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220 Members of Local 3 Are Now In Military Service

With nine more service withdrawal cards issued during the past month, the total number of Local 3 members now in various branches of the Armed Forces reached the figure of 220. During March, April, May and June 45 members took out service cards to protect their union standing while in the service.

Here is the latest addition to the honor roll of Local 3:

MERLE G. BRUNER.
SILVESTER CERVANTES JR.
WM. E. HUTCHINS JR.
LEO V. JOLLEY.
WILLIAM E. PATTERSON.
J. E. ROBERTS.
DONALD N. RODONI.
CONRAD WILL.
L. W. WINNEY.



KEENAN SWORN IN.—Joseph Keenan, right, secretary-treasurer of AFL Building Trades Dept., takes oath as assistant administrator of Defense Production Administration from Acting Administrator E. T. Gibson. Keenan is key labor man in important agency allocating materials on which the employment of thousands of organized workers depend.

Engineers Are Busy On Big Job Program

Reports from the broad jurisdiction of Local 3 this month indicate that Engineers are humping on one of the biggest job programs in the history of this region, spurred on by acute defense and civilian demands.

A round-up of reports from the business representatives in the various districts shows that out-of-work lists are down to their lowest levels in nearly every case. Only one spot, the Folsom area, where much work is under way, reports a surplus of Engineers for the present.

San Francisco has few new jobs opening up and few big jobs under way. However, its out-of-work list is at the lowest it has been in some time.

Up the coast and in the northern end of the state, Engineers are sweating over highways, mountain roads, dams, streets, military projects, and housing. In the Central Valley there is much highway work, especially in the mountain districts, plus work on levees, canals, and related water projects.

Utah and Nevada are busy. Utah has a huge building program and considerable military activity. Nevada is at a peak on mining and related work.

Even out in the islands, Engineers are busy at roads, defense work and housing, from Hawaii to Guam.

All members are urged to keep the branch office or headquarters up to date at all times on their proper current addresses so that IUOE members will go on all new jobs opening up.

After a long tussle with the National Production Authority on material allocations, San Francisco finally got the go-ahead signal to construct its \$2,228,000 underground garage at St. Mary's Square. It will park 1000 cars and can also be used as a huge bomb shelter.

Central Valley Dedication Big Engineer Event

About 50,000 visitors are expected at Tracy, California, August 3, 4 and 5, when dedication of the powerful Tracy pumping plant, "heart" of the vast Central Valley Reclamation project, will take place. This is the main ceremony of the Central Valley Water Festival. The festival begins at Shasta Dam August 1, and ends at Bakersfield, and marks the completion and first full operation of the initial features of the project. Operating Engineers have a vital interest in all this because it is their manning of heavy equipment that has played such a key role in construction of the mammoth enterprise that means so much to California.

Living Cost Eats Up 10% Increase

That dollar you spent for groceries in January, 1950, will buy only 86 cents worth of food today. And a weekly paycheck of \$70 in January, 1950, is worth only \$63 today. That's admitted even by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, whose figures are always on the conservative side. Figuring increased taxes, that 10 per cent pay ceiling puts workers behind the eight-ball, huh?

Engineers Join Fight for Continuation of Controls

In the face of ever-mounting living costs which in effect are cutting the workers' paychecks, officers of Operating Engineers Local 3 are joining the nation-wide consumer fight to retain strong, reasonable controls over prices as the most effective way to defeat our enemy at home—inflation.

"Congress apparently does not have the interests of the wage-earners and consumers at heart, it has been shown repeatedly, and responds only to lobbyists for powerful monopoly groups in Washington," said Bro. Victor S. Swanson, business manager of Local 3.

"We are protesting this neglect of the people's rights and best interests and are requesting our legislators to vote for continuation of a controls program as the most effective and fairest manner in which to retain our economic balance during these crucial times."

Letters are being sent to Washington representatives requesting strong support for this attitude.

Congress has the remainder of this month in which to act on the controls bill. Proposals thus far presented have nicked consumers billions in savings by preventing rollbacks on undue price increases and at the same time keeping very strong controls on wages—of course.

Decision Cripples Utah's Law on Dues Check-offs

Salt Lake City (LPA). — The Utah Supreme Court has chucked the state's dues check-off law out the window. Under the law, an employer must check off union dues if an employee so requests in writing. The court has now ruled, 3-2, that the law does not apply to a business covered by the Taft-Hartley act.

Chief Justice James H. Wolfe argued nothing in the T-H law compels an employer to check off dues, unless this is required by the contract. The state law, he ruled, gave the employer no option.

In a 10-page dissent, two justices said there was no conflict, that the T-H act merely requires that all employees who seek a check-off must ask for it in writing.

The ruling affirmed a lower court, which dismissed a case brought by the state against Montgomery Ward.

Benicia Project To Employ 1500

One of the biggest construction projects in the west has got under way at Benicia — construction of two giant reinforced concrete warehouses at the army arsenal, each 1200 by 200 feet. Stolte, Inc. got the contract and expects to finish the job in about 12 months. About 1500 workers will be employed at the peak.



His Excellency GOV. J. BRACKEN LEE, of Utah, signs State Retirement Act in presence of Business Representatives of Local No. 3, C. R. VAN WINKLE (left) and CHARLES COCKAYNE.

All Engineers: Aid Civil Defense, Pres. Maloney Urges

TO ALL LOCAL UNIONS

Greeting:

Today, as never before, it is necessary that consideration by your membership be given to community activities—the most important community activity being civil defense.

Preparations are advancing in most communities that their citizens may be afforded the greatest amount of protection in event disaster strikes.

Construction workers are an important segment of every community. Their skill and experience will be of great value in perfecting the Civil Defense Committee's activities.

May I urge upon each of the members to volunteer his services to the Civil Defense Committee's efforts in his locality. His services will be welcome and appreciated.

DO NOT DELAY; OFFER YOUR SERVICES TODAY!

Fraternally Yours,
WM. E. MALONEY,
General President.

Bay Area Shipyards Show Some Gains

Employment has shown some increase in shipyards of the Bay Area, from San Francisco to Stockton, as ships are hauled out of the mudflats and put into condition for military, private, or government charter. At press time there were indications that one of the local yards may get some of the new Mariner class ships to build. Metal Trades unions have been seeking to get new ship work on this coast for the past four years.

Committee Votes \$33 Million for Valley Projects

Increased funds for irrigation features of the California Central Valley Project were approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee last week. Appropriations recommended total over \$33 million.

Big Increase in Heavy Equipment

Shipments of excavating and earthmoving equipment, excluding tractors, during the first quarter of 1951 were valued at \$106 million, says the Dept. of Commerce. This is an increase of 21 per cent over fourth quarter 1950 shipments.

Tremendous Jump in Construction Shown

New construction in June, 1951, totaled \$2700 million, an increase of 6 per cent over May, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Dept. of Labor.



Pleasant DeWitt
June 19th, 1951
Louis Saporetti
June 26th, 1951
F. R. Bradford
June 27th, 1951
Ned Bryant
June 29th, 1951
Kenneth Griffiths
June 30th, 1951

Official Notice to Members

UNION DIRECTORY reprinted in this issue on Page 4. Know your Officers, Business Representatives, and the locations of the Branch Offices. Cut the directory out; and keep it for reference.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, LOCAL No. 3-E meeting will be held in the Union Offices at 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, California, at 8 p.m., Friday, July 20th, 1951.

Here Are Basic Facts on Workmen Compensation

Following is another series of questions and answers prepared by the Industrial Accident Commission on the Workmen's Compensation Laws of California. This material is submitted by Frank A. Lawrence, industrial accident commissioner and formerly president of the State Building Trades Council.

QUESTION:

Is it important to labor that the employer be insured by a financially sound company or that, in case of self-insurance, he be of unquestioned financial responsibility?

ANSWER:

It is in the interest of labor that every injured workman shall recover the full benefits of compensation. These benefits can only be assured where the insurance carrier or the self-insured employer, as the case may be, is financially secure. If such insurance carrier or self-insured employer becomes insolvent the recovery of compensation benefits are either materially reduced or irretrievably lost.

QUESTION:

Does the word 'Damages' correctly describe and define the benefits payable or obtainable under the Workmen's Compensation Laws?

ANSWER:

No. The word 'Damages' means the recovery allowable in an action at law as contrasted with 'Compensation' under Workmen's Compensation Laws.

QUESTION:

Does the Compensation Law differentiate, in the matter of benefits obtainable, between injuries caused by trauma or accident and disabilities caused by occupational diseases?

ANSWER:

No. The word 'injury' as used in the Workmen's Compensation Law includes every injury whether by accident, trauma or occupational disease arising out of the employment, including injuries to artificial members, eye glasses (in some instances) and medical braces of all types.

QUESTION:

Does California have what is commonly known as an Occupational Disease Statute?

ANSWER:

No. Under present legislation, the law does not differentiate between the effects of trauma or disease and the compensation benefits recoverable, in either case, are the same.

QUESTION:

For what occupational disease is a workman entitled to receive the benefits of compensation?

ANSWER:

The law does differentiate between the various diseases that may be caused by the hazards of an employment. Recovery is permissible regardless of the nature, character or type of disease as long as the hazards of the employment have materially and substantially contributed to the disablement and the need for medical treatment to cure or relieve therefrom.

QUESTION:

If an injury arising out of employment is caused by the negligence of a third-person, does the injured workman have a right to choose between an action for 'damages' in the Courts and a claim for 'compensation' before the Industrial Accident Commission?

ANSWER:

Where the employment is subject to the Workmen's Compensation Laws and the employer is insured or self-insured, the commission is the sole forum in which an injured workman may seek recovery of compensation benefits against the employer, or its insurance carrier. However, the injured workman may also file and prosecute an action for 'damages' in the Courts against the third-person

whose negligence caused the injury. In the latter instance the employer responsible for the payment of compensation benefits may seek reimbursement for benefits which it is, or will be, required to furnish under the Workmen's Compensation Laws out of the judgment recovered against the third party.

QUESTION:

If an injured workman's judgment against a third-party, whose negligence caused the injury, is uncollectible, what rights remain to him?

ANSWER:

The employer, or its insurance carrier, is still responsible for the full benefits of compensation. In other words, if there is no actual recovery under the judgment there is no reduction of benefits otherwise payable.

QUESTION:

Is an employer responsible for compensation benefits in a case where the injury is caused by the negligence of some third-party?

ANSWER:

Yes. If the injury arises out of the employment, compensation benefits must be paid by the employer or its insurance carrier, regardless of the fact that it may have been caused by some negligent third-person over whom the employer has no control.

QUESTION:

Where 'injury' arising out of employment occurs because of the negligence of a third-party, does either the employer or employee have a right to legal recovery against such person?

ANSWER:

Yes. Both the employer and employee have rights of action against the third party causing injury. Those rights may be pursued separately or jointly.

QUESTION:

Does the Industrial Accident Commission aid an injured workman in the prosecution of his civil action for 'damages' against the third-party causing injury?

ANSWER:

No. An action for the recovery of 'damages' from a third-party responsible for the injury is civil in character. It must be prosecuted in the Courts of general and appropriate jurisdiction. The function of the Commission does not extend to the prosecution of such actions. It is advisable that a lawyer be consulted in such cases.

Urge Veto

Washington.—The United Labor Policy Committee urged President Truman to veto the Mexican Farm Labor Importation Act passed by Congress.

It acted even as Mr. Truman's congressional leaders urged him to sign the law which would continue to exploit Mexicans and undermine American standards.

AFL President William Green earlier had urged a veto.

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3-Day Wk. Congress Fiddles With Bills The Nation Needs

Washington. — The 82d is the "Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Congress."

That's the title pinned on it by Senate Majority Leader Ernest W. McFarland.

"You can't get many members to come in by Monday or stay on Friday," he complained.

The Senate has abandoned plans for a summer recess so that it can pass between "Sept. 15 and Oct. 1" four pieces of necessary legislation.

These are the Defense Production Act, tax bill, authorization and funds for \$8.5 billion military and economic assistance abroad, and the appropriation bills to keep government going another year.

