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"Strike Insurance Agreements" Submitted to Contractors As A.G.C. Stalling Forces Walkout

Here Are Wage Scale Changes

Wage Scales of the Master Agreement are modified as follows:

On all work performed on June 1, 1955, and hereafter during the term of this agreement (regardless of when said work was bid or let) the wage scales and classifications shall be as follows:

CLASSIFICATIONS	Per Hour
Apprentices (oilers, firemen, *signalmen, watchmen) (7 Bay Counties, San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Marin, Solano)	\$2.58
Apprentices (oilers, firemen, *signalmen, watchmen) (All other Counties)	2.47
Asphalt Plant Engineer	2.97
Boom truck or dual purpose A-frame truck	2.97
Box men or mixer box operator (concrete or asphalt plant)	2.64
Brakeman, Switchman and Deckhand	2.58
Fuller-Kenyon pump cement hog and similar types of equipment	3.02
Combination mixer and compressor operator on gunite work	3.20
Compressor Operator	2.58
Compressors (more than one)	2.91
Concrete Batch Operator	2.97
Concrete Batch Plant Operator (Multiple Unit, four or more)	3.13
Concrete Mixers (up to one yard)	2.58
Concrete Mixers (over one yard)	2.91
Concrete Pump or Pump Crete Guns	2.91
Concrete Saw Operator (self-propelled unit, on streets, highways, airports and canals)	2.97
Crane Engineer	2.97
Derrick Barges (except excavation work)	3.20
Derricks (including Chicago Booms)	3.13
Drilling Machinery Engineers (not to apply to water liners, wagon drills or jackhammers) (Apprentice required)	2.97
Duel Drum Mixer (apprentice engineer required)	3.02
Euclid Loaders and/or similar type of equipment (apprentice engineer required)	3.30
Fireman in Hot Plant	2.58
Fork life or lumber stacker (on construction job site)	2.86
Handi-crane (no oiler required)	3.02
Heavy Duty Repairman and/or welders on work covered by this Agreement	2.97
Heavy Duty Repairman, Helper (7 Bay Counties—San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Marin, Solano)	2.58
Heavy Duty Repairman, Helper (All other Counties)	2.47
Heavy Duty Rotary Drill Rigs (such as quarry master, and etc., (self-contained units) (apprentice engineer required)	3.20
Highline Cableway	3.30
Highline Cableway Signal Man	2.95
Locomotives	2.69
Locomotives (steam or over 30 tons)	2.97

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Season Job Rush Hits All Districts

One of the best work seasons for the construction industry in many years is now in high gear throughout the west-central region, with all branch offices of Local 3 reporting that heavy demands for men are reducing available manpower to bare minimums.

It was a quick change this year from rain and snow to fog and heat, with Sierra snowfall on May 31 and a day or two later soaring temperatures for all inland areas. By early June, however, there were no weather obstacles, and Engineers were swinging the big stick on construction jobs from Pacific shores to the Rockies in Utah.

This season we will see major accomplishments in highways, housing, water and power work, industrial plants, and municipal facilities in practically every district of California, Nevada, and Utah, a check of branch office reports in this issue of the Engineers News reveals.

Here's a quick round-up on these

reports: Sacramento: piling up fast, in all departments. Salt Lake City: at peak, highways, irrigation, mining. Marysville: starting to scrape bottom. Reno: from Ely and Wells to Reno and Tonopah—busy. Oakland: hitting bottom, some shortages, 571 clearances in May. San Jose: a good season now on. Fresno: many small jobs. San Francisco: all major projects in full swing.

Members and business representatives are herewith reminded: Be sure to cover all work in progress in reports to the Engineers' News, also please submit any items and pictures of special interest, because all members are interested in them.

The Engineers' News is the best read paper in the West!

ATTENTION . . . Members and Business Representatives of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Ever since March we have been trying to negotiate a new agreement with the Northern and Central Chapters of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc. We have held numerous meetings without any success. We have been unable to succeed in getting a single "yes" answer to any of our just demands. Last Friday it became apparent that no worthwhile agreement could be reached. Our Master Agreement with the Northern and Central California Chapters of the Associated General Contractors of America, Inc., having expired we, therefore, were compelled to walk out in order to save our Union.

Since our Local Union is opposed to any kind of strike and wishes to avoid any shutdown, we have prepared a "Strike Insurance Agreement" which we are now submitting to all contractors who may desire, as we do, a peaceful settlement. This Agreement calls for a wage increase of twelve and one-half cents (12½c) per hour in all classifications, as of June 1, 1955. All that is necessary for any contractor to do, in order to continue operations with his present engineers, is to sign the Strike Insurance Agreement and agree to pay the twelve and one-half cents (12½c) per hour over and above the wage scales as listed in the expired agreement of last year.

In the meantime, while everybody is working, if the Northern and Central California Chapters of the Associated General Contractors of America, desire to negotiate a master agreement with the Engineers, Local Union No. 3 will be happy to meet with them. When such Agreement is reached and signed, that agreement will then become the Master Agreement and the "Strike Insurance Agreement" will be null and void.

We are printing in full the classifications and new wage scales. Any contractor who may desire to employ Engineers thru Local Union No. 3 in the above classifications in Northern California on heavy and highway construction work, will be asked to pay this wage scale or our members will seek employment where said scale is being paid.

This is an order from Local Union No. 3 to all business representatives and dispatchers and must be complied with. Guide yourself accordingly.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,
VICTOR S. SWANSON
Local Business Manager.

The Highway Crisis

By WM. E. MALONEY, General President, I. U. O. E

Years ago it became the fashion to take the money received from gasoline taxes and expend it for any of dozens of worthwhile causes. It would be difficult to argue with the Congress when it uses gasoline taxes for care of the mentally ill, the operation of prisons and the like, but our legislators must be made to learn that inadequate highways kill and maim just as do criminals and diseases.

If we modernize only 250 miles of main highways, in five years there would be 8,000 fewer auto wrecks, 4,750 less injuries and 230 less men, women and children killed.

That seems to be enough to convince our lawmakers that the responsibility for improving these roads is theirs. It is just as easy to say that for every 250 miles of roads they refuse to repair, 230 will die in five years.

It is our belief that the highway users should help to support hospitals, orphanages and prisons. It is also our belief that those of us who do not use the highways should be held just as responsible.

If it is reasonable to say that a man who rides the highways should pay to build and maintain those highways, it is also reasonable to expect that his taxes will be used for that purpose.

For far too many years now,

lawmakers have felt that since the taxes were sidetracked to a worthy cause, criticism was unwarranted. And we have been far too uncritical.

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Official Notice—

July Meeting Postponed Until Saturday, July 9

July membership meeting postponed until Saturday, July 9, 1955.

The regular monthly membership meeting which is always scheduled for the 1st Saturday of each month will be postponed until July 9th in order not to interfere with the Fourth of July holiday week-end. Members should make every effort to attend the regular meetings.

Remember the Date, Saturday evening, 8 p.m., July 9th, 1955, at the San Francisco Building Trades Council, 200 Guerrero St., San Francisco, Calif.

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IN MEMORIAM

HOWARD A. ARCHER
Livermore, Calif., April 24, '55.

FRANK PRUSE
Oahu, T. H., May 5th, 1955.

ERNEST McDONALD
Salt Lake City, Utah, May 14.

TOM CALVIN
Pleasanton, Calif., May 23, '55.

TONY SOUZA
Oakland, Calif., May 28, 1955.

J. A. STROUSE
Sparks, Nevada, May 31, 1955.

FRANK PETERSON
Belmont, Calif., June 4, 1955.

RALPH W. WILSON
Oroville, Calif., June 4, 1955.

CHAS. S. CRUIKSHANK
San Francisco, Calif., June 2, '55.

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SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to (General) Henderson Const. Co., 33 Ritch St., San Francisco, \$669,000 for const. Commodore Stockton School, Stockton, Powell & Clay Sts.

Record N. Calif. Housing Projects

Something in the way of records is being set in N. Calif. subdivision projects. One near Sacramento consists of 5,000 houses at a cost of \$75 million. Utah Const. Co. is developing 8,000 acres in Moraga Valley, in the hills back of Oakland, for a potential city of 54,000.

Latest Bay area census figures, issued June 3, show these increases since 1950: Hayward, 110 percent, now 30,000; Concord, 172% to 19,000; San Leandro, 20% to 33,250; El Cerrito, 22% to 22,100; Daly City, 57% to 24,000; Redwood City, 56% to 40,000; San Mateo, 29% to 54,000; South S. F., 55% to 30,000; Mountain View, 128% to 15,000; Sunnyvale, 82% to 18,000; Fairfield, 188% to 9,000; Vallejo, 38% to 36,000; Santa Clara, 63% to 18,000.

Report of Last Meeting

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

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

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

Card of thanks was received from the Correia family. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Abe Aguayo, Elmer Burkett, J. V. Boslick, T. C. Bartley, Alfred Cardoza, Manuel Contreras, Kenneth Chevington, F. C. Edwards, W. R. Graham, Chas. Hardin, Frederick A. Hultgren, James R. Johnson, Gerald Kemper, Joe Kimmel, Shirley V. McCall, Henry McQueen, Leo H. Morrison, Peter H. O'Neil, Andrew C. Purvis, Jack M. Pratt, Nelson W. Stroup, John L. Smith, James Winsky, R. L. Weber.

The following brothers were reported deceased: Frank Pruse, Ernest McDonald, Frank M. Johnson, Tom Calvin, Wesley Walker, Howard A. Archer, J. A. Strouse, Ralph Williams. The members stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased brothers.

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

Brother Swanson reported that the A.G.C. negotiations had not been completed. After some discussion it was regularly moved and seconded that the Negotiating Committee be instructed to sign the Agreement with the A.G.C. in ten days, or else. Motion carried with 192 yes and 4 opposed.

Report of the General Secretary-Treasurer was read by President Clancy.

Brother Frank A. Lawrence, Industrial Accident Commissioner, reported that there are several cases before the Commission where the employee had failed to report his injury to the foreman or some one in charge of the work, and that such cases are very difficult to handle. He appealed to the members to report every injury, however slight, to their employer.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Secretary be instructed to cast a white ballot declaring the officers elected. Carried. The Secretary cast the following White Ballot:

"In accordance with a motion duly made, seconded and carried, I hereby cast this white ballot declaring the following officers elected for the coming term of four years—July 1, 1955 to July 1, 1959:

LOCAL UNION MANAGER Victor S. Swanson
PRESIDENT Pat Clancy
VICE PRESIDENT H. O. Foss
RECORDING-CORRESP. SECRETARY C. F. Mathews
FINANCIAL SECRETARY R. F. Swanson
TREASURER P. E. Vandewark
CONDUCTOR Les Collett
GUARD Glenn Dobyns
AUDITOR E. A. Hester, G. L. Moore, H. L. Spence
TRUSTEE Charles Davenport, J. A. Carahoff,
Ernest W. Miller

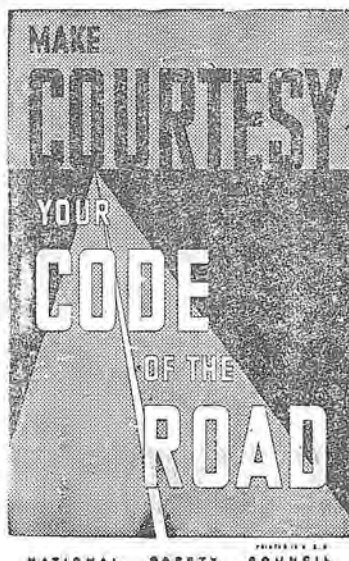
MEMBER EXECUTIVE BOARD Harry Metz, Chet Elliott, Ed Doran, Al Clem, C. L. Casebolt, Ed Park, Al Boardman

Brother John J. McDonald, Third International Vice-President, reported on his trip to the North Pacific, stating that most of the agreements there had been consummated.

In view of the fact that the Fourth of July falls on the Monday following the first Saturday in July, the next Regular Meeting will be held on July 9, 1955.

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

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



Tips for Homemakers

For finger paints that wash right off kids and all washable surface and fabrics, mix laundry starch and water to clothes-starching consistency, add food coloring, thicken with soap flakes.

Break strawberry or raspberry flavored gelatin into fine flakes with a fork; use as a topping for applesauce and watch how your small fry go for this pretty and nutritious dessert.

Potato prices usually go up every year at this time because this is the in-between season. Stocks from last year's crop are growing short and supplies from the new crop are just starting to roll.

In case you're looking for an economical energy food to use just as you do potatoes, try serving more rice. Supplies have been at an all-time high for months, says the United States Department of Agriculture.

Shake together in a paper sack one pound veal or beef, cut in one-inch cubes; three tablespoons flour; one and one-half teaspoons salt; one-half teaspoon oregano or thyme. Brown in one-fourth cup melted fat.

Add one-half cup sliced onions, one tablespoon worcestershire, one can tomato paste and one-half can water. Simmer 30 minutes. At serving time, stir in one cup sour cream. Pass green onions.

Under a "neat trick of the week" heading is a new chrome towel bar that solves the problem of what to do with a corner. It's a two-tier towel rack that fits right into a corner, held to the walls by just the two regulation screw brackets. It's wonderful to use as a child's "special" rack close to the soap and water, for guest towels, or near the kitchen sink to hold a full supply of clean dishtowels.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to W. H. O'Hair, Box 331, Colusa, \$112,830 for 3.8 mi. surf. w/rdmix surf. on untr. base & imp. subbase matl., betw. 4.4 mi. N. of Yolo Co. line & 1.7 mi. N. of Wilkins Slough (por) in COLUSA CO. JUNE 2, 1955

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to Pipe Linings, Inc., 2414 E. 223 St., Wilmington, \$11,796 (only bid) for rehab. sanitary sewers, under contract 10.

SANGER, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., 3306 Winery, Fresno, \$16,123 for instl. sewer & water mains in City of Sanger.

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Here Are Wage Scale Changes

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Material Hoist, 1 drum	2.86
Material Hoist (2 or more drums used simultaneously in towers of two or more compartments)	3.02
Mechanical Finishers (concrete or asphalt) (airports, highway, street work)	2.97
Mixermobile	3
Motorman	2.69
Mucking Machine	3.10
Pavement breakers, Emsco, type and similar types of equipment	3.02
Pavement breakers with compressor in combination	3.02
Piledriver Engineer (skid or floating)	3.20
Portable crushers	2.55
Power blade loader	3.20
Power grader, power planer, motor patrol or any type power blade	3.13
Power shovels and/or other excavating equipment with shovel-type controls (7 Bay Counties—San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Marin, Solano) (up to and including one yard)	3.30
Power shovels and/or other excavating equipment with shovel-type controls (7 Bay Counties—San Francisco, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Marin, Solano) (over one yard)	3.41
Power shovels and/or other excavating equipment with shovel-type controls (All other Counties) (up to and including one yard)	3.13
Power shovels and/or other excavating equipment with shovel-type controls (All other Counties) (over one yard)	3.1
Pugmills (all) Woodsmixer type, etc.	3.02
Pump Operator	2.58
LeTourneau pulls (Jeeps, Terra Cobras, LaPlant Choate, and similar types of equipment)	3.13
Refrigeration Plant Operator	3.02
Rollers	2.97
Ross Carriers (on construction job site)	2.69
Scoopmobile (when used as a hoist)	2
Scoopmobile (when used as a loader)	3.02
Screed Man	2.58
Self-propelled elevating grade plane	3.02
Spreader Machines (Barber Green, Jaeger, etc.) (engineer and screed man used in operation)	2.97
Soil Stabilizer Operator (P & H or equal)	3.30
Surface Heaters	2
Towermobile	2.86
Tractors	2.97
Tractor (boom)	3.13
Tractor (tandem)	3.30
Tractor-type shovel loader (scale not to apply when used as blade or bulldozer)	3.13
Trenching Machine	3.02
Truck Type Loader	3.1
***Chief of Party	3.27
***Instrumentman	3.00
***Hear Chainman, Rodman, Grade Setter, not Guinea chaser) ..	2.72
***Rear Chainman	2.58

No foreman shall be allowed to operate any mechanical equipment. Foremen and shifters shall receive \$3.25 per hour and all other conditions of employment as set forth in the Master Agreement.

Section No. 3 is added to the Master Agreement concerning Foremen and other General Foremen, to read as follows:

Section No. 3—Definition of General Foreman

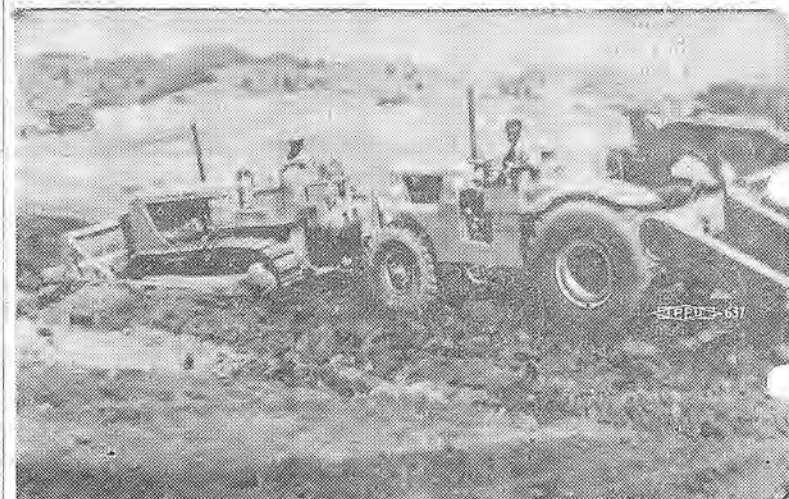
A General Foreman is a foreman who has immediately subordinate work to his position and who directs the work of employees covered by the Master Agreement.

