1gt. sys. in Stanford Univ. Villa Tr. & adj. territory, under R. I. adopted Apr. 18, 1949.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to J. R. Reevs, P. O. Box 1072, Sacramento, \$26,693 for gr., surf. Manzanita Ave., No. Sacramento.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Payne Const. Co., 876 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$14,585 for const. comb. stl. & conc. brdg. on stl. pile bents on Co Rd B-27, Lagonde Way, acr. San Ramor Crk. at Danville, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded as follows:

(1) Gagemont Tract - To Carl R. Fiedler, 2231 S St., Sacramento, \$24,055, for grade & pave.

(2) Alley betw. L & Capitol, & 22nd & 23rd - to Carl R. Fiedler, \$2233 for paving. SACRAMENTO, contract award-

ed to Continental Const. Co., 1402 Front St., Sacramento, \$14,870 for const. grav. sidewalks, curbs & misc. const. work for a new crosswalk at the State Capitol, on 12th St.

MARIPOSA, contract awarded to R. Goold & Son, P. O. Box 190, Stockton, \$9,241 for inst. floodlights at 35th Agric. Dist. Assn.

PETALUMA, contract awarded to Walter L. Olsen, 966 Sonoma Avenue, Santa Rosa, \$42,890 for const. grandstand located at the

Fourth Dist. Agric. Assn. CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Silver State Cons. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$79,802 for 13,208 mi. pltmx. surf. betw. Carson City & Washoe City, in ORMS-BY & WASHOE COUNTIES.

#### MAY 17, 1949

SALINAS, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Wat-sonville, \$2138 for grade, grain & surf. access road to Muni. Treatment plant.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to Silva Bros., 1680 Bridge St., Hayward, \$13,706 for const. light plane parking area at Hayward Muni. Airport

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Payne Const. Co., 876 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$14,585 for const. comb. stl. & conc. bridge on stl. pile bents on Co. Rd. B-27 Lagonde Way, acr. San Ramon Creek at Danville, CONTRA COSTA CO. SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to J. R. Reeves, P. O. Box 1072, Sacramento, \$26,693 for grade &

surf. Manzanita Avenue in North Sacramento. SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son., Inc., 1846

37th St., Sacramento, \$52,382 for 116,350 sq. ft. armor coat pave on Public Ways & right-of-way, in Wright & Kimbrough Sutterville

FRESNO, contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., P. O. Box 2087, Stockton, \$491,799 for constr. 5 mi. R. C. san. sew. addns.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. R. McEwen, Box 127, Willits, \$111,044 for 1.2 mi. gr., const. rdmx, surf, on cem. stab. imp. base matl. & apply sealcoat, Maple Creek & 1.2 mi. E., MENDOCINO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to W. C. Railing, 27 Lowell St., Redwood City, \$69,772 for 19.7 mi. apply bit., surf. tr. to shldrs. & pltmx. portions, betw. 0.3 mi. So. of Willows & Tehama County Line, GLEEN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873-81st Ave., Oakland, \$1,337-812 for const. 3.3 mi. grade & conc. pave. on bit. treat. subg. & const. separation strucs., on Eastshore Freeway betw. S. City Limits & High St., in Oakland, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to United Conc. Pipe Corp., R. A. Bell, & Westbrook & Pope, Box 425, Baldwin Park, Calif., \$1,107,-646 for 6.1 mi. grade four lane div. hwy. & const. two R. C. overhead strucs. over S. P. Co. railway trk., betw. 1 mi. E. of Auburn & 1 mi.

W. of Applegate, PLACER CO. SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to G. M. Carr & Bati Rocca, 2333 Burbank Ave., Santa Rosa, \$129,779 for const. R. C. conc. girder brdg. & apprs., at Clear Creek, 9 mi. S. of Happy Camp, in SISKIYOU COUNTY.

PLYMOUTH, contract awarded to Ferguson Bros., 8923 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$15,469 for const. wtr. & sew. services, 26th Dist. Agric. Assn., AMADOR COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded (GENERAL) to Empire Const. Co., Ltd., 344 Harriet St., San Francisco, \$742,000 for const. powerhouse & physical education building at San Francisco State College, Lake Merced.

SACRAMENTO, contract award-ed to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, \$15,940 for constr. sew. Jensen Villa.

#### MAY 24, 1949

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to T. M. Page Co., 145 W. Duarte Road, Monrovia, for const. roadbed for Taylor car-retarder yd.

WALNUT CREEK, contract was awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$19,982 for const. grade, pave. & sewers on Pine Street.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874-25th Ave., San Francisco, \$4,460 for install 8 inch & 12 inch C. I. mains in 19th Ave. & Winston Dr., under W.D. 512.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874-25th Ave., San Francisco, \$16,800 for install 6 inch & 8 inch C. I. mains in Southhill Blvd., from Rolph St., to Chicago Way, under W. D. 510,

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874-25th Ave., San Francisco, \$5,841 for install 8 inch C. I. mains in

Honda Blvd., San Francisco, \$107,-600 for constr. 775 ft. stl. & tbr. brdg. consist. of five 150-ft. stl. spans & 190-ft. trestle appr., across Sacramento River at Jellys Ferry, TEHAMA CO.

RENO, NEVADA, contract was awarded to G. E. Schilling Engrg. & Constr. Co., Inc., 1227 D St., Sparks, Nevada, \$6,514 for const. sew. & appurts. in vic. of East 4th Sts.

