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'48 Building Lags Behind Cost Values

United States construction employment during June increased by 133,000 to reach a total of 2,182,000, the highest since November 1942, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. And in terms of dollar volume for new building, expenditures hit \$1,605,000,000, an 11 per cent increase for June and the highest since monthly data became available in January 1939.

Compared to the same month of 1947, the total was greater by \$443,000,000, or 38 per cent. The number of workers on construction jobs was 225,000 more than for June of last year and 75,000 above the previous postwar peak registered last September.

Private construction accounted for \$1,238,000,000 of the June expenditures. Of this \$625,000,000, or 51 per cent, went into new non-farm house building. This was an increase of \$50,000,000 over May and a hike of \$220,000 above outlays for June, 1947.

Commercial building also rose sharply in June, jumping from \$1,000,000 to \$117,000,000. The bureau said this reflected construction of community shopping centers to serve expanding residential areas.

Yet, in contrast to the volume of new home building, activity in the industrial field continued to decline. "Expenditures for industrial building, which have been declining steadily during the past year, dropped again by \$2,000,000 to \$110,000,000," the bureau report state.

But public construction outlays advanced to a postwar high of \$387,000,000 in June, a gain of 14 per cent over May and of 40 per cent over the same month of 1947.

By the end of June, \$7,700,000,000 had been spent for new construction in 1948, the bureau said. This was 35 per cent more than expenditures for the same six months of 1947. More than half the increase was accounted for by house building.

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The two main tunnel power projects, on Mokelumne River to the south and Feather River to the north, are going strong, with Engineers contributing plenty of sweat to these big jobs.

Local 3 is Proud of Fine Boys' Team in Marysville District



Frank P. Fenton, AFL Leader, Dies

San Francisco.—Frank P. Fenton, international representative of the American Federation of Labor, and well known internationally, died of a heart attack in his office at 5 p.m. Monday, August 10. The funeral was held on Thursday, August 12, from St. Matthews Cathedral, Washington, D. C.

The passing of Brother Fenton is one of the most severe blows the labor movement has suffered, and leaves a gap which will be felt by organized workers throughout the world.

Local labor unions and labor leaders sent condolences to the bereaved family upon receiving the sad news.

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Parish Bros. of Benicia got a million-dollar contract for the much-needed highway improvement out of Fairfield, the bottleneck to the Bay.

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A 1600-mile pipeline will be built to bring 400 million cubic feet of natural gas daily to northern California from major fields in Texas and New Mexico.

Bangor, Wheatland, Hallwood, Loma Rica, Marysville, most any of the upper valley or foothill towns that support teen-age ball teams will see these youngsters in Local 3 uniforms giving their best and fighting every inch of the way. At the present there is no league that these lads can become a part of. They play free lance. Howard Bishop, of Loma Rica, handles the business of the team and if ever you see this gang in your home town, talk to them, tell them you're an engineer and watch them swell up. They too, are engineers at heart, as proud of their uniforms as we are of them. They have played seven games, won 4, lost 3. Their ages, 14 to 18 years.

Front row, left to right: Phillips, utility; Dickenson, field; Clark, field; Meyer, second; Neighbors, utility; Meyer, short.

Back row, left to right: Higgins, pitcher; French, first; Rose, field and pitcher; Finley, field; Day, third; Baker, catcher; Hoxworth, catcher.

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3 Engineers Killed

The hazardous work of the Engineer continues to take its toll and to remind us of the continuing need for caution. Brothers who lost their lives in the past month were Joe L. Ray of Benicia, Geo. C. Brown of Santa Rosa, and Leonard Henderson of Oakland.

IN MEMORIAM

Officers and members of the union express their sorrow on the passing of these brothers and sincere sympathies to those bereaved.

- GEO. C. BROWN.....Local No. 3
- JOE RAY.....Local No. 3-A
- FRED H. THOMPSON.....Local No. 3
- ZERN E. SCOTT, Local No. 3-A
- LEONARD L. HENDERSON.....Local No. 3
- CARL H. TANKSLEY.....Local No. 3-A
- REINHART HEIB Local No. 3

Utah, San Jose Busy, Some Areas Slack

Business agents' reports this month indicate a rush season in most areas of Local 3's jurisdiction, altho in some cases work has dropped off. Utah offices of the union report a great amount of work and a need for men in all classifications. Any brothers interested in spending the summer and fall over there please get in touch with one of the union offices. San Jose reports considerable work, as do the valley areas, and Eureka, the latter experiencing one of its busiest seasons in years. San Francisco is having a slack period at present.