Servicing a Specialty Craft

When Operating Engineers are employed to service a Specialty Craft or crafts with hoisting equipment, they shall receive the wage scale and working conditions of the Specialty Craft or crafts (welfare payments excluded since they are provided for within this Agreement), if such wage scales and working conditions are in excess of the provisions contained in this Agreement. Apprentices (oilers) are excluded from wage provisions but are entitled to all other working conditions of the Specialty Craft or crafts. Regular employees on a particular project and assigned to work with a Specialty Craft or crafts temporarily shall not be entitled to any of the conditions of the Specialty Craft or crafts. Temporarily shall be interpreted as meaning any work performed in a single day of four hours or less.



SIDE BOOM ATTACHMENT on a Michigan is shown here, designed and built for Buran Equipment Co. by Bro. Harry Livermore, Master Mechanic. Attachment has a capacity of 14 tons at 4 feet radius. Counterbalance is hydraulically controlled. Both boom hoist and load line can be powered up and down, or they can be lowered on the brake. Hoist system is made up of Carco standard logging winches. (Picture from Oakland office of Local 3).



PUSHING THE HILLS AROUND to make level areas for housing, are these two new Peterson rigs of Bro. Bill Lance of Moraga, with Bro. Frank De Long on the D-W 10 and Bro. Joe Lucio on the D-10. This is an Orinda Exc. and Paving Co. job for Dame Const. Co. at Danville. Subdivision work in the Eastbay hill country is going on at terrific pace these days. (Picture by Bro. Carl Bickford, job superintendent.)

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

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

With May now behind us we are happy to report that the Oakland office has enjoyed a particularly busy month and is looking forward to even a busier month in June. During the month we were able to cut our out-of-work list down to a bare minimum. In many instances there is still actually a

shortage of men in certain classifications. At the present these classifications are blade operators and rubber tire men. At the same time a number of our crane men and shovel runners are still unemployed; however, we are confident that with the continuance of the good weather and the prospects of more and more construction work in this area that they too will be amongst the many members who have been cleared out of the Oakland office. We are all hopeful that nothing will happen to retard the proposed heavy schedule of construction work to be performed in this area during the coming season.

The prospects of a good season in the Bay area certainly makes life much smoother, though busier, for the business representatives and office force in Oakland.

During the month of May we issued 571 clearances—indeed a good indication that May was a good month!

O. C. Jones & Sons of Berkeley has been awarded the contract for the grading and paving for the Barrett Construction College Highlands Subdivision in Rollingwood, near San Pablo. The housing unit will consist of approximately 200 new homes which will be situated near the new West Campus of the Contra Costa Junior College. The first unit of work consists of 230,000 cubic yards of dirt. Three A.C. T.S. 300's with operators Johnny Burns, Earl Savely and Joe Brooks will be in operation on this job. Brother Frank Rose will be on the DH 20 pushcat, Roy Hahn on the D-8 Tamper and Roy Whitmer on the blade. Graderoperator is LeRoy Johnson, Foreman Vern Story and Irwin Cunningham is the mechanic.

At this writing the grading on this project is about 80% completed.

The Fredrickson and Watson Freeway job in Richmond has been moving right along and at the present time they have moved some 450,000 cubic yards of muck. They have three five overpasses, located at the various crossings, well underway. These overpasses are located over Road 20 in San Pablo Avenue, Barrett Avenue, MacDonald Avenue and Cutting Boulevard in Richmond. These have kept the truck cranes busy setting forms and pouring cement. Also busy on this project, are two Northwest 80's, six DW 20's, two cat 12 blades, two cat loaders, two new rubber tired Michigan Loaders, ten dozers, two truck cranes and two backhoes along with 20 big trucks doing overhaul.

This company is experimenting with a new type compactor on this project in which the state is very much interested. They are making a series of tests for this new machine on this particular job.

Fredrickson and Watson has two sewer crews working and two crews laying drainage pipe. To date they have laid about 11,500 feet of reinforced concrete pipe and 15,000 feet of sewer pipe.

The superintendent on this freeway job is Carl Poss with Brother G. A. "Brownie" Brown as general foreman, and the following brothers as foremen: Roy Christman in charge of DW-20's and cats, Earl Johnson in charge of trucks and fill, Larry Holst, one sewer gang and Ener Benson the other. Fred Butler is foreman of the drainage pipe gangs. We also have four mechanics on this job under the able supervision of Master Mechanic Steve Stevenson, as well as a number of technical engineers doing the grade checking.

MOUNTAIN BLVD.

Charles L. Harney, Inc., of San Francisco, was low bidder on the Mountain Boulevard Freeway in Oakland which consists of 1.3 miles of grading and surfacing with plant mix on cement treated base along with three concrete bridges be-

tween Thornhill Drive and Ascot Drive.

On this particular job there will be some 340,000 cubic yards of roadway excavation. All of this dirt will be moved with five DW 20's, one pushcat and three dozers. Also working on this job will be one truck crane, one gradall and a trenching machine. The trenching machine will be used to dig 10,000 feet of 6 inch sewer pipe line. Harney plans to use 65,000 tons of imported cement treated base topped with 15,000 tons of plantmix surface.

We have the following brothers working on this freeway job at the present: Tommy Patton, Dan Street, John Williams and Wilburn Wildoner on the DW 20's, and Wally Wallenczyk on the blade. Brothers J. Mendoza, Floyd Grinier and W. L. Freylock are on the dozers, Tony Cardoza is operating the gradall with Brother Ottolini doing his oiling. Ed George is the crane operator with his oiling being done by Joe Domingues. Brother Bruce Gibson is doing the "nut-busting" and Brothers Bob Mills and Joe McClary are the foremen with Charles Clayton and Bob Weylett in the capacity of superintendents.

The job has been moving at a slow pace due to the fact that they had to clear the right of way of a number of large trees. These were pushed over, sawed up and have been hauled away.

The McGuire and Hester Company is well under way on their \$129,000.00 sanitary and sewer job for the city of Hayward on Alquire Road in Alvarado. The job consists of laying 7,400 feet of concrete pipe ranging in size from 18 inches to 36 inches. There is three months work on a 40-hour-week basis for the following engineers: On the Lorain crane, Charlie Russell with Eric Glasgow as his oiler. Fred Wright is on the NW 78 Backhoe with Dale Moore doing his oiling. Another Lorain operator is Al Fogt and his oiler is Harry Doolittle. Lewis Hansen is on the NW 25 crane with Lewis Albright as oiler. Don McCaug operates the extra Lorain on the job. The cat operator on this project is Pat Campbell and Fred Davis is doing the mechanic work.

SOUTHERN COUNTY

The Clements Construction Company of Centerville has a busy season ahead with jobs going on in several of the Southern Alameda County housing projects.

They have 35,000 tons of black top ready for the paving of all the streets on the Palma Ceia Village Tract on Tennyson Road in Hayward.

In the Oliver Rousseau Tract between Niles and Hayward, they are going to pave all the roads and use 15,000 tons of black top.

In the Milpitas area they have contracts for the Milford Tract and the Christianson and Lyons tract, also for paving. In Milford Village they will use 5000 tons of black top and the latter calls for the use of 10,000 tons.

At the present time all this work being done by Clements Construction Company is keeping 70 of our engineers on their payroll, and it is evident that they will be kept busy throughout the year.

Brother Earl Scott is the foreman in the Clements shop, with the following crew of mechanics working with him: Toby Efferhimer, W. W. Frost, Ted Harris, Joe Teroux, Don Frazier, Nolan D. Johnson, L. E. Titchenal, Bill Sala, Clem Sala, L. C. Mitchell, Mylie Frazier and Luther Gray.

RICHMOND

Close Building and Supply, Inc. of Hayward is doing the grading, paving, curbs and gutters for the Groom and Moyer Fairmeade Tract in Richmond. This will be the second section of this housing project which Close will do this work on, having just finished all the

grading, paving, curbs and gutters for the first section. The second section includes 350 homes. The second section entailed the moving already of 200,000 cubic yards of dirt, with still 50,000 cubic yards to move. This dirt moving work is preliminary to the actually grading, paving, curbs and gutters.

This work has been under the supervision of Brother Earl Mack, foreman. With Brother Mack, we have the following brothers working on the Fairmeade Tract: Blade Operators "Pinky" Ford and Keith Shoopman. Fred Brooks is running the roller. The DW 10 operators are A. R. Silva and Jack Groom. Operating the D-8 dozers are Al Krueger, Clarence Smith and Richard Mobley. On the D-6 dozers, Johnny Hall, L. "Red" Caldwell and A. D. Best. Richard Stanley is running the push cat and Charles "Mac" McMullen is the nut buster and Hugh Gibson the grease monkey.

Technical engineers on this job doing all the grade setting are Robert Cooper and Sharad Talati.

The engineering on the Fairmeade Tract is being done by Phil Jones Company of San Pablo. E. J. Tobin Company is responsible for the sewer and storm drainage work and Brother Jerry Johnson and his crew are doing all the landscaping.

The Stolte Gallagher & Burke Company of Oakland has begun work on the new cloverleaf located in Lafayette at Mt. Diablo Boulevard and the Martinez Highway. This cloverleaf is preliminary to the proposed super highway to Martinez. The cloverleaf alone will be a one year job.

Members of Local 3 working on this new futuramic section are: Mike Hatham, foreman; Larry Ashworth, project manager; Ken Corbett, D. V. Hubert and Otha Lines on DW-20's; Tony Mainz on the blade; D. J. Blackman, Harold Dooley, Mike Crawecky, Harold McKelvie and Carroll Moore on D-8 dozers. Stake setters are Wallace Wright and John Davies. Lawrence Mehaffey is operating the gradeall with Lewis Smith doing his oiling. On the crane is Louis Bowman with Oiler Walter Rogge. Ray Bowers is the loader operator and "Gali" Bardine is doing the mechanic work.

BRIDGE APPROACH

Another contribution to better highways in the Bay Area is the Fredrickson and Watson Bay Bridge approach and overhead located in West Oakland which is 85% completed at the present time. The completed portion of this job includes the pouring of 15,000 cubic yards of concrete in the approach and piling. 3,300,000 pounds of reinforcing rod were used. 5,000 tons of blacktop will be laid on this approach. This section of the job will be done by Gallagher and Burke.

The equipment shops in the East Bay area are all keeping busy and looking forward to an even busier season. The hot plants in the area are all steaming and constantly boosting their tonnage output. The scrapyards and material yards are running full blast. The red rock quarries are doing a bang up job with red rock loads going in all directions.

Brother Bill Sorensen of Bassco Drayage informs us that, as well as heavy hauling and machinery moving, they are also equipt to take care of all types of repair work, machine work, general overhaul, redesigning and engineering. They will "repair it," "rebuild it" or "re-design it" at their modern shop at 685 Delaware Street, Berkeley.

The O. C. Jones Company of Berkeley has been awarded the contract for all the curbs, grading and paving for the Tennyson Village Housing Project in Hayward. This job calls for 14,000 cubic yds. of imports and crusher run to be used. Members of Local 3 busy on this housing project are: Superintendent, Oscar Hanna; Roller Operator, Dwayne Bryden; Blade Op-



NEW HOT PLANT in Berkeley is that of Berkeley Asphalt Co. at Third and Virginia, one of the newest in the area. This view shows Bro. Harry Leonesia, boxman, loading out a truck with hot mix from the main hopper. Fireman Pete O'Neil is at left. (Picture by Jim Jennings.)

Modern Berkeley Hot Plant

After two years of study, reasearch and work, O. C. Jones and Sons have recently opened their new hot plant in Berkeley. The firm is quite proud, and rightly so, of the time it took to erect the plant and get it in operation.

The first ground was broken on February 17, 1955, and the first load came out of the plant on May 13, 1955. The plant is a Standard 4,000 lb. plant, manufactured by Standard Steel of Los Angeles. The storage equipment was manufactured by Noble Co. in Oakland, and consists of eight 350-ton steel silo type bins, which allows complete

erator, August Testi and Loader Man Frank Macedo.

It is estimated that this portion of the housing project work will be completed in three months on a 40-hour week basis.

Clements and Company of Centerville have their two hot plants operating on a five day a week basis and at the present time are averaging 1,500 tons of hot stuff in an eight hour day. We have the following engineers in their various capacities helping to produce this hot stuff: Superintendent W. A. Dawson, Scaleman D. M. Coats and Foremen J. Bachman, E. Schultztz and J. Wander. The boxmen on this job are O. Terwilliger, C. Williams, L. Lane and L. Bushman. The fireman is J. Morgan and the oiler is E. Burkett. There are four welders on this job. They are Eric Adams, M. T. Armer, S. Boginsky and Nels Pearson. The crane operator is A. Stein.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother Joe Essex has taken a leave from the Engineers to go into the grocery and delicatessen business. He'll be a partner in the Zarris Delicatessen and Grocery at 1428 McDonald Avenue in Richmond. Why don't some of you members who live in Richmond drop in and say hello to Joe in his new store?

We were sorry to hear that Bro. Ivy Gonzales is on the sick list. He is in the Fairmont hospital, but we certainly hope not for long. Looking forward to seeing you back in the hall, Ivy.

Brother Vern Bushgens recently wrote and told us he was working in Fairbanks, Alaska. He's having a little trouble getting used to the cold weather — and the fact that steaks cost \$5.00 each.

Brothers Ray Purdy and Charlie Spoon recently wrote and told us that they are busy on the \$34,000,000 Pacific Bechtel Corporation job in Chung No Jin, Korea. Of the ten operators on the job they are the only two representatives of Local 3.

segregation of all materials and enables the plant to accurately put out mixes of any design. Car loading is accomplished by a car hopper and conveyor belt, which unloads on to another belt, and then into any one of the individual tanks.

While in the first week of operation, the output of the plant exceeded 1,000 tons per day on several occasions, and they plan eventually to reach as high as 1400 to 1600 tons per day. The company at the present time will commit the plant for only 800 tons per day. In this manner they hope not to oversell the plant and be able to give good service to all their customers.

They have what they consider to be the finest crew in the area, consisting of George Dibble, sales manager; Bro. Martin Kenoyer, plant superintendent; Bro. Harry Leonesia, boxman; Bro. Pete O'Neil, fireman; Bro. Jack McKenney, oiler; John McLellan doing the office work, and Gilbert McGregor, laborer.

The new plant will be called the Berkeley Asphalt Co. and is located at Third and Virginia Street, Berkeley, directly behind the Pacific Paint and Varnish Company. The doors are open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the company invites anyone interested to come in and look around. Any one of the above-mentioned personnel will be glad to show you around the place as they all share the pride of the company in the plant and all helped to erect and put it in operation.

Members of Local 3 who served as shop crew all through the construction of this plant are: Brady Johns, master mechanic; Brother Cunningham, shop foreman; Al Cleveland and Cleo Harper, welders and mechanics.

MODESTO, contract awarded to M. M. Batchelor Pipeline Const. Co., 2338 Bidel Ave., Visalia, \$35,300 (adjusted price) for const. Carver Road sanitary sewer, City of Modesto, STANISLAUS CO.

UKIAH, contract awarded to Pat Barley, 630 E. Taylor Ave., Sunnyside, \$37,861 (ash. cem. pipe) for const. extension to exist water & gas mains, 1955-56, in City of Ukiah, SONOMA CO.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to J. D. O'Connor Const. Co., Inc., 483 N. San Pedro, San Rafael, \$65,015 for const. 2d & Lindero St. sewer & pump station.

Work Outlook Remains Good in San Jose

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

From all appearances it look like 1955 will be a very good year for the Brothers in the San Jose area. Most every one has been working consistently for the past few weeks and will continue to do so until the winter rains set in.

Ed Keeble has completed his section of work on the Macy Store site in record time, with the brothers working plenty of overtime to get the job finished. Bids for the construction of this store will be let the latter part of the month.

Carl Swenson is making good progress on their \$488,111 contract, between Llagas Creek and Ford Road, on the Monterey highway, also on their bridge job at Los Gatos. Lew Jones Construction Company were the low bidders on a road and bridge job from Center Road to Coyote River, for \$136,834.

All of the Underground Construction Companies are working to full capacity and new contracts being let nearly every day.

Walsh Construction Company, on the San Jose Sewer Disposal Plant at Alviso are at the present time employing two 80D drag-lines, one 25 drag-line, a truck crane and three cats.

Granite Construction Company have been awarded several contracts recently on which work has already begun. They were the low bidders on a \$64,525 contract for the resurfacing of roads in San Benito and Monterey County, also a \$112,615 sewer contract for the city of Salinas. This firm is working on 185 miles of firebreak trails around Hunter-Liggett. They have been doing quite a bit of work on the Army Base in Ford Ord. Nearly everywhere you go in this area some of Granite's equipment can be seen in operation. Progress has been difficult on their sewer job in Watsonville, due to the cave-in of the creek sand. We hope that the Turley Brothers do not expect to spend the rest of the summer there, if so, we will see what we can do to remove them.

Los Gatos Construction have started work on their 57 miles of telephone line, south of Soledad to Camp Roberts. This job will take about three months to complete.

Work on the Chesbro Dam is completed except for pouring the concrete on the spillway and bridge. The Fadel Company, who have been working on this dam for the past year have moved most of their equipment back to Hollywood. At the present time only Brothers John Franco and Lee Curtiss are the only two Engineers working on this project.

Since we have already mentioned San Jose Disposal Plant at Alviso, we cannot forget to mention Sunnysvale's new million dollar plant off the Alviso road, which is under contract by Williams-Burroughs of San Francisco. These people are making fast progress with their two cranes and Jim Wynn's four cats.

Souza, McCue and Hoagg of Yuba City have a couple of Drag lines and two cats on the out-fall sewer on this project. This job is approximately \$100,000 and the boys are just getting started.