The Senate passed the DPA in two hysterical days, then concurred in a 31-day extension to July 31 of the old controls but banning any price roll-backs.

Sens. Robert A. Taft and Burnet Maybank complained that the country can't blame Congress for inflation, that it is President Truman's fault. But the New York Times answered them editorially:

"The present level of prices will certainly prove to be a 'temporary plateau' unless Congress employs the present breathing spell in the responsible manner that the country has a right to expect of it."

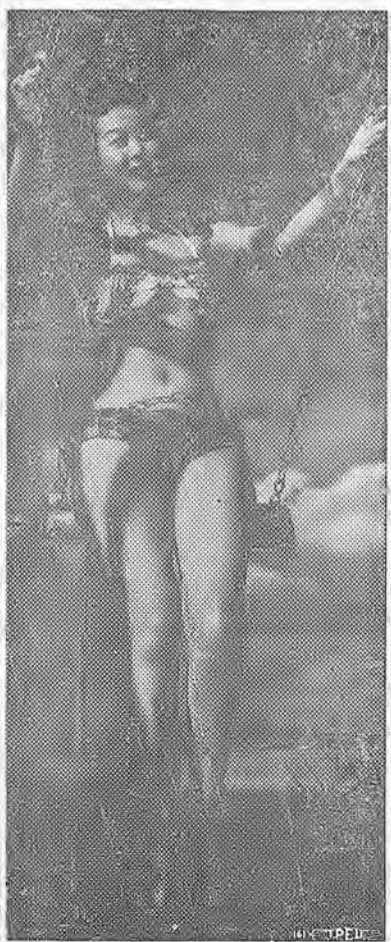
The House meanwhile began debate on its Defense Program Act, which is slightly stronger than the Senate version but which may be even weaker when finally enacted if the Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans have their way.

One proposed amendment would wreck the Wage Stabilization Board.

The Administration announced plans to wage a campaign for a stronger law.

AGGRESSIVE DRIVERS

Aggressiveness among drivers, as with nations, is a dangerous trait. An attitude of courtesy and cooperation on the part of the driver is the safest one.



YOU LIKE—To go up in a swing? Louis Leung, show girl, indulges in the sport at Las Vegas, Nevada. (LPA)

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 June 5 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of June 13 and of July 7 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

The elected officers were installed, Ex-President Petersen officiating.

The following brothers were reported ill: Chas. L. Ansler, Rudy Clay, John L. Carl, Harold Fosso, Roy L. Fowler, Philip Gentile, Geo. Hardmeyer, James Hewiston, James Inman, Milo C. Kidder, Thomas R. Kelly, Theo. Krassowski, Rodney Lawley, Donald E. McDonald, J. B. McCracken, Leland L. Meloy, Tom Medow, C. J. Naismith, Jerry O'Donnell, Sam Phillips, Edwin Price, John B. Phillips, Steve Pasquan, H. S. Plumhof, A. W. Pratt, Thomas Rasmussen, Robert Rice, Gustave Schreen, Frank Shelley, Martin N. Sondergard, Richard Simon, Henry Tonn, I. N. Treadwell, D. L. Weger, Arthur Wallace, Chas. Galloway, Carl Allen.

The following brothers were reported deceased: Elmer A. Martindale, Louis Saporetto, F. R. Bradford, Ned Bryant, Kenneth C. Griffiths, Pleasant DeWitt and F. R. Bradford.

The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased brothers.

The report of the Election Committee was accepted as read. It was regularly moved and seconded the Election Committee be dismissed with a vote of thanks. Carried.

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

The Business Agents' reports were accepted as given.

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

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

Fresno—

South Valley Busy on Hiway, Military, Water, Housing Jobs

By H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE,
Business Representatives

Merced County is finally coming into its own for work development with Oppenheim & King awarded a large housing project at Castle Field Air Base, also a combine bid of Ball, Harms and Parker, starting work on runways, taxi ways and Oppenheim & King already have started operations and Parker will move in a spread of cats in the near future. Besides this, Barrett & Hilp Co. is expected to start a 500-unit housing project in this vicinity.

In Mariposa County, Piombo Bros. submitted low bid of \$1 million to the Division of Highways for 17.5 miles of road between Briceburg and Yosemite National Park entrance.

Ball, Simpson, and Irving have a new road job for the Forest Service, east of southfork. They have already started pioneer work, but will not move in shovels until next spring. Bid price was \$425,000. Ted Irving is supt. on the job.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. has completed one of its contracts north of Madera on Highway 99 and this stretch of road now is carrying four-lane traffic. The other two jobs are coming along and will be completed by late summer.

PINE FLAT DAM

Pine Flat Dam has been shut down for a week in order to install additions to the Avacado Rock Plant and to do some much-needed overhaul work on one of the cableways and the 120-B shovel. They expected to be pouring concrete again by July 5, and to completely divert the Kings River on about the 9th or 10th. There has been a small layoff in the maintenance crew which probably will be temporary.

United Concrete and Vinnell have finished the bulk of their contract with the Bureau of Reclamation and we have had a lay-off of quite a few members in both the catskinning and repair spreads. However, there still are about 60 to 90 days of clean-up work before the job will be turned over.

Stewart & Nuss and Pacific Coast Aggregates are both being kept busy on local housing projects and maintaining full crews at their pits and plants.

Griffith Co., on Highway 99 at Goshen, is starting paving operations about July 16 and should be through by November 1.

American Pipe & Const. Co. has submitted low bid of \$600,000-plus

to the Bureau of Reclamation on an additional contract to furnish pipe in the Lindsay-Strathmore area.

Concrete Conduit Co. of Colton and United Concrete Pipe Co. still are busy on their current contracts and will be for some time to come.

BOYS OVERSEAS

We've had letters from some of the boys who are overseas: Glenn Mullowney is in Australia for Utah Const. Co., in charge of excavation equipment. John Scales, who recently left, for Peter Kiewit Co., has arrived at his destination in the far, far North and writes that they have 24 hours of daylight and the temperature runs to 40 and 50 degrees; anticipates arrival of equipment so the project can get under way. Bro. H. T. (Pete) Petersen Jr. is now stationed at Cavite, Luzon Island, near Manila, with a Seabee unit; is getting lots of experience but not receiving the union scale. (This is not our Bus. Rep. Petersen.)

We have numerous small jobs in progress throughout the entire district, which are taking up most of the slack. However, at present there are quite a few of the members temporarily out of work.

At the request of the members in this district we have now established, for the Fresno office, a blood bank for the benefit of members of Local 3 and their immediate families. In order to make and keep the project a success, we must have the cooperation and donations of blood from the members and their wives in this district. For further information contact the office and we will make arrangements for an appointment to donate.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, July 26, 8 p.m., at 631 Kearney Blvd., Fresno.

New Safety Record

St. Louis (LPA)—AFL Chemical Workers at the Monsanto plant set a new safety record of 4,393,030 man-hours in the year since the last lost-time accident June 13, 1950.

What's Doing in the Oakland Office

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, F. A. LAWRENCE, LOUIS SOLARI, Business Representatives

While we had 598 clearances through this hall during the month of June, surprisingly enough we are not short of men in many classifications. In most cases the turnover has been just about even and we seem to be able to fill the majority of the jobs without too much trouble. Of course the one big exception is the shortage of skilled blade men, but that is no more than usual for this time of year.

Getting Around the Jobs

The highly publicized job at Camp Parks continues to be the big drawing card for men from all over Northern California, and inquiries regarding this project are many. At the present time, however, it is well manned and we have several engineers on the list waiting for job openings out there. The prime contractors are Barrett and Hilp, Chas. Harney, Macco and Williams, and they are working under the firm name of "Four Companies." Construction is under the supervision of Bro. O. H. Tucker, an old timer, who is well known to many of the brothers, having run the job for Macco, M. K. at Mills Field. Bro. Whitey Stanton is excavating superintendent and Bros. Red Bosley, K. E. Hayes, Wally Phipps and Red Mercer are foremen on the job. In the shop, Bro. Lex Hobson is master mechanic with Bros. Byron Dougherty and George Roach acting as shop foremen. The plans are changing from time to time, and it is very difficult to quote a definite figure on the job, but as things stand now there are 14,000 piles to be driven and 300,000 yards of dirt to be moved. Three pile drivers are being used and approximately 60 Engineers are on the payroll. Aside from the piling going in there is considerable more foundation work to be done. Instead of using regular concrete foundations, holes are being drilled and then filled with the concrete. Casey and Case have the contract for drilling for the major part of this work and have 12 rigs working on a two-shift basis. It is estimated approximately four months will be needed to finish this portion of the work.

W. K. Kellogg expects to complete their job at Standard Oil in Richmond the end of this month. This has been a good job for Engineers, keeping several of the brothers busy for the past six months. Bechtel's job in this plant is at a standstill at the present time, but four Engineers are still on the payroll. Dewey Minnick is running the Bay Cities, Leon Ackerman is oiling and Bros. Ken Corning and Alex Russell are taking care of compressors and welding machines.

EIGHTY ON STEEL WORK

At Columbia Steel in Pittsburg, J. H. Pomeroy, Consolidated Western Steel, Van Valkenberg, Asta and Nettles, Moore and Fishback and Moore are engaged in work. There are approximately 80 Engineers employed out there and, as stated in last month's report, about the only hiring going on is for replacements. On Pomeroy's payroll, Bro. Gus Blomseth is master mechanic, Bro. Bill Dial is handling the dirt work, Bro. E. A. Bishop is shop foreman and Bro. Guy Jones is in charge of the concrete plant. Bros. George Germain and James Walsh are the very able stewards on the job.

Al Biasotti is just getting nicely started on construction of the Marsh Creek road. Bro. Earl Baker is general foreman, and has about eight of our men on the payroll. It is expected that it will take approximately six months to complete the contract.

Work on the P. G. & E. Steam Plant in Antioch is moving along on schedule. Cement foundations are being poured on the new addition and at present 20 of the brothers are on the project. Bro. Jack Sommerville is handling the master mechanics work out there.

DUBLIN HIGHWAY JOB

Bids were recently opened for conversion of 4.6 miles of Highway 50 near Dublin to a four-lane divided highway. The contract will consist of grading and surfacing a new roadway parallel to the present highway between Hopyard Road and 2.5 miles west of Dublin. Fredrickson and Watson were low bidders with a figure of \$1,374,058.

Another step toward the completion of the East Bay Municipal Utility District's sewage interceptor began recently in Alameda, when the first phase of wide scale sewer line connections got under way. Reconstruction and segregation of lines on four streets between Fernside and High will be the initial steps, and the work is being handled by the firm of McGuire and Hester, who submitted the low bid for Unit One of the work.

J. K. Nisson is getting started on construction of sewers and drains on the Valley and Lincoln Tract located on 150th Avenue. The development will consist of 383 homes and Nisson expects to complete his portion of the work by early fall.

Malfitano and Sons have been awarded the contract for additional construction on the Kirker Pass Road out of Antioch. They are just getting started on the job which includes removal of approximately 104,000 yards of dirt. Macal Improvement has several of their cats and pulls operating on this job.

CLUB HOUSE FOR BOYS

A clubhouse and recreation center for West Oakland boys is shaping up rapidly through the combined efforts of East Bay citizens interested in the welfare of the young people in the city. All that goes into the construction of the center—the materials, the time consuming detail work and the actual construction itself is given by local firms and individuals, and Building Trades craftsmen are donating their services. Many of the fellows are putting in a shift on Saturdays, and we are proud to say that four of our own men have had an active part in this work. Bro. Cliff Hubbard and Earl Lackey worked a day on Moore Dry Dock's rig and Bros. Joe Stott and Buford Oglesby ran Herrick Iron's rig for a day.

YACHT HARBOR NEARS

Approval by the Alameda City Council has brought Alameda's proposed \$1,200,000 yacht harbor one step nearer completion. Lease of approximately 54 acres of city owned tideland property to the Alameda Bayside Construction Corporation has been approved, and a resolution authorizing a six-month lease of the property was adopted. An ordinance providing a 25-year lease of the tidelands with a 25-year renewal period was also introduced. The harbor is to be a part of a \$12,000,000 development project to be constructed by the corporation near the east end of the Naval Air Station on Central Avenue.