Map Year's Plans For The Valleys

Expenditure of \$41 million during the new fiscal year, with chief emphasis on the Friant-Kern and Delta-Mendota Canals, the Tracy Pumping Plant, and added power features at Shasta and Keswick dams, was outlined in Bureau of Reclamation announcements last week.

The aim continues to be an overall completion of the Central Valleys Project's major works by 1951, the Bureau stated.

Friant-Kern will carry San Joaquin river water 153 miles from Friant Dam to Bakersfield. Excavation has been completed for 74 miles to Kaweah river, with some 10 miles of concrete lining yet to be done on this stretch. Contract for another 14 miles was recently awarded. Two more are to be let this year, for 27 miles between Lindsay and White River, and for 17 miles from the river to Poso creek.

DRY WEST SIDE

On the valley's west side 26 miles of the Delta-Mendota canal are now under contract, with 13 miles finished. Bids are in for another 13-mile stretch, and two more contracts, for 15 and 17 miles, will be let during the fiscal year.

First concrete was poured last month at the big Tracy Pumping Plant, which will pump 4600 cubic feet a second from the Sacramento river into Delta-Mendota canal for use on the dry westside of San Joaquin valley.

Two more 75,000 kilowatt generators will be put in at Shasta Dam, and switchyards will be completed at Shasta and Keswick dams. Two 25,000 kilowatt generators

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To All Unions of the International Union of Operating Engineers, who May Have Members Working in the Hawaiian or Pacific Islands, as Well as to All Members of Local No. 3:

At a special called meeting of Local No. 635, at Honolulu, the Union voted to request affiliation with Local No. 3, and so notified our General President, William E. Maloney, who in turn notified Local No. 3. At the Regular Meeting on August 7th, this Local Union voted to accept the affiliation of Local No. 635, with their jurisdiction to be added to that of Local No. 3.

The Charter of Local No. 635, Honolulu, which was issued by the International Union of Operating Engineers in 1941, whose jurisdiction was the Hawaiian and Pacific Islands, is now the jurisdiction of Local No. 3.

Local No. 3 will continue to operate a branch office in Honolulu, will supply organizers, and will make every attempt to organize the Islands wherever it is possible. We ask all Unions who may have members working in this territory, as well as such members, to lend every assistance possible to the end that better wages and better working conditions may be had. We hope to establish a steward system on several of the Islands in the Pacific.

In our next issue we hope to outline a more complete system of organization.

In closing, the members of Local No. 3 extend a hearty welcome to the members of former Local No. 635.

VICTOR S. SWANSON.

Official Notice to Members

SPECIAL MEETING—EUREKA LABOR TEMPLE

For the good and welfare of the membership in the Eureka area, a Special Meeting has been called for Saturday, August 28th, at 7:30 P.M., in the Eureka Labor Temple. Members are respectfully requested to attend.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS MEETING:

The next meeting of the Technical Engineers—Local No. 3-E, will be held Friday, August 27th, at 8:00 P.M., in the union offices at 1095 Market Street, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.

ARE YOUR DUES PAID FOR THE CURRENT QUARTER???

Members whose dues are not paid for the current month are not in good standing in the burial expense fund, and in the event of death the beneficiary would not be entitled to any benefits.

VOLUNTARY DONATION of \$1.00 has been requested of the membership to be used for legislative purposes in the campaign to repeal the Taft-Hartley law. Members who have not donated may still send in their contribution to any office of the Local Union.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

This Congress, Our Own Fault

"Labor Has a Date in '48" is a familiar slogan in the nation today. It is to be hoped that ALL union members and voting members of their families and their friends will keep the date which they have at the polls on Tuesday, November 2. But you cannot vote unless you are registered, so make sure that you are thus qualified. Last day to register is September 25!

The members of organized labor have a big stake in this election. On the results of this vote will hinge the future of the American labor movement and its many millions of members and their dependents, as well as the rest of the country.

