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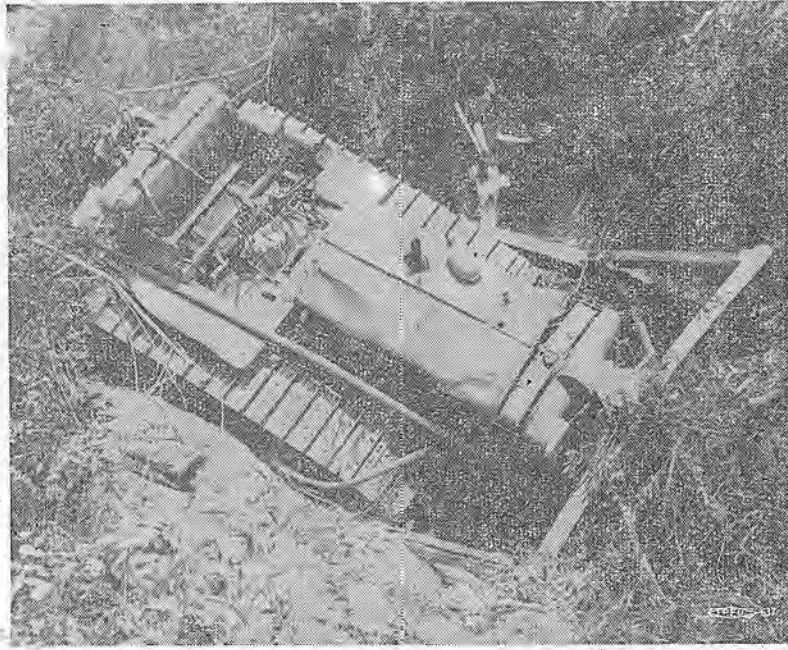
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This Cat Landed on its Feet!

Nothing unusual about a cat landing on its feet, but this bigger variety isn't usually that agile and many Engineers have been killed or badly hurt when the rig rolls. Engineer Bud Barnet was working on Mulholland drive in the Hollywood hills when his Cat got away from him on a steep grade. The Cat turned over four times but Bud parted company on the first flip, landing on his head and later getting 21 stitches in it. He was working with a broken ankle at the time and claimed after the accident that he elected to land on his head rather than hurt the ankle more.

\$7½-Million Waldo Widening Is OK'd

Golden Gate Bridge directors have approved plans for a \$7½-million project to widen Waldo grade, major Marin County approach to the bridge.

Plans are to widen the approach from four to six lanes and to drill a second tunnel. Work should start in November and be finished early in 1955.

J. C. Black, assistant highway engineer, told the directors that the state also is planning a new Richardson Bay bridge to be built after completion of the Waldo freeway.

The directors also approved contracts with Judson-Pacific-Murphy Corp. for \$3 million for bracing the bridge's bottom.

Airport Moving Ahead

Completion of S. F. Airport's over-all \$50-million expansion program is expected by the end of this year, Manager George Dixon told federal officials last week. Latest phase, a new \$6.7-million terminal and \$4.2-million in maintenance installations, is nearly finished. Later plans call for a hotel and a 3,000-car parking lot. Completion of the Bayshore Freeway will cut driving time from downtown to the airport to 15 or 20 minutes, Dixon said.

Is Your Name Here?

The following is a list of persons for whom we are holding checks: If your name is among those listed below, please contact the Public Relations Department of the San Francisco office:

L. R. Barnes M. J. Lafave
B. L. Booth Russell H. Manes
Harold Campbell J. H. Mustain
H. Cross Eugene H. McDonald
A. V. Dalton B. J. Sherman
F. W. Davis Charles W. McMullen
Ray Allen DeWitt Aster Whitaker
Ed Dorman C. R. Wilson
James J. Kemp

BOY, WOULD I LIKE TO DRIVE THAT THERE BULLDOZER!

Herbert Sanders, 36, of Fulton, New York, just couldn't resist it when he saw a bulldozer parked next to the home of a neighbor, Lew Chain, so he got aboard and started the darn thing. But he couldn't stop it, so—

The ornery critter proceeded to push Chain's four-room house off its foundation, dropping part of the house into the basement, and finally stopped in the kitchen. The house was a wreck.

IN MEMORIAM

THEODORE SILVER
Salt Lake City, Utah
March 4, 1953

JOE FLATE
Ely, Nev., March 31, 1953

E. I. MONTGOMERY
Gabbs, Nev., March 31, 1953

HARRY OLIVER WHITE
Visalia, Calif., June 5, 1953

ALBERT J. BAKAS
San Francisco, Calif.,
June 13, 1953

G. D. ENSMINGER
Patterson, Calif., June 15, 1953

CLAUDE SEDER
Concord, Calif., June 24, 1953

WM. DUPES
Pleasanton, Calif., June 25, 1953

HOWARD LUZIER
Reno, Nev., June 1953

MERRILL MANN
San Francisco, Calif., June 1953

STANLEY R. BISHOP
Oakland, Calif., July 3, 1953

Contribute your dollar to Labor's League for Political Education, register and vote—then you will have fulfilled your duty as a citizen.

Contractors Are Signing Up Individually With Local 3

FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL "LOCKED-OUT" MEMBERS PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED BY THE AGC:

Having agreed to a Health and Welfare Plan the Northern and Central California Chapters of the Associated General Contractors now refuse to put the plan into operation unless Local 3 will accept whatever the Associated General Contractors are willing to pay for working for an Associated General Contractor.

LABORERS SETTLE AGC WAGE BEEF

As we go to press, word is received that the N. Calif. Laborers have settled their wage beef with the A.G.C., the latter agreeing to meet the 15-cent increase or \$2 scale asked by the union.

Word is also received that the Machinists have settled their two-week strike in coast shipyards, all cities but Seattle ratifying the settlement terms.

S.F. Asks Survey For New Freeway Down Peninsula

San Francisco is asking the State Highway Commission to finance a survey for a new freeway down the west side of the Peninsula, to enter the city in the vicinity of Junipero Serra Blvd. and to eventually connect with approaches to the Golden Gate Bridge.

This big project and further work on three more advanced sections of the city's eventual freeway network were outlined at a Chamber of Commerce meeting. The program will be presented to the state commission at a meeting this month.

U.S. MAY HAVE LABOR PARTY, MEANY SAYS

London (LPA)—"If necessity demands" there will be a labor party in the United States, AFL President George Meany said here. He was on his way to Stockholm for the IOFTU Congress.

Asked why there is no labor party in the U.S., Meany said "it's a difference of methods. The British felt it necessary to get into the political arena. Since the enactment of a piece of legislation inimical to our whole structure, we have had a League for Political Education. So far, that's all we've felt we should do, but if necessity demands us to go down the road toward a political party we'll do it."

After Meany had denounced dictatorships he was asked about Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.). Meany said "I am sure that McCarthy does not represent the great mass of American people."

SERVICE WITHDRAWALS

JIMMIE HILTON
DONALD A. MITCHELL
JOHN SMALL
MICHAEL J. WESTON

Since the Associated General Contractors continue to display a callous disregard for the welfare of the members, Local 3 has decided to offer the contractors individually the opportunity of signing directly with Local 3.

Daily more and more contractors are taking advantage of Local 3's offer, signing up separately and getting their jobs under way.

Your Union feels that it will only be a matter of days before all of our members will be working.

—VICTOR S. SWANSON, Local Union Manager.

State Will Speed Up Program Of Needed Highway Construction

Governor Warren announced on July 7 that state highway construction work will be stepped up immediately, under the new budgeting of funds, to remedy many bad highway situations in the state.

Efforts to Prevent Accidents in State Begin to Pay Off

Accident prevention in California industry is paying off. This is revealed by figures in the June issue of the "California Safety News." While employment in the State in 1952 soared some 5 percent over 1951 figures to reach the highest level in history, says the "California Safety News," the number of injuries increased less than one percent. It was the first time a sharp increase in employment was not accompanied by a comparatively sharper rise in on-the-job injuries.

The injury rate showed a substantial drop of more than 4 percent; and the improvement over 1951 figures means that more than 6000 disabling work injuries were prevented last year. The one blot on the picture was an increase in on-the-job deaths.

Paul Scharrenberg, California Director of Industrial Relations, warns against any complacency or let-up in accident prevention efforts. "Much remains to be done," he says, adding that while significant progress has been made, "We are far from satisfied." He calls upon both management and labor to redouble their endeavors for on-the-job safety of workers.

ENGINEER IS ELECTED
H. T. Peterson, Fresno district business agent of Engineers Local 3, has been elected president of Fresno Building Trades Council after filling out six months of Charles Robinson's term after the latter was named business representative of the Northern California District Council of Laborers.

Give your dollar to Labor's League;
Join up now and don't renege.

State engineers have been called in from all parts of the state to help in formulating an over-all program expanding construction work, and the highway commission is busy rebudgeting funds under the new tax program which went into effect on July 1.

The governor last week signed a bill which paves the way for a four-lane highway across the Sierra-Nevadas. This bill adds State Route No. 234 to the state system, from Nevada line to S. F. Bay over a route to be selected by the highway commission. It sets up a fund of \$20,000,000 for a period of the next five years for the state share of construction costs to be available if matched by federal funds.

The bill directs the commission to consider military necessities and recommendations of federal authorities.

Purchase of needed rights of way well in advance is part of the program, in order to save on future costs. In 1933 the total spent for state highway rights-of-way was nine percent of the total spent for actual highway work. Last year, rights-of-way cost 41 percent.

Reshuffle State Reclamation Plans

Secretary McKay's economy reorganization of the Interior Department is abolishing the Reclamation District's Region Two, headquartered at Sacramento. Central Valley Project comprises about 80 percent of Region Two.

In place of it is a new California Projects Office. A director replacing recently-resigned Richard Boke, has yet to be named. In place of Region Two's district offices will be planning offices located at Arcata, Chico, Stockton, Fresno and Ventura.

Personnel employed have been cut from 2200 to 1678.

State Federation Says—

Major Defensive Victory Won at '53 Legislature

Full credit to unions and councils on the home front was given this week by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, in explanation of labor's success in emerging from the 1953 state legislative session with its trade union structure fully intact.

In a preliminary report of the session released to the AFL press in California, Haggerty declared that "despite the gloomy prospects of early March,"

organized labor survived fanatical, dangerous attacks on both trade union practices and the progressive social legislation which has long been a part of California law.

The state AFL executive also reported that labor had achieved one major positive victory in the form of increased disability insurance benefits which hike temporary weekly payments from \$30 to \$35.

In reflecting on the savage anti-union offensive of the Big Money forces, Haggerty stated that labor withstood these "aggressions" largely because AFL unions and councils throughout the state made known the minds of millions of wage earners during the critical committee and floor tests of the 1953 session.

The 14-page preliminary report covers the Sacramento experience in such subjects as direct trade union legislation, workmen's compensation, disability insurance, unemployment insurance, taxation, public housing, and construction.

A total report, featuring voting records and detailed histories of every bill pertinent to labor, will be published prior to the August convention of the State Federation.

The preliminary report divides the business of interest to labor which came up before the 1953 Legislature into several classifications, and then proceeds to estimate briefly what was accomplished by us, and what was done to us by our enemies in each case.

Following are some of the highlights of the State Federation's preliminary legislative analysis:

I. Measures Directly Affecting Labor

Anti-labor forces in California teamed up with the national forces trying to shift the attack on labor to the state level, and at this Legislature introduced more than a dozen anti-labor bills aimed at severely crippling and eventually destroying the labor movement in California.

The spearhead of these efforts was the compulsory open shop bill, AB 2284, falsely titled the "Right to work-Bill," introduced by Harold K. Levering, Republican from the plush Beverly Hills district in Southern California.

Levering, incidentally, turns up as the major villain in this legislative session, and had his name on several other dangerous and vicious measures.

The Federation rallied the aid of responsible business leaders throughout the state, and greatly aided by a flood of wires and letters from the rank and file members, killed this bill in committee. Later efforts to push through very similar bills also were stopped.

On this score California labor won a defensive, but a complete victory. Not one of the major bills aimed directly at union was enacted into law.

II. Employment Security

Employer groups and private insurance carriers went to the last Legislature loaded for bear and determined to cut the heart out of the unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workmen's compensation programs.

The Federation also went to

Sacramento with a full program for bringing about needed improvements in benefit levels and eliminating unfair restrictions in these welfare programs.

Mainly because they controlled absolutely the Assembly Finance and Insurance Committee, the big employers were able to stop the state AFL program dead in its tracks in all items except for a small increase in maximum disability benefits, from \$30 to \$35. But by fighting hard all along the line, and again with the aid of a strong letter-writing campaign, the Federation was able to beat down the employers' major raids against the welfare programs and agencies.

The strongest employer attack was against the unemployment insurance program. The stage was set for this raid by a sudden outburst of newspaper propaganda about widespread jobless insurance frauds. In addition, the employers put their biggest push behind a very tricky bill, AB 2623 by Ernest Geddes (R., Los Angeles), which proposed to increase maximum weekly jobless benefit payments from \$25 to \$30.

In the course of its fight against this bill, the Federation brought out the fact that it contained "jokers" that would have disqualified 150,000 claimants, or 36 per cent of all claimants for the calendar year 1953, and would have cost these workers \$12.5 million.

The so-called increase would have gone just to those entitled to get more than the present \$25, but total benefits would actually have been cut some \$5.7 million.

The Federation pointed these drastic effects of the bill out to individual assemblymen and succeeded in getting it referred back to the committee and permanently bottled up.

On disability insurance, the \$5 raise in maximum benefits and raise to \$10 for hospital allowance is good, but it is tied up in a bill with provisions that will allow private insurance carriers to pick only the choice risks and throw all the adverse risks onto the state disability fund.

Unless this provision is reversed by future legislatures, the state AFL warns, it will drain the state welfare fund, prevent future increases in benefits, and seriously endanger the solvency of the fund.

III. Housing

The State Federation was successful in killing a three-pronged assault to banish all public housing programs.

Here again Reaction's quarter-back was Assemblyman Levering, who introduced the three bills comprising the real estate interests' program.

Defeated the first time, these elements tried two more times with "skeleton" bills and with minor amendments, but the matter finally ended up in an interim committee "for further study."

IV. Taxation

Top taxation victory scored by the Federation was stopping the notorious "Millionaires' Amendment" proposal.

This was a constitution proposal to put California behind the movement to call a federal constitutional convention to limit federal

income taxes to 25 per cent. This would certainly compel passage of a national sales tax and add to the burdens of the small taxpayer the share of taxes which the millionaires would be relieved of paying.

The Federation also successfully opposed all efforts to impose new consumer and sales taxes on the wage earning public of this state. In practically all instances the Federation fought a lone battle against these bills.

V. Construction

In the sphere of laws affecting construction workers, the Federation won passage of three good measures: AB 217, which puts public housing authorities under the labor code's prevailing wage provisions; AB 218, which brings into the definition of "public works" the alteration and repair of buildings operated by public housing authorities; and AB 1518, which brings alteration and demolition work under the present prevailing wage law.

Jimmy: "Aw, you're afraid to fight."

Johnny: "Naw, but if I fight, my mom will find out and spank me."

Jimmy: "How'll she find out?"

Johnny: "She'll see the doc going to your place."

A Navy wife, bidding her husband good-bye as he was embarking for duty in the Pacific, was incensed when she saw a black Scotty trot aboard.

"Why should dogs be allowed to go along when the men's wives are forbidden?" she demanded indignantly of an officer.

"Madam," he replied, "you see, all the men can pet one dog and nobody gets mad."

In "dry" Mississippi, the prohibition issue is a constant problem for office-seekers, because the voters are about equally divided on the matter.

One candidate, hard pressed to state his stand, declared, "Well, half of my friends are for it and half of my friends are against it. I want it understood I'm for my friends."

A newspaperman separated two men whom he found exchanging blows. "What's this all about?" he inquired.

"I called him a liar," growled one.

"Suppose I am a liar!" roared the other. "I've got a right to be sensitive about it, haven't I?"

"Here's a ticket for the conjurin' show, Maggie."

"That's verra kind of ye, Donald."

"Aye—and when he comes to that trick where he takes a teaspoon of flour and one egg, makes 20 omelettes, watch verra close!"

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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 6 were read and by motion approved as read.

A Synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of June 17 and of July 8 read, and the acts and recommendations of Board approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from the family of George D. Roberts; Mrs. White and family; Marie Luzier and family; family of Merrill Mann; Mrs. Bakas and family; the family of Edwin J. Watkins. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Clare A. Banks, Jr., A. J. Bruce, J. Baumgartner, B. F. Batchelar, Bernard Budde, Baker Cleveland, James Cutler, Joseph Carrigan, Glen E. Descans, Walter Devencenzi, Wm. Dupes, Chas. L. Graves, Bill Hogue, Ellis Hensley, James Huntington, Maurice E. Jones, Geo. O. Jones, J. D. Jacobsen, Deryl E. Ling, Louis E. Morse, Wallace N. Mitchell, Frank A. Ott, Elzie C. O'Mary, Charles Phenix, Book Perkins, R. C. Potter, Geo. H. Rees, Daniel C. Smith, Harry Sprinz, Virgil Stamps, N. L. Sevedge, Wm. Stark, C. W. Sherman, Jack Tittle, Robert Trowbridge, Ernest Vargas, B. F. Wilson, Edward D. West, Harvie L. Young, Laurence Zimmer.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Edwin J. Watkins, Howard B. Luzier, George D. Roberts, Elmer Wooten, Frank C. Cowan, Harry Oliver White, G. D. Ensminger, Albert J. Bakas, Joe Flate, E. D. Montgomery, Merrill Mann, William Dupes, Theodore Silver. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

Brother John J. McDonald, Third Vice-President, International Union of Operating Engineers, administered the oath of office in the installation of officers.

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

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

Third Vice-President John J. McDonald reported on his trip to Utah with Brother Harry Metz, in regard to the Agreement with the Intermountain Branch, Associated General Contractors. His remarks were well received by the membership.