#### MAY 27, 1949

WALNUT CREEK, contract was awarded to Stolte Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$81,923 for constr. sewers in Local Improvement District No. 12.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk Inc., 900 - 73rd Ave., Oakland, \$26,182 for prelim. excav., sealcoat., etc. to approach road of Mt. Blvd. Freeway proj. to Broadway Terrace.

ELDRIDGE, contract awarded (GENERAL CONSTRUCTION) to Haas & Rothchild, 274 Brannan St., San Francisco, \$172,861 for constr. laundry & warehouse at Sonoma State Home,

#### MAY 31, 1949

SAN RAFAEL, contracts awarded for constr. Dist. Sew. Disp. Proj. (1) Unit 1 — Intercept. Sews., Force Mains: To McGuire & Hester 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$266,-961.

(2) Unit II - Sew. Pump & Treat. Kks .- To Haas & Rothchild, 274 Brannan St., San Francisco, \$355,269.

VISALIA, contract awarded to L. C. Clark, 422 Park Avenue, Visalia \$14,166 for const. R. C. slab brdg. across Tule River, 10 mi. S. E. of Tulare, TULARE CO. BERKELEY, contract awarded

to Parker, Steffens & Pearce, 135 S. Park St., San Francisco, \$716,-800 (GENERAL WORK) for const. addn. to physics building, Le Conte Hall, on Berkeley Campus.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Son, 1520-4th St. Berkeley, \$4850 for subway, grade & pave for elec. substa., Univ. of Calif., Berkeley Campus.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to Herman Krusi, 100 Duncan Way Berkeley, \$31,900 for const. shop bldg., No. 53, 184" cyclotron Area Univ. of California, Berkeley. DAVIS, contract awarded for

work at Plt., Sciences Bldg., Etc., Davis:

Grade & Pave-To A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P. O. Box 1113, Sacra-mento, \$19,210.

Sprinklers-To Wenrick & Assn., P. O. Box 164, Burlingame, (Partial), \$6637.

DAVIS, contract awarded to M. R. Carpenter, 907 Front St., Sacra-mento, \$38,527 for const. util. conn. at School of Vet. Medicine, Univ. of California, Davis Campus. CARSON CITY, NEVADA, con-

tract awarded to Dodge Const. Co., Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$214,818 for 7.667 mi. grade, roadmix surface on State Highway from 6 mile East of Millers to Tonopah, in NYE and ESMERALDA COUNTIES.

JUNE 1, 1949 OAKLAND, contract awarded to

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded (GENERAL) to Continental Const. Co., 1402 Front St., Sacramento, \$274,000 for const. conc. foundation for State Capital, Sacramento.

#### JUNE 6, 1949

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Karl C. Harmeling 1710 Mt. Diablo, Stockton, \$33,638 for 0.6 mi. grade & pltm. surf. on untreat. rock base, at San Joaquin River, about 4.5 mi. N.E. of Crows Landing in STANISLAUS COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Morgan Const. Co., P. O. Box 904, Redding, \$30,750 for 22.1 mi. (por.) apply Class "A" fine sealcoat at var. locations near Redding & at Fall River Mills (Co. Rts. 1074 & 1076 & St. Rts. II-Sha-3-20-A, Rdg., C,A,B,), in SHASTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th St., Sacramento, \$77,860 for const. Sutterville Heights sewer, under 1911 Act.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Central Valley Pipeline Inc., 2416 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, \$5,233 for const. Cherry Hill sewer under 1911 Act.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th Street, Sacramento, \$35,867 for excav. surf., & drain etc. in 12 Street.

SACRAMENTO, contract award-ed to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutter-ville Road, Sacramento, \$2,536 for pave & drain alley, V & W, 8th to 9th Streets.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 75th & San Leandro, Oakland, \$17,320 for install water mains in the city of Monterey.

#### JUNE 7, 1949

REDDING, contract awarded to N. P. Van Valkenburgh, P. O. Box 1192, Sacramento, \$75,773 for const. sanit. sewer sys. in Garden-1192. Olivia Sew. Dist.

REDWOOD CITY, contract was awarded to S. F. Bridge Co., 503 Market St., San Francisco, \$46,088 for 124,000 cy. dredge sects. A & D of Redwood Creek Canal, under Ser. Eng-04-203-49-24.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Pacific Pavement Co., Ltd., 85 Barstow, San Francisco, \$76,075 for repave sidewalk openings etc. for San Francisco Water Department, for coming fiscal year. SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to C. G. Willis & Sons, 2119 E. 25th St., Los Angeles, \$396-808 for 3.887 mi. const. Proj. FH 48-B1, Huntington Lake Sierra National Forest, FRESNO COUNTY. SAN FRANCISCO, contract was

awarded to Fredrickson Brothers, 1259-65th Street, Emeryville, \$277,-122 for 3.435 mi. grade, drain & pltmix. surf., Tahoe-Brockway Rd., Tahoe National Forest, PLACER COUNTY.