The sad fact is that we members of labor failed our friends in the general election of 1946 when we either neglected to vote or voted for the "wrong" candidates because we wanted a change. The effect was that for the first time in years, the foes of labor grew bold and predominated in Congress and in many state legislatures, which follow the social and economic trends set by our lawmakers in the nation's capital.

T-H AND MUCH MORE!

Anti-union legislation such as the Taft-Hartley Act represented only a minor portion of the harm which the reactionary 80th Congress inflicted upon the common people of America. It did virtually nothing to arrest the ever soaring price inflation deliberately manipulated by big business monopoly and big-time speculation. As a result of this inflation, in spite of wage and salary increases, the savings of altogether too many of the workers were used up and many families went into debt just to maintain a decent living standard which they could not keep up on their present take-home pay.

This same Congress which came into office because of our neglect, because of our failure to be vigilant, refused to relieve the desperate housing shortage that plagues millions of families. It refused to pass any legislation whatever to keep down prices. It did nothing to enact needed social legislation such as expanding social security, raising the minimum pay rate to at least 75 cents an hour, passing a public health law and aiding the hard-pressed school systems of the states.

MAKES THE RICH RICHER

Instead Congress whittled down the appropriations of the Labor Department and many other useful federal agencies serving the people. And it enacted a "phony" income tax reduction which benefits the rich and well-to-do by far the most.

Moreover, the 80th Congress has greatly aided the phenomenal concentration of power in monopolistic corporations and the families controlling them. Great wealth is preserved in certain families through their control of tax-free foundations. Congress has aided this tendency through its tax policies, income tax reduction, sharp reduction of the rates on gift and estate taxes. And it intends to bring about further reductions and to raise revenues through sales taxes rather than income taxes. Thus, those who attained vast fortunes during and after the war, fortunes which are lying dormant in the form of undistributed corporate reserves, will gradually be distributed to the new crop of millionaires as well as the old crop.

THE "POWER TO COMMAND"

With this concentration of wealth, the economic "power to command" will become greater than ever. It showed itself plainly in the 80th Congress.

The reactionaries in power are just marking time hoping that the election will go their way through the deception, disunity and apathy of the common people, who have the votes. Then they will really go to town by enacting laws penalizing the common people and benefitting the corporations and the ultra-rich.

This is why it is so important for the working people to keep their date at the polls this year and vote for their friends and sweep their enemies out of office. This year responsible officers in the labor movement have made a sincere and thorough effort to determine what candidates can be recommended and what candidates should be rejected on their records. Union members should unhesitatingly accept these recommendations and vote accordingly as they show their preference for the Democratic or Republican ticket.

IT IS UP TO US!

Only in this manner can we undo the damage we inflicted upon ourselves and the nation generally through our failure to intelligently use our votes in 1946.

So, Brothers and Sisters of Organized Labor, show the politicians and our foes that there is such a thing as the labor vote by helping to elect every labor-approved candidate and defeating every labor-rejected candidate running for public office. Let's make it a clean sweep.

Crisis Covers Up Attack on Labor

In our June issue of the Engineer's News, my column entitled "Don't Let It Happen Again," I tried to warn our membership and friends of the dangers that lie ahead.

Let us not get confused by the propaganda that is being shoved at us today by the Daily Press, trying in every way to cloud the real issue which is confronting all Labor both organized and unorganized, for after all it is organized labor that must fight the battle for all labor.

Our 80th Congress in session at this time is as useless as a grease gun without grease. They are trying in every way to distract our minds away from the real needs of labor and our returned veterans and cover up the acts they so willingly committed against the real American Citizens — the Common People.

Money-Created Crisis

A crisis exists today which is very vital to all the people of the world. Created by the money interests, fighting for world power and domination over the labor market of all nations. There is no dispute between labor anywhere in the world, so why continue to allow this situation to exist.

Every day we read of the actions of our so-called law makers which are disgraceful, unethical, and unjust. Father Walsh, of the Georgetown University, several years ago coined a very simple and effective formula for Revolution, which was as follows: 'Discontent, plus distress, plus opportunity, plus leadership, plus a crisis, equal Revolution.' — That crisis has arrived and now time for action.

March to the Polls
We, as labor, should march to the polls this fall and give that crowd such a kick in the pants that could be heard around the world. We are sick and tired of their alien actions. Surely this can't be the government founded by our forefathers guaranteeing us free speech, free assemblage, free press, decent housing for the real heroes of combat and production—the working people of this U.S.A. We fought for it now let's have our just reward. Labor all over the world wants peace. Vote the war mongering, manufacturing labor-hating associations and bankers out of Washington and state governments, and let's have peace, prosperity and a real American way of life.