NEW DODGE PLANT

Bethlehem Steel has started steel erection on the new Dodge Plant in San Leandro. Swinerton and Walberg, general contractors on the job, are doing the concrete work and as it is completed, Bethlehem's work will be speeded up. Five hundred tons of steel will go into the erection of the two story plant and at present Bros. Jack Reasor and W. R. Reasor are operating Bay Cities cranes on the site with Bros. Ray Lewallen and Deryl Ling doing the oiling.

Rose and Matoza have the contract for all excavation on the new high school on Winton Road in Hayward. This is the first construction job undertaken by these boys, who previously have been devoting their full time to the rock plant in Castro Valley which they purchased some time ago from Garofolo.

AIR STATION PILING

M. B. McGowan is driving piling at the Alameda Naval Air Station. This is the first step of the new construction scheduled for the station, which would make it the Navy's largest jet base for operations and overhaul. Bids were opened recently on the preliminary work to lengthen and improve runways and taxiways, with Stolte Inc. and Gallagher and Burke submitting the low figure. The present asphalt runways are inadequate for the swift new jet planes which would tear them up in short order and new construction calls for grading and paving runways and taxiways. In addition provision is being made for surface drainage, storm sewers and catch basins, provide new and relocate present runways and taxiway lights and erect additional tower controls. The old ammunition storage igloos at the west end of the station are to be reconstructed, a new transformer vault will be added and the existing vault modified.

START BRIDGE JOB

Duncanson and Harrelson have begun driving piles on the \$1,631,057 bridge job between Bay Farm Island and Alameda. This company in conjunction with Stolte Inc. were recently awarded the contract for construction of the new span. This job will "retire" the present bridge, which, aside from being the oldest bridge in Alameda County, also has the distinction of having been moved to the bay location from another site.

SHIPYARDS PERK UP

Work in the shipyards has been picking up somewhat, with Todd's and Moore's hiring from time to time. Plant Brothers have started reconstruction work in the old General Engineering yard and there is some talk of this yard opening up for new construction or ship repair. This is still in the rumor stage, however, and at this writing we have been unable to get any definite information.

ROCK, SAND BOOMING

The Rock, Sand and Gravel industry is booming, with more work this summer than at any time previous. Gravel for the Camp Parks job is being furnished by Kaiser and the boys at the Radum Plant are getting in six and seven days a week. Incidentally, this company is shutting down their sand plant at Antioch and all operations will be transferred to Radum. Bro. Frank Fain, who has been on this job for 20-odd years is planning on retiring right along with the plant. Says he expects to keep busy with a bit of farming—and then there is a little matter of 12 houses he owns in the area. He thinks painting and repairing on these might use up a little of his spare time, too!

Dredger News

Dredging work continues good with most of the equipment working and no men idle. The San Francisco Bridge Company has two large pumps busy. The Hinds is on Cash Slough 4 miles above Rio Vista, where they will soon finish the first section of the Sacramento deep water channel. On this job they got ahead of some of the land work and had to cut down to two shifts. The extra men were transferred to the San Pedro, however, which was just getting started on the Delta Cross channel outlet to Snodgrass Slough. They have a month to six weeks work on this job. The Olympian Dredging Company has three of their large clamshell dredges busy at present. The

Holland on the Holland Tract, the Neptune in Georgianna Slough and the Monarch strengthening levees on the Webb Tract. Dutra Dredging Company is keeping three dredges busy in the South Bay for the Leslie Salt Co. The Associated Dredging Company has two of their clamshell dredges busy in the Delta Country, but they move around so often it is difficult to determine where they are located from day to day. Prospects are pretty good for dredging work in the near future. We have not yet learned just how much, if any, dredging there will be on the Alameda Naval Air Station. Contracts have been let for extensions to runways, but no one seems to know at present whether dredge fill or imported fill will be used. The San Francisco Bridge Company is now sounding for a new line for the Santa Fe Railroad to run from Richmond to 40th Street in Oakland, along the tidelands, approximately a half mile out from the eastshore highway. This is a large project and will involve a considerable amount of dredging.

News About The Brothers

Letters from all parts of the world this time. Among them is one from Brother Lou Bellinger from the Atlas Construction job in French Morocco. He says it's one of the best foreign jobs he has been on (and he's been on a-many, too), the climate is good, there's lots of hours and their camp is only twenty miles from Casa Blanca. Lou says there are quite a few Local Three men over there and that they all seem well satisfied. By the way, Dick Lacey, Charlie Spoon, and G. E. Sorenson have undoubtedly added their names to the contingent of Local Engineers by

Honolulu—

Puka in the Pali Makes Work For the Brothers in Hawaii

By J. K. WAIWAI, Business Representative

While territorial and city and county of Honolulu officials dicker over whether they will build a Nuuanu or Kalihi tunnel, the Valley Isle expects to have traffic flowing through the territory's first public vehicular tunnel—or puka in the pali—by October 1. This project was begun in April, 1950, by

Territorial contractors. Although it is only 315 feet long, it will play an important role in eliminating some of the present 115 sharp curves now found in a four-mile stretch of the Lahaina Pali road.

Three federal aid projects here are a big step closer to actuality. The Dept. of Public Works announced Congress had given No. 1 rating to these three Hawaiian projects: (1) Kawaiwai swamp flood control, on Oahu; (2) Kawaihae, Hawaii, harbor development; (3) Hanapepe, Kauai, flood control.

A fourth project, the second entrance for Honolulu Harbor, was given a Class II rating, which means Congress considers it a "meritorious" project, but needing further study.

The Navy has awarded over \$1½ million in contracts in the past 30 days. Approximately 60 contracts are involved, all with local contracting firms.

Work at Kaneohe Naval Air Station will begin bogging down on its rehabilitation and new construction units for lack of funds. It is expected that appropriations will be available sometime in October, at the earliest.

Our engineers will be kept busy on its mat as funds were made available to complete it.

Kwajalein continues its extensive construction program. Local 3 members who have worked there one to two years are being sent home for a little rest before re-

turning under new contracts. It is anticipated that these new contracts will be for six months instead of a year.

To retain as many of the skilled craftsmen as they now have on the Kaneohe Naval Air Station projects, Mid-Pac has asked the Navy for small contracts to hold these men pending available funds for their big projects.

Len Construction, of Los Angeles, should be ready to start breaking ground this month on its \$4 million housing project. There are no indications on a labor pool available for their work at Barbers Point as yet, although Navy public works representatives have expressed a desire to contact the building and construction trades unions for men needed.

Bro. Howard E. Seacord, who has been in the islands six years (a kamaaina) has decided to return to the States. He and his lovely wife will be around San Jose and probably will drop in at the office there.

Brother Percy B. Dies has just returned from a trip to the east coast. Left home at 4:00 a.m. and at 12:00 noon 4½ days later he was driving through the Holland tunnel. He made the trip back in 3 nights and 4 days—which didn't leave him much time for sightseeing. By the way, since his return he has purchased an International Six by Six with an 8 yard dump body, so now we will probably see him dusting back and fourth around Contra Costa County.

Brother Fred Waybright has moved a T. D. 9 in to Ione, Nevada, where he expects to mine fluorspar. This ore, which is used principally in the hardening of steel instruments is found in abundance in China, but recently deposits have been developed in this country. Fred says that the first part of the work will be a surface operation, but he hopes that the ore will prove rich enough to make more extensive mining profitable.

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Policemen's Union

Durham, N. C. (LPA) — City Council, after one member admitted it was an attempt to wreck the union, voted to cease withholding dues from Police Department wages although members of the force strongly backed collection by the city.

Sacramento—

FOLSOM BOOMING BUT HAS A SURPLUS OF ENGINEERS

By E. P. PARK and H. S. CLARK, Business Representatives, Local 3
The little city of Folsom is a boom town but like all boom towns it can prove to be a bust town for some—and that is what is happening to many of the workers who are pouring in expecting to hit pay dirt on the dam.

up for some time due to an auto accident.
David Van Brunt, who reports that Mrs. Van Brunt is on the mend after a siege of asthma.
Roy Long, who is convalescing from an accident with flying cement.

The work that is under way is well manned, with a considerable waiting list on our out-of-work sheet. The next contract, expected to be a large one, will come up sometime in August.

MILITARY WORK

There is considerable work going on at all three of the military installations—McClellan Field, Mather Field, and the Signal Depot. The building program that the State has under way also is rolling along in good shape.

H. Earl Parker is making progress on the road job at Placerville. Joe Vicini, in this same area, is keeping the brothers busy on a new sawmill.

In the Sacramento area, A. Teichert has several jobs going at this time. The Arden Manor subdivision is going along in good shape with Bro. Dick Wise bossing and Bros. Dick Willingham, Ray Frates, R. A. Wise, Leo Wright, Max Clark, John Senechale and Art Hays.

Also in the Walnut Grove area, we have the George Pollock Co. on the Delta Cross Canal, with Bro. Art Root bossing. The brothers on the job are E. B. Howe, Glen Decker, Charles Gallagher, "Doc" Jonas, H. P. Oliver, "Dutch" Strootman and Tom Henninger.

On the Lord & Bishop bridge job at Walnut Grove are G. G. Nelson and C. D. Passon of the Consolidated Western Steel rig.

Over at Dixon, Judson Pacific-Murphy is putting up towers for the Navy, with Bros. John Thompson, Bill Rowe and M. H. Rowen doing the engineering.

PERSONALS

Wishes for better luck and better health in the future go to the following brothers:
H. B. Pelton, who hurt his back in a bad fall and was laid up for some time.
Bob Soderland, who is in Mercy Hospital recuperating from an appendectomy.
"Bud" Spring, who is in Sutter Hospital at this writing.
Ernest Stark, who also is in Mercy Hospital and finally is on the mend after two years of illness due to a job accident.
Jess Younker, who has been laid

Ukiah—

PAPER MEN WIN BALLOT AT MASONITE

By GLENN DOBYNS
Business Representative, Local 3

The long hoped for election of the employees at the Masonite plant finally took place Tuesday and Wednesday of this week with the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers winning the election with 199 votes.

The Prestwood Lumber Workers Local 3169 received 90 votes, CIO International Woodworkers of America received 69 votes and 19 plant workers voted for no union. Shortly after the NLRB hearing the Mendocino Industrial Committee, which Operating Engineers Local 3 were a party of, withdrew from the election; we in turn then gave our full support to the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

L. H. Leonardi Electrical Construction Company of San Rafael was awarded the contract for installation of traffic signals on Highway 101 in the city of Healdsburg at the intersection of West Street, North and Matheson Sts.

The California Highway Commission voted additional funds for the following projects for resurfacing between Cloverdale and Santa Rosa. The budget for the 1951-52 fiscal year allocates \$300,000 for this project. Also \$140,000 has been allotted for the Willits to Fort Bragg road which is badly needed. Bids will be called for in July.

UKIAH STREETS

A forward step in street building was temporarily restrained when Mayor Richardson of this city received notice that Rupert Poe has declined the offer of Ukiah street construction superintendency at \$5,000 a year. Mr. Poe was offered the job by a 4 to 1 vote of the city council; he tentatively accepted the position. When the Mayor phoned Poe he learned that Poe is accepting a contract which will pay him an annual salary of \$12,000 a year, including bonuses.

Though Poe's refusal of the appointment tendered him is viewed with disappointment here, it may set at rest a wage dispute which was brewing among city employees over the differential between his salary and theirs.

Other men qualified for the job of street construction superintendent are being considered, including one Ukiah contractor.

C. B. Cunningham Construction Company of Healdsburg will be completing the resurfacing job they are doing for Union Lumber Company at Fort Bragg this coming week. Rupert Poe, acting superintendent (is the gentleman who turned down the job with the City of Ukiah) for the Company and also is a member of the Operating Engineers, informs me they will be moving into Pt. Arena Radar Station. They will gravel and oil all the streets and 12 miles of highway.