Brother Ed Park, State Labor Commissioner, gave a brief outline of his work, and praised the work of Brother C. J. Haggerty, Secretary California State Federation of Labor. His remarks were well received by the membership.

Brother F. A. Lawrence, Industrial Accident Commissioner, requested that the members pay more attention to the questions and answers he has prepared for printing in our Engineers News, evidently do not read them since they ask questions that have been fully answered. His remarks were well received by the membership.

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

Respectfully submitted
 C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary

Here Are Rules on Reconsidering Job Accident Compensation Cases

By FRANK A. LAWRENCE,
 State Industrial Accident Commissioner

Question: Is there a Motion for a New Trial in industrial accident cases?

Answer: While the petition to be filed is not termed a Motion for a New Trial, it is the equivalent of one. It is termed Petition for Reconsideration.

Question: Within what time must a Petition for Reconsideration be filed?

Answer: A Petition for Reconsideration must be filed not later than twenty days after service of decision.

Question: How is such a petition filed?

Answer: A Petition for Reconsideration is filed by sending it to any office of the Industrial Accident Commission by Mail, or presenting it to any office of the Commission in person, or by messenger.

Question: Is there a printed form of Petition for Reconsideration furnished by the Commission without charge?

Answer: Yes, there is a printed form of Petition for Reconsideration, which contains sufficient space to typewrite or write the required fully detailed reasons why the petitioning party believes the original decision is erroneous. No charge is made for these forms.

Question: Upon what grounds is a Petition for Reconsideration filed?

Answer: There are five grounds set forth by law for reconsideration, and they are:

1. The decision was in excess of the powers of the officer who made it.
2. The decision was procured by fraud.
3. The evidence presented does not justify the findings of fact in the decision.

4. New evidence has been discovered.
5. The findings of fact to not support the decision.

Question: What should be the contents of a Petition for Reconsideration?

Answer: A Petition for Reconsideration should state in full detail the reason why the petitioning party feels the decision is unjustified, or unlawful, and should give such details that would enable the Commissioners to determine the facts of the case.

Question: Must a Petition for Reconsideration be verified, and what is a verification?

Answer: Yes, it must be verified. A verification is a statement under oath that the facts are true and correct.

Question: Must a Petition for Reconsideration be filed with the Commission, and a copy sent to the opposing parties?

Answer: Yes, it must be filed, but before it can be accepted by the Commission for filing the petitioning party must indicate in writing that he has sent, mailed or personally delivered a copy of the Petition to all opposing parties in the case.

Question: May an Answer be filed?

Answer: The opposing party has the right to file an Answer to the Petition for Reconsideration.

Question: What are the contents of an Answer?

Answer: An Answer must be verified, the same as the Petition, and it may state any facts that the answering party considers should be brought to the attention of the Commissioners.

Third Time's the Charm: Folsom Dam Resumes Operations

By W. V. MINAHAN, H. S. CLARK and E. M. NELSON,
Business Representatives

Folsom Dam contractors have started three shifts pouring concrete after replacing the coffer dam for the third time. While the trestle is under construction, the company is using a fleet of trucks and four cubic yard buckets to carry the concrete across the river. When the trestle is completed the concrete will be moved by dinkeys and the buckets will be lowered with the hammerhead.

Approximately 115,000 cubic yards of concrete were placed in the main dam before the rains washed out the coffer dam. A total of 1,000,000 cubic yards of concrete will be required to complete the main dam. If contractors are successful in concretizing the river bed to a sufficient height, work can continue on the abutments during high waters this winter.

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the right earth filled dam is completed with 1,500,000 cubic yards of material in place. One-third of the left wing is completed with 260,000 cubic yards. Eight dikes are under construction with 3,600,000 cubic yards in place and 1,800,000 more required for completion. When the Folsom Dam is completed it will store 1,000,000 acre feet of water.

The Morrison-Knudsen Co. recently finished riprapping the Mormon Island Auxiliary Dam. This company and George Patterson Co. have completed the relocation of the Salmon Falls-Pilot Hill and Rescue Road with the exception of the bridge, across the American River, which is 75 per cent complete.

Nimbus Dam is now working at capacity. In the next issue of our paper we will give you some vital statistics on that project.

The Fredrickson-Watson and M-K Corp., at the Sly Park project, got under way again after a brief shutdown because of a strike. This company has three rigs going at this time. George Freeland, Mat Mattingly, Whitey Resh and Irvin Silverberg are doing the lever pulling.

There are several cats on this job and one pull, one blade and four new eucs to date. Danny Shirts and Dave Hanny are doing a good job of bossing these two spreads. They are doing the preliminary work and, at this time this project should be on a two-shift basis in the next two or three weeks.

The Wixon & Crowe Co., who have the clearing at Sly Park, are making rapid progress and should have it nearly completed by the first of August. The Tri-Con Construction Co. and Tarlton Construction Co. are still shut down at this date. We are hopeful that they will resume work in the very near future.

The Fredrickson-Watson underpass job at Placerville is also operating with Ralph Hillhouse and John Wunschel doing the operating. This job is also well on the way to completion.

The M & M Welding shop at Placerville, with Bro. Gus Moritz, owner, and Bro. Melvin Lawson, working as welder, has been busy cutting rodeo pictures for the fair grounds, and a good job, too. This work can be seen on the fairground walls from the highway. This shop has all the facilities for machine work, all types of welding supplies, and portable welders. They will go anywhere.

Bro. Ed Hunter also has a welding shop in Placerville. This shop, too, has portable welders, wire rope and supplies.

The Henningson Bros.' batch plant in Placerville has also felt the effects of the shutdown. They manage to keep the brothers working at various jobs around town. This company has dump trucks, ready-mix concrete transports, vans and all types of building materials.

The Hughes-Vertin Lime Co. at Auburn are making progress installing their new burner. We expect to see this new addition operating in the near future. Brother Vaughn Stone does the bossing at this plant.

The California Rock plant hasn't started their summer run as yet, but hope to get going some time in July.

The Thomas & Sullivan Co., do-

ing the road from Auburn to the river, are getting along very well. They are about ready for road rock at this writing. Another month should see them about finished.

E. W. Simpson and Gus Bergquist, contractors in Auburn, keep the brothers busy at all times on all types of work in that vicinity. Joe Chevreux keeps his plant operating at all times and also keeps his shop crew going steadily.

John Mehren, who has a one-mile road job at Nevada City, will get the rigs going on July 6. This project, \$148,000, will keep the brothers in that area busy for several weeks.

Elmer Warner Co. have completed their road job nine miles north of Nevada City and have moved to another project.

The gravel plants in Sacramento have felt the effects of the shutdown but they have managed to keep the regular crews going so far.

The National Tractor Co. in Sacramento has plenty of work for the brothers. Those now working there are Spike Gagle, Orville Sims, George Ennis, Leon Murphy, Edgar Ray, Fred Fox, Al Curry, Hale Hollingworth and Joe Gassaway.

The Graco Co., International Tractor shop at Woodland, has the brothers going full swing now. Bro. Rudy Wademan is the steward here and he's doing a bang-up job.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

George Scott hoisting; Danny Shirts hard hat; Dave Hanny watching slope; Whitey Resh backhoeing; Bob Morgan checking grade; Lee Roberts moving; Jack Dundee blading access road; Bill Mason going fishing; Bill Snider getting cleared; Lee Young pumping wind; Tex Durham playing machine; Fred Edgeman rolling the ball; Jerry Aldridge burning; Ted Webb eating ham and eggs; George Neely batch plant; Jerry Haase big rig; Ernie Bachtel surveying a service station; Bob Soderlund diving bull dozer; Don Morris laying out; Jimmie Ward spraying; Wes Fothergill waiting; Bob Wagnon lifting 19,000 lbs.; Wesley Rhoades setting pumps; "Foxy" Fuches tightening nuts.

Bob Callender loading out; James Chamberlain busting nuts; Harvey Stencil in the brush; Dave Humphrey catching trout; Al Human working in the shop; John Hartman telephoning; Don Johnson driving a new car; John Shaffer still drinking coffee; Floyd Evans waiting for Consolidated; Ray Jacobus wondering; Bud Anderson running into a door; Bob Hall vacation in Canada; Vern Cantrell setting up tanks; C. A. Jensen driving on the highway; Irvin Silverberg selling real estate; Bruce Farrow contemplating; Bob Timm, cat work, call Woodland 2-4298; Hillman Caywood hiring skimmers; Bill Johnston dozing; Oliver Godfrey, Earl McGuire, Bill Cramer and Bro. Jones making ice; Jack Boles watching the belt; Howard Counts new shop shifter; Dick Seaton running a lathe; Greetings to the following surveyors: John Duff, Glen Bartell, Ed Fitzsimons, Ray Hastings, Laverne Klopotek, Al Walker, Dalton Ball and Bill Clark.

We recently received a letter from Bro. Ed Rankin who is working at Aden in Casablanca, 10,000 miles from home, telling us how proud he is to be a member of Local 3. Thanks, Ed, for those kind words. He says that Charlie Dees and many other Local 3 members are on the Aden project and doing a wonderful job.

We received another letter from

Bro. Paul Collette who says that he is doing very well and extends his best wishes to his many friends in this area.

Brother Ed Park, State Labor Commissioner, was guest of honor and principal speaker at a Rotary luncheon recently in Lincoln. Ed gave an excellent talk on the functions of his department.

Our sympathy goes to Brother George Scott and family who suffered quite a loss from a fire in their home. It was caused by combustion of flower seeds stored in a closet.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Gene Austin upon the arrival of a baby boy. Incidentally, Grandpa Ray is bursting with justifiable pride. Also, to Frank Salas Sr. and Van Strickland, a couple of proud grandparents. Frank Salas Jr. and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy, named Fredrick Van Salas.

Wishes for a better future go to Bro. Paul McNeely who spent some time in a hospital suffering from a slight heart attack; and to Peter Eres, son of Bro. Jake, who was injured while playing with a .22 calibre rifle.

BLOOD BANK

Thanks to Bro. Harry Crigler, who was our lone donor last month. We appreciate your help, Harry. We have released a tremendous amount of blood this past month, leaving our supply exhausted. Please call this office for an appointment and help to build this fund, YOUR Blood Bank fund, so that you or your family may call upon it for help if needed.

Remember that this office is open every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 and on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12 noon.

Hope all the members had a joyous Fourth of July!

See Hires For Housing, Foreign Work

By J. K. KAIWAILOLE
Business Representative

All this talk about hotels to be built is now getting to be a reality with William Greenbach's announcement to build a 275 room hotel across from the Surf Rider Hotel and to cost \$1,500,000. Construction begins September 1. It will be a six story building, with a swimming pool, an underground parking garage for 125 cars and a dining room capable of seating 500 persons.

Len's Construction out of Los Angeles who completed a 355 unit housing project last year for the Navy is back in town with another contract to go 300 more units at Barbers Pt. for the Navy again. The Engineers were also called in by Mr. Sam Len on an initial meeting on possible hires and a contract.

Mr. George Tharp of Western Builders, Ltd., also has 257 units for the Navy at Pearl City Peninsular. The Engineers have been contacted to supply some heavy equipment operators. We're glad to have this outlet for hire as many members employed by Mid-Pac are gradually being surplus.

Mr. Grottkau, project manager of Pacific Dredging Co., Ltd., stopped over in town and called your representative in on new hires for Okinawa. At present we have 8 boys out there. He said Jim McCandless, Wallace Kunukau and Masao Yoneoke are pulling 12-hour shifts on levers. They will be helped soon by Tom Wills and Frank Soares, veteran levermen already on their way.

Brother Kuulei Farm dropped in to say aloha goodbye and that he was on his way back to the mainland with sights set on foreign work again. The Moroccans chased him out of Casablanca last time he was there.

AT LONG LAST, ISBELL NEGOTIATIONS COMPLETED

By H. L. ("Curley") SPENCE and J. W. ("Bill") BARR,
Business Representatives

The long drawn out negotiations between Isbell Construction Co. and the Operating Engineers Local Union 3 were completed and the Dear Brothers have voted to accept the Nine Cents (\$.09) per hour increase on all classifications, retroactive to March 21, 1953, and six paid holidays. The contract to expire March 21, 1954.

This Agreement covers both of the Isbell Construction Co. stripping jobs in Local Union No. 3's jurisdiction, the Leviathan Mine stripping operation in Alpine county, Calif., and all their stripping operations at Ely, Nevada.

Some of the Brothers are very happy with the new arrangements, but some of the others are a bit unhappy.

Brother Henry "Doc" Lumby, the outstanding shovel repair man for Isbell is very happy with his job. He thinks he will just stay with Isbell until he can retire and draw his old age pension. I'm glad that "Doc" is so happy with his job. Brother E. E. Ford, the Vacation Kid, is a very happy Brother. He gets along very well with the Company. Brother Earl A. Beckham has a few worries about his work, but they are small ones, and he will make out OK. Brother B. W. Willard, the Isbell Cat Doctor, has no troubles or worries at all. He is just the same, if all the Cats are running or all of them down, he is mad regardless what happens.

Brother Henry Tonn and his Oiler, Woodrow Behank are an outstanding shovel crew, especially that Oiler "Woody". He's really a "boy about town." Brother Tony Fondi, the Greaser Super, is the busiest man on the job, really keeps things greased. Tony's even busier than Hoover, and that is busy!!! The only unreasonable Brother on the job is Brother William "Bill" McQueen. He just can't even agree with himself. He really moans about everything. However, Bill has his own ideas about things, and he gets his own way most of the time. He can even tell Lumby "whom is who and who is whom," and that's something no one can do very often.

The Brothers that work at the Leviathan Mine for Isbell are quite a different bunch from the Ely Gang and there is a reason for that. When you get such fellows as Brother "O" Murphy on a Shovel, Brother G. B. "Chi" Heidemman on a Shovel, Brother Frank Jakowatz, the HDRM Shop Foreman, Ed Clifford, HDRM, and of course that HDRM, Brother R. W. "Bob" Pulsipher, now that's the man around the shop, and Dear Brother Gerald Luke! He's back and Isbell has him. And that Luke is really the boy. When he's on the job, they really get things done. They tell me that when Luke left Local Union No. 428 in Phoenix, Arizona, to come back to Local Union No. 3, everything was called to a sudden halt down there. Is that true Luke??? Brother Chris Guldager is busy on a Cat and hasn't been so happy since he left the Construction Game and went into the Mining and Stripping Business. Maybe not quite enough pay, but he's still happy. And let's not forget, Brother Bill Peterson, "The Churndrill Kid," doing his share with the Churn Drill.

The Wells-Cargo outfit has started to move in on the Spring Valley road east of Ely and have been fighting wind and dust for ten (10) days. It's a good job though regardless of our fine weather elements; approximately fourteen and a half (14½) miles and enough dirt to move to make a few of the Brothers happy. So far Brothers Leonard Ellis and Alex Fullerton are on the Cats, Brother Al Henderson is grade foreman, and more equipment coming soon. Brother Ellis and the "Mrs." just bought a new trailer that they are very proud of. Should be, 'cause it's really a beauty.

Over the Conners Pass, out of Ely on Highway No. 93 and No. 6, the Gibbons and Reed job is going right along, working six days and nine hours a day is Brother Nick "Lefty" Lemich, the Push-Cat Jockey. Brother Roy Marcotte and Brother Delbert "Bert" Roark are on the "Cans". Brother Silas Mor-

rell and Sam Brown are grade foremen, and Brother Bill Miers is the "monkey wrench."

Macal Construction Company has moved on to their road job in Alpine County near Markleeville. The Claude C. Wood Company is on this too, finishing up seven (7) miles on the east end of the job, with Macal taking care of the surfacing and the new road built in Alpine. Brother Therman Smith is pushing the spread of (6) DW 10's, four (4) Dozers and two (2) shovels. Brothers W. B. Gibeson and John Dennis are on two of the 10's. Quite a few of the Brothers from down California way are on this job, enjoying a nice summer vacation in the mountains, WITH PAY.

Walsh Construction Company has the Bridge and Overpass at Portola, California, underway. Brothers Ed Duncan and G. W. "Mickey" Cavana and Brother Sullivan are on the Cats on this job, changing the river channel and making fill. Brother F. L. Campbell is busy with the repair-work and doing a little bossing too.

Brother Frank and Bob Gillespie are keeping their Cats and Cans busy at the Housing Project at Herlong, California. Brother Ed. Boyett is the Batch Plant Operator and Brother John Garnier is furnishing the sand.

Peter Kiewit & Sons at the Fallon Air Base job have a "hot" plant crew, and we do mean "hot". The crew has been waiting for a break in the weather so that they could get the hot stuff on the landing strips. Brother Franklin is the "bossman" on the Plant with Brothers Greenwood and Sweeting doing the repairs. Brother Jim Stratton is the man on the levers, and last but not least, Brother Pat McCarthy doing the Oiling.

Brother Wilbur May is Foreman in charge of laying the Hot Stuff with Brothers Burney Leissner and Blackie Jones on the Barbergreene. Brothers C. M. Scott and Buetler are doing the follow up on the Rollers.

Brother "Brownie" Brown has a first class repair gang. You should see his two new Greasers, Brothers Jerry and Dale Morlan. The last I heard they had headed for the store to buy flashlights and flares. Seems this old Nevada prairie gets a little dark at night, and they want to be sure someone is going to find them.

We also saw Brothers Warren Whitehead, Lawrence Cawelt and Willard Snowball doing some very fine blade work. That's a good job down old Fallon way.

We had a visitor and what a visitor. Thomas Eck is home! After being overseas "too long" as he says and moving all the dirt in Afghanistan, modesty only permits him to say he "helped", he's back with a two (2) months paid vacation and then he'll be ready to cross over again.

Tommy is having a fine time visiting all the old buddies. We sure enjoyed his too brief a stay here and just hope he gets back this way before leaving us again.

Brother John Stephens surprised us, too. Got so used to hearing from him by overseas mail that "in person" was almost too much. He's back with us again and plans to stay a while. Visiting right now, notice I said visiting, in San Francisco, but we hope he'll soon be back in the old Silver State busy on a Blade, Cat, etc.