Yours fraternally,
M. G. EISENHART,
Assistant Int'l. Representative.
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The Best Years

The idea that a worker begins to slip at 40 has been pretty well dropped into the ash can of fallacies. But it is just as well the federal bureau of labor statistics has come along with some information bearing upon the point.

On the basis of a survey of 18,000 workers of all ages, the bureau reaches the conclusion that those in the 45 and over age group offer more highly developed skills and more mature judgment.

These have been stock arguments for those who contend the best years begin at 40. Equally interesting, however, are the labor bureau's report that those over 45 have more settled work habits and the statistics to prove it. The older worker is less apt to be absent. For the 45 year age group the average rate of absenteeism is 3.4 out of 100 work days. For those under 20 the average is 5.8. Moreover, the survey reveals the worker of 45 or over is less likely to be injured.

It is hoped the labor bureau's report will end, once and for all, the foolish idea that a worker is ready for the scrap heap when he reaches his forty fifth birthday. It just is not so. (From Sacramento Bee. Sent in by Bro. Harry S. Cole.)

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Vice-President Foss, Conductor Riley and Guard Edgcombe absent. Brother Petersen served as Vice-President, Brother Park as Conductor and Brother Dobyns as Guard. There were approximately 110 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 3 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of July 14 and of August 4 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read, with the exception of that part of the minutes pertaining to Honolulu Local No. 635 which was referred to New Business.

A letter of thanks was received from the San Francisco Lodge of Elks for the contribution to the Oregon Flood Relief Fund. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from the Atkins family; the family of Carl H. Tanksley; Albert A. Marty and children; the family of Paul Burg; the family of Fred H. Thompson; Mrs. Cassie L. Moreland and family; Mrs. Rex Bostic, Mrs. Irma Bostic, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bostic, Jr.; Mrs. Zern Scott and son and Lydia Graham. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Jim Areggar, C. Alumbaugh, Miguel Archuleta, O. L. Asher, Nicholas Backovich, Kenneth Bird, Ray Brown, Julius Cable, Clarence W. Cavender, Harold Cholcher, Jess W. Cole, Ernest Covington, George A. Cutler, Hollis Dewing, Angus Funk, Howard Grimm, J. K. Graham, William R. Graham, Bonifacio Gonzales, Robert I. Gwyn, Louis Hansen, Paul M. Hamby, John Hartman, J. E. Houghton, Manuel L. Herrera, Paul Hodges, W. H. Jarvis, Glen F. Jensen, Robert Jinkerson, Vernon L. Jolly, J. S. Kone, Carl Lowman, A. L. McCool, Walter L. McGary, Joe A. Mancebo, Joseph C. Miller, Amos R. Parker, Verne Pickrell, L. D. Pollock, Timothy Quinn, Hubert Ranson, Peter Rodrigues, Charles Ross, Paul B. Ryder, G. A. Schmidt, Ned E. Shurtliff, Lynden M. Smith, Wm. Summers, O. B. Toloday, E. J. Thompson, Fred W. Wagoner, J. W. Watters, Clifford Welch, William W. Whiting, Harvie Lee Young.

The following members were reported deceased: M. Moreland, Geo. C. Brown, Joe Ray, Fred H. Thompson, Zern E. Scott, Leonard L. Henderson, Carl H. Tanksley and Reinhart Heib.

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

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

Under New Business it was reported that the Honolulu Local No. 635 had voted to amalgamate with Local No. 3. The history of this Local was related by Brother Swanson. After considerable discussion it was regularly moved and seconded that we concur in the recommendation of the Board that we accept the amalgamation of Local No. 635, Honolulu. Carried.

