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IUOE Election Attracts

MEMBERS ARE URGED TO VOTE AND MAIL THEIR BALLOTS IMMEDIATELY

Follow-up to the recent historic convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers in Chicago is this month's election of officers, which is attracting the widest possible interest among the membership. Endorsements of candidates by local and international officers are carried on this page and on page 2 of this issue of the Engineers News. These will be of interest to all members.

Every member is urged to be sure to cast his vote and to mail in his ballot immediately. Following is a statement that has been given wide distribution among members of the international union:

To the Members of the Intl. Union of Operating Engineers

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We who were privileged to have been nominated without opposition at the 25th Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers wish to take this opportunity to thank the delegates in attendance at the Convention as well as the members they so ably represented, for the honor bestowed upon us. We are deeply appreciative and we want to assure the membership that we are not only interested, but concerned, about the welfare of our organization. For this reason, and because of our interest in you, and in the well being of the organization itself, we are taking the liberty of recommending to you candidates for office who, we know, will aid in revitalizing our International Union, when elected. These candidates are men with experience and ability. They are men who have proven themselves to be above reproach . . . men with spotless records . . . the type of men most needed to bring new blood into the governing body of our International!

We sincerely hope that this letter will serve as an introduction, and guide, to those of you who may not be familiar with their individual records.

Brother DALE BURCHETT is a candidate for the office of Fifth General Vice-President. He has an outstanding record and we know that he is worthy of your trust, and support. The membership can be sure that as Fifth General Vice-President of our International Union, Brother Burchett will be an asset. A vote for him is a vote for the members as well!

Brother J. C. TURNER is a candidate for the office of Tenth General Vice-President. We recommend Brother Turner highly as a man eminently qualified to hold this office. He, too, is worthy of your full support and his election will add prestige to our International family. We know that a vote for Brother Turner will be a vote for the best interests of our International.

Brother L. E. EGAN, incumbent candidate for the office of TRUSTEE is now the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. His record is clean and shows that he has done a fine job for all of us. Brother Egan should be returned to office by a unanimous vote!

Brother R. W. TUCKER is also a candidate for the office of TRUSTEE. His record as a union man goes unchallenged . . . he is outstanding, and has proven his ability to organize in that great Southern California City of Los Angeles. Brother Tucker fights for what is right and has the courage of his convictions. His election to the Board of Trustees will be of great value to the Board, and to the entire membership!

You will notice that we have only recommended TWO (2) TRUSTEES, although there are THREE (3) TO BE ELECTED to this all important Board of our International. Our reason for doing this is because of the fact that there were several other candidates nominated for the office of Trustee . . . all of whom are very fine men! To recommend a third member would be beyond our capabilities and might also be unfair to the membership since, undoubtedly, many members have a personal choice for at least one of the candidates nominated to this office who, through their own knowledge or personal acquaintance, they would like to see elected a TRUSTEE.

If you were one of the delegates to our Convention, you are certainly aware of how important it is to elect real men to office. We can only conclude by saying that we feel that the men we have recommended are real men and they will best serve the interests of all. We ask only that each be elected on his own merits!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

(Signed)—VICTOR S. SWANSON, Sixth V.P.
JACK McDONALD, Eighth V.P.
CHAS. PALUSKA, Ninth V.P.

Wide Interest

Candidates for IUOE Vice Presidents Dale Burchett J. C. Turner



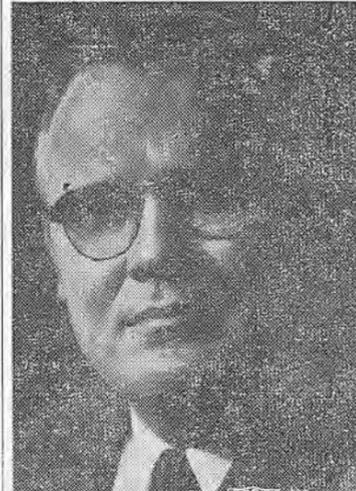
Business Manager, Local No. 49
International Union of Operating
Engineers, St. Paul, Minnesota

BROTHER BURCHETT comes from a Union family closely identified with old-line steam shovel operators and dredgemen. He was born in Minnesota in 1909 and became a member of Local No. 49 in 1934. As soon as he became a union member, he attracted attention through his individual efforts in bringing new members into his local.

Brother Burchett was elected Business Agent of Local No. 49 in 1938 and with the exception of a 22 months' hitch in the Navy during World War II, he has served in that capacity continuously up to and during the present time. He is a man of action and this is amply substantiated by the fact that when he took over as Business Agent, Local No. 49 had about four hundred members confined to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Today Local No. 49 has eight thousand members, with its influence felt and prevailing all over Minnesota, North Dakota and parts of South Dakota.

Brother Burchett first concentrated on heavy and highway contractors and, as a result of his efforts, a state-wide contract cover-

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Business Manager, Local No. 77
International Union of Operating
Engineers, Washington, D.C.

BROTHER TURNER, born in Beaumont, Texas in 1916, moved to Washington, D.C. in 1932. He became a member of Local No. 77 in 1935. In 1938 he was selected a delegate to the Washington, D.C. Central Labor Union and became Business Agent of Local No. 77 in 1940. In 1943, he was also elected Vice-President and held both of these positions until May, 1950. In May, 1950, he went on leave to serve as Labor Counselor to the International Labor Office with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. In November, 1950, Brother Turner was called back by Local No. 77 as its President and Business Manager.

Brother Turner has always been held in the highest esteem locally, nationally and internationally for his remarkable ability in the field of trade unionism. Proof of this is reflected in the numerous positions of responsibility which were accorded him. He was chairman of the Board of Business Agents of the Washington, D.C. Building Trades Council. He has been Vice-President of the Washington, D.C. Central Labor Union since 1948. He has been secretary of the

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Proposed Pipeline Pact Is Held Worthless

By Victor S. Swanson, Sixth General Vice-President
International Union of Operating Engineers

I think it is only fair and proper that I set forth my views regarding the NATIONAL PIPELINE AGREEMENT since, at one time, I was a member of the Negotiating Committee dealing with this Agreement.

It is my intention that our membership be fully aware of the situation since it seems to have become a controversial, as well as a political issue!

I would like to say now, in the very beginning, that I am presenting my own personal opinion and although I realize that there are some who may not agree with me, I shall try to make myself clearly understood and in doing so . . . let the chips fall where they may!

To give you a brief history; The Engineer's Pipeline Committee consisted of three (3) members; Fourth Vice-President Joseph J. Delaney, Fifth Vice-President Frank P. Converse, and myself as Sixth Vice-President. It seemed to me that the only two concerned with preserving and protecting the Union conditions we had won in the past were Vice-President Delaney and myself. However, neither of us were successful, and nothing

worthwhile was accomplished and for that reason we both expressed our desire to be removed from the Pipeline's Negotiating Committee. That was four months ago. The General President has since appointed Brother Wm. J. Stuhr, Seventh Vice-President and Bro. Jack McDonald, Eighth Vice-President to the committee, both of whom are outstanding labor men, and negotiators. I am sure that they will now take over the fight to negotiate a fair and decent agreement.

In reading the old Pipeline Agreement and the NEWLY PROPOSED AGREEMENT we can find no semblance of any union conditions. To my way of thinking it is too disgraceful to even consider! In reporting to you I did not

want to rely on my own judgment only. The proposed agreement was submitted to one of our nation's outstanding labor attorneys, Mr. P. H. McCarthy, Jr., and while I should like to print his full and complete analysis in its entirety, space does not permit me to do so. However, the following is the conclusion of his report and I am sure you can form your own opinion from that and understand my sentiments as well.

CONCLUSION

"Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 has everything to lose and nothing to gain under the proposed agreement.

The agreement is entirely one-sided.

The International gains nothing

it has not and surrenders much that it might have.

The employer is guaranteed the services of every local union in the International as a personnel placement office, or hiring hall, for skilled employees and thus saves the employer a very substantial sum. The employer saves the cost of a mobile personnel office and staff and wear and tear on machinery in trying out operators of unknown skills. For this the International gets a nicely typed agreement, probably on bond paper, or parchment, and that is all.

A fair agreement—fair to the employer, the International, the local union and the employees could be negotiated. Such an agreement would and should benefit all concerned; the proposed agreement benefits only the employer.

There is no reason why under the proposed agreement one dues paying member of the Operating Engineers need be employed unless the employer for his own selfish reasons should happen to want to employ a member of Operating Engineers.

So long as skilled operators are in short supply, this agreement may provide employment for some members of the International, but the day there is an over-supply of skilled operators this agreement will not be worth the price of the paper upon which it is written.

We repeat: Under this agreement as proposed, Local 3 and its members and employees it represents lose much. The International gains little, if anything, to compensate for the loss.

We have not pointed out all of the defects in the proposed agreement, only the major ones."

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

P. H. MCCARTHY, JR.

Although a National Pipeline Agreement could be of vast importance, the proposed agreement seems to be predicated only on taking from those Unions who have won conditions. This is entirely foreign to my conception of the labor movement. For over 50 years we, in the labor movement, have fought in season and out of season for better working conditions.

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CANDIDATES FOR IUOE TRUSTEES

Louis E. Egan

R. W. Tucker



Financial Secretary and Business Agent, Local No. 701, I.U.O.E., Portland, Oregon

BROTHER EGAN was born February 10, 1892, and has been a resident of Oregon since 1909. He has been identified with Organized Labor throughout his entire life. He started out as a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers while railroading on the Southern Pacific.

Brother Egan joined Local No. 87, I.U.O.E., on August 19, 1917 and transferred to Local No. 701 in January, 1919. He was elected President of Local No. 701 in 1927, 1929, 1930, and from 1933 to 1946.

In line with his outstanding leadership as President, he capably held down the position of Field Representative and Local Organizer from 1936 to 1946, when he was elected Financial Secretary and Business Representative of Local No. 701 which office he still holds.

Brother Egan is truly a pillar of the Labor Movement in our great Northwest. He has been a delegate to the Central Labor Council, the Building and Construction Trades Council and the Metal Trades Council, Portland, Oregon for many, many years. He serves as Executive Board member of the Labor Temple Association and is Chairman of its Building Committee.

Brother Egan's ability has received the recognition of all segments of the economy of the Northwest. In the recent past he was chosen as President of the Portland Labor-Management Committee and is today an Executive Board member of that important body.

Brother Egan's qualities of leadership brought him the position of Executive Board Member of the Columbia Power Trades-Council which is made up of twelve important International Union Locals. He was President of the Western States Conference of Operating Engineers and at present serves this conference as a Vice-President.

As was to be expected, Brother Egan drew the attention of our International Union in July, 1951 when he was elected as Trustee of the I.U.O.E. He was re-elected Trustee in September, 1952 and was finally honored with the Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees in February, 1956.

A more qualified man than LOUIS EUGENE EGAN could hardly be chosen to continue in the important position he now holds in the International Union of Operating Engineers.



Business Manager and Recording Corresponding Secretary, Local 501 I.U.O.E., Los Angeles, Calif.

BROTHER RAYMOND TUCKER has been actively identified with Organized Labor for over 20 years. Since 1936, he has held official positions of responsibility, first with the International Brotherhood of Papermakers and then in 1946 as Business Representative of Local No. 63, I.U.O.E.

In 1950 Brother Tucker was promoted to the position of Secretary and in the same year was elected Business Manager of his local.

In April, 1953, Local No. 63 and Local No. 235 merged into Local No. 501 and Brother Tucker was elected Business Manager and Recording-corresponding Secretary. In the year immediately following, 1954, he was re-elected to a four year term.

Under Brother Tucker's able and forthright leadership, Local 501 has grown to approximately 3,000 members, protected under 476 signed contracts containing the highest wages and best conditions prevailing in our International Union.

Local No. 501 includes ten counties in Southern California and all of Southern Nevada except the Boulder Dam project, and maintains offices at 1209 West Seventh St., Los Angeles, Calif.; 735 Broad Ave., Wilmington, Calif.; and 307 Wall St., Las Vegas, Nevada. The main office is in Los Angeles and the Wilmington office building is owned by Local 501.

Local No. 501's outstanding contract is with the Southern California Brewers. It has a basic wage of \$3.15 per hour, shift differentials of ten and fifteen cents, a pension plan at ten cents per hour, a health and welfare plan at seven and one-half cents per hour, a guaranteed work week, guaranteed overtime provision for watch engineers who receive \$624 per month, eight holidays paid at 2 1/4 times the shift rate if worked and straight time if not worked, vacations paid one week after one year, two weeks after two years and three weeks after eight years, a union security clause making it mandatory for the employers to employ only members of Local No. 501.

Other contracts cover lumber mills, dairies, hotels, mines, meat plants, buildings, rubber plants, bakeries, laundries, dry ice, soft drinks, record manufacturing plants, aircraft plants, race tracks, newspaper, soap manufacturing, hospitals, oxygen and acetylene, roofing manufacturing plants, food plants, candy plants, fish canneries in Southern California, tank manufacturing, small boat yards, pipe and steel plants, steam and power plants, lithograph plants, rendering plants, state university, board of education, county engineers, city engineers, department of water and power, and all local theatres. In all of these, wages have doubled in the last ten years and some have increased more in

ALL OFFICERS, BUSINESS REPS. URGE YOU TO CAST YOUR BALLOT!

Ballots for election of the International Officers are now being distributed to each and every member. This is an IMPORTANT election and each officer and business representative of Local Union No. 3 who has signed this article sincerely and respectfully ask each member to mark his ballot and mail same in immediately.

All Members Note! HILL WITHDRAWS AS VP CANDIDATE

All members are asked to take note of the fact that Roland Hill has withdrawn as a candidate for the post of 10th vice-president of the international union. His withdrawal was made after the ballots were printed so his name therefore still remains on the ballot.

It will serve no purpose to mark your ballot after his name. Instead, mark your ballot for one of the other candidates for the post of vice-president. (Please take note of the recommendation for Bro. J. C. Turner for this office, which starts on page one and continues to this page.)

addition to fringe benefits such as sick leave, vacations, holidays, health and welfare pensions, etc.

Local No. 501 was one of the first locals to negotiate a health and welfare plan on the West Coast (the Operating Engineers Security Fund) which is paid for by the employer at \$13 per month. There is now a Local No. 501 Pension Plan maintained by the employers at 10c per hour. Local No. 501 was the first local in our International Union to have a State Indentured apprenticeship program and graduated the first apprentices. Local No. 501 is operated on a sound financial basis with over \$80,000.00 in cash and assets. Last year Local No. 501 established a \$25,000.00 strike fund for the membership.

Outside of his duties with the Local, Brother Tucker is very active in the labor movement in the Southern California area. He was elected as an Executive Board member of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council in 1950 and re-elected each term since. He is presently serving as a member on the six-man committee on the merger agreement on the six-man committee on the merger agreement of AFL-CIO Councils. The Los Angeles Central Labor Council represents over 650,000 Union members in Southern California. Local No. 501 is presently working on a State License law for the betterment of safety laws for operating engineers in the States of California and Nevada. Brother Tucker is also Vice-President of the California State Conference of Operating Engineers.

In view of the foregoing, BRO. R. W. TUCKER is admirably qualified to take over the duties and responsibilities of Trustee of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Those chocolate babies they used to sell in candy stores, ten for a cent. A little shaver demanded two cents' worth and added, "I want all boy babies." The confectioner asked why. The young one explained quickly, "more chocolate!"

Let us make every effort to cast as full a vote as possible. Let us show our sister local unions that we really take an interest in our International Officers. The important thing is to VOTE for the officer of your choice.

The recommendation of your Executive Board is presented in this issue.

Each one of us makes this appeal to you personally. PLEASE VOTE.

- Pat Clancy, President
- H. O. Foss, Vice-President
- C. F. Mathews, Rec.-Cor. Secy.
- R. F. Swanson, Financial Secy.
- P. E. Vandewark, Treasurer
- Charles Davenport, Trustee
- J. A. Carahoff, Trustee
- Ernest Miller, Trustee

BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES

- SAN FRANCISCO
 - A. G. Boardman, Executive Board Member
 - Harry Metz, Executive Board Member
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 - L. L. Laux
 - M. V. Minahan
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 - Chet Elliott, Executive Board Member
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 - Walter Talbot
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 - Dan Dees
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 - Wilbur Weeks

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 - Jim Jennings
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 - Paul Edgecombe
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 - Ernest M. Nelson
 - R. L. Sornsen
- SAN JOSE
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 - A. R. McCaffrey
 - H. T. Petersen
- SAN RAFAEL
 - F. A. Lawrence
 - Louis Solari
 - Aaron S. Smith
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- RENO, NEVADA
 - Joseph Miller
 - H. L. Spence, Auditor
- SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
 - Merlin Bowman
 - C. E. Cockayne
 - George Farrell
 - Glenn Fullmer
 - Jay Neeley

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
VICTOR S. SWANSON
 Local Union Manager

Wife: "Your cough has been worrying me so much that I have got somebody in to see you."
 Husband: "The doctor?"
 Wife: "No, darling. The man from the insurance company."

J. C. Turner

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 Maryland State and District of Columbia Federation of Labor since 1954.

In 1952, Brother Turner was designated by A.F. of L. President Green as Public Member of the Selections Board of the U.S. Department of State for the purpose of rating the Foreign Service officers of the United States. In this same year, he was appointed by the U.S. Government, on A.F. of L. recommendations, to be Labor Advisor to the U.S. delegation for the International Labor Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. In the fall of 1952, he traveled with President Truman, as a labor advisor, on the now famous whistle-stop tours.

Since 1952, Brother Turner has been a member of the Commissioners' Citizens' Advisory Council of the District of Columbia Government. This is a governmental body of the city and Brother Turner is the only representative of organized labor on this important official body.

Of tremendous national significance, the fact is that recently Brother Turner was elected, not only to be a delegate to the 1956 Democratic Convention at Chicago, but was as well unanimously chosen as Chairman of the entire District of Columbia delegation of twenty-four.

Brother Turner points with pride to the fact that Local No. 77 negotiated one of the first health and welfare programs within the International Union of Operating Engineers back in 1949.

Outstanding recognition has been accorded him by the South Atlantic Conference of Operating Engineers which chose him as its Chairman in 1953 when it was first organized.

Brother Turner has attended I.U.O.E. conventionse in 1944, 1948, 1952 and 1956 as a delegate from Local No. 77.

J. C. TURNER is uniquely qualified to fill the position of Vice-President of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Dale Burchett

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 ing this work was signed back in 1938. He then branched out into the field of Building Contractors, Sand and Gravel Contractors, major equipment companies, and employees hired by the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He extended his efforts to suburban areas, all of the Counties in Minnesota, and into the Minnesota State Highway Department.

In North and South Dakota, Brother Burchett is up against anti-union so-called "right-to-work" laws. In spite of these handicaps he is successfully working to establish Minnesota wages and working conditions in the Dakotas.

Brother Burchett is an outstanding influence in the Minnesota State Federation of Labor and prior to his Navy service, was one of its Vice-Presidents. He is active in the Twin Cities Building and Construction Trades Councils, the Minnesota State Branch of Operating Engineers, and the North central States Conference of Operating Engineers.

DALE L. BURCHETT presents the best possible caliber for an International Vice-President and if elected will be a tremendous asset as Fifth Vice-President of the International Union of Operating Engineers.



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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 2 was read and by motion approved as read.

A Synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of June 13 and of July 3 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from the General Secretary-Treasurer regarding the election of General Officers. Regularly moved and seconded to refer to New Business. Carried.

Telegram from Brother Gramling regarding removal of one candidate's name from the ballot. Regularly moved and seconded to refer to New Business. Carried.

Letter from P. H. McCarthy regarding communication from Brother Gramling. Regularly moved and seconded to refer to New Business. Carried.

Cards of thanks received from the Wm. McKinnon family; Mrs. Chas. McKelvey and family; and the Reardon family. Received and filed.

Brother Robert Rollicheck cited to appear for trial did not appear. Not being present, President Clancy laid over his trial until the meeting of August 4.

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

A report was given on the negotiations with the Shipyard Employers stating that an 18c per hour increase in wages had been agreed to. It was regularly moved and seconded that Local No. 3 accept the Shipyard agreement. Carried.

The following members were reported ill: Floyd Avery, Howard Addington, Wm. R. Barrett, D. L. Booth, Francis Bell, Milo E. Briggs, Alvin J. Clow, Robert J. Carr, Oscar Crossland, Raymond Dillard, Charles A. Day, Ed Doran, Arthur N. Farlee, Francis Fiddler, Henson C. Gordon, Wm. Garner, W. L. Garrison, Robert I. Gwyn, Carlo Giaccone, Clyde Grant, Elmer V. Heenan, Rodney Hocking, K. F. Knutsen, Chris C. Kinzel, Morris J. Lake, Bert Match, Ellery Marsh, Dennis Miller, G. A. Nuckolls, John D. O'Connor, Wm. R. Owens, John T. Perdue, F. Pimentel, Hubert Power, Roy Wm. Ridgeway, Herman Rosse, Jess Trout, Earl E. Williams, Thomas Wiggins.

The following members were reported deceased: Larry Messa, George R. Gisel, G. H. Bailes, Eursal C. Larsen, Wm. McKinnon, Chas. C. McKelvey, F. W. Wilson, Fred A. Stephens. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

Brother Ed Park, State Labor Commissioner, gave a short talk. His remarks were well received.

Brothers Albert Butcher and Jack Greenstreet, representatives from Local No. 12, urged the members to vote for Brother R. B. Bronson as Tenth International Vice-President in the coming General Election.

Telegram from Brother Gramling regarding removal of the name of Roland G. Hill from the ballot as candidate for the 10th Vice-President. Regularly moved and seconded to concur in the telegram from Brother Gramlin. Carried.

President Clancy declared this meeting recessed to reconvene at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 14, 1956 at the same place.

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

North Bay Area Is Humming With Housing, Industry, Roads

By H. O. FOSS, F. A. LAWRENCE, L. C. SOLARI and AARON SMITH
Business Representatives

The work situation in the North Bay Area is really in full swing—men are getting hard to get and the out-of-work looks pretty slim at this writing.

In the San Rafael area—Basalt Rock Co. at McNear's Pt. have completed erecting a new Madson 4,000 lb. Hot Plant.

It will be one of the most modern plants in this North Bay area. All operation is push button controlled. The four size material bins are made of basalt salt pre-case walls erected over a conveyor belt tunnel with automatic regulations. Bro. Al Crawford will be the plant operator. The crushing plant has been remodeled and improved, increasing the capacity with a 30-inch crushing unit.

Valley Engineers started on contract for the Water District at Greenbrae laying cast iron and steel mains from watertank on top of the hill at Greenbrae. They also were awarded the re-routing of water mains at Alto Wye State Highway 101.

Reichhold & Jerkovich were awarded a contract costing \$21,392 for repairing and plant mix surfacing for the City of Petaluma. There is a Barba-Green and roller crew on the job now.

Pullman Co. at Ring Point have several cat and cans hauling rock fill out into the bay making levees and docks for small boats for the convenience of the home owners in the housing tract which Pullman will erect. When all the rock excavation is completed, each one will have his own boat docks. This appears to have the signs of being one of the nicer subdivisions in Marin. Bro. Ed Johnson is project manager.

Wilsey & Ham, with Surveyor Bro. Bill Williams, tells us they have three crews—jumping like heck.

E. T. Haas has a three year job in the area going to set up their office here. R. Brown is foreman on this job.

On the Ball & Simpson job . . . Urricelqui, the contractor has a

D.W. 21 busy with Bro. Joe Pereira Jr., as operator.

On the F. W. Case job: Supt. Bro. Bennett Murray, handling the sub-dirt end on the Kiewit job is going to beat hell—a few slides closed Hwy. 101 temporarily on July 3rd, but they got everything under control.

Carey Bros. rigs are scattered all over Marin County. Bro. Geo. Ley trying out the foreman's job. Wonder if he can keep Bro. Jack Shaffer sober? Jack has sworn off?

Tecon Corp. has moved equipment down the peninsula to be back later to finish up. Bro. Hartman, their good foreman, is going to work for Ball & Simpson.

Chilotti Bros. is scattered from hell to breakfast, paving, demolition of housing, etc. Big crew, everybody happy.