Can truthfully say, we believe in the old saying "every cloud has a silver lining." The trouble in California has done one thing for us; given us a chance to see more old friends, familiar faces and just get to say hello to a lot of the fellows we haven't seen in a long time. Wish conditions were all settled, but it's good to see all of you that have dropped in.

TWO BIG ROAD JOBS COMING UP AT STOCKTON

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

By the time this report is published we sincerely hope that the Laborers and the Associated General Contractors have reached an amicable agreement in their dispute and are back at work.

Two jobs that will take some of the brothers off the bench have come up since the Laborers strike. One is four miles of

freeway, between Manteca and Ripon with M.J.B. Const Co. and Lord & Bishop being the low bidders, at just over a million dollars.

Claude Wood Co. was low bidder on the other job which amounts to one-quarter of a million on Route 88, near Wallace.

McDonald Engineering Co. has a job at French Camp which is progressing nicely. This will be a rice processing plant. R. E. McCarthy has a drag-line and Ray Concrete Pile Co. has a driver on this project.

Frank Taylor's crew is busy loading boats out at the Port with coal and iron ore which they feed into the hoppers with dozens on a double shift basis and occasionally getting some double time on Sundays and holidays.

S. M. McGaw Co., is busy paving for the City of Stockton, plus the odd jobs they pick up in and around town. McGaw Co., who have an independent agreement, keep about 28 members busy the year 'round.

Stanfield & Moody keep a few of the brothers working at the State Hospital — the job will be completed by the time this is printed.

Nomellini Construction Co. have quite a few of the brothers working at Lincoln Village Housing Project and at their shop.

Golden Gate Builders have cut down on their engineer help but still have three members on their payroll.

Gordon Capps keeps busy between his job for Sheperd & Green out at the Port and the housing project at Mayfair Tract. Has jobs to do at Fairfield and Fresno when the strike is settled.

The land leveling picture is becoming a little brighter with some of the contractors picking up work as the barley is being harvested.

Joe Meyers has five rigs working at the San Joaquin River Bridge on the Maze Road, leveling a piece of ground that Fredericksen Bros. used as a borrow pit for a levee repair job last winter.

P. G. Andrew should be started on one of two jobs by the time this goes to press. Both in the Tracy area.

Lou Erickson has his D-8 working north of Tracy with Brother Louis Silveria at the controls.

Lee Immel has three members from the Bay Area working on the ranch he just purchased from the government at Vernalis. These boys have been with Immel for some time.

Frank Taylor keeps busy leveling on a double shift basis on the Farmington Road.

Fred Piacentine gets a job now and then for the two brothers whom he keeps busy repairing until they have run out of anything to repair.

The Akslands have some levee work for Spreckles Sugar Co., which will be used as settling ponds for the refinery. They also have three rigs working near Dixon, with Brothers Ralph Hoback, Fred, Howard and Jim Sobrero being bait for the gnats, mosquitos, and field floozies that are common up there. The rest of the Akslands (crew) are working near San Joaquin City, in the alkali.

Three members of Local 3-D were honored for their long and faithful service record at the Calaveras Cement Co. plant, located at San Andreas. Mr. H. C. Maginn, vice-president, presented gold watches for 25 years of exceptional service to Brothers Stillman Kath-an, Dante Oneto and Louis Avila at a breakfast Sunday, June 21, 1953, at the Kentucky House (the company guest house, located near the plant.) Congratulations, brothers, on your splendid record.

The breakfast was attended by a good representation from all de-

partments. Colored motion pictures of the plant's operation were shown by Mr. Gardner Mein, (purchasing agent) which were greatly enjoyed by all those present. The outlook for the company is for a busy season, and we hope the picture doesn't change.

The rock, sand and gravel plants are rolling along fairly steady in this area, although they are stockpiling considerable of their output at this time.

Kaiser Magneslum Corp plant at Manteca has closed down completely and most of the members have taken withdrawal cards from Local 3-D.

Work in this area is moving along, as far as the independent contractors are concerned, and the members employed by them are happy.

The following brothers have contributed to the Operating Engineers Blood Bank: C. L. Thompson, Harvey Edwards, Kenneth Doak, Bill Herman. Thank you, brothers, we sincerely appreciate it.

AGC Halts San Jose Jobs; Permanente Boosts Output

By M. G. ("Mickey") MURPHY and A. J. ("Buck") HOPE, Business Representatives

Needless to say, Brothers, you all know the situation here in this district since the AGC closed down their jobs, and we are quite sure the same situation prevails in most of the other districts; however, we are managing to keep a few of the Brothers on the payroll of our Independent Contractors.

Moffett Field has kept going on its steel erection, with such companies as Chicago Bridge & Iron, Pittsburgh - Des Moines, Consolidated Western, Eichley Steel and San Jose Steel. None of these firms being affected by the A.G.C. shut down, has enabled many of the boys to keep working.

Permanente Cement Co. are now working a double shift in their quarry, and this decision has helped alleviate the situation to a great extent. Kaiser Chemical & Aluminum Corporation are also maintaining a heavy production in the Foil Plant, on a three shift basis, which we hope will continue.

Healy Tibbetts are still operating to capacity on the P.G.&E. job north of Moffett Field. Then we have Norman Peterson Co. making good progress on their Crash Boat Landing Wharf and access road which also is north of the base.

Most of our Ready Mix Plants and Quarries have slowed down to a snail's pace and some of them have laid off men or given their employees vacations for a couple of weeks.

We do expect considerable activity in this locality just as soon as the present situation has become clarified. We have a couple of large underground jobs to start in Milpitas area very soon. McQuire & Hester being the low bidders on one and Manuel Smith on the other. Then we have two to come up in Sunnyvale, one in Mt. View, and no doubt more on the Ford Plant, which at this writing is at a standstill. This, Brothers, just about sums up the present activity for this locality, and we are hoping for a brighter future.

SANTA CRUZ, WATSONVILLE and MONTEREY

Nearly all of the jobs in the Southern territory are closed down temporarily due to strike. However, many large contracts have been let, and there will be plenty of work as soon as the present labor difficulty has been settled. Granite Construction has been awarded in the past three weeks

Field Surveying—Government Shifts Work to Private Firms

By AL BOARDMAN

Recent trends in government engineering procedure should be encouraging to members working for private engineering firms. Government agencies are going out of the engineering business. More and more survey projects are being let out for bids, and we hope that this becomes standard practice by all government agencies.

Most recent awards have been to the engineering firms of Pafford, Jones & White, of Hollywood, Calif., on a mapping job of the San Francisco and Monterey presidios, also a four-mile access location road for the Bureau of Forestry in the Redding area, to Ed Hazen of San Jose. Both of these firms are union firms under contract with the Operating Engineers Local No. 3.

Along the same lines, the June issue of *Western Construction* magazine had a long article by engineering heads of the seven western states on how they were coping with engineering shortage. The consensus was that the only solution was to train non-professional people to do engineering

Road, Grading Jobs Upcoming In Santa Rosa-Ukiah Area

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

Victor Weidemer Co. of Penryn, working on the Middle-town Bridge, is putting in the last coffer dam and should be through driving piling by Friday of this week. For the Engineers this job has gone smoothly and with a good deal of overtime.

McCammon-Wunderlich Construction Co. of Palo Alto were awarded the contract for 4.9 miles of grade and drainage

facilities in Mendocino County, located four miles north of Forsythe Creek and Ridgewood Summit. The bid was \$985,452.

work. A rather sad commentary by such an exalted group of professionals in the great engineering field.

Not one of these great men suggested that the solution might be the paying of a living wage to the employees in their care. We might add that these great engineers, if they are nothing else, are not inconsistent. They have never associated the engineering profession with professional pay.

We had our first meeting with the Associated Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors of Santa Clara County on the 6th of July. Negotiations were opened on the new contract for 1954 and some progress can be reported. A future meeting, Monday, the 13th of July. A meeting with the Civil Engineers' Association of Contra Costa and Alameda Counties will be held on July 16th. No date has been set for a meeting with the Bay Counties group.

Bro. L. J. Starke has returned from a six month's survey job for Bechtel in the Philippines. He expects to go back after the monsoon season. Bro. A. W. Bettencourt has been retired by the Pacific Manufacturing Co. after 30 years of service in detailing and expediting.

Gene Scott, of Frost & Brian, is a proud papa. Howard Adams reports progress at Hassler Health Home in Redwood City.

Next meeting will be on the 24th of July, at 8:00 p.m., 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, Calif.

Construction Awards

MOUNTAIN VIEW, contract awarded to Peter Sorensen, P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$11,200 for const. conc. box culv. in City of Mountain View.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, contract awarded to P&E Const. Co., 1620 S. 7th St., San Jose, \$27,360 for const. of Whisman Rd. trunk sewer, in Mountain View.

WALNUT CREEK, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$12,916 for pitm. surf. on Oakland Blvd. betw. Mt. Diablo St. and N. Main.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Eugene G. Alves Const. Co., Pittsburg, \$77,810 for grade, pave, etc. county road known as Heyer Ave., in Eden Township, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

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BERKELEY, contract re-awarded (general) to Williams & Burhows and Carl N. Swenson, 1095 Stockton Ave., San Jose, \$1,417,000 for const. 8-story office and lab. bldg. for Dept. of Public Health.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Fay Improv. Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$3,496 for const. conc. sidewalks on Santiago St.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento, \$3,381 for improv. alley X St. and Broadway betw. 23rd and 24th Sts.

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TREASURE ISLAND, contract awarded to Pacific Bridge Co., 333 Kearny St., San Francisco, \$81,600 for dredge, Piers 13, 16, 17 and 21 at U.S. Naval Station, T.I.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$96,255 (Schs. 1 and 11) for install east iron water mains, in Berkeley.

membered to all his friends here. We sincerely hope that by the time this paper reaches you that the strike situation will be settled and that all the Brothers will be back on the payroll.

Four out of every five jobs in the U.S.A. are now covered by Federal social security.

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

Many East Bay Projects Are Rolling or Set to Start

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, L. L. LAUX, L. SOLARI and J. RILEY, Business Representatives

Our monthly report to the membership must of necessity be somewhat brief due to the laborers difficulty with the employers, which has resulted with only a limited amount of work progressing as scheduled. However, we would like to commend our fellow engineers for the very fine spirit in which they have accepted a very difficult situation. At the present time there are in excess of 500 names on the out-of-work list, but a great number of men registered have jobs to return to. We are confident, moreover, that by the time this paper is in your hands, a great many of the difficulties will have been settled.

Thomas and Sullivan were awarded the contract for lining Leland Reservoir, Walnut Creek, with plant-mix and concrete. Thirty-eight hundred tons of plant mix and one-thousand seven hundred and seventy yards of concrete will be used. When the reservoir is completed it will have a capacity of 20 million gallons of fresh water. At the present time Bro. Howard Chatwick is operating a cat, Tom Oliver a roller, Bruce Smith, a cat, Wayne Schollosser a shovel, and Al Martin is doing the oiling on this job.

Rose and Matoza Rock Company have moved in a paver, a roller, and a tractor, and are ready to get started on the grading and paving of the playground of the Green Valley Grammar School near Danville.

A considerable amount of construction work will be started inside Camp Stoneman in the near future. Included in the work will be a disposal plant, a number of parking areas, the grading and paving of streets and roads, the remodeling of old buildings and the construction of new.

Fredrickson and Watson have two contracts in the East Bay area which will keep a number of engineers busy in the months to come. This company has a \$239,987 contract to construct a steel and concrete bridge and culverts on Washington Avenue, Eden Township. About 12 members of Local 3 are working for Fredrickson and Watson on their highway job, 4 miles west of Hesperian Blvd., and 3 miles north of Harder Road, which is a continuation of the freeway.

Bros. Earl Sanko and Charlie Lewis are operating K. L. Lincoln's equipment at the Verde Mesa housing project near the Cameo Actres Tract, Danville, where two new units are to be built.

July 2nd saw the completion of the P. & E. Construction Company's sewer-line job along East Avenue and the surrounding hills, Hayward, which involved the laying of 50,000 feet of sewer pipe, ranging from 6 inches to 15 inches in diameter. Work was begun February 2nd, of this year, and the project was completed one full month ahead of schedule.

Kevry Construction Company has two sewer-line contracts of considerable size. In San Pablo four miles of sewer pipe ranging from 10 inches to 24 inches is to be installed, a job which will provide work for 12 engineers for the next five months. This company also has 2,500 feet of pipe to lay for a storm drain system in Berkeley, where an additional nine engineers are employed.

The Oliver De Silva Company, formerly of 2330 Clement Street, Alameda, have moved their plant to 2333 Eden Road, San Leandro, the new location being a more central location for the work in which this company is engaged. At present 14 members of Local 3 are employed by this firm.

ties, with work to be started in the near future.

Gallagher & Burke have a \$278,314 contract for the widening and resurfacing of 5.3 miles of highway between Monument and Martinez, and for the construction of a concrete reinforced bridge. John A. Carstensen have a \$46,000 contract for the resurfacing of the Hopyard road between Camp Parks and Pleasanton.

Work will be started immediately on the reservoir Elmer Freethy is to build for the East Bay Municipal Utility District, near Orinda Corners. Quite a number of engineers will be employed on this project during the excavating phase of the work.

The contracts for the construction of six small bridges in Contra Costa County have also been let. The James Hill Company will build two bridges across Grayson Creek on Gregory Lane, Concord. The Stanley H. Koller Company will build two bridges across the west form of Grayson Creek, on Soule Avenue, Concord, and will build another bridge near Clayton on Mt. Diablo Creek, and the last of the six will be built by O. J. Jones and Sons on Diablo Road near Danville.

Orinda Excavating and Paving Company has the dirt moving on the Groom and Moyer Company housing job at Tank Farm Hill, San Pablo. A total of 750 homes are planned for this tract, with 347 left to be built at this time. 400,000 yards of muck are yet to be moved. Bro. Carl Bickford is the superintendent of this project, and has the following brothers working with him: Bros. Tom Shouse and Ed Bohannon are on the Le Tourneau Pulls; Don Stark is on the D-W 10; Bro. E. J. McDonald is on the cat 12 blade; Bros. Elbert Parrish, Jack Klingman, Duke Hubbard, Peg-Leg Lee, and Leo Turrin are on the dozers. Not to be forgotten are the nut-busters Nick Nichols and John Halback, and Pat Jones who is doing the greasing. This particular company is one whose cooperation with Labor has always been excellent.

The foundation work on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is now in full swing. During the recent labor difficulties the engineers who had been working on the job site were fortunate in being able to get in a few days work at Gerwick's field shop at Moore's old west yard. Now the men have moved back to the job site, and the field shop crew has been supplemented by other members of Local 3. Several of the old-timers in the Local are on the project, with the entire crew of engineers at present numbering 29.

Fessenden and Company of El Cerrito are a local excavating and grading outfit who do a great deal of home excavating and grading for various contractors throughout the East Bay. Eight members of Local 3, operating loaders and dozers, are employed by this company on a year around basis.

Dredge News

There has been a slight decrease in activity in dredge work since our last report. The large clamshell rigs do not seem to have a great deal of work. It is believed

that the Federal Government will release additional money for maintenance work after July 1st, the beginning of the fiscal year. Now that that time has arrived we are hoping that work will become more plentiful for the large clamshell dredges.

Hydraulic Dredging Company has finished pumping on their Freeway job, at Emeryville, and have moved the Papoose to their yard in Rio Vista, where they are keeping several of the boys on clean-up work. This company has also sent a few men to Alaska to finish the job at Anchorage. Hydraulic has a contract with Morris-Knudson at Sao Paul, Brazil, and are sending a few key men from the Bay Area to Brazil to get the job off to a good start.

San Francisco Bridge Company were able to get additional yardage on their Alameda Naval Air Base job. They will not go on the Point Molate job until the work in Alameda has been completed. The job at Point Molate is just a small one, but it will keep several men busy for a month or two. The pumping on the Moss Landing job is still going on, but should be completed soon.

The small clamshell dredges are all busy. Practically all of them are working for the Leslie Salt Company either in the Napa River Delta, or off Belmont-on Bair Island.

The Health and Welfare Plan was put into effect with the Dredge-owners Association with benefits starting May 1st. We have already had three claims filed, and paid promptly. Our members are beginning to realize benefits from this plan, and most of them are enthusiastic about it.

News About The Brothers

Visitors returning from several different parts of the world paid the Oakland office visits during the month just past, and gave us their first-hand accounts of the construction projects on which they have been working. Bro. George Keplinger, who returned to the bay area for medical care, has been working as master mechanic for Utah Construction Company on their highway job in Manizales, Columbia. Both Bro. Keplinger and his wife, who is with him in Columbia, like many things about this South American country, including the cool climate very similar to ours, but find recreational facilities quite limited. We understand that Bro. Keplinger has seen Bro. Bob Tarver, and Dick Lacy of Local 3 in Columbia.

Home on a 30-day leave, Bro. Joe Campbell stopped by and told us a little about his work in Guam, where he has been working as a diver for Brown, Pacific and Maxim on their navy project, for the past three years.

Bro. Richard Guild is back after sailing with the Merchant Marine for the past six months throughout the Pacific and Far East, and thinks he will be content to stay at home and run a blade for awhile.

Bro. Mel Lambert made another of his frequent departures this month, his destination being southern Peru, where he will work for the coming year for Utah Construction Company.

While lacking the personal touch of a visit, the letters received from members working in other areas, and other countries, are always very welcome. One such letter recently received was from Bro. Leonard Young, who has been superintendent for the Kumhila Exploration Company in British Columbia, on a gold-dredging job. Bro. Young writes that there are four engineers from Local 3 on this job; that they are running a three-yard Marion Dragline, feeding a doodle-bug dredge that is dredging for gold. We understand from Bro. Young that this is really nice country, but no place to spend the winter, as it gets to 60 below zero.

A letter received from Bro. F. R. Mathews, who is now farming in Bedford, Iowa, asked that we remember him to all his fellow engineers.