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

C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary

THE SHOVEL

By MARJORIE FREELAND

The shovel is a human mass of iron.
He reaches out his giant hand for loads—
Huge loads—too heavy for ten to lift.
His engine has a mighty depth within.
A chest that's full of oily breath.
Thus, when
The engineer makes life belch forth from this
Most powerful of robots, the great beast
Makes all the earth about him fearfully agast.
He puffs thick smoke into the clear,
Pure air, and roars with loud complaints to all
The mountains, trees and streams.
He has a job
To do when man decides to change a scene
Created by himself or nature. Yet
No task looms bigger than the shovel to
Himself or to his master's guiding hand,
His engineer. Sometimes there is a rock
To lift — too big for brawny men.
Of course,
The mighty engine groans and answers man's
Command. A mountain often blocks the way
To build highways wide. Again this man
Of steel moves in, and tears the mountain down.
In all his work, his powerful arms—the boom
In building parlance now — is moved this way
And that by muscles called the hoist lines or
The cables, so the arm can guide his hand.
His hand may be a bucket filling trucks
Awaiting hungrily with open mouths;
Or sometimes it's a hook with which to life
Steel girders for a bridge. At all his tasks
The tracks hold firm. They are his feet
And legs. They move his cumbersome form about,
As need arises or his master wills.
Oh, Conqueror of construction jobs! You tow'r
Above tall men. You dare to change the face
Of nature's shrines for mankind's ease and joy.

Central Valleys Program Mapped

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ators will go in at Keswick.
Westside transmission line from Shasta will be installed as far as Cottonwood, and the eastside line will be extended to Tracy via Oroville and Sacramento.
Drum gates will be finished at Shasta, making possible storage of 800,000 more acre feet of water.
Various canal distribution systems and the Contra Costa power substation will also get attention during the year.
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Considerable highway work in the Northbay area.
* * *
As they came to the monkey cage, however, our friend paused for only a moment, then hastened away.
"What's the hurry?" asked his companion, who loved to watch the monkeys.
"I didn't mind a-lookin at the el'fants and sech," he explained, "but these—wal, they were a-lookin' at me!"
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A local small retail dealer in refrigerators wrote to a large manufacturing outfit ordering a carload of refrigerators.
The manufacturer wired him immediately: "Cannot ship refrigerators until you pay for your last shipment."
"Unable to wait so long," wired the retail dealer, "cancel order."
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New Clerk: "What shall I do if a customer forgets his change?"
Manager: "Tap on the counter with a dollar bill."
* * *
"I am keeping a record of all the good times I have had with Dorothy."
"Oh, a diary?"
"No. The stubs in my check-book."
* * *
"Why don't you marry her?"
"She has a slight impediment in her speech."
"How sad. What is it?"
"She won't say 'yes!'"
* * *
"Pop, what was the army like?"
"Well, sen, first they swore me in and then they cussed me out."
* * *
A dominating personality ain't much use if the other guy is driving a ten-ton truck.

Members Overseas

Local 3 members continue to wander around the world, and we hear from them by letter or by personal appearance in the union offices. Bro. Chas Morrow of Berkeley is en route to Arabia. Bro. M. B. Booker of San Jose is en route to Malaya, says for the boys to drop in to see him sometime, it's only 12,000 miles. Bro. L. L. Oldaker of San Rafael is in from Guam, will soon be off again.
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Register now—Vote November 2

What's doing in the Oakland office

By Al Clem, Glenn Dobyns and T. D. Bryson, Business Representatives, Local 3

Oakland—We notice by glancing at the calendar that it is the first of the month again and time for us to write our portion of the news letter. Since our last report we have been busy negotiating agreements for members employed in the shops and various related industries in the East Bay area. With the assistance of Brothers Vic Swanson, Pat Clancy and C. F. Mathews we obtained a 10-cents-per-hour increase in wages for members employed by the Peterson Tractor and Equipment

Company, Buran Equipment Company, and Bay Cities Equipment Company, making the wage scale for Heavy Duty Repairmen in these shops \$1.95 per hour, with a paid vacation.

While perhaps this was not as much as we would have liked to receive, we believe that in taking conditions of the surrounding area into consideration, and the wages paid to secure men by some of the competitors of these fair firms, this increase was a satisfactory one for all concerned.

The members employed by the Rock, Sand and Gravel industries in this area also received an increase in wages, and during the past month we received a communication from the secretary of the Steel Erectors' Association informing us that they have notified all members of the association to put into effect a 15-cents-per-hour increase for all members of Local 3 in their employ, thus increasing the wage scale for engineers employed in steel erection to \$2.40 per hour and oilers to \$1.90.

The work situation in this area is still holding up well with 381 men cleared during the past month, and if nothing unforeseen happens we expect approximately two more months of good working conditions.