NAPA, contract awarded to Slinson Const. Co., P. O. Box 551, Napa, \$11,602 for const. paving, curbs & gutters on Adrian St. from Central Ave. north to Pueblo Ave. under 1911 Act.

ying 6" & 8" mains at Athens St.	Park Uni III.	Quintara St. & Jones St.	Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Em-	SAN FRANCISCO, contract was
rom Madison to Peru, under W.D.	QUINCY, contracts awarded as	MODESTO, contract awarded to	eryville, \$7,247,414 for pave roads	awarded to Barker Corp., Box
o. 508.	follows:	Pittsburg Des Moines Seel Co., P.	& parking area in Tilden Reg.	1316, Stockton, \$69,650 for 70A
MAY 12, 1949	San. Sewers - To Matthew &	O. Box 329, Santa Clara, \$91,890	Park.	clearing on 8.257 mi. Mammoth
SACRAMENTO, contract award-	Jorgenson, P. O. Box 239, Hughson,	for const. 600,000 gal. elec. steel	SACRAMENTO, contract award-	Road, Sierra National Forest, MA-
		wtr. tank, support tower, conc.	ed to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-	DERA COUNTY.
d to Arthur A. Johnson, 421 Pearl	Treat. Plant - To Ted Vares	foundation, etc.	37th St., Sacramento, \$11,907 for	SAN PABLO, contract awarded
t., Laguna Beach \$56,454 for 8.7			grade & pave, etc., at Washington	to J. R. Armstrong, Box 216, El
ii. rdmx. surf. betw. So. County	Constr. Co., 345 Warwick, San Le-	MAY 25, 1949	School Playground.	Cerrito, \$5,956 for grade. surf., etc.
ine & Benton Station (MONO CO.	andro, \$131,654.	RENO, NEVADA, contract was	SACRAMENTO, contract award-	23d St. & Dover Ave., betw. N. line
X-Mon-76-A,B)	MAY 19, 1949	awarded to G. E. Schilling Const.	ed to N. M. Ball & Sons, Box 430,	of Dover & 200 ft. S. of Market
CARSON CITY, NEV., contract	SAN FRANCISCO, contract rec-	Co., Inc., 1227 D St., Sparks, Nev.,	Berkeley, \$633,288 for 7.8 mi. conc.	St. Improvement Project 3.
warded to Silver State Const. Co.,	ommended to C. G. Willis & Sons,	\$482,237 for const. Unit II, Disposal	pave. on cem. tr. subgrade, &	FRESNO, contract awarded to
allon, Nevada, \$79,802 for 13.208		Plant Enlargement Proj.	pltmx. surf. on cr. run base, betw.	the following for const. vitrified
ii. pltmx, surf. betw. Carson City	808 for 3.887 mi. const. proj. Cali-	RENO, NEVADA, contract	1 mi. south of Tipton & Tulare	sewers:
Washoe City, in ORMSBY and	fornia FH-B1, Huntington Lake	awarded to G. E. Schilling Const.	Airport, TULARE COUNTY.	(1) To W. M. Lyles, P. O. Box
ASHOE COUNTIES.	Sierra National Forest, FRESNO	Co. Inc., 1227 D St., Sparks, Ne-	SACRAMENTO, contract award-	495, \$1998 for Kearney Villa Place,
MAY 13, 1949	COUNTY.	vada, \$66,842 for const. conc. storm	ed to McGillivray Const. Co., P. O.	R. I. 223-D.
SACRAMENTO, contract award-	SAN FRANCISCO, contract was	drains & sewers in vinicity of Vir-	Box 873, Sacramento, \$424,445 for	(2) To W. M. Lyles, P. O. Box
d to Lew Jones Const. Co., 150 No.	recommended to Fredrickson Bros.,	ginia Lake.	35.1 mi. pl. cem. tr. cr. run base	495, Avenal, \$1899 for Lots 32, 43,
Sth St., San Jose, \$16,912 for re-	1259 - 65th St., Emeryville, \$227,-	FRESNO, contract awarded to	on exist, surf. & C1. D sealcoat	Figarden Heights, R. I. 222-D.
lace 100-ft steel truss span with		Harris Const. Co., P. O. Box 109,	apply, betw. Crespo's & Spring	SAN RAFAEL, contract award-
vo 50-ft. girder spans on bridge	pltmx. surf., Tahoe-Brockway Rd.,	Fresno, \$21,721 for const. addn. to	Hill SHASTA & SISKIVOU COUNT	ed to Brown-Ely Co., 7360 Schmidt
cross Butte Creek, Oroville-Chico		New Bldg., at Redding School (alt.	TIES.	Lane, El Cerrito, \$5,860 for constr.
lighway, BUTTE CO,	COUNTY.	\$10,326).	JUNE 2, 1949	City Hall Parking Lot.
SACRAMENTO, contract award-	WALNUT CREEK, contract was	MAY 26, 1949	SAN FRANCISCO, contract rec-	REDWOOD CITY, contract was
d to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton		CARSON CITY, NEVADA, con-	ommended to L. A. & R. S. Crow	awarded to Edwin J. Tobin, 1000
lvd., Sacramento, \$69,793 for wid-	Bebek & Bebek, 13305 So. San	tract awarded to Dodge Const. Inc.,	123½ Rosemead Blvd., El Monte,	Carleton Drive, Berkeley, \$75,738
n crossovers & const. conc. curbs		Fallon, Nevada, \$214,818 for 7.667	\$408,654 for 4.592 mi. grade, drain,	for const. sanit. sew. sys. & storm
barrier posts betw. 0.7 mi. E.	const. lateral sew. in local Improv.	mi. grade, rdmx. surf. on St. Hwy.	etc. on Western Divide, Sequoia	sew. sys. & appurts. in Kensington
f Ulatis Creek & 0.5 mi. W. of	Dist. 4.	Sys., from 6 mi. E. of Miller's to	National Forest, TULARE CO.	Square, R. C., under R. I. No. 707
olo Causeway, in SOLANO &	MARYSVILLE, contract award-	Tonopah, NYE & ESMERALDA	SACRAMENTO, contract award-	& 1911 Act.
OLO COUNTIES.	ed to Irrig. Const. Co., 1903 Park	COUNTIES.	ed to River Rock Inc., P. O. Box	JUNE 8, 1949
SAN FRANCISCO, contract was	Ave., Chico, \$41,137 for constr. in-	OAKLAND, contract awarded to	1462, Merced, \$38,060 for 6.3 mi.	ST. HELENA, contract awarded
warded to Bernal Const. Co., 79		Stanley H. Koller, 1094 Pomona	excav. borders, backfill with untr.	to Harold Smith, P. O. Box 332,
lsie St., San Francisco, \$3,187 for	MAY 20, 1949	St., Crockett, \$571,326 for constr.	rock base & pltmx. surf., betw. Cox	St. Helena, \$30,811 for widen,
sph. conc. pave Bemis St., Castro	BELMONT, contract awarded to	raw sew. pump. ptl., & grit cham-	Ferry Brdg. & Snelling.	grade, pave., etc. in Oak Avenue,
Roanoke.	Howard Wenrick & Assoc., P. O.	ber & install machinery & equip.	SAN FRANCISCO, contract was	Tainter St., Stockton St. & Church
OAKLAND, contract awarded to	Box 164, Burlingame, \$14,374 for	at 34th & Wood St., ALAMEDA	awarded to Healy Tibbitts Const.	Street.
H. Fitzmaurice, 2857 Hannah St.,	const. C. I. Wtr. mns., under Proj.	COUNTY.	Co., 411 Brannan St., San Fran-	SANTA ROSA, contract awarded
akland, \$11,423 for const. S. E.	1948-I.	REDWOOD CITY, contract was	cisco, \$21,940 for replace piles,	to Hall & Son, 1022 Redwood Hiwy.
dewalk area on Park Blvd., betw.	SAN LEANDRO, contract was	awarded to Edwards, Foulk &	floats, & dredging at Yacht Harbor,	Santa Rosa, \$4,400 for inst. pipe &
ampel St. & Glenfield Avenue.	awarded to A. J. Peters & Son,	Dana, 580 Ave., Del Ora, R. C.,	JUNE 3, 1949	equip. at Muni. Swimming Pool,
ALTORAS, contract awarded to	P. O. Box 632, San Jose, \$40,000	\$4748 for const. wtr. distrib. mains	OAKLAND, contract awarded to	on King Street.
er monte Electric Co., 8275 San	for const. Bancroft Avenue storm	at San Mateo Co., Juvenile Home,	R. C. Lewis Const., Inc., 1815 Tele-	(Continued on page 11)