Arthur B. Sirj Construction Company of Santa Rosa has now begun work on the access road into the new Army radio center, being built north of Middletown in Lake County.

Contracts were recently let for the job and by November roads must be in, property fenced and a number of buildings completed. More than a million dollars is already available for the job, that of moving the big Pacific area radio station to Middletown from its present location at Daly City.

Bro. Frank Toles is the heavy-duty mechanic with George Tuso on the blade. Bros. Harvey Jallife, R. Dickey and Paul Piper are the boys on the Cats.

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Ironworkers Fete

Omaha, Neb. (LPA)—AFL Ironworkers celebrated the golden anniversary of the issuance of the local charter with a banquet at which Frank Painter, business agent for 37 years, was honored.

MacArthur, Sir

In New York City, CIO and AFL leaders who refused to be sucked into the hysterical acclaim for General MacArthur were given additional reason for wondering whether MacArthur could ever understand American workers. CIO Newspaper Guild reporters discovered MacArthur is now paying \$15 a day for the ten-room presidential suite at the Waldorf-Astoria. When the general moved into the hotel in April the management announced he would pay \$130 a day for the lavish headquarters.

Ohio Bans Picketing In Organization Drives

Columbus, Ohio (LPA)—An injunction banning organizational picketing of a cafe here was granted July 5 against the AFL Restaurant Employees and Bartenders, first such action in Ohio since 1947 passage of the Taft-Hartley Law.

The restaurant owner charged no labor dispute was involved and all but one of his 15 employees were against joining the union. Picketing started March 21.

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NEWS FROM UTAH—Center of the Rugged West

By Renny Burroughs, C. R. Van Winkle, Merlin Bowman, Don Elliott Business Representatives, Local 3

The Intermountain's brief construction season is at its height with all Operating Engineers working. The industrial work in Utah has received a limited shot in the arm with Utah Construction starting an office building and dry house for Standard Oil. Graf, Ryberg and Garf are working on the sugar refinery job at West Jordan. Bechtel's Jordan steam plant job is beginning to pick up momentum adding three men to its crew last week. Enoch Smith finished their job at the Grantsville Powerhouse and are in full swing on their Bountiful School job. Keiwi's dirt crew is through on the reservoir job and left for Iceland. Elmer Webber, E. G. Gifford, Lamar Dahl, Russell Church and Jack Williams. The stripping job good for 3,000,000 yards under Superintendent Harry Williams at Bingham Canyon is under way with one of the big Marion shovels and work and the second about to go.

Duchesne Tunnel is opening its portal on the Duchesne River and is one of the most beautiful jobs we have seen. Superintendent Cal Richer, General Foreman Johnny Reid, and Operators Tony Ruddy, Glen Atkinson and Delmont Jones, with F. T. King oiling, keep this job going. Fred Berquist and Gibbons & Reed both have cats in on this job; Bro. Glen Atkinson had a near-bad accident the other day—wading the Duchesne River with his boot laces dangling in the river. A couple of those trout thought the laces were worms and dragged him down river for a couple of hundred yards. He got out just before going over the rapids.

Work for the next three months should continue steady since enough of the Engineers have left for Africa to keep this office from having a large surplus of men. Recent departures for Africa include: Joe Higginson, John Flannery, John Willisen, Homer Boyd, George Burns, Denton Parker, Kay Reid, James Cook, Sharf Gould and Eros Daley.

Bonneville Inc. is using Sumner Margetts' draglines for dike work on the salt flats at Wendover again with three shifts and good hours the rule.

NEWS FROM THE MINES AND SHOPS

News from this department is mostly a story of long hours of, at times, seemingly fruitless negotiations. One of the reasons for the delays is the current "on again, off again Finnegan" story of "Wage stabilization." First, the formula is to be relaxed, then it isn't to be relaxed. Then Congress is and isn't going to extend the law, etc. It leaves all of us in a quandary as to what is the best decision to make for the benefit of our membership. Despite our, at times, feeling of pessimism, some progress can be reported.

KENNECOTT COPPER CO.

This company has receded from its original of an unsatisfactory pension plan and a job evaluation offer. On job evaluation they have accepted, in principle, at least, a proposal by the unions involved to negotiate a new "classification and rate structure." Some progress has been made on this. Upon pensions a proposal of the unions for a "contributory pension plan" is currently being studied by the company.

IRON MINES, CEDAR CITY

An offer of the Utah Construction Company to increase wages 16 cents an hour straight across the board after certain inequities are adjusted was accepted by a majority of six votes at a recent special called meeting in Cedar City. Because of other commitments by the parties involved no meetings have been held to complete this agreement, at this writing, July 7th; however, a meeting has been arranged for July 9th. This arrangement with the company is subject to approval by the Wage Stabilization Board, of course.

LANG COMPANY

Several meetings with the company have not produced anything noteworthy outside of an offer of a 5 cents an hour increase and to

Schedule of Utah Meetings for Construction, Sand and Gravel, and Iron Mine Members

- Friday, August 24—Iron Mine Members, Escalante Hotel, Room 11, Cedar City, Utah
- Tuesday, August 14—Lang Company Employees, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah
- Wednesday, August 8—Sand and Gravel, Construction, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah
- Friday, August 10—Sand and Gravel and Construction, Provo Labor Temple, Provo, Utah
- Friday, August 17—Sand and Gravel and Construction, Ogden Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah
- Tuesday, August 28—Kennecott Engineers, Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers' Hall, Bingham, 2-5 p.m.

Schedule of State Road Meetings

- Thursday, August 9—1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah
- Wednesday, August 15—Provo Labor Temple, 161 W. 1st North, Provo, Utah
- Thursday, August 16—Price City Hall, Price, Utah
- Friday, August 17—Ogden Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah
- Tuesday, August 28—Johnson Hotel, Richfield, Utah
- Thursday, August 23—American Legion Hall, Roosevelt, Utah
- Thursday, August 23—Escalante Hotel, Room 11, Cedar City, Utah
- Friday, August 24—County Court House, Logan, Utah

consider an additional paid holiday. The company has taken a rather adamant attitude towards any changes in the body of the agreement. Raises at this company have already exceeded the 10 per cent formula and this and the company's competitive picture have complicated the matter. Next meeting with the company is set for Wednesday, July 11th.

VITRO CHEMICAL COMPANY

A bargaining election was won by the Utah Metal Trades Council and Associate Unions by a vote of 79 (Yes) to 1 (no). Some delay in being certified has been met due to the Unions involved being out of compliance with the Taft-Hartley Law. Some of the Unions involved had elections in June and a change in officers. A meeting to negotiate an agreement will be held very quickly perhaps before this sees print. A Union Shop Election will be held in this plant in the near future.

WESTERN MACHINERY CO.

We're still delayig in this matter, mostly waiting for the Lang Company agreement to be finished but also hoping for a relaxation in Wage Stabilization. Here we are faced again with raises all ready granted that exceed the formula.

SAND AND GRAVEL

The 5c raise due May 15th has been paid by some but not by other companys, because of the claim that the formula would be exceeded. Efforts are being made with the companies that haven't met the raise to work out something to allow them to start paying it. **Anyway, the raise, when granted, will be retroactive to May 15th.**

CONTRACTORS SHOPS

Due to the pressure of negotiations not much visiting has been made at the shops. From reports all are working at or near full capacity and a little difficulty has been had in filling some orders for men.

PERSONAL NOTES

San Sanders, we note is up and around after being laid up for a couple of months, in a cast for a compression break of a vertebra, suffered while working for the Strong Company at Enterprise. This leads us to again make a comment. Whenever you receive an injury while working for a company, no matter how trivial, be sure and report it to the Company. Sam didn't and we're having some difficulty in getting his industrial accident compensation.

Howard Arne, steward at Iron Springs, is out of his cast and getting around we are happy to report. He ought to be back on the job any day now.

Theron Stevens, formerly at Desert Mound, is up and around again after a serious hernia repair job we are happy to report.

Congratulations are due to Bro. and Mrs. June Hunter over the birth of a son, Keven, weight 7 lbs., May 7th. As this is their first son, their other two children being girls, they act mighty proud.

SOUTHERN UTAH

News of Southern Utah, Provo and surrounding area at this writing looks good for the construction

people, with Thorn Construction Co. low bidder on the Provo City Street Work at \$32,710. L. T. Johnson Co. of Ogden has a \$298,681 road job on Soldier Summit in Wasatch County. Strong Co. has several new jobs starting; the resurfacing of Cedar City's main street and a \$508,000 highway job at Beaver.

With the small out of work list on hand we may be hard pressed to keep these jobs supplied with members, but it is things like this that keeps your business agents up nights and on the ball.

Along with all the brighter outlook we also must have, it seems, some that isn't so bright. Brother Don Wilcox had a rock roll on him, crushing five of his ribs. Brother Del Mortensen's little girl got run over by a truck, fracturing her skull. However, they are both recovering and we hope they will both be up and about in a short time.

With this new work as well as the jobs already going in this area and the weather settling down to a good old hot summer, very few of the boys that want to go where the work is, should have little trouble keeping busy.

NORTHERN UTAH

News in the North and Dugway Construction is looking very good for the operators in that area, with Olof Nelson going good with his oiling job at Richmond and L. T. Johnson with the gravel work left on his job at Newton. W. W. Clyde, Thayne, Cox and Colthorp, Germer, Abbott and Waldron, Christianson Brothers, K. C. Construction Company, Kayhill and Mooney are all going strong at Dugway. Olof Nelson, R. M. Jensen are making the dust fly on the Timpie Dugway road job.

New jobs that will be starting within the next week or two are Parson & Fyfe, on his job west of Brigham City, M. K. on his railroad job at Ogden, Sumsion on his job at Tooele, J. K. Thayne on his railroad at Tooele and Whiting & Haymond on his job 19½ miles of oil from St. John to Vernon.

Dean Morrin is starting a large job on the Ogden 12th Street Depot with the Army moving the steel landing mat that lies under the area of his excavation. Morrin's contract will be one of several fine contracts to be let by the Army in the Ogden area.

Congress Adds \$1 a Day to Costs

Washington. — Economic Stabilization Administrator Eric Johnston said that the Defense Production Act as extended to July 31 by the "3-day-a-week Congress" is adding \$1 a day to the living costs of the average family.

He said that if Congress stands firm on its decision to rule out any further price rollbacks, the cost of living will rise \$12 to \$14 billion a year and force up defense costs \$3 to \$5 billion.

NEWS OF UTAH STATE ROAD

By CHARLIE COCKAYNE

The special session of the Utah State Legislature, at urging of Local 3, passed an act abolishing the State Retirement Act and placing State employees under the Social Security Act. This issue carries a photograph taken of Governor Lee signing the bill in the presence of your representatives, C. R. Van Winkle and Charlie Cockayne. Some worthwhile projects are being carried out by joint crews in the districts, building shoulders, black topping, etc.: District No. 1, Highway 89, Northern Boxelder County; District No. 2, Western Tooele County, Highway 40; District No. 3, south of Gunnison, Highway 89; District No. 4, Price Canyon; District No. 6, Spanish Fork Canyon and Highway 91 south of Mona and when completed will be valuable improvement to the State Highway System.

Because of dissatisfaction expressed to us regarding the present subsistence being paid maintenance employees on some of the projects, your representatives of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, discussed the problem with the commission and asked that the amount be raised to the same basis as that paid the Engineering Group, \$4 per day. As a result of that contact we are recently informed by the commission that an increase in subsistence is being granted. This is it. You will now receive actual living expenses up to \$4 a day. This amount for the duration of the job rather than the old arrangement of 30 days. The commission does reserve the right, however, to pro-

vide suitable board and room whenever such can be arranged for.

Immediately after you asked Operating Engineers to represent you, a problem arose concerning paid holidays. We took that problem immediately to Governor Lee, the Board of Examiners and the commission. The general feeling of those people was that you were entitled to more paid holidays and they promised to give serious consideration to granting more.

We are very happy now to report the following word on the problem from Governor Lee. Following is part of vacation clause: "... and he shall be entitled to the same holidays with pay as are salaried employees." This is from the Proposed Rules and Regulations of the Board's Examiners covering state employees.