Bro. Tommy Laird dropped us a line from Kejlavik, Iceland, where he is working as fine-grade foreman for Metcalfe-Hamilton-Smith-Bechtel Company, in which he says that there are very few West Coast boys on the job, and that he is looking forward to receiving the Engineers News so that he can keep up with the activities at home.

Word of some mighty interesting vacation trips reaches us every once in awhile. Bro. Jim Addington was able to give us his personal first-hand account of the last atomic explosion at Yucca Flats, which he made the highlight of his recent vacation trip. Jim and his son watched the explosion at Beatty, Nevada, located approximately 30 airline miles from the site of the explosion, finding the experience almost unbelievable.

On June 25th, Bro. Roy Gleniski, with his wife and daughter took off from his job at Rush Construction Company and started out on a three weeks' vacation which will include visits to the Rocky Mountain National Park, Glacier, and Yellowstone.

Bro. Charlie Russell was unable to tell us just when he would be back from his vacation as he plans to stay just as long as his money holds out. St. Louis, Missouri, is his destination, with one of the highlights of his trip being a visit with Bro. Al Engle, a former Local man, in Denver, Colorado.

Taking advantage of their recent "holiday" the Roaming Roys, Bro. Roy Kemmett and Bro. Roy Laughlin took off for a three-day, 800-mile trip throughout Northern California, going as far north as Markeeville, and Redding, but the Roys report that they found things pretty quiet all over Northern California. We understand that they didn't make their trip all business though, but took time out to have a little fun in Reno.

Richmond Crane Service is the name of the new business started during the past month by Bro. Freeman Haas at 671 El Centro Road, El Sobrante. Bro. Haas flew back to Waverly, Iowa, to pick up a brand new Shield Bantaam Truck Crane, driving the crane back to California, a distance of 2,237 miles in five days, and had a very successful trip throughout. Bro. Haas is very pleased with his new crane, and feels it can do anything a larger crane can do. Anyone who has any backhoe, clam-shell, or general crane work to be done can contact Bro. Haas at BEacon 5-4997.

Bro. Joe McFarland, who is well known to many members of Local 3, left June 20th for Tucson, Arizona, where he will be working for Utah Construction Company in a key position, for an indefinite period of time.

While we are sure most of our readers already have heard about the addition of triplets to Bob Findley's family, we would like to briefly mention Bob's own reaction to this extraordinary occurrence, and add our congratulations to those of the community at large. Bob came up with his own rather unusual reason for wanting to get back to work right away—so he could get away from home and get some rest. Seriously though, he is a very proud father, and tells us that the three babies and his wife are getting along fine. The Findley triplets were the first triplets born in the East Oakland Hospital for 19 years, and Bob tells us that the hospital staff, and other members of the community have been extremely kind and generous to him and his family.

Bro. E. A. Baughn also has some justifiable bragging to do about his identical twin boys, who weighed only 2 pounds, 5 ounces at birth. Bro. Baughn's twins, who were born prematurely, have been kept in incubators at Children's Hospital from April 29th until the first week in July, but have finally

gained enough weight to be taken home.

Congratulations are also in order for Bros. Paul Long and Elbert Parrish, who have brand new daughters to brag about.

Bro. Clifford E. Brown of Local 3 is one of the co-owners of Brown's Equipment Rental, located at 17050 Foothill Blvd., Hayward. Bro. Brown tells us that this firm has increased their rental equipment with the addition of 5 more new agricut tractors.

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NEW MINE IS OPENED ON SHASTA LAKE

By E. A. HESTER Business Representative

Big job in the making. According to Mr. Dummond, president of the Yola Steel and Metal Company of Sacramento, it is to start operating within the next 90 days and expect to employ about three hundred men.

The mine is located on the McCloud River, which is now Shasta Lake. Carrico and Gautier operated this mine all during World War II. Took out several million tons of iron ore which was used for ballast in many of the ships that were constructed during the war.

According to Mr. Dummond, a seven million dollars concentrating plant will be set up near the site and also a forty-four million pig-iron plant and a eighty-one million finishing and tin plant which will be erected in the vicinity of Sacramento. There has been some talk of this going on for the past year, we hope it goes through this time.

Operating Engineers Union Local No. 3, Construction and General Laborers Union Local No. 961, and the Teamsters Union Local No. 137, recently renewed their contract with the J. R. Kettlewell Transit Mix Concrete and J. H. Hines Company Gravel Plant and was granted from 12 to 23 cents increase.

George R. Patterson Construction Company of Stockton, California was the successful bidder on Bureau of Public Roads Project on the Klamath river near Happy Camp. Jobs continue to increase on the Klamath River. There will be another bridge job let this month. Also several other new jobs coming up throughout the district. At the present time we have 54 jobs on the district which could employ about five hundred of our engineers. Believe it or not, there is not over a dozen men working in the whole district, of course, you know why. If and when things are settled we are going to need a lot of help in this part of the country.

We are happy to report that Brother Dwain Bowman is out of the hospital after a series of operations. Also Brother Bob Kritz, Superintendent of Fredricks and Watson Company, is back on the job after a little spell of illness.

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STOCKTON, contract awarded to George Reik, P.O. Box 783, Stockton, \$8,958 for site improv., sprinkler sys., curbs, gutters and fences.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Stanfield & Moody, P.O. Box 587, Stockton, \$6,761 for completion of roads at Farm Annex, Phase 2, Stockton State Hosp.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Minton Co., 3247 Louise St., Oakland, \$59,463 for const. bridge, .01 mi. approach and detour at Graeagle Creek, 1.6 mi. south of Blairsden, PLUMAS COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$69,872 for 3.0 mi. (portions) to be widened with import. borrow and surf. with roadmix surf. on untr. rock base and seal coat to be applied to entire project, betw. 7.5 mi. north of Stewart's Pt. and Gualala, SONOMA COUNTY.

REPORT FROM SACRAMENTO

By A. R. OUGHTON

Contracts Open: Senator Hotel, Sacramento Office Buildings; California Oxygen Company; American Ice Company; Air Reduction Pacific Sales Company; Reno Brewing Company, Reno; and the Crescent Creamery Company, Reno, Nevada.

New Contract: By the time this is in print, we hope to have an agreement reached and signed by the El Rancho Hotel on the Davis Highway. The contract is agreeable to both parties and very satisfactory to the Engineer involved. If any members are up this way during the hot summer, they will find the El Rancho cooled by air-conditioning, the meals reasonable and the swimming pool most refreshing.

Trips out of Town: Seven. I made one round trip up the valley on the Milk Manufacturing Plants, and waiting for favorable weather, made a trip to Redding where we have an Engineer at the Golden State Dairy and five Engineers under contract at the Mercy Hospital. Brother Charles Wilgus and his crew of four seemed very happy that someone from the Sacramento area called once in a while so that they could buy him a drink (vanilla milk shake). In our talks, I understand that Brother Wilgus took his wife out to teach her how to fish—and guess who won the fishing tournament—Mrs. Wilgus. Was that beginners luck! We also have an addition to our Engineers contract, of five new members, at the Stillwater Orchard Company, Hood, California. I understand a certain Office Building Engineer flew East and drove home a beautiful new Buick. He said he bought it. I wonder if he won it on a Radio Program. Guess not.

Our grievance for the month of June was from the Pureta Sausage Company; report progress.

Sick List: John Dewhurst: I regret to report the death of Homer Johnson, a member of our Union a good many years. He transferred into the Sacramento District about five or six years ago, but worked for years in McCarthy's district around Gustine.

Withdrawals: None.

Transfer Cards: Brother Grande transferred from Local 3 to No. 39.

Suspended for non-payment of Dues: Roy Brown, Wayne Mendenhall and Lester Dent. Members out of work, one.

There will be no meetings until further notice.

REPORT FROM SALINAS, SAN JOSE

By RICHARD A. CHRISTENSEN
Business Representative

During the month of June several important meetings were held in conjunction with negotiations for the Ice Industry plants in these areas. While negotiations have been concluded for the Watsonville area, they had not been concluded for the Monterey county district nor for the Santa Clara county. However, at this time I can state that progress is being made.

Negotiations have been concluded with the dried fruit industry. It as usual has been disappointed in that we were not strong enough to take on economical action at this time but inroads have been made with the Industry whereby possibilities exist as to making more favorable progress in the future. Negotiations are still in progress with the Stephen's Meat Company, the Laundries, and with the Salinas Laboratories, Salinas, California. These we hope to conclude before too long.

Meetings held in the respective areas, namely at San Jose and Salinas, California, were quite well attended. We trust this will continue. The Salinas meeting (which would have to have been held at Watsonville) in July, 1953, was cancelled as it fell during the Rodeo and past experience has shown that members failed to attend. Hence, the action at the Salinas meeting. The meeting at San Jose for July will be held.

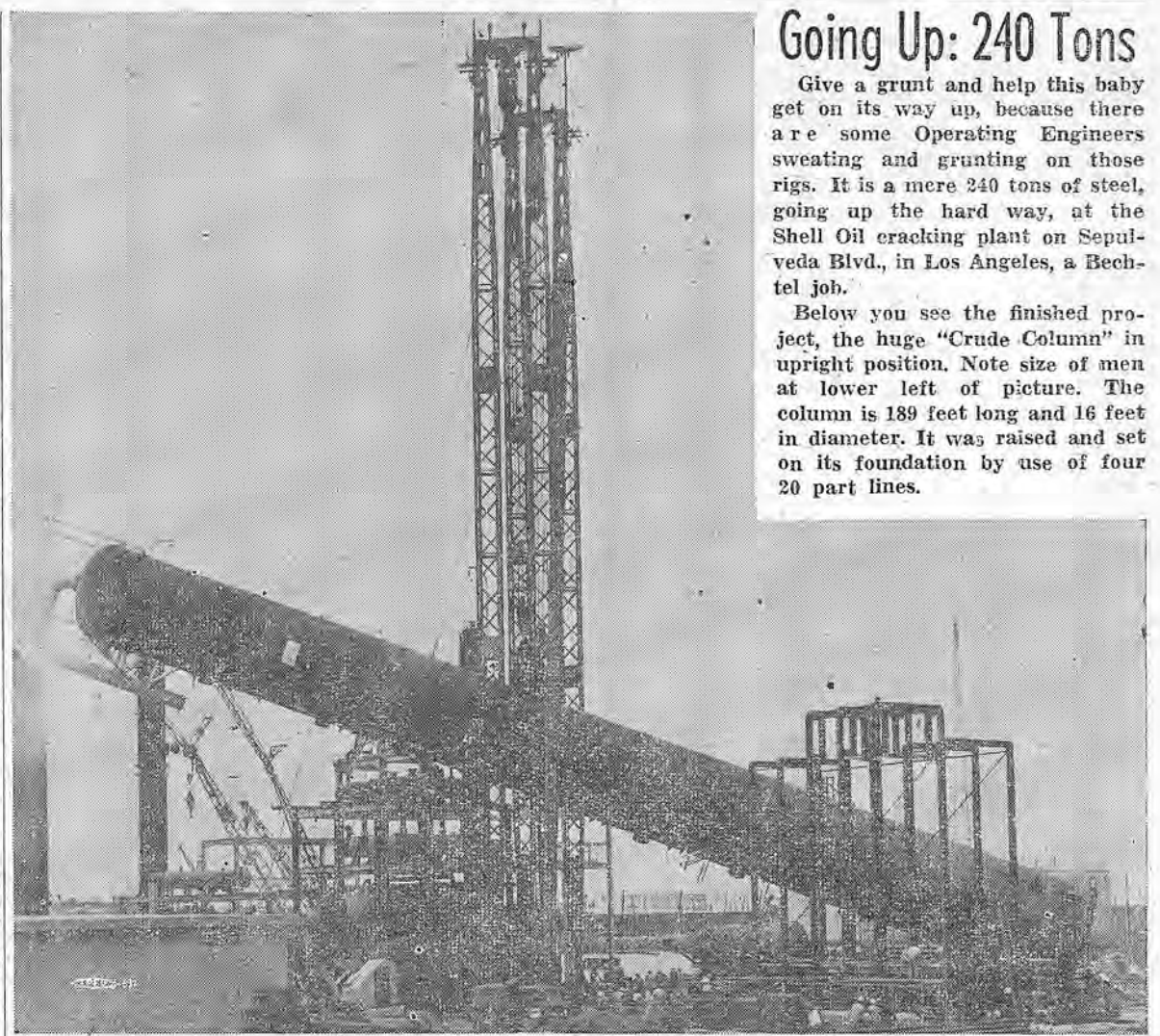
Special meeting of and at the direction of the Manager were attended as well as that of the Central Labor Council for Santa Clara county, and the Executive Board of Local 39 at San Francisco, California.

May I take the liberty of thanking the members who voted at the last election, and elected me as one of their Executive Board delegates, as well as the "By-Laws" delegate from the San Jose area. While so serving I shall endeavor to serve you well and to the best interest of Local 39, and its members in these areas. To be able to serve you it will require your attendance at meetings where your delegates may be properly instructed as to your desires. So please attend meetings regularly.

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She (tenderly): "When did you first know you loved me?"

He: "When I began to get mad whenever people said you were brainless and unattractive."



Going Up: 240 Tons

Give a grunt and help this baby get on its way up, because there are some Operating Engineers sweating and grunting on those rigs. It is a mere 240 tons of steel, going up the hard way, at the Shell Oil cracking plant on Sepulveda Blvd., in Los Angeles, a Bechtel job.

Below you see the finished project, the huge "Crude Column" in upright position. Note size of men at lower left of picture. The column is 189 feet long and 16 feet in diameter. It was raised and set on its foundation by use of four 20 part lines.

Pile-Driver Was First One to Walk Across Bay Underwater

(Reprint from News-Letter by M. B. McGOWAN, President Piledriving Contractors Association)

Last fall one of you pilebutts wrote that he would like to hear some stories about some of the old-time pilebutts and how tough construction problems had been solved. This note was printed in one of our letters and we invited you to help us out by sending in the dope. Since then we have received some suggestions and quite a number of other letters seconding the idea. Members of the association liked the idea and today we are going to retell one story—one about the first man to walk across the bay underwater.

The man we mentioned above is Martin Brown, who in all his years as a piledriving superintendent was a wonder at getting out of tight places—and there were many of them during his career. He is now retired, as we told you last month, and is busy wearing out rocking chairs. The time was, back in the '30s. The job was at Dumbarton Straits, where Healy-Tibbitts Construction Co. had a contract laying the Hetch-Hetchy pipe line; 36 piers and the big caisson for laying heavy cast iron pipe across the bay. In the center the water was 75 feet deep and running six knots an hour—it was a tough job laying those 12-foot lengths of 42 inch diameter pipe, each length weighing 14 tons.

Martin Brown was general superintendent. Working with him were such men as Ed Carey, a superintendent; Jack Cassidy, Duffy Bourne, Jack Kraft, Frank Hall, Dick Pufahl, Pop Graves and Howard Harris. Roy Chance, Harry Weatehby and Abe Grismer were hoisting engineers. Charlie Deeds and Harry Fell were carpenter foremen. A lot of you have worked with them.

The pipe line was connected to the big caisson about 60 feet below low water mark and a heavy wooden bulkhead had been built to protect the caisson in case there ever was a leak in the pipe line. Shortly after the pipe line was finished and brought out on the Newark side of the Bay, Hetch-Hetchy engineers, Carl Rankin, Lou Wheeler, Jim Turner and others began to wonder whether the pipe line was really

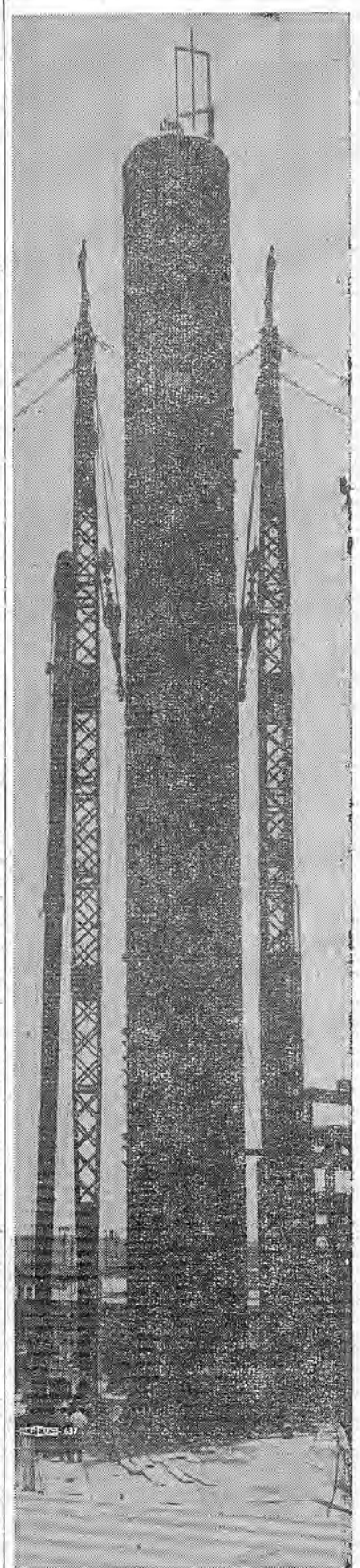
tight. Each joint had been sealed with 400 pounds of melted lead and every eighth joint had been tested to 400 pounds of pressure. But this pipe line was to bring fresh water to San Francisco and there couldn't be any salt water leaking in. So they were talking it over. Naturally during construction some water had collected in the lower part of the line—but that wasn't important. The City's engineers wanted to make sure no more would get in.

Martin Brown, Charlie Deeds and Ben Gerwick were in the big caisson during the speculation. Deeds bored a 3/4-inch hole in the bulkhead—immediately there was a hissing of air. The men ran for the ladders saying that water was coming in the pipe, forcing the air ahead of it. None of them wanted to get drowned in the caisson. Brown grabbed a hatchet, cut a wooden plug and drove it into the 3/4-inch hole. Then Deeds bored a 1/2-inch hole in the bulkhead and it was found the hissing was air going into the pipe. They took the whole bulkhead out and looked into the dark and forbidding hole.