Brandon Construction are making good progress on their huge housing project of about 437 homes on the old Santa Clara airport.

Sondgroth Brothers of Mt. View have started work on their Miramonte Ave. job for Sterling Homes and have 5 cats and a couple of 10's on this project.

Joe Brady is moving in for the underground work, with 3 Diggers, 1 Backhoe and 2 Cats. Bro. Earl Park and McClanahan have a couple of Diggers and Dozers on this job also.

Homestead Road, near Los Altos, is showing much activity with three new sub-divisions in operation. Brother J. Lodin, Sondgroth Bros. Leo Piazza, P & E Construction and Atwater Underground are doing most of the work.

Palo Alto is going along nicely with new schools, shopping centers and new sub-divisions. Contractors conspicuous in this area are; O. V. Freeman, Bahr & Ledoyen, Coast Grading & Paving, J. McFadden, Oscar Holmes and L. C. Smith. All of the above mentioned contractors have from 3 to 9 projects underway.

L. C. Smith is making good headway on his Menlo Park job on the Bayshore and we expect to see much change in the topography of this area very soon.

HOT WEATHER AND JOBS HIT FRESNO

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

It's about that time of the year again and the hot weather is here to stay. As we reported last month work has been slow but should become a little more active, but it seems we are "blessed" with a lot of small jobs: pipe lines and street work on subdivisions. Also schools and bridges, which do not make long jobs for cat skimmers and mechanics.

Saginaw Construction; Petroleum Sales Co., Calif. Fresno Asphalt Company; Fresno Paving; Gene Richards Paving and Stewart & Nuss keep quite a number of the brothers busy on the work connected with the subdivision. Gene Richards Paving Co. moving right along on their widening and surfacing of the Abby Street One Way Street plan.

Most all of the trenching companies are busy on sewer and water extensions and on underground telephone work.

L. H. Hansen & Sons have started work on the new Sears, Roebuck & Company building in Manchester Tract, with the Gene Richards Company moving thirty thousand yards of dirt. The aggregate plants in the Fresno area are all busy furnishing materials for subdivisions and various buildings going up locally.

The Guy F. Atkinson Company have had a slow go since the dirt was moved on their Freeway job, they have been working on structures and hope to start their paving as soon as they get through with their paving at their Clover Leaf job on Highway 99 at the Visalia Y. the latter job has been going at a slow pace due to detouring traffic and many different items, such as curbs and islands.

The L. B. Wells Construction Co. have a small job of 30 thousand yards lowering streets in Mendota. Volpa Brothers have moved their portable crusher to Los Banos to stockpile for Merced County. Richards Engineering are still working on bridge widening, on Highway 152 near Los Banos.

Standards Materials Co. are busy on the Merced Airport, lengthening runways and widening bridges on highway between Merced and Red Top Y. They also have numerous jobs on Castle Field Air Base. Rush Construction and Frederickson & Kasler furnishing aggregate for the Castle Field Air Base job, have a few weeks left. Peter Kiewit Co. and Frederickson & Kasler are still pouring concrete with 4 pavers on runway and parking aprons. Arrow Steel Erectors are building portable hangers at the Base with Alameda Crane doing most of the hoisting. D. D. Aldermatt; Stolte Co.; Clarence Ward Construction; Slough Construction; all working on the base.

M. J. Ruddy & Sons have finished their road job at Le Grand. There is an additional section of this road to be let by Division of

Highways.

Kaweah Construction are building bridges for the future cross channel work between Mariposa and Owens Creek in Merced County. R. E. Maxwell have finished their job on Highway 140 near Mariposa. Ellis Construction and Geo. France Company furnished material for this job.

Eaton & Smith are moving right along on their Stump Spring Road job. Bechtel Company are hoping to start soon on their power house project at Ward Tunnel, however it must be noted this has NO connection with the proposed Mammoth Pool job. Southern California Edison Company are calling for bids for their small dam job at Camp 61.

Gordon Ball Company, who have been working on two sections of highway 99 from south of Delano to north of Pixley, were low bidders of \$1,521,000.00 for nearly 6 mile section of this same highway, which will make the 99 Highway 4 lanes from Visalia to Los Angeles.

Frederickson & Kasler finishing up on their grading job and building of structures on their road contract at Porterville, and the Division of Highways will advertise later for bids for the surfacing of this road, which should run about \$600,000.00. John Ferry's plant being kept busy crushing rock and stockpiling it at the Middleton pit east of Porterville for the Gordon Ball Job.

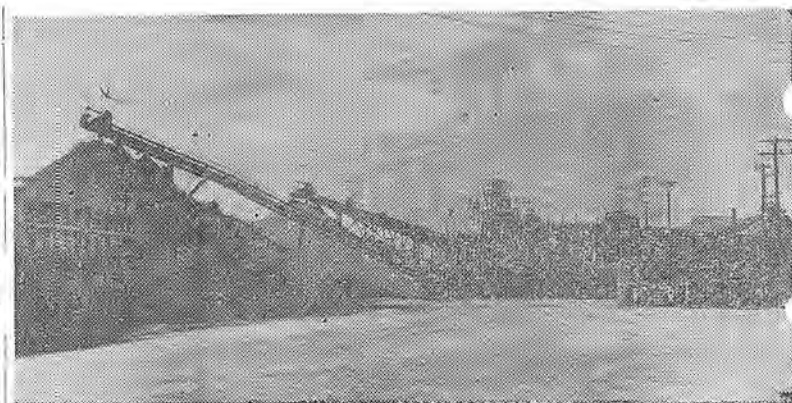
United Concrete Pipe Company moving right along on their pipe line job at Delano. Cen Vi Ro Pipe Company plant still have a couple of months of making pipe for the M & K pipe line job near Exeter.

P. C. A.'s plant at Lemon Cove grinding away furnishing aggregate for that area. Clement Co's hot plant, which is located at P. C. A.'s yard, keeping partially busy furnishing hot stuff for the Atkinson job at Visalia and various small jobs in that area.

Griffith Company were low bidders on 47 miles of surfacing in various locations in Tulare County amounting to approximately \$200,000.00.

California State Division of highway have advertised for bids for June 15th in Merced County, 3.3 miles grading and surfacing on Plainsburgh Road. For June 22nd in Tulare County between Avenue 48 and Avenue 96, west of Terra Bella, about 5.9 miles plant mix surface. For July 6th in Tulare County 7.7 miles of paving.

Remember the Blood Bank.



ROCK, SAND, and GRAVEL are a big industry in Southern Alameda County. This is a view of the conveyor belt of Niles Rock, Sand Plant, taking sand from the crusher plant to stockpile. (Picture by Jim Jennings, Oakland office, Local 3).

RECORD SEASON IN REDWOODS

By A. R. McCAFFREY, Business Representative

Since the weather man has decided on clear skies for the Redwood Empire, work is really starting at a terrific pace and contractors are moving in from all directions. All of the old timers have been called back to former employers and we are keeping our out of work list down to a minimum, even with the brothers coming in from other areas. The following is a list of the jobs let in this area in the past month and the contractors to whom they were awarded.

Humboldt Constructors of Eureka were awarded the job of grading and filling half the property located north of Fields Landing in preparation for the Oliver Olson Steamship Company Dock. Winning the bid on the construction of the 600-foot dock was the firm of Cantor and Coul of Alameda. The job is expected to run over \$200,000 by completion and it should take about four months to finish. Humboldt Constructors have completed their job at Alderpoint and are moving the equipment up to their job on Berry Summit.

Since last news time another Oregon contractor has moved into our area, the Peter Kiewit Sons' Company of Medford, Ore. Their bid of \$99,613 gave them the job of plantmix surfacing 15.2 miles of road in the vicinity of Wilson Creek and Gasquet in Del Norte County.

Oldham & Hastings of Lakeport has the contract of installing new drain facilities and paving culvert inverts at various locations between Phillipsville and two miles south of Pepperwood.

Paul Woof, of Fresno, was awarded contract for road work at Cummings Creek, near Carlotta. His bid was \$44,370.

BRIDGE JOBS

Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., of San Francisco, with the low bid of \$842,406, were awarded the contract of grading and surfacing 2.5 mile portion of highway in and near Eureka and construct bridge between south city limits of Eureka and 0.5 miles north of north city limits of Eureka. This contract was awarded 6/1/55.

The G. M. Carr Company & Bati Rocca of Santa Rosa were awarded the contract of constructing a steel girder bridge over middle fork of Smith River, 11 miles NE of Crescent City, on County Road 985. Their bid was \$88,791 and was awarded 5/19/55.

On 5/18/55, Tom Hull of Eureka, was awarded a contract for reconstruction of sanitary sewer at 4th street and First Slough in Eureka. His bid was \$13,777. Bro. Tom Hull is so busy with his dock job for the Coast Pacific Lumber Company that we hardly see him these days.

Peletz Company of Santa Rosa have moved in this week on their job of constructing a storm sewer on Murray street, in Eureka. This company is getting quite well known in this area.

Macco Corporation, Morrison-Knudsen Company, Inc., River Construction Corporation and Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, joint venture, were awarded the contract of constructing an extension of existing rubble-mound outer breakwater in the Crescent City Harbor. This award was made 6/1/55 and the bid was \$823,900.

New contractors to this area are Watkins & Sibbald of San Anselmo. Their contract consists of 1.4 miles of roadside areas prepared and planted and installed chain link fence and pave island and median areas. This job is in Arcata and the bid was \$34,837.

Marlin Tryon, local contractor of Fort Dick, Del Norte County, with

his bid of \$10,476 was awarded the contract to construct road in Elk Valley Indian Reservation, 2 miles east of Crescent City.

The Valley Engineers of Fresno are going strong in our community now. Their recent bid of \$55,476 gave them another contract for constructing a 500 gallon per minute station and all facilities. This was awarded 6/6/55.

SIX RIVERS

On June 6, Reed & Tuttle, of Redwood Valley, with their bid of \$59,725 were awarded the contract to construct Hurdy-Gurdy bridge No. 53, Six Rivers National Forest, 25 miles east of Crescent City.

Mercer-Fraser Company are as busy as ever on their many jobs throughout the area. Arthur B. Siri, Inc., are working on all of their five jobs, located in different parts of the county.

Burman and Sons are keeping busy on their rock job at Red Mountain Creek and the Housing Project at Humboldt Hill.

Raymond Concrete Pile Company have moved in on a short job at Klamath, and from there will move to another job in the vicinity of Bridgeville.

Dinwiddie & Spiering are moving right along on their Housing Project at Sunny Brae, near Arcata.

Engineers, Limited, are making progress on their contract of laying underground cable for telephone. This job is between Eureka and Arcata on the Burns freeway.

The P. G. & E. steam plant at Buhne Point, being constructed by Bechtel Corporation and subcontractors, is really beginning to take shape. The most recent subcontractor is the Pittsburg DeMoines Steel Company. A LOT OF OUR brothers are working on this project and right close to home, too.

Two dredges have moved onto the scene also. The Shellmake Inc., docked at Fields Landing and the Associated Dredge docked at Eureka City Harbor. These jobs have provided work for a number of our engineers.

J. L. Conner, one of our local contractors, is very busy right at this time with county and state jobs. He is also keeping several of the brothers busy.

This is just the beginning of our busy season and we are still looking for more contracts to be awarded in this area in the near future.

From all indications it looks like a very busy season ahead for the engineers in the Redwood Empire area.

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CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to E. G. McClain, Crescent Mills, Calif., for const. 3.990 mi. por. of St. Hwy. Sys. on Pete son Road from jnet. FAS 6927 mi. S. of Lovelock, to 2 mi. E. & on Carpenter Road from jnet. with Westerguard Road, 6 mi. S. of Lovelock, to 2 mi. south, PERSHING CO.

VACAVILLE, contract awarded to Peletz Co., Inc., 1236 Cent. Ave., Santa Rosa, 13074 for const. intercept. sewer, Monte Vista Ave. et al, Vacaville.



BERKELEY ASPHALT CO. is mighty proud of its brand new plant at Third and Virginia streets, Berkeley, one of the most up-to-date hot plants in this area. This is a view of the material storage tanks and conveyor belt which loads from boxcars to tanks. (Picture by Jim Jennings, Oakland office, Local 3)

Marysville Is Dispatching Many Men; Weather Warm

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

Here we are into the month of June and with jobs of every description in this area, we have dispatched a lot of men. We have almost cleared the out of work sheet except for the members who follow tunnel work and these men should be on the job before the next issue of the paper. It is getting hot here in the Marysville area, therefore, we will start with our mountain jobs where the weather is cooler.

M. W. Brown is moving in on his road job near Greyeagle. We understand Sam Gallagher, Ray Mansfeldt, Harry Hyde and Johnny Owens will come over from the Redding district.

Halvorson Const. Co. are working on their B.P.R. road job at Spring Garden, just out of Quincy. Bro. Knezevich is shifting, with one shovel crew and several cats and pulls under his command. This job should finish around November 1st.

Ray Hertel has been working on a bridge job the past week or two, about two miles out of Quincy. Utah Const. Co. is making good progress on their tunnel lining job at Keddie for the Western Pacific and will move down to Belden when they top out on their present job. James Allen-Co. had an engineer hoisting steel on the Hamilton Branch Bridge. We always enjoy getting up there to see snow capped Mt. Lassen. W. H. Darrrough & Sons are doing a job at the Canyon Dam, end of Lake Almanor, with Br. Bob Darrrough in charge. Bros. Cy Shepherd, Nip Lytken, Dick Barrie and Perry Maxey are on this job.

Now, let's drop down to Pulga, on the H. Earl Parker job, where Bro. Charley Rowe is widening the highway to make way for the upstream portal of the Poe Tunnel. Bro. Joe Franklin is on the shovel, Syd Murry on pioneer dozer, Fritz Redman on dozer and Fred Hohman on the compressor. O. K. . . . We have now driven quite a few miles down beautiful Feather River Canyon and we will pause just for a moment at the Utah, Bates & Rogers joint venture on the Poe Tunnel Project. This company has nearly completed a fourteen-room ice, near Jarboe Gap, and it is without a doubt the very finest field office I have ever seen. Project Manager Geo. Foster states that it reminds him of the old tar paper offices, because it is so different. Adit one, at Bardee Bar is very slowly getting underway; likewise adit two, downstream. There will be a high line or cage elevator to move men and equipment across the river. Stolte is building a bridge at the Poe site, but it will not be completed until around November. Bro. Ira Brashaw is doing a good job on access sites into the adits with Bill Brown and Ernie McCreery on the cats and Bill Weeks and O. J. Lloyd on the shovel.

Now we are down to 80 feet above sealevel at the Oroville yard of Utah Const. Co. where Mister Mechanic Bro. Herb Alexander is a busy man unloading and repairing equipment, to then reload it and send it up to the job.

Altogether, I think that is a nice trip and I hope you enjoyed going with me, as the travel authors say.

H. Earl Parker Co. is still missing the big jobs, but Earl says he won't always do so. Baldwin Const. was low bidder on a \$152,000 resurfacing job on 40A thru Oroville and to the bridge, five miles above the town. This job was shifted by Bro. Rer Covington and Joe Daugherty, and I'll tell the world that gang don't put asphalt down the square foot but by the running mile . . . a good job, too. Bill Baldwin states the company has lots of work and that is true . . . this company is really going to town in every way.

Lester L. Rice & Sons are really adding to their spread. Les said he is too tired drilling for oil in Texas and got lonely for the contracting business and came back home to do so. Butte Creek Rock Co. of Chico, are really busy now, with a good regular crew and extra men quite often.

Brown-Ely have wound their road job up here in Yuba City and are bidding other jobs here and there. Archie Till has sent some rigs over on the coast. Darrrough & Sons are getting started on their \$205,000 road job on Skyway, thru the town of Paradise. Granite Construction Co. has a job on El Centro Blvd. in lower Sutter County, and a job in south Colusa County. Both jobs should start soon. O'Hair Co. of Colusa, have a \$112,000 road job in Colusa County, below Grimes. Ted Baun Co. is moving the hot plant from Willows up to Orland where they have a \$152,000 road job.

OTHER NEW AND PROPOSED CONTRACTS

Kirkpatrick & Lane, awarded Dixie Creek Bridge in Plumas Co. for \$16,174.

Thomas Const. Co. of Fresno—bridges at Dudley, Gold Run and Dry Creek, north of Oroville, \$42,727.

Pacific Bridge Co. of San Francisco—construction of portions of timber bridge, five miles southwest of Tudor in Sutter Co., \$54,896.

U. S. Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, calling for bids June 6th on 4000 ft. of levee construction—south of Nicolaus in Sutter county.

H. B. Folsom, a street job of seal coat in Chico, \$3,111.

Bids due June 22nd—Calif. Division of Highways for 9.5 miles of roadbed grading and surfacing between Glenn and Hamilton City, in Glenn county.

Bids due June 15th, for surfacing school grounds—Alicia School District.

Bids due June 16th—Olivehurst Public Utility District for construction of sanitary sewers; house laterals, truck line outfall, pump station, treatment and disposal plant.

Division of Highways taking bids due June 15 for 4.2 miles of highway surfacing near Bassett Station in Sierra county.

Baldwin Constr. Co. was the successful bidder for street work on Percy Ave. in Yuba City for \$26,930.

Lord & Bishop awarded a contract for \$18,500—bridge work eastside canal in Rec. Dist. No. 1001, in Sutter county.

Gordon Williamson was low bidder on sanitary sewers—City of Chico, \$23,086.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Bro. Johnnie Reed, in from a job in Pawtucket, Rhode Island; Les Huntington and his wife just in from a trip to Australia. Les is superintendent for Walsh Const. Co. and has a crew overhauling equipment in their new shop at Palermo.