The result of this concession will be an increase to you of about double the amount of paid holidays in the future.

Congratulations are in order to several boys who have been given recognition for their past services to the state and received merited promotions. We mention a couple, Owen Steadman, paint foreman, and Lou Bernard, motor rebuild foreman (our apologies for not mentioning your promotion in a previous issue, Owen). Several swell fellows have left the State Road Service to follow more lucrative lines of employment and we wish them the best of luck.

Check your area meeting dates, fellows, and plan to attend. That's the place to discuss your problems.

S. Carolina AFL Criticizes Byrnes For Killing Raise

Greenville, S. C.—Earle R. Britton, reelected president South Carolina Federation of Labor, criticized Gov. James F. Byrnes for killing a pay raise for highway department employees.

Mr. Britton said the wages paid by the department are "awful."

He also criticized wage scales offered workers on the Savannah River H-bomb project of the Atomic Energy Commission. The federation's 36th annual convention called on international unions to urge their locals employed on the Savannah River project to affiliate to the state federation.

In addition to Mr. Britton, the convention elected Fred E. Hachell, Columbia, secretary-treasurer and these vice presidents:

George P. Bailey, Greenville; George P. Tuck, Spartanburg; Andy Boyter, Winnsboro; E. Hayes, Charleston; R. I. Hazel, Newberry; E. E. Ronkins, Laurens; R. G. Waites, Columbia, and L. E. Ritter, Beaufort.

Clarence Lemos of the Stockton Labor Council tells about the high school lad who asked for more spending money.

"You don't know the value of a dollar, son," sighed the father.

"Yes, I do," replied the lad. "As of last week it was 62c, compared with 1939 standards."

To Fete Gray

New York.—Richard J. Gray, president AFL Building and Construction Trades Council, will be tendered a bon voyage testimonial at Hotel Commodore July 18 prior to his departure for England where he will serve as AFL fraternal delegate to the British Trades Union Congress.

The testimonial is sponsored by the Building and Construction Trades Department of New York State.

Mr. Gray will attend the BTUC annual meeting in England early in September and fly directly from London to San Francisco for the annual meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Department and report to the 70th AFL Convention.

AFLF Vice President Charles J. MacGowan is the other fraternal delegate to the BTUC this year.

AFL Employee 49 Years Dies

Washington.—Miss Irene Rodier, employed by the American Federation of Labor 49 years 7 months, died July 9 after a long illness.

Her term of service is the longest at AFL headquarters. She was employed in the bookkeeping department and had been hired by Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL.

A man never gets so old he isn't in there pinching.



500,000th VISITOR—Mrs. Edward Diomar, left, of Chicago, was the half-millionth visitor to the big AFL Union Industries Show. Champion Cake Baker Ruby Martin, center, of Norris City, Ill., hands one of her prize creations to Mrs. Diomar's husband, a pipefitter, who is holding their son, Edward, Jr. Total show attendance was 924,857.

San Rafael— ROADS, HIGHWAYS, HOUSING KEEP MEMBERS IN NORTHBAY BUSY

By H. O. FOSS, Business Representative, Local 8

Bro. "Chuck" Keithly, foreman for Van Valkenberg on Santa Rosa job, runs a smooth spread. This firm keeps getting more work in this area. Has a good job on Travis Airbase. Gerwick Yard in Petaluma going slow. Expect to snag some pole casting in the near future. Bro. Paul Ryder does chores at present time.

Brother John Clardy, our "Chinchilla King" from Santa Rosa, taking a vacation in the Denver area. No doubt looking up old timers there. We can't get John to run any more rigs. These fuzzy rabbits must be a good deal.

Ran into Brother Bob Rapp's rigs, busy in all parts of the North Bay. Sounds like he'll be busy 'til he has to move out on pontoons.

Brother Roy Alexander is pushing down a few piles with one of Raymond's rigs on the Granite job North of San Rafael.

Brother Fred Huntington of Huntington Bros. informs us they are finishing up their job on the coast and they did not leave too much money on the job. Pencils got new lead and snared another one recently.

Brother James Hewitson, our popular mechanic, is in the hospital for a general overhaul himself. Expects to be out about August 15th, good luck, Jim.

Brother Ed. Frisbie has a tree service and general maintenance business; P.O. Box 7, Lagunitas, phone San Rafael 31 J 11. It is known as Frisbie & Wolk.

Brother Lee Cypher now has an S. Motor Patrol and a couple of small rigs. Doing driveways, excavating and etc. Call Napa 49304. He keeps a few members busy.

MARE ISLAND

Healy-Tibbitts have a demolition and repair job at Mare Island. Hugh, tallant project manager, Brothers Paul Vogel and Henry Allgor on rig. We also have information there will be extension on project.

Brother Laurel Frohn, from Santa Rosa, attending Oregon Tech. Institute. Studying Deisel and general heavy duty maintenance; also welding. Be out next January.

Vega Engineering, cleaning up at the Two Rock Ranch, 90,000 plus. Should be gone as this comes off the press.

B. Miles Thomas has sewer job at the Corte Madera Housing.

Brother L. A. Wooldridge, Super.

Brother Fred Horner busy with his rig on the Ike Ely spread.

Schultz sub-division, in the writers opinion, one of the best tracts in the area. Keeps two members steadily employed—Brothers Jones and Chastine.

Brother Lew Freeland recuperating in San Rafael hospital. Doctor says his heart needs rest—should be home as this is published. His brother "Chew Tobacco" is still with Parish Bros. He must have opened a new package of Beechnut and congratulations are now in—it's a boy! No cigars left here.

We regret to pass on the news of the sudden death of Brother Louis Saporetto, June 26. Many years employed by the firm of Johnson & Nelson. His Brother "Mike" is the General Superintendent with Parish Bros.

As this comes off the press the T. E. Connolly job at Novato is perhaps completed and are on the way to Cherry Creek for one of their many jobs. Some members are going. This job well managed, our best wishes to the General Super Earl Walsh.

Been a heavy turnover on the Fredrickson job on Highway 40, Vacaville. Brother Art Burch is the dirt hog pusher.

M & K on Travis Airbase in slow motion, ahead of schedule and we are hoping this field gets some of the money appropriated by Congress.

Parish Bros. started pouring the mud on Highway 40, Vacaville toward Cordelia on July 9. Think they will finish this year. Bon Tempe syphon is behind them with their blessings. Their job by Tamalpais Hi School finishing up. Also

Factory Layoffs Continue Rise

Washington.—Layoffs of workers in manufacturing industries rose in May for the second straight month, largely because of recent cutbacks in automobile production and reduced activity in certain other consumer goods manufacturing industries.

The U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics said the factory layoff rate per 1,000 employees rose to 13 in May from 10 in April and 8 in March. The May rate, however, was still at approximately the same level as in the earlier post war years of high employment of 1947 and 1948.

The sharpest rise in layoffs over the month was in the transportation equipment industry, including automobiles, where the rate increased from 19 per 1,000 in April, to 36 in May. Sizeable increases in layoffs were also reported in the textile, apparel, leather products and furniture industries, where recent reports have indicated a greater-than-seasonal slackening in activity.

Despite the rise in layoffs, factory workers continued to be hired in May at about the same rate as in the three preceding months—45 per 1,000 employees.

Bait to Typists

In Chicago, the Western Electric Co. became so desperate for typists and other office employees that it advertised new workers could enjoy the privileges of a private club including "tennis, golf, dancing, roller skating and horseback riding."

Eureka— ALL ARE WORKING, ALL JOBS ROLLING IN REDWOOD EMPIRE

By A. R. McCAFFREY, Business Representative

Conditions in the Redwood Empire are about the same as we reported last month. Everybody is working. With new jobs starting and others finishing up, our operator situation is just about keeping even with the demand. In the past we have had trouble getting Tournapull operators. In fact, we were forced to break some new men in as none were avail-

able. All of the larger jobs in the area have been rolling for some time; therefore, they have full crews at the present, outside of the average turnover.

Frederickson Bros. \$1,000,000 freeway job at Alton on 101 is coming right along. They now have four Pulls and six Jeeps rolling; two new Jeeps recently added. They also have two draglines and a string of dozers, plus the Mississippi buggies. They are also setting up their crusher and hot plant which will go into action in the near future. There are now 33 Engineers on this project. They are working five 9-hour shifts per week, hoping to finish up before the rains start.

Mercer Fraser Co. keeps right on going strong. Their largest project at the time being is the Smith River State Highway job, 4.7 miles. They started up their hot plant last week. The crusher has been operating for the last month, working 12 hours per day, six days a week. The brothers have sure been making it on this job. Brother Allen Jokela, who has been working on the crusher, was returning to Smith River from Eureka the other night when he fell asleep at the wheel. He suffered a broken nose and a few gashes. His car was demolished.

Mercer Fraser Co. also was awarded three more State jobs this last month. They are the following: Two overpasses at Arcata, installation of two truck scale depots north of Arcata, and a highway job at Crescent City.

MAD RIVER JOB

John Burman & Sons and Carr & Rocco, who were the successful bidders on the bridge and approaches at Blue Lake over Mad River, are supposed to start on the approaches July 9th. There is considerable rock on this job and it will keep several brothers busy for

Stockton— Mountain Road, Dam Jobs Keep the Stockton Boys Busy

By ED DORAN and C. L. CASEBOLT, Business Representatives, Local 8

Stockton area has been holding its own with work so there have been very few members out of work. However, if you want to work out of this area, here is what we have: Thirty-four miles out of Jackson on Highway 88, Eaton and Smith have a road job; 25 miles further up the Carson Pass Highway, Harms Bros. have a road job; then, over the Carson hump, "Hard Rock" Johnson has a highway job. Utah Construction Co. have the big rock-filled dam for the P. G. & E. at Peddlars Hill. Seven miles further back in the timber, Walsh has a tunnel and dam job. Remember, now—the nearest job to Stockton is Eaton & Smith's job which is approximately 85 miles, and "Hard Rock's" job is approximately 130 miles over the Carson Pass Highway.

The Ebbetts Pass Highway has M. J. Ruddy about to complete a job that has been going for two years.

The Sonora Pass Highway has Kirt, Piombo and Harms' jobs, which are also away up in the timber country.

Klien-Smid Construction Company and T. E. Connelly have nearly a million dollar road job going into the site of the Cherry Valley Dam, a part of the Hetch Hetchy project. At the present time the going is rough and work progressing slowly.

SHIPBUILDING

It is rumored but unconfirmed that Stephens, Colberg and Kyle

are about to start on a ship-building program here on the Stockton Channel.

Guntert & Zimmerman have a contract to repair and construct ships for the government and have started to work on them.

United Concrete Pipe Company was awarded the bid on the Crows Landing airfield. John Delphia, of Patterson, will sub-contract the dirt and Frank Marks, of Newman, the gravel. Work should start on this project about the time this goes to press.

Standard Materials is on their road job around Farmington Dam, work is progressing according to schedule—about six men on the job. Harms, also on their end of the road and are just getting started as we go to press.

United Concrete's freeway job at Delhi is going along smoothly with 20 members employed.

We have a letter dated July 2nd from Bros. Al Niblick and Forrest Forrest, who are in French Morocco. Seems as though an engineers' life is pretty much the same any place in the world—good with a little of the going not so good. Lots of hours—but either hot or cold, no "happy medium." Also lots of dust, with a few cases of lung infection. However, the boys lay that to the victims not drinking the right brand of cognac. All in all Frank and Al are satisfied, however.

Again I want to thank the members for the confidence they have shown by re-electing me to my fifth term as an executive board member. This proves to me that at least the majority of the members are of the opinion that we officers have made progress in the past years by improving our wages and working conditions and giving proper service to our members.

several other jobs going around Crescent City.

C. M. Syar has a road job at Requa. Brother Keeler is doing his best to finish this job as soon as possible.

Brother Tom Hull is keeping busy doing various jobs around Eureka. He is supposed to start this week on a new bridge job at Fieldbrook.