McPhail Co. have a new modern plant in production now—two plants in San Rafael, one in Novato.

Shamrock & Camgros Gravel is keeping even.

Pozzi at Novato is behind on delivery as usual.

Brother George Hymer, the original bad luck boy, lost his N.W. 25 on the Swensen job July 2nd—few broken ribs—we hope he will be out soon. Best wishes, Bro. Hymer, at Marin General Hospital.

We are glad to see Bro. Herman Rosse up and around again after his short illness. Bro. Rosse is foreman for Delphia—but is still not able to resume work.

Bro. Frank Azevedo lost about half a finger—first joint, "Middle." He is oiler on shovel for Parish Bros., and we hope he learns better.

Brothers Quin J. Ongaro and

Survey Notes

BAY SURVEY PACTS OPEN

By AL BOARDMAN and BILL MINAHAN,
Business Representatives

Your union negotiating committee met with the labor committee of the Bay Counties Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors Association on Tuesday, June 12, 1956. Contract changes were submitted to the employers' committee for their consideration. After a lengthy discussion the meeting adjourned.

After both sides have had an opportunity to study all issues very thoroughly the Chairman will reconvene the committees for further negotiations.

We met in Fresno on June 26, 1956 with the firm of McIntire & Quiros, Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors from Los Angeles and they signed a construction agreement. This organization has a contract with the Union Oil Company to make the complete survey on a proposed pipeline from Oleum to Bakersfield. It is estimated they will employ approximately 15 three-man survey crews for a period of eight months. The company has established field offices at Concord, Patterson and Coalinga.

We are happy to report that practically all of our members are employed. However, the majority of all jobs are working 40 hours and the prospects for overtime are not too encouraging.

The heavy construction projects that were operating at peak capacity during the winter months are now beginning to lay off some of their field engineering personnel.

Remember the Technical Engineer meeting on the fourth Friday of every month. The next meeting will be held at 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 27th, 1956.

Willis M. Green are the proud owners of business formerly known as John J. Ongaro. This bit of news was reached too late for last month's edition, but we didn't want these two brothers to think we forgot about them.

Glad to see Bro. Fred Montoya out of the hospital—although he is not able to go back to oiling—he is up and around. Bro. Montoya suffered serious burn injuries on A. J. Peters & Sons job, as reported in our last issue.

We hear Bro. Toby Johnson has been flat on his back. How about this Toby. We hear he fell off back porch—how many pints or quarts to do this?

THE VALLEJO AREA

The outlook for work in the Vallejo area is very promising.

E. A. Forde is the low bidder on the \$150,000 job of widening Couch Street in Vallejo.

The runway job on Travis Air Force Base is to be let on the 10th. This job will be a "touch and go" rush job. The runway is to be paved by September 20th.

Hall & Frey have moved into the Benicia area, doing a subdivision with Bro. Hall ramrodding this outfit. They must intend to have the streets paved by fall for the amount of hours they are working. Silas Mason has completed the abutment of the north side of the new Carquinez Bridge.

It looks as if Fredrickson, Watson & Ransome will have close to a million and a half yards of dirt to move instead of a million, due to the slides. Bro. Mike Schumacher, their Number One pioneer man, says it's disgusting to get a beautiful slope, only to come back the next morning to re-pioneer!

Plans for the alignment of Highway 12 from Travis to Rio Vista are in the making. Possibly be this fall or early spring.

THE NAPA AREA

Activity in the Napa area is humming, too.

Harold Smith Co. in St. Helena, also known as Harold Smith Ready-Mix Concrete. Mr. Smith has added a new washer for his aggregates, and this has brought his aggregate business up considerably. There are seven Engineers on his payroll.

R. A. Farish Const. of Stockton was lowest bidder of 12 miles of section of the Berryessa Valley Road. Bid was \$921,861.70. The road section runs from Pope Creek to

Peninsula Plans for Big Projects Plus Present Work Set Records

By Chet Elliott, Business Representative

According to information received at this office, plans are being formed for many large construction jobs to begin operations in San Mateo County during the coming year. The major jobs include the extension of The Bayshore Freeway from San Carlos to the Santa Clara County Line which

will be an eight million dollar contract, the proposed Skyline Boulevard Freeway starting at San Francisco and extending through San Mateo, Santa Clara and Alameda counties, all the way around the Bay to Oakland, and at the next election the City of San Francisco will vote on a Bond Issue for the extension of the San Francisco International Airport which will include the larger runways to accommodate the new Jet Passenger and Cargo Airplanes which when completed will reach nearly to Coyote Point in San Mateo. These are only a few of the many projects coming up which will employ many members of Local No. 3.

In this issue of The Engineers News we would like to mention the fast growing and enterprising contracting firm of Fisk, Firenz & McLain. Al Fisk, Dave Firenz and George McLain, who are long-standing members of Local No. 3, have done and are still doing a remarkable job of expanding their operations. Not too long ago this firm moved into their own yard on Marsten Road in Burlingame, and since that time this yard has consistently been added to until it is now a large yard, office, and shop headquarters, and have just recently added a H D 16, H D 9, and H D 11 to their ever-growing fleet of tractors. Ad the present time, operators Brothers Hamilton, Swatters, Sample, Ross, Lucasti, and master mechanic Darling are assisting in the growth of this firm on their many street, driveway and home excavation jobs in Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo, Belmont and Redwood City. According to the future plans of this firm, the expansion will continue. Congratulations to you, Brothers.

SHIP SHAPE DREDGE
For the past 45 days the Leslie Salt Company has been active off shore from San Carlos with the clam shell dredge, The Edwards, repairing the damage done to the levees around the salt ponds caused by last winter's heavy storms. While visiting the boat, your representative contacted Brothers Klipske, Foster, Larsen, Jones and Krassouski who all seemed to be happy and contented with their job. These Brothers showed me around the boat, which was really in ship shape, the engine room and deck scrubbed clear and freshly painted. On this dredge it is necessary for the men to live aboard ship and have a cook aboard to feed the crew. The kitchen was spic and span and the food was exceptionally good. Brother Ray Jones furnished the transportation with a man powered row boat from shore to the boat which was quite a chore as the boat was quite a distance off shore and the tide was not good for rowing a boat. This dredge will move in a few days to Napa.

This office has just received in-

the Rutherford-Monticello Road. The existing highway will be covered by waters which will fill the Berryessa Valley when the huge Monticello Dam project is completed and the reservoir stored behind the barrier. Start of construction July 16, 1956. This job will have 17 Engineers employed. R. W. Byers Co. doing the clearing on the job. This job will run the end 1957. R. M. Rudy & Son doing the black top on R. A. Farish road job in Capell Valley.

NOTICES

We wish to remind the Brother members that our office is open every Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for your convenience.

We also wish to remind you that appointments can be made through our office for donating to the Blood Bank, to build up our Reserve Fund. Please give us a call and the necessary appointments can be arranged at your convenience. May we hear from you?

interesting information concerning an old-time member of Local No. 3, Brother Charles Berger, sole owner and manager of the Charles Berger Construction Company of San Carlos, who has a background in the industry dating back to 1938, and was engaged in contracting business until 1942, at which time Brother Berger left for overseas service with the Government forces. Returning from the service in 1947, Brother Berger again entered business in San Mateo County as an excavation contractor, and since then to the present time has consistently progressed and employed many worthy brothers of this Local Union. Brother Berger realizes the necessity at this time for further expansion and has bought out the Joseph Brady Company, Inc., and is moving to new headquarters at 765 Bayshore Blvd., San Carlos, where this firm has a large modern office building, shop and five acre yard to accommodate the large fleet of all types of equipment now in operation plus the equipment obtained due to the purchase of the Joseph Brady Company, Inc. Brother Berger plans to operate from this location as a General Contractor. San Mateo seems to be the Land of Golden Opportunity. Congratulations to Brother Berger and his large crew of Operating Engineers, who have made this progress possible.

All of the local contractors in the San Mateo area are operating at full capacity on the many subdivisions, street grading and paving, tunnel work and installation of public utilities systems, all of which promotes prosperity for the great number of members of our Local Union.



GEORGE R. GISEL
June 6, 1956, Cooma, N.S.W., Australia.

CHAS. C. MCKELVEY
June 10, 1956, Folsom, Calif.

LARRY MESSA
June 11, 1956, Pleasanton, Calif.

EURSAL C. LARSEN
June 15, 1956, W. Sacramento, Cal.

G. H. BAILES
June 16, 1956, Sacramento, Calif.

F. W. WILSON
June 18, 1956, So. Highway, Ukiah, Calif.

WM. MCKINNON
June 20, 1956, Stockton, Calif.

FRED A. STEPHENS
July 2, 1956, Loomis, Calif.

Service Withdrawals

May, 1956

Jerry McQuillan
I. O. Lawson
Fderico M. Flores
David T. Collett

June, 1956
Fred N. Johanson



"BEWARE OF HIM, HE WAS A WELL-DIGGER IN CIVILIAN LIFE."

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By AL CLEM, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, DON KINCHLOE and HAROLD HUSTON, Business Representatives

The month of June has been another banner month for the Engineers in the East Bay Area. While there wasn't as many cleared this month as in the month of May, we did, however, clear over 800 men. We attribute this to the fact that many of the boys are settling down and the bigger jobs are practically all manned. However, we find at this time that we are extremely short of finish blade operators and rubber tired men.

We presume that all the men in construction have received their wage increase as of June 1, 1956. However, if there is anyone who has not, please notify us immediately so that we may investigate the reason.

Lee J. Immel was awarded a \$230,943 contract for the reconstruction of Ygnacio Valley Rd. in Walnut Creek. It runs from Walnut Creek to Oak Grove Rd., and ties into the new Kirker Pass freeway which Transocean just completed. Members working on this project include Ray Ferdig, foreman; Mack Terrapin, Richard Avarez and Jack Dills, DW-15; D. L. Houck, blade operator; Jim Taylor, D-8 dozer; Woodrow Johnson, grade setter; Lewis Lively, 25-NW drag; Earl May, dozer-sheep foot, and Sam Kutchedahl, oiler. The time limit is approximately 120 working days.

McGuire & Hester have the contract from E. B. M. U. D. for approximately \$400,000. This job is located on Moraga Hwy. in Moraga. It consists of 11,000 ft. of 20-inch welded steel pipe. The time limit is approximately 90 days. Jim Fugitt is superintendent, Alexander Petrie, equipment foreman; Harry Young, boom cat; Lou Bowman, 25-NW hoe; Cliff Johnson, mechanic; Jim Lehman, loader operator, and Bob Selvedge, oiler.

Healy & Tibbits are working on the ferry slip in Martinez. They are repairing the slip and driving new fender piles that have rotted and doing general repair work. The contract is for \$46,000 and will be working approximately 30 days before it will be completed. Brother Barney Hammond is the operator and Brother Gerald Drenon is the fireman.

Manuel Asta of Asta Construction in Rio Vista has the contract from the state for \$1,000,000. The job covers repairing and widening Hwy's 12 and 24. The highways will be 4 feet wider with plant mix. It covers from Antioch bridge to Gleton, approximately six miles in length and will be widened and repaired in sections. Time limit for completion is August 18, 1956. Manuel Asta is supervising the job and Buz Lake, George Dietrick, blade operators; Howard Stockton, roller; Gerald Miller, D-6 dozer; Paul Davis, paver, and Lester Emigh on screen.

Malfitano & Sons have a \$499,710 contract from Corps of Engineers in Sacramento. The job is for construction stone protection along right and left banks of the San Joaquin River. The total distance of the job covers approximately four miles, from head of Old River to Brandt Bridge in San Joaquin. The job is not yet underway, but is expected to start in 30 days.

Bros. Les Geer and Pete Fermente are operating a portable batch plant at the new Zellerbach paper mill in Antioch for "Heine" Centry. The job is nearing completion and anyone who wants to know how to operate a batch plant just ask Les and Pete. They are experts and have done a wonderful job.

Brother Ira Jones, operator, and Brother Jack Pichard, fireman, Concrete Piles. This job is for the five overpasses that will be built in Lafayette for the new freeway which Gordon Ball is now on.

Stolte, Gallagher & Burk have been awarded the new freeway between 1.6 miles north of Grayson Rd. and 0.4 miles north of Rancho View Dr., 5 miles south of Martinez. The contract is for \$798,898 and the work involves 3.6 miles in length to be graded and surfaced with plant mix surface on untreated base.

Antioch paving was awarded from the Contra Costa County. The involves reconstruction of Wilbur contract is for \$37,358.60 and work Ave. from "A" St. to Orchard Lane, in Antioch.

Richmond-Carquinez, Biggest Freeway Job

The Bay Area's largest freeway and bridge project is well underway. It is designed to open a free flow of traffic from Oakland to Sacramento and is scheduled to be completed by late 1958. All major contracts for the three sections of the Highway 40 freeway from Richmond to Crockett, near bridge approaches on both sides of Carquinez Straits. A four-lane bridge and a Solano County freeway section from the bridge to Vallejo "Y" are in effect and the dirt is flying. Under way now are \$20,431,804 worth of contracts for 12.4 miles of new six-lane highways from Jefferson Ave., Richmond, to Crockett. This adds up to three major contracts for the parallel Carquinez bridge and approaches totalling \$21,004,502. Still more contracts to be let are for the toll plaza and mechanical electrical bids which combined, will be another \$500,000.

The present Carquinez bridge will be modified to make it a full three lanes of Oakland bound traffic. The contract for this project will be another \$600,000 job. The over-all cost for the freeway and bridge projects total \$44,308,861. The state engineers have at some future date drawn plans to add a fourth lane to the present Carquinez bridge. It will be an outrigger Deck which the state engineers figure won't be needed for some 20 to 30 years.

Ferry Bros. & Crow, who have the contracts from Willow St., Rodeo, to the approach of the Carquinez bridge are at work on Valona hill above Crockett, which is said to be the largest earth moving operation ever undertaken for a U. S. highway project.

The city will remove about 9,000,000 cubic yards of material scraping down some 250 feet below the natural hill top height. Some 750,000 cubic yards have already been moved to date. They are moving some 30,000 cubic yards of muck a day and will soon be stepped up to 40,000 cubic yards a day. This cut won't be down to grade for about two years. By then this huge gap will be about one quarter mile wide at the top and about half a mile long on the road base. This job is working two seven hours shifts. McCammon & Wunderlick have the job from Rd. 24, Richmond, to Willow Rd., Rodeo. This is also a forty-hour week job.

Frederickson & Watson, who have the first section of the freeway from Jefferson Ave to Road 24 have about all the dirt moved and are starting to lay sub-base rock and also are paving the road base. Mason, Hanger, Silas Mason & Rolandi have the contract for the sub-structure of the bridge. They have Le Bouf & Dougherty doing the pile driving.

The first of three giant caissons have been fabricated at Bethlehem Pacific Shipyards, San Francisco, and will be floated to location off the Solano County shore line in the very near future. These caissons will be used to form reinforced concrete piers at three points in the channel some 200 feet up stream from the present span, and upon these the new span will be erected.

They have just finished pouring the first pier on the Contra Costa

County side which took five days working around the clock and is some 125 feet in height. On this job was used a link-belt speeder with 150 feet of boom.

Peter Kiewit & Sons have the contract for the construction of the bridge approach and interchange structure in Crockett & Valona near the Carquinez Straits, Contra Costa County.

They have driven the piling for several of the piers and have just finished pouring cement for the first pier which is 114 feet high. This pier was poured by a new slip form method. It was poured at a rate of one foot per hour. This form was raised by hydraulic jacks and was worked around the clock. They used a Model 96 N. W. with 150 feet of boom. Peter Kiewit has Parrish Bros.' dirt moving equipment rented to move some 400,000 cubic yards of dirt.

We have some 400 members working on this combined freeway and bridge project and is strictly a forty hour a week job.

HAYWARD-CENTERVILLE

Gordon H. Ball and Ball & Simpson are joint venture in building the new four-lane freeway starting at Jackson St. in Hayward and running to Beard Rd. near Centerville. The bid on this job was \$4,326,890. Brother Andy Webster, general supt. on the job has every piece of equipment he can get his hands on, working on the job now trying to get set in good before the heavy rains set in this winter. Brother L. B. Ferdig is master mech. and has eight of our mechanics working in the shop doing the nut busting. We have 58 of our brothers on the job working at the present time and they're really moving dirt. Brothers Windy Phillips, Les Nedrow, Buck Hanna, Archie Covey, Art Ostrom and John Wilson are the foremen on the job. There is a total of 608,000 cubic yards of road excavation dirt to move, with 108,000 cubic yards moved to date. They have two N. W. 80-D draglines working two shifts loading out the 925,000 tons of imported barrow, which has to be hauled in with ten-wheeler dump trucks. They have hauled in about 283,559 tons so far. There are also 12 bridges and underpasses to be constructed. This job has to be completed August 15, 1957.

Clements Construction have just completed their \$187,000 road job on Dairy Avenue in Newark. This was a federal aid job for the County of Alameda. There were 45,000 yards of dirt excavation, 51,000 tons of imported base material hauled in and 76,000 tons of black top laid on this job. Fifteen of our brothers were employed on this job and really did a nice job.

Bechtel Corp. was awarded the contract to construct the new \$10,000,000 General Electric Corporation power reactor laboratory, which will be America's first nuclear generated electric power. The new laboratory, called the General Electric Vallcitos Atomic Laboratory, named for Vallcitos Road on which the 1600 acre site is situated, will be a pilot project using fissionable material to create heat which will in turn transform water into steam. The steam lines coming from the reactor will be linked to a new Pacific Gas & Electric Company turbine being built at the site which will produce 5000 kilowatts of electric power to be fed to Bay Area consumers. Bechtel Corp. has sub-let most of the work to other contractors. There are 23 of our brothers working on this job at the present time. It will take about two years to complete the job.

Close Building Supply did all the dirt excavation for the John Postini tract being built in Pleasanton. There will be 100 lots developed on this tract to sell. P. & E. Const. will dig all the sewer, water lines and mains on this job.

Norman Engineers got the bid for \$180,000 from Underground Construction to pave all their streets on their new tract in Pleasanton. Brother Robert Pollard is

operating the Barber Greene and Carl Danielson is the screen man. Brother William Robinson is running the roller.

Brother M. R. Hunt and his son are doing all the excavation on the Redwood Intermediate and Parson's schools in Castro Valley.

E. H. Morrill Company is keeping Brother L. Holub busy operating their Fordson backhoe. Brother R. Elliott is doing the oiling for him.

DREDGE DIVISION

The dredge industry is holding up well in the East Bay area. Utah Dredging is still pumping well over 1 million cubic yards of sand per month on the south shore of Alameda. The dredge "California" and two of Associated's clamshell dredges are working around the clock on the perimeter dike at Oakland Airport expansion job, located at the foot of Davis St., San Leandro. Olympia Dredge Co. has two of their clam shell dredges busy at Oakland Naval Supply Depot. Basalt Rock Company has two Manitowac dragline barges on the breakwater and levee at Alameda Naval Air Station. The Utah Dredging Company has moved in a crew of two DW 20's, two D-8 dozers and a No. 12 blade to start moving the existing stock pile of 500,000 cubic yards along the levee.

G. S. W. & K. Co. on the Cypress St. freeway job is making rapid progress in spite of the heavy traffic problem. Fredrickson & Watson are nearing completion on the Eastshore freeway job from High Street in Oakland to Washington Ave. in San Leandro. This should eliminate another of our traffic hazards in this area.

O. C. Jones & Sons have started the excavation and grading for the new building of the Yale Lock Co. at Davis St. and Doolittle Drive in San Leandro. The building will be 300 by 360 feet with a concrete loading apron 30 by 320 feet that will be eight inches thick and a parking lot 400 by 500 feet, armor coated.

Shipyards repairs in the East Bay area have picked up in the last month to such an extent that we have had a good many members employed on the waterfront. The equipment shops are still going strong and called for mechanics and welders. The scrapyards are going along steadily.

ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother John Gosmeyer and his wife, Shirley, has had an increase in the family. A baby boy weighing 5 pounds, 8 ounces. Baby and Shirley are doing fine, also is Brother John.

Foreman James "Red" Ivy of Flour Maintenance has, of all things, the "mumps". Have a nice rest, "Red", and hope to see you back to work soon.

Brother Jim H. Morrin, a retired member, received a letter from his son, Harley Morrin, from Thailand. Brother Harley Morrin is working about 150 miles out of Bangkok on a construction job which has over a 100 operators working for them. Harley has been working on this particular job since January, 1956, and will be there for at least eight more months.

Brother Harry Flossi was recently released from the Providence Hospital after having his appendix removed on June 12. Hope you are back in ship-shape now, Harry.

We were interested to learn from a recent letter from Mesquito, Nevada, from Brother J. B. (Jim) Johnston, that he is doing some tungsten mining in that territory. We'll be looking forward to hearing that Jim "Strikes it rich!"

Brother George Johnson of Utah Dredge Co. is laid up with a back injury, and probably will be for four or five months at Eden Hospital, Castro Valley.

Brother Arthur Beccera is home after spending some time at the Providence Hospital with a torn ligament in his leg.

A new baby girl has arrived at the home of Zrother Travis Price and his wife. Proud papa is busy passing out "stogies" to everyone.

Brother James Barnes was taken to Mt. Eden Hospital after taking a wild ride on a Super C.

Brother Les Carrison is also confined to Providence Hospital with an injured back. We all hope you have a quick recover, Les.

Oakland Notices

Attention: Apprentices and Oilers. We would again like to draw your attention to the fact he grade checking class still convenes at 7:00 p.m. each Monday evening at 1444 Webster Street, Oakland. We would like all of you who are interested in bettering yourself to attend these classes and perhaps gain some knowledge which will be a benefit to you.

BLOOD BANK: The bank is depleted. We realize that everyone is busy now with vacations and such, but we would appreciate it if those who can would call now to make appointments to give blood. The number to call is OL 4-2924.

ATTENTION: The Oakland office is closed every Saturday except the first Saturday of each month. Also we are open every Thursday night until 8:00 p.m.

Galagher & Burke have finished their dirt on the Bay-View shopping center job on 155th Ave. in San Leandro and are starting their import, 160,000 cubic yards. Bro. Darrel Stark is pushing this job with Brothers Leo Anderson, Everett Springston, Shorty Watkins, Pat Slevin, Bob Glenn and Duke Hunt on the equipment.

Paris Bros. have moved into the Bay-View shopping center and have 1100 ft. of 18" pipe to lay. Bros. Larry Holst, Mel Gustad, Jack Shands, Frank Winters, Leon Paris and M. F. Kesteloot are doing the trenching and back filling.

Ball and Simpson's job in Hayward the curbs and shoulders are ward is 95 per cent completed, to be finished. Clements Company is doing the black-top and they are within their schedule and should finish on time.

Rose & Matoza are coming along good with their high school job in Castro Valley. Bros. D. L. Booth, Charles Pedro, Tim Atkins, Don Santos and Craig are the fellows doing the good job.

Construction Awards

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Bishop, Younger, Bradley, 405 Sansome St., S.F., \$268,081, for const. of masonry bldg. on wood piles, incl. site prep., paving and walks, and utilities to serv. the bldg., Oakland Army Terminal, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8441 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$174,005, for const. masonry vehicle maint. shop on wood piles, bit. surf. dispatch house, fuel control house, oil houses, site grading, paving, etc., Oakland Army Terminal, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to McDonald Bros., 2639 S. La Cienega Blvd., L.S., \$251,200, for const. of conc. block base chapel with educ. wing; demol. & disposal of 3 exist. bldgs.; outside util. serv. lines & connec. to bldg. & exist. mains, incl. water, sewer, gas & elec. serv.; conc. sidewalks, seeding of scarred & denuded areas; furn. & install air cond. equip.; const. asph. conc. parking area & relocate one frame bldg.; Mather AFB, Cal.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$1,206,213, for const. 3-story masonry bldg. on conc. caissons, incl. site grading, paving sidewalks, exterior util. drainage & landscaping, Presidio of Monterey, MONTEREY CO.

Marysville Peaches and Jobs Are Ripe

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

Here we are in the month of hot weather, July. The peaches are ripening fast. Many of our members are working out of this office and more should go out soon, as we have more jobs in the offing.