# Sacramento-'Out of Work' List Melts as June Sunshine Brings Work to Valley

E. P. (ED) PARK, Business Representative, Local 3 The month of June brought not only hot weather but considerable work in the area and for the first time this year we are getting the best of our "Out of Work" list.

The first bids on the Deep Water Channel will be opened on June 16th. Specifications call for a setting basin entrance channel and training levees and for roads, railroads and levee

embankments in the Harbor area. It will be approximately a month after the bid opening before any actual work will be started. NEW PLAYGROUND

A. Teichert & Son have been do the playground area at the were low on the grading and paving at the Plant Science Bldg. on the Davis campus.

Central Valley Pipe will do the sewers in the Cherry Hills Tract. This contract was for \$5,223.85.

Work continues on many new schools in this vicinity with the new contracts being advertised or awarded daily. Lawrence Construction Co. has been awarded the contract for the Fruitridge Manor Heights School. The Loomis Elementary School will be built by the Schutt Construction Co. for \$39,760. An addition of six classrooms to the McClellan School has been contracted for \$92,800 by Koblik & Fisher. The South Sacramento School is advertising an addition of nine classrooms. A new high school will be built in Lincoln, Placer County.

#### CAPITOL ADDITION

The Continental Construction Co. was the low bidder in the amount of \$274,000 for a five-story addition to the State Capitol. This will consist of private legislative offices, work rooms, governor's office unit, committee rooms and a garage in the basement.

Lupen & Hawley, low bidders on additional contract in the amount of \$28,458.

Lentz Construction Co. received a contract from the City of Sacramento for street improvement in the amount of \$2536.05. Carl Fielder was low on another city street improvement contract at \$2649.65.

Bids were opened June 8 for 3.9 miles of grading and surfacing on State Route 65 near Rescue. Tyson & Watters were low at \$54,700.80. Also on this date E. W. Simpson

and Wm. Gross Gravel Co. of Auburn were the successful bidders for improvements on the State Highway near Squirrel Creek in Nevada County. Their bid was

the right-of-way, with Brother "Smokey" Sutherland moving the brush. The Underground Construc-

tion Co. has about completed their job of laying the telephone lines the successful bidders on several along the new road right-of-way. contracts in the area. They will Ruby Construction Co., sub-contractor, has made a lot of headway Washington School for \$11,907.65. on its culverts and bridges. At this A contract for street improvement writing they are pretty well in on 12th Street Road, North B to the clear as far as the cats are 16th, has been awarded them in concerned. With most of the prethe amount of \$35,867 and they liminary work completed, this job should really get going withing the next week or two.

The M. W. Brown job at Diamond Springs is practically completed. Brother Bob Browning took over as foreman and is doing first rate on the finishing.

J. P. Breen, with Vic Bonner in charge, has several small jobs in progress in this territory. One special job that they had at Weimar Sanitarium kept the boys on their toes.