Bro. Leo Morrison, who lost both legs above the knees, was really surprised, on Saturday, May 14th, when 17 Brother Engineers showed up at his place armed with mowing machines, axes, shovels (not of the power type) brush cutters, picks, etc. and the crew pitched in to clean up the place and finish a ditch for Bro. Leo. Mrs. Morrison was also armed with doughnuts and the best coffee ever. They asked that we use our newspaper to say thanks to the fellows who gave so generously of their time. Mrs. Morrison says, God does not deduct from the allotted time of man for those hours spent in doing good works. Bro. Dave Humphry is donating some time to paint for them, also.

That's all for now . . . see you next month.

LES COLLETT.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT: MEETINGS:

The meetings of our various industrial units at this time of the year are of greater importance than ordinarily. Why? Because at each meeting we try to report upon our negotiations with the employers as honestly and factually as we are capable.

We do this because we not only want to keep you informed, but also because we want your advice. And you owe it to yourself to not only keep informed, but also to give your representative the advantage of your experience and advice.

Sometimes a proposal by the employer or more often the results of discussion and negotiations with the employer may unintentionally result in rules that would work to the disadvantage of the membership or a portion of the membership. For that reason full discussion of the present agreements and any proposed changes should be had so that the full implications can be ascertained.

Also attending your union meetings is like attending church. By attending church the convert becomes convinced. By attending your union meetings, listening to and observing the democratic manner in which they function, the smoke of adverse propaganda daily raised against unions in the newspaper magazines, etc. is blown away and the member becomes a convinced and informed trades unionist.

The following is a list of the next meetings of each one of our industrial units. Note, when, where and at what time your unit meets and make every effort to be there. It will pay you!

CONCRETE PIPE COMPANIES MEETING:

The next regular meeting of this unit will be as usual a joint meeting of all crafts involved and will be held Monday, July 11, 1955, in Teamsters Hall, 818 Wall Street, Chico, and will convene at 7:30 p.m.

GLADDING, McBEAN COMPANY MEETINGS:

Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council will meet Tuesday, July 5, 1955, at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln. General membership meeting (both unions) will convene in the auditorium of the City Hall, Lincoln, at 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, 1955.

NATOMAS COMPANY:

As the next regular meeting would fall on Monday, July 4th, this meeting will be cancelled and if necessary, a special meeting will be called on some other date.

YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS:

The next regular meetings of the unit will be held on Monday, June 27, 1955, in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "I" Street, Marysville, at the following times:

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

At 7:30 p.m. for those members able to attend.

REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS:

Concrete Pipe Companies: The situation is still stalemated due to the unfair competitive factor caused by another company. Meetings are being held with the company that is causing all our headaches, but at this writing, no progress of any importance can be reported. The deal that is being presented to them is all or nothing, and no matter which way they choose to jump, the situation cannot be improved.

Gladding, McBean Company:

After several meetings progress can be noted, however, the negotiations have not as yet reached a decisive stage. This is not to be wondered at as at the time this is being prepared, almost a month remains before the current agreement expires.

Natomas Company: Wages have been settled and accepted by the membership effective as of May 1st. Insurance, the length of the agreement and one or two minor matters still remain to be settled and the membership have expressed their confidence in the Negotiating Committee by authorizing them to complete the agreement with the company.

The completion of the agreement has been held up due to the delay of the insurance companies in submitting bids on the insurance benefits. Part of this delay, we are informed, has been caused by an apparent reluctance of the old carrier to submit its experience rating, however, and despite this, we still are optimistic about improving the insurance benefits.

Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields: The basic agreement was agreed upon at our last meeting with the company. Regarding the insurance benefits, an agreement has been

generally arrived at with the company that the company would go along on the same benefits as the Natomas Co. agrees to. Wages remain the sticker and although our demands seem to us to be modest enough and not unreasonable, and the Co. expressed surprise and shock at the results of the vote of the membership at the special meetings, no agreement has as yet been reached.

The reason we cannot report the completion of the negotiations was the sudden death of Mr. F. C. Van Deirse, former general manager and vice president of the company. Out of respect to him, whom many of our members well remember and know, the negotiations were postponed. Then came the annual stockholders meeting in Boston, which Mr. Gorman had to attend, however, we hope before our next regular meeting that we will be able to report that the matter has been satisfactorily settled.

PERSONAL NOTES:

Many of you, especially the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields, will remember Bro. Louis P. Clift, and will be as shocked as we were when they hear, if they have not already heard of his death. Death came after a long illness and services for him were held Tuesday, June 1st in the Lipp and Sullivan Chapel, Marysville. Internment was in Sierra View Memorial Park. The

officers and members of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 take this means of expressing to Mrs. Clift and the rest of the family, our heartfelt sympathy. . . . At this time, we wish to express our condolences to the family of Mr. F. C. Van Deirse over his recent death and also to our friends and the officials of the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields. While it was not our privilege to have known Mr. Van Deirse well, we have heard much of him and the more we heard the more our respect increased. . . .

Most of the personal items that have come to our attention have had to do with minor illnesses, however, during the past few weeks we have had a couple of calls to replace blood for a couple of the brothers who had to have transfusions. In both instances we have had to obtain it through the Engineers Blood Bank maintained through the Sacramento office. In both cases they have been very cooperative and gracious and in our opinion it is time that we repaid their kindness. You can do that by making it a point to meet the Mobile Blood Unit and becoming a donor on one of its visits to Marysville. It is in Marysville the second Thursday of each month at the Memorial Auditorium, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1: p.m. Be sure and tell them that it is for the Operating Engineers Blood Bank! C. R. VAN WINKLE.

STOCKTON SET FOR BIG TRI-DAM JOB

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

Ah, yes! There's good news today. The tri-Dam Project has been awarded to the joint venture of Morrison-Knudsen, Macco Construction Co., Peter Kiewit, and Stolte, Inc., the bid being \$31,200,000 for the successful bidders with the only other bid—which was another joint venture of Guy F. Atkinson, Arundel Corp., and L. E. Dixon, losing out by a little over

\$17, 200. At the present time, the job is in a state of confusion with offices to be set up, access roads to be built, camps to be cleared and erected, personnel for the various contractors to become acquainted, and all the other items that tend to add to the turmoil of starting a big job. Although this is a joint venture, it will be sponsored by the Morrison-Knudsen Company. As of this writing, there is only a small crew working on the Beardsley and Donnels access roads so they can get the camps built. Living accommodations along the highway are hard to find as this area is, and has been for some years, catering to vacationers for some time.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. have moved into high gear on the Cherry Valley Dam with the DW 20's hauling the impervious material for the core of the dam.

Rothchild-Raffin & Weirick are setting up their camp on the banks of Cherry Creek in the old City Camp for their employees who will be working on the Company's spillway and gates contract. Munn & Perkins have a crusher on the job and Claude Wood has a dragline.

O. K. Mitty and Sons will be moving dirt on the Shawmut Grade job out of Chinese Camp by the time this is printed with pioneer dozer men already ordered to report. This is a tough job because of the steepness of the country.

Beerman & Jones is busy on Highway 108 at Twain Hart with eight of the brothers working under Bro. N. B. (Red) Bennett.

M. J. Ruddy Company is back at San Andreas to finish their job through town. This has been a tough one.

Clements Construction Company is using 3 blades, a roller and grade checker on their job south of Stockton.

Utah Construction, on the Rice mill at the Turning Basin, is pouring the silos and should be finished by the time this goes to press. There will be 18 silos poured continuously to 175 feet in height. The block house at this installation is one of the tallest structures in Stockton—245 feet to the top.

There are a number of housing projects going on in Stockton but

they are fully manned except for blade man or two.

In the Safety Department, we are happy to announce that the D. W. 20's on the Cherry Valley job will all have safety locks on them so that the loaded scraper cannot hit the ground, should the cable break. This device is manufactured by the Caterpillar Tractor Company with the Peterson Tractor Company and the Atkinson Company all having a part in developing it.

Bro. Harold Hamrick, a shovel and crane operator of long standing in this area, is in the insurance business and he would appreciate any of the brothers with insurance problems calling on him at his home.

Brother Luke Kruse, a member in good standing, is running a service station and garage at Groveland. All you boys going to the Cherry Valley job might stop in Groveland and gas up (gasoline) at Luke's.

Brothers, if any of you can possibly see your way clear to do so, won't you please donate a pint of your blood to the Engineers Blood Bank in the district where you are. The brothers who have occasion to need it will be forever grateful to you.

Gentleman Joseph X. Paup, the poor man's philosopher, comments that virtue basically consists of insufficient temptation.

"Young man," said the woman in a scolding voice, "does your mother know you're smoking?"

"Madam," replied the young fellow, "does your husband know you speak to strange men on the street?"

"What did you say this morning?" asked the reporter of the blustering, gesticulating senator.

"Nothing," was the curt reply.

"Of course," replied the newspaper man, "But how did you express it this time?"

"I've half a mind to get married."

"That's all it takes."

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REPORT FROM SAN FRANCISCO

By S. E. SMITH
Business Representative
San Francisco

Contracts now in process are: California Brewers and Hamm's Brewery, Dubuque Packing, Meat Packing Industry, Goodyear Rubber Company, Crystal Market, Cinerama Theatres, Y. M. C. A., James F. Waters, Inc., Sussman Wormser, California Wine Association, Stuart Oxygen, Gene Compton Corp, Fosters Lunch System, Manning, Inc., San Francisco Bakery Employers' Association.

Contracts completed and not listed in the Executive Board Minutes are: National Ice Company, Santa Rosa and Petaluma, Winterland, Laundry Linen Supply Board of Trade of San Francisco, Shop Towel, Green Glen Linen Supply, United Textile, Health and Welfare for National Ice Company of San Francisco and Oakland.

Several complaints and minor violations of the contract, in various plants in the area, have been satisfactorily settled. With the assistance of Brother Rivers, we have been doing some organizing in the area with nothing too definite to report at this time.

We are to issue trade certificate to Albert Rex, our apprentice, who recently graduated, at a special apprentice meeting on June 20, 1955, 7:30 p.m., at the San Francisco Brewing Corporation Tap Room. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

In recent months it has been brought to my attention that several of the brothers have needed blood for themselves or members or their families. We will be starting a blood bank for Local No. 39 very shortly, so if any of you donate a pint of blood please notify me so that we might help our members and their families. I certainly hope that you will respond in this matter as you have to requests in the past.

It was indeed very gratifying to see the large vote that was cast for the various officers and all other elective positions in the recent election. We thank you for your confidence and we will strive as ever to improve the position of the Stationary Engineer in all industry.

REPORT FROM OAKLAND

The following contract was completed during the month of May: Air Reduction Pacific Company of Emeryville, Berkeley and Sacramento.

The following contracts are in the process of negotiations: University of California, University of California Hospital (San Francisco), Bakers Club of Oakland, John Morrell Company, Consumers Yeast Company, Washington Market, Pacific Oxygen Company and Baxter Pole Company. Also we have appeared before the Alameda County Civil Service Commission and the Alameda Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Alameda County Engineers, we are now awaiting for the budget to be allotted.

Also, appeared on behalf of the Engineers of the City of Oakland, before the Oakland City Manager.

By the time this issue of the Engineer's News gets to you, the results of the election will be in. Each member of Local 39 who is in good standing had a ballot mailed to his address with a stamped addressed envelope in which to return this ballot marked with an X for the person of your choice. I hope that you took advantage of the democratic way of life, by voting for the person of your choice. If you did not vote, then do not condemn anyone but yourself.

On my let's-get-acquainted tour I have the Union Ice Company in Concord and the Bridge Tenders on the High Street, Bay Farm Island, Fruitvale Bridge, the Posey Tube and the Oakland Naval Supply Center yet to visit for a 100% mark.

Honor roll for neat, clean plant.

REPORT FROM SACRAMENTO

By A. R. OUGHTON

Agreements open: El Rancho Hotel, Reno Brewing Company, Reno, Nevada.

Agreements closed: Air-Reductions Sales Company.

Sick list: Thomas Duncan, Sidney Chapman is up and about again after two months illness.

Suspensions: Elwyn Milhorn.

Withdrawals: Clarence Ladd, Oran Myers, DeWitt Lyman, John Brock.

New members: Nick Blum, Joseph Casella, E. J. Schrader.

Around the plants: Clarence Ruch and Max Riley were seen in a huddle at the State Capitol Annex talking over the unusual heat for this time of year.

In talking to some of the boys who work at the Air Reduction Sales, I found that they seem satisfied with their raise and they think that Brother Herb Sims of Oakland District did a good job on the negotiations.

Some time ago Brother Lee Harrison of the Sacramento Brick Company had an exciting experience at sea due to a breakdown of his craft. After a few hours or drifting around, he finally beached and all were returned safely.

Brothers C. C. Fitch, Herb Sims, Mark Campbell, myself and many others were on hand hoping the engineers license law would pass committee in the State Legislature. It passed the committee but was referred to the Interim Committee to be studied and probably a recommended license law can be brought in at the next session of Legislature two years hence. Let's all hope, and keep busy on the law during the next two years.

As I am writing this report, in walks Brother John Brock, better known to me as "Ike". He tells me he is retiring. He has been a member of this union since April 5, 1929 and has been employed steadily by the City of Sacramento since June 6, 1928 and for the past several years has been Chief Engineer at the City Filtration Plant. Brother Brock and I have been good friends since 1927 and, after all these years he invited me to go fishing with him. Thanks a lot, Ike. Will do and the best of luck to you on your retirement.

Brother Jack Ryan of the Sacramento Hospital is in the Mercy Hospital for an operation.

Brothers Roy Singley, John A. Smith, Homer Henderson, Arthur Wheaton, James Black and too many others to mention, have told me that they mailed in their ballots right away which sure was a good thing to hear. Thank you, Brothers.

Brother Earl Sparks, Brother George Lund and Brother Art Vanderscheagen were trying to give me a bad time when I visited them at their job at the Mercy Hospital. I came out with dues collected so I think we could say we came out fifty-fifty.

Brother Oran Myers, another long-time member is retiring. He was treasurer of old Local 210. He is going to settle on his 12 acres and take life easy (?), I guess. Brother Myers joined our union on June 6, 1935. He worked at Borden's Dairy, Home Milk Company, Buffalo Brewery, Swanston Packing Company, Campbell Soup and Made-Rite Sausage Company. Good luck, Oran.

Well, summer is with us again and most of the boys are talking about the fish they left in the streams last year and are polishing up their gear getting ready to take off and bring them home this year.

Lots of luck, fishermen. See you around.

are the Merritt Hospital, Bank of America Building in Berkeley, First Western Bank Building (Old Central Bank Bldg.) and the Athens Club of Oakland.

Sorry to hear that Russ Widdeson is in the hospital for an operation. Hope to see you back on the job soon, Russ.

Remember: Protect our jurisdiction by doing our work, not let it out to some other craft. Your un-

SACRAMENTO WORK PILING UP

By RENNY BURROUGHS, HAL CLARK and ERNIE NELSON,
Business Representatives

Engineers in the Sacramento area are finding 40 hours a week a pretty tough go. With the exception of a very few jobs all work is on a 40 hour a week basis. We have hopes that this situation will soon change for the better inasmuch as considerable work has been let recently and the load of work to be finished is very large.

Up at Folsom Dam the Folsom reservoir project, clearing on portions of the reservoir area, approximately 750 acres, is being let June 14.

McClellan Field has recently purchased 249 acres north of the Field and has taken an easment on 240 more acres for extension of the runways. Stolte's share in McClellan Field work has recently grown to over 2½ million dollars worth. Heller, Campbell, Erickson & Lawrence, in a joint venture, have recently grabbed off \$1,728,184 worth of work. M & K, a newcomer at the Field, has a cold storage building and utilities job totaling \$204,000 plus. Granite, Teichert, and McGillivray's spreads are also going great guns on this Field.

Mather Field is planning extension of runways and work there should soon be on the upturn. Claude Woods took a good size road project at Aerojet at Nimbus and moved in two spreads of cats belonging to Frank Taylor and Joe Alldrin.

Harms Bros. is scratching for aggregate at Placerville. Their surfacing job should be underway as this goes to press. Granite's work on Stockton Blvd., their crushing plant at 14th Ave., their operations at American River Sand & Gravel, the Watt Ave. underpass and numerous small work keep many Local 3 men busy.

Teichert's crew are found all over Sacramento, Woodland, Placerville and adjacent areas. Brighton Sand & Gravel are very busy in Sacramento. Lentz Const. Co. has all the underground work they can handle for the season on their books.

Fredrickson Bros. are strung out at Madison. Claude Youngs is doing much work at Antelope and has the excavation at McClellan Field for Heller and his joint bidders.

Heraty & Gannon keep a full spread going at Larchmont Village and their other subdivision projects. Cecil Hulse has some of the best equipment we have seen lately moving top yardage on the American River levee job at Dry Creek. Lord & Bishop keep busy around Sacramento and some out-of-territory jobs.

Los Gatos Const. Co. is still moving muck on Granite's Stockton Blvd. freeway job. McGillivray is really strung out with many sewer jobs and their freeway between Florin Road and Jansen Drive. Surfacing many of Sacramento streets this year is another of their projects.

RICE MILLS

MacDonald Engineering is putting in the machinery at the rice mills in West Sacramento and using four brothers most of the time. P.C.A., Haggin Sand & Gravel, P. J. Moore and many outlying smaller plants are beginning to run at top speed and add substantially to their crews.

J. R. Reeves keeps a rail crew moving steadily on their subdivisions and around town work. Wilkins Draying and McLaughlin truck cranes are on the run daily to keep up with much erection work.

Baldwin Const. Co. have their job about organized for the summer's work. Their rock plant is running to capacity with five 8's feeding it and their hot plant is assembled and ready to go about the middle of June. This company has about 60 miles of paving to do on the Roseville four-lane freeway including frontage, roads, etc. Brother Jack Dundee does the gaffing on the grade, Brother Ralph Knight has charge of the rock processing

ion office is to serve you—use it.