Frederick & Watson Company, of Oakland, was the low and successful bidder on the freeway at Arbuckle on 99W. Brother Cliff Little is the foreman and by the time this hits the streets the equipment will be moving the dirt.

Delphia, Williams & Burrows is moving right along on the Mosquito Creek Dam above Paradise, with Brother Earl Bernard as Superintendent and Pop Foster as Equipment Foreman.

O'Hair Company, of Colusa, is getting along very well on the road job north of Butte City and was also the low bidder on another job South of Colusa, on the Sacramento River.

Lester L. Rice has been busy in the Willows area gas field work, with Brother Riney Wolf in charge of that territory.

Butte Creek Rock Company also has crews working in these gas fields. Brother Rudy Clay is in charge. There is a good crew in the Chico Shops and area.

Ken Fox is in charge of A. Teichert & Son Co., in the Chico area, joining street and sub-division work.

H. Earl Parker Co. has finished the levee work near Grimes and has moved some rigs down the river to start another job. This company still has the city of Marysville surrounded by cats and Euclids. Speaking of the new Euclids, Brother Senesac tells me they are movers and muckers and he can't count the loads, they go so fast. Brother Buzz Stromer is pushing them with a D9 on the freeway south of Marysville. On the job north of town on Simmerly Slough, the equipment is going on a merry two-shift clip.

C. S. Phillips finally got moved in on the clearing job (900 acres) in the lower Sutter Basin; making good progress.

R & P Contractors and Ray Taylor are doing o.k. subbing under Pinole Land Co. in Sutter County (2400 acres). For a while the big mosquitoes bothered the boys but they are not so bad now. Fred Phillips and Brigham Young tell us the mosquitoes are D6 dozer size and no foolin'!

Cecil Sand & Gravel Company of Modesto are doing well on their job at Tudor. This is one of our newly signed contractors and we wish the company well.

Clarence Baker of Chico, is getting in the construction game once more and has a few men on the payroll, plus a couple of small levee jobs. We wish Clarence real good luck in the future.

Utah, Bates & Rogers has finally started the surge chamber. Bro. Walt Mortensen is one of the Walkers and Red Worthen is Superintendent with the shovel, roist and compressor crews.

This company is doing pretty good on the rest of its Joe job and Patty O'Dowd and his crew made over 200 feet last week at Adit No. 2.

Utah Construction Co. has Tunnel No. 15, a Storrie, Calif. for the Western Pacific Railroad Co., and a tunnel lining job on the Western Pacific, just West of Kiddie, progressing very nicely.

Walsh Construction Co. is doing preliminary work on the Caribou and Butte Valley Tunnels for the P.G.&E. Co., and will get started driving tunnel about July 20. Bro. Orvil Allen is Superintendent at Caribou, Brother Bill Lloyd is the Master Mechanic, Brother Wayne Wilmoth is Superintendent at Butte Valley and Brother Job Bird is Master Mechanic. Brother Bob McAvoy is Master Mechanic in the Palermo Shop and has a swell place to work.

Brother Dick Barrie is Foreman for Halvorsen Co. at Spring Garden, Calif. and will soon have the black top on the job completed.

Pyramid Construction Co. of Reno, Nevada, is finishing a highway job in Greenville, Calif.

J. Henry Harris Co. has a contract on Highway 49, above Downville (a nice fishing spot and we hope the boys bring their gear with them). Brother Don Hornish is job Superintendent.

JOBS AWARDED

Souza & McCue Construction Co. of Yuba City was awarded the road job in North East Yuba County. \$153,507.

Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville has a 0.9 miles seal coat job in Colusa County. \$23,700.

Lester L. Rice & Sons of Yuba City has road work at the following locations: Placer County, Nevada County, Yuba County and Butte County. \$113,873.

Bett Co. of Sacramento has the bridge repair job at the Middle Fork of the Feather River, 1/2 mile south of Blairsdan. \$27,609.

Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville was the low bidder on 17 miles of plant mix surfacing near Quincy, Calif. \$109,800.

Watkins & Sibbald of San Anselmo has the grading job at Oroville Amory. \$12,500.

Butte Creek Rock Co. of Chico has the job on East 1st Ave. in Chico. \$12,604.

That's all the construction news from the Marysville office.

—Les Collett and Bill Weeks

INDUSTRIAL REPORT

YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS:

The special meeting of the membership on June 19th made the decision to reject the offer of a settlement by the company. The membership found good cause, under the circumstances, to reject this offer and negotiations have been resumed.

Commencing to renegotiate was complicated by the fact that at about the same time, the company had seen fit to change managers and had relieved Mr. Gorman from that position. This obstacle has now been removed and Charles Deavers is directly representing the company in future meetings.

A few words, in our opinion, about Mr. Gorman, at this time would not be remiss. Mr. Gorman, we found, at all times to be a gentleman, a man of his word, fair and understanding. He never forgot he represented the company, which is as it should be, and likewise, we can never forget we represent the membership.

He was liberal regarding conditions, but was always protective towards the company's finances; and wages always took the longest part of negotiations. Once, however, an agreement was reached, that was it, whether it was to his advantage or not, and one could not but admire him for these qualities.

Whatever the outcome of the re-organization, whether or not it proves to our advantage, we at least, are going to miss him and wish him only the best in his future activities, whatever they may be.

It is to be hoped that by the time this reaches you a satisfactory negotiated offer will have been arrived at with the company and that a special meeting will have been held, and the matter settled for this year. In the meantime, if you are interested, read the Natomas item to find out what the new insurance benefits will be.

MEETING NOTICE: The next meeting ordinarily would be held on the fourth Monday in July, but as we are facing a special meeting, unless otherwise informed, this meeting will be cancelled.

NATOMAS COMPANY

This agreement has been settled, as you know, and while the settlement undoubtedly did not meet with everyone's approval, it is the best that has been made, at least in the past few years, and represents a definite advance.

The matter of welfare insurance has been settled, effective July 1, 1956, the policy is now carried by the Inter-Coast Insurance Co., with headquarters in Sacramento and, while we have no past experience with this company, if our meeting with this company's representatives is any criterion, our relations should be pleasant.

The following represents a brief

outline of the new benefits (certificates or booklets will be issued by the company).

MEMBERS

Disability: Full 24 hour coverage, that is, it will also pay if you suffer an industrial accident, for the same monthly payment to you. Disability will not be combined and paid entirely by the insurance company, but the State UCD and Industrial Compensation will continue to be paid separately.

Hospital daily room and board: The full ward rate if in a ward or the ward rate or \$15, whichever is the lesser, a day, if in a semi-private or private room.

DEPENDENTS

Life insurance: Wife—\$1,000; children—\$100 to \$500 (according to age); hospital and daily room and board—\$15 up to 70 days; extra hospital expenses—\$300 plus 75% of expenses over \$300; maternity benefits, the same as reported to you; X-ray and laboratory benefits—\$50 payable under same conditions as before.

All other benefits remain as before and these benefits will represent one of the best welfare insurance plans that we know of that exists in any industry, and represents a distinct and favorable advance.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of your unit will be held Monday, August 6, in the Veterans' Hall, Folsom and at the following times:

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

7:30 p.m. for those unable to attend the morning meeting.

CONCRETE AND MONOLITHIC CONCRETE PIPE COMPANIES

Negotiations have commenced with the companies, but have not proceeded far enough for us to ever hazard a guess as to the outcome. Demands have been served upon the companies for a substantial increase in wages, another paid holiday and improved paid holiday pay, if worked. Also for increased welfare insurance benefits.

The demands regarding the agriculture part of these agreements have not been completely served upon the companies as we reserved the right to amend these demands after certain meetings were held with our membership. The demands presently served will, if agreed to, increase the classifications, and the same increase as the concrete pipe plants, increase the work for which the overtime rates would be paid, etc.

There remains to be presented to the companies some new classifications covering the work of the laborers which, if agreed to, will eliminate some misunderstanding presently existing. Also a couple of additional protective clauses also are felt necessary and will be presented to the employers.

Just when we will be able to report to the membership we do not know. However, certain developments are taking place which may greatly influence and hasten the outcome, that is, is these developments continue as at present. As soon as possible special meetings will be called of the membership for a report and the membership's action.

Plans are also under way to have a monthly meeting of the monolithic concrete pipe and agriculture contractors members so that closer contact may be kept of this work and the membership may have a better chance to know what is going on and make such decisions as are necessary. Such meetings will probably be held in Gridley, if we can find a hall.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the membership employed in the concrete pipe plants (the monolithic concrete pipe and agriculture company members may attend if they wish) will be held Thursday, August 9, 1956, at 8 p.m. in the Engineers Hall, 1010 Eye St., Marysville.

GLADDING, McBEAN & CO.

The agreement for the coming year starting Monday, July 2, 1956 to and including June 30, 1957, has been concluded and was accepted by the membership at a



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special meeting of the membership on Thursday, July 5, 1956.

The negotiated settlement (the agreement was only open for wages and pensions) provided for the extension of the present pension agreement to June 30, 1957 with the proviso that certain needed actuarial information is to be supplied to the Union by January 1, 1957, and negotiations on the pension is to commence on or about April 1, 1957.

Nine changes were made in classifications, that is, they were re-valued or changed and moved up in the wage structure from one to three groups. The increment was increased between grades five and eight which resulted in a better, but of course not perfect, wage structure.

The completed wage agreement resulted in the highest rate for a clay plant, as far as we have been able to determine, in the United States. It certainly can be shown to the skeptical, that it is the highest in the State of California.

Just for instance, taking the starting rate at Lincoln, it is eight cents per hour higher than the Pacific Clay Products plant in Stockton, Twenty cents an hour higher than the company's pipe plants in Southern California. Space prevents detailing other classifications, but higher rates are reflected throughout the agreement than are being paid in the plants mentioned and similar plants on the Pacific Coast and other parts of the United States.

The agreement was not consummated with the company without long and arduous negotiations. At first the company was very reluctant to make any offer because of the above mentioned differences in rates and we were afraid for a while that a deadlock was imminent. However, after hours of negotiations, caucuses by both parties, etc., we started to make progress, and the agreement presented to the membership was reached.

Representing the membership on the negotiating committee were two very fine brothers who did a good job for the membership. These were Brother Dave Mitchell of the Quality Control Laboratory and Brother Charley Moss of the Terra Cotta Department.

Both of them proved very valuable and helpful to your officers during the negotiations. Both had a background of experience in the plant that proved especially valuable when it came to discussing the work content of the various jobs and the working conditions throughout the plant, and we congratulate you members in your choice.

The regular meeting schedules will now be resumed and the membership are urged to make every effort to attend the regular meetings. Perhaps those of you that are not entirely satisfied might have your doubts resolved or even your problems solved if you attend the meetings, raise your questions and have them discussed by the members present.

YOUR NEXT MEETING SCHEDULES

Joint Board: Meets the first Tuesday in the month and the next meeting will be Tuesday, August 7, 1956, and will be held in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council at 4:15 p.m.

General Membership Meeting: Will be held Tuesday, August 14,

1956 at 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium, Lincoln.

Special Order of Business: A special order of business at the next meeting will be the nomination and election of Department Committeemen for the coming year. This will be an important piece of business as these committeemen are your direct representatives on the plant, should be called in or consulted on all grievances and also represent you on the Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council, which is the governing body of that Council.

Personals: This month's report on conditions of some of the Brothers is a rather sad one. First we regret to inform you of the sudden death of Brother Charles C. (Mickey) McKelvey, long a popular employee of the Natomas Co., on Sunday, June 10, 1956. Bro. McKelvey had a heart condition which had laid him up for AD MARYSVILLE peaches some time, but apparently was on the way to recovery, and had returned to work, when death occurred. Services were held Friday, June 15, in Folsom. He was in good standing in the Union and entitled to benefits. He was 51 years old and is survived by his wife, daughter and three grandchildren. We take this means of extending to Brother McKelvey's family the heartfelt sympathy of the officers and members of Local 3. Brother J. N. Stetler of the Natomas Company is reported to be suffering from a heart condition which will preclude his returning to work. Brother Joseph Froler of the Yuba Consolidated Gold Fields is reported to be seriously ill and probably will never be able to return to work. As we said these are not happy things to report, but all other reports would indicate that the illnesses, accidents, etc. are the usual temporarily disability; that our members are still marrying and growing in marriage and the crop of babies is about normal.

—C. R. Van Winkle

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lester L. Rice & Sons, P.O. Box 48, Yuba City, \$113,873, for about 20.5 mi. plant mix surf. to be placed on exist. surf. at various locations in PLACER, YUBA, NEVADA & BUTTE COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, P.O. Box 928, Sacto., \$186,239, for about 37.5 mi. pltmix surf. to be placed on exist. surf. in MERCED, SACRAMENTO, SAN JOAQUIN and STANISLAUS COUNTIES.

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FRESNO, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles, 3306 Winery Ave., Fresno, \$32,115, for install. watermain & trench resurf. in Belmont Ave. betw. Fulton-Yosemite Alley; Blackstone-Calaveras Alley & bet. Palm Ave. & Acho Ave., city of Fresno.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Freeman Paving Co., 220 Lambert St., Palo Alto, \$299,257, for about 2.4 mi. to be graded & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base of Junipero Serra Blvd. betw. San Francisco Creek & Page Mill Rd., SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to M. Malitano & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 750, Pittsburg, \$199,710, for const. of stone protection along right & left banks San Joaquin River from head of Old River to Brandt Bridge.

Engineers' San Jose Bldg. Nears Completion

By A. J. Hope, H. T. Petersen and A. R. McCaffrey
Business Representatives

We are very proud to report that the new building for the Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3, is just about completed and we will move to our new location on July 21, 1956. The new building is located at 760 Emory just off from Stockton Avenue.

Work in this district has been holding up well, with many new projects coming up daily. C. Swenson were the low bidders on the three story city hall building for the city of San Jose, which amounts to \$2,218,000. Barrett Construction Company were the low bidders on the building of the county jail for \$1,391,000. A. J. Ralsch did the dirt moving on this project and have started the grading and paving on the new Sears Store site. This firm, besides their subdivision jobs have received contracts for the reconstruction of portions of Meridian Rd., Auzerais, Race and San Carlos Sts.

Ed Keeble has started work on his job on Minnesota St., which will connect with Highway 101, upon completion. Piazza Paving are still busy on their freeway job and are also working in several subdivisions in this vicinity. They have already started their new sand plant on Donner Ave.

Lone Hill Quarry has started working a double shift to meet the requirements for rock. L. C. Smith is making good progress on his two jobs in Los Gatos and Cupertino. Brother Warren is the Sup't. on the freeway job at Los Gatos and Brother Tony Bruno is Sup't. on the Highway 9 project at Cupertino.

MOFFETT FIELD, MT VIEW AND PALO ALTO

Fredrickson & Watson submitted the low bid to the U. S. Navy at Moffett Field for the construction of a 2000-ft. runway extension. The job consists of 240,000 yards of excavation, 618,000 yards of fill and concrete paving the runway.

Hin & Rhodes have four jobs underway in this area. The Sears store on Race St. in San Jose, the Lockheed plant near Sunnyvale, the Sears store at Los Altos and the J. C. Penny's store in Sunnyvale. Sub-contractors on these projects are John Carstensen, Pisano Brothers, American Bridge, P & Z Drilling and Bahr & Ledoven.

Freeman Paving Company have submitted the low bid of \$900,000 to the State Highway Department for the grading and paving of 2.4 miles of Junipero Serra Blvd. between San Francisco Creek and Page Mill Road. This same firm have several other grading and paving jobs in progress so will be kept busy for the rest of the year.

Ransom Company of Oakland have started work on the Stanford job and will be busy here until September or October. Associated Engineers, Williams-Burrows, Oscar Holmes and John Mauck are also working on the Campus.

Sondroth Brothers are very busy on many jobs located in the north end of the district. This firm

employs about 75 Engineers and besides their subdivisions, they operate two quarries and a hot plant.

The Building Trades Council have a controversy with the city of Palo Alto over the construction of water and gas lines on private property and, of course, not paying the prevailing wage. The job involved is on Stanford property where the Lockheed Company and Hewlett Packard are putting up plants. We are hoping for an early adjustment of the dispute so that that these jobs will not be affected.

SOUTHERN AREA
Mid-Western, Johnson & Dizon have started work on their \$10,000,000 pipeline job for the P. G. & E. Company of Gilroy. This job will parallel the present pipeline from Panoche Junction west of Kerman to Milpitas. At the present time they are using three dozers, and two bachoes. It will be about 30 days before this job really opens up, as most of their equipment is still being used on a job in Seattle.

Alex Robertson Company have started work on their 11-mile underground job just out of Hollister. Chas. Carrithers has the dirt moved on the Buttler & Fox highway job north of Salinas and will move his equipment on a subdivision in this locality.

Ed Keeble was the low bidder on a \$448,490 contract for the repair of the levees on the Pajaro River in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties. This job consists mostly of import which will be supplied by Granite Rock of Aromas. Harold C. Geyer was the low bidder on the Monterey County Hospital to be erected in Salinas. Brother Phil Calabrese will do the dirt work on this project.

Granite Construction have been the low bidders on several jobs in Salinas, Watsonville and Santa Cruz areas. Los Gatos Construction Company were the low bidders on a \$120,409 contract for construction of a highway north-east of Boulder Creek.

Gresham were the low bidders on a contract for \$1,105,810 for construction of the Almaden Air Force Station west of Almaden. Keinsmith, Inc., will do the dirt work on this project.

Stolte, Inc., of Oakland, were the low bidders on two jobs at the Presidio at Monterey. There is approximately 90,000 yards of excavation to be done on these jobs.

PERSONALS
We received a very welcome letter from Brother Joe Bowling, who is in Greenland. He says that the sun never sets in Greenland at this time of the year and hopes to be home again before the long winter nights arrive, when there is no daylight at all. We are happy that Brother Jim McGowan has been released from the hospital but it will be some time before he will be able to work.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Rice Bros., Inc., 400 Victor Rd., Lodi, \$104,909, for 19.2 mi. to be surf. w/pltmix surf. on exist. surf. at various locations **AMADOR & CALAVERAS COUNTIES**.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Son, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$61,762, for impts. to Telegraph Ave. from south city limits to Dwight Way, city of Berkeley.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Beerman & Jones, Sonora, \$38,253, for about 5.4 mi. to be surf. w/pltmix surf. on exist. surf. at various locations betw. Sonora & Niagara Creek, **TUOLUMNE CO.**

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const., Box 900, Watsonville, \$23,700, for about 3.3 mi. to be surf. w/pltmix surf. on exist. surf. & seal coat apl. betw. 0.9 mi. N. of Hershey & N. of Arbuckle, **COLUSA COUNTY**.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$17,960, for repave West end Bataan Ave., Oakland Army Terminal.

REDDING JOB LOAD IN SHARP RISE

By E. A. Hester
Business Representative

The volume of work in the Redding area has increased considerably during this past month. Calls have been a little slow for a few classifications, such as firemen, crusher and hot-plant workers, however this lull should pick up quickly now.

Most of all the forest fires have been checked and our temperature has dropped down to a scorching normal of 110 degrees.

Peter Kiewit and Sons, of Medford, Oregon, won the three and one half mile road job and three bridges between Kidder Creek and Fort Jones, Siskiyou County, with a low bid of \$951,000. Work is expected to start here right away.

Thomas Construction Company, of P.O. Box 683, Fresno, Calif., are the takers for the rip-rap and repair job at Douglas City, highway 299 West, in Trinity County. Their bid was \$243,916. Work will soon be under way.

M. W. Brown, of Redding was low on the Lanes Valley Road bid. The job is situated about fifteen miles east of Red Bluff, off of Highway 36, and near Dales Station, Tehama County. His bid was \$182,645. Mr. Brown is also low on a paving job of about fourteen miles between Proberta and the Nine Mile Hill, Highway 99, Tehama County. This bid came to \$91,125.

Schumann & Johnson, of Seattle, Wash., were low on the road job near Big Bar, Highway 299-West, Trinity County. Their bid was close to one million dollars and this will be a shovel job primarily. They are moving in five shovels and the job scheduled to be completed in 120 days. Work has now started on this project.

After a little slack spell, Fredrickson and Watson are picking up a job here and there.

Lester L. Rice and Son have started on their 16-mile stretch of resurfacing and paving, between Look-Out and Adin in Lassen County.

The Baldwin Contracting Company, of Marysville, seem to be making very good progress on their job at Camby, in Modoc County. Brother Darly Doyle is the superintendent of this project.

Harms Brothers should have plenty of work, in Modoc County, until the snow begins to fly.

HIGHWAY 99 JOBS
The Guy F. Atkinson Company are making good progress on their road job and the same is true of Piombo Construction Company. These two projects are tied together on Highway 99, about 30 miles north of Redding, in Shasta County. Also Ukopina-Polich-Kral are finishing up their bridge job at Dogwood Creek. This project has now been under way for about two years.

Eaton and Smith have resumed work again, on their job north of Redding.

Brother "Bob" Burns, superintendent for Earl L. McNutt Construction Company, is back on the job once more but will have to take it easy for awhile. He underwent a major operation.

Gates and Fox expect to have their portals completely faced up and be ready to go underground within another month.

The Mercer-Fraser Company are very busy on the main streets of Weaverville and elsewhere in Trinity County. Brother Gene Brown is their general superintendent.

It looks as though the J. W. Briggs job at Happy Camp will last just about another two months.

Brother Sidney N. McBroome dropped in the other day from Africa. He got sick and had to give

STOCKTON BUSY BUT NO BIG JOBS

By Ed Doran, Walt Talbot, C. Casebolt, M. W. Griffing,
and Renny Burroughs, Business Representatives

The work load in the Stockton area is holding up fairly well in spite of the lack of a great amount of new work.

M. Malfitano & Son were the low bidders on a levee job on the San Joaquin River in the amount of \$49,710, which includes about 70 tons of rock to be used as rip rap.

Cal. Construction Jobs Are At An All-Time High

More workers were employed in the construction industry in May than ever before in the history of the State, Ernest B. Webb, California Director of Industrial Relations, announced this week.

Construction contractors employed 295,600 workers in May. This was 27,300, or 10 per cent, more than in May a year ago.

Most of the employment gain from a year ago was in heavy construction and in the specialty trades. The increase among building contractors was comparatively small.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Earnings of construction workers, including journeymen, apprentices, helpers, etc., averaged \$3.01 per hour in May. This is the first time the industry-wide average exceeded \$3.00 per hour. A year ago, construction workers as a whole earned an average of \$2.81 per hour.

Average working time in industry of 35.9 hours per week in May was nearly 1 hour less than the average worked by construction in May 1955.

Highest average earnings were reported by electrical contractors. Their workers, including journeymen and apprentices, earned an average of \$3.38 per hour, compared with \$3.15 a year ago. The workweek averaged 39.6 hours as against 38.4 hours per week in May 1955.

Workers employed in masonry, stonework, tile setting, and plastering earned an average of \$3.29 per hour and worked 35.0 hours per week. A year ago this group earned \$3.20 per hour and worked an average of 35.8 hours per week.

Average hourly earnings in the plumbing, heating, and air conditioning industry of \$3.21 were 21 cents above last year's average and working time of 37.2 hours was six-tenths of an hour less than in May 1955.

Employees of general building contractors earned an average of \$2.92 per hour, 20 cents more than a year ago, and put in 34.8 hours per week as against the May 1955 average of 35.5 hours.

Workers in heavy construction earned \$2.94 per hour contrasted with \$2.73 per hour in May a year ago. The average workweek of 36.8 hours was 1.8 hours shorter than last year.

Mr. Webb called attention to the fact that the earnings figures cited above are industry-wide averages based on the wages of journeymen, apprentices, helpers, etc., and do not represent wage rates as such.

up his contract. Sid says that conditions in the Redding area are far better than those in Africa.

Mrs. E. G. Stokes came into the office the other day, just back from Cooma, Australia to say that the winter weather, down under, ran her out and that Brother Ed would finish his contract and follow her in September.

To my way of thinking there is no lack of opportunities for the Operating Engineers in this district for some time to come.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$364,903, for about 15.7 mi. to be graded & surf. w/rdmix surf. on untr. base & exist. drainage facil. to be installed, masonry walls & light stone riprap to be const. at various locations on Rt. 23, betw. Mono County line & 1 mi. of Woodfords & on Rt. 24 betw. Centerville Bridge & 2 mi. N. of Woodfords, **ALPINE COUNTY**.