#### BRIDGE JOB

Over near Davis, Frederickson Bros. are going full steam ahead on their bridge job on Putah Creek. It should be showing on the horizon in about 30 days. This company is also moving equipment on to their job at Brockway in the Tahoe National Forest. This contract was \$227,112 for 3.435 miles of road improvement. Brother Fred Butler is the superintendent and Brother Art Ingerson is doing the shifting. Brothers Harvey Young and Al Driscol are on the "cats" and Brother George Murphy is the mechanic. Brother Gus Wallin, oiler, completes the crew to date.

The H. Earl Parker levee job at Putah Creek is now at a standstill the mechanical work, secured an and it looks like it will be the last of July or the first part of August. before operations get underway again.

The McGillivray Construction Co. is working on its resurfacing job at Madison. Brother Geo. McFadden is the superintendent and Brother Bus Lake is the foreman.

N. P. VanValkenberg have finished their pipeline job at Winters and have moved all of their equipment back to town. They are now doing repair work on the machines and completing several small jobs in this vicinity.

Lentz Construction Co. continue to keep their regular crew busy with several small jobs in this area. This company will be moving

### Merchant Ships Idle Construction Awards

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JUNE 9, 1949 FRESNO, contract awarded to

Kovick Brothers, P. O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$33,133 for const. canal strucs. at Fresno Muni. Farm.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900 Watsonville, \$29,883 for 0.3 mi. roadmix surf. at Cypress Creek, 0.6 mi. N. of Santa Cruz-San Mateo County line, SAN MATEO CO. SACRAMENTO, contract award-

ed to W. H. O'Hair, Box 278, Co-lusa, \$103,597 for 3.7 mi. grade, bit. surf. treat. & widen two reinf. conc. girder bridges between Cher-okee Canal & Pennington Road, BUTTE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract award-ed to Underground Const. Co., 75th Ave. & San Leandro Blvd., Oakland \$97,515 for repair nine piers of bridge across Yuba River at Marysville on D St., YUBA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Anderson Co., P. O. Box 101, Visalia, \$148,363 for 1.2 mi. grade & untr. rock & pltmx, surf. across St. Johns River, 4 mi. N.E. of Vi-salia, TULARE COUNTY.

JUNE 10, 1949

RENO, NEVADA, contract was awarded to I. Christensen Co., 234 Gardiner St., Reno, \$34,345 for const. outfall line across site for the new Reno High School, on So. Verdi Road.

PIEDRA, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$140,862 for const. five resudebces., one dormitary, one admin. building, utility building & garage; hydraulic hoist, gas lines, storage tanks, fences, etc., at Pine Flat Proj., near Piedra, under Ser. Eng. 04-167-49-69.

JUNE 13, 1949 SUTTER CREEK, contract was awarded to O. R. Dahms, Rte. 7, Box 1143, Sacramento, \$71,749 (Prop. I), & \$28,000 (Prop. II), for

Valley have signed a Building Trades Agreement with the Tri-Counties Building Trades Council and going along o.k. at this writing. At Colfax, the Central California Construction Co. have the contract for the Sewage Disposal Plant. Stanley Todd, a No. 3 member, is doing the dirt work.

The Peter L. Ferry job is coming along out at the Folsom Dam with about the same crew as reported in the last issue. No new bids have as yet been advertised for this project.

PERSONAL MENTION

Brother J. E. Disney was ill with pneumonia for several weeks but is now able to be back at work again.

Brother William Benning was on the sick list for a time due to an operation.

Brother Charles Milhous, who suffered a back injury on the Parker job some time ago, is still under the doctor's care. Here's hoping you'll soon be well, Charlie. Brother A. A. Green is another

who has recently returned from Arabia. He was also employed by Bechtel, but was on their job at

Washington.-America has more than 3,500 merchant ships, but over half the total-1,930-were laid up on May 1, government reports reveal. Most of those rusting at anchor are slow ships built during the war, and of little use now.

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Bro, David Rhodes of Local 3 was drowned on the San Joaquin River just below Friant. While wading in the river in a diving suit he stepped into a deep hole. He was on a family picnic at the time.



Mining in Utah is adversely affected by lower prices now prevailing. Cedar City iron mines are slowed down by slack in the steel market.

\* \* \* More civil aircraft are registered in Alaska in proportion to its population than in any other state, territory or country in the world.

const. sewage treat. plt. & sew. collection system.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Wayne Co. (FASP S-225 (I): To L. A. Young Const. Co., Rich-fied, \$71,735, for 4,818 mi. const. 2" roadmix bit. surf. rd. on Sect. S.R. No. 72, betw. Loa & Fremont. (2) Grant Co. (EASP S-268 (I):

To Anderson Const. Co., 1102 N. 36th Street, Seattle, Wash., \$66,409, for 6.535 mi. const. grav. surf. rd., on sect. of Co. Rd. betw. Elgin & Hastings Ranch.

(3) Utah Co. (SP No. 1087) To W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, \$42,987, for 0.850 mi. const. pltmx. surf. on sect. of E. Center Street, in Provo, betw. 1st. St. E. & State Hospital Entrance.