"Hell, it's only a mile across to Newark," said Brown. "I'm going to crawl through and see for myself what these engineers are talking about."

He crawled into the pipe. Deeds, Schwartz and Gerwick jumped into the boat and with Billy McKenzie running it, hurried to the Newark side. The Hetch-Hetchy boys were there discussing the probability of a broken line when the boat got there. In a few minutes they heard a tremendous splashing coming out.

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A cowboy boarded an air liner at Billings, Mont., on a day when gusty mountain winds made flying pretty rough. In spite of the numerous requests of the stewardess, however, he refused to fasten his seat belt.

"Young lady," he snorted, "for 30 years I've rode everything I ever mounted, and I ain't about to be saddle tied now. Let 'er buck! I'll ride 'er!"

Minutes of the Executive Board

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to donate \$20.00. Question of Float Mfrg. being fair to organized labor. Company reported fair. Carried unanimously.

Election of Delegates to California State Conference of Engineers. Nomination of Delegates: Brother C. C. Fitch, Brother F. O. Brantley and Brother Newell Carman. Nominations closed.

Nomination of Delegates to California State Federation of Labor: Brother F. O. Brantley, Brother C. C. Fitch, Brother Leo Derby and Brother E. H. Peterson. Nominations closed.

Bills ordered paid, including the Executive Board expense. Approved.

Some discussion of Examining Board brought up by Brother Patterson.

Brother Tracy gave the history of Local 64 examining board.

Contracts concurred in: Nestles Company, Ripon; Sonoma County Ice, Petaluma, Santa Rosa; Stockton Ice, Stockton; Valley Oxygen, Hanford; C. A. Swanson, San Francisco; Sacramento Laundries, Sacramento; Western Forge & Flange, San Jose; Sacramento Bakeries, Sacramento; Bercut Richards, Sacramento; Stillwater Orchards, Hood; J. G. Marinovich, Watsonville; R. T. Collier, Alviso; Marin Ice, San Rafael; Washington Market, Oakland; Sutro Baths, San Francisco; Schmidt Lithograph, San Francisco; Newell Gutrad, San Francisco; San Jose Hotels, San Jose; and Winterland, San Francisco.

Brother Fitch moved the July Executive Board meeting be postponed for lack of business. Motion seconded by Brother Winter. Brother Fitch explained why the motion was made.

Brother Kuhlemeier asked why. Brother Fitch answered Brother Kuhlemeier.

Motion carried. Yes 8 No 5.

Brother Fitch asked permission to request Strike Sanction. Motion made and seconded to grant Strike Sanction. Unanimous.

Amendment proposed but lost for lack of second.

Brother Fitch requested Strike Sanction in San Jose. Motion made and seconded to grant Strike Sanction. Unanimous.

Motion made and seconded to put a \$2.00 assessments on for the month August in the event a strike is called in San Jose Ice or the San Francisco Bakeries. Carried.

Some discussion on the Ranchers' Cotton Oil, Fresno.

Mark Campbell will be in the hospital two more months.

Chemical Workers Local 100 has filed for the men at Cottonseed Oil.

Brother Fitch requested permission to put a steward at Gustine and one at Fresno at \$50.00 per month, until Mark Campbell gets well.

Brother McCarthy will look after Fresno.

Motion made and seconded by Brother Winter to concur in.

Brother Peterson and Brother Kuhlemeier volunteered to handle the Modesto Gustine district while Mark Campbell is sick.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Brother Fitch discussed the illness of the

various business agents and stated that we should have a capable man to put in these districts as needs required, and to do organizing in the interim.

Brother Wood stated he felt the Manager should have power to put on a steward in the event of illness of business agents. Motion made by Brother Wood, seconded by Patterson to concur. Unanimous.

Brother Patterson discussed the holiday pay at the University of California. Brother Brantley answered Brother Patterson regarding problem at University of California.

Brother Peterson discussed a like situation on his job.

Brother Newman reported the picket line off at the Sutter Hospital.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
LEO F. DERBY, Secretary

Utah News Roundup

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

We have finally reached a tentative settlement with the Associated General Contractors, and have most of our people back on their jobs, with a 10c increase in effect and a 7½c increase January 1, 1954, which will make a 17½c increase overall, and a one year agreement. But we are still running into a little difficulty in wording for our master agreement.

Work around Salt Lake is in full swing with Enoch Smith in high gear on the State Street job and using quite a few Local 3 men. Olof Nelson is going along fast on the paving of South Redwood Road, and Gibbons and Reed are doing the same on the north end of Redwood Road. This job is really going to eliminate some of the heavy truck congestion in and around the city.

Elsewhere in this district the jobs are just getting back to normal after the lockout. Quite a few men left during this period but are gradually drifting back to their old employers.

Peter Kiewit Co. is working on the Vernal-Manila highway and making a good job out of it, with three DW-20s and five cats working right up in the top of the mountains. The weather is nice and cool and the fishing is good. They have a nice camp set up at Green's Lake. It should be a good all-summer job.

Strong Co., at Park City, is getting well along and has moved the electric pulls to the Wyoming job.

Reynolds Co., out of Springville, also has a nice cool job up high in the timber on the Mirror Lake road. It's a nice combination job—sand and rock mixture—but the Local 3 men there now like it; and another six miles is to be let soon to complete the final leg to Mirror Lake.

O. M. Lyman has started the sewer project at Heber City, but got off to a bad start with electrocution of one of our applicants, "Bud" Swazey. At this time we would like to express our sincere sympathy to Bud's wife and family.

Jansen and Reed have subbed the grade work from Reynolds at Myton and have about 12 good Local 3 men on the job.

So, all in all, the work picture looks very good right now. If we could only extend some of this work and this warm weather over into next winter, we would all be a little happier about it all.

LANG COMPANY

We have just completed our negotiations with the Lang Company which has been a very long and strenuous fight; but we feel very pleased that we did not have to put our people on the street in order to maintain the same raise that was received in their competitive plants. One of their competitive plants was out on strike better than two weeks and finally settled with a 7c increase with no fringe benefits whatsoever. We settled with the Lang Company with no lost time, with a 7c increase and 100 hours pay after the completion of 15 years service for the company.

SHOPS

At this writing we have completed our negotiations with the W. W. Ogle Construction Co. shops and received the same wage raise and conditions as we got in the construction field.

We are going into negotiations with Utah Construction Co. on its shop in Salt Lake City. We feel that this is just a matter of getting the company together in order to come up with a satisfactory agreement. We have discussed the Utah shop with Mr. Putnam on several occasions and both came up with the same thinking, so, if our members will please bear with us for just a few more days we feel that this matter will all be taken care of.

VITRO CHEMICAL CO.

Things have been running very smoothly at our Vitro Chemical plant, with very few complaints coming in. This plant has been running very smoothly since completion of our agreement, all but the issuing of clothing, which some of our members feel is not being handled correctly. If there is anyone working within this plant who feels that the distributing of clothing is not handled correctly, they

should immediately file a complaint with their business representative for it reads in our agreement that we may open the agreement for discussion on clothing upon giving 10 days notice to the company after July 1, 1953.

SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANIES

We are still having a bit of trouble in trying to get a decent raise for some of our people in the sand and gravel plants. There are only two of the companies, Utah Sand & Gravel and Waterfall Sand & Gravel, that have signed our agreement. We are still battling with the balance of our companies, which we hope will be completely settled within the next few days. It seems to be a very difficult proposition to get J. B. Walker and Thorn Company to pry away from a 7½c increase. It seems no more than right that the people who work for these companies should be entitled to the same raises that were received in other plants. We, your negotiating committee, feel that the sand and gravel industry should pay equal wages throughout the state of Utah. So, therefore, we are still in there pitching and know that we are going to receive help from all our members within these plants.

UTAH CONSTRUCTION CO., CEDAR CITY IRON MINES

As a result of the recent AGC negotiations for the construction industry and the attendant disruption, your company officials have had their hands full to overflowing. There has been very little opportunity to do much negotiating with them on your new agreement as there are only 24 hours per day. However, as this article goes to press we are going into negotiations for your new agreement, and we expect that by the time you receive this issue of Engineers News we probably will have made a report to you on the progress of the negotiations in a meeting called for that purpose. We will not announce the date of the next meeting in this issue, but will notify you by post card for a meeting as soon as we have a worthwhile report to make. We anticipate this will be quite a bit earlier than the regular meeting date.

There's quite a beehive of activity at the Comstock these days, and it looks like Utah will be busy for a long time to come. Everything appears to be going along on schedule at the Burk job, and work appears to be moving along at a normal rate at Desert Mound, Iron Mountain and Iron Springs.

KENNECOTT COPPER CORP., BINGHAM COPPER MINES

At this writing we want to advise you that we have submitted our requests to the company for proposed changes in the agreement and have received word back from the company of its proposal to change several phases of the present agreement. We are also advised that the company is desirous of an early meeting, so we expect to be in negotiations with it in the very near future. We certainly expect to have a report to make to you on our progress at the next meeting, and will call a special meeting before that if there is any progress worthwhile to report.

Suppose vacations account for the low attendance at the recent meetings, but expect we'll be seeing you at future meetings.

Don't know how many of you brothers know of the recent serious illness of Brother Bertram Thompson, electric shovel engi-

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION, LANG CO., SAND & GRAVEL, IRON ORE MINES, VITRO CHEMICAL CO., AND KENNECOTT COPPER

Cedar City Iron Mines: Will announce by mail.
 Kennecott Copper Corp.: Tuesday, July 28, 1953, 1:30 P.M. and 3:00 P.M.
 Vitro Chemical Company: All called meetings.
 Lang Company: All called meetings.
 Thursday, August 13, 8:00 P.M.; Sand, Gravel & Construction members, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 Friday, August 14, 8:00 P.M.; Sand, Gravel & Construction members, Labor Temple, 165 West 1st North, Provo.
 Friday, August 21, 8:00 P.M.: Sand, Gravel & Construction members, Labor Temple, Ogden.

SCHEDULE OF STATE ROAD MEETINGS

Provo, Tuesday, August 11, 8:00 P.M., Labor Temple, Provo.
 Roosevelt, Thursday, August 13, 1953, 8:00 P.M., Commercial Club, Roosevelt.
 Salt Lake City, Tuesday, August 18, 1953, 8:00 P.M., Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main, Salt Lake City, Utah.

neer. I visited him at the hospital recently and he was a very sick man. I know he appreciated the visit, and I feel that if some of the brothers would drop in to say "hello" it would boost his spirits. Fortunately, last time I went to the hospital they informed me he had become well enough to return home.

If any of the brothers you know are hospitalized, pass the word to your steward and he will get it to us so that we can call and visit. By my own hospital experience, I know it helps kill the monotony of those places if our friends call and show their interest occasionally. Let's try to make it a personal project to visit if the occasion arises.

STATE ROAD

In the June issue we reported the initial steps which have been taken in our effort to secure a job security referendum vote in the 1954 elections. It is our feeling that this effort is the number one project facing us. Success of this project should be uppermost in your mind if you are interested in being secure for the future in your job.

We want to emphasize the fact that it will take united organized effort to accomplish the task. Your individual effort is needed. The committees are working, but they can't do the job alone. They need your support. Failure could result if you don't support the program. **Regardless of letters and rumors to the contrary, the only way you can have guaranteed job security is by legislative action on the State level, and that is our program.**

At a meeting with Commissioner Corliessen on July 2, we were informed that he intends that every maintenance employee who is worthy of the 10c increase receive it, and he indicates that he feels that would be about every employee. If you haven't been considered for the increase by the time you read this article, get in touch with your grievance man or one of us and we will go to your district engineer or shop superintendent in a grievance meeting about it. It isn't intended just for somebody's special pets. Don't go off the wrong end and try to blame your union. We have the assurance of Commissioner Corliessen that your complaints will be given fair consideration as long as they are legitimate beefs. This matter of subsistence was discussed and the Commissioner says that in camps where there are adequate facilities to feed the men, the amount of subsistence is \$2.50 per day for each employee. The transient crews are to receive \$4 per day. We will grieve your cases on that basis to the Commission if we can't settle them at the district level.

Give us your support by boosting our efforts in your behalf.

NORTHERN AREA

The news this month should sound more favorable to most of

the fellows. Work is again in full swing after a lockout for several days by the general contractors.

At this writing most of the members have been called back to their jobs and nearly all the fellows are working, and the prospects look good for a full season.

Several contracts were bid on June 30 and more bids are to be opened July 14, with several other jobs scheduled to be advertised for bids within the next few days, including the Richmond road.

Germer, Abbot & Waldron were the only bidders on the oiling of the Howell road. This job, along with the 32 miles they have already contracted, should keep the crew on the Woods mixer busy for some time.

The crew on this company's job at Park Valley has completed the excavating and grading and is expecting more work for the equipment.

LeGrand Johnson has nearly completed the grade work on the Rattlesnake Pass job and has moved his crusher in to make gravel. LeGrand has purchased a new Pioneer continuous mix hot plant and everyone is eager to see how this plant will work with the material in this area.

The bridge over the Bear River at Deweyville is complete now, so the channel change and the approaches scheduled for this year, can be started anytime.

J. B. Parsons Co. has several jobs in operation now. There is, about 10 days' work left to complete the grade on the Smithfield to Richmond road before the equipment is moved to Malad. The hot plant crew is still busy at Brigham City mixing for the roads and storage area on the Army's 2nd Street Depot job. Several members have been busy for Parsons, fine grading for the McKee Company of the warehouse floor area and streets on the depot.

Olof Nelson Co. has kept two blades, a cat and a roller busy on the local work in Cache Valley. As soon as this work is completed, most of the crew will move to Garrison on the 17-mile roadmix job this company has.

Wilkinson Co. was low bidder on the rock job in Laketown Canyon. This looks like a tough one.

Wheelwright Construction Co. has a job to move onto at Randolph as soon as its machinery is available from some of the other work this company has around Ogden.

There are a number of Engineers on the Floyd Whiting Co. job in Echo Canyon at present. Our relations with Mr. Whiting have been very good on this job, and we hope the fine cooperation will continue. With the best of conditions, this is still a tough job and will require a lot of ingenuity to complete on schedule.

The Sorenson & Brimhall job in Chalk Canyon is progressing in good shape. The rock has not been as rough as most everyone thought it would be, and the crews on the D roadsters and scrapers are moving right along.

W. W. Clyde Co. has two spreads going in the Northern Area. Most

of the grade is complete on the Layton road and the crew has a good start on the surfacing of the Lagoon to Layton road. The Hot Springs to Five Points road is progressing fast, with six pulls on the job, and one shovel going two shifts.

SOUTHERN UTAH

Work is again moving along normally in the southern part of Utah. We are enjoying having to rustle men for the jobs, which is a new experience for yours truly.

Spanish Fork Canyon is a scene of much activity these days. W. W. Clyde's Red Narrows job is moving steadily despite increased tourist travel pouring through the canyon.

Thorn Construction Co. has added to the activity by opening its job at Soldier Summit. Work is just getting started there and a lot of dirt is to be moved in a short time, which makes our members happy.

Morrison-Knudsen have been using our members to advantage on the power house at Castlegate. They have a tough job here and have resorted to three shifts to cope with it. Bechtel Corporation is marking time here until the rock is moved and their work begins.

J. A. Parks Machine Co. is almost finished at the Kaiser Tipple in Sunnyside. This job has been in conjunction with the United Mine Workers, and we have enjoyed very good relations with both the company and the Miners' Union.

W. W. Clyde is oiling on his Monticello job and will soon finish here. The weather has been ideal for jobs of this sort, and Blaine Clyde has taken advantage.

L. T. Johnson has finished the alignment and is setting up his crusher to apply the finishing touches to his job at Blanding.

The R. H. Fulton Co. pipeline from Clearcreek to Salt Lake City is using quite a number of our members now. We expended a lot of energy and time to convince this company that there are a few pipeline hands outside of Texas. Our relations with this company increases with the number of men we furnish them.

There are some jobs being let now, and we do hope there will continue to be enough work to keep our brothers busy late into the year.

Pile Driver First To Walk Under Bay

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of the pipe and soon Brown emerged—wet to the skin, but triumphant. There was no leak, no broken line. The work was a success and in proving it, Martin Brown became the first man to walk across the Bay underwater.

Incidentally, the Hetch-Hetchy engineers on that job have also done all right for themselves. Carl Rankin is a well known consulting engineer; Jim Turner is manager of public utilities for the City of San Francisco. Lou Wheeler was project manager for Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., on the recently completed Broadway tunnel.

That's our first old-timer story. If you want a \$25 bonus, send us the facts on another old-timer and how he operated. We can use a lot of them.

One day Papa Hog wandered off away from his cozy little sty and his wife and little piggies. He came upon a puddle of beer that had been spilled in the road. He drank so much of it that by the time he got home he was staggering and trying to squeal a song.

When Mama Hog saw him, she whisked the little pigs off to bed and then said to him:

"Shame on you, Henry Hog, making such a human being of yourself in front of the little ones!"

Teacher: "Jimmy, name three animals peculiar to the Arctic region."

Jimmy: "Lion, tiger, monkey."

Teacher: "Why do you name them?"

Jimmy: "Because it would be very peculiar if they were there."

WORK SLOWS IN MARYSVILLE

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

At this writing the Laborers strike has most all jobs in the Marysville district shut down and not too much news to report. All jobs at Beale Air Force Base are suspended and there is a picket on the road about 1/4 mile from the entrance.

H. Earl Parker Co. had to lay off several mechanics in the shop crew and Rice Bros. have shut down their two big road

jobs, including the Highway 20 job, in Yuba City, and the Oroville Wye job. Bro. Al Verduyn just moved in and set up two crushers to start on a \$384,000 contract and had to shut down, but he says the gravel will really fly when he does get the go ahead signal

Brown & Krull are working on their road job near College City. O'Hair Co. is doing the crushing and also have their 41-N.W. drag-line loading trucks at the pit. E. V. Curtis brought his rigs down from Redding and is working in the Colusa area on landleveling.