R. A. Farish Company came back home to do a job that will run around \$250,000 in the Colledgeville district, with Brother Darrell Hall as foreman. While they were here on this new job, they picked up another year's work in the Monticello area, where they have been working for the past two years. From all indications, this company is in the business to stay.

McIntire & Quiros, an engineering firm out of Los Angeles, has cleaned us out Technical Engineers to do the survey work for a new pipe line that will be put in on the west side of the valley for the Union Oil Company. We understand that the line will run from Bakersfield to the Bay area.

The Tri-Dam project is progressing satisfactorily with all phases of work ahead of, or on schedule. Not much turnover of personnel at this time—all hands are enjoying the cool mountain evenings.

W. M. Lyles Company has a small crew working on the Escalon sewer job and R. E. McCarty's backhoe is also working on the same job with Brother Dale Johnson at the control and Lloyd Herring doing the oiling.

The State Highway Department has the right of way all cleared on Highway 50 between Stockton and the Mossdale Wye. This job should be advertised in the near future is a stretch of road on Highway 120 east of Oakdale, beginning about two and one-half miles east of Oakdale and extending to Knights Ferry.

H. Sand & Son are busy as usual at their Manteca pit supplying sand to the different contractors in addition to housing projects.

Stockton Engineering and Equipment Company has reached the season when they have all their welders busy. Those presently working in this shop are David Calhoun, foreman, Arthur Germann, Bill Kister and Roland Gebhart. Brother Cliff Fears is doing the repair work on E. H. Rider and Son's equipment at the shop, **MANTECA FREEWAY**

A. Teichert & Son is making good progress on their Manteca Freeway job. Most of the main roadway grade is in and the equipment is moving over to the frontage road. Teichert is also doing the grading for the Ferguson Company on the Johns-Manville Pipe plant site. Bro. Joe Baxter is running the spread, consisting of three DW 20's, one D8 with scraper, a push cat and one 12 Blade.

Claude C. Wood Company of Lodi is rolling along very nicely with numerous small jobs in the area and testing out a deposit of rock for a new plant site.

Fredrickson Brothers at Valley Springs will start surfacing July 16th and should have the new section of Highway 12 open by August 5th.

Beerman & Jones have most of the grade finished on the Altaville-Murphys road and are hauling rock for the base. This job should be finished by September 1st.

H. Earl Parker has finished grading on Highway 49 at Carson Hill and have moved most of the equipment to Wishon Dam in the Fresno-District. Walsh Construction Company is about finished at Calaveras Cement Company, too, and have moved most of their personnel to the tunnel job at Oroville. We are storry to see there good friends move to other districts.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Stolte Inc. & Gallagher & Burk (jt. vent.), 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$798,898, for about 3.8 mi. in length to be graded & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base betw. 1.6 mi. N. of Grayson Rd. & 0.4 mi. N. of Rancho View Dr. about 5.0 mi. S. of Martinez, **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**.

REPORT FROM FRESNO

By M. G. CAMPBELL

Now that vacations are under way all the Brothers are working. Brother Clint Davenport had a bad accident that put him in the hospital. He is now home and getting around on crutches. Knowing Clint we know it will not be long before he discards them.

I have been endeavoring to get things lined up so I can take a vacation while the hot weather is on.

Agreements completed since my last report:

- Valley and Consumers Ice.
- Ice Sickle Cold Storage (new agreement).
- Fresno Community Hospital.
- Ct. Agnes Hospital.
- San Joaquin Bakery—Fresno and Visalia.
- Sunlight Bakery in Porterville.
- Agreements open for negotiations:
- Warner Bros. Theatre Building, Fresno.
- The Union Ice Co., Firebaugh.
- Brother Irven Shaw, the steward at Tulare was killed in an auto accident June 29, 1956.

Utah News Roundup

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

Apparently, W. W. Gardner Company was low bidder on the 39th South Street job from 9th East to the foothills. This job was bid earlier this month but bids were rejected due to some error on June 26. It was re-bid at the figure of \$149,882. This is not too large a job but it is very vital to the people living in the Southeast section who have to commute to and from work over this route.

During the past month several good water line jobs have been let and work has already started. Byron Ewell and E. K. Fuller have a large section running north and south from 3300 South State on both sides of State Street at a cost of \$427,220. This should keep them busy for some time, especially since it is getting harder to get pipe delivered.

Charlie Springmeyer has more of the same work in the southern part of the valley. Their bid was \$117,625; however, lack of pipe is an obstacle confronting them, but under the supervision of Brother Gene McClaughlin this job will go along well.

Enoch Smith & Sons Company was awarded \$20,600 worth of water line at the Salt Lake Fairgrounds. With the \$3 million water treatment plant and facilities now under way at the mouth of Big Cottonwood Canyon, it looks as though Salt Lake City is really set to remedy the culinary water problem that has grown out of the vast growth in population during the past 10 years. In any event, we, of Local 3 are happy to see such an undertaking from the viewpoint of the work it affords our members and the improvement in the drinking water. These plants are being financed from a special four mill levy for water and sewage treatment facilities. Tolboe & Harlin have the first phase of Big Cottonwood Plant and have 365 days in which to complete same.

Whiting & Haymond are about through on their section of forest road from Mirror Lake toward Evanston, Wyoming, and have their pencils sharpened for the next section adjoining, which will be bid on July 3, 1956.

The new Parley's Canyon Road is starting to take shape and what a road it is going to be. Bernard Robertson and Ross Bell, patrol operators, are processing gravel and getting ready for the hotstuff that will start about July 15, 1956, on the Gibbons & Reed job.

Kiewit is still moving along ahead of schedule with three 80 Northwests on a two-shift basis, and should be about through the shovel work in six weeks.

J. B. Parsons has the hotplant set up to do the paving on their job as fast as the grade is made ready.

More work has been bid at Dugway, around \$1 million worth, and although word has not come back from the Army at San Francisco, rumor has it that W. W. Clyde Company was low bidder on parts of it.

Christiansen Brothers were awarded the contract on the Mountain States Telephone Building at First South and State Streets and excavation has already started. Bid price was \$822,000.

Sperry Rand Company has plans to start a new one and a fourth million dollar plant to manufacture instruments for the Military. This plant is to be built in the vicinity of the Salt Lake Airport. We understand special invitations have been sent out to several local contractors. Work should commence soon.

Sewer work is pretty well finished up in the county and no new work is being bid in this line. Some of the sewer contractors are experiencing quite a bit of difficulty due to leaks and in some instances the line has collapsed. No one seems to know just where the fault lies; it could be the unusually bad ground or the wrong type of pipe. In any event, it looks as though some of the line will have to be dug up and relaid.

NORTHERN AREA

The activity in the general construction field continues at a post war record for this area. The employment situation is good and prospects for additional work appears very bright. Our out of work list is nil and we usually have a job waiting for the few brothers

who are being terminated from time to time.

Mountain States Construction Company has started work on the Slaterville Diversion Dam and Layton Pump Intake Channel with the E. V. Chettle Company subcontracting the excavation and dewatering.

The W. W. Clyde Company is busy on the \$894,575 South Davis Aqueduct and should keep several Engineers occupied for some time.

The raising of Pine View Dam by the Utah Construction Company in Ogden Canyon is progressing as scheduled with the Olsen Construction & Engineering Company subcontracting the concrete work and Utah keeping a number of Engineers busy on the road relocation work and earth fill.

Several jobs have been bid the past few days including the 10-mile section of the State Road No. 145 from Laketown through Round Valley Loop in Rich County. Low bid was submitted by the LeGrande Johnson Construction Company of Logan for \$301,707. The LeGrande Johnson Company was also low bidder at \$141,076 for the 5-mile section of State Road No. 170 between Richmond and Trenton.

The Wheelwright Construction Company submitted the low bids of \$11,250 and \$18,950 for Gravel Material Stockpiles at Park City and in Davis County.

Pacific Fruit Express Company opened bids on June 18 for the construction of the Riverdale Ice Manufacturing Plant and expect to award the contract within ten days.

The Engineers Ltd. Pipeline Co. has several men busy in the Ogden area on main gas line extensions and services.

Gibbons & Reed Company was low bidder for the resurfacing of Second Street in Ogden and have sub-contracted the surfacing of other Ogden City streets. This should keep the hot plant and lay-down crews busy all summer.

The Wheelwright Construction Company has all their men and equipment busy on the Weber Aqueduct, Weber County Sewer System and Ogden City Street work.

Waterfall Sand and Gravel and Construction Company has a number of engineers busy in their gravel pits and on general construction work in and around Ogden.

SOUTHERN SECTION

A recent visit to jobs in the Southeastern part of the state produced evidence that whatever his lot, the operator works without complaint. Many of the brothers are at work under ideal conditions while a number in the southern part are up against a drought condition that is seriously threatening to be the worst in years.

We'll take two jobs of W. W. Clyde Company to show the contrast which may well be reversed next year. W. W. Clyde Company's crew at Moab includes some of the more hearty and non-complaining brothers. Brother L. W. "Red" Haymond is working the spread. Bro. Art Hall is making with the push cat. Brother Jay Olsen and Frank Jenkins are on the electric pulls, assisting on the D-7 and scraper is an applicant, who promises to be a fine operator and member by the name of Bill Black. The heat at times on this job has been terrific. They are hauling water on to the borrow so it will stay inside the scraper when once loaded. This fine crew is building a tailing's

Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lane Co., Sand and Gravel, Iron Mines, Vitro Uranium Corp., and Kennecott Copper Corp., and State Road

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

Construction and Sand and Gravel Membership, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West 1st North, Provo, Utah, 8 p.m.

Construction and Sand and Gravel Membership Meeting, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah, at 8 p.m.

Vitro Uranium Membership meetings will be called meetings.

Lang Company Membership meetings will be called meetings.

Kennecott Copper Corp., Membership meetings will be called.

Cedar Iron Mills Membership meetings will be called.

State Road and all others will be called meetings.

basin for the new mill at Moab. A skeleton crew is working for Stearns Rogers Company at Mexican Hat, Utah, under more severe conditions. It won't be long before they have barracks and cook house which will greatly improve the situation there.

In contrast to the above mentioned jobs is another Clyde Company job. This one is located high in the mountains at Scofield, Utah. The Scofield Reservoir parallels the road almost full length. The days are a little warm, but you'll need a blanket at night. Most of the fishing brothers claim the fishing has never been better. Brother Shelley Nielson is the super, and Brother Vic Anderson and LaVar Wilkerson are tending the grade. Brothers Bill Austin and Orin Daley are on the 21's. Brother Gale Madsen is on the pusher, Bill Nuttall on the tamper and Brother Frank Davies is tightening nuts. This crew must have done something real good to get this one.

We regret very much the recent death of Harley J. Corleissen of Provo, Utah, who at the time of his death was Chairman of the Utah State Road Commission. Harley has helped our cause numerous times; we have found him to be very cooperative and counted him as a friend. We extend our sympathies to his fine family. Harley's death on the eve of our new highway program will throw a tremendous burden on his successor.

Central Utah will receive its share of work under the new plans. Contemplated for the next year's construction is the widening of U.S. No. 91 between Provo and Springville. This project will include the removal of the two hills which have proved very dangerous. Five miles of Highway 189 between Deer Creek Dam and Wildwood will be realized. Under the new program a remodel job is due in Spanish Fork Canyon from Thistle to the Red Narrows, this will include a new overpass structure at Thistle.

Utah's share of the program would be \$71,800,000 over three years, which can mean nothing but good for our members and union. The State of Utah will have to match this amount at 25 per cent or \$6,000,000. The next statement will make you happy. Utah State is in a position to match these funds without additional taxes.

KENNECOTT COPPER

At the Kennecott negotiations table we are making some definite progress. A very greatly improved Health and Welfare plan has been developed and the additional benefits will prove very worthwhile as the need to use these benefits manifests itself. Many thousands of additional dollars are made available as a result.

The increase presently offered is not satisfactory. This and a number of other proposals, relative to various phases of the contract, are being hammered away at and we believe that this article will not be off the press before we have reached an agreement which will be acceptable in most instances to you brothers who live under its terms.

We are convinced that as good a settlement can be consummated without any loss of time as could be reached by the costly shut-downs we have been subjected to in past years.

We are especially pleased this year that Kennecott has finally

given consideration to its retired employees in the form of Health and Welfare benefits and an improved pension plan. These benefits point to the fact we have hammered on over the past years, that the brothers who have helped produce the wealth for Kennecott are entitled to enjoy a major share of it after their days of usefulness on the properties are over.

CEDAR MINES

At this moment we are awaiting the outcome of the steel negotiations. The picture looks black for a peaceful settlement and from all reports the various steel plants are preparing for a strike in the industry as the deadline draws near.

Utah Construction employees are naturally apprehensive because of the results and effect on the operations at Utah's properties. We are hopeful that the contract can be consummated without any loss of time.

Somehow Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 has managed to come up with as good or better than average settlement over the years for its members without resorting to strike action, while other unions seem to figure they can't negotiate unless their people are on the bricks. Last year's Kennecott strike by some of the local unions represented, is a good example.

Isbell is moving too fast toward the end of their present stripping contract. We know there is more coming up and sincerely hope they get it. They are good people to work with.

Negotiations for the Operating Engineers working on all Isbell's stripping jobs in Local No. 3 jurisdiction are being conducted in Reno and will quite probably be consummated by the time you read this article. We will inform you brothers at Bingham as soon as we have the results.

UTAH SAND AND GRAVEL

Utah Sand and Gravel Products are operating at peak capacity at their several plants around the area. The slag crusher operation at Garfield under genial William Bentley, Superintendent, is hamstrung to some degree on account of railroad rates; however, Bill is capable of putting out slag to meet the demand whatever it might be.

VITRO URANIUM

Negotiations are scheduled to start in the immediate future. We will inform our members working there of the progress as it occurs.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded to Bragato Pacing Co., 500 Bragato Road, Belemont, \$61,365, for improves to county sts. & const. of storm drains in Alexander Ave., Montgomery Ave. and Himme Ave.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$18,172, for about 41.2 mi. to be surf. w/pltmix surf. over exist. surf. and a truck turnout to be constructed in SACRAMENTO, PLACER, NEVADA & EL DORADO COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$69,483, for about 9.3 net mi. in length pltmix surf. placed on exist. surf. at various locations, MENDOCINO

Construction Awards

SAN LEANDRO, contract awarded to J. W. Lee, 1575 Lake Chabot Rd., San Leandro, \$94,361, for reconstr. Estudillo Ave. to E. 14th & MacArthur Blvd., city of San Leandro, \$41,110, for reconstr. of W. Joaquin from San Leandro to Washington Ave. & Clarke St. from Davis to W. Juana, \$8600, for reconstr. of William St. from Washington Ave. to E. 14th, \$16,530, for const. of Eastbrook St. from 7 14th to Washington Ave., city of San Leandro.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Lord-Bishop, P.O. Box 812, Sacto., \$20,428, for const. of four-lane timber trestle bridge, across Mormon Channel at Lincoln St., Stockton, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Stewart & Ness Inc., 410 Thorne Ave., Fresno, \$91,274, for about 20.8 mi. to be surf. with pltmix surf. on exist. surf. at various locations in TULARE COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to G. S. Herrington, P.O. Box 708, Auburn, \$161,366, for construction of bridge and approaches, Scott River Bridge on Klamath River Forest Hwy. Rt. 1, approx. 33 mi. W. of inter. with U.S. Hwy. 99, N'ly of Yreka, SISKIYOU CO

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SAN BRUNO, contract awarded to Stanfield & Moody, 405 E. Rose, Stockton, \$16,495, for clean, exist. bit. surf. and apply approx. 222,000 s.y. of seal coat, Stockton Annex, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to R. A. Farish Co., P.O. Box 307, Stockton, \$102,635, for reconstr. taxi-way and taxi-way D extension of apron taxi-way, Stockton Field Airport, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to R. A. Westbrook & Morrison-Knudsen (jt. vent.) Rm. 1207, 411 W. 5th St., L.A., \$1,045,948, for const. approx. 1220 l.f. of 75 ft. wide portland cem. conc. taxiways with asph. paved sbldrs. & approx. 103,000 s.y. of portland cem. conc. apron with light and heavy duty asph. conc. paver sbldrs. incl. underground & aeria. elec. distr. lines, fuel piping, water piping, five hydrants and drainage, Castle Air Force Base, MERCED COUNTY.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Newman Const. Co., 1159 2nd St., Eureka, \$21,569, for const. of sanitary sewers, Harris & W. Streets, city of Eureka.

SANGER, contract awarded to Kovick Bros., P.O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$23,721, for const. of storm sewers and gutters, various city streets in Sanger, FRESNO CO.

JUNE 22, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Volpa Bros., 233 Nielsen St., Fresno, \$15,000, for 2000 tons of pltmix surf. for surf. road, Arroyo Seco Campground Rd., Los Padres Natl. Forest, MONTEREY COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to W. H. O'Hair Co., 1112 Main St., Colusa, \$126,030, for const. of a patrol road along W. levee Knight's Landing to Colusa, YOLO & COLUSA COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lee Stephens, P.O. Box 726, Stockton, \$13,326, for levee repair right bank of Cache Creek, settling basin, entrance channel, YOLO CO.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to V. Maggiora, 7 Harrison Ave., Sausalito, \$22,450, for const. of sewage lift. sta., Harbor Pt., MARIN COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Baldwin Const. Co., 9th & Yuba, Marysville, \$146,354, for const. storm water improvements in city of Marysville.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer Fraser Co. & Mercer Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts. Eureka, \$79,805, for about 13.9 mi. of pltmix surf. to be placed on exist. surf. betw. Helena & Weaverville, TRINITY COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. B. Siri Inc., Santa Rosa, \$611,833, for about 2 mi. to be graded and surf. w/pltmix surf. or cem. tr. base & a steel beam bridge to be const. about 5 mi. S. of Willets, betw. 0.5 mi. S. of Ridgewood Summit and 0.5 mi. N. of Northwestern Pacific Railroad, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP

By H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE and JOSEPH "JOE" MILLER, Business Representatives

The Engineers in the Great Silver State have finally acquired a "home away from home." Yes, Brothers, your new building is rapidly reaching the point of our moving in. And you'll have a parking lot. No more double parking, going around the block, feeding meters and dodging "Meter Mollies." This building is located at 185 Martin Avenue. This is at the corner of Martin and Watts and is two blocks west of South Virginia St. Martin Ave. comes into South Virginia right where the Coca-Cola bottling works' main gate is located. There will be a nice waiting room with card tables and magazines and a place to sit down. This is really going to be a building we can be proud of, and I, for one, am really looking forward to moving in. By the way, you can sign up with the office girl to mow the lawn. How about that? A parking lot and a lawn, too. Man, we've really got it now. Can't tell you the exact date of moving yet, but you should see us at 185 Martin Ave. before the end of this month.

We have had many requests to print the new Wage Scale for Nevada. The following classifications and scales went into effect on June 1, 1956, and all Operating Engineers working on Construction in Local Union No. 3's jurisdiction should be receiving the following:

Classification	Wage Scale
Apprentice Engineer, including Fireman, Oiler, Greaser, Heavy Duty Repairman Helper, Train Handlers (other than engine crew)	\$2.555
Air Compressor Operator, Material Loader or Conveyor Operator, Pump Operator, Screed Operator	\$2.675
Engineer, Generating Plant	2.775
Asphalt Plant Fireman, Boxman or Mixer Box Operator, Motor-man	\$2.795
Concrete Mixer Operator, Skip Type Concrete Pump or Pumpcrete Gun Operator, Kinkey Operator, Ross Carrier Driver, Skip Loader Operator, Wheel Type, Tow Blade or Grader Operator	\$2.825
Evator & Material Hoist Operator (1 drum), Pavement Breaker Operator, Roller Operator	\$2.895
A-Frame Boom Truck, Asphalt, Stationary or Portable Crushing Plant Engineer, Concrete Batch Plant Operator, Concrete or Asphalt Spreading, Mechanical Tamping or Finishing Machine Operator, Heavy Duty Repairman, Stationary Pipe Wrapping and Cleaning Machine Operator, Skip Loader (Michigan, Hough or similar equipment to 1 1/2 yds.), Tractor Operator, Bulldozer, Tamper, Scraper or Drag Type Shovel or Boom Att. Tractor Hi-Lift Shovel Operator to 1 1/4 yards	\$2.975
Road Oil Mixing Machine Operator or Pugmill Operator, Surface Heater & Planer Operator	\$3.025
Material Hoist, Double Drum 3.045	
Boring Machine Operator (excluding pneumatic or equipment of similar capacity), Trenching Machine Operator	\$3.055
Concrete Mixer Operator, Paving & Mobile Mix	\$3.075
Chicago Boom, Tower Mobile	\$3.095
Drilling Machine Operator, incl. Water Wells, Elevating Grader Operator, Highline Cableway Operator, Highline Cableway Signalman, Locomotive Engineer, Mixermobile, Motor Patrol Operator, including Power Blades, Oshkosh, DW-10, Tournepull or Similar Equipment Operator	\$3.115
actor Hi-Lift Shovel Operator, over 1 1/2 cy, Traveling Pipe Wrapping & Cleaning Machine, Universal Equipment Operator, Shovel, Dragline, Derrick, Derrick Barge, Clamshel, Crane or Pile Driver, Skip Loader Michigan, Hough or Similar over 1 1/2 yds., Euclid or Similar Type Loader	\$3.205
Tractor Scraper or Drag Type Shovel, Tandem	\$3.385
All underground operations to be 12 1/2 cents per hour above listed rates.	
Foreman	\$3.375
Chief of Party	3.205
Instrument Men	2.975
Head Chainman, Rodman, Grade Setter (not guinea chaser)	2.675
Rear Chainman	2.555

Subsistence in the Great Silver State of Nevada for Operating Engineers on Construction went into effect on all jobs let as of April 1, 1956, and in the following areas ONLY: 30 miles from all County Seats except for Eureka and Austin, Nevada, which shall be 15 miles. 15 miles from Battle Mountain, Wells, and Wendover shall be subsistence areas. 7 miles from the Nevada shoreline or Lake Tahoe. Subsistence will be at the rate of 30 cents per hour.

Be sure, Brothers, you are receiving the right scale, working conditions, and subsistence, if so entitled to. If not, let us know. Don't work for less, when you're giving your best.

Silver State Construction Co., better known as Andy Drumm, has started their job at Robinson Summit in White Pine County, approximately 15 or 20 miles west of Ely, Nevada, on Highway 50. There is some rock on the job, but Brother Joe Soleagui, the Super on the job, will get the rock and dirt moved in short order for that Joe is a real dirt mover with such Brothers to help as Bill Martin, "Sgt" Corkill, "Dipper Lip" Ferguson, Buster Morss, Alex Fullerton on the Cats, and Brother Dave "Windy" Howard on the Blade. With a crew like that, rock or otherwise, the job will go along in good order.

Drumm's job at Wendover is well along, and it should be, with Brother Chip Montrose, Super on the job. Chip does a fair job moving muck with the help of Brother Bud Bowers and Brother Joe Ripoli, the two most outstanding stake setters in the great State of Nevada. These two Brothers are the making of a good highway job. However, Brother Al Montrose and Brother Leonard Miller are the two good Blademen who get the job done in short order. Brother Chas. "Red" Melendy, Silver State Construction Company's one and only Carryall man, is really on the ball; telling everyone how it should be done on the job and in camp. Red is a real Operator at all times, believe me!!

Dodge Construction, Inc., have their Hot Plant on their job North of Winnemucca, Nevada, and it's really smoking and steaming, but they are laying the Hot Stuff. The job will be finished in no time. Dodge has a good crew so Hot jobs are right down their alley.

Gibbons and Reed's Highway job, north of Winnemucca, Nevada, is almost to the finish line as far as the dirt is concerned.

Hoops Construction Company has all of the dirt moved on their job, west of Eureka, Nevada, on Highway 50. Now comes the gravel and the Hot Stuff. Brother James Street and Brother Hank Kiechler have had a real good gold-bricking job for Hoops.