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George Wende of Oakdale was the low bidder for dredging at Doughty, Crocker and Pescadero	Ebentraut & Summers and M. R. Carpenter have about completed	Dhahran. We are sorry to report that Brother Floyd Bateman has been	Office: ANdover 1-0466 Quarry: TRinidad 2-2400
cuts, and Sugar Canal and Tom Paine Slough, as advertised by the U. S. Engineers. Their bid was for \$10,250. <b>BIDS TO BE OPENED SOON</b> June 15—Five-tenths of a mile of road in Truckee to be graded and resurfaced. June 20—Highway improvement on Dry Creek Road, Sacramento County. June 21—Levee work at Miner Slough under the U. S. Engineers. June 21—Highway improvement on Harmony Ridge, Tahoe National	their jobs at Davis but at this writing are still keeping a few members busy on the finishing touches. A few of the boys keep busy most of the time working for the Asta Construction Co. on small jobs in and around Rio Vista. Ralph Drollinger is doing the curb work on the Davis Highway with Brothers Geo. Sullivan and Nathan Hill moving the equipment. Geo. Pollock Co. continues work- ing on the Folsom By-pass which they expect to complete some time	<ul> <li>ill for the past month.</li> <li>Brother Jim Chaffin is now in business for himself. He can be reached by phoning 6-7320 and will do all types of cement work.</li> <li>Brother Al Bowling has returned from two weeks spent at Richard- son Springs and is back working on the Telephone Bldg. for Swiner- ton &amp; Walberg.</li> <li>Brother John Hartman was a patient at the Mercy Hospital for a few days due to a "strep" throat. Congratulations to Brother Rob- ert Massey, who won a sweeping</li> </ul>	N. M. BALL SONS Member A. G. C. General Contractors 685 Delaware St. Berkeley LAndscape 6-3665
Forest. June 21—Four miles of new road on Bear Valley grade, Highway 20, Nevada County. June 22—Bridges to be widened and culverts extended on State Highway between Putah Creek and Colusa County line. At Comptonville, Westbrook & Pope will have finished with the "cats" and "cans" by the time this is in print, All equipment will be moved to the Auburn job. It is expected that their job at Jackson will soon be completed and these rigs moved over to Auburn also. Preliminary work has been in progress at Auburn for the past several weeks. Lancaster & Dahl	in August. Brothers Art Root and Marvin Reed are doing the shift- ing. The same crew continues work- ing for Bates & Rodgers at the Twelfth Street Underpass. Brother Bob "Hardrock" Johnson is pulling the levers on the crane with Broth- er Ray Smith doing the oiling. Brother Emil Selzle is the "cat" man. Joe Viccini is working on a county road job at Rescue with Brothers Josh Bassi, J. D. Bow- man, H. R. Smith and Bob Brown on the job. Brother W. L. Thacker is the Gunite man for Johnson Western	FORE GOING TO WORK ON	CLEVERDON CO., Inc. Paving and Grading

# WORK PACE SLACKS UP A BIT IN S. F., BUT BIG JOBS AHEAD P. E. VANDEWARK, PAT CLANCY AND HARRY METZ

**Business Representatives.** Local 3

Working conditions have slowed down somewhat from our previous report. Although there is still considerable work going on in the area, some new jobs of quite large proportions will be let next month, which should furnish additional employment to the brothers.

Dinwiddie Const. Co. is now getting a good start on the Park Merced apartment house project. Most of the towers for each of the 13-story buildings are now erected and the concrete is being poured on the first floors.

Eaton & Smith is still doing a considerable amount of excavation work on the above-mentioned pro- land. There have been a lot of ject. They are also back on the fellows coming into the San Fran-Youth Center job moving more dirt. The brothers are all busy in tion as to what contractors to conthe shop, putting in lots of over- tact in order to work out of the time, and keeping all of the rigs States. However, the information in operation.

Duncanson & Harrelson are busy on their bridge job at Islais Creek. most of the foundation work is about completed, and the job will soon be ready for the steel erection.

McGuire & Hester have started two sewer jobs, one at 5th and Market Sts. and the other at 13th and Mission Sts. They already have several rigs busy on the job and probably will add a few more after the jobs get under way.

M. & K. Corp.'s Lake Merced job is now working two headings, three full shifts, with a large number of the brothers employed on the project. It keeps "Scotty" McLennon busy handling the muck for both headings.

#### SEWER, LAKE JOBS

Ben C. Gerwick had the pile driving job for the lake crossing at Lake Merced. The piling will carry the new outfall sewer line across the lake to the new sewer treating plant that M. & K. is erecting on the site.

The North Point sewer treating plant, on which M. & K. Corp. is the contractor, is now under heavy construction. Most of the excavation work having been completed by Eaton & Smith. Raymond has been doing the pile driving work.

Swinerton & Walberg's two large building projects, Mt. Zion Hospital and Standard Oil Bldg., are progressing very nicely. The steel erection having been completed by American Bridge on the Standard Oil Bldg. Bethlehem Pacific is still busy with the steel on the Hospital job. There are several material hoists on these two jobs to keep some of the brother Engineers busy.

MacDonald Young & Nelson are still working full blast on the Stoneson Project off 19th Ave. Several of the brothers are real busy on this project, running hoists, cranes, cats, blades, concrete plant and compressors. The conference being held in Santa Barbara over the new Shipbuilding and Repair Agreement is now in its third week and no satisfactory agreement has been reached up to this pont. Although the conference is not stalemated, very little progress is being made.

world in which to live, especially for the members of Local No. 3. -\*

#### PERSONAL TOUCHES

The activity on foreign construction jobs has been at a standstill for the past month, with just a few of the brothers leaving the homecisco office and asking for informathat they have obtained from this office has been very limited as there are very few openings and the contractors have not been contacting our office for some time. We have been informed that most of the jobs are finishing up.

Ken Harbert has just returned to town again after working nine months in South America for Loomis, a New York contractor. Back from Guam . . . Clair S.