A. A. Edmunston Co. are making good progress on their bridge job near Butte City. Harold Shaver has a good sized landleveling job near Butte City. A. H. Smith has the grading and paving on the school job in Chico and works a little as long as he can, but the pickets showed up on the Barker Co. job and the men had to dog off.

Richter Bros. of Oroville are still working on their big highway job on the Oroville Wye and will be there about six or eight weeks. Butte Creek Rock Co. shut down all their operations until the strike is settled. Kaiser Sand & Gravel keep on working and all the gang there is doing O.K. Utah Const. Co. shut down their tunnel at Kekie. M & M Co., Inc. are still working on their W. P. railroad job above Greenville, Calif. There will be another tunnel lining job to come up this winter near Portola, Calif. for the W. P. Thermalito school district are taking bids on July 13th for paving the school ground on their new elementary school. Paradise school district will hold a \$500,000 bond election on July 28. Marysville school district is taking bids on July 20th for 11 new classrooms on the Walter Rynoch school. The State of Calif. Division of Highways is taking bids on July 29th on a steel plate girder bridge, 0.3 miles of bridge approach on Indian Creek Junction of State Routes 21 and 83 in Plumas County.

Bos Const. Co. were low bidders on a bridge over Spanish Creek on Road 404, about four miles from Quincy, Calif. in the amount of \$50,734. Campbell Const. Co. of San Francisco were awarded a \$120,000 contract on a post exchange and parking area at Beale Air Force Base.

Speaking of buildings, our own building in Marysville is really coming along, and it sure does look pretty too. It will be a job that all of labor will be proud of. Min-ton Const. Co. have a \$59,463 contract for a bridge and approach at Graeagle Creek in Plumas County. Jay Bailey Const. Co. are putting up an addition to the rice drier at Biggs, Calif.

PERSONAL MENTION

Bro. Jim Dunn came in from a big job in Afghanistan. Bro. Roy Kingery also came stateside, but left again to go to Alaska. Bro. John Hunsaker is in the hospital and no doing so well. Bro. Leo Morrison lost both of his legs in an accident, and we are sorry to hear about this. Leo asks that some of the brothers drop him a line at Rt. No. 1, Box 187-7, Gridley, Calif.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT GLADDING, McBEAN CO.

Announcement of next meetings: Lincoln Industrial Council Joint Board, Tuesday, August 4th, at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Council, Lincoln. General membership meeting, Tuesday, August 11th, at 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall, Lincoln.

As this is written, plans are being made to present the results of the recent negotiations with the company. The results of these negotiations could be described as "average," we asked for a lot, a lot more than we expected the company to agree to, and we made several good progressive gains.

A general wage increase was granted that will make the Lincoln

plant rate of wages the highest of the company's plants, and, as far as we know, the highest in the United States, and that means the world. The insurance plan agreed upon, while not what we asked for, is much better than the company originally offered, and is a substantial improvement over the old plan, and will result in much greater benefits to our membership and at a saving to them.

A number of other improvements in the agreement were negotiated that should result in a much smoother operating agreement, especially as to seniority and the grievance procedure. The agreement is for two years with a re-opener regarding wages and insurance next year. After looking over agreements in other Clay plants, we are of the opinion that investigation will prove the agreement at Lincoln to be the best in the Clay industry.

YUBA CONSOLIDATED

The next meetings of your unit will be held the second Wednesday in August, which is August 12, and the first meeting for the night workers will be as usual at 10:00 a.m. and the night meeting for the day workers will be held at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Teamsters Hall, 321 E St., Marysville. We have hopes that the September meeting can be held in our new hall.

NEW AGREEMENT:

On Wednesday, July 8th, the results of the recent negotiations with the company were presented to the membership and accepted by a majority present. Considerable opposition was voiced, however, by many of those present who felt the company's negotiated offer was not generous enough. In regard to this, we can only say that we probably never will be able to bring back from a company a settlement that will be satisfactory to every member.

Despite some criticism, the settlement does bring to our membership many substantial gains and benefits. Among these are, greatly improved vacations, three weeks after 15 years, improved qualifying periods for new employees, and protection of the vacation rights of employees terminating for any reason. A new seniority section has also been incorporated into the agreement which is designed to bring added security to all the members working for the company.

Added to this is life, health, medical and hospital benefits for the members and their dependents, benefits that are in addition to U.C.D. and are paid for in full by the company. This, added to disability payments of \$50 a week for 52 weeks (which is contributed to by the members) will make this benefit plan as good, if not better, than most of such plans in operation today in California, and should certainly bring an added sense of security to our membership employed by the Yuba company.

Several very important clarifications and improvements were also made in the working rules that should go a long way toward eliminating some of the points in dispute in the past and will improve the working conditions in the future. While the settlement did not result in the increase in rates of wages or improve the paid holiday clauses as desired, it certainly does represent a very substantial advance.

NATOMAS COMPANY

The next regular meetings of your unit will be held the first Tuesday in August, which will be the 4th of August. The meetings will be held in the Hall at Natoma. The first meeting for the night workers will be convened at 10 a.m. and the meeting for the day workers at 7 p.m.

The new insurance plan is in effect covering our membership employed by the Natomas com-

pany, which is a matter that we are sure Bro. Kenneth Ellis is thankful about. Bro. Ellis, on Sunday, July 5th, while returning home with his wife and four children, about a mile above Georgetown, lost control of his car and rolled over down the bank several times resulting in the hospital of his wife with a broken back, and minor but serious injuries to two of his children. Under the insurance plan, all, or nearly all of the expenses involved will be met.

Payments under the new vacation plan on July 1st resulted in about 70 of our members receiving an extra week's pay and an extra week off, if they want to take it. Results of the new working and seniority rules may not be as dramatic in its effect as Bro. Ellis' case but undoubtedly will be felt more and more as time goes on.

As soon as possible, the new agreements will be printed up and copies placed in the hands of each member. Each member is advised to read and study the agreement carefully and be vigilant in observing, protesting or reporting any violations. Remember, the finest agreement on earth isn't of any value unless it is enforced and lived up to by both parties. Remember also, that the agreement does not just impose responsibilities upon the company, but the membership and the union also have responsibilities and we must live up to our side of the bargain.

JOBS ARE DELAYED AT SEASON PEAK IN REDWOOD EMPIRE

By A. R. McCAFFREY, Business Representative

Work in the Redwood Empire has picked up considerably during the last month, but nothing like we expected it to. The misunderstanding between the Laborers and the AGC has delayed the starting of many jobs throughout the area, thus affecting many Engineers. We have work scattered out over four counties and as soon as the A.G.C. gets off of the dime routine, everybody will be happy.

Frederickson Bros. are rolling full blast at Scotia finishing up their Freeway job. They are also overhauling their hot plant and crusher, getting ready to roll as soon as they can. They also moved in and set up their second hot plant at Myers. The crusher is due up any time for this job which consists of 10 miles of base material and surfacing between Stephens Grove and Weott.

C. V. Kenworthy's highway job on Berry Summit is working ten hours a day, six days a week, which makes it a good job for the brothers. We have approximately 25 Engineers on this job.

Kenworthy & Patterson are making very good progress on their highway job at Weitchpec. They are also working ten hours per day. We have approximately

Construction Awards

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Elmer J. Freethy, 1432 Kearny St., El Cerrito, \$30,288 for final connections to water mains, dismantle exist. equipt. and building and completing grading and paving at Bryant-Colorados Pumping Plant on Mt. Diablo Blvd., nr. Lafayette.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Elmer J. Freethy, 1432 Kearny St., El Cerrito, \$199,353 for const. a 5 MG cap. prestressed reinf. conc. reservoir, in CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

FIREBAUGH, contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$50,636 for const. sewer in P St.

FIREBAUGH, contract awarded to Kevry Const., Inc., 655 Peralta Ave., San Leandro, \$18,210 for const. sewage treatment plant for City of Firebaugh.

PERKINS, contract awarded to John C. Gist Co., 1020 - 46th St., Sacramento, \$30,900 for furn. and install sewage pumping station force main, at Northern Calif. Reception Center and Clinic, near Perkins.

Big C.M. Fill Job Held Up, But Other Work Booming

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

J. O. Archibald, from Redwood City way, doing the grading and fill job in Corte Madera for Associated Contractors . . . 70,000 yards to start and has possibilities of another 100,000. Brother E. R. Archibald (Monty, that is) looks over operation. . . Sure was raising the dust till the AGC shut 'em down. Succeeded transferring operators to Associated but still no go.

Brother Art Ostrom foreman with Granite spread last year, stopped in the office and cleared for the Ball & Simpson job in Petaluma. Will have "Andy" Webster lookin' down his neck. Bros. Wadington and Fuller on shovel.

George Slinsen, Napa way, too busy to get into mischief . . . awarded portion of Solano Fairgrounds job . . . paving — \$13,330. Lots of jobs lined up. Says good crew . . . they ought to put the bite on him for Xmas turkey.

Brother "Doc" Sherman around making step and a half . . . still has cast on his ankle from recent cat riding him. Expects to be working as this comes off the press.

Brother Ott Bortfeld still slowly recovering from long illness . . . hope to see Otto back on job soon now.

Brother Harry Cahill having little trouble with leg socket . . . think maybe he's been kicking too much . . . take it easy Harry.

Los Gatos Construction pulled in on grading (sub) for J. R. Armstrong job . . . Valley Ford. Brother Miller in charge. Bros. Manco, Elmore and Sturla now on job. Brother Stanley is supervisor for Armstrong.

Espinosa spread doing fill work for United Housing in Corte Madera. Most trouble on that job seems to be with the water . . . getting it in and out of the wagon, that is!

Nice letter from Brother Lloyd A. Wilcox from Kansas City . . . not too happy there. Hope to see him soon. Old timer and knows all the answers.

L. E. Thompson . . . Novato 513 J Grading etc., keeps crew busy here and there. Brother Thompson was the first contractor in this area to sign new agreement.

Norcal crew going full speed ahead on the Santa Venetia project. Understand J. D. on a well earned vacation.

Norman Peterson received award for a contract from City of Fairfield to construct a water treatment plant there . . . cost approximately \$496,860. Hopes to start work some time in near future. Harms Bros. to do all the excavating for Peterson on the project.

Sorry to hear of the injuries received by brother Stanley Brown in automobile accident on the 4th of July weekend. Now in the Santa Rosa hospital.

Brother Delmar Steels, now with Delphia on Carson Dam, maybe looking for new job . . . can't work nights anymore . . . understand he has new homework to take care of now. Assumed the responsibility last month. Best wishes! We were wondering if Brother "Bud" Goodwin was giving any serious thought of going into bridge building instead of dirt moving these days.

Brother "Bud" Perdue has nice restaurant and pool hall in Alturas. Any old timers in area stop and say hello. "Bud" is as good a cook as an operator . . . and that is saying plenty. We hear he is thinking of taking on a well rig to increase water in that area. Still keeps his card in No. 3. In spite of the Laborers situation there is still a good deal of activity on the T. A. B. Zoss Const. Co.'s job of \$2,290,765 is in high gear. Rutherford, with his spread is doing the dirt moving. They've been working at a fast pace and have about 10 days more to complete. Then Zoss can start backfilling with select material and get ready for the foundations.

Parish Bros. & Harms have just been awarded a contract for \$1,147,086 consisting of widening and strengthening runway at T.A.B. They have started the job with 20 pieces of equipment and expect to bring in more later. Because of existing time limit it has to be completed before the rains set in. Ed Jarvis Co. has the sub-contract to dig and lay the boundary lines. They will get started as soon as equipment is available from their water pipe job on the base.

H. A. Crocker of San Rafael received a contract for the Solano County Fairgrounds at a cost of \$40,252 . . . to be completed by July 17th. Smith & Lenzi will do the black top paving inside of the building.

Delphia paying the increase and welfare and are now off to that long awaited start. Have three shifts going at present on the Carson Dam.

ing; A. C. Johnson & Son — re-grading and rerouting road at Ryan Slough Hill; Associated Engineers — water mains in the City of Eureka.

In addition to the above jobs there are many other public municipal and private projects too numerous to mention.

20 Brothers on this job.

I was talking with Macco-M & K officials and they informed me that they have started to ship equipment to the Crescent City jetty job. They expect to have three shovels, two cats, and a blade, plus other equipment to start with.

Brother Tom Hill is keeping several of the Brothers busy on various jobs around the area. The Richfield Oil Co. is going to put in a test well for oil over in the Petrolia area and Tom is putting the roads into the well site. Lee Boyd from Bakersfield is also working on this job.

Brother C. E. Johnson has just about completed his job on the drive-in theater at Garberville, better known as the Passion Pit.

Kenneth Wilson and H. Paletz have their crews working on Walter S. Olsen's school job, also at Garberville.

John Peterson is keeping all of his operators busy up on Tompkins Hill. This job is for the Texaco Oil Co., putting roads into the gas wells.

All of the local independent contractors are busy in various jobs around the area which is helping out.

The material dealers and ready-mix operators are having a field day due to the fact that they have no competition from A. G. C. members.

Brother Louie Conner is one A. G. C. member who has accomplished something during the last month. He has invented an electric reel for his fishing pole and from all reports it sure gets the job done in a hurry, regardless of the rumors that he is electrocuting fish.

The following contractors who are members of the A. G. C. all have plenty of work to do and it runs into millions of dollars. If they don't get moving pretty soon, they won't get it done this year.

Barret & Hilp — hospital; John Burman & Sons — highway repair at Patrick Creek; Mercer Fraser Co. — various highway projects, including the Burns Freeway at Arcata; highway repair and resurfacing, etc.; Maurer & Son — various highway and bridge repair jobs as well as grading and surfac-

Daily report of awards for construction

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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Browne & Krull, 1057 Cotter Way, Hayward, \$97,872 for 6.1 mi. grade and surf. with import. base matl. and apply seal coat, betw. 5 mi. east of Arbuckle and State Rt. 88, COLUSA COUNTY.

IMOLA, contract awarded (general) to Ralph Larsen & Son, 64 South Park, San Francisco, \$207,313 for const. Ranch Ward Bldg. at Napa State Hosp.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Judson Pacific-Murphy Corp., 4300 Eastshore Hwy., Emeryville, \$3,062,216 for const. bottom lateral bracing of Golden Gate Bridge.

FORT MASON, contract awarded to Cantor & Coull, 1814 Clinton Ave., Alameda, \$78,648 for repairs to fender systems at Fort Mason.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson Bros., 1259 65th St., Emeryville, \$152,732 for

9.9 mi. net length to be surf. with pltmx. on import. base, betw. Stephens Grove and Weott, portions, in HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Gibbons & Reed Co., 259 W. 3rd South, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$140,771 for 7.411 mi. surf. etc. portions of primary and secondary hwy. systems betw. 6½ mi. west of jct. of FAS Rt. 541 and 1½ mi. northwest of Riverside, in CLARK COUNTY, NEV.

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SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to J. C. Bateman, Inc., 650 Stockton Ave., San Jose, for line grading at proposed Ford plant, Milpitas.

ALBANY, contract awarded to Atlas Pipe Co., 728 Laurel Dr., Walnut Creek, \$12,106 for const. Buchanan St. storm sewer project.

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows: (1) **SAN MATEO COUNTY (IV-SM-68-E)**, to Guy F. Atkinson Co., 10 W. Orange Ave., South San Francisco, \$856,704 for 1 mi. grade betw. 0.3 mi. and 1.3

mi. south of San Francisco county line. (2) **AMADOR, CALAVERAS, MERCED and SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES (X-Ama, Cal, Mer, S.J.-Var)**, to J. P. Breen, P.O. Box 183, Sacramento, \$37,829 for 32.3 mi. Class C fine seal coat to be applied to exist. surf. at various locations.

MILPITAS, contract awarded to Manuel Smith, Rt. 1 Box 352, Winton, \$120,900 for const. sanit. sewers in Impvt. Dist. (Sec. 1, Alt. A and Sec. 11).

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., P.O. Box 683, Fresno, \$168,996 for 0.7 mi. grade and pave with Port. Cem. conc. pavement on cem. tr. subgrade, in City of Fresno betw. Cherry Ave. and Santa Clara St., FRESNO COUNTY.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Schellmaker, Inc., 124 W. 4th St., Los Angeles, \$19,995 for 9,980 cy. dredge and deposit matl., in Monterey Harbor, Monterey, Calif.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Frank W. Smith, P.O. Box 726, San Mateo, \$16,289 for const. curbs, gutters, drainage strucs., remove and replace surf. on So. B St. betw. 9th and 16th Aves.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to A. G. Raisch Co., P.O. Box 458, San Rafael, \$72,626 for reconst. Grand Ave. betw. 5th St. and Newhall Dr., with pltmx. surf., a cash job.

JUNE 17, 1953

PORTERVILLE, contract awarded to Fred J. Ear y Jr. Co., Inc., 369 Pine St., San Francisco, \$364,845 for const. an activated sludge-type sewage treatment plant to be located on present sewer farm site.

CASTRO VALLEY, contract awarded to D. Belanco, 550 Hathaway Ave., San Lorenzo, \$77,872 for reconst. sanit. sewers on N. 3rd St., Earl Dr., Orchard, Laurel Ave., Baywood Ave. and Lake Chabot Rd.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded (general) to Cahill Bros., Inc., 206 Sansome St., S.F., \$581,972 for const. Mark Twain Elem. School.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Malott-Peterson Grundry Co., 2412 Harrison St., S.F., \$27,750 for yard paving at Cabrillo School.

PALO ALTO, contracts awarded to the following for grade, pave and drainage work at schools listed: (1) Bahr & Ledoyen, Inc., 3291 3rd St., Palo Alto, \$17,167, Palo Verde School. (2) Freeman Pav. Co., 200 Lambert St., Palo Alto, \$23,204, Charleston Road School.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento, \$89,879 for improve streets in Mission Rancho subdivision.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, .0138 per sq. ft. (only bidder) for seal coat on various city streets.

FAIRFIELD, contract awarded to C. M. Sayer & Harms Bros., Box 1431, Vallejo, \$9,412 for major city street construction projects for year 1953.