The State Highway office in Eureka informed me that bids will be asked for in the near future for a freeway by-passing Scotia. There will be a lot of yardage in this job.

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Co-ops Are Praised

Lake Geneva, Wis. (LPA)—Co-operatives are "an integral part of the mobilization effort", a top U.S. Department of Agriculture official told a co-op audience here.

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big job at Benicia Arsenal.

A. G. Raisch grading streets, etc., Ignacio Housing with part of equipment at Hamilton Field on their job there. Brother H. Zugelhofer master mech.

JOBS ON 101

Granite Construction going the best they can on 101 with spots the State have ready for them to work on. "Ted" Watkins brought his crushing plant up from down south to make rock-slurry, etc., for them.

It is rumored that Basalt at McNears is going to put in a Slurry Plant to fill recent orders.

Hutchinson rolling top speed and behind on orders. Brown Ely and all rest of 'em busy as hell.

Syar & Harms got a good one 300,000 plus from Calistoga to the top of the mountain towards Lake Co. Paving, etc.

Basalt—paving on Tennessee St., Vallejo. Brother J. W. Talbot on roller, Brother Geo. Moulat, screed, and Bro. Earl L. Gibson, paver operator.

Macal & McGouran moved their spreads down to Castle Airfield, Merced, where they have 130,000 plus to move. Taking all equipment—first rig left June 20. 8 jeeps, 5 dozers and a motor patrol. Presumably G. Davidson, nut buster will also go along. Working 5-10's.

Smith & Lenzo, Vallejo, now have three loaders, roller and blade. Kep Brothers E. Pope, C. Smith, D. Ashley and Clarence Weaver busy.

Brother Jack Bisso keeping busy and out of mischief in the Sonoma area.

We understand Brother Frank Zachary has left Marvelous Marin for the Alaskan territory.

Brother Rowlette is wearing cotton in his ear, says he has a broken eardrum—wonder if Brother "Bab" Ghilotti's voice had anything to do with that. We understand Brother "Duke" Windson is getting well paid for his efforts these days, how about that "Duke"? She must have been well satisfied with your work.

We were sorry to learn of the accidental death of Brother Ned Bryant of Fairfax.

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NEW TAXES HURT? NOT THE BIG BOYS

Will corporations be hurt by the tax bill the House passed June 22? A total of \$750 million will be paid by corporations as a result of an adjustment in the excess profits tax.

Rep. Chet Holifield (D., Calif.) reminded the House 22,000 corporations are reaping more than \$50 billion a year in profits—the highest in history.

"Even after the additional taxes under the bill," Holifield said, "these corporations would have profits of more than double the profits of the peak year of World War II, 1944."

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Bees Get Drunk

In Windsor, Ontario, union employes of a new distillery contended they had seen everything after their half-finished building was invaded by 20,000 bees who got thoroughly drunk. The bees started to build hives over a huge syrup tank. Clifford Hanes, crane operator, had to wait until the bees got high as a kite and then scooped them into a box. But the next day, a new cloud of bees delayed construction and Hanes was asked to get rid of them. Finally he did, and told reporters, "I got a half-pound of honey and it had a taste peculiarly like whiskey."

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Tune in Frank Edwards nightly.

San Jose—

Large Expansion Program at Moffett-Field Gets Underway

By M. G. "MICKEY" MURPHY and A. J. "BUCK" HOPE
Business Representatives, Local 3

Peter Sorensen of Redwood City is making good progress on his \$900,000 job at Moffett Field, which consists of jet fuel tanks, sidewalks, and several buildings. He also has 300,000 cubic yards of excavation which will require about a year to complete. Bro. Al Kingwell is Super on this major project and at present is assisted by Bro. Ken Richardson on the Northwest Shovel and Brother F. Ventura as oiler. His competent help on the Blade and Cat consists of Brothers John Monroe and Brother Leo Burkhardt, respectively.

The Guy F. Atkinson Company also have started six Jeeps, double-shift, on one of their two jobs on this base. This particular job consists of about 175,000 yards of excavation and the placing of approximately 58,000 cubic yards of reinforced concrete for the extension of the runways, taxiways, and aprons; also lighting and drainage facilities all to the tune of over 2,000,000 "bucks". Brother Dick Alexander is Super on this project. Dick just recently relinquished his responsibilities of supervision on the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz highway job to Brother Ernie Grissolt, who just returned from a little sojourn "down South".

Charles Harney of San Francisco has just about finished his \$95,000 project on the base for the time being. He expects to grab off another one here before too long. All the above-mentioned work is part of the \$14,000,000 program which was allocated for the expansion and improvement of the Moffett Field base.

Barrett & Hilp Construction Co. of San Francisco were recently awarded the contract to construct the new O'Connor Hospital in San Jose for \$4,096,300. Work on this project should start before very long. The hospital, which is greatly needed in this area, will be erected on a 24-acre site bounded by a projection of University Ave., Forest St., and Di Salvo Street.

There is still quite a little underground work going on in San Jose but some of it is fast becoming completed. Bebek & Brkich of Los Angeles have two pretty good-sized underground projects and they are making very good headway on them. We still have plenty of subdivision work in progress all over this territory which keeps quite a number of the boys employed. The gravel plants and sand plants are also keeping busy and probably will for the balance of the year.

The Guy F. Atkinson Company have dwindled down to one shift on the Jeeps on the Santa Cruz-Los Gatos Highway but are still holding two shifts on the shovel and trucks. This job will soon be in shape to turn over to the Clement Company of Hayward, who have subbed the surfacing from the Atkinson Company.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

There is still quite a little activity in the southern part of the territory. Granite Construction Company have started their \$50,000 wharf job at Santa Cruz. Granite also has the stripping job at Davenport where they recently went double-shift. The equipment on this job consists of two shovels, eight euclid trucks and four dozers. This, boys, is quite a rough project. . . . Things are pretty quiet around Watsonville with the exception of Granite's shops. . . . Brother John Matus is still making good progress on the Elkhorn Slough job. . . . As for the Moss Landing P. G. & E. plant, there isn't very much to report other than C. C. Moore will be moving in very shortly to install the boilers and turbines. Granite is still busy in this locality with many pieces of equipment, surfacing the area in and around the Moss Landing Sea Water Plant.

The Normac Construction Company of Los Angeles, who have the major \$5,000,000 project (approximately) at Fort Ord, will soon be rolling full speed and expect to double-shift their equipment and plant within a few weeks. As we mentioned before, this company is building concrete prefab homes for the officers and enlisted men in

this camp. Granite also, as usual, are very conspicuous on this project. They are keeping busy on many other jobs in the southern part of the territory as well. . . . J. McFadden of Palo Alto have a good job resurfacing streets and parking areas on the East Garrison. . . . Manuel Smith has started his \$300,000 sewer contract near Seaside. . . . Stolte Company have started construction on their sewer disposal plant in Monterey. . . . Barrett & Hilp, who had a \$300,000 contract on the Monterey sewer system, are nearing completion and expect to be moving out of there very shortly and over to Merced.

Parker, Stephens and Pierce have started pouring concrete on the Salinas Community Hospital. This project should be completed in approximately five months. . . . E. J. Donahue of this little city have a fair-sized surfacing job in the town of Gonzales. . . . As far as Soledad Prison is concerned, this institution will soon be completed except for the homes for the personnel. This work is being done by the Granite Construction Company. . . . Fredrickson & Watson are making good progress on their highway job in this locality. We expect another job adjoining this one to be let very shortly. . . . There is still considerable activity in the oil fields at San Ardo. About 35 engineers are employed here.

CAMP ROBERTS—M. J. B. Construction Company of Stockton have 12 miles of road work on the main garrison. We expect to have around 20 engineers on this work when it gets rolling. This job will run six and possibly seven days. Ted Baun has a resurfacing job in the East Garrison where he is employing six or seven engineers.

GILROY—Fredrickson & Watson have just about completed their road job at Hollister and Geo. Renz has started his school job at Morgan Hill.

NEWS FOR AND ABOUT THE BROTHERS

We are extremely sorry to have to report the death of Brother R. F. Bradford, of Paso Robles, Brother Bradford was killed almost instantly in an automobile accident while on his way to work.

Received a letter from Brother Joe Marcella, Jr., who is working on Bechtel's pipeline job out of New York. He says there are a bunch of homesick Californians there who claim the weather back there is only fit for the New Yorkers and Indians.

Brother Jack McGuire's wife was in the office to say goodbye to us. She is joining Jack in Afghanistan.

Received a letter from Matt Eltroth whom many of the old-timers will remember. For the past ten years or so he has been working in the southern territory around Los Angeles. He wished to be remembered to the old shovel runners around the Bay district.

Received a letter from Marshall Pless who at the present time is working in Washington. Marshall says the fishing is good up there but he is getting awfully lonesome for Local 3.

Our thanks to Brother Bill Rabe and the many other brothers who so kindly let us know when they went to work. As we have said many times before, we appreciate this courtesy and it saves considerable time and expense.

Airline Pensions

Paris (LPA)—Workers employed by Air France, the national airline, won pensions on retirement at 60 or for disability and death benefits, with the transport union having equal voice with management in administering the fund.

TEC

By AL BOARDMAN and W. V. MINAHAN, Business Representatives

Negotiations with the Civil Engineers Association of Northern California have passed the second meeting stage and some progress has been made. It is to be hoped that a final agreement can be reached at the coming meeting, Thursday, July 12th. The negotiators for management are E. Elmore Hutchenson, Basil Waters and Donald Kister.

Your representative is meeting with the City Council of the City of Richmond and Clyde C. Kennedy to attempt to iron out the union's difficulties with that Engineering firm. We have a long standing dispute with this firm and there is some possibility that an agreement may be reached.

The Nour Company's job at Camp Parks is going full blast with some fifty Tec-Engineers on the job. Much work is required on this type of project due to the confusion of government planning and negotiations. The firm of Punet, Perez & Hutchenson with Bill Wright in charge are doing a capable job in the field.

Members interested in over-seas

Shocking Mail

In Hagerstown, Md., both union postmen and union electricians were happy about a flood of complaints by householders. About 50 mailboxes in Hagerstown are attached to light poles and families trying to get their mail have been shocked time and again during hot weather. Frequently they were afraid to touch the boxes and called the postoffice or the power company. The solution for all three groups came when the county authorized erection of concrete posts for the mail boxes.

Mosquito Men Stung

In Jersey City, N. J., the nation's first strike of mosquito workers occurred when 40 employees of the Hudson County Mosquito Extermination Commission quit and picketed the Commission's offices. They decided they were being stung enough without being stung with long-overdue pay checks.

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Construction Awards

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1071 Westwood Dr., San Jose, \$698,829 for const. Music Bldg. at San Jose State College.

CONCORD, contract awarded to M. G. M. Const. Co., P. O. Box 1056, Concord, \$123,834 for const. water system.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Brown & Krull, 1057 Cotter Way, Hayward, \$142,472 for 1.07 mi. plm. surf. Stanton Ave., from Williams St., N. W. in Castro Valley, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Valley Trenching Co., 214 Broadway, Fresno, \$10,818 for install 5,400 ft. 8-in. C. I. pipe, near Ross, MARIN COUNTY.

JUNE 25, 1951

HAMILTON FIELD, contract awarded to A. G. Raisch Paving Co., Box 458, San Rafael, \$126,895 for const. alert apron and taxiway at Hamilton Air Force Base, MARIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Hutchinson Co., 7360 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, \$70,705 for const. emergency bank protection at five sites, San Joaquin delta, at Bradford, Bethel, Union, Upper Roberts Isl. and Frank Tract, Spec. 1556.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Eugene G. Alves, P. O. Box 950, Pittsburg, \$7,453 for const. grade and surf. 2nd St. betw. Lillian and Flora Sts., in Crockett, incl. conc. gravity wall, conc. curb, gutter, and guard rail.

TRACY, contract awarded to Louis C. Dunn, Inc., 799 Monadnock Bldg., S. F., \$2,448,500 for const. two warehouses and utils., road, and R. R. at Sharpe Gen. Depot, Lathrop (Tracy Annex).