Somers, who was working for Brown, Pacific & Maxom, is back after completing a year's contract. G. R. Burns is home once again after being away for two yearshe is also back with a completed contract from BPM. Bert Hawson and Julius Floyd were in the office a few days back and expect to try and go to work in Montana after being in Guam for the past year and Gustine, a distance of 17 with BPM. C. E. Tood completed miles for \$4,165,764. Morrisona year's contract with Pomeroy. John Dillar, who has been working with M. & K. and Kewitt for the past 16 and one-half months, is also back with a completed conract

Edward Fox and Robert Price were in the office together after working 14 months in the Philippines for Drake-Utah and Grove; their contract was also a completed one.

Dwight Williams is back from Arabia after doing a 18 months stretch with Bechtel.

We find B. F. Lowden going to Hong-Kong to work for Marsman on a one year's contract.

Louis F. Gill is also back from Guam where he completed a 13 month contract working for the Government as blade operator.

Brother Edward Kimmell has gone into business at the P-A-L-A Cabinet Shop in Los Altos. They specialize in making furniture, cabinets, store fixtures, frames and screens. Kimmell Bros. are located at 4515 El Camino Real at San Antonio Road, Los Altos. If any of drop in and see him. Lots of luck Ed!

# Stockton-DELTA MENDOTA CANAL JOB AND FARMINGTON DAM ARE SET TO GO

By ED DORAN and FRANK LAWRENCE **Business Representatives**, Local 3

The election in Local No. 3 is now past history and all who were elected are grateful as they feel that it is an indication that the membership as a whole, are appreciative of our efforts in their behalf.

Westbrook and Pope are going along very fast on the Cook's Station road job. Although it is summer in the day time, it sure isn't at night. Brrrr.

The employees of the Calaveras Cement Co. at San Andreas were granted a (7) seven cent increase in pay. This will cover 200 members of the Operating Engineers Union working in the quarry and LAND LEVELLERS the plant.

There has been reports of strange goings on around the Angels and San Andreas locality, but suppose boys will be boys.

Brothers Vic Swanson, Pat Clancy and Clarence Mathews attended our last meeting with the Calaveras Cement employees at the Civic Auditorium. These employees were so appreciative of Brother Swanson's work that they had a off. 200-voice choir singing. Dancing and other entertainment went on for a couple of hours. Our thanks to the entertainment committee. FARMINGTON DAM

The Farmington Dam will be let for bid on the 21st of June. This will be a \$2,000,000 earth fill dam and is located 20 miles east of Stockton.

Western Contractors, commonly known as the Hubert H. Everest Co., was low bidder on the Delta Mendota Canal between Newman Knudson was second low bidder for \$4,340,809.

M. J. Ruddy & Sons of Modesto was the low bidder on the Borden Highway between Middle River and Old River for a low bid of \$102,000. This consists of 10 miles of resurfacing.

We want to offer our congratu- working today,

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lations to O. G. "Buck" Hanna and Cliff Kates. These two brothers stepped off the deep end last month and tied the knot for better or for worse.

In the above items you have a good picture of the construction end in our area, now let's look at the land levelling situation. The farmers are screaming high wages and another depression. They have been used to the high prices that they were getting for their products that they can't grasp the idea that the supply has caught up with the demand and prices have leveled

Ten years ago, you could buy a four-door sedan for \$825, now the same car will cost you \$1695. You could buy a sirloin steak for 39c a pound and now it sells for 65c a pound, milk sold for 121/2c a quart and today for 24 cents. These are just a few items of illustrations which shows there is a 100% increase in our living cost. Now take the wages of a cat skinner, 10 years ago it was \$1.62 per hour, today he gets \$2.221/2 per hour which is not quite a 33% boost in his earning power, but still he is considered the main drawback in the farmers' program of not wanting to have his fields leveled by cats. The farmer thinks that the wages of a cat skinner should be lowered. He doesn't realize that the poor man has a family to support. These are a few of the reasons why the land levelers are not

#### By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

The following letter was mailed to all members of the Bay Counties Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors Association: Dear Member: May 27, 1949.

The members present at the meeting of May 26th voted to ratify an agreement with the Union and authorized your Labor Relations Committee to proceed accordingly. The agreement approved is the one negotiated by your Labor Relations Committee and recently signed by eight members of the Peninsula Chapter, two | the agreement for its term of one members of the San Francisco- year.

Marin Chapter, one member of Before taking the above action the members can use his services, the East Bay Chapter and one non- the members considered the unmember as individuals. You are soundness, economic danger and Tonini was injured on the reminded that the proposed agree- future weakness of position in perment applies to union members mitting individuals to negotiate all looking forward to seeing you only engaged in field work and with the union. We feel that the does not compel any employee to future of the profession and our join the union in order to pursue members in particular depends his chosen work, upon our willingness and ability The above action was taken by to live and work together harthe members in the best interests moniously. Those who resign as a result of the above action will of the Association rather than accept the resignation of the membe accorded the respect and courbers signing the agreement as intesy due them and will not be disthe day it broke he changed his dividuals. It was generally agreed criminated against by the members of this association. However, they time to 2:39. Yep, you guessed it, that if a contract was in existence all would be better served and rewill subject themselves to individual attack and pressure from lationship with the union would be on a sounder basis if that conthe union, and in this matter we remind you that we still need tract was between the Association can be of little or no assistance. and the Union, rather than be-It is hoped that every member will see the wisdom and necessity of retween the union and individuals. The union will be requested to maining together as a strong cancel all outstanding agreements organization in order that we may of individuals and sign one Master face the future together. Cordially yours, /s/ Milton W. Morris, Agreement with the Association covering its members. Affirmative MILTON W. MORRIS, action on the signing of the agreement will be postponed until June Executive Secretary. 15 in order that those members who do not approve of a union This letter speaks for itself but your husiness representative would agreement and who do not wish to be bound by its provisions may like to observe that it is a complete surrender on the part of an from the Association. The secreorganization that held itself to be tary has been authorized to accept above such things as labor unions, resignations submitted prior to and held there was no place in the June 15, without formal action by profession for labor relations with the membership. You are reminded a non-professional employee organworthy of the confidence placed in operating schedule will be estab- that all members in good standing ization. Let those loyal union survey field take a deep bow, for as of June 15, will be bound by members who held the contrary this is their victory !!!