Personal Notice: We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Brother J. C. Kitterman who passed away recently. Brother Kitterman was employed at Technical High School here in Oakland,

crete; CECIL FIELD looking for a loader.

DICK HUTCHINGS getting acquainted; J. B. MATHEWS watching a ditcher; BOB TOWNER leveling lots; RAY AUSTIN taking a ride; NORMAN CREECH looking for a crusher; PAT CALDWELL laying down 6' lifts; WALLY BROWN busting nuts; FRED GREGORY backfilling a culvert; BILL DONALDSON loading down hill; LOU NOVI checking state stakes; CUDLEY LARSEN watching; RAY ZANINI reading notes; W. W. McCATHERN rolling hot stuff; MARSHALL WHITE firing; A. R. ALLEN figuring time slips and telling stories.

PERSONALS

L. A. Davidson, hop to backhoe, specializes in swimming pools, tanks, footings, pits, etc.—Phone WA. 5-3141; R. J. Robindeaux, HD5 loader and ripper, also dump truck—Phone HI. 6-6669.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Brother Marvin Withrow and his wife who lost their 11-month-old how deep your sorrow is, Marvin, and we believe that your greatest consolation at this time is the two beautiful little girls that you still have with you.

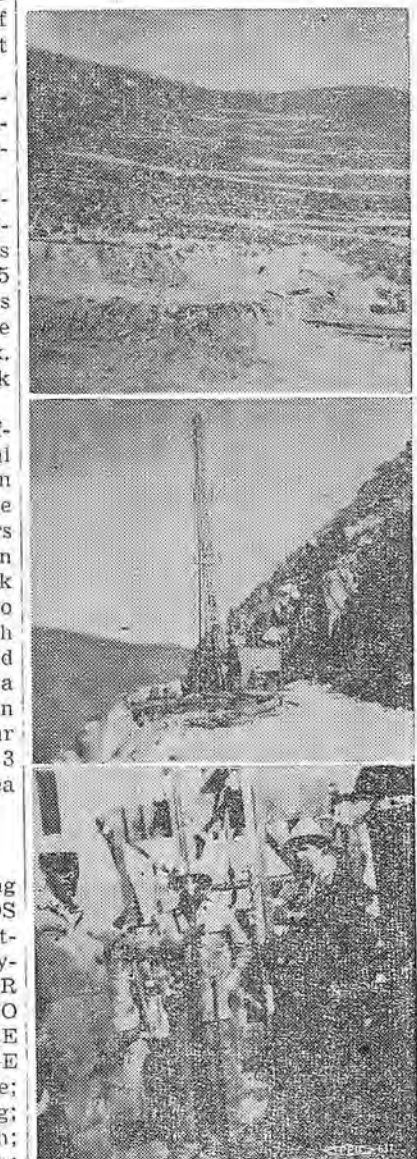
Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Brother Bryan Overton who has a sprained arm as the result from an accident.

Our best wishes to Brother Clay Cook and our hope that his recent injuries are not too serious in his clash with a pet (?) coon. He received severe lacerations. Clay should stick to cats and leave those coons alone.

REMINDER

July 4th will be another three-day holiday, so be safe, think safety and, above all DRIVE safely. Statistics show a large toll taken on the highways over the Memorial Day holiday. So again we stress that saying that "speed kills—take it easy!"

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



ENGINEERS IN PERU.—Top picture shows road winding up to 12,000-foot drilling project on which Operating Engineers are working in Peru. Middle picture shows location blasted out of rock. At bottom are crewmen, with Engineer Ramon W. House and his father, Arthur W. House. The men have to go to lower altitudes to rest every 15 days.

Gee Gee, the office vamp, viewing her next door blonde neighbor, commented: "All a sweater did for her was to make her itch!"

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP—

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

Andy Drumm and all of his employees had a big barbecue and picnic out at Lahontan Lake on Sunday during the three (3) day Holiday. It was a wonderful picnic. (I know cause I was there.) They had plenty of barbecue meat. Everyone even had some barbecue to take home to the neighbors, and all kinds of other food that goes with a picnic including the Beer, a TRUCKLOAD of Hamm's Beer.

Believe me, no-one went home hungry or thirsty or dry either for that matter. Most everyone got quipped in the Lake including Cactus Tom, the Radio Cowboy. Everyone had a real good time. I think they are going to make it an annual affair. I hope so for I really like that barbecue.

The Silver State outfit, better known as Andy Drumm, has been more than busy since the start of the season. The reason is because A. D. Drumm has been the successful bidder on several jobs in succession. The many Bro's. working for Drumm have been on the move continuously from one job to the next non-stop, except for a short beer. Brothers Charles "Red" Melendy, C. J. Anderson and Charles Walsh, Brothers Warner Skinner and Herb Carlton have kept the Cat and Can spread going steady, but occasionally they have to stop and look for Brother "Buster" Moss. Even had me looking once.

The Brothers on the Pull Spread have moved from Dayton and are now back in Lovelock, Nevada on some new job that was recently awarded to Silver State Construction, and from there they will probably head for the job at Pioche, Nevada. Brother Leonard Ellis should be back in good shape again now that his ear is all patched up and healed. I think he will watch everything with a keen eye from now on.

FOUR LANE FORTY

Lack in Reno, Morrison and Knudsen are putting the chips and the finishing touches on the four-lane Highway East of Reno, Nevada. Brother R. W. "Scatter Eye" Pulispher is on the Roller. Now old "Bad Eye" is a real Roller. Brother James Francis is on the Skippy, and that's a real Skippy Boy. Brother "Tuffy" Jones is still in charge of the job. We have had very friendly relations with Tuffy on this job. He runs a 100% Union job. Clears all of his men through the Union before putting them to work. Just like it should be in this State. Brother Carl Hoover has his trucks doing the hauling on the Morrison-Knudsen job. That Hoover Boy is really going to town in the trucking game around Reno.

Brother Bob "the Sandman" Williams has lots of sand going out of his pit with the new four-lane Highway going right in front of it. Will improve his business. Now that Bob talks a lot, but he gets the sand out. Just the same, lots of luck Bob, with your sand and fast talking.

The George E. Miller Company has started on the Kietzke Lane extension across the Truckee River and under the S. P. railroad tracks which is a big job and a great improvement to Reno and Sparks traffic problems. Miller's Hot Plant is dusty and smoking, but it puts out lots of sand and gravel. Miller has quite a good crew working for him. Brother "Delicate" Bud Jacobsen is feeding the Hot Plant with a Dozer. Its tough on "Delicate", but he gets by. Brother Ed Smith is on a Dozer job around Miller's gravel plant. The Shop is a busy place with Busch Brothers around. And you'll find Brothers J. E. Burney and Vernon "Pee-wee" Galleron welding away. Brother Don Stacy is the Head Blade man for the Miller Company and doing a fair job of it too.

Eob Forrester has his three Westinghouse Electric Pulls on the Miller job at Kietzke Lane. Brother Joe Benbow is on one of the Electrics. Now that Benbow has had lots of experience on an Electric after putting in a stretch with Dodge Construction, Inc., and then with Andy Drumm on his Super C's. He should be an expert on a Westinghouse Electric especially when he has such a good Push Cat man like Brother John Kudron.

That John is a real Pusher, believe me, for I watched him perform.

The GEM Ready-Mix Plant with Brother Paul Brothers in full charge, is really putting out the Ready-Mix concrete in a big way.

Martin Iron Works have made some startling changes in their big, BLUE, Linkbelt Truck Crane. It still chugs around town with Brother Henry "Hank" Schultz herding it through traffic and Brother Al Mabrier at the controls of the 60 foot boom and the little 20 foot job on behind. But now, oh now, you should see. That big Blue Crane has turned into a startling yellow, the boom is yellow, but the little job is bright red. Ah me. Its outstanding, to say the least, but not as outstanding as the crew, Brothers Mabrier and Schultz, that handle it. Saw them the other day down by the Golden Hotel in Reno, and they literally had traffic stopped. Everybody stops to watch when these two Brothers swing into action. They are two fine fellows. You can always count on them to do a fine job.

TRUCKEE LOG ROAD

Eaton and Smith, Contractors from San Francisco, California, again have a job in the Reno area. They are building a logging road. I've heard reports that the road is going right up the side of the mountain. But with a foreman like Brother James Toole and a Dozer crew of Brothers Tommy Eck, Delbert Armer, Lynn Walker, and Lawrence Cavelti, that outfit really moves. If anyone can move a mountain or change its appearance with a road, this crew can do it. Looks like a fine beginning for a good job.

Gilb Construction Company has been doing some concrete work at Herlong, California at the Army Ordinance Depot. Brother Bill Dial is the kingfish at the Batch Plant. Brother Frank Gillespie is running the Rock Plant about twenty miles north of the base. Brother "Duke" Sutherland and his Oiler, Brother Eugene Hyatt are feeding the Rock Plant where Earl Scott, Frank Kitchen, and Harry Raynor are real, real, busy keeping the rock moving as it should. Brother George "Whitey" Cate is doing all the Blade work for Gilb and according to length of service, "Whitey" must be doing a whale of a sale (I mean job).

Curley Christman for Harms Brothers has their Ravendale, California job going along on a hit and miss basis (according to the weather), five days one week and three days the next, but he has a good bunch of Brothers working for him who have taken the cream of the crop and are back in the "ole" rock pile again. Brothers Art Kruger and Carl Connors are doing the mechanic work around the Shop and Brother Leo Sebbas is the Shovel Repairman. Leo is right in the middle of the Bevel Gears everytime that I contact him. Brother Earl Shufflin is doing the welding for Harms. Brothers E. H. Boyett, Carroll "Bud" Berg and W. E. "Buck" Buchanan are the Cat Operators, and Brother Philip Rogge, is setting grade for them. Good hand. Of course, Bro. Geo. Rogge, the Blade Operator, it seems to me was the teacher. Brother George is a good Blade man wherever he is. Then Brother Jess Saucerman is also out there doing a fine job with the Blade work. Jess has an even and sure pace for doing his work. Brothers H. B. Jesse and his oiler D. C. Jepson are the Shovel Crew and things are a "wee" bit rough for them. (Rough Shot—Short Holes.) Brother Bill Saylor has been on the Roller, and I'm sincere when I say that as far as a Roller job goes, this is one that is rough, boulders, humps and bumps. All in all, the boys are doing a good job for Harms.

ANACONDA

Down at Yerington, Nevada, the Anaconda Copper Company has been working steadily and disregarding the small "beefs" that arise the operation has been working along very well. At the Acid Plant the job runs along very well until a rainstorm; then they have a power failure that really gets the Brothers hopping around looking for the trouble. They always seem to

find it in a short time. Action and "know how", thats what makes it pay. At the Shop, Johnny Hyland keeps the Maintenance Crew and Machine Shop well in order and very busy. Brothers Ed DuBos and Bill Grey seem to catch their share of the load. At the Cementation Department, Brothers Royce Willhoit and Walter Curries keep the operation running smoothly and without disaster. To my knowledge these Brothers are doing a fine job and we know their work very well.

Brother Carlyle Robinson from the Bridge Crane, has expanded his knowledge slightly and has taken over the Eagle Cafe in Yerington, Nevada. Carl is a good union man and needs the patronage of his co-workers for a successful business. We wish him good luck and best wishes in the venture and would appreciate all of you Brothers at Anaconda to drop into the Eagle Cafe. Have a cup of his good coffee anyway, as he runs a Union Cafe. FALLON

Dodge Construction, Inc., from Fallon, Nevada, was the successful bidder on the Elko Airport job and will be moving some of the Brothers from the Fallon job up to the Elko Cowboy and Cowgirl country before too long. At the job in Fallon, we overlooked in the last issue of the Engineers News, the Rock man on the Dozer and Ripper, Brother James Mott, but he is there and doing a fine job of pulling the large boulders out of the mud. We also overlooked that A-1 Greaser, Oiler and all around fellow, P. A. "Pat" McCarthy. Now Patrick is growing a beard, greasing the equipment and doing a fine job of both. My apologies for missing you both last time. Won't happen again.

Thanks to Brother Lawrence Ferguson of Dodge for helping me out of the sand, I sure needed his gentle but powerful aid. Brother Jack Chatelle, the foreman and Brother George Castleberry were rather amused at the situation but oh, for a world of laughs. DODGE

On the Pull Spread at Dodge, we have Brothers Ray Miller, James Street, Ralph "Jughead" Stephens, and oh of course, the bird that loves to give me a bad time, young Brother Bob Ellis the DW-21 operator. Brothers Joel Peterson and Earl Oltman were busy on the irrigation ditch last week and very happy. They are a fine crew for that Northwest Dragline. Earl invested in a new "corn binder pickup". Ice rig, I'll say. Brothers Bert Roark, "Link" Harris and James Smith are very busy on the blades now as they are getting into a lot of finish work. Brother Gene Aikens is on the Finish Scraper trying very hard to keep ahead of the blades. Broter Ed "Squirrel" Jones the HDRM, is becoming very well acquainted with the DW-21's and A. C. Pulls. Cables and more cables. Brother Thad Blanchard was rolling out the humps when I saw him last week, but he will be back on the Michigan Loader before too long.

Brothers Glen Vawter and Paul Whitener are still crushing rock as fast as they can get it from the pit shovel operated by Glen Hayes, a real operator when it comes to Northwest products. Brother Ted Johnson is still squirting grease here and there around the job and everything looks well greased. It should be because Ted is a fine Greaser. Brother Harry Muhlhauser is doing the HDRM work around the Crusher and there is a swell, easy going brother who always does a good job. ELY

W. W. Clyde Construction Company from Utah has started to pave their job at Robinson Summit, West of Ely, Nevada. Hal Clyde is the Superintendent on the job and he has a fine crew of men working for him. Brother Frank Rigtrup is the Plant Operator, Gene Keenan is the Mixer Operator and Brother Virgil "Jiggs" Williams is the Plant Fireman who shares the honor with Brother W. S. Calloway who is also on the "Firing Squad". Brother Oliver Vickrey is in charge of the Crusher and Dudley Reese is his oiler. Brother Leibert Hicks is on the Dozer

NORTH BAY HITS BOTTOM

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

- Our out-of-work list is the lowest it has ever been. All of our members in this area are working and the prospects look as though we will be busy for the next two years.

The Monticello Dam job for Peter Kewitt & Son & Parish Bros. has picked up and we have been sending men on this job. They expect to start pouring cement some time in July if everything goes as planned.

Stephens-Stolte, Inc., Gallagher and Burke Road job at Monticello have most of the dirt moved, and have started laying the base material on the sub-grade. The biggest problem will be a shortage of water.

Snodgrass Construction Company got started last week on their job in Napa on the Silverado Trail on a small scale. There are two Brother Engineers on the job now, and as the job grows, there will be more hired.

Harold Smith of St. Helena started his job on the Monticello-Napa Road, taking out those sharp curves. The present Road is crooked and narrow, but Harold will fix that part. Traffic is one of his biggest headaches.

There has been a change at Basalt Steel Yard. Kaiser has bought out this yard, and they are operating just the same as when it was under management of the Basalt Plant. Keg Samuelson is still in charge of equipment.

Brother Chas. Hover dropped in and taking delivery of the first N. W. 41 on the Coast—all attachments. Charles had most of his rigs working in this area. Fine Brother to get along with. Good crew too. No mumbling!

At A. G. Raish, Brother Harless

feeding the Hot Plant.

At the Clyde job in Carlin, Nevada, the rocks are still hard and as rocky as ever, and the dust is still as thick as ever, but the job is progressing very well with the capable operating of Brothers Art "Rabbit" Allen, Tim Heidrick, Tony Madeiros, Wesley Marx, Elwyn Peterson, Eldon Bailey and Walter Cripps. Brothers Joe Munoz, Dennis Rowley, Antone Lundis and Earl Jenkins have been pushing the Pulls day in and day out under the leadership of A. L. Cripps and Ray Smith. Brother Park Griffith is twisting nuts and bolts on the job for Clyde and he has plenty of them to twist.

Stewart and Hitchcock Construction from Las Vegas, Nevada, have their job at Berry Creek road north of Ely, Nevada, going along very well in spite of bad weather they encountered in starting. Tom Stewart is the job superintendent and Bros. Max Riggs and Al Henderson are the foremen. They have Bros. Fred Kerr, Richard Walsh, and Brick Smith at the controls of the DW-10's with Brother Gene Carroll on the Push-Cat. Brothers Varlo B. Henue and Earl Bonham are on the Cat 12 blades, and they will be the ones to "lay it down and sooth it out." The one and only greaser on the job is Brother Darwin B. Lamb, a hard working efficient greaser. Brother H. D. Wilkin is the "fix-it specialist" for Stewart and Hitchcock, and is just the man to repair everything and keep it running. A fine group of fellows for any job, I'd say.

Had a sharp looking visitor the other day: Bro. L. J. Weirich, all dressed up in his suit of navy blues. Bro. Weirich dropped in to exchange a few sea stories with us and to tell us goodbye for a while. He is off to Cuba with the Seabees, and we all certainly wish him the best. He has decided to make the Seabees and the Navy his future, and if I know Brother Weirich, it will be a wonderful future. Best of luck to you and drop in to see us when you get back. You might even drop us a letter once in a while. Kinda keep us posted.

This is the part of the column I do not like to write. It's always hard to say good-bye to friends. Brother Jesse A. Strouse passed away at the local Veterans' Hospital on the 31st day of May, after an illness of some months. You brothers remember Brother Jesse, a good oiler, a fine friend, and a regular fellow. We've lost a good union member and friend. Goodbye, Jesse.

going like hell—101 North. 200,000 yards to move. The same for Waldo, Bro. Russell in high. First place I've seen where underpass dug first? Hot Plant started June 6th.