LATHROP, contracts awarded as follows: (1) Inv. 04-51-56—Const. parking areas at Sharpe General Depot, to S. M. McGaw, Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$12,044; (2) Inv. 04-51-58—Const. and/or rehab. car parking areas at Sharpe General Depot, to S. M. McGaw, Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$17,673.

TRACY, contract awarded to Kenworthy & Patterson, 505 W. Walnut St., Stockton, \$57,634 for const. levees and appurts. at Calif. Vocational Inst., near Tracy, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., 1848 37th St., Sacramento, \$104,375 for const. bank protection at Three-Mile Slough, at Sherman Island, and levee setback and bank protection at Miner Slough, Ryer Island.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Co., Santa Clara, \$52,985 for const. steel water tower and 150,000-gal. tank with conc. fdns., at Fresno State College.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Aguiar Bros., 1716 Broadway, San Pablo, \$2,563 for improv. Key Blvd., betw. Barrett and Roosevelt Aves.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to Whiting & Haymond, Contrs., 250 W. 2nd., Springville, Utah, \$117,647 for 19,405 mi. const. 2-in. bit. rdmx. surf. road on SR 36, betw. Vernon and St. John, TOOELE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Tiechert & Son, Inc., 1848 37th St., Sacramento, \$7,660 for levee surf., West Training Levee, Cache Creek.

JUNE 21, 1951

CARSON CITY, NEV., contracts awarded as follows: (1) Humboldt Co. (S-614(4)—16,241 mi. rdmx. and slct. on por. of secondary hwy. system., betw. 30 mi. south and 14 mi. south of Deno, to Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 2351, Reno, \$64,835. (2) Clark Co. (F-006-1(4)—1,002 mi. plm. surf. Fremont Ave., Las Vegas, betw. 14th and Main Sts., to J. M. Murphy, \$16,907.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contracts awarded as follows: Churchill Co. (S-508(1) and (S-502(1)—2,406 mi. grade, surf., etc. and reinf. conc. bridge, jctn. St. Rt. 1-A to 1.0 mi. east (Bafford Lane) and jctn. St. Rt. 42 to 1.0 mi. north (Harmon Lane), to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, \$108,336. Storey and Washoe Counties (S-800(1)—0.175 mi. grade, surf. and reinf. conc. bridge, from Clark Station to jctn. U. S. 40, to Young & Smith Const. Co., 204 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, \$69,037.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357

Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$9,783 for 0.14 mi. grade, pave and const. curb, gutter and walk, Sotoyome St., betw. Sonoma Ave. and Montgomery Drive.

RIVERBANK, contract awarded to Harvey & Rose, 11 N. 5th St., Arcadia, \$209,000 for const. 30 housing units (15 duplexes).

MODESTO, contract awarded to Donald Thompson, 2270 Maze Blvd., Modesto, \$99,999 for const. housing, Proj. Cal. 26-5, at Newman.*

REDDING, contract awarded to Central States Const. Co., 593 Market St., S. F., \$1,144,444 for const. 75-bed hosp. (Mercy Hospital), to be located in Redding.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Martinelli Const. Co., 1580 Folsom St., S. F., \$62,415 for const. addn. to Silver Terrace Playground.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to J. H. Fitzmaurice, 2857 Hannah St., Oakland, \$1,040 for grade and pave, etc., at Burbank School.

JUNE 26, 1951

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Ball & Simpson & T. E. Irving, 685 Delaware St., Berkeley, \$415,607 for 4.638 mi. const. earth graded road in Sierra Natl. Forest, MADERA COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$98,589 for grade, drain and pave Bay Place and portion of intersec. betw. Harrison St. and Grand Ave.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contracts awarded as follows: To Young & Smith Const. Co., 204 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, \$69,037 for 0.175 mi. grade, surf. and const. R. C. bridge, from Clark Sta. to jctn. with U. S. 40, STOREY and WASHOE COUNTIES. To Isbell Construction Co., P. O. Box 2351, Reno, Nev., \$64,835 for 16,241 mi. rdmx. and sealcoat, secondary hwy. sys., betw. 30 mi. south and 14 mi. south of Deno, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to T. E. Connolly, Inc., Sheldon Bldg., S. F., \$154,980 (Sect. A, C-1), and \$71,470 (Sect. B), total \$226,450 for const. access road from Early Intake on S. Fork of Tuolumne River to Camp Mather, TUOLUMNE COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Ben Blair, P. O. Box 1082, Rollins Road, Burlingame, \$3,610 for 45,700 sq. ft. emuls. asph. surf. at Millbrae Hdqtrs.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, 2657 9th St., Berkeley, \$59,811 for repair and extend roadways and parking area at Naval Hospital, Oakland.

TWO ROCK RANCH, contract awarded to Helwig Const. Co., 407 N. Main St., Sebastopol, \$29,430 for const. reserv. and chlorin. house.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nev., \$108,336 for 2,406 mi. grade, surf., etc. and const. R. C. bridge, jctn. S. R. 1-A to 1 mi. east (Bafford Lane), and jctn. S. R. 42 to 1 mi. north (Harmon Lane).

HERLONG, contract awarded to A. D. Schader Co., 164 Spear St., S. F., \$288,480 for rehab. R. R. at the Depot.

RENO, NEV., contracts awarded as follows for const. sanit. sewer lines and appurts.: (a) Clough Road, to Nelson Eng. Corp., 1479 Wells, Reno, \$5,479; (b) Sadie Way, to C. Dieterich Co., 122 Rock, Reno, \$3,330; (c) Liston Ave., to Nelson Eng. Corp., Reno, \$661.

LATHROP, contract awarded to A. D. Shader Co., 164 Spear St., S. F., \$367,479 for R. R. rehab. at the Depot.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Jacks & Irvine, 421 Crocker Bldg., S. F., \$114,920 for const. alts. to ACPH lab., Parnassus Ave.

DALY CITY, contract awarded to Bragato Paving Co., 363 N. El Dorado St., San Mateo, \$5,420 for grade and pave portions of three levels of Edgewood Park.

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SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to M. G. M. Const. Co., P. O. Box 1056, Concord, \$108,809 for const. 19,000 ft. road and install 20-in. and 16-in. welded steel pipeline, Secs. E, F and G of southern Marin line, under Contract No. 7.

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You'll Have to Wait 'Til Fall for Dope on 1951 Income Taxes

(LLPE Release)

It will be next fall before you will know how much Congress is going to raise your taxes. The 1951 tax bill now is before the Senate Finance Committee. Public hearings, just started, will continue for three or four weeks.

When the hearings are over, it will take the committee at least a month to agree on all details of the measure. Then the Senate itself will have to discuss the legislation for a couple of weeks. Differences between the Senate and House bills will have to be ironed out.

Taxes must be increased to pay for the defense program. No one objects to this as long as everyone pays his fair share.

The House approved a "fair" tax bill 233-160 June 22. It defeated, 220-171, a reactionary Republican attempt to rewrite the bill so it would be tougher on the average guy and easier on Big Business.

The measure raises everyone's income taxes 12 1/2 per cent. The

Peninsula—

New Construction Jobs Start; Jobs for Engineers Increase

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative, Local 3

Due to the awarding of building, grading and highway construction contracts more engineers are being cleared daily to this area, which has been more active, this present year, than at any time in history.

R. A. Farish Co. of San Francisco was awarded the contract for one-half million yards of grading on the new addition to the Golden Gate National Cemetery at San Bruno. This job is unusual due to the fact Local No. 3 is practically the only craft involved, as the contract calls for surveying as well as earth moving. The same firm also has the contract for the excavation and street grading for the new three million dollar San Mateo District Hospital at Millbrae. Brother Boyd Gable is in charge of this work, and Brothers Tremble, Haley, Johnson and several others are operating the equipment.

At Point Lobos the S. & E. Construction Co. are well started on their state highway job and have several Cat and Jeep operators employed.

Foley & Kruger at Half Moon Bay and Artukovitch at Sharps Park have several engineers busy on sanitary sewer disposal projects, QUARRIES ACTIVE

The quarries at Rockaway Beach have become more active the past month and more engineers have been cleared to this type of work. The Rockaway Quarry and the Ken Royce Quarry at Rockaway Beach, and Macco Corp. at Brisbane, the Skyline Materials at Spring Valley Lakes, along with the Whipple Road Quarry at Redwood City, also the new rock crushing plant under the new management of Brothers Wilson and Ray, at the site of the Hilltop Quarry near Belmont, are all the scene to renewed activity.

The United Concrete Pipe Co. are getting closer to the finish of their huge pipeline project for the

Marysville—

NORTH VALLEY IN HIGH GEAR; PLENTY WORK 'TIL WINTER

By WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT, Business Representatives, Local 3

Here the season is in July and work is better than it has ever been, also what a relief to have the various contractors crying for men instead of our people crying for work.

The Marysville District anticipates plenty of work until the rains come.

C. V. Kenworthy is starting a job on Highway 99W, just north of Willows, good for 75 working days; five cats, a roller and a blade. Bro. Red Rau is on the job and the rest will be there when this gets to print.

Harms Brothers have finished their Highway 20 job near Colusa and some of the men are going to Lassen Park and some to Sonora. They have a road job near Princeton, California, but the word is, will they come back this fall to start it.

Rice Brothers have their three highway jobs in the area; one job

increase would be effective September 1.

It also increases corporation taxes. Sales taxes on whisky, cars, cigarettes, washing machines, refrigerators, television sets and sporting goods are raised.

A single person who is head of a family gets a little better tax break. So does a person who sells his home and buys another one within a year. Such a deal would no longer be subject to taxes, as it now is, unless the new home cost less than the old one.

But the House bill still hits the worker much harder than the rich man. The House ignored requests by the AFL and others not to increase taxes on people making less than \$40 a week. Nor did the House close up many tax loopholes that help rich men and corporations.

north of town on Highway 24. We have three blades, three rollers, a barber green crew and two foremen with Bro. Al Vercruyssen in charge.

99E JOB

Rice Brothers have four men at present on their Highway 20 job out Meridian way and also will soon start their job near the Oroville Wye on 99E. Their gravel plants are working and the hot plant here in Marysville.

H. Earl Parker Company has quite a crew on their three site job on the Sacramento River levee above Knights Landing. Perry Parker is superintendent, with Bros. Herman Kiel, Floyd Parker and Ernie Mayfield pushing.

Basalt Rock Company has an operator, oiler and deck hand on the same job placing the cobble stones and it sure does make the job look nice on those curves.

Richter Bros. are going o.k. on their Road 49 job above Camptonville with eight cats, three shovel crews, mechanic, welders and oilers, a total of 24 men and a good place to stay in the summer time, altitude above 2800 feet above sea level.

Biasotti were about finished with their section of road above Camptonville and Bro. Walt Boatwright didn't know where he was going from there.

E. K. Moseman of Belmont, California, has a \$209,000 job to start in Oroville within a few days, a portion of road and two underpasses.

There is also a small resurfacing job to come up in Plumas County and 3.5 miles in Sierra County.

Clements Construction Company were low bidders on a realignment and bridge job in Arbuckle, California, \$389,000.

FEATHER LEVEE

Foster and McHarg Company are doing o.k. on the levee on Feather River and Honcut Creek with 19 men on the equipment. Charlie Lloyd in charge with a good crew of skimmers under him: Earl Wallace, Chuck Stewart, Ed McCoy, E. W. Geddis, Jim Murphy and other and all moving the mush.

Mehren Company are subbing the levee from Foster & McHarg. Brother Osborne and his crew are doing o.k. with super c's and two jeeps, Bill Taylor, Tommy Downey, Rod White, Hiley Owens, Pete McCleery and Chas. Heinz on the dozer.

The Kaiser Gravel Plant at Oroville is on overtime and busy as a bee.

Butte Creek Rock in Chico going full blast, also Ed Borden and his men always busy, with Daley Hunt, Walt Poore, Jimmy Dorris and Frank McFetridge in the shops.

The M.G.M. Company have one ditcher crew left on the Olivehurst job.

E. T. Haas has three men left on their Live Oak job. Brown and Krull have four men on their County Road job north of Live Oak in Butte County.