Getting Around the Jobs

The Fredrickson & Watson Company has 11 Engineers employed on the freeway job at the present time. This is one job that we believe everyone in Oakland is vitally interested in and are looking forward to the time when it will be completed, due to the traffic conditions in traveling to the East Oakland and Hayward area. This same company, which was the successful bidder on the Franklin Canyon project, has employed an old-timer on the job as superintendent, namely Bill McKinley, formerly with Macco Construction Company. It has always been a pleasure to do business with Bill and we wish him and this firm every success on the job. They are moving the equipment and operators in from Redding and by the time this goes to press we anticipate the job will be going full blast.

Many of you who have traveled on Highway 40, from the Bay Area, no doubt have wondered about that curve on the three-lane highway just beyond Pinole, and we are happy to report that at long last the State of California has decided to do something about it. The J. Henry Harris Company, of Berkeley, has at the present time several pieces of equipment on the project extending the shoulders and widening the cuts, making this "death trap" into a four-lane highway. This is another project which we feel sure all will be glad to see completed.

Upon checking the S. U. H. B. job at Tracy, we find everything progressing as usual with a 10-hour shift employed on the project at the present time.

The J. H. Pomeroy Company's job at the Columbia Steel plant at Pittsburg is drawing to a close and this is one major project which we are all sorry to see wind up. This company was in charge of the major portion of the expansion project at this plant for the past several months and has furnished employment to quite a number of our brothers. We would also like to add, at this time, that it has been one of the fairest jobs

for the Engineers that has been in this area for quite some time. To give you an idea of the magnitude of this job, we will endeavor to point out some of the accomplishments made thereon: one million yards of excavating; 7,000 tons of reinforced steel, 7,000 tons of red iron; 11,000 tons of heavy machinery set in place; 105,000 yards of concrete poured; and 500,000 feet of conduit. However, for such a large project the Engineers employed, at the peak of the job, numbered only 66. Several of the brothers employed at the present time are putting equipment in condition and anticipate being finished in October. Brother George Germain, steward on the job, says that he is hoping to find another job as good in the near future.

Another newcomer in the aggregate industry is Mr. Soldini of the Inland Aggregate Company, who is busy building a plant just out of Niles, from which he anticipates on furnishing aggregate for the various building projects in the lower end of Alameda County and adjacent territory. Mr. Richard W. Gellerson is their public relations man.

WATERFRONT LANDMARK

Another of the old landmarks of Oakland is having its face lifted. We speak of the ferry slip at the foot of Broadway. This is being done to accommodate a new fire boat, which was recently obtained by the Board of Port Commissioners to protect the city's waterfront from fire hazards. This ferry slip was formerly used as a berthing place for the old "nickle ferry," which many of the old-timers of the Engineers' Union will remember, for it was on this boat that many of us were forced to cross in the days of the depression. While this ferry offered not the best of service at that time available to the city, it offered the best of service that many of us could afford.

Brother James Noel is employed by the Los Gatos Construction Company on the dozer at the new P. C. A. plant at Elliott.

Brother Herb Gladrow has returned from the Middle West and is now operating the ditching machine for Underground Construction Company.

Brother Leon Taddie, who did such a fine job as steward at the Bethlehem Alameda plant, is now employed in ship repair work at Moore Dry Dock.

Brother George Harrison was in the other day and took a clearance for Alameda Crane Service to operate a crane.

Louis Biasotti & Sons have moved in their equipment on the Crow Canyon job. Al Regalia is the superintendent, with Brother Roy Copley as foreman on the job at the present time.

As you drive out Highway 50 you will pass the Conduit Construction Company job where Brother Merle Barton has a crew of men jacking a pipe under the highway.

Many of the brothers in this area are interested in watching the horses run at Golden Gate Field and can feel well assured that the track will be in first-class shape, as Brothers Frank Grear and William "Ben" James are at the present time preparing this for the September meet. Brother Louie Solari, who was formerly steward at Bay City Equipment Company, is keeping the equipment in "A-1" condition.

Brother Kenneth Avery is now sorting the scrap with a magnet at Associated Iron and Metals' yard.

Brother Nick Estok was in during the past month and deposited his withdrawal card as he is now operating a ditcher for E. J. Tobin Company.