Isbell Construction Company has just about finished two lanes of their four-lane job south of Reno, Nevada. When they get the two lanes finished, they expect to put traffic over the new two lanes while they finish the other two lanes. Then there will be another beautiful four-lane highway from Reno to the Old Virginia City Highway turnoff.

Isbell's Hot Plant and Gravel Plant crew are really putting out the material at the East Second Street operations.

Condor Construction has the sewer jobs in the Indian Colonies. Mr. Harold Nielson is going to fix everything up nice and sanitary. This is a good job, and one that has long been needed in the State.

The George E. Miller, Kietzke Lane Freeway and Underpass job is shaping up in fast order. Won't be long before we will be going under the tracks. No more long waits for those fast freight trains to go by.

Buckner Construction Company, better known as Brother Howard Johnston, is busy around the town of Reno. Brother Johnston says that Brother Red Bowers and his oiler, Brother Bruce Ackerman, are right in their glory. They are tearing down the remains of the new bridge for the Kietzke Lane Freeway, the remains that were left after the flood. And Brother Howard says when that crew is told to tear something down, it's

really a "destruction job." The Buckner Construction Company is also regravelling approximately eight miles of road in Dog Valley, west out of Reno. Brother Floyd "Tommy" Thompson is out there with the Loader. We wish you the best of luck in all your ventures, Brother Johnston, and you have some good Brothers to help you. You can't miss.

Utah Construction has finished their reservoir cleaning job at Hawthorne, Nevada. It was a good winter job for the Dear Brothers. However, all good construction jobs have to come to an end some time.

Brothers, there is nothing definite on the Clear Creek Highway job between Carson City and Spooner Summit yet. The Clearing is finished, the job is staked. Now, all we have to do is wait for the Bureau of Public Roads to advertise the bids for the job.

Something else to look forward to: The four-lane Highway job on Highway 40, west from the California, Nevada State line to Floriston, Calif. The power poles are moved back off the right-of-way, the stakes are in, and as soon as the California Highway Department advertises the job, and it's let, then the dirt can roll.

Vacation Safeguards

Dr. Morris Brand

Avoid taking perishable food on your vacation trip unless you freeze it before starting and then pack it in a good thermos carrier. Warm spoiling foods spawn bacteria and fungus and even generate certain poisonous products. Don't eat foods that either smell or look abnormal. Such foods are better in the garbage can than you in a sick bed.

Unless obviously fresh and constantly refrigerated, avoid eating cold slaws, potato salads, creamed products and other preparations which are known to be frequent gastro-intestinal offenders.

Avoid eating in places which are obviously unclean. Soap and water are sufficiently cheap these days so that every eating and drinking place cannot have any excuse for uncleanliness.

DRINKING WATER

Don't drink from unknown wells and streams. If you are uncertain as to the water's purity and you must use it for drinking or cooking purposes, boil it hard for 15 minutes or use chlorine tablets. Caution is better than dysentery or one of the typhoid fevers.

MILK

Do not drink non-pasteurized milk unless you boil it first no matter how inviting the thought of drinking fresh milk straight from the cow or goat. If milk must be transported for any distance, keep it well refrigerated.

SWIMMING

You will not dive into water of unknown depths with subsurface rocks or stumps. You will not swim in polluted waters. You will not swim when you are tired or full of food, or overheated, or chilled, particularly where strong currents or undertows may be present. Allow at least one hour between the meal and the swim. Don't swim out too far alone. The best place is the safe beach with a lifeguard. Swimming is a relaxing sport. Remember to keep it so for you and yours.

SUNSTROKE

The victim is dizzy, nauseated and may have a headache and become unconscious. The skin is hot and dry, pulse rapid and there is a high fever.

Call a doctor. Remove victim to a shady, cool place, lay him on his back, loosen all tight clothing and remove as much of the outer garments as possible. Apply cold wet packs to head and body. Do not give stimulants.

Both heat exhaustion and sunstroke can be avoided by shunning the obvious causes, by drinking cool drinks frequently and by having extra amounts of salt on food.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Edw. Keeble, San Jose, \$664,265, for about 3.8 mi. to be const. by grade, place imported borrow & imp. sub-base mat. and surf. w/ pltmix surf. on cem. tr. base, betw. 1.0 mi. S. of Pigeon oPint & 0.2 mi. S. of Lake Lucerne, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

JUNE 27, 1956

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer Fraser & Mercer Fraser Gas Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, for about 15.4 mi. net length pltmix surf. to be placed over exist. surf. at 7 locations bet. 1.7 mi. S. of Klamath and Patrick's Creek, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const., Box 900, Watsonville, \$37,737, for about 8.6 mi. to be surf. w/ pltmix surf. on exist. surf. at various locations, SOLANO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson, 873 81st Ave., Oakland, \$995,555, for about 1.6 mi. of 4-lane, div. freeway to be graded and surf. w/ pltmix surf. on cem. tr. base & cross section, two bridges & pump. plant to be const. betw. 0.1 mi. S. of High School Rd. & Salt Creek, in Arbuckle, COLUSA COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Ince Bros., 616 E. Taylor, Sunnyvale, \$33,124, for const. of san. sewers & san. house lateral sewers within streets and easements various locations in SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

JUNE 28, 1956

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., 699 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$24,669, for const. of street improvements Hidden Valley Lane, MARIN CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson, 873 81st Ave., Oakland, \$26,666, for about 1.0 mi. of exist. rdwy. to be widen. drain. facil. to be installed on portions betw. Tedoc Rd. & 3.1 mi. Ely, TEHAMA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const., Box 900, Watsonville, \$109,800, for about 17.0 mi. of pltmix surf. to be placed on

exist. surf. betw. 0.2 mi. W. of Indian Creek & 1.0 mi. W. of Spring Garden Underpass, PLUMAS CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Stewart & Nuss Inc., 410 Thorne Ave., Fresno, \$93,461, for about 23.4 mi. to be surf. w/ pltmix surf. on exist. surf. at various locations FRESNO & MADERA COS.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, 344 High St., Oakland, \$19,993, for const. of extension of Chas. Hill Rd., County Road No. 2755.

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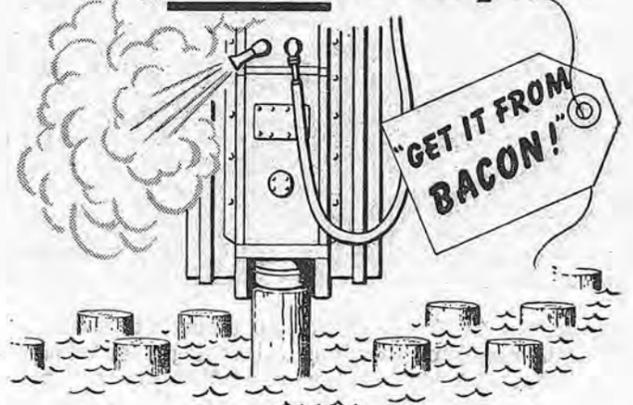
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NIMBUS, contract awarded to Rosendahl Corp., 11941 Wilshire Blvd., L.A., \$134,800, for distribution piping, pipe supports & equipment supports for Test Stands 5 & 6, Test Area, Aero-Jet Gen. Liquid

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NIMBUS, contract awarded to Paul Hardeman, Inc., 10955 W. Pico Blvd., L.A., \$55,024, for const. fuel return system for Test Stands 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6, Cold Flow Area, Aero-Jet Gen. Liquid Rocket Plant, Nimbus, AFS. Sacramento.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Co., 900 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, \$52,566, for reconstr. of Stevens Crk. Rd. from State Hwy. Rt. 5 to Marco Ave. & Monroe St. from Stevens Creek Rd. to Forest Ave., city of San Jose, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Co., 900 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, \$44,171, for reconstr. of Auzerais, Meridian, Race and San Carlos Streets, City of San Jose.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Clifford & Bodenhamer, Box 664, Redwood City, \$89,000, for reconstr. Lincoln Ave., bridges & approaches betw. Coe & Pedro, city of San Jose.

VISALIA, contract awarded to L. B. Wells Const. Co., P.O. Box 1311, Visalia, \$16,220, for Proj. 40, involv. widen, grade and pave Main St. from Floral to Willis St., about

0.125 mi. length.

VISALIA, contract awarded to John N. Fields, P.O. Box 786, Visalia, \$19,770, for grade pave Johnson St. from Mineral King Ave. to Main St., about 900 ft. in length.

NORTH SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Brighton Sand & Gravel Co., P.O. Box 1, Perkins, \$263,821, for const. curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drains, grade and pave streets.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Healy-Tibbits Const. Co., 411 Brannan St., S.F., \$20,520, for re-dredging slips at the Grove & Market St. piers, to restore a min. depth of 33 ft.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$98,135, for reconstr. of Barrett Ave. betw. Southern Pacific Railroad & 23rd St., city of Richmond, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

CHICO, contract awarded to Butte Creek Rock Co., Skyway, Chico, \$12,604, for reconstr. of East First Ave. from Longfellow to Bryant Ave., in city of Chico, BUTTE COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Shewar Paving Co., P.O. Box 1072, Walnut Creek, \$17,453, for reconstr. California St. from Railroad Ave. to Harbor St., in Pittsburg, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

HAYWARD, contract awarded to Independent Const. Co., 741 50th Ave., Oakland, \$27,179, for resurf. "B" St. from Front to Watkins Sts., & Front St. from "A" to "B" Sts., Hayward.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Antioch Paving Co., 232 DeAnza Dr., Vallejo, \$37,351, for reconstr. Wilbur Ave. from "A" St. to Orchard Lane, in Antioch, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

JUNE 7, 1956

EMERALD BAY, contract awarded to Watkin & Sibbald, 6 Bridge St., San Anselmo, \$40,995, for water sys., Emerald Bay State Park, Div. of Beaches & Parks, Emerald Bay, EL DORADO COUNTY.

OROVILLE, contract awarded to Watkin & Sibbald, 6 Bridge St., San Anselmo, \$12,500, for grading, paving, conc. walks, flagpole, redwood fence, soil prep., plant, seed and sprklr, irrig., Calif. National Guard, Oroville.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Valley Engrs., Inc., P.O. Box 412, Fresno, \$15,073, for const. san. sewers in "S" St. betw. Hayes and Trinity Sts., City of Eureka.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Claude C. Wood Co., P.O. Box 599, Lodi, \$89,990, for reconstr. Turner Rd. from Thornton Rd. E'ly 5.39 mi. to city limits of Lodi, and Main St. (Woodbridge) from Turner Rd. N'ly 0.46 mi. to Main Canal of Woodbridge Irrig. Dist. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Watkin & Sibbald, 6 Bridge St., San Anselmo, \$58,000, for addl. site development, Phase 5, at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, Calif.

JUNE 8, 1956

PIEDMONT, contract awarded to Ransome Co., 3040 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$30,908, for resurf. 10 streets in city of Piedmont, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to J. H. Trisdale, Inc., P.O. Box 779, Redding, \$17,610, for emerg. levee repairs and channel restoration, Sacto. River near Dunsmuir, SISKIYOU COUNTY.

JUNE 11, 1956

UKIAH, contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., So. S.F., \$7,467,750, for const. of earth fill dam with outlet works sply., incl. install. slide gates & const. intake channels, discharge channels, pro. office, access rds., utilities and p-purpts. Russian River Reservoir Project (Coyote Valley) nr. Ukiah.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Barrett Const., S.F., \$1,391,000, for const. Sheriff's offices and oCunty Jail, San Jose, SANTA CLARA CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, Berkeley, \$78,526, for about 2.7 mi. exist. way to be repaired with pltmix surf. on cem. tr. base and corr. metal pipe underdrains to be installed 2.1 mi. E. of Sonoma Co. line & 2.2 mi. E. of Carneros School.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to C. V. Kenworthy, Stockton, \$105,425, for const. and install

grade & drain. structures betw. Browns Mt. & Costa Ranch, TRINITY COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Rett Co., W. Sacto, \$27,609, for repair existing bridge about 0.5 mi. S. of Blairsden, at Middle Fork of Feather River, PLUMAS CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Bos Const., Berkeley, \$139,616, for const. a portion of flood damaged bridge, across Trinity River at Douglas City about 6.9 mi. S. of Weaverville.

PIEDMONT, contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$30,908, for const. City Proj. No. 6, var. locations in Piedmont.

JUNE 12, 1956

MILLBRAE, contract awarded to The Lowrie Paving Co., S.F., \$154,810, for improv. to subdivision, Mills Estate, SAN MATEO CO.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson, San Jose, \$2,218,000, for const. new City Hall, San Jose, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to C. S. Phillips Const. Co., Petaluma, \$12,250, for levee repairs and channel restor. Pit River, vicinity of Alturas.

ANTIOCH, contract awarded to John Evola, 198 Pueblo Dr., Pittsburg, \$20,944, for pltmix sur. and resurf.

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to Hackett Bros., Inc., P.O. Box 145, Los Altos, \$41,809 for reloc. of sanitary sewers in 7 locations near Bayshore Hy. in Menlo Park.

VISALIA, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., E. Sierra Blvd., Visalia, \$28,556, for const. following in TULARE COUNTY: Culv. about 10 1/4 mi. E. of City of Exeter. Bridge No. 330, 6 mi. N. & 1 mi. E. of Springville, consist. of repl. of 1 pier. Bridge No. 352, 10 mi. N. & 3 mi. E. of Springville. Bridge No. 363, 6 1/2 mi. N. & 5 1/4 mi. E. of Springville.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Eugene G. Alves Const. Co., P.O. Box 950, Pittsburg, \$13,284, for reconstr. of Cherry Lane on Geary Road-Hedgewood Manor, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

JUNE 13, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Pacific Pavements Co., S.F., \$12,960, for pav. school yard, Sheridan School, city of San Francisco.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, Berkeley, \$106,555, for grade surf. about 1.2 mi. w/rdmix surf. & bank protect. to be const. bet. 6.3 mi. E. of North Yuba River Bridge & 1.6 mi. of Sierra City, SIERRA COUNTY.

HILLSBOROUGH, Cal., contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., Box 95, Belmont, \$25,770, for const. san. sewer, Crystal Springs Rd.

SALINAS, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$17,637, for repaving & enlarging parking lot at Hartnell College Campus, Salinas.

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to Bauman Bros., 699 Industrial Rd., San Carlos, \$16,146, for grade, cr. run base, plantmix surf. on Gilbert Ave. Menlo Park.

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to Bahr & Ledoyen, Inc., 3291 Park Blvd., Palo Alto, \$25,322, for const. Parking Plaza No. 3, Improvement Proj. 1955.

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to Freeman Paving Co., 220 Lambert, Palo Alto, \$15,021, for reconstr. University Dr. & Middle Ave., city of Menlo Park.

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to L. C. Smith, P.O. Box 610, San Mateo, \$16,259, for reconstr. of College Ave. betw. Arbor Rd. and El Camino Real, city of Menlo Park.

JUNE 14, 1956

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Krpan Trenching Co., Perkins, \$27,074 for sewer in County San. Dist. No. 7, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, Nev., contract awarded to Dodge Const. Inc., Fallon, Nev., \$166,917, for const. por. of second. hwy. sys. approx. 1.849 mi. on McLean Lane betw. jct. of U.S. 50, approx. 4 mi. W. of Fallon & jct. Scheckler Lane, CHURCHILL COUNTY, NEVADA.

WALNUT CREEK, contract awarded to Vincent Rodrigues, 226 Jackson St., Hayward, \$222,493, for const. asbestos cement water

mains, local impvt. Dist. No. 4, Lakewood, city of Walnut Creek.

JUNE 18, 1956

MENDOCINO COUNTY, contract awarded to Humboldt Const., Inc., 125 W. Fifth, Eureka, \$820,952, for 2 welded plate girder bridges to be const. & about .7 mi. of roadway to be graded at 2 locations about 12 mi. N. of Willis, betw. 1.3 mi. N. of Hillville & 1.4 mi. S. or Irvine Lodge, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, contract awarded to Stolte Inc. & Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$139,615, for about 0.6 mi. of exist. traveled way and bridge to be wide. & traffic sig. & hiway lighting sys. to be installed betw. Westwood Ct. & Mt. Diablo Blvd.

TRINITY COUNTY, contract awarded to Scheumann & Johnson, Lloyd Bldg., Seattle, Wash., \$379,799, for about 8.3 mi. to be reconstr. by grade & surf. w/pltmix surf., betw. 0.2 mi. W. of Prairie Creek & Oregon Mountain.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 928, Sacto., \$38,300, for grade, place crusher run base & platmix surf., conc. walks, redwood hdes, conc. curb & gutter, storm drain. sys. with manholes, gutter drains and catch basins, conc. pipe, etc.

JUNE 19, 1956

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to Hackett Bros., Inc., P.O. Box 145, Los Altos, \$41,809, for const. of san. sewers & appurts. Bayshore Freeway, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

CHURCHILL COUNTY, Nevada, contract awarded to Dodge Const. Co., 6th St., Fallon, Nev., \$166,917, for about 1.849 mi. hiway const. on McLean Lane, betw. Junc. U.S. 50, approx. 4 mi. W. of Fallon & Junc. Scheckler Lane.

SONOMA COUNTY, contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., Inc., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$31,849, for widen. 3 bridges and approaches betw. about 4 mi. & 10 mi. NW of Sebastopol.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, contract awarded to Tom Hull, 930 Carson, Eureka, \$32,980, for a bridge to be repaired & restor. to grade & imp. rock slope protection to be placed across Eel River at Fernbridge, about 5.3 mi. NE of Ferndale.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 928, Sacto., \$2,784,349, for abt. 7.2 mi. to be graded & paved with portland cem. conc. on N. bound traffic lanes, & widen & surf. w/ pltmix surf. on exist. pave. & cem. tr. base on S. bound traffic lanes, & 12 bridges & 2 pump. plants to be const. betw. 0.7 mi. S. of Galt & 1.6 mi. S. of Consummes River, SAN JOAQUIN & SACRAMENTO COS.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to M. W. Brown, Box 827, Redding, \$30,960, for about 7.8 mi. of pltmix surf. to be placed on exist. surf. betw. Redding & Palo Cedro, SHASTA COUNTY.

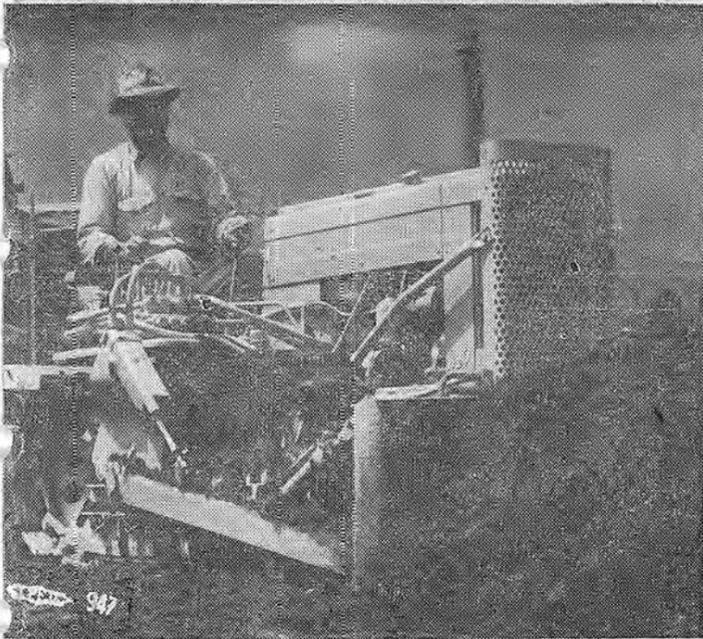
SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lester L. Rice & Sons, Inc., P.O. Box 408, Yuba City, \$272,124, for about 16.1 mi. to be surf. with Pltmix surf. on exist. base & cem. tr. base, betw. 1 mi. N. of Bieber & 5 mi. E. & betw. Lookout & Adin, LASSEN & MODOC COS.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$141,850, for about 21.5 mi. of pltmix surf. to be placed on exist. surf. betw. 0.6 mi. S. of Madeline & 6.7 mi. S. of Alturas, LASSEN & MODOC COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Souza & McCue Const. Co., Colusa Hiway, Yuba City, \$153,507, for about 3.5 mi. of roadbed to be graded & surf. with untr. base on imp. sub-base mat. & penetration treat. to be applied betw. State Rt. 15 near Brown's Valley and 3.5 mi. NE, YUBA COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Son, 1520 4th, Berkeley, \$25,234, for improve portions of county road Lincoln Road from Dairy Ave. to Thornton Ave. in Newark, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer Fraser Co. & Mercer Fraser Gas Co., Inc., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$37,585, for const. a metal bin type retain. wall and port. of roadbed to be surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base, about 0.5 mi. S. of Red oMountain Creek, MENDOCINO COUNTY.



PETERSON TRACTOR announces a new 420S Tilt Dozer, built specifically for the John Deere 420 crawler tractor. The new dozer has features usually found only in dozers built for big tractors, such as permitting the operator to tilt the blade while working under full load. The blade is 72 inches long and 25 inches high, has a lift of 26 inches and digging depth of 15 inches below level. Operating weight of the 420 and 42S is 6,150 pounds.

PIPELINE PACT IS HELD WORTHLESS

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 tions and better wages. At the beginning we had nothing . . . neither our Local Unions or our International . . . we walked the streets because we would not submit to the inhuman, non-union, conditions offered us! We walked picket lines for days, weeks, and months . . . we were hungry . . . our families were hungry . . . they were often denied the barest necessities. There were times when we filled the hospitals . . . sometimes even the jails . . . BUT our cause was just and right . . . There was no price too costly to pay and slowly but surely we improved our conditions. Again I say, we had no money . . . neither did our International . . . but in spite of this we made progress and today we have conditions, good wages, and money in our treasury. The Local Unions have poured millions of dollars in to the coffers of our International Union and today it is fabulously wealthy! That is as it should be, BUT NOW WE MUST USE THAT MONEY TO ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED AND TO ASSIST THE LOCAL UNIONS WHO NEED HELP. It is my opinion that this is what the money was intended for. CERTAINLY IT WAS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED TO PENSION OFF ON FULL SALARY A CORPORATION LAWYER WHO SERVED AS A PART-TIME UNION ATTORNEY.

Over the years, step by step, we have bettered our working conditions . . . We are respected by all fair-thinking people in every walk of life. The people recognize that was the sacrifices made by our great labor movement that have helped to make our country great. That is why in capital letters I ask . . . WHY IN THE NAME OF COMMONSENSE SHOULD ANYONE AGREE TO GIVE AWAY CONDITIONS GAINED AT SO COSTLY A PRICE???

I cannot understand it . . . even in spite of the fact that we have some amongst us who are financially interested in the Pipeline Contractors.

No Local Union, and certainly International Union has a legal, moral or any other right to give away working conditions that have been won by the members of a Local Union.

We all realize that there are some localities where Local Unions are not financially or otherwise equipped to fight or to organize certain non-union contractors alone . . . they should not be expected to do so . . . this is where our great International should step in and do the job for them! To my way of thinking that is the International's prime duty . . . to help organize the unorganized . . . and to secure better wages and working conditions. If this is done, no other Local Union should be asked to give up any of their own

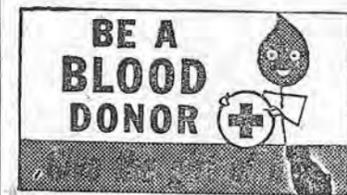
hard-earned conditions.

In closing, I refuse to acknowledge any worthwhile accomplishments by the Pipeline negotiators in the past. To me this is a black spot on our International's record and I sincerely hope and trust that it will soon be washed out so that once again our International will only negotiate UNION AGREEMENTS . . . not open-shop agreements!

Some one once said, "GOD GRANTS LIBERTY ONLY TO THOSE WHO LOVE IT AND ARE ALWAYS READY TO GUARD AND DEFEND IT." With that in mind, let us always be ready to guard against the enemies of our cherished Union conditions . . . conditions for which we have paid so costly a price!

- Chlorine—A dancer in a night club.
- Carbon—Storage place for street cars.
- Barium—What you do with dead people.
- Atom—Eve's husband.
- Tin—Not fat.

In 1955, 37,800 Americans were killed in traffic accidents.