Ukiah

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county jail and court house at Ukiah, has moved in a Northwest

Freitas & Sons, known as the Ukiah Gravel Company, just purchased a new Northwest Shovel 25. The son is breaking it in at half throttle, or perhaps I should say the shovel is breaking the son in at half throttle-never-the-less, they are having a hell of a time.

Johnson Rock Company of Stockton, are finishing up on the approach of the Navarro bridge with Brother Blake on the blade. Brother Blake says this is God's Country - away from the hustle and bustle of the cities - he would like to stay the season. RUSSIAN RIVER

C. B. Tuttle Company have two more bents of piling to drive to complete the bridge across the Russian River in Alexander Valley. At this time our engineers are making a channel in the river. The operator on the dragline is F. L. Goodman; oiler, W. D. Dixon; Harry Sonnigson is busy on the dozer.

There's approximately 50,000 yards of dirt to be moved for the approach on this bridge. F. L. Crane Construction Company has the contract. Mr. Crane predicts that there will be plenty of work for his crew this season.

Crittenden & Crittenden are progressing very nicely on their road job in Lake County, between Middletown and Lower Lake. The only complaint from the boys is that the sun hovers just a few feet. from their backs and they would like to know just how close it does get to one's back in the summer time.

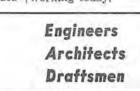
The Utah Construction Company, building the road for the Masonite Company, which begins at U.S. Highway 101, near Ukiah, California, over the mountains to Highway 28, near Navarro. This road has a 36-ft. base, with 30-ft. surface.

In the month of May the Navarto side completed 2.42 miles, the Ukiah side completed 2.06 miles. At the present time they have 75 engineers working on the Navarro side and 84 on the Ukiah side. The cats and carryalls are working two shifts and the 8 shovels are working around the clock.

The Atlas Pipe Company of Oakland, who were the successful bidders on the sewer job recently let for the city of Willits. Brother G. B. Laws will be operating the trench machine. Brother Laws retired some time ago, but his old jalopie just couldn't pass up a construction job, so he is back at it again.

#### HIGHWAY JOBS

Brother Dick Alexander, who is superintendent for Guy F. Atkinson on the 101 Highway job, between Ukiah and Willits, hopes to be able to complete the job by the 15th of July. He is very proud of his crew of men. Brother Joe son job - he lost a finger. We are back on the job soon, Joe. The Clements Construction Company, who have 81/2 miles of resurfacing on Highway 101, out of Willits. They have about 16 engineers working at the present time. The traffic has proven to be quite a problem-even so, they are doing a beautiful job.



The scrap yards in this area are all very slow at this time due to the uncertain market and the drop in the price of scrap iron. Several of the brothers have been laid off as a result.

The waterfront still resembles a graveyard, no activity to speak of, and still the manager of the Port is allowing the piers and docks to deteriorate without making any worthwhile attempt to repair them. A large number of our brothers have suffered a loss of their jobs, as a result of the economy move on the part of the Port Manager. It is hopeful that the citizens of this City and State will wake up and demand that our Harbor Commission maintain and rebuild one of the best ports in the world.

Now that our Union election is over, may we express our sincere thanks and gratiude to the members for their expresison of confidence in returning us to office Jr., son of the last president, whose for the next two years. It is our initials are the station's call letsincere hope, and desire, to be ters. It is expected that a full us by trying to make this a better lished by mid-June,

#### HEARTBREAKER

Brother Don Perron just missed winning \$55,000! How? Well, it sems that they have what is called an "Ice-Break Pool" in Alaska.... To participate in the pool you guess the time the ice will break, and the closest to the exact time wins the pool. Don bet it would break at 12:39 for several days ... it broke that day at 12:39. Better luck next time, Don!

Once again we would like to blood donations for our account at the Blood Bank. When you have a chance, please contact the S.F. Office and we will be glad to make all the arrangements.

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### Station WFDR Opens

New York (LPA)-WFDR, the third radio station backed by the International Ladies Garment Workers, AFL, is in operation. It went on the air on a part-time have the opportunity of resigning schedule in time to hail the election of Rep. Franklin D. Roosevelt,

### \* \* \* Housing Bill Blocked

Washington - Action on the administration housing bill in the House was blocked at least until June 27, following rejection of the bill by the House rules committee by a 7 to 5 vote. Under the new rules of the House, the rules committee can be bypassed but there will be a delay of at least three weeks.

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#### CAN'T AFFORD IT

Washington - The problems in the way of improving the health of the American people are primarily economic, not medical, a Senate subcommittee was told by Acting Federal Security Administrator J. Donald Kingsley.

view and have fought and sacrificed for better conditions in the