JUNE 19, 1953

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Aldo J. Ferrero, 776 Lincoln Avenue, Alameda for furn. pave. materials, const. sidewalks, etc., for the period July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741-50th Avenue, Oakland, \$34,880 for resurf. & repair asphalt & bitum. surf. for Period July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Peletz Co., 1948 Belmont Court, Santa Rosa, \$7,246 for const. water main, Montgomery Village No. 13.

EL CERRITO, contract awarded to Cleverdon Co., Inc., Rt. 1 Box 1, Lafayette, \$20,768 for resurf. portion of Potrero Ave. betw. Navelier St. & 1,000 ft. east thereof.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Avenue, Santa Rosa, \$5,926 for 0.28 mi. widen street on Brookwood Ave. between Bennett Ave. & Vallejo St.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to John Cuffe, 2194 Leghorn, Mountain View, \$39,000 for site grading for new Hillsdale High School.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to M. J. Lynch, 2251 Re-

vere Ave., San Francisco, \$2,492 for asphalt. conc. pavement, curb & sewer on Bird St. betw. Dearborn St. & southerly terminus.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Nomellini Const. Co., P.O. Box 1174, Stockton, \$45,995 for const. storm drains on D St. betw. 5th St. & Santa Rosa Creek & inverted siphons & appurts. at var. locations.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to E. A. Hazen, 3383 Waverly, Palo Alto, \$7,600 for 4.02 mi. established center line location survey & set const. stakes for proposed Bramlot Road in Trinity National Forest approx. 35 mi. S.E. from Weaverville or 15 mi. S. from Hayfork, TRINITY COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$168,853 for const. sanitary sewer system & sewage pumping station at Oakland Army Base.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to R. Goold & Son, P.O. Box 190, Stockton, \$26,486 for const. sanitary sewers & water distrib. system in Colonial Acres on Jessie Ave. 14th Ave. to Marion Way.

JUNE 23, 1953

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., Inc., 1755 Evans Avenue, San Francisco, \$2,191 for reconst. underground duct & install feeder on Potrero Avenue.

DAVIS, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd. Sacramento, \$9,200 for resurfacing old State Highway in Davis, with plantmix surfacing.

DAILY CITY, contract awarded to J. N. Pitcher Co., 6825 Mission St., Daily City, \$11,339 for drilling water well.

PALO ALTO, contract awarded to Harvey E. Conner, P.O. Box 1012, Redwood City, \$27,673 for const. sanitary sewer mains in Third street, et al (Stanford Annex Sewer).

SONOMA, contract awarded to Helwig Const. Co., 407 N. Main St., Sebastopol, \$12,960 for resurf. various City Streets in Sonoma.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Paris Bros., 430-40th St., Oakland, \$7,513 for const. pipe conduit in Broadway & 15th St. from 15th to 16th Streets.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Paris Bros., 430-40th St., Oakland, \$2,769 for const. pipe conduit in Plantiner Ave. from 300 ft. south of School to School street.

TURLOCK, contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., P.O. Box 2987, Stockton, \$17,770 for const. storm drain in City of Turlock.

TULARE, contract awarded to Pat Gallagher, P.O. Box 43, Tulare, \$143,759 for const. curbs & gutters in Inyo St. etc., an Assessment District Job.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Wm. Radtke & Son, Drawer J-1, Gilroy, \$35,417 for channelization, highway lighting, bin-type retaining walls & bridge railing to be const. at Bolsa Road intersec. & Carnadero Creek Bridge, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Peter Kiewith Sons' Co., 442 Post St., San Francisco, \$141,348 for 13.1 mi. net length, surf. w/plantmix surf. betw. N. City Limits of Susanville & N. side of Willow Creek Valley, LSSN CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to McCannon-Wunderlich Const. Co., \$985,452 for 4.9 mi. grade & const. drainage facilities betw. 4.1 mi. N. of Forsythe Creek & Ridge-wood Summit, MENDOCINO CO.

JUNE 24, 1953

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Cement Gun Const. Co., Box 417, Sausalito, \$9,309 for gunite 14th St. overflow sewer E. of Harrison.

SAN LORENZO, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$651,550 for trunk sewer & tr. pit, extensions (Sanit. Sewerage Proj.)

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$135,754 for 7.051 mi. grade, surf., etc., Proj. Calif. F. H. 2-11, Unit 1, Klamath River, Klamath National Forest, SISKIYOU COUNTY.

NO. SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville, Rd., Sacramento, \$5,966 for pave area at Woodlake Elementary School.

MARE ISLAND, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-

4th St., Berkeley, \$2,880 for pavement repairs in Bldg. 571 & Lumber Yard No. 2, at H St.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Wm. A. Smith Const. Co., P.O. Box 1506, Oakland, \$31,780 for rebalasting of railroad tracks along Spear Ave., & adj. to Bldg. 214 at the S.F. Naval Shipyard.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 Cutting Blvd., Richmond, \$16,815 for const. 6 dolphins at Naval Supply Center.

PORT CHICAGO, contract awarded to Olympian Dredging Co., 525 Market St., San Francisco, \$25,050 for maintenance dredging at Pier No. 2, East lighter mooring & barge pier, involv. approx 35,000 cy. of material at U.S. Naval Magazine.

PORTERVILLE, contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., Box 1349, Fresno, \$32,900 for const. water supply & treatment project at Porterville State Home.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Peter Kiewit Const. Co., 442 Post St., San Francisco, \$141,348 for 13.3 mi. net length, surf w/pltmix. surf. betw. N. City Limits of Susanville & N. side of Willow Creek Valley, LASSEN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Humboldt Constructors Inc., 125 W. 5th St., Box 121 Eureka, \$179,985 for 1.8 mi grade & surf. w/rdmix surf. on imp. base matl. betw. 0.5 mi. & 2.3 mi. E. of Klamath. DEL NORTE COUNTY.

JUNE 25, 1953

MOUNTAIN VIEW, contract awarded to Sondgroth Bros., 318 Sierra Vista Ave., Mountain View, \$6,835 for surf. tract. various streets in Mountain View.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) **WASHOE CO.** — 2.611 mi. grade, surf. etc., por. of Second, Hwy. sys. betw. Slide Mt. Ski Bowl & Grass Lake—To: Isbell Const. Co., Box 2351, Reno, \$213,398

(2) **DOUGLAS CO.** — Home Slouth Bridge & 0.682 mi. approaches on SH sys. betw. 2½ mi. northerly & 2 mi. northerly of Centerville—To Schwake Const. Co., Box 1626, Reno, \$62,664.

OAKLAND contract awarded to John A. Carstensen, P.O. Box 37, Castro Valley, \$37,285 for plantmix surf. on Hopyard Road from Dublin-Livermore State Hwy. S'ly in Livermore Township, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

JUNE 26, 1953

PETALUMA, contract awarded to Fred Bullock, P.O. Box 243, Corte Madera, \$2,732 for grounds improvements, Poultry & Livestock Diagnostic & Testing Laboratory.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$55,907 for grade, pave, etc. Avenues & Drives in Monterey Park.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Orrell-Keefe Co., 2139 Linden St., Oakland, \$7,973 for repair & re-line underground aviation fuel storage tanks at Naval Air Station.

STOCKTON contract awarded to Duncanson-Harrelson Co., 530 W. Cutting, Richmond, \$16,100 for repair & paving pier at Naval Reserve Training Center.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Pacific Bridge Co., 33 Kearny St., S.F., \$83,800 for maint. dredging at fuel pier at Naval Fuel Supply Depot, Point Molate.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Volpa Bros., 233 Nielsen, Fresno, \$251,553 for por. to be widened w/import subbase matl. & surf w/plantmix surf. on untr. rock base betw. Merced Co. Line & Califa, MADERA CO.

JUNE 29, 1953

RICHMOND, contract awarded to San Francisco Bridge Co., 140 Montgomery St., S.F. \$83,800 (instead of to Pacific Bridge Co., as stated 6-26) for maint. dredging at fuel pier at Naval Fuel Supply Depot, Point Molate.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to Wheelwright Const. Co., Ogden, Utah, \$56,274 for 2.034 mi. graded roadway & 1 conc. bridge over 20' span on FAS Rt. 55 begin. 2.6 mi. E. of jct. with SR 3, N. of Randolph, NE for 2 mi., in RICH CO.

OAKLAND contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$23,600 for 40,000 sq. ft. bitum. pavement.

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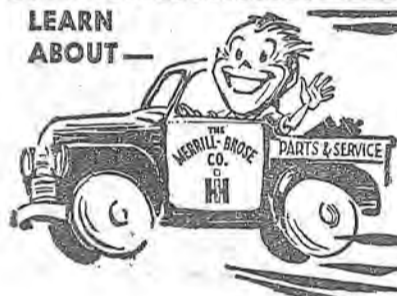
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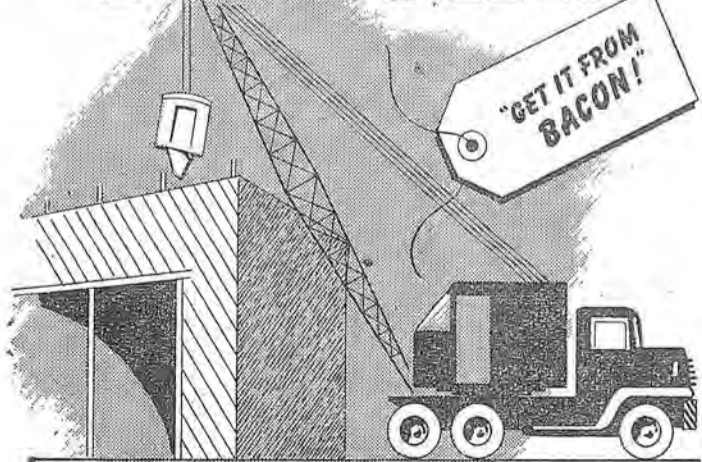
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OAKLAND contract awarded to the following for furn. & inst. 36" cement mortar lined & coated steel water mains & appurts., CONTRA COSTA CO. & ALAMEDA COS. Sched. 1—To M. Miller Co., 877 N. Bunkerhill Ave., Los Angeles, \$365,731. Sched. 11—To Engineers Limited Pipeline Co., 2127 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, \$205,538.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Schwake Const. Co., Box 1626, Reno, \$62,664 for 0.682 mi. const. approaches & Home Slough Bridge, on S. H. sys. betw. 2 1/2 mi. N. & 2 mi. N. of Centerville, DOUGLAS COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to W. W. Wichman Const. Co., 150 N. Center, Reno, \$261,336 for const. office bldg. maint. shop & maint., vehicle storage sheds at Tonopah, Nev., NYE COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., Box 2351, Reno, Nev., \$213,398 for 2.611 mi. grade, surf., etc. por. of Second. Hwy. sys. betw. Slide Mt. Ski Bowl & Grass Lake, WASHOE COUNTY.

JUNE 30, 1953

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$4740 for pave, grade & drain nr. Bldg. 275, No. 39202.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$25,650 for 30,000 sq. ft. conc. slab, Cow Palace.

HILLSBOROUGH, contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 225-19th Ave., San Mateo, \$69,576 for asph. conc. pave, etc., in Carolands Park No. 7.

REDDING, contract awarded to D. B. Stutsman, Hwy. 299 East, Redding, \$10,005 for const. improvements No. 1 to water system.

VALLEJO, contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 232 Santa Marina Bldg., San Francisco, \$13,907 for demolition of Pier 30 at the Naval Ammunition Depot, Mare Island.

SAN BRUNO, contract awarded to Sperry & McCue, 304 El Camino Real, Millbrae, \$6406 for patch and seal coat portions of exist. paving at Naval Advanced Base Personnel Depot (Disestablished), at San Bruno.

SALINAS, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$32,105 for const. curbs, gutters, sidewalks & street paving, RI No. 141.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to J. H. Fitzmaurice, 2857 Hannah St., Oakland, \$26,470 for replace stairs and pave at Calif. Memorial Stadium.

SAN LEANDRO, contract awarded to Rose & Matoza, 4820 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley, \$55,265 for surf. various city streets in San Leandro with plantmix surfacing.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$6653 for grade, pave & inst. addl. drainage system at the Operating Yard, 59th & R Sts.

MONTEREY, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$12,093 for grade and surf. Hangar Area on south side of Monterey Peninsular Airport.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Bos Const. Co., 1035 Grayson St., Berkeley, \$18,274 for replace deck on vehicle lane and repair approaches of the Fruitvale Bridge.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 Stockton Ave., Santa Clara, \$171,417 for const. storm drain and outfall for permanent troop spaces and supporting facilities.

HAWTHORNE, Nev., contract awarded to Dinwiddie Const. Co., Inc., 210 Crocker Bldg., San Francisco, \$118,000 for const. major caliber washout buildings, U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot.

CRESCENT CITY, contract awarded to Macco Corp. and Morrison-Knudsen Co., 14409 S. Paramount Blvd., Paramount, \$747,000 for repair & strengthen breakwater at Crescent City, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Stanley H. Koller, 1907 Merchant, Crockett, \$13,436 for const. 2 bridges across west fork of Grayson Creek on Soule Ave. & Shelly Drive, in County Road Group 3965, in the Pleasant Acres area, 3 mi.

southwest of Concord, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741 50th Ave., Oakland, \$30,534 for const. portions of Las Vegas Rd., Via La Cues, Ranch Road, Oak Lane, Brookbank Rd., Washington Lane & Normandy Lane, County Road Groups 2445 & 2545 in area north of Orinda, CONTRA COSTA CO.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Stanley H. Koller, 1907 Merchant, Crockett, \$9115 for const. struc. timber & reinf. conc. bridge on timber piles across Mt. Diablo Creek, on County Road, 5569, in Clayton.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Jas. W. Hill, P.O. Box 1162, Walnut Creek, \$33,978 for const. 2 bridges across Grayson Creek on Gregory Lane, Road No. 3661, approx. 3 mi. S.W. of Concord, and on Golf Club Road No. 3873, 2 mi. W. of Concord.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Martin Bros., Inc., Concord, \$52,082 for reconst. por. of streets in the Pleasant Hills, Gregory Garden Area, Road Group 395, approx. 3 mi. SW of Concord.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$48,107 for const. with pltmx. surf. por. of roads in South Orinda Area, Road Groups Nos. 2645, 2745, 2831.

JULY 2, 1953

LOS ANOS, contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., Box 95, Belmont, \$29,911 for const. additions to water system.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Standard Materials, Inc., 1411 9th St., Modesto, \$174,994 for 4.2 mi. widen and resurf. with pltmix surf. on untr. rock base, betw. Bear Creek & Buhach Road, MERCED COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$278,314 for 5.3 mi. exist. rdbed & reinf. conc. bridge to be widened & pltmix surf. placed on cem. tr. base & exist. surf., betw. 0.25 mi. S. of Monument & Martinez, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Claude C. Wood, P.O. Box 599, Lodi, \$258,921 for 5.2 mi. widen & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. rock base, betw. 0.1 mi. W. of San Joaquin County Line & Valley Springs, SAN JOAQUIN & CALAVERAS COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$47,488 for improve Glannvale Road from Bruceville Rd. to Engr. Sta. 66 90, W. end of conc. bridge, 6690 ft. long.

MILL VALLEY, contract awarded to Brown-Ely Co., Box 474, Corte Madera, for place wearing surface on parking area at Muir Woods National Monument.

MOFFETT FIELD, contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Paving Co., 900 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, \$8450 for repair pavement in Supply Storage Yard at Bldg. 127, Naval Air Station.

MOFFETT FIELD, contract awarded to Sondgroth Bros., 318 Sierra Vista Ave., Mountain View, \$5890 for const. auto parking areas at Naval Air Station.

MODESTO, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$55,703 for const. sewage pumping plant for Emerald Ave. trunk sewer.

MODESTO, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$85,140 for const. sanitary sewers in Orangeburg, Tully and Briggmore Avenues.

CARSON CITY, Nev., contract awarded to Geo. F. Miller, Box 1728, Reno, Nev., \$22,868 for 1.238 mi. const. por. of Second. Hwy. Sys. betw. Slaughter House Road and Walker River Bridge, 1 mi. W. of Yerington, LYON COUNTY.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., P.O. Box 683, Fresno, \$52,339 for reconst. Calif. Ave. Elem-Tehama, etc.

JULY 3, 1953

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Paris Bros., 430-40th St., Oakland, \$2.63 per cu. yd. for remove approx. 30,000 cu. yd. of matl. from portion of Lake Merritt.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Standard Wrecking Co., 905 Holly St., San Carlos, \$15,414 for demolition work, site clearance, grade, pave & utilities at site of

Lawrence School, 3rd Ave. and S. Fremont.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Boley-Osborn Drilling, Burley, Idaho, \$6.00 per ft. for 200 ft. drill & case well, located in Elko County, Nevada.

RODEO, contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., S.F. for const. a 1250 ft. long x 136 ft. wide, T-shaped dock at Rodeo.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., and Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$6480 for repair, regrade & replace base materials and install new surfacing to open gasoline tanks areas south of Building 14, at the Naval Air Station.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to E. A. Forde, P.O. Box 306, San Anselmo, \$12,560 for plantmix surf. various city streets in Santa Rosa.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$13,491 for erosion control at Bldgs. 2282 to T-2287.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$11,892 for parking areas in Ord Village.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$18,640 for improve 2.8 mi. Barley Canyon Road in training areas at Fort Ord.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded as follows:

No. 39209 (SF) Asph. conc. and seal coat: To O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$9870.

No. 39208 (SF) Pave area vic. Bldgs. 323, 324 & 351: To O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$6950.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$11,860 for storm drainage of parking areas in vicin. of Civilian Personnel Office.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$26,993 for const. 30 ft. wide roadway connecting Bay View & North Bay View Parks.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$5924 for extend. Ord Ave. in Ord Village to Bay View Park.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Brown-Ely Co., P.O. Box 474, Corte Madera, \$2467 for paving: and to Ghilotti Bros., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$8654 for const. roadway, MARIN COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$25,072 for rehab. of streets & parking areas at Forts Barry & Cronkhite, MARIN COUNTY.