COYOTE DAM SET TO START ON JULY 24

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

Officials throughout the Redwood Empire will gather July 24th to commemorate beginning construction of the Coyote Valley Dam.

The ground breaking ceremonies will be held on the dam site at 10:30 a.m. It will be celebrated with an explosion to signify start of the project.

All governmental agencies that made the flood control and water conservation project possible have been invited, including the Secretary of the Army, chief of the Army Engineers, Members of Congress, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the governor, members of the state legislature, state water authorities, Sonoma and Mendocino county and city officials, representatives of Chambers of Commerce and farm and labor organizations.

One of our oldest and worthy members, Bro. Wallace Phipps, was the first tractor operator on the project. Bro. Otto Popovich is unloading a new 54-B Bucyers shovel which he will operate with Bro. M. S. Sandy, as his oiler. Two

Fresno in High Gear as Summer Reaches the Mountain Country

By G. L. Moore and J. D. Monroe, Business Representatives

The month of June brought a sharp increase in jobs throughout the Fresno area. The warm weather reaching the high country has put most of the mountain jobs in high gear. Morrison Walsh & Perini have finished the road into Courtwright Dam site and now have barracks and a complete

camp at the job site. The tunnel crew have started work on the small diversion tunnel. They also have a crew busy preparing the dam site, this job is at an elevation of 8000 feet. At the Wishon Dam the Morrison Walsh & Perini Co. have started the fill for the main dam which consists of dumped quarry rock fill. When completed it will be rip rapped and concrete faced. They have set up a new aggregate plant and are now making rock; most all this job is on two shifts, with the mechanics working three shifts. There are approximately 200 members working on this project. H. Earl Parker are moving a few pieces of equipment in and getting a slow start on their road job at Stump Springs.

Bechtel Co. still have a few men working at Vermillion Dam and some at the Huntington Lake Power House.

Eaton & Smith still working on their clean up and repair work on their contract at Stump Springs; have about 5 members working.

Work has picked up considerably in the Merced area, Westbrook and M&K have moved in on their \$1,030,000 job at Castle Field Air Base. Standard Materials Co. are busy relocating railroad tracks and paving various areas on the base. Granite Construction and the M J Ruddy Co. are quite busy on street repair work and paving in the Merced area. The M J Ruddy Co. have set up a hot plant on the Merced River to furnish hot stuff for the area. The Frederickson & Kasler Company have increased their euc spread and are really moving dirt on their freeway job at Chowchilla. Tulare County Concrete Co. have set a small portable batch plant and are furnishing the concrete for structures on this job.

Stewart & Nuss Inc. were awarded a \$600,000 contract at the Fresno Air Terminal. The main runway to be extended 1000 ft. into the area vacated by the rerouting of Shields Ave. Stewart & Nuss also have several sections of resurfacing in the Woodlake and Visalia area and another strip on Grangeville Blvd. west of Hanford, grading and resurfacing. There is very little activity on their sub-contract from C K Moseman Co., waiting for structures to be built on the D Street Freeway through Fresno.

Gene Richards Engineering Co. working on structures on their section of freeway on Highway 99 and laying black top on the Blackstone Ave. (Highway 41) job. The Gordon H. Ball Company are moving right along with their high-

way job at Kingsburg and finishing their freeway jobs at Delano and Pixley.

L. B. Wells Construction Co. working on streets in Visalia and were low bidders on a joint venture with Clement Co. for 6 miles of road bed to be graded and paved near Farmersville. John Fields Company of Visalia also doing quite a bit of road mix work for the city of Visalia.

The new Tulare County Court House in Visalia has been at a standstill for some time due to lack of steel but have resumed work again as a shipment of steel has been received. United Concrete Pipe Co.'s plant at Tulare have a full crew working on the manufacture of big pipe.

We have had many inquiries regarding the Success and Terminus Dams in Tulare County. From the information we have at this time the 2 1/2 million that Congress appropriated for Success will be spent for right of ways, relocating power lines, telephone lines, county roads, state highway 190 and private buildings in the area, with

Planning to Retire?

Are you planning on retiring this year and applying for your old-age insurance benefits? If so, a special provision in the Social Security Act may enable you to receive a higher benefit than would otherwise be possible, according to Charles H. Shreve, manager of the Social Security office at 1266 Market Street. Shreve states that wage earners who worked all of 1955 and the first two quarters of 1956 may have their benefit rate figured on their average monthly wage during this 18-month period, provided they are 65 or older and file their claim during 1956.

Shreve also pointed out that the maximum monthly retirement benefit of \$108.50 is now payable to those workers who were paid \$4200 or more in wages during 1955 and at least \$2100 during the first six months of 1956 if they are 65 or older and submit their claim this year. Persons who have filed their claims in prior years but who returned to work in 1955 may have their benefit rate refigured under these special provisions they qualify and file a new application.

Shreve urges those who may be affected to contact his office at 1266 Market Street or the district office at 2747 Mission Street if they live in postal zones 7, 10, 12, 14, 24 or 27, for complete information.

new D-8's with the paper on the seats yet. Bro. Bill Cloud, project manager. Bro. Frank Ryan, master mechanic assisting him will be Bro. Chris B. Schneider. Bro. Dewey Stoddard the welder.

To all members that expect long hours on the dam I regret to report that the company plans on but 8 hours and 5 days a week for this year.

The Sonoma County Supervisors and Santa Rosa City Council formally agreed on a contract for construction of the \$2,350,000 Russian River Aqueduct No. 1.

It provides for county construction of the 11-mile aqueduct, gravel-bed intake works at the river and six million gallon reservoir at the Santa Rosa end.

Santa Rosa at present uses about 5000 acre feet a year and the contract allows Santa Rosa to buy up to 14,000-acre feet of water through the line per year. This figure should take care of the increase of population plus industry that might come in for a number of years.

Humboldt Construction Company

of Eureka have moved in all new equipment for their bridge and approaches job 11 miles north of Willits on Highway 101.

The company has some of their old-timers with them—Bros. Frank Wright, Hershel Meyers, Paul Bristow, Sidney McBrome, and A. A. Moore. Bro. Rosie O'Grady is in charge of the project.

This job will take about a year to complete.

When a road was graded from Highway One south of Bodega Bay to the airstrip adjoining Doran Park it proved very convenient for Harold Hudson of the Transocean Construction Company. He taxis his plane right up to shop and steps out on the job. It is a matter of 30 minutes from his office in San Leandro to the job site.

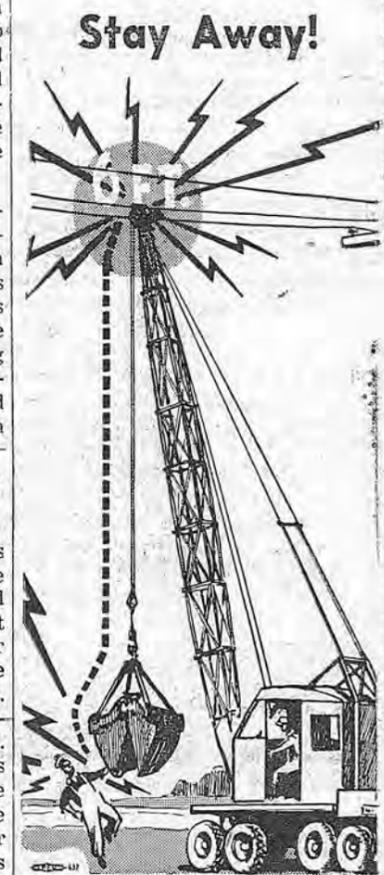
The purpose of the new road was to improve access into the construction workers' giant camp across the line on the airstrip, that looks like a cinemascope view of a deluxe toy shop's Christmas window, with its dozers of brightly painted yellow "construction toys"—Paul Bunyan size.

Giant indeed for approximately

no money for the actual construction of the dam at this time. The \$558,000 appropriated for Terminus Dam will be spent likewise with no funds available for the actual construction at this time.

McIntire & Quiros, Surveying Engineers, have a contract with the Union Oil Company to do all the surveying from Blackwell Corners, Kern County, to Oleum, for a 16" pipe line. Have 6 parties of surveyors working out of Fresno Office on this project, with the actual laying of the pipe line to be done later.

Brothers, we have only had one donation to the Blood Bank in the month of June, let's try to do better this month. Thank you Brother Jeff Ringer.



Calif. State Penal Code, Section 385:

(b) Any person, who either personally or thru an employee or agent of another, operates, places, erects, or moves any tools, machinery, equipment, material, building, or structure within 6 feet of a high voltage (750 volts or more) overhead conductor, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(c) It shall be a misdemeanor to own, operate, or to employ any person to operate, any crane, derrick, power shovel, drilling rig, hay loader, hay stacker, pile driver, or similar apparatus, any part of which is capable of vertical, lateral or swinging motion, unless there is posted and maintained in plain view of the operator thereof, a durable warning sign legible at 12 feet, reading "Unlawful to operate this equipment within six feet of high voltage lines." Each day's failure to post or maintain such sign shall constitute a separate violation.

100 workers including all crafts, are engaged on this construction job which is making Bodega Bay one of the most easily accessible coastal resorts in Northern California.

Just in case some of you missed the notice of our new office location in the last issue of the News—546 Farmers Lane, Montgomery Village. Phone number is the same. Office is open Wednesday night until 8 p.m.

WOODY'S SPORT DOCK
 Members are reminded that Bro. Maurice L. "Woody" Woodward of Little River, Calif., is now operating party boat and boat service at his place in Little River, known as "Woody's Sport Dock." He says the sa'mon and rock fishing are fine. He has boats, motors, and party boat facilities. You can reach him by phone at Mendocino, WEBSTER 7-5790 or Mendocino, WEBSTER 7-5766 (after 7 p.m.)

Correct your own mistakes by avoiding those of others.

The City by the Golden Gate

RECORD MONTH FOR SAN FRANCISCO AREA

By Pat Clancy & Harry Metz, Business Representatives

A new \$115,000,000 freeway system down the Peninsula, utilizing Skyline Boulevard will be given top priority in this area as a result of congressional approval of the \$51 Billion Dollar Federal highway bill. Division of highway engineers outlined another top priority freeway . . . A 9.2 mile stretch linking up the projected Western-Park Presidio Freeways from the south city limits across Golden Gate Park, once the current controversy over the Western Freeway is settled.

Cahill Bros., Construction Company was the successful bidder on the \$4,000,000 Ellis-O'Farrell Garage. This garage will provide storage space for 900 cars, when completed. Cahill Bros., also have a \$1,900,000 playground job on Harrison Street between 25th and 26th Streets.

Utah Construction Co. have completed the overpass on their South San Francisco job and are now going full blast ahead . . . moving dirt.

Fay Improvement Co., Charles Harney, Lowrie Paving Co. and Pacific Pavement are all busy grading and resurfacing the streets in San Francisco.

MacDonald Young & Nelson have a tough job at Taylor & California Streets . . . This is the site of the new Masonic Temple and is located on one of the steepest hills in the City. Devencenzi is doing the excavation work and the P & Z Drilling Co. are boring holes for the foundation. J. Phillip Murphy have the job of setting the steel.

Guy F. Atkinson will soon move 350,000 yards more of fill to complete the freeway tie in on their Sierra Point job.

Chas. Harney Co. was awarded the contract for excavation work on the new Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s power plant at Hunter's Point. Cost of the Hunters Point

power plant expansion will be \$21,000,000.

O. C. Jones have several jobs in the vicinity of South San Francisco, Daly City, and a parking area for the new Medical Center at the U.C. Hospital.

Anderson & Kirbee are doing the excavation work on a new Nike base atop Brisbane Hill.

McGuire & Hester are constructing a sewer line at the San Francisco State College.

Lindgren & Swinerton are building a new clinical center at the St. Luke's Hospital.

B. B. Brown is keeping all the boys working on the Rollingwood housing job for Sterling Home Builders.

Piombo Construction Co. has run into tough digging on the Sunset Reservoir job.

Barrett Construction Company are building an annex to the St. Francis Hospital on Bush Street.

S. & Q. Construction Company have a \$235,598.50 job for a radio station atop Twin Peaks.

Mike Lynch and Walter Lenkeit have sewer jobs along Lincoln Way.

M & K Corporation are making good progress on their Hunter's Point job.

June of 1956 has proven to be one of the busiest months we have had. We hope the following months will be as good!

In the Islands

Job Pick-Up In Hawaii

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ
Business Representative

Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd., the largest general contracting outfit in the Islands, has been getting the greater portion of the big jobs opening in the Territory the past nine months. Aside from all the dredging work here since there are no other dredging outfits around, they have been awarded a \$17 million job by the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks to renovate and new construction to put back into permanent operation the Navy base at Midway Island.

Hawaiian Dredging will also share with J. H. Pomeroy, a west coast company, and Koster & Wythe of Guam, an \$8,258,000 contract for the Air Force and the Navy.

Labor for Midway will definitely be from the Hawaiian Area. Labor for Guam will see in use Guamanians and Filipino nationals. Both jobs should be ready to start within the next month or two.

Kaiser's pet Waikiki hobby is again due for revisions in plans. His controversial service station to take care of his hotel patrons was favorably received by the City Planning Commission finally. The convention hall is now completed and is ready for use by mainland groups. The present work should be completed by July 15th. His new work on the three small hotels is not yet scheduled.

J. M. Tanaka, presently on the Nuuanu Pali job was low bidder on a stretch of the approach highway to the Pali tunnel site, and also on a sub-division work on the island of Kauai for the Hawaiian Homes Commission costing the territory approximately \$2 1/2 million.

Private housing and school construction are about all the work being done in the Honolulu Area and not much work for equipment men. Many would like to try the mainland, but few get the courage to travel away from home. However, Bro. Albert Akana felt it best to try it and left here June 15 for San Francisco.

Two members now in supervisory with Byrne International, just back from Turkey, left for South America June 30. They are Brothers Joe Haia and John Spencer. They have been around the world twice now and feel it time to traverse the earth in the opposite direction.

BACK FROM ENJWETOK

Most of our members have returned from Eniwetok where the latest A.E.C. bomb tests took place. Bro. Richard Farm stopped in the office on his way back to San Francisco where he now makes his home.

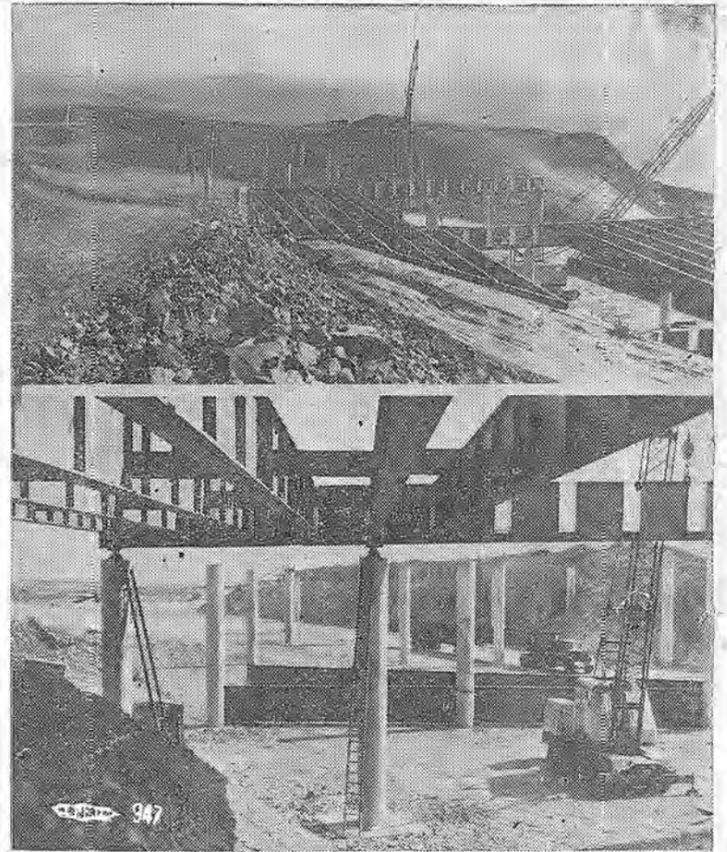
The Building Trades Council is again programming an organizational drive with Business Agents meeting every Tuesday morning and acting as a policy committee with recommendations to the Council.

International Vice President Roy Brown, of the Machinists was in town a few weeks on a thorough survey of labor conditions for the Machinists and an overall study of labor on the four larger islands. He invited a contingent of AFL-CIO leaders to meet with him and give their views on the problems they face and to also make suggestions if any to cope with them. He offered to intervene for any interested group to their mainland constituents if desired.

Our water front is at peace again and the threat of a long shut-down has been settled by a

—call it anything you want to, but a friend, brother, son, father, sweetheart, husband, neighbor, partner, fishing buddy or whatever a man might have been to you, you you and you, has suddenly been taken from us. My Brothers, when a thing like this happens that's all she wrote. We beg of you on bended knees, BE CAREFUL, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.

To the loved ones of Brother Ray Moffett may we extend our most heart-felt sympathies. May his Soul rest in peace.



BAYSHORE AT SIERRA POINT.—Above views show the heart of the \$4 million criss-cross overhead tangle of freeway and rail lines at Sierra Point, just below Candlestick Cove, with the Navy Shipyard faintly visible in upper view. Present rail and rubber routes are at left of picture. New freeway will cross the cove on the huge fill, hit the point, and soar over the tracks here. Tracks are being re-routed from present tunnel at left. Your perspiring cameraman crawled under the giant steel framework for the lower shot. Note huge girders on truck at center, rear. The enormous fill and the big re-routing make this one of the state's most unusual freeway ventures.

SACTO BOYS TACKLE HIGHWAYS 40, 99

By Paul Edgecombe, Ernie Nelson, Ed Hearne, Bob Sornsen
Business Representatives

Another link of freeway on highway 99 at Galt was awarded recently to A. Teichert & Sons amounting to \$2,748,349. This is the first highway contract to be awarded here in the Sacramento area this year that will help relieve the unemployment situation. This project will involve quite a bit of preliminary work to be done before any increase in personnel will be needed.

Granite Const. have started on their job at Cache Creek. This is a \$259,598 job consisting of grading, construction of a concrete bridge and surfacing. Their freeway job south of town is progressing as Richards Engineering will be finished pouring concrete in the next few days. Then the task of laying 40,000 tons of hot stuff will begin.

On Highway 40 at Applegate, Piombo Const. have their job just about shaped up and it should be opened for traffic some time during the first part of July. Both of these projects of Granite Construction and Piombo Const. were started last year and suffered the bad effects of last winter's heavy rainfall which required considerable repeat performance.

Other contractors in the area have confined themselves to their various and numerous jobs around the outlying subdivisions. Brighton Sand & Gravel, McGillivray and J. R. Reeves have kept their crews reasonably busy on this type of work.

A majority of the home builders are working but at a slow pace. They are matching building with sales at the present time. A new tract is getting under way at Citrus Heights and is tentatively scheduled for 800 homes. Arlington Const. will do the building and Frank Beach is doing the underground work.

Sand and gravel plants are working away below capacity operations but a couple good highway or street jobs will send them into action.

Numerous contractors working on new construction at Aerojet are keeping several brother engineers busy. There are truck cranes, "Clancy" boom trucks and welding

machines in every direction out there and they are all operated by members of Local No. 3.

Progress can be reported now in the Lake Tahoe area since the organizing program has gained support each day. Several factors have to be overcome before satisfying results can be obtained, such as high cost of rent and food and the mileage distance to obtain the needed personnel.

The general outlook for the present time is not too encouraging as we have numerous small jobs which create a quick turnover. We have a number of operators and oilers on the out-of-work list and can supply just about any classification needed at this time. We hope this situation doesn't exist for too much longer.

Brothers, be sure to read the recommendations that your delegation has made regarding the election of your International officers.

HERE AND THERE

BILL EDWARDS "gassing up"; SAM PHILLIPS "making juice"; BEN MANNING, PETE PETERSON, "BLACKIE" BOUZER and "SHIPWRECK" KELLEY making air wholesale; RAY FRATES trading watch jobs; RED BUSTER trimming roses; HARRY CRIGLER joy riding; NEIL WILLINGHAM making it look pretty; ED FLAHERTY delivering air; ARCHIE PERKINS sitting tight; RAY AUSTIN looking on; KEMP HASTY vacationing again; HARVEY CLINE going out; GEORGE KNIGHT traveling; LEE YOUNG picking a four spot; ERNIE WURTH herding cattle; FRANK FENNELL all patched up; MARVIN LAWSON looking 'em over; RED WING, "how to cure olives"; DANNY FURRER surprising us with a very nice visit.

BLOOD BANK

Our sincere thanks goes to Rene Verduyssen and Doris Luckie, our only donors at the blood bank during the past month.

That's all for this writing, Brothers. Did you receive the 12 1/4 increase on your paycheck on construction work, effective June 1st?

This office is closed Saturdays but is open every Thursday until 8 p.m.

ALL BUSY IN THE REDWOODS

By K. A. "KEN" BROOKS
And DANNY O. DEES
Business Representatives

We are most happy to report that things are really buzzing in the Eureka area. Work is being done every place you look, from Crescent City to Garberville and east beyond Willow Creek. The out of work list is really skinny, top hands are as scarce as frog hair at the moment.

IN AND AROUND EUREKA

Everyone seems to be busy. Mercer-Fraser, Arthur B. Sirl, Valley Engineers, Humboldt Const., John Peterson, Tom Hull, Bechtel Corp., Burman & Son, Norman I. Fadel, Foster Drayage, E. A. Land and many others really on the hop.

The concrete and aggregate companies doing a land office business these days. Eureka Sand & Gravel, Eureka Readymix, McWhorter & Dougherty, E. A. Land, ABS Aggregates, A & E Readymix, Mercer-Fraser Readymix all on the go, we are happy to say.

WILLOW CREEK AND EAST

Harold Hastings and Joe La Malfa at Martins Ferry, Bureau of Roads, Highway job, J. W. Briggs, Bureau of Roads Highway job at Bluff Creek, Osborne-Bowie the low bidders on the bridge at Bluff Creek. Peter Kiewit Sons, bridge across the Trinity at Hoopa and approaches. Bruce McIntosh's plant furnishing the aggregate, Mercer-Fraser surfacing Highway 299, Willow Creek to Burnt Ranch. Kuckenberg Const. Co., million yards to move on Highway 299 west of Willow Creek. J. Ira McNutt nearly finished on the next section of 299 going west. Lillebo Const. have plenty to do on the two bridges on this section. "Mick-Brother, "Mickey" and a good one, too, doing the clearing on the Kuckenberg job. Humboldt Constructors on the next section west so all in all there is some activity in them thar mountains. It will sure be a happy day for this area when 299 becomes a good highway

but it sure looks like it will be a long time coming.

NORTH-CRESCENT CITY

Peter Kiewit on the jetty, Associated Dredge soon to finish on the harbor. Marlin Tryon, Pelican Bay Const., Coast Concrete all busy as bees. Natt McDougall on the 101 realignment and bridge at Wilson Creek, north of Klamath, Osborne-Bowie, bridge at Panther Creek Highway 101. Mercer-Fraser soon to start on their big resurfacing job south of Klamath. "Louie" Conner has a spread on the County Road out of Orick.

SOUTH OF EUREKA

Norman I. Fadel going right along on the four lane section of 101 by-passing Loleta, Grandpa "Filter Material" Fadel has that smile back now that he has that plant paying off. You found the way Grandpa, but you missed a free lunch, better luck next time.

Brother Darrell Schmidt of Alton, keeping pretty busy with his two D2's or a pair of Deuces, if you will.

Brother Elbert Land trying to get that sub-division in Fortuna in gear, good luck, stick to it.

Frank Crane doing fine on the school at Miranda, also started on the one at Harris, Trans-Ocean Engineers making progress up-hill on the bridge at Maple Hills. Arthur B. Sirl soon to start a big resurfacing job in this area on Highway 101.

WEST OF EUREKA

Nothing but the Pacific Ocean and a lot of wonderful fishing.