Clements have four men at the crusher getting out material for Brown and Krull.

Archie Till has one cat out at Hammon—Bro. Buzz Stromer on the same.

PERSONAL MENTION

Bro. Ira Bashaw of Beldon, California, the father of a baby girl.

Bro. Dick Whittington suffered a broken arm and laceration and concussion of the head while fishing, and Dick said that it wasn't bad, but he did hate to lose his fishing rod and glasses.

Bro. Allen Turk, also off duty with a broken arm. We hope these brothers will soon be well and wish them a speedy recovery.

Reno— REFRACTORIES, MINING, ROADS KEEP NEVADA BOYS BUSY

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE, Business Representative

There is a lot of activity out at Gabbs, Nevada. The Basic Refractories, Incorporated, has taken over all of the old B.M.I. plant. All of the equipment that Giberson bought from the government belongs to Basic Refractories and things are really booming. Basic Refractories is getting almost the whole plant ready to go back into operation, and they have just finished a new H.M.S. plant which will go into operation on or about the 15th of July, 1951.

Brother F. E. Canan has been put in charge of the H. M. S. plant. I am sure that he will be a good super and he will treat the Brothers working in the H. M. S. plant right. There is a large crew of Engineers on the job out at Basic. Brother John W. Sodergreen is the repair shop foreman, and a good one. The following Brothers are under John: J. E. Gill, Charles E. Sexton, R. J. "Brock" Taras, and Charles Milan, the Rawhide, Nevada, kid, who is on the p.m. shift. Charles is the lead man or the boy that everyone goes to with his trouble, even his family or business trouble, and Charles takes care of everything. So fellows take your troubles to Charles.

Brothers Carl Dinius and Albert E. Pounder are on the shovels. Brothers Jack V. Allred and James N. York are the oilers. Hyle Brumet is the maintenance foreman in the mill. The following Brothers are part of his crew: Rex Rawlings, R. F. Griffith, Michael Chambers, and H. M. Underwood. Now that's a fine bunch of maintenance men but they have a big job on their hands to keep that plant going. Brother E. N. Volk has a tough job running the compressors. However, he gets along fine until McDonald hauls in a lot of wagon drills, jackhammers and air hose and yells in a loud voice, "Fix them up Volk", and then takes off in a cloud of dust with his pickup truck.

STANDARD SLAG

Now down at the Basic Refractories loading plant at Luning, Nevada, Brother Donald Mr Anderson is the plant superintendent and Brother Juneus Campbell is the head loader man. They have a tough, hot job, but they are just the boys that can handle a tough job.

Standard Slag Company has quite a large operation at Gabbs, Nevada, and they are building more on to the plant each day. Brother Jack Jakowitz is the general shop foreman. Brother Joe Olson is the head welder and believe me that job is an all around job of welding. The following Brothers are in the mill: Charles Olsen, Ed. J. Forrey, Leon Smith, Pete A. Achurra, and Eldon Brandon. Some people seem to want to call these Brothers "Sackers", but they are not sackers, they are mill engineers and Pete is not a laborer and he told us so at the meeting in so many words.

Brothers William Neal Smith and Harry S. Godby are on the shovels at the iron ore pit for Standard Slag.

GOLD OUTFIT

Out at Round Mountain, Nevada, the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 has a signed agreement with the Round Mountain Gold Dredging Corporation. A lot of credit is due the committee, especially Brother Harry Johnson and his wife.

Mineral Materials Company from Alhambra, California, has started an iron ore operation twenty-eight miles south-east of Lovelock, Nevada. Brother Hallie Pfeifer is operating the dozer and blade for the outfit.

Utah Construction Company has an iron ore operation South of Beowawe, Nevada. They are going to get started soon.

Jim Simplot, the Idaho Potato King, has a Northwest 80 ad one tractor on an iron ore deposit near Palisade, Nevada.

Brother Parker Smith is the super on a road job for Smith-Wilson Company near Sparks, Nevada. Brothers Ed Smith and Lloyd Cooper are on dozers out there.

F. E. Young is nearing the finish line on the highway job near Glennbrook, Nevada, on the shores of Lake Tahoe.

Harmes Brothers are well along on their bridge near Doyle, California, and they are getting started on their job on highway 40 near Donner Summit and they will be moving in on their job on highway 40 between Truckee, California, and Reno, Nevada, in the near future.

Young and Smith has started their bridge job at Clark Station, Nevada, across the Truckee River. Brothers Kelly Cross and Robert Judd are working on that job.

Vic Swanson of the Operating Engineers says that an executive is a man who wears a frown on his assistant's face!

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San Francisco—

Few Big Projects in S. F., But Out of Work List Stays Low

By HARRY METZ, PAT CLANCY and RUSS SWANSON, Business Representatives

At this writing the work situation in San Francisco is good but on looking at the various jobs where engineers are employed we find that within the city limits there is very little new work that is of any size coming up and the bulk of the men are, or have been, working with the same contractors for some time. However, the orders have been coming into the S. F. office for blade, roller and cat engineers, and at times we have not been able to fill them. The out of work list is as low as it has been for some time.

AROUND THE JOBS

Clinton Const. still working on U. C. Hospital extension and now with a lot of steel up the building is beginning to take shape . . . Harney & M. & K. Corp. going right along on the Stanley Drive overpass job . . . M. & K. Corp. working on the sewer line on 17th Ave. and Lake St. . . M. & K. Corp. are also beginning a school job at 24th Ave. and Quintara—this is an addition to Lincoln High School . . . The job of Eaton & Smith at Lands End is completed and the highway was officially opened to traffic a few weeks ago. . . There are still a few engineers working at the Met. Housing for Dinwiddie but one by one the fellows are finishing up . . . C. Harney are about to begin another part of the freeway between 17th St. and Division . . . Lowrie Paving are going strong on outer Mission St. . . Most all of the shops in town are busy. There are very few new jobs that have not been reported on in the last few issues of this news.

PERSONAL TOUCH

Pat Clancy is once again on the payroll after being laid up for four months due to a serious operation. The overseas jobs have been very slow with the exception of one locality. That locality is French Morocco and the contractor is Atlas, which includes five companies, with M. & K., Bates & Rogers and three contractors from Georgia. A lot of the Engineers have taken off for Morocco and still others have been working there for a while. Roy Carpenter, Richard Lacy, Robert DeArmon, John Gilmore, E. L. Mansker, Phil Shea are some of the Engineers who have taken off this past

DEWEY CALLED ENEMY OF LABOR

The New York State Federation of Labor calls Gov. Thomas Dewey and his advisers "the outstanding enemies of organized labor in the country."

At its annual convention in Buffalo the State Federation June 21 adopted a resolution criticizing Dewey and his administration for acts against "all workers in the state."

Dewey, his administration and the New York Legislature approved legislation wrecking the state unemployment compensation system.

Under the new law Big Business in New York can raid the state's unemployment compensation fund.

Harold Hanover, State Federation secretary-treasurer, told the convention a year-round political action program is needed to fight Dewey and his kind.

Knowland, Nixon Back Profiteers

California's two U. S. Senators, William Knowland and Richard Nixon, both voted in the Senate recently against legislation to roll back prices of beef and other foods. The AFL Executive Council said this legislation was the "first serious attempt to protect American consumers from profiteering." Now, California workers are quite sure where Knowland and Nixon stand, and Knowland comes up for re-election next year.

Redding— WORK LOAD TO CONTINUE IN REDDING AREA TILL WINTER

By E. A. HESTER, Business Representative, Local 3

During the last three months work has been exceptionally good and we believe it will continue that way throughout this year or until the snow and rain flies again.

Over in no man's land at a place called Ft. Bidwell, Tyson and Watters of Sacramento are well under way on their 12 miles of highway resurfacing. The screeding plant is up and going full blast.

O'Hair Brothers, out of Adin in Lassen County, has added a lot more equipment to his fifteen mile stretch of highway and has recently put a number of our Brothers on the payroll. As to hours and conditions the Brothers are quite well satisfied on this project.

99 AT SHASTA

At Mt. Shasta on Highway 99, Rand Construction Co. are past the half way mark on this project with the following Brothers, Joseph Ames, Leo Henthorn, and Alvin R. Dixon taking care of the pulls. Raymond Barnes and Paul Brookshire are doing the blade work. Raymond Naylor, K. R. Swanson, and M. R. Foreman are on the cats. Brother Leo Noltamy recently left this job. He is now going to work for Ted Irving of Fresno. John McMurdo, John Pavlick, and Charles Barker are looking after the crushing plant. George H. Bonville is the technical engineer. Brother Howard Wood is the grade foreman. All working under the direction of Brother Harry Crawford, superintendent.

Clements Construction Co. of Hayward is doing the paving. The hot plant is up and in operation. Brother John Paselk is superintendent. Red Pierson is the box man and John Ray, a son of Everett J. Ray, is doing the oiling. Morton Prather is night fireman and Brother Badford is day fireman.

Bob Bartlett runs the paver and Lloyd Kemp is the street man. Larry Lareva operates the roller.

The Eugene Alves road job between Igo and Ono seems to be rolling along in fairly good shape. Brother Kenneth Fox has been foreman on this job but has pulled stakes and gone south. Bro. Ben Blackman who has been with Alves for a long time is taking over.

SNOW AT LASSEN

Over in Lassen Park where the snow is still about fifteen feet deep, Harmes Brothers have moved in a crushing plant, a shovel, and a cat. Brother Willard Walker is the plant engineer. His son Jimmy is doing the oiling. Brother L. H. Inman is operating the shovel, his oiler is W. L. Christopher. Brother Price and Bob Jones are doing the heavy duty repair work. W. P. Guttridge is on the cat. About twenty five thousand ton of rock to be crushed for this project. The project is about four miles in length. We expect to see more equipment and a few more Brothers on this project in the very near future.

About two months ago we started a campaign to organize the Shasta

County Road Department. Today we have them about ninety-five per cent organized and we hope that it won't be long until they are one-hundred per cent organized. So far everything is going along very nicely in that department and the boys all seem to be happy, particularly about their union affiliation, but feel that they should have a little more money for the work they do. A shovel runner and a tractor operator's wages are \$1.80 an hour, based on a five day week, with only four holidays a year. We believe now that a ten per cent increase is in order with eight paid holidays and \$3.00 a day subsistence where the job is more than twenty five miles from the starting point. Most all Shasta County elective officials recently received an increase in pay.

Brother Ralph R. Fullington is out of the hospital and is up and around. He recently received a skull fracture while operating a cat for M. W. Brown.

Rudy Wright and Walter Enockson left last week for Afghanistan to work for Morrison - Knudsen Construction Co. Their ticket takes them through New York, London, Paris, Cairo, and Karachi, India.

Owners Form Union

In Camden, N. J., a large group of small businessmen gave the nation a lesson in the importance of unity with organized labor. More than 100 men who own and operate their own gasoline stations voted to negotiate with the AFL for the chartering of a statewide owners' union. Secretary George Shipp, of the new union committee, explained that all the owners belonged to a dealers' association, but that wasn't enough, especially after the last price war a few months ago. Said Shipp, "We can get together and say that we will raise prices, but we have no economic fear of each other. We have to have an organization which can enforce our agreements. With a union we can put pickets on the man who cuts prices, and through union affiliation we could stop supplies being shipped into the state."

Annie, No Gun

In Copenhagen, Denmark, theatrical unions were up in arms over an unprecedented invasion by police. The leading lady of the hit Broadway production, "Annie Get Your Gun," was threatened with a fine for illegal possession of a weapon. She forgot to get a fire-arms license for the gun she uses on the stage.



SIGNS CONTRACT FOR INDIA GRAIN.—Madame Vijaya Pandit, Indian ambassador to U.S., signs contract for purchase of two million tons of grain on credit to help India fight off a famine. Earlier President Truman had signed a bill authorizing a loan of \$190 million to pay for the grain. AFL backed grain for India, demanded that at least half of it be carried in U.S. ships and that West Coast shipyards be given the work of reconditioning 100 Liberty ships.