Brother Harry E. Dick is employed with Thomas Rigging Company on the telephone building setting tile and hoisting frames for the windows.

Brother Troy Manzer is working in the Pittsburg area for the Bundelson Company and expects to move onto their larger job at Farrar Park within the next few days.

Brother Floyd Greiner is now shifting for Stanley Koller.

Another of the old timers, Brother Paul Beauchamp, is employed on the Roller for Independent Construction Company.

Brother Walt Medinas, having completed getting all of his crops in on his ranch at Farrar Park, is now running a cat on the Fredrickson and Watson job on the freeway.

Brother Bill Petschauer is on that shiny new trenching machine for Underground Construction Company.

Brother Jerry Thatcher controls the clamshell on John Petana's job on the outfall sewer in San Lorenzo Village.

J. O. Archibald Company has approximately eight members working on the Walnut Creek sewer disposal plant, which is located off the industrial highway just out of Concord. These boys came over with the equipment from San Mateo County.

The Stanley H. Koller Construction Company has completed one tunnel and is in 170 feet of No. 2. They are opening the heading on No. 3 also. Carl Brosmaner is the Superintendent on the job. Brother Harry James Drew is the Tractor Operator on the job, and on the Crane we have Brother Robert W. Speed as the Operator, with Brother Harold Root as the Oiler. Brother Ernest A. Rider is operating the Hoe and Brother Jack E. Bentley is the Oiler.

Earthmovers Inc., who have been working at the Sugar Refinery in Crockett, will have charge of the excavation for four additional large sugar storage tanks on that job.

Stolte, Inc. is getting started this week on its new sewer job in the Walnut Creek area. This contract calls for 22 miles of sewer laterals, and all sides of the sewer pipe runs from six to 15 inches.

O. C. Jones and Associates of Berkeley were awarded the \$24,321.50 contract for straightening and resurfacing the four-tenths mile of roadway on the highway leading from Martinez to Port Chicago, and it is estimated that this project will be completed by November 1st.

The Underground Construction Company has quite a large water line (20-inch pipe) job on 105th Avenue, in Oakland, extending from Edes Avenue to East 14th Street.

The L. A. Young Spring and Wire Company is erecting a large modern factory building on the old Utah Bechtel yard site at 107th Avenue and Russell Street. Frank Evaldi did the grading on this job and Summerville Co. did the truss erecting.

McGuire & Hester have two rather large jobs going on at this time; a sanitary sewer job on Bay Farm Island, which they figure will last four or five months. They

have ten Engineers employed on this job. Also, a large storm sewer job on 14th Avenue, which consists chiefly of 75-inch concrete pipe and numerous laterals. They are using about 15 engineers on this job.

What the Brothers Are Doing

As we go along in our every day life we come to realize more and more that old saying—"one part of the world doesn't know how the other part lives"—for we have told you about all the good things which have been happening to our members in the different construction firms in this area, but there is one very unpleasant item that we have to report; that is, the passing of Mr. Rex Bostic, head of the Independent Construction Company. We would like to say, in his behalf, that we had always found him very fair and just to those who worked with and for him, and we feel that the officers and members of Local No. 3 have lost a true friend in his passing. To his family and friends we take this opportunity to offer our condolences.—It seemed as though God in his infinite wisdom seen fit to call another person connected with his firm who we all enjoyed working with; namely, Roy Bostic, who passed away the following week. To his family and many friends we also take this opportunity to extend our wholehearted sympathy in their bereavement.

During the past month Brother "Zeke" Scott, an old time member of Local No. 3, and a former member of Local No. 59, passed away suddenly. "Zeke" was Plant Foreman for the Heafey-Moore Company.

Brother Leonard Henderson also lost his life through an accident while employed by the P. & J. Artukovich Company, on the 19th Avenue job, and we wish to offer our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Brother Troy Taylor, Foreman for Pacific State Steel, is now taking a well-earned vacation.

Brother Charles Wray, who formerly worked for Underground Construction Company as an oiler, has purchased a gas station and is now open for business. It is the Signal Oil Station, located at 28th and Telegraph Avenue, in Oakland. The station is open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Should any of you members be passing the Herrick Memorial Hospital in Berkeley, drop in and see Brother Art Whitlock. Art was recently operated on and would enjoy seeing his friends. Also, while visiting, stop at the Merritt Hospital and see Bro. H. E. Schmidt, who has been confined there after an operation.