Ed. Ellis with "Boys" known as stump extractors on Terra Linda helping Pete Farish.

Brother Phillip Hall, packing a year card known as Pacific Grading Co. and Bro. James Clark with a couple of good S's also on Terra Linda. B. Miles Thomas has quite a crew here also. Bro. Nick DeLaMontanya is also here and very proud of his \$299.00 button!

E. A. Forde trying to get this subdivision paved with quite a big crew.

Bro. Jim Henry with his crew moving equipment east of Sacramento and will be back on the Waldo in the fall to finish Raish job. This is a fine crew. Good luck!

Carey Bros. is taking over the grading of Pete Farish on Terra Linda. These Brothers have gobs of work here. Bro. Clay & Vic Nielson pushing—got big fast crew BIG DIRT JOB

The "one armed bandit", known as Paul Vincillone is doing excavation and fill for Crown Development in Larkspur and is sure changing the shape of the hills. Been on job two years and another million to go. This has been the largest earth moving job in Marin. He says he got the cream of the crop when Local 3 involved.

This area is swarming with "nits & lice"—Ford Ferguson and similar equipment. That keeps us on the jump trying to get em in line and running off the smart boys. They save the price of a pack of cigarettes for a down payment and then our headaches start.

Everything is in overdrive and the throttle on the floorboard. However, we always find ourselves short of finish Motor Patrol operators.

Our congratulations to Bro. D. C. Eastman, mechanic at Marin Equipment, who became a papa of an 8 pound, 15 ounce boy on May 8th. Too bad he couldn't make that other ounce.

Congratulations to Bro. C. L. Yoder, shovel operator for Parish Bros. on his marriage May 7th. We are still waiting for the passing out of those cigars and candy, Bro. Yoder.

Bro. Albert Gunnel was in to say "hello". Tells us that he is starting his own concrete pipe plant soon, to be known as "Gunnel Concrete Pipe Co." The plant will be located in Novato, and Bro. Gunnel says he will be using a couple of engineers. This is not a new venture for Gunnel, as he was superintendent for a manufacturing pipe plant for 12 years. He will make 4 to 36 inch pipe. Bro. Gunnel has belonged to Local 3 since 1924. We wish him lots of success in his new undertaking.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to the following members who have been on the sick list: Bro. Clyde Sarmiento, hospitalized on May 28th with a reoccurrence of an eye injury. Bro. Leschmit who has been with Tony Syar for a long time, also in the hospital with a broken leg and general repairs. Bro. Bortfeld who has been on the sick list for a while, is making progress in Ross Hospital. We are looking forward to seeing him. He is an old timer.

We feel for Betty Musgrove, our little smiling girl in the Vallejo office who issues clearances. Betty suffered a loss of her personal belongings in a fire recently at the hotel where she lives in Suisun.

In addition to the above, we might add that there has been quite a bit of activity going on in the building where our headquarters are located. Another floor is being added, and the noise has been hectic! It will continue to be this way until August, and we hope we can live through it all.

See you next month!—
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Wife: "Goodness, George, this is not our baby. This is the wrong carriage."

Hubby: "Shut up; this is a better carriage."

Utah News Roundup

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

Bids on two major construction jobs in Salt Lake County will be opened by the State Road Commission on June 14, 1955.

One project is the widening of 33rd South Street to Magna with a connection northward with 21st South. This is a job we have needed for some time to accommodate workers in the south end of Salt Lake County. As this job goes to Magna and Tooele and joins with Highway 40 traffic, it should run about \$500,000.

The other job in the county to be let at the same time is the Emigration Canyon job, from Hogle Zoo over Little Mountain Pass and joining Highway 40 above Mt. Dell reservoir. This job has been given high priority because it will have to be used as a detour while the Parley's Canyon job is under construction. This job will cost \$350,000.

We are still getting word that upper Parley's Canyon will be let in the very near future. The word also is that this job will run well over \$1,000,000.

On June 8, 1955, the Bureau of Public Roads will open bids on a 5 mile section of the Whiterocks Indian Reservation Road. There are several contractors now working in the vicinity so the bidding should be quite lively.

Work in the Uintah Basin is progressing very well. Olaf Nelson is about finished with the grading. The big crusher has been giving them quite a bit of trouble but Rudy Speth, the operator, seems to think he has the trouble stopped.

We seem to be right at the peak of the season now. The construction in Utah has just about absorbed all the available machinery along with all the available operators.

Work at Wanship Dam is still picking up momentum. The second shift has started after some setbacks due to high water and a week of rain. Things stopped temporarily, but everything seems to be rolling smoothly at present. The company has the 151 Electric Marion in operation again along with the Euclid Loader, so the place is buzzing with activity. They also have running two 80-D Northwests, one 655 P & H, one 25 Northwest, one 15B Bucyrus Erie, about 15 cats, some of each make patrols and other equipment necessary to work a job of this type. They are manned, of course, by a good crew of Local No. 3 operators and we do mean good operators.

So all in all things are good and we urge you to attend your meetings and help solve some of the many problems that come up.

Southern Section

All our agreements have been signed for another year, and in the sand and gravel industry, for 2 years in this section. Our out of work list is a thing of last winter. The only list we keep now is of prospective members and members who are on the move. These next few months are all in our favor, but for all our sakes, please do not forget our obligations to our union and our employers. Above all, remember and observe our working rules.

The immediate vicinity of Provo is not blessed with the activity as is most other areas in the state. We had a good winter and expect things to pick up again this fall.

The construction of the Ammonia Plant is still being contemplated. It is this we are looking forward to for winter work.

We have been informed of a delay in the starting of the pipeline, mentioned in the previous issue. The cause has been withheld, but rumor has it that it was to treat the steel pipe with a coating. Pipe Services, Inc. have purchased the Provo Foundry for conversion to a coating mill for this purpose. We have scheduled a pre-job meeting with R. H. Fulton Co. to be held at Grand Junction, Colorado, June 10, 1955, after which we should have the information on the starting date.

W. W. Clyde & Co. are making good time on the four jobs they have in this section.

Bro. Vic Anderson and his crew at Detour Overpass job in Spanish Fork Canyon all but had the big

cut-out, when Bro. Glen Whitney, just to prove the digging was tough snapped the end of the boom off the 80D. Bro. Harry Davis has had 4 or 5 rainy days to weld it together, so they should be at it again come Monday.

Bill Clyde's job at Ferron is ready and about to receive the gravel. Bro. Tom Manchester has his crusher set up and grinding away. Bros. Kent and Dwight Killpack are putting the polish on. Brothers Jay Olsen and Bert Funk are on a tour with the 21's. They stopped by Bro. Shelley Nielson's job at Soldier Canyon to help him out, and are headed for W. W. Clyde's job at Moab. This crew can really kick a lot of dirt around in a hurry.

Strong Co. has just been awarded a job in the Uranium country. This Co. was low bidder on 8 miles of grade and 2 concrete bridges. This job will run from La Sal Junction toward Charlie Stein's fabulous uranium strike. There are several good producing mines in this location. We understand that Ragner-Benson, Inc. will construct the bridges on a sub-contract from Strong Co. Bro. Vance Abbott will be superintendent for Ragner-Benson. Bro. Abbott went to work for this company on the Colorado river bridge as a rig operator. He was made foreman on that job and since has moved to superintendent. We can only say it couldn't happen to a nicer or more qualified guy.

Northern Area

The general construction already under contract in this area is in excess of any of the past few years and will keep the members busy for some time.

Peter Kiewit & Sons Co. are under way on their Air Force job at Hill Field with several cats, patrols and DW 21's, working two shifts. Additional equipment for crushing and screening gravel, concrete and asphalt plants are scheduled to arrive in the near future.

Morrison & Knudsen Co. are working two shifts on their canal job for the Bureau of Reclamation with 58 engineers on the job at this writing. This company's lining and trimming machine is to arrive in about 30 days and will require a few additional men.

The Weber Acqueduct is well under way with Wheelwright Construction Co. keeping 14 men busy digging and laying pipe and building a storage reservoir on the southeast Ogden Bench.

United Concrete Pipe Co. and Young & Smith Co. are getting started again on the Davis Acqueduct. Most of the right of way was cleared and the benching completed earlier on this job so all they have to do is start digging.

L. T. Johnson has several engineers busy on the Cudahay Lane to Bountiful road and the excavating for Gibbons & Reed on the Wall Avenue job.

Gibbons & Reed have started the Hot Plant and oil crew and should keep busy most of the summer on local black top work.

Carl E. Nelson is getting started on the graveling and surfacing of eight miles of highway, 30 in Echo Canyon.

Wilkinson Bros. Co. are just completing their road job in Morgan county and are preparing to start the Tomlinson Road work.

LeGrand Johnson Co. is about finished with the cats and pulls on the Tremonton road and should get started on the asphalt paving by the middle of June.

Davis and Butler Const. Co. are making good progress on the Water Purification Plant in Ogden Canyon and expect to be completed by December 1, 1955.

Plewe Const. Co. are keeping three engineers busy on the remodeling jobs for Cudahay Packing Company.

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

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

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

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

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

Lang Company—All called meetings

Cedar City Iron Mines, Thursday, July 7, 1955 at 8:00 P.M., El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah

Kennecott Copper Mines—Will call meeting as negotiations warrant

Schedule of State Road Meetings

State Road, Salt Lake Shops and District No. 2, 8:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 21, 1955, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., S.L.C., Utah

State Road, Cedar City area, Wednesday, July 6, 1955 at 8:00 P.M., Hotel Escalante, Cedar City, Utah

All others will be Called Meetings

Engineers Ltd. Pipeline Co. have several gas line jobs under way in this area.

A number of other contractors have work in this area and several additional jobs are scheduled for bid this month.

Young & Smith submitted the low bid on May 26th for the construction of the Willard Test Dam embankment in Willard Bay.

Waterfall Const. Co. was low bidder on the water main in Ogden.

The raising of Pine View Dam and the relocating of several miles of highway in Ogden Canyon is scheduled for bid on June 14th by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Bureau has also called for bids on June 23, 1955 for the construction of a diversion dam and additional canal structures in Morgan County.

Bids on the Brigham City Sewage Plant are scheduled to be opened on or about June 30, 1955.

Kennecott Copper

Negotiations with the Kennecott Copper Corp. are well under way at this time. Our proposals for wage increase, better pension plan and numerous other suggested changes in the Agreement have been thoroughly aired before the company's negotiators and we have been engaged in negotiating local issues while our other demands are being studied by the powers that be.

On June 7th we resume negotiations on our demands and we should get down to serious business at that time.

We have indicated to the company that we want to be through by June 30th. We have the time and are anxious to have a new agreement on that date.

We shall call a special meeting to bring you any proposal which appears acceptable and not an insult, and if the expressions of the officials who are handling the negotiations are genuine, we should have a fair offer made in the next few days. We have gone over quite a few local issues and have some commitments from the company which will help solve some of the problems of the past. Watch for the next meeting announcement.

We are pleased to tell you that the company officials have shown a good desire to cooperate. We sincerely hope it is genuine.

Cedar Iron Mines

As the middle of the year 1955 approaches we are looking for signs of increased activity in the general area of the Cedar Iron Mines. It is rumored that contracts for considerable new work are about to be let. Of course we've heard many rumors along those lines in the past year and a half—we repeat, rumors—but there seems to be more foundation to the more recent ones. This would indicate the rumors may well develop into fact.

Because of tremendous hardships which have been imposed on those members who have been adversely affected by the curtailments of the past year and a half, we are very anxious and hopeful for new developments at this time in order that stability of employment may

be returned to those of you who find it essential to maintain your homes in the Cedar City area.

In watching the amount of progress being made in the automobile negotiations toward annual guaranteed wages, however small the result may be, it is a good sign that at least some people on the other side of the bargaining table, namely Ford, are becoming conscious of the fact that the families of the people that produce this world's goods are entitled to enjoy the privilege of having an income to sustain life during these slack periods which occur through no fault of said worker. It certainly is a tremendous stride in the right direction from my view point.

Southwest Construction

Germer, Abbott and Waldron are really kicking up lots of dust on Buckhorn Flat. Actually, on Buckhorn Flat, the services of any construction company is not needed to kick up a dust—that comes natural. However, with the capable ability of Si Morrell at the helm, the job is progressing very favorably. Of course, we have a group of top brothers who are really putting that dirt where it is supposed to go. We have about 30 Operating Engineers busy there.

The Virgin Air Force, Smart Project, is about finished. Smith Contractors have run into a snag laying the rails. The Project Engineers have decided that ordinary railroad methods won't do and are in the process of developing equipment to really do a precision job of railroading. After all, that sled will travel at speeds up to a thousand miles an hour. We guess that the Air Force doesn't want that outfit to leave the track and maybe come down on Frenchman's Flat in Nevada.

State Road

We were injected with good prospects for some wage increases

Senate Committee Okays \$18-Billion Highway Program

Washington.—A stepped-up Federal-State highway building program that would double present expenditures over the next five years won approval of the Senate Public Works Committee and headed for the Senate floor.

The Democratic measure calling for spending \$18 billion in the next half-decade to modernize and expand the nation's road net was reported to the Senate on an 8 to 5 vote after the committee killed President Eisenhower's 10-year program and its special bond-issue financing.

The committee bill would use regular appropriations for Federal grants to build highways. The committee will consider later a proposal to increase the Federal gasoline tax from 2 to 3 cents a gallon.

The Democratic substitute carries a clause providing that all employment in construction of the interstate highway system be covered by the Davis-Bacon Act—payment of prevailing wages in each locality plus overtime for time worked over 40 hours a week or eight hours a day.

The committee-approved bill would have the Federal government pay about \$12.6 billion and the states \$5.4 billion.

The bill authorizes also \$330 million for park, forest and miscellaneous roads financed entirely by the Federal government.

at a recent visit with Commissioner Corliessen. He indicated to use that he is submitting a request to the Board of Examiners for increased maximums. These, of course, must be approved by that august body before the Finance Commission will pay any increase desired.

The commissioner indicates that they intend to grant increases by merit. He indicates also that most of the State Road crews have been at work for the State Road long enough to have acquired somewhat of a skilled ability to maintain the roads, and that some are sufficiently interested in their work to be entitled to receive the maximum. Others do not show enough interest to merit the maximum. The incentive will be the maximum amount of pay when a man shows a maximum amount of interest and effort. Commissioner Corliessen has long indicated to use that he would like to put such a plan into effect and we were pleased with his attitude in this matter.

Again we call attention to the fact that if we are ever going to help bring the wages and conditions up where they belong, we need your active support as members. The conditions which have been gained in private industry are the result of support from a militant membership who had the intestinal fortitude to stick through good and bad. The door is open and we invite you, who have deserted our ranks, to return and support us in our efforts to assist you.



This Cat Went for a Swim!

Ponderay Corp. of San Diego lost a D-8 Dozer in San Vicente dam reservoir, and it took a week to fish it out. The operator left his rig for a few moments, looking back to see it going down bank (see arrow) at 50 per. It ended up 345 feet from shore and 120 feet deep. A diver was used to grapple it, and a "24" was used as dead man, a D-8 doing the pulling, with 900 feet of cable required.

Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK and RUSS SWANSON)

MAY 9, 1955

IONE, contract awarded Stephen L. Vistica, 70 N. El Camino Real, San Mateo, \$32,383 for grounds improvement at Dorms 1, 2, 3, & 4 Preston School of Industry, Ione.

PORT CHICAGO, contract was awarded to Engstrom & Nourse, 252-5th Street, San Francisco, for \$127,730 for const. transfer depot at the Naval Magazine, Port Chicago.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Mich-

igan St., San Francisco, \$601,031 for 3.6 mi. grade and surf w/plt mix surf. on cem. treat. base & const. a reinf. conc. cattlepass & inst. drainage facils. between Montgomery Creek & 0.2 mi. E. of Hillcrest, approx. 35 mi. NEly of Redding, in SHASTA CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$368,157 for 1.5 mi. graded roadbed to finish & surf. w/plant mix surf. on cem. treat. base, betw. near W. city limits of Placerville & 0.2 mi. E. of Washington St. overhead, in EL DORADO CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., P. O. Box 497, Santa Rosa, \$174,113 for 6.5 mi. surf. w/plant mix. surf. on cem. treat. base, betw. 8.7 mi. & 15 mi. E. of Boonville, MENDOCINO CO.

MAY 10, 1955

DALY CITY, contract awarded to R. A. Farish, 405 Grand Ave., South San Francisco, \$75,000 for rough grading at New Westmoor High School Site, Skyline Blvd., Daly City.

SAN LEANDRO, contract was awarded to Oliver DeSilva, 2333 Eden Road, San Leandro, \$26,358 for surf. & resurf. var. streets in San Leandro.