PRESIDIO, contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$39,872 for rehab. & resurf. Bunker, Mitchell & Field Roads, Forts Barry and Cronkhite.

FORT ORD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$15,176 for improve 1.8 mi. Wild Cat Canyon Rd. in training area.

CAMP STONEMAN, contract awarded as follows for replacement of gunite splash apron and surf. road approach, water reserv.,

(1) To J. Henry Harris, 2657 9th St., Berkeley, \$16,029.

(2) To John Evola, 198 Pueblo Drive, Pittsburg, \$1993.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Oliver DeSilva, 2333 Edin Rd., San Leandro, \$5515 for grade, repair & surf. at site of former bldg. No. 132 at the Air Station.

FORT BAKER, contract awarded to Macnson, 151 Tehama St., S.F., \$42,249 for const. gravity & force main sewer & lift station at Fort Baker.

PRESIDIO, contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$6771 for rehabilitate Presidio Blvd. & Simonds Loop.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$5410 for repaving betw. Bldg. 746 & 748 at Naval Supply Center.

PRESIDIO OF S.F., contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$11,775 for rehabilitate Washington Blvd., Area "A."

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Lee Const. Co., 1575 Lake Chabot Rd., San Leandro, \$29,865 for const. por. 7 Hills Road betw. Redwood Rd. & Brickell Road, Eden Township.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Lee Const. Co., 1575 Lake Chabot

Rd., San Leandro, \$57,584 for const. por. Halcyon Drive, Washington Ave.—WPRR, Eden Township, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

JULY 6, 1953

AGNEW, contract awarded as follows for work at Agnew State Hospital, Repair to Roads—To Donald F. Graves, 185 Cunningham, San Jose, \$28,300.

GREENFIELD, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$84,495 (Alt. C) for paving work, MONTEREY CO.

PARKS AFB, contract awarded to Wahlin Bros., 2942-23rd Ave., Oakland, \$31,267 for rehab. base sewage disposal plant.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Rich Co. (Sp 1466)—To Wilkinson Const. Co., Logan, Utah, \$98,803 for 1.742 mi. const. 2 in. roadmix bit. surf. road on SR No. 3 from Laketown southeasterly 1.7.

(2) Utah Co. (Sp 1467)—To Thorn Const. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 111, Springville, Utah, \$124,985 for 3.741 mi. const. plantmix bit. surf. on US 50, 89 & 91 betw. Pleasant Grove & American Fork.

(3) Davis Co. (Sp 1336)—To Gibbons & Reed Co., P.O. Box 1113, Salt Lake City, \$100,284 for 2.178 mi. const. pltmx. sbit. surf. on U.S. 91, betw. Parkin underpass and North Bountiful.

(4) Box Elder Co. (FASP S-312 (2)—To Germer, Abbott & Waldron, Tremonton, Utah, \$19,280 for 3.563 mi. 2 in. rdmx. bit. surf. on FAS Rt. No. 4, betw. Howell and U.S. No. 30-S.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to John G. Mehren, 1810 Ladino Rd., Sacramento, \$144,965 for 1.0 mi. grade & roadmix cem. tr. base & armor ct. to be placed, betw. near new Rt. 15 & 0.1 mi. W. of W.

City limits of Nevada City, NEVADA COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$78,930 (Alt D) for const. outfall sewer from State Highway No. 17 to Coyote River.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to E. J. Treacy, 452 Dewey Blvd., San Francisco, \$3651 for widen Merchant St. (Drum St. to the Embarcadero).

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Salt Lake Co. (State 1479)—To J. B. & R. E. Walker, Inc., 21 S. 10 W, Salt Lake City, \$2175 for const. cov. matl. stockpile (involves 1500 T. cov. matl., Type A) at the Spruces in Big Cottonwood Canyon, 9 mi. from the lower powerhouse bridge.

(2) Weber Co. (SP 1475)—To Gibbons & Reed Co., Box 1113, Salt Lake City, \$19,655 for 0.425 mi. const. 3 in. pltmx. bit. surf. road on 24th St. on Ogden betw. Washington Blvd. & Wall Ave.

ELDRIDGE, contract awarded (General)—To Williams & Burrows and Carl N. Swensen, 18 West Orange Ave., South San Francisco, \$496,670 for const. Male Ward Units 11 & 12 at Sonoma State Home.

EUREKA, contract awarded (General) to Bishop, Younger, Bradley, 405 Sansome St., San Francisco, \$345,929 for const. District 1 Office Bldg. for Div. of Highways.

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Work Continues In S.F. Despite Lockout by AGC

By PAT CLANCY and PAUL EDGEcombe

Despite the fact that many of our members have been hampered by the Laborers strike and the AGC lockout, several of the Independent Contractors have signed with the Laborers Union and have continued operations.

As you know, the Associated Home Builders respected the AGC's lockout for a few days but resumed work after bolting the AGC and arrived at a settlement.

With this action, Standard Builders, one of the large builders, started their jobs in the field as

well as putting all our members back to work in the repair shop. Consequently with this agreement the excavating contractors were busy grading for new home building.

The San Francisco Parking Au-

thority has allocated money for surveying of the parking possibilities in the downtown area. If this survey proves need for such a project and is undertaken, this will provide employment for a number of operating engineers.

Funds for the proposed Veterans Hospital at Fort Funston have been eliminated by the Senate Appropriations Committee. Plans for this structure were approved by Congress in 1946, but funds had never been granted.

With all the jobs that had been awarded and were in progress previous to the dispute, work opportunities in this area should diminish our out-of-work list upon settlement.

I am glad to report that Bro. Vince Selich has been released from the hospital and is recovering from a serious operation. However, it is with regret that we report Bro. Al Baker was drowned while fishing in Plumas County. He was employed by Henry Doelger at the time of his death.

for const. sanit. and storm sewers in Glenwood Ave. et al.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to S. M. McGaw Co., 307 Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$12,166 for surf. with pltmx. surf., curbs, gutters and sidewalks on Center St. betw. Miner Ave. and Channel St. and for approaches to Center St. bridge in Stockton.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Dan Prodanovich, 750 - 81st Ave., Oakland, \$7,785 for const. vit. clay pipe conduit in Geranium Place.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Rothchild, Raffin & Weirick and James I. Barnes, 274 Brannan St., S.F., \$99,749 for const. east lean-to of Bldg. 217 at S.F. Naval Shipyard.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Swinerton & Walberg, 1723 Webster St., Oakland, \$297,000 for const. two-story reinf. conc. hosp. admin. bldg. at Fairmont Hosp., Foothill Blvd. and 150th Ave.

JUNE 10, 1953
SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Chas. S. Moore, 2045 Redbush Terrace, San Jose, \$55,622 for const. reinf. conc. bridge and approaches on Talbot Ave., across Santa Rosa Creek.

KING CITY, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$32,705 for resurf. with pltmx. surf. First St (Broadway-Ellis) et al.

NAPA, contract awarded to Slinnson Const. Co., P.O. Box 551, Napa, \$5,981 for grade, surf., etc., property devel. Social Welfare Bldg., Napa County Infirmary.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to G. M. Carr & Batti Rocca, 2333 Burbank Ave., Santa Rosa, \$70,133 for const. reinf. conc. girder bridge across Gilbert Creek, 1 mi. south of Calif.-Oregon state line, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

JUNE 11, 1953
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$20,990 for clear, grub, shape roadway and const. reinf. conc. box culv. on Bell St. betw. Marconi and Edison Ave.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$35,232 for pave and drain Volz Dr. in Southland Park Terrace No. 8.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded (general) to Mathew A. Little, 1 Grand View, San Francisco, \$426,222 for const. classrm and three girls' cottages at Los Guilicos School for Girls, nr. Santa Rosa.

CLOVIS, contract awarded to Gordon L. Capps, P.O. Box 583, Stockton, \$17,150 for side erosion control outlet channel, Big Dry Creek Reservoir to Little Dry Creek, 7 mi. north of Clovis.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Cecil L. Moore, P.O. Box 166, San Leandro, \$133,484 for 4.5 mi. grade and const. drain. facils. betw. 0.9 mi. and 5.4 mi. east of Dos Rios, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Gibbons & Reed Co., 259 W. 3rd South, Salt Lake City,

M & K Starts Big Pipeline Job; Rock Plant Project Resumes

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

The M & K Corporation started work on their large pipe line project during the past week. Brother Al Guispari with the assistance of operators, Brothers Davis, Baker, Al Pitto and several other members of Local 3, began operations at Lomita Park which is near the north end of the project which extends south to Hillsborough, according to information received from a pre-job conference meeting with Brother Guispari.

Due to the unusual nature of this work, many engineers will be employed for a long period of time because much of the right-of-way travels along the streets of Millbrae and Burlingame and not more than two joints of 60-inch pipe will be laid until it has been covered and surplus earth hauled away.

After their difficulties were ironed out with the Laborers' Union the Lowrie Paving Co. again resumed operations on the erection of the Rock Plant on Skyline Boulevard and many other large construction jobs in this area including the San Francisco Airport, Capuchino High School and Mills Park projects which put many members of Local No. 3, former employees of this firm, back to work.

Brothers Lyle McCann and Windy Webber engaged in a joint venture with Brother Johnny Cuffe, operating a fleet of Tournapulls and cats have started the huge grading job on the Hillsdale School and Campus in San Mateo. Webber & McCann also have many other projects in operation in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.

Bids are being advertised and will be opened on August 5th by the State of California Highway Department for the construction of three miles of four-lane highway on Skyline Boulevard, extending from Edgamar Road to Alemany Boulevard extension; one million dollars has been allocated by the department for this work.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

In the southern end of the Peninsula District, at Ladero near the town of Portola, the C. J. Wood Contracting Co. was the successful bidder on the grading and street paving on this Real Estate development project. Brother Woods with the assistance of Foreman Brother O'Leary and several cat and blade operators are busily engaged at the present on this work.

The Stoneson's Company's newest Real Estate development project, at Avalon near San Bruno, is progressing in a very satisfactory manner. Brother Floyd Watson, the grading contractor on this project, with the assistance of foremen Brothers Hartman and Goering with a large crew of cat and jeep operators, are industriously employed on this work. A word of praise is due Brother Floyd Watson on the way he has consistently conducted his many grading jobs over a period of several years, in times of strife such as labor troubles and shortage of operators and such. Brother Watson has always cooperated with Local No. 3 one hundred per cent and has kept his jobs in operation and his engineers employed.

Arthur Haskins, another one of our enterprising young contractors, also has his equipment operating on the Stoneson Winston Manor project and at several other points in this area, which keeps a large number of members of Local No. 3 employed.

Although some of the large construction jobs have suspended operations in this area due to labor disagreements, more than fifty of the Independent Contractors have continued to work and a large number of members of Local No. 3 are employed.

Utah, \$140,771 for 7.411 mi. surf. etc. portion of primary and secondary hwy. systems betw. 6 1/2 mi. west of jct. of FAS Rt. 541 and 1 1/2 mi. northwest of Riverside, CLARK COUNTY.

SAN CARLOS, contract awarded to S.A.E. Co., 929 Shasta St., Redwood City, \$377,411 for pave Industrial Way.

Drop in Federal Construction Contract Awards

By RUSS SWANSON

Contract awards for federal construction totalled \$626 million in the first three months of this year, lowest quarterly total since October-December 1951, the U. S. Labor Dept.'s Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. The first-quarter total was off by almost 50 per cent from the three-month period immediately preceding, and by 15 per cent from the first quarter of last year, according to preliminary figures of the Bureau.

Most of the drop from the preceding quarter was in electrification projects and in federally owned industrial plants. Electrification contracts were at an unusually high level in 1952's final quarter because of large awards for steam plant facilities of the Tennessee Valley Authority to meet increased power needs of defense-connected industries in the area. No similar large TVA contracts were let in the first quarter of this year, nor are any under consideration for the balance of 1953. The decline in industrial building from the closing quarter of 1952 resulted almost entirely from a temporary slack in awards for construction of new facilities for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Total contract value in the first quarter was lower this year than last, largely because of a slowdown in awards for troop housing and training facilities and for military warehouses. The program for providing these accommodations has passed its peak, but the decline reflects also the February order of the Budget Bureau to review construction projects for essentiality. Award amounts for other types of defense-connected work, particularly construction at airfields and AEC installations, were substantially higher than a year ago, despite decreases from the preceding three months.

The value of federal contracts awarded exceeded the \$50-million mark in only two states, Washington and Ohio. The major portion of the awards was for AEC facilities—expansion work in Hanford, Wash., and new construction in Portsmouth, Ohio. During the first quarter of last year, four states—California, Texas, New York and Alabama—had contracts totalling more than \$50 million.

In addition to contracts for industrial type AEC buildings at the Hanford, Portsmouth, and Savannah River projects, leading awards during the 1953 first quarter were for continuation of the Gavins Point Dam project near Yankton, S.D., \$17.5 million; barracks at Fort Bragg, N.C., \$12.9 million; completion of Kirwin Dam in Phillips County, Kans., \$6.7 million; and runways at Edwards Air Force Base, Kern County, Calif., \$6.6 million.

The Pacific states led all other section in the value of federal construction contract awards, with almost one-fourth of the total.

A young doctor returned to the small town where he was born and called on the old family physician. "I suppose you intend to specialize," remarked the elder.

"Oh, yes," answered the young M.D. loftily. "In the diseases of the nose; for the ears and throat are far too complicated to be combined with the nose for purposes of study and treatment."

There was a short pause, after which the older medic inquired, "Which nostril are you concentrating on?"

Disputes Slow Down Much Work in Fresno District

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

Work in the Fresno District has been pretty well curtailed because of the Laborers' strike against the Fresno General Contractors and the Associated General Contractors, also because of a lockout on part of the Aggregate and Ready Mix plants. At the present time we have only two major jobs in operation, the Selby Drilling Company have resumed work on their drilling contract on Pipe Flat Dam, and are presently employing about 35 members. Bechtel Corporation at Vermillion Valley are now operating at full capacity. We have approximately 140 members employed there. This company expects to place over one million cubic yards of fill material into the dam embankment during this current season and will enlarge their spread considerably at the beginning of next year's operation. This definitely is a seasonal and a camp job.

In the meantime we have Eaton & Smith shut down on their Shaver Lake B.P.R. contract, also on their Highway 180 job. On the aforementioned job the Frank Hess Company is also shut down because of refusal to sign interim agreements. United Concrete Pipe Company in Tulare is being picketed by the Laborers' Union for a renewal of that plant contract, therefore pipe laying operation in that section of the district will be curtailed until settlement of this condition. On the credit side we have several new jobs coming up and several jobs there have been let in this area. As an example the million

and one-half dollars Tuberculosis Hospital was awarded to Stolte & Mid-State as joint ventures. Another 58 miles of irrigation pipe to be manufactured and laid in Tulare County. Date for bid opening is July 16th.

Thomas Construction Co. have been awarded the first section of the Fresno Freeway and work will start as soon as the local strike is settled. Practically all members employed in the Gravel Pits in Visalia and Fresno areas have been laid off; however, some of the brothers are enjoying their paid vacations.

Generally the outlook is very good for the rest of this season and we are anticipating a shortage of men not later than a week after the signing of Associated General Contractors to current agreements.

Our next regular meeting of this area will be Thursday evening, July 23rd, 8 p.m. at 631 Kearney Blvd., Fresno, Calif.

May we again request the brothers to donate that pint of blood to the Engineers' Blood Bank. A good time is NOW while you are off work.

Construction Awards

JUNE 5, 1953

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Ukropina-Polich-Kral and John R. Ukropina, P.O. Box 105, San Gabriel, \$1,277,501 for 3.5 mi. grade and const. six bridges for a four-lane divided hwy, one mile east of Roseville and one-half mile east of Placerville, in PLACER COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., S.F., \$4,915 for resurf. Broderick St. betw. Lombard and Beach Sts.

TRAVIS AFB, contract awarded to Altermatt & Creasy, P.O. Box 365, Santa Maria, \$294,034 for const. sanit. sewer and East Outfall storm drain.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, 2832 - 9th St., Berkeley, \$561,066 for const. Seal Slough Drainage Project, consisting of dredging, const. road, levee, tide gates, pumping station and appurts.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to E. F. Hilliard, 1355 - 43rd St., Sacramento, \$3,183 for pave alley D and E from east line of 25th St. to west line of 27th St.

NAPA, contract awarded to Balsalt Rock Co., P.O. Box 538, Napa, \$2,979 for pave driveway, parking areas and play areas at Phillips Elem. School.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento, \$3,381 for improv. alley X St. and Broadway betw. 23rd and 24th Sts.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Carl R. Fiedler, 2231 J St., Sacramento, \$3,197 for pave alley S and T from east line of 25th St. to west line of 26th St.

JUNE 8, 1953

CARSON CITY, NEV., contract awarded to Whiting & Haymond, Springville, Utah, \$12,085 for 5.5 mi. const. access road from 9.5 mi. west of Garrison, Utah and a point below the Big Wash Mine, WHITE PINE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to N. P. Valkenburg, P.O. Box 1192, Sacramento, \$116,300 for improv. grounds at Sacramento State College.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., San Francisco, \$3,749,132 for 5 mi. grade and surf. with pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base and const. six bridges and widen one bridge, betw. 0.1 mi. north of 16th Ave. and 0.2 mi. south of Bransten Rd., SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson and M&K Corp., 873 - 81st Ave., Oakland, \$239,922 for 1.4 mi. grade, pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base and cr. run base, and furn. and install traf. signal sys. and hwy. lighting, betw. 0.4 mi. west of Hesperian Blvd. and 0.3 mi. north of Harder Rd., ALAMEDA COUNTY.

JUNE 9, 1953

DALY CITY, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 Stockton Ave., Santa Clara, \$12,552 for const. water mains in Wildwood and Southgate Aves.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to L. C. Smith, Box 610, San Mateo, \$299,866 for pave, curbs, gutters, lighting, sewers and gunitite creek banks in San Mateo Village Unit 6.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 Stockton Ave., Santa Clara, \$13,848