It seems that too often it becomes our sad duty to reports the this time it being Brother Ray Moffett, oiler on a 41 Northwest at Hoopa for Peter Kiewit. A charge of electricity took his life as he was greasing the tracks. Brothers, there must be an answer to these things somewhere, we try our very best to talk up safety but somehow there comes a time when it goes for naught. I know we can all make mistakes, we all make plenty of them, but this kind you only make once. Call it accident



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IUOE Election Attracts

MEMBERS ARE URGED TO VOTE AND MAIL THEIR BALLOTS IMMEDIATELY

Follow-up to the recent historic convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers in Chicago is this month's election of officers, which is attracting the widest possible interest among the membership. Endorsements of candidates by local and international officers are carried on this page and on page 2 of this issue of the Engineers News. These will be of interest to all members.

Every member is urged to be sure to cast his vote and to mail in his ballot immediately. Following is a statement that has been given wide distribution among members of the international union:

To the Members of the Intl. Union of Operating Engineers

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

We who were privileged to have been nominated without opposition at the 25th Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers wish to take this opportunity to thank the delegates in attendance at the Convention as well as the members they so ably represented, for the honor bestowed upon us. We are deeply appreciative and we want to assure the membership that we are not only interested, but concerned, about the welfare of our organization. For this reason, and because of our interest in you, and in the well being of the organization itself, we are taking the liberty of recommending to you candidates for office who, we know, will aid in revitalizing our International Union, when elected. These candidates are men with experience and ability. They are men who have proven themselves to be above reproach . . . men with spotless records . . . the type of men most needed to bring new blood into the governing body of our International!

We sincerely hope that this letter will serve as an introduction, and guide, to those of you who may not be familiar with their individual records.

Brother DALE BURCHETT is a candidate for the office of Fifth General Vice-President. He has an outstanding record and we know that he is worthy of your trust, and support. The membership can be sure that as Fifth General Vice-President of our International Union, Brother Burchett will be an asset. A vote for him is a vote for the members as well!

Brother J. C. TURNER is a candidate for the office of Tenth General Vice-President. We recommend Brother Turner highly as a man eminently qualified to hold this office. He, too, is worthy of your full support and his election will add prestige to our International family. We know that a vote for Brother Turner will be a vote for the best interests of our International.

Brother L. E. EGAN, incumbent candidate for the office of TRUSTEE is now the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. His record is clean and shows that he has done a fine job for all of us. Brother Egan should be returned to office by a unanimous vote!

Brother R. W. TUCKER is also a candidate for the office of TRUSTEE. His record as a union man goes unchallenged . . . he is outstanding, and has proven his ability to organize in that great Southern California City of Los Angeles. Brother Tucker fights for what is right and has the courage of his convictions. His election to the Board of Trustees will be of great value to the Board, and to the entire membership!

You will notice that we have only recommended TWO (2) TRUSTEES, although there are THREE (3) TO BE ELECTED to this all important Board of our International. Our reason for doing this is because of the fact that there were several other candidates nominated for the office of Trustee . . . all of whom are very fine men! To recommend a third member would be beyond our capabilities and might also be unfair to the membership since, undoubtedly, many members have a personal choice for at least one of the candidates nominated to this office who, through their own knowledge or personal acquaintance, they would like to see elected a TRUSTEE.

If you were one of the delegates to our Convention, you are certainly aware of how important it is to elect real men to office. We can only conclude by saying that we feel that the men we have recommended are real men and they will best serve the interests of all. We ask only that each be elected on his own merits!

Sincerely and Fraternally,

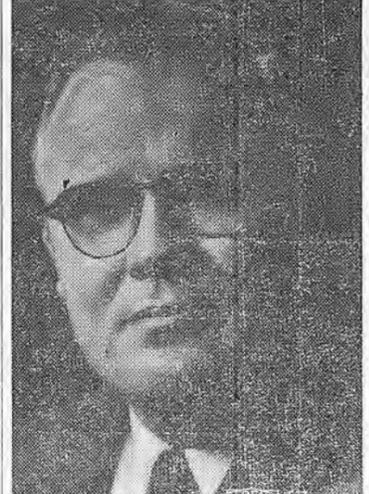
(Signed)—VICTOR S. SWANSON, Sixth V.P.
JACK McDONALD, Eighth V.P.
CHAS. PALUSKA, Ninth V.P.

Wide Interest

Candidates for IUOE Vice Presidents Dale Burchett J. C. Turner



Business Manager, Local No. 49 International Union of Operating Engineers, St. Paul, Minnesota



Business Manager, Local No. 77 International Union of Operating Engineers, Washington, D.C.

BROTHER BURCHETT comes from a Union family closely identified with old-line steam shovel operators and dredgemen. He was born in Minnesota in 1909 and became a member of Local No. 49 in 1934. As soon as he became a union member, he attracted attention through his individual efforts in bringing new members into his local.

Brother Burchett was elected Business Agent of Local No. 49 in 1938 and with the exception of a 22 months' hitch in the Navy during World War II, he has served in that capacity continuously up to and during the present time. He is a man of action and this is amply substantiated by the fact that when he took over as Business Agent, Local No. 49 had about four hundred members confined to the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Today Local No. 49 has eight thousand members, with its influence felt and prevailing all over Minnesota, North Dakota and parts of South Dakota.

Brother Burchett first concentrated on heavy and highway contractors and, as a result of his efforts, a state-wide contract cover-

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BROTHER TURNER, born in Beaumont, Texas in 1916, moved to Washington, D.C. in 1932. He became a member of Local No. 77 in 1935. In 1938 he was selected a delegate to the Washington, D.C. Central Labor Union and became Business Agent of Local No. 77 in 1940. In 1943, he was also elected Vice-President and held both of these positions until May, 1950. In May, 1950, he went on leave to serve as Labor Counselor to the International Labor Office with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. In November, 1950, Brother Turner was called back by Local No. 77 as its President and Business Manager.

Brother Turner has always been held in the highest esteem locally, nationally and internationally for his remarkable ability in the field of trade unionism. Proof of this is reflected in the numerous positions of responsibility which were accorded him. He was chairman of the Board of Business Agents of the Washington, D.C. Building Trades Council. He has been Vice-President of the Washington, D.C. Central Labor Union since 1948. He has been secretary of the

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Proposed Pipeline Pact Is Held Worthless

By Victor S. Swanson, Sixth General Vice-President International Union of Operating Engineers

I think it is only fair and proper that I set forth my views regarding the NATIONAL PIPELINE AGREEMENT since, at one time, I was a member of the Negotiating Committee dealing with this Agreement.

It is my intention that our membership be fully aware of the situation since it seems to have become a controversial, as well as a political issue!

I would like to say now, in the very beginning, that I am presenting my own personal opinion and although I realize that there are some who may not agree with me, I shall try to make myself clearly understood and in doing so . . . let the chips fall where they may!

To give you a brief history; The Engineer's Pipeline Committee consisted of three (3) members; Fourth Vice-President Joseph J. Delaney, Fifth Vice-President Frank P. Converse, and myself as Sixth Vice-President. It seemed to me that the only two concerned with preserving and protecting the Union conditions we had won in the past were Vice-President Delaney and myself. However, neither of us were successful, and nothing

worthwhile was accomplished and for that reason we both expressed our desire to be removed from the Pipeline's Negotiating Committee. That was four months ago. The General President has since appointed Brother Wm. J. Stuhr, Seventh Vice-President and Bro. Jack McDonald, Eighth Vice-President to the committee, both of whom are outstanding labor men, and negotiators. I am sure that they will now take over the fight to negotiate a fair and decent agreement.

In reading the old Pipeline Agreement and the NEWLY PROPOSED AGREEMENT we can find no semblance of any union conditions. To my way of thinking it is too disgraceful to even consider!

In reporting to you I did not

want to rely on my own judgment only. The proposed agreement was submitted to one of our nation's outstanding labor attorneys, Mr. P. H. McCarthy, Jr., and while I should like to print his full and complete analysis in its entirety, space does not permit me to do so. However, the following is the conclusion of his report and I am sure you can form your own opinion from that and understand my sentiments as well.

CONCLUSION

"Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 has everything to lose and nothing to gain under the proposed agreement.

The agreement is entirely one-sided.

The International gains nothing

it has not and surrenders much that it might have.

The employer is guaranteed the services of every local union in the International as a personnel placement office, or hiring hall, for skilled employees and thus saves the employer a very substantial sum. The employer saves the cost of a mobile personnel office and staff and wear and tear on machinery in trying out operators of unknown skills. For this the International gets a nicely typed agreement, probably on bond paper, or parchment, and that is all.

A fair agreement—fair to the employer, the International, the local union and the employees could be negotiated. Such an agreement would and should benefit all concerned; the proposed agreement benefits only the employer.

There is no reason why under the proposed agreement one dues paying member of the Operating Engineers need be employed unless the employer for his own selfish reasons should happen to want to employ a member of Operating Engineers.

So long as skilled operators are in short supply, this agreement may provide employment for some members of the International, but the day there is an over-supply of skilled operators this agreement will not be worth the price of the paper upon which it is written.

We repeat: Under this agreement as proposed, Local 3 and its members and employees it represents lose much. The International gains little, if anything, to compensate for the loss.

We have not pointed out all of the defects in the proposed agreement, only the major ones."

Very truly yours,
(Signed)

P. H. MCCARTHY, JR.

Although a National Pipeline Agreement could be of vast importance, the proposed agreement seems to be predicated only on taking from those Unions who have won conditions. This is entirely foreign to my conception of the labor movement. For over 50 years we, in the labor movement, have fought in season and out of season for better working conditions.

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CANDIDATES FOR IUOE TRUSTEES

Louis E. Egan

R. W. Tucker



Financial Secretary and Business Agent, Local No. 701, I.U.O.E., Portland, Oregon

BROTHER EGAN was born February 10, 1892, and has been a resident of Oregon since 1909. He has been identified with Organized Labor throughout his entire life. He started out as a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers while railroad-ing on the Southern Pacific.

Brother Egan joined Local No. 87, I.U.O.E., on August 19, 1917 and transferred to Local No. 701 in January, 1919. He was elected President of Local No. 701 in 1927, 1929, 1930, and from 1933 to 1946.

In line with his outstanding leadership as President, he capably held down the position of Field Representative and Local Organizer from 1936 to 1946, when he was elected Financial Secretary and Business Representative of Local No. 701 which office he still holds.

Brother Egan is truly a pillar of the Labor Movement in our great Northwest. He has been a delegate to the Central Labor Council, the Building and Construction Trades Council and the Metal Trades Council, Portland, Oregon for many, many years. He serves as Executive Board member of the Labor Temple Association and is Chairman of its Building Committee.

Brother Egan's ability has received the recognition of all segments of the economy of the Northwest. In the recent past he was chosen as President of the Portland Labor-Management Committee and is today an Executive Board member of that important body.

Brother Egan's qualities of leadership brought him the position of Executive Board Member of the Columbia Power Trades Council which is made up of twelve important International Union Locals. He was President of the Western States Conference of Operating Engineers and at present serves this conference as a Vice-President.

As was to be expected, Brother Egan drew the attention of our International Union in July, 1951 when he was elected as Trustee of the I.U.O.E. He was re-elected Trustee in September, 1952 and was finally honored with the Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees in February, 1956.

A more qualified man than LOUIS EUGENE EGAN could hardly be chosen to continue in the important position he now holds in the International Union of Operating Engineers.



Business Manager and Recording Corresponding Secretary, Local 501 I.U.O.E., Los Angeles, Calif.

BROTHER RAYMOND TUCKER has been actively identified with Organized Labor for over 20 years. Since 1936, he has held official positions of responsibility, first with the International Brotherhood of Papermakers and then in 1946 as Business Representative of Local No. 63, I.U.O.E.

In 1950 Brother Tucker was promoted to the position of Secretary and in the same year was elected Business Manager of his local.

In April, 1953, Local No. 63 and Local No. 235 merged into Local No. 501 and Brother Tucker was elected Business Manager and Recording-corresponding Secretary. In the year immediately following, 1954, he was re-elected to a four year term.

Under Brother Tucker's able and forthright leadership, Local 501 has grown to approximately 3,000 members, protected under 476 signed contracts containing the highest wages and best conditions prevailing in our International Union.

Local No. 501 includes ten counties in Southern California and all of Southern Nevada except the Boulder Dam project, and maintains offices at 1209 West Seventh St., Los Angeles, Calif.; 735 Broad Ave., Wilmington, Calif.; and 307 Wall St., Las Vegas, Nevada. The main office is in Los Angeles and the Wilmington office building is owned by Local 501.

Local No. 501's outstanding contract is with the Southern California Brewers. It has a basic wage of \$3.15 per hour, shift differentials of ten and fifteen cents, a pension plan at ten cents per hour, a health and welfare plan at seven and one-half cents per hour, a guaranteed work week, guaranteed overtime provision for watch engineers who receive \$624 per month, eight holidays paid at 2½ times the shift rate if worked and straight time if not worked, vacations paid one week after one year, two weeks after two years and three weeks after eight years, a union security clause making it mandatory for the employers to employ only members of Local No. 501.

Other contracts cover lumber mills, dairies, hotels, mines, meat plants, buildings, rubber plants, bakeries, laundries, dry ice, soft drinks, record manufacturing plants, aircraft plants, race tracks, newspaper, soap manufacturing, hospitals, oxygen and acetylene, roofing manufacturing plants, food plants, candy plants, fish canneries in Southern California, tank manufacturing, small boat yards, pipe and steel plants, steam and power plants, lithograph plants, rendering plants, state university, board of education, county engineers, city engineers, department of water and power, and all local theatres. In all of these, wages have doubled in the last ten years and some have increased more in

ALL OFFICERS, BUSINESS REPS. URGE YOU TO CAST YOUR BALLOT!

Ballots for election of the International Officers are now being distributed to each and every member. This is an IMPORTANT election and each officer and business representative of Local Union No. 3 who has signed this article sincerely and respectfully ask each member to mark his ballot and mail same in immediately.

All Members Note! HILL WITHDRAWS AS VP CANDIDATE

All members are asked to take note of the fact that Roland Hill has withdrawn as a candidate for the post of 10th vice-president of the international union. His withdrawal was made after the ballots were printed so his name therefore still remains on the ballot.

It will serve no purpose to mark your ballot after his name. Instead, mark your ballot for one of the other candidates for the post of vice-president. (Please take note of the recommendation for Bro. J. C. Turner for this office, which starts on page one and continues to this page.)

In addition to fringe benefits such as sick leave, vacations, holidays, health and welfare pensions, etc.

Local No. 501 was one of the first locals to negotiate a health and welfare plan on the West Coast (the Operating Engineers Security Fund) which is paid for by the employer at \$13 per month. There is now a Local No. 501 Pension Plan maintained by the employers at 10c per hour. Local No. 501 was the first local in our International Union to have a State Indentured apprenticeship program and graduated the first apprentices. Local No. 501 is operated on a sound financial basis with over \$80,000.00 in cash and assets. Last year Local No. 501 established a \$25,000.00 strike fund for the membership.

Outside of his duties with the Local, Brother Tucker is very active in the labor movement in the Southern California area. He was elected as an Executive Board member of the Los Angeles Central Labor Council in 1950 and re-elected each term since. He is presently serving as a member on the six-man committee on the merger agreement on the six-man committee on the merger agreement of AFL-CIO Councils. The Los Angeles Central Labor Council represents over 650,000 Union members in Southern California. Local No. 501 is presently working on a State License law for the betterment of safety laws for operating engineers in the States of California and Nevada. Brother Tucker is also Vice-President of the California State Conference of Operating Engineers.

In view of the foregoing, BRO. R. W. TUCKER is admirably qualified to take over the duties and responsibilities of Trustee of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Those chocolate babies they used to sell in candy stores, ten for a cent. A little shaver demanded two cents' worth and added, "I want all boy babies." The confectioner asked why. The young one explained quickly, "more chocolate!"

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Let us make every effort to cast as full a vote as possible. Let us show our sister local unions that we really take an interest in our International Officers. The important thing is to VOTE for the officer of your choice.

The recommendation of your Executive Board is presented in this issue.

Each one of us makes this appeal to you personally. **PLEASE VOTE.**

- Pat Clancy, President
- H. O. Foss, Vice-President
- C. F. Mathews, Rec.-Cor. Secty.
- R. F. Swanson, Financial Secty.
- P. E. Vandewark, Treasurer
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- H. T. Petersen
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- Louis Solari
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- Joseph Miller
- H. L. Spence, Auditor
- SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**
- Merlin Bowman
- C. E. Cockayne
- George Farrell
- Glenn Fullmer
- Jay Neeley

Sincerely and fraternally yours,
VICTOR S. SWANSON
Local Union Manager

Wife: "Your cough has been worrying me so much that I have got somebody in to see you."
Husband: "The doctor?"
Wife: "No, darling. The man from the insurance company."

J. C. Turner
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Maryland State and District of Columbia Federation of Labor since 1954.

In 1952, Brother Turner was designated by A.F. of L. President Green as Public Member of the Selections Board of the U.S. Department of State for the purpose of rating the Foreign Service officers of the United States. In this same year, he was appointed by the U.S. Government, on A.F. of L. recommendations, to be Labor Advisor to the U.S. delegation for the International Labor Conference in Geneva, Switzerland. In the fall of 1952, he traveled with President Truman, as a labor advisor, on the now famous whistle-stop tours.

Since 1952, Brother Turner has been a member of the Commissioners' Citizens' Advisory Council of the District of Columbia Government. This is a governmental body of the city and Brother Turner is the only representative of organized labor on this important official body.

Of tremendous national significance, the fact is that recently Brother Turner was elected, not only to be a delegate to the 1956 Democratic Convention at Chicago, but was as well unanimously chosen as Chairman of the entire District of Columbia delegation of twenty-four.

Brother Turner points with pride to the fact that Local No. 77 negotiated one of the first health and welfare programs within the International Union of Operating Engineers back in 1949.

Outstanding recognition has been accorded him by the South Atlantic Conference of Operating Engineers which chose him as its Chairman in 1953 when it was first organized.

Brother Turner has attended I.U.O.E. convention in 1944, 1948, 1952 and 1956 as a delegate from Local No. 77.

J. C. TURNER is uniquely qualified to fill the position of Vice-President of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Dale Burchett

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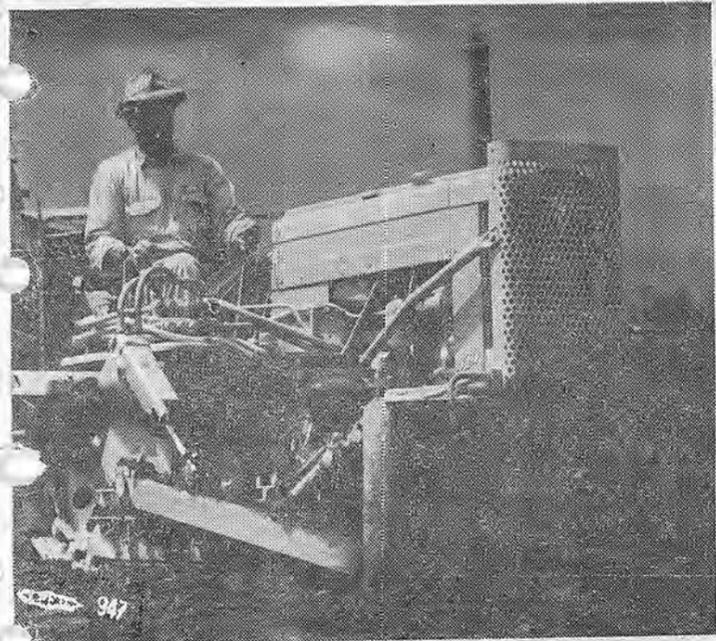
ing this work was signed back in 1938. He then branched out into the field of Building Contractors, Sand and Gravel Contractors, major equipment companies, and employees hired by the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis. He extended his efforts to suburban areas, all of the Counties in Minnesota, and into the Minnesota State Highway Department.

In North and South Dakota, Brother Burchett is up against anti-union so-called "right-to-work" laws. In spite of these handicaps he is successfully working to establish Minnesota wages and working conditions in the Dakotas.

Brother Burchett is an outstanding influence in the Minnesota State Federation of Labor and, prior to his Navy service, was one of its Vice-Presidents. He is active in the Twin Cities Building and Construction Trades Councils, the Minnesota State Branch of Operating Engineers, and the North central States Conference of Operating Engineers.

DALE L. BURCHETT presents the best possible caliber for an International Vice-President and if elected will be a tremendous asset as Fifth Vice-President of the International Union of Operating Engineers.





PETERSON TRACTOR announces a new 420S Tilt Dozer, built specifically for the John Deere 420 crawler tractor. The new dozer has features usually found only in dozers built for big tractors, such as permitting the operator to tilt the blade while working under full load. The blade is 72 inches long and 25 inches high, has a lift of 26 inches and digging depth of 15 inches below level. Operating weight of the 420 and 42S is 6,150 pounds.

PIPELINE PACT IS HELD WORTHLESS

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tions and better wages. At the beginning we had nothing . . . neither our Local Unions or our International . . . we walked the streets because we would not submit to the inhuman, non-union, conditions offered us! We walked picket lines for days, weeks, and months . . . we were hungry . . . our families were hungry . . . they were often denied the barest necessities. There were times when we filled the hospitals . . . sometimes even the jails . . . BUT our cause was just and right . . . There is no price too costly to pay and slowly but surely we improved our conditions. Again I say, we had no money . . . neither did our International . . . but in spite of this we made progress and today we have conditions, good wages, and money in our treasury. The Local Unions have poured millions of dollars in to the coffers of our International Union and today it is fabulously wealthy! That is as it should be, BUT NOW WE MUST USE THAT MONEY TO ORGANIZE THE UNORGANIZED AND TO ASSIST THE LOCAL UNIONS WHO NEED HELP. It is my opinion that this is what the money was intended for. CERTAINLY IT WAS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED TO PENSION OFF ON FULL SALARY A CORPORATION LAWYER WHO SERVED AS A PART-TIME UNION ATTORNEY.

Over the years, step by step, we have bettered our working conditions . . . We are respected by all fair-thinking people in every walk of life. The people recognize that it was the sacrifices made by our great labor movement that have helped to make our country great. That is why in capital letters I ask . . . WHY IN THE NAME OF COMMONSENSE SHOULD ANYONE AGREE TO GIVE AWAY CONDITIONS GAINED AT SO COSTLY A PRICE???

I cannot understand it . . . even in spite of the fact that we have some amongst us who are financially interested in the Pipeline Contractors.

No Local Union, and certainly no International Union has a legal, moral or any other right to give away working conditions that have been won by the members of a Local Union.

We all realize that there are some localities where Local Unions are not financially or otherwise equipped to fight or to organize certain non-union contractors alone . . . they should not be expected to do so . . . this is where our great International should step in and do the job for them! To my way of thinking that is the International's prime duty . . . to help organize the unorganized . . . and to secure better wages and working conditions. If this is done, no other Local Union should be asked to give up any of their own

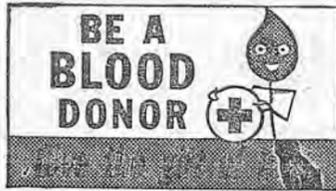
hard-earned conditions.

In closing, I refuse to acknowledge any worthwhile accomplishments by the Pipeline negotiators in the past. To me this is a black spot on our International's record and I sincerely hope and trust that it will soon be washed out so that once again our International will only negotiate UNION AGREEMENTS . . . not open-shop agreements!

Some one once said, "GOD GRANTS LIBERTY ONLY TO THOSE WHO LOVE IT AND ARE ALWAYS READY TO GUARD AND DEFEND IT." With that in mind, let us always be ready to guard against the enemies of our cherished Union conditions . . . conditions for which we have paid so costly a price!

- Chlorine—A dancer in a night club.
- Carbon—Storage place for street cars.
- Barium—What you do with dead people.
- Atom—Eve's husband.
- Tin—Not fat.

In 1955, 37,800 Americans were killed in traffic accidents.



COYOTE DAM SET TO START ON JULY 24

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

Officials throughout the Redwood Empire will gather July 24th to commemorate beginning construction of the Coyote Valley Dam.

The ground breaking ceremonies will be held on the dam site at 10:30 a.m. It will be celebrated with an explosion to signify start of the project.