SAN LEANDRO, contract was awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741-50th Ave., Oakland, \$22,748 for reconst. Hays Street betw. Davis St. & W. Juana, in San Leandro.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, \$19,018 for grade, pave, curbs, etc., Parking Lot 3A, south side of Nevin Avenue between 11th and 12th Streets.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Michael Murphy Jr., 308 Upper Terrace, San Francisco, \$10,533 for laying 8" cast iron mains in Ingalls St., between Fitzgerald Ave. & Egbert Ave., & in Schwerin St., south of Sunnyvale Ave.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Eugene G. Alves, P. O. Box 950,

Pittsburg, \$19,936 for reconst. portions of Pine Hollow Road near Clayton, CONTRA COSTA CO.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract recommended to E. G. McLain, P. O. Box 25, Crescent Mills, \$161,075 for const. Proj. Nevada F. H. 20-A, Lee Canyon, Nevada National Forest, CLARK COUNTY, NEV., begin at N. boundary of Nev. National Forest approx. 14 mi. SW on St. Rt. 52, from U. S. Hwy. 95, a length of 5.065 miles.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Ball & Simpson, 685 Delaware St., Berkeley, \$97,906 for improve storm drain line G-13 in Castro Valley & Lines A & A-10, A-6 & A-4 in Ashland, a Zone 2 Project, ALAMEDA CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Baun Const. Co., Box 4057, Fresno, \$152,381 for 7.8 mi. surf. with plantmix surf. on cem. treated base & on existing surface betw. 0.3 mi. South of Willows & Tehama County Line in GLENN CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Construction Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$32,350 for 1.9 mi. surf. w/plantmix surf. betw. Stratford & 1.9 mi. N., in KINGS CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Gill Constr. Co., 2931 Pierce Road, Bakersfield, \$215,110 for 13.9 mi. surf. & apply seal coats, at 6 locations near Truckee & Tahoe City, in NEVADA & PLACER COS.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$72,301 for about 4.0 mi. surf. w/plantmix surf. & widen shoulders w/imp. base matl. on El Centro Blvd. betw. 1 mi. S. of Striplin Road & Nicholas Ave. SUTTER CO.

MAY 12, 1955

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$10,-828 for const. outfall sewer on Bowling Green Drive Co. Sanit. Dist. No. 2, SACRAMENTO CO.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to J. H. Pomeroy & Co., Inc., 333 Montgomery St., San Francisco, \$844,344 for const. 8 reinf. conc. piers & erect 17 structural steel spans at Pier locations of Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, in MARIN & CONTRA COSTA COS.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$112,559 for 0.9 mi. grade & surf. w/plant mix surf. on cem. treat. base in City of Sunnyvale on Mathilda Ave. betw. Rt. 2 & Beemer Ave., SANTA CLARA CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$583,-803 for const. storm sewer system & nec. appurts. in Sutterville Area, City of Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 1535 S. 10th St., San Jose, \$31,781 for widen a reinf. conc. bridge across Silver Creek & const. approaches on Cautol Ave. betw. Highwood Drive & Story Road, in SANTA CLARA CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan St., S.F., \$185,382 for track removal & reconst. of pavement on Pine & Jones St., S.F.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to McGilivray Const. Co., P. O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$86,291 for resurf. por of 12, 15th, 2d, 3d, 58th, Q, P, I, F, & G Sts., Stockton, Alhambra Blvd., & Muir Way, SACRAMENTO.

MAY 16, 1955

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to L. T. Johnson Const. Co., 709 Wall Avenue, Ogden, Utah, \$199,733 for 4.352 mi. 3" rdmx. bit. surf. on sec. of S.R. 249, betw. Cudahy Lane & 5th So. St. in Bountiful, DAVIS CO.

PIXLEY, contract awarded to Alex Robertson Co., 14433 Paramount Blvd., Paramount, \$22,225 (Alt B) for const. relocated water lines located in area of new Freeway on Highway 99.

MAY 17, 1955

LOS ALTOS, contract awarded to Bahr & Ledoyne, Inc., 3291 Park Blvd., Palo Alto, \$104,500 (Base) for construction of ground improvements at Los Altos High School in Los Altos.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Michael Murphy, Jr., 308 Upper Terrace, S.F., \$16,331

for lay 12" C. I. mains in Oxford & Felton Sts. betw. Silver Ave. & Cambridge St., S. F.

YUBA CITY, contract awarded to Balwin Contr. Co., P. O. Box 269, Marysville, \$26,930 (Grand Total) for reconst. por of Percy Ave. in Yuba City, SUTTER CO.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Dan Caputo, 650 Race St., San Jose \$11,939 for widening of Willow St. bridge in City of San Jose, SANTA CLARA CO.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to R. Gould & Son, P. O. Box 190, Stockton, \$31,333 for const. sanitary trunk line sewer to serve Weber Tract in City of Stockton, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

PINOLE, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave. Oakland, \$653,386 for const. of a sewage treatment plant, sewers & storm drains in town of Pinole, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Harbor Engrs. & Contrs., Inc., P. O. Box 187, Belmont, \$63,341 for pave, curbs, sewers, etc., fm. Parrot Dr., San Mateo, bordering Hillborough in New subdivision known as Woodlands, et al.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Arthur Bros., 29 Vista Avenue, San Mateo, \$25,252 for furn. & inst. a sewage pump & comminutor for the City of San Mateo.

VACAVILLE, contract awarded (General) to Johnson, Drake & Piper, 9009 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$2,294,300 for const. 2d phase of Units 4 & 5, Medical Facility, Vacaville.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873 - 81st Ave., Oakland (instead of to M. Malfitano & Son, Inc.) \$169,672 for reconst. San Pablo Dam Road, near San Pablo, CONTRA COSTA CO.

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) BUTTE CO. To W. H. Darrough & Sons, P. O. Box 392, Yuba City, \$205,698 for 2.8 mi. grade & pltmix. surf. etc., on Skyway in & near Paradise, betw. Neal Road & Wagstaff Road.

(2) TUOLUMNE CO. To O. K. Mitty & Sons, 15905 S. Broadway, Gardena, \$287,912 for 1.9 mi. grade & plantmix surf. etc., betw. 0.5 mi. E. of Chinese Camp & Wood Creek.

(3) FRESNO CO. To L. B. Wells Const. Co., P. O. Box 287, Visalia, \$24,460 for 1.1 mi. grade & roadmix. surf. in Mendota betw. Derick Ave. & Belmont Ave.

(4) EL DORADO CO. To Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$72,935 for 10.2 mi. pltmix surf. at 3 locations adj. to Placerville & betw. 1.2 mi. E. of Camino & 2 mi. E. of Sportsmans Hall.

(5) MERCED CO. To J. L. Webster, P. O. Box 43, Galt, \$34,863 for const. two truck-weighing inst. betw. 0.5 mi. & 2.7 mi. N. of Livingston Underpass.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Rubino & Gullickson, 41 Fulton, Stockton, \$30,579 for grounds develop. at Stockton State Hospital.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Paris Bros., 2752 Park Blvd., Oakland, \$18,309 for const. storm drains, ditches, headwalls & arch culverts for new Golf Course, City of Alameda.

MATHER AFB, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$10,-605 for const. access road & power facils. for HF-DF site.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 4th St., Berkeley \$18,955 for reconst. of Los Angeles Ave. betw. The Circle to Spruce St., Berkeley.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Peletz Co., 1238 Central Ave., Santa Rosa, \$16,780 for const. of the Murray St. storm sewer in City of Eureka.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Kleinsmith Bros., 951 Hamline, San Jose \$58,000 for ground improvements for San Jose Jr. college.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$33,637 for reconst. Marin Ave. from west city limits to The Alameda, Berkeley.

SANTA CLARA, contract awarded to M. L. Raymond, 1267 Gould St., Santa Clara, \$23,052 for const. storm sewer in Mariposa Gardens Unit 2, City of Santa Clara, SANTA CLARA CO.

MAY 19, 1955

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract recommended to E. G. McLain, P. O. Box 25, Crescent Mills, \$161,075 for const. Proj. Nevada F. H. 20-A, Lee Canyon, Nevada, National Forest, CLARK CO., begin at N. boundary of Nev. National Forest, approx. 14 mi. S.W. on St. Rt. 2, from U.S. 95, a length of 5.065 miles.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Engineers, Ltd., Pipeline Co., 5690 So. Union Avenue, Bakersfield. \$16,676 for instal. water mains Blackstone Ave. betw. Webster & Belmont, in City of Fresno.

SALINAS, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P. O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$112,615 for construction of main storm drainage system, Schedule A, City of Salina.

FAIRFIELD, contract awarded Crocco & Hanson, 22 California St., Vallejo, \$38,654 for const. sidewalks, curbs & gutters on Cabpbel St., et al, in Vallejo, Annex: in Greenfield Terrace Unit 3 & 4, & Hwy. Homes Addn. near Vallejo, SO-LANO CO.

MAY 20, 1955

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded as follows:

(1) To Brighton Sand & Gravel Co., P. O. Box 1, Perkins, \$120,422 for improve aves., Sts., drives, roadways, Gold Course Terrace Unit 5, under ROW 3072.

(2) To McGilivray Const. Co., P. O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$17,-898 for improvements of streets & aves. Mark Twain Subdiv. 2, ROW 3084.

(3) To H. A. Anderson, 4600 Tree-man Way, Sacramento, \$3,875 for improve alley "U" & "V" Sts. from E line 4th to W line of 5th, ROW 3077.

SAN BRUNO, contract awarded to W. K. Kendall, P. O. Box 1033, Mt. View, \$25,257 for rehab. water supply sys. Golden Gate Natl. Cemetery, San Bruno.

SACRAMENTO, contracts were awarded as follows:

(1) YOLO CO.—To Asta Const. Co., 33 N. Front, Rio Vista, \$234,-401, for 10.4 mi. untr. base & dbl. seal coat betw. Solano Co. Line and 5.5 mi. S. of W. Sacramento.

(2) SUTTER CO.—To Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc., P. O. Box 269, Marysville, \$48,057 for 3.2 mi. pltmx. surf. & const. untr. base shoulders & seal coat, betw. Meridian & Sutter Causeway.

(3) SUTTER & BUTTE COS.—To Baldwin Contr. Co., P. O. Box 269, Marysville, \$154,909 for 9.6 mi. place pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base, untr., base & ex. surf. at 3 loc. nr. Yuba City & Oroville.

MAY 23, 1955

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to George E. Miller, Box 1728, Neno, Nev., \$647,045 for const. por. of S.H.S., Kietzke Lane Ext., betw. E. 2nd St. in Reno & "B" St., No. U.S. 40 in Sparks, WASHOE COUNTY, approx. 1.056 mi.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded (general) to O. E. Anderson, 1075 N. 10th St., San Jose, \$486,211 for const. library addn. at San Jose State College, San Jose & alts. to exist. building.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) WEBER CO. to Gibbons & Reed Co., P. O. Box 2429, Salt Lake City, \$204,809 for 2.814 mi. 3" pltmx. bitum. surf. on S.R. No. 204 (Wall Ave.) betw. 20th St. in Ogden U. Jct. of S.R. No. 204 w/US 91.

(2) SALT LAKE CO. To Enoch Smith & Sons Co., 1441 Beck St., Salt Lake City, \$62,542 for 2.371 mi. 2 1/2" pltmx. bitum. surf. on U.S. 91 (State St.) 30th S. & 46th South.

(3) SAN JUAN CO.—To Strong Co., P. O. Box 1228, Springville, \$451,235 for roadmix bit. surf. road & 2 conc. brdgs. over 20' span on U.S. 160 fm. Jct. of J.S. 160 & S.R. 46, SE'ly to Wilson Wash. appr. to Hatch Wash, then E'ly fm. Hatch Wash & U.S. 160 for 6.8 mi. on Atomic Access Road.

MAY 24, 1955

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to Peter Kiewit Sone Co., P.O. Box 491, Longview Wash., \$144,761 for pl. pltmx. bitum. surf. on Sec. 1 of Forest Hwy. Rt. begin approx. 21 mi. W. of U.S. 99 near Horse Creek & extend E'ly 7,049 mi. to Walker Bridge, proj. Calif. F.H. 2-11, unit 2, Klamath National Forest, SISKIYOU COUNTY.

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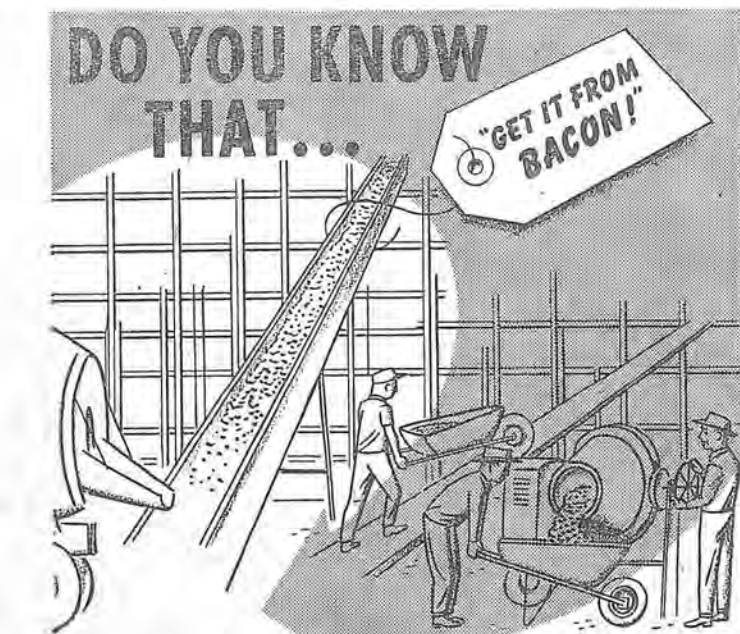
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Congrats on Coyote Dam

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

Congratulations are in order today. They're due a variety of individuals and organizations. They dared to be in favor of the construction of Coyote Valley Dam when the bleats of a vocal, obstructionist minority would have attempted to convince citizens that a vote for this forward step was both unpopular and foolhardy.

Plans for the Coyote Valley Dam show that 70,000 acre feet of water will be set aside for agriculture, industrial and domestic use in Mendocino and Sonoma counties.

Ultimately the dam would impound 199,000 acre-feet of water, but first stage construction will create a reservoir of 122,000 acre-feet.

Four thousand feet of this total is designed to be set aside against future siltation upstream from the dam. An additional 48,000 acre-feet is to be reserved for flood protection and release purposes.

The dam will be built on the east fork of the Eel River, at a point one and one-half miles east of the intersection of Highways 101 and 20. The dam's reservoir will create an artificial lake, three miles long, from north to south, averaging one to one and one-half miles wide. Construction of the dam will necessitate the relocation of Highway 20.

Contract was awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., of Santa Rosa, for 6.3 miles of resurfacing on Highway 28, 15 miles east of Boonville.

The above company was also awarded the contract for resurfacing Burbank Avenue in Santa Rosa, approximately one mile in length.

Granite Construction Co., Watsonville, has received a state contract for construction of a concrete bridge on Highway 1 across Greenwood Creek, at Elk, in Mendocino county. Bro. Herb Whiting is the superintendent. Bro. Herb has been in the east for the past two years. His own words: "I am happy to be back to this part of the country, and what a relief to be working out of the jurisdiction of Local 3."

Transocean Construction Company have approximately two weeks work left on their Middletown job. All the rock has been laid and they are now ready to spread the oil.

Raymond Concrete & Pile Company have moved in on the Carr & Rocca Bridge job out of Boonville. This same crew expects to move on to Elk to drive the piling for Granite Construction Co. on their bridge job.

With early construction of the Ukiah Valley Sanitation District's sewage system virtually a reality the city-district merger still faces problems before it can be put on a ballot as a proposal.

Under the tentative contract drawn between the city and dis-

trict it was agreed that the city would build the sewage treatment plant at a cost of \$600,000, the district to build trunk lines for \$300,000.

Both these estimates were taken from the engineer's reports, with the understanding that construction costs may exceed the specified amounts.

This fact complicates the bond issue, as no definite amount can be set.

The city-district contract would have the district pay one-third of the plant's construction cost should it exceed \$600,000 with the city paying the balance. If the trunk lines cost more than \$300,000, the city would pay two-thirds over that amount, the district paying the rest.

In closing this month's news we regret to report the death of Bro. Ralph W. Wilson. Bro. Wilson was working for Huntington Brothers on the Stewarts Point job. Witnesses said the dozer was moving parallel to the highway atop a high embankment, when the bank suddenly gave away. Bro. Wilson was thrown clear, but the bulldozer rolled sideways down the bank, crushing him beneath it. Our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

PETALUMA, contract awarded to Joseph Bettencourt, 1015 San Mateo Avenue, San Bruno, \$681,544 for const. Type V hospital bldg., at corner of Hayes Ave. & Elrose Drive, in Petaluma, SONOMA COUNTY.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to S. M. McGaw Co., 307 Elks Bldg. Stockton, \$15,133 for resurf. California St. fm. Harding Way to Alpine Avenue.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to The Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, \$21,358 for resurf. El Camino Del Mar & other streets.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to D. Zelinsky & Sons, 165 Grove St., S.F., \$53,214 for clean & paint exist. steel bridge & exit. steel stairway over Presidio of S.F. and on the Marina Viaduct, City & Co. of San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Construction Co. Box 900, Watsonville, \$98,873 for 16.7 mi. surf. with pltmix surf. at 3 locations in YOLO & COLUSA COS.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to M. L. Raymond, 1257 Gould, Santa Clara, \$13,758 for const. storm water sewer in Alum Rock Ave., in vic. of Eastgate Ave., San Jose, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to Eaton & Smith, 1215 Michigan St., San Francisco, \$18,400 for tail sheeve at Calif. St. & Van Ness Ave. & rehab. blind cable channel on Mason St., betw. Washington & Sacramento streets.

McCLELLAN AFB, contr. awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$497,777 for AC & PCC pave, drain and taxiway lggt., etc., at McClellan AFB.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$25,742 for reconst. Laurel Drive & por. of Palmer Rd., loca. approx. 2 mi. SE of Walnut Creek, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$17,435 for reconst. por. of Vaqueros Ave. & 7th St., in Rodeo, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

CAMPBELL, contr. awarded to P & E Const. Co., 1620 S. 7th St., San Jose, \$67,790 (Unit 1) & to V. Rodriguez, 226 Jackson St., Hayward, \$44,848 (Unit 2) for const. sani. sewer within the district.

MAY 25, 1955

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgom. St., San Francisco, \$680,900 for const. southeast collecting sewers, Candlestick Point Tunnel.

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to M. J. Lynch, 2251 Revere Avenue, San Francisco, \$61,384 for const. sewers in Clarendon Avenue, betw. Olympic Way & Laguna Honda Blvd.

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$177,447 for track reml. on Chestnut St. S.F.

OAKDALE, contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., P. O. Box 450, Boise, Idaho, Peter Kiewit Sons Co., 442 Post St., S. F., Maccos Corp., 14409 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount, & Stolte, Inc., \$451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$31,199,850 for const. the Donnell's Dam, tunnel & penstock & power plant & Beardsley Dam & power plant, located on the Stanislaus River, TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

MAY 26, 1955

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$119,236 for pave, sewers, curbs and gutters, etc. in Mission Rancho Unit No. 3.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Chicago Bridge & Iron Co., 200 Bush St., San Francisco, \$101,620 for furn. & erect steel water tanks in MARIN COUNTY.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$37,463 for const. addns. to 4 units of Fresno City sewers.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., P. O. Box 191, Fallon, Nev., \$159,892 for 1.686 mi. const. por. of Sec. Hwy. Sys. in City of Lovelock, Amherst Ave. & Main St.

MAY 27, 1955

OAKLAND, contracts awarded as follows:

Spec. No. LS-647—To Elmer J. Freethy, 1432 Kearney St., El Cerrito, \$65,778 for furn. & const. 2 each, 250,000 gal. cap. weld. steel water storage tanks located in CONTRA COSTA CO. & instl. approx. 1575 ft. of 9.05 weld. steel pipe as supply line to 1 tank.

Spec. No. LS-666—McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$313,313 for instl. CI & asb. cem. & weld. steel water mains, sizes from 2" to " dia. within limits of the district.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to Continental Const. Co., P. O. Box 2551, Sacramento, \$45,850 for const. service center bldg. National Guard site, Eastern Ave., Sacto.

SAN CARLOS, contract awarded to Douglass & Woodhouse, P. O. Box 908, Redwood City, \$85,168 for reconst. San Carlos Avenue betw. NW city limits & Alameda de las Pulgas & on Kenton Avenue betw. San Carlos Avenue & Clifton St., SAN MATEO CO.

SAN CARLOS, contract awarded to H. L. Harp, P. O. Box 194, San

Construction Awards

Bruno, \$26,703 (Alt) for const. san. sewer outfall & appurts. at & adj. sewage treatment plant of cities of San Carlos & Belmont.

WALNUT CREEK, contract was awarded to Encon Corp., 718 E. 18 St., Los Angeles, \$685,213 for const. of sewer betw. Walnut Creek & Danville in CONTRA COSTA CO.

MAY 31, 1955

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to A. B. Siri, Inc., 1257 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, \$35,588 for const. Burbank Avenue betw. Sebastopol Road & Hearn Ave., approx. 1 mi. in length.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., P. O. Box 191, Fallon, Nevada, \$159,892 for 1.686 mi. const. por. of S. H. St. in City of Lovelock, Amherst Ave. & Main St., PERSHING CO.

WOODLAND, contract awarded to Valley Conc. Pipe Co., P. O. Box 512, Yuba City, \$43,201 for const. of outfall for north unit of storm sewer, City of Woodland, YOLO CO., & award to Western Const. Co., 639 W. Clay St., Stockton, \$29,937 for installing pipe for same.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Bridges Const. Co., P. O. Box 966 San Jose, \$10,921 for const. R. C. bridge on A-rastradero over Los Trancos Creek, SANTA CLARA CO.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to John A. Carstensen, P. O. Box 37, Castro Valley, \$65,444 for plantmix surface, struc. etc., on Co. Road known as Stanton Avenue from Castro Valley Blvd. to William St., ALAMEDA CO.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Archie F. Tomkins, Box 65, Lockford, \$10,444 for const. 5th St. West, betw. Napa St. & Andrieux St., 0.3 mi. in length.

JUNE 1, 1955

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to Pacific Pavements, Ltd., 85 Barstow St., San Francisco, \$122,500 for repave streets or sidewalks opening where paving has been removed.

REDWOOD CITY, contract was awarded to Carl N. Swenson Co., Inc., P. O. Box 558, San Jose, \$173,466 for Redwood Creek Channel Improvement (Parking Dist. 1).

DALY CITY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$21,542 for resurf. Brunswick St. et al in Daly City MCS 34, unit 2.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract was awarded to S & Q Const. Co., 48 South Linden, South San Francisco, \$309,125 for const. sewage treatment plant & related work at S. F. International Airport.

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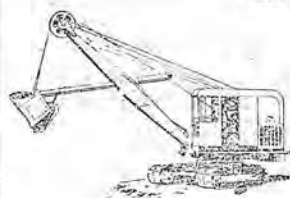
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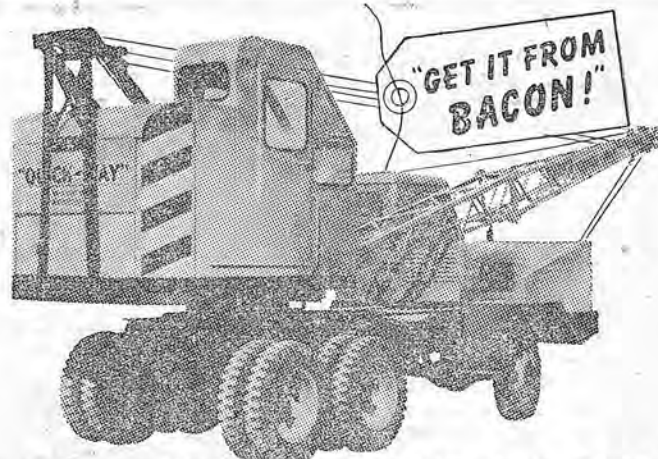
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Field Survey Notes— SURVEY BOYS SEEK PACT

By AL BOARDMAN & BILL MINAHAN, Bus. Representatives

We are sorry to announce the passing of a long time member and friend, Scotty Cruikshank. He died in Napa, California, on June 2, 1955, from a heart attack. Scotty had worked as a chainman for many years and was known and loved by all those who worked with him. Always a good union man, he never failed to be of service when help was needed. We will miss him very much.

Negotiations have broken down with the firms of Woodward Clyde & Associates and Danes & Moore Soil Engineers. The union offered these firms an open-shop contract covering their field inspectors. This contract they refused to sign on the complaint that no election had been held. Inasmuch as the National Labor Relations Board has ruled that such work is not under the jurisdiction of the board, no elections can be held. The union is therefore forced to take action as soon as possible.

Job Notes: Southern California Edison Company of Los Angeles recently received a 50-year license from the Federal Power Commission for construction of a \$2,600,000 hydroelectric project in Fresno county. The project capacity of 10,000 KW will utilize the company's existing Ward Tunnel which connects Florence Lake Reservoir with Huntington Lake Reservoir. The Federal Power Commission has licensed the Pacific Gas & Electric Company to construct an \$80,000,000 hydro-electric development on the Kings' River. The project calls for construction of three new power plants and enlargement of the existing Hatch Plant. Generating capacity of the north fork of the river will be increased by 325,000 horsepower.

Utah Construction Co. has set up field offices in Oroville for the start of its large amount of construction on the Pacific Gas & Electric's Poe Project. Preliminary work on the tunnel now consists of brush clearing and some access road work.

The next 3E meeting will be held in San Francisco, Friday, June 24, at 8 p.m., at 474 Valencia St.

SHASTA AREA ON ROAD JOBS

By E. A. HESTER
Business Representative

Almost everyone is working, the out-of-work list goes up and comes down. A lot of new faces coming into Redding and we hope to be able to place all Local 3 men who seek employment here.

There will be a lot of new jobs coming up in the near future. The contracting firm of McNutt, from Oregon, was the successful bidder on the Fawn Lodge, Hwy. 299 project, at about \$585,000. The job is situated about 30 miles west of Redding in Trinity County, this makes work look pretty good for that county.

Things are looking pretty good up in Siskiyou County. Peter Kiewit Sons' grabbed off a fair size plant mix surfacing job on the Klamath River at \$145,000. On June 15, the same type of job coming up between Weed and Yreka, Hwy. 99, about 25 miles resurfacing with plant mix. There is to be another Federal road job coming up in July. Wm. S. and Bruce F. Rogers, of Madera, were recently awarded a road job near Fort Jones; there is a 13 mile stretch near Tulake requiring the same type of work. Plenty of work for the boys in Siskiyou County.

Cecil L. Moore is doing some highway work for the state near Alturas, Modoc County. Another highway job coming up in the same county in the near future. Work doesn't look too bad for Modoc County this year.

In Lassen County, Claude C. Wood has started on their 15-mile stretch between Adin and Susanville.

Work in Tehama County is very good with Clements Construction Company at Los Molinos; Baun Construction Co. at Gridley; Trisdale, Inc. and Somers & Stacy on



SUBDIVIDERS OF LOCAL 3—Shown during a pause on a 70,000-yard subdivision job by Orinda Exc. and Paving for Dame Const. Co. at Danville are some of the hard working brothers. Top row, L to R: Joe Lucio, D-6 dozer; Ralph Bohannon, nut buster; Tom "Pop" Shouse, pull; E. L. Howard, D-6 dozer; Wm. Gardner, D-W 10; Ken Hardy, D-7 and ripper. Bottom row, L to R: Dick Hearsom, tamper cat; Frank De Long, D-W 10; Tex Scarbrough, water driver. Not in picture, J. E. Addington, blade. (Picture by Bro. Carl Bickford, job superintendent).

PENINSULA AREA ENJOYING RECORD BUILDING SEASON

By CHET ELLIOTT and HARRY METZ, Business Representatives

Employment for members of Local 3 is now rapidly approaching an all-time high in the San Mateo area. This healthy condition that exists is due to the many large Real Estate Development Projects, airports, jobs, street work and large buildings being erected and underground installations.

Superintendent-Brother Jack Hust assisted by Foreman Brothers Hamme and Duffloth with a crew of 40 engineers working for the McCammon and Wunderlich Company have completed the first unit of Crestmore Park, on the Consolidated Lands Co. property at San Bruno and have moved the equipment to the second unit of the project. They are now engaged in moving two million yards of earth on this one thousand acre plot of ground, which will accommodate thirty five hundred homes as well as a large shopping area, school and utility buildings when completed.

The McGuire and Hester Company of Oakland have begun operations on their contract to lay one mile of 60-inch welded pipe at Millbrae. Superintendent Brother Jim Fugitt, who is in full charge of operations has Brothers Thomas

and Dyer operating the truck crane, Brothers Laeké and Selving on the shovel, cat operators, Bros. Pullen and Hoig; Brother Stammerjohn is the master mechanic on this job.

Macco, Morrison, Knudsen Co. have resumed operations on the fill job at the San Francisco Airport. Superintendent Bro. Kenny Hayes and Bro. Dutch Bowles and several members of Local 3 were contacted by your representative on this project and all seemed to be happily engaged in their work.

Many members of our local union are now employed by Contractors Lindgren and Swinerton, Haas & Haynie, Rothchild, Raifin & Wierick, Williams and Burrows, the Barrett Company and other large building firms on the erection of schools, office buildings and such in the industrial areas throughout the district.

Dougless & Woodhouse, Bragato Paving Co., Fiske & Firenze, Bauman Brothers, Oscar Holmes, L. C. Smith and many other contracting firms now have a great many operating engineers on their payrolls, busy on the large street grading and paving program now being conducted in this area.

In closing this report, the personnel of the San Mateo office wishes to call your attention to the fact that BLOOD DONORS are badly needed to supply blood for our injured brothers and families.

We have established a Blood Bank at the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank, 1791 El Camino Real, Burlingame; phone number OXford 7-4034, if any member desires to make an appointment to donate blood.

We also thank the brothers who have visited the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank and donated their blood.

The Highway Crisis

(Continued from Page One)

These worthy institutions must be supported. They should be far better supported. But that support must come from us all, whether or not we ever set foot upon a highway.

We see each day in the newspapers dramatic accounts of deaths due to faulty highways. The cause likely is laid to speeding, negligence, inattention or some other cause, but often the accident is a result of inadequate, improperly marked, maintained or drained roadways.

Building roads can be just as humanitarian as building hospitals or mental institutions. Maintaining roads is just as important as maintaining these institutions.

As the figures show, we will save far more lives by building proper

highways than we can ever save in the institutions which we have built in lieu of these roads, regardless of how badly needed these installations may be.

"Five miles of new highway constructed equals one more life saved every single year." Just think of it. One hundred miles — twenty lives. One thousand miles — two hundred lives. And on and on.

We must stop thinking of these as statistics. We must think of them as people. Living, breathing human beings. Fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters, wives and husbands.

There were 38,000 of these human beings wiped out last year and it has been estimated that 15,000 of them would have lived if they had been traveling upon adequate roadways.

NEW SKYSCRAPERS FOR SAN FRANCISCO

By PAT CLANCY and PAUL EDGECOMBE, Business Representatives

Although there is a surplus of several classifications on our out-of-the-work list, a complete coverage of all kinds of construction work is now in progress. There seems to be little prospect for relieving this surplus of such crafts as hoist men and compressor men, but work for catskinners and rubber tire operators has increased considerably.

Excavating for the site of the new Fireman's Insurance Bldg. at Presidio and California streets, is being done by Devincenzi & Haskins. Approximately 50,000 yards will be moved; McDonald, Young & Nelson have the contract for constructing the building.

Ben C. Gerwick Co. is driving piling for the new ten-story office building at Front and Market Sts. This will be built by Cahill Construction Co.

Three of the 12-story apartment houses at the Franciscan Housing Project have been topped out. Theo. G. Meyer & Sons, contractors, have two more 12-story and several three-and six-story units to complete. All hoisting of material for these buildings is being done by a NW 80 with 150' of stick and three Bay City truck cranes with over 100' of boom. Their project is Hunters View, is in the early stages, having a Lorain hoe digging the footings.

Alemay Housing Project is nearing completion by the crews will be moving in on Biltwell Construction Company's other big housing project at Harbor Slope, which is getting well underway.

American Can Company's new building on third street is nearing the final stages of construction. This building covers one square block. J. H. Pomeroy Co. is the contractor.

Swinerton & Walberg, contractors are busy on the remodeling job at the Ferry building. When completed the north wing of the building will accommodate the World Trade Center on the first three floors. On the fourth floor a sky-room restaurant will be opened, overlooking the waterfront and lower Market street. Herrick Iron Works is doing the steel erecting.

Several contractors have been fortunate enough to nip off contracts on portions of the freeway and at the present time these contractors are busy on their respective sections. Guy F. Atkinson, John Delphia, Ed Keeble and Dan Caputo, Chas. Harney, Eaton & Smith and recently MacDonald, Young & Nelson and Morrison-Knudsen are starting on the first unit of the Embarcadero freeway.

Subdivisions are keeping the dirt movers busy grading sites for new homes to absorb the influx of new residents to the bay area and to relieve the home storage here. They are selling them as fast as they build them.

Track removal and street work has become active again after a brief slow-down in this part of construction work. Eaton & Smith have their shovel ripping up the brick and concrete on Pine street. This company also was low bidder on the Stockton street track removal job from Market street to the tunnel.

In other phases of construction

work operations have continued along a steady level.

Abide by all the new safety regulations on the job at all times!

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In the Islands—

NUUANU PALI TUNNEL TO J. M. TANAKA

J. M. Tanaka, a local general contractor, was low bidder for the 1000-foot tunnel under the Pali lookout and a 500-foot bore thru a ridge on the Kailua side of the summit, which will also include the construction of a bridge to connect the 2 twin-lane tunnels. His bid was about \$300,000 lower than the highest bidder. It will be good to note who will be scalped in order to complete the job within the estimated amount.

We were invited to the Niumalu Hotel where Mr. Patrick Burns, project manager of Kaiser's John Ena-Niumalu project, showed us sketches of their proposed plan for their hotel, apartments, and landscapes.

It is also hoped that in as much as Kaiser's Enterprises on the main-land are in the great majority union, that this same situation will be manifested here in the islands in the very near future.

Another hotel is set for Waikiki. Building will start at once at the corner of Royal Hawaiian Ave. and Waikolu Way, on a three-story, 18-unit, apartment-hotel, costing about \$100,000.

The hotel will be named the Tiki and construction will carry out the Hawaiian motif.

A million-dollar Kalihi shopping center was awarded E. E. Black, Ltd., with a contract to do the job for \$873,000.

The center will cover 8 acres with parking space for 420 cars.

The Territorial Legislature has finally passed on a bill to raise the minimum wage here from 65 cents to 75 cents per hour, beginning in July.

They have also passed a bill along the lines of the Federal Davis-Bacon Act to apply to all Territorial and City and County Public Works.

A contractor's licensing bill is still pending needed revisions before full acceptance.

Unemployment insurance payments will be increased from \$25 to \$35 per week, effective July 3, 1955.

Workmen's compensation benefits will be increased to a weekly maximum of \$50, and raises the death benefit ceiling to \$20,000 from \$10,500, except in the case of incapacitated widows and dependent children under 18. Effective July 1.

Injured workers will be granted free choice of doctors in workmen's compensation cases.

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Air Base Projects

Construction work at Travis Air Force Base for handling of heavy jet B-52s is planned under a \$9,086,000 fund being asked by the Air Force. Included will be heavier runways, hangars, shops, fuel facilities, and other steps in the conversion from the huge lumbering B-36s to the big, fast B-52s. An additional \$1,737,000 is also being requested for similar work at Cattle Air Force Base in Merced. The Air Force budget of \$1,173,790,000 is designed to match what Senator Jackson called "the alarming progress made by the Russians."

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Uncle Remus says it isn't what young folks know that bothers parents. It's how they found out.