All governmental agencies that made the flood control and water conservation project possible have been invited, including the Secretary of the Army, chief of the Army Engineers, Members of Congress, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the governor, members of the state legislature, state water authorities, Sonoma and Mendocino county and city officials, representatives of Chambers of Commerce and farm and labor organizations.

One of our oldest and worthy members, Bro. Wallace Phipps, was the first tractor operator on the project. Bro. Otto Popovich is unloading a new 54-B Bucyrs shovel which he will operate with Bro. M. S. Sandy as his oiler. Two

Fresno in High Gear as Summer Reaches the Mountain Country

By G. L. Moore and J. D. Monroe, Business Representatives

The month of June brought a sharp increase in jobs throughout the Fresno area. The warm weather reaching the high country has put most of the mountain jobs in high gear. Morrison Walsh & Perini have finished the road into Courtwright Dam site and now have barracks and a complete

camp at the job site. The tunnel crew have started work on the small diversion tunnel. They also have a crew busy preparing the dam site, this job is at an elevation of 8000 feet. At the Wishon Dam the Morrison Walsh & Perini Co. have started the fill for the main dam which consists of dumped quarry rock fill. When completed it will be rip rapped and concrete faced. They have set up a new aggregate plant and are now making rock; most all this job is on two shifts, with the mechanics working three shifts. There are approximately 200 members working on this project. H. Earl Parker are moving a few pieces of equipment in and getting a slow start on their road job at Stump Springs.

Bechtel Co. still have a few men working at Vermillion Dam and some at the Huntington Lake Power House.

Eaton & Smith still working on their clean up and repair work on their contract at Stump Springs; have about 5 members working.

Work has picked up considerably in the Merced area, Westbrook and M&K have moved in on their \$1,030,000 job at Castle Field Air Base. Standard Materials Co. are busy relocating railroad tracks and paving various areas on the base. Granite Construction and the M J Ruddy Co. are quite busy on street repair work and paving in the Merced area. The M J Ruddy Co. have set up a hot plant on the Merced River to furnish hot stuff for the area. The Frederickson & Kasler Company have increased their euc spread and are really moving dirt on their freeway job at Chowchilla. Tulare County Concrete Co. have set a small portable batch plant and are furnishing the concrete for structures on this job.

Stewart & Nuss Inc. were awarded a \$600,000 contract at the Fresno Air Terminal. The main runway to be extended 1000 ft. into the area vacated by the rerouting of Shields Ave. Stewart & Nuss also have several sections of resurfacing in the Woodlake and Visalia area and another strip on Grangeville Blvd. west of Hanford, grading and resurfacing. There is very little activity on their sub-contract from C K Moseman Co., waiting for structures to be built on the D Street Freeway through Fresno.

Gene Richards Engineering Co. working on structures on their section of freeway on Highway 99 and laying black top on the Blackstone Ave. (Highway 41) job. The Gordon H. Ball Company are moving right along with their high-

way job at Kingsburg and finishing their freeway jobs at Delano and Pixley.

L. B. Wells Construction Co. working on streets in Visalia and were low bidders on a joint venture with Clement Co. for 6 miles of road bed to be graded and paved near Farmersville. John Fields Company of Visalia also doing quite a bit of road mix work for the city of Visalia.

The new Tulare County Court House in Visalia has been at a standstill for some time due to lack of steel but have resumed work again as a shipment of steel has been received. United Concrete Pipe Co.'s plant at Tulare have a full crew working on the manufacture of big pipe.

We have had many inquiries regarding the Success and Terminus Dams in Tulare County. From the information we have at this time the 2 1/2 million that Congress appropriated for Success will be spent for right of ways, relocating power lines, telephone lines, county roads, state highway 190 and private buildings in the area, with

Planning to Retire?

Are you planning on retiring this year and applying for your old-age insurance benefits? If so, a special provision in the Social Security Act may enable you to receive a higher benefit than would otherwise be possible, according to Charles H. Shreve, manager of the Social Security office at 1266 Market Street. Shreve states that wage earners who worked all of 1955 and the first two quarters of 1956 may have their benefit rate figured on their average monthly wage during this 18-month period, provided they are 65 or older and file their claim during 1956.

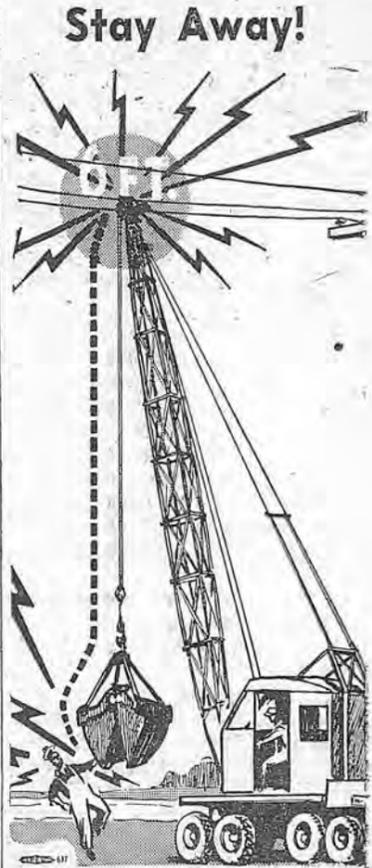
Shreve also pointed out that the maximum monthly retirement benefit of \$108.50 is now payable to those workers who were paid \$4200 or more in wages during 1955 and at least \$2100 during the first six months of 1956 if they are 65 or older and submit their claim this year. Persons who have filed their claims in prior years but who returned to work in 1955 may have their benefit rate refigured under these special provisions they qualify and file a new application.

Shreve urges those who may be affected to contact his office at 1266 Market Street or the district office at 2747 Mission Street if they live in postal zones 7, 10, 12, 14, 24 or 27, for complete information.

no money for the actual construction of the dam at this time. The \$558,000 appropriated for Terminus Dam will be spent likewise with no funds available for the actual construction at this time.

McIntire & Quiros, Surveying Engineers, have a contract with the Union Oil Company to do all the surveying from Blackwell Corners, Kern County, to Oleum, for a 16" pipe line. Have 6 parties of surveyors working out of Fresno Office on this project, with the actual laying of the pipe line to be done later.

Brothers, we have only had one donation to the Blood Bank in the month of June, let's try to do better this month. Thank you Brother Jeff Ringer.



Calif. State Penal Code, Section 385:

(b) Any person, who either personally or thru an employee or agent of another, operates, places, erects, or moves any tools, machinery, equipment, material, building, or structure within 6 feet of a high voltage (750 volts or more) overhead conductor, is guilty of a misdemeanor

(c) It shall be a misdemeanor to own, operate, or to employ any person to operate, any crane, derrick, power shovel, drilling rig, hay loader, hay stacker, pile driver, or similar apparatus, any part of which is capable of vertical, lateral or swinging motion, unless there is posted and maintained in plain view of the operator thereof, a durable warning sign legible at 12 feet, reading "Unlawful to operate this equipment within six feet of high voltage lines." Each day's failure to post or maintain such sign shall constitute a separate violation.

100 workers including all crafts, are engaged on this construction job which is making Bodega Bay one of the most easily accessible coastal resorts in Northern California.

Just in case some of you missed the notice of our new office location in the last issue of the News—546 Farmers Lane, Montgomery Village. Phone number is the same. Office is open Wednesday night until 8 p.m.

WOODY'S SPORT DOCK
Members are reminded that Bro. Maurice L. "Woody" Woodward of Little River, Calif., is now operating party boat and boat service at his place in Little River, known as "Woody's Sport Dock." He says the salmon and rock fishing are fine. He has boats, motors, and party boat facilities. You can reach him by phone at Mendocino, WEBster 7-5790 or Mendocino, WEBster 7-5766 (after 7 p.m.)

Correct your own mistakes by avoiding those of others.

new D-8's with the paper on the seats yet. Bro. Bill Cloud, project manager. Bro. Frank Ryan, master mechanic assisting him will be Bro. Chris B. Schneider. Bro. Dewey Stoddard the welder.

To all members that expect long hours on the dam I regret to report that the company plans on but 8 hours and 5 days a week for this year.

The Sonoma County Supervisors and Santa Rosa City Council formally agreed on a contract for construction of the \$2,350,000 Russian River Aqueduct No. 1.

It provides for county construction of the 11-mile aqueduct, gravel-bed intake works at the river and six million gallon reservoir at the Santa Rosa end.

Santa Rosa at present uses about 5000 acre feet a year and the contract allows Santa Rosa to buy up to 14,000-acre feet of water through the line per year. This figure should take care of the increase of population plus industry that might come in for a number of years.

of Eureka have moved in all new equipment for their bridge and approaches job 11 miles north of Willits on Highway 101.

The company has some of their old-timers with them—Bros. Frank Wright, Hershel Meyers, Paul Bristow, Sidney McBrome, and A. A. Moore. Bro. Rosie O'Grady is in charge of the project.

This job will take about a year to complete.

—When a road was graded from Highway One south of Bodega Bay to the airstrip adjoining Doran Park it proved very convenient for Harold Hudson of the Transocean Construction Company. He taxis his plane right up to shop and steps out on the job. It is a matter of 30 minutes from his office in San Leandro to the job site.

The purpose of the new road was to improve access into the construction workers' giant camp across the line on the airstrip, that looks like a cinemascope view of a deluxe toy shop's Christmas window, with its dozers of brightly painted yellow "construction toys"—Paul Bunyan size. Giant indeed for approximately

The City by the Golden Gate

RECORD MONTH FOR SAN FRANCISCO AREA

By Pat Clancy & Harry Metz, Business Representatives

A new \$115,000,000 freeway system down the Peninsula, utilizing Skyline Boulevard will be given top priority in this area as a result of congressional approval of the \$51 Billion Dollar Federal highway bill. Division of highway engineers outlined another top priority freeway . . . A 9.2 mile stretch linking up the projected Western-Park Presidio Freeways from the south city limits across Golden Gate Park, once the current controversy over the Western Freeway is settled.

Cahill Bros., Construction Company was the successful bidder on the \$4,000,000 Ellis-O'Farrell Garage. This garage will provide storage space for 900 cars, when completed. Cahill Bros., also have a \$1,900,000 playground job on Harrison Street between 25th and 26th Streets.

Utah Construction Co. have completed the overpass on their South San Francisco job and are now going full blast ahead . . . moving dirt.

Fay Improvement Co., Charles Harney, Lowrie Paving Co. and Pacific Pavement are all busy grading and resurfacing the streets in San Francisco.

MacDonald Young & Nelson have a tough job at Taylor & California Streets . . . This is the site of the new Masonic Temple and is located on one of the steepest hills in the City. Devencenzi is doing the excavation work and the P & Z Drilling Co. are boring holes for the foundation. J. Phillip Murphy have the job of setting the steel.

Guy F. Atkinson will soon move 350,000 yards more of fill to complete the freeway tie in on their Sierra Point job.

Chas. Harney Co. was awarded the contract for excavation work on the new Pacific Gas & Electric Co.'s power plant at Hunter's Point. Cost of the Hunters Point

power plant expansion will be \$21,000,000.

O. C. Jones have several jobs in the vicinity of South San Francisco, Daly City, and a parking area for the new Medical Center at the U.C. Hospital.

Anderson & Kirbee are doing the excavation work on a new Nike base atop Brisbane Hill.

McGuire & Hester are constructing a sewer line at the San Francisco State College.

Lindgren & Swinerton are building a new clinical center at the St. Luke's Hospital.

B. B. Brown is keeping all the boys working on the Rollingwood housing job for Sterling Home Builders.

Piombo Construction Co. has run into tough digging on the Sunset Reservoir job.

Barrett Construction Company are building an annex to the St. Francis Hospital on Bush Street.

S. & Q. Construction Company have a \$235,598.50 job for a radio station atop Twin Peaks.

Mike Lynch and Walter Lenkeit have sewer jobs along Lincoln Way.

M & K Corporation are making good progress on their Hunter's Point job.

June of 1956 has proven to be one of the busiest months we have had. We hope the following months will be as good!

ALL BUSY IN THE REDWOODS

By K. A. "KEN" BROOKS
And DANNY O. DEES
Business Representatives

We are most happy to report that things are really buzzing in the Eureka area. Work is being done every place you look, from Crescent City to Garberville and east beyond Willow Creek. The out of work list is really skinny, top hands are as scarce as frog hair at the moment.

IN AND AROUND EUREKA

Everyone seems to be busy, Mercer-Fraser, Arthur B. Siri, Valley Engineers, Humboldt Const., John Peterson, Tom Hull, Bechtel Corp., Burman & Son, Norman I. Fadel, Foster Drayage, E. A. Land and many others really on the hop.

The concrete and aggregate companies doing a land office business these days. Eureka Sand & Gravel, Eureka Readymix, McWhorter & Dougherty, E. A. Land, ABS Aggregates, A & E Readymix, Mercer-Fraser Readymix all on the go, we are happy to say.

WILLOW CREEK AND EAST

Harold Hastings and Joe La Malfa at Martins Ferry, Bureau of Roads, Highway job, J. W. Briggs, Bureau of Roads Highway job at Bluff Creek, Osborne-Bowie the low bidders on the bridge at Bluff Creek. Peter Kiewit Sons, bridge across the Trinity at Hoopa and approaches. Bruce McIntosh's plant furnishing the aggregate, Mercer-Fraser surfacing Highway 299, Willow Creek to Burnt Ranch. Kuckenberg Const. Co., million yards to move on Highway 299 west of Willow Creek. J. Ira McNutt nearly finished on the next section of 299 going west. Lillebo Const. have plenty to do on the two bridges on this section. "Mick-Brother" "Mickey" and a good one, too, doing the clearing on the Kuckenberg job. Humboldt Constructors on the next section west so all in all there is some activity in them thar mountains. It will sure be a happy day for this area when 299 becomes a good highway

but it sure looks like it will be a long time coming.

NORTH-CRESCENT CITY

Peter Kiewit on the jetty, Associated Dredge soon to finish on the harbor. Marlin Tryon, Pelican Bay Const., Coast Concrete all busy as bees. Naft McDougall on the 101 realignment and bridge at Wilson Creek, north of Klamath, Osborne-Bowie, bridge at Panther Creek Highway 101. Mercer-Fraser soon to start on their big resurfacing job south of Klamath. "Louie" Conner has a spread on the County Road out of Orick.

SOUTH OF EUREKA

Norman I. Fadel going right along on the four lane section of 101 by-passing Loleta, Grandpa "Filter Material" Fadel has that smile back now that he has that plant paying off. You found the way Grandpa, but you missed a free lunch, better luck next time.

Brother Darrell Schmidt of Alton, keeping pretty busy with his two D2's or a pair of Deuces, if you will.

Brother Elbert Land trying to get that sub-division in Fortuna in gear, good luck, stick to it.

Frank Crane doing fine on the school at Miranda, also started on the one at Harris, Trans-Ocean Engineers making progress up-hill on the bridge at Maple Hills. Arthur B. Siri soon to start a big resurfacing job in this area on Highway 101.

WEST OF EUREKA

Nothing but the Pacific Ocean and a lot of wonderful fishing.

It seems that too often it becomes our sad duty to reports the this time it being Brother Ray Moffett, oiler on a 41 Northwest at Hoopa for Peter Kiewit. A charge of electricity took his life as he was greasing the tracks. Brothers, there must be an answer to these things somewhere, we try our very best to talk up safety but somehow there comes a time when it goes for naught. I know we can all make mistakes, we all make plenty of them, but this kind you only make once. Call it accident

In the Islands

Job Pick-Up In Hawaii

B. J. K. WAIWAILOE
Business Representative

Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd., the largest general contracting outfit in the Islands, has been getting the greater portion of the big jobs opening in the Territory the past nine months. Aside from all the dredging work here since there are no other dredging outfits around, they have been awarded a \$17 million job by the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks, to renovate and new construction to put back into permanent operation the Navy base at Midway Island.

Hawaiian Dredging will also share with J. H. Pomeroy, a west coast company, and Koster & Wythe of Guam, an \$8,258,000 contract for the Air Force and the Navy.

Labor for Midway will definitely be from the Hawaiian Area. Labor for Guam will see in use Guamanians and Filipino nationals. Both jobs should be ready to start within the next month or two.

Kaiser's pet Waikiki hobby is again due for revisions in plans. His controversial service station to take care of his hotel patrons was favorably received by the City Planning Commission finally. The convention hall is now completed and is ready for use by mainland groups. The present work should be completed by July 15th. His new work on the three small hotels is not yet scheduled.

J. M. Tanaka, presently on the Nuuanu Pali job was low bidder on a stretch of the approach highway to the Pali tunnel site, and also on a sub-division work on the island of Kauai for the Hawaiian Homes Commission costing the territory approximately \$2½ million.

Private housing and school construction are about all the work being done in the Honolulu Area and not much work for equipment men. Many would like to try the mainland, but few get the courage to travel away from home. However, Bro. Albert Akana felt it best to try it and left here June 15 for San Francisco.

Two members now in supervisory with Byrne International, just back from Turkey, left for South America June 30. They are Brothers Joe Haia and John Spencer. They have been around the world twice now and feel it time to traverse the earth in the opposite direction.

BACK FROM ENIWETOK

Most of our members have returned from Eniwetok where the latest A.E.C. bomb tests took place. Bro. Richard Farm stopped in the office on his way back to San Francisco where he now makes his home.

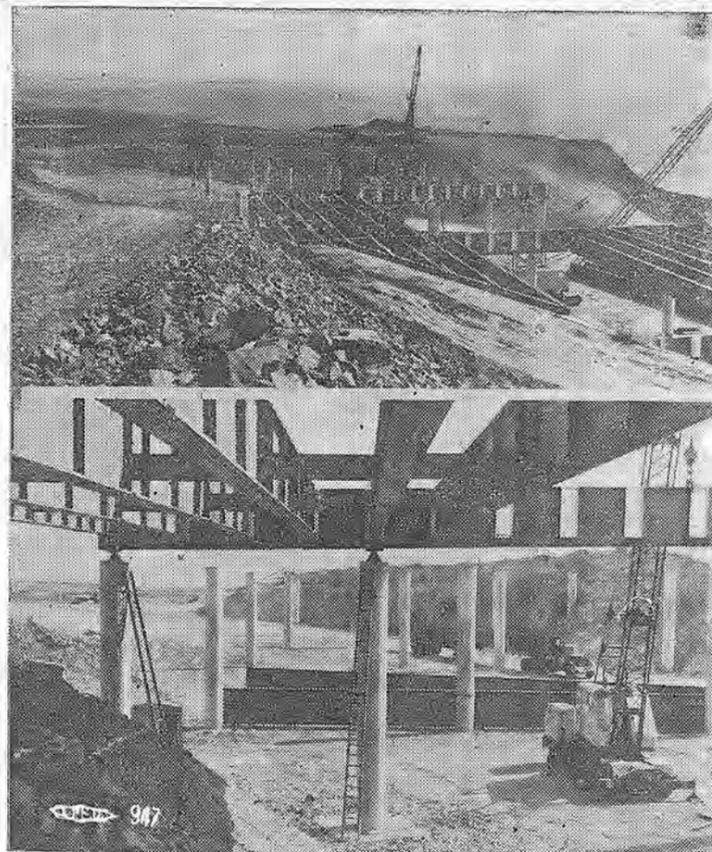
The Building Trades Council is again programming an organizational drive with Business Agents meeting every Tuesday morning and acting as a policy committee with recommendations to the Council.

International Vice President Roy Brown, of the Machinists was in town a few weeks on a thorough survey of labor conditions for the Machinists and an overall study of labor on the four larger islands. He invited a contingent of AFL-CIO leaders to meet with him and give their views on the problems they face and to also make suggestions if any to cope with them. He offered to intervene for any interested group to their mainland constituents if desired.

Our water front is at peace again and the threat of a long shut-down has been settled by a

—call it anything you want to, but a friend, brother, son, father, sweetheart, husband, neighbor, partner, fishing buddy or whatever a man might have been to you, you and you, has suddenly been taken from us. My Brothers, when a thing like this happens that's all she wrote. We beg of you on bended knees, BE CAREFUL, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE.

To the loved ones of Brother Ray Moffett may we extend our most heart-felt sympathies. May his Soul rest in peace.



BAYSHORE AT SIERRA POINT.—Above views show the heart of the \$4 million criss-cross overhead tangle of freeway and rail lines at Sierra Point, just below Candlestick Cove, with the Navy Shipyards faintly visible in upper view. Present rail and rubber routes are at left of picture. New freeway will cross the cove on the huge fill, hit the point, and soar over the tracks here. Tracks are being re-routed from present tunnel at left. Your perspiring cameraman crawled under the giant steel framework for the lower shot. Note huge girders on truck at center, rear. The enormous fill and the big re-routing make this one of the state's most unusual freeway ventures.

SACTO BOYS TACKLE HIGHWAYS 40, 99

By Paul Edgecombe, Ernie Nelson, Ed Hearne, Bob Sornsen
Business Representatives

Another link of freeway on highway 99 at Galt was awarded recently to A. Teichert & Sons amounting to \$2,748,349. This is the first highway contract to be awarded here in the Sacramento area this year that will help relieve the unemployment situation. This project will involve quite a bit of preliminary work to be done before any increase in personnel will be needed.

Granite Const. have started on their job at Cache Creek. This is a \$359,598 job consisting of grading, construction of a concrete bridge and surfacing. Their freeway job south of town is progressing as Richards Engineering will be finished pouring concrete in the next few days. Then the task of laying 40,000 tons of hot stuff will begin.

On Highway 40 at Applegate, Piombo Const. have their job just about shaped up and it should be opened for traffic some time during the first part of July. Both of these projects of Granite Construction and Piombo Const. were started last year and suffered the bad effects of last winter's heavy rainfall which required considerable repeat performance.

Other contractors in the area have confined themselves to their various and numerous jobs around the outlying subdivisions. Brighton Sand & Gravel, McGillivray and J. R. Reeves have kept their crews reasonably busy on this type of work.

A majority of the home builders are working but at a slow pace. They are matching building with sales at the present time. A new tract is getting under way at Citrus Heights and is tentatively scheduled for 800 homes. Arlington Const. will do the building and Frank Beach is doing the underground work.

Sand and gravel plants are working away below capacity operations but a couple good highway or street jobs will send them into action.

Numerous contractors working on new construction at Aerojet are keeping several brother engineers busy. There are truck cranes, "Clancy" boom trucks and welding

machines in every direction out there and they are all operated by members of Local No. 3.

Progress can be reported now in the Lake Tahoe area since the organizing program has gained support each day. Several factors have to be overcome before satisfying results can be obtained, such as high cost of rent and food and the mileage distance to obtain the needed personnel.

The general outlook for the present time is not too encouraging as we have numerous small jobs which create a quick turnover. We have a number of operators and oilers on the out-of-work list and can supply just about any classification needed at this time. We hope this situation doesn't exist for too much longer.

Brothers, be sure to read the recommendations that your delegation has made regarding the election of your International officers.

HERE AND THERE

BILL EDWARDS "gassing up"; SAM PHILLIPS "making juice"; BEN MANNING, PETE PETERSON, "BLACKIE" BOUZER and "SHIPWRECK" KELLEY making air wholesale; RAY FRATES trading watch jobs; RED BUSTER, trimming roses; HARRY CRIGLER joy riding; NEIL WILLINGHAM making it look pretty; ED FLAHERTY delivering air; ARCHIE PERKINS sitting tight; RAY AUSTIN looking on; KEMP HASTY vacationing again; HARVEY CLINE going out; GEORGE KNIGHT traveling; LEE YOUNG picking a four spot; ERNIE WURTH herding cattle; FRANK FENNELL all patched up; MARVIN LAWSON looking 'em over; RED WING, "how to cure olives"; DANNY FURRER surprising us with a very nice visit.

BLOOD BANK

Our sincere thanks goes to Rena Verduyssen and Doris Luckie, our only donors at the blood bank during the past month.

That's all for this writing, Brothers. Did you receive the 12½c increase on your paycheck on construction work, effective June 1st?

This office is closed Saturdays but is open every Thursday until 8 p.m.

5-year pact between the ILWU and Stevedoring companies covering over 2,300 men. Harry Bridges an Louis Goldblatt both flew in to assist the unions negotiating committee. I am also reminded that they both flew in and arranged for the organizing of the sugar and pineapple plantations during World War II.