GOING OVERSEAS

A number of the boys have dropped in to bid us farewell before taking off for different parts of the world, among those leaving we have, Brother Charles Morrow, formerly employed as a heavy duty mechanic for N. M. Ball's shop, at 3rd and Delaware Sts., in Berkeley, who is now on his way to Arabia where he is going to be employed as a mechanic for Bechtel International. Well on their way to Greece, land of sunshine and olives, where they will act as Field Supervisors for Atkinson, Drake and Parker, we find Brothers Frank Booth and Clifford Dille, who embarked on August 4th, by air for New York. Preceding them was Gilbert Tucker who will act in the same capacity and for the same firm.

Although we do not find Brothers Paul Harper or Paul Pebley going so far or flying so high,

nevertheless they are leaving this area and are loading F. E. Young Company's Lorain 75 to go to work above Placerville for approximately seven or eight months.

We are sure that many of you remember Brother Jerry Miller who was formerly steward at the Fairfield air base for M. & K. and went to work for Asta Construction Company in Rio Vista. Jerry has now left the cats for a while under doctors orders and is working in the shop for Asta Construction Company. We wish Jerry a speedy recovery.

Brother Vernon O'Hare is the proud possessor of a new bride, and we extend our congratulations to him.

San Leandro's 4th of July parade consisted of many beautiful horses, but it was Brother Mel Sevey who nonchalantly, or maybe we should say—trotted away—with the first prize. In his spare moments Brother Sevey is out at the Hidden Valley Ranch putting his three horses through the paces.

Is this the season for fishing? If so, there are some people who don't believe the fish like it; namely, Bro. Jacob Wilkerson. Brother Wilkerson went fishing in San Francisco on the beach and, mind you, the one that got away broke his fishing pole. That was on July 22nd and on July 23rd Brother Wilkerson went back. We haven't seen him since and are wondering if he was carried away? ? ?

Brother Claude Byrne returned recently from the Phillipine Islands where he had been working on a government dredge. He was gone nine months and has been back now for approximately four weeks.

Brother Stanley Sipes dropped in for a visit recently and after hearing "Stan" tell of his Crosley automobile and the roads in Alaska we're beginning to compare it with "Mighty Mouse."

Brother "Stubby" Walker and partner Brother George Landis, have purchased a Truck Crane with all attachments from the Al Williams Company. "Stubby" states that they are ready to go to work any time, and anticipate on buying another crane soon.

To You Brothers!

We hope that you and your friends have registered to vote. Those who have not may do so by coming into the office at 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, where we have a registrar to serve you.

DREDGE NEWS

The situation has not changed much on dredges during the past month. The Olympian Dredging Company has their dredge "Golden Gate" on a short job at the Bethlehem yard in San Francisco and they expect to finish by the end of August, unless they decide to do more work than at first anticipated.

The "Monarch" and the "Nep-tune" are still tied up in Rio Vista with prospects of going out soon. The Hydraulic Dredging Company has finished their job at Hunters Point and tied the "Papoose" up. Their last report was that they had nothing in sight for the immediate future.

The San Francisco Bridge Company still has their dredge "MacMullen" working at Mare Island Navy Yard. They have not as yet started pumping on the San Leandro Bay job. Charley Hover has two draglines on the job building levees around the disposal area, and the Bridge Company is working a few men getting the pipeline ready and building spillways.

The Associated Dredging Company was the successful bidder on the Oakland sewer disposal job at San Leandro and are going to use the suction dredge "Sucker" and

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San Jose Area Busy On Highway Jobs And Dam Building

By M. G. MURPHY

Business Representative, Local 3

San Jose—There is quite a little work in and around San Jose. To start, in San Jose, Leo Piazza was the low bidder on the first unit of the Airport at a figure of approximately 314,000. He expected to be started on this job by the time this report went to press—work to begin probably about the 10th of this month. This company also received another paving

job on Mayfield Avenue in Palo Alto which is adjacent to the University. In short, we can say that Piazza has enough work to keep him busy for almost, if not, six months with a staff of about 20 or 25 engineers. . . . A. J. Ralsch was low bidder on the Coleman Avenue job between Polhemus and the city limits—contract price, \$52,000. This company also has several other jobs and are maintaining a staff of about 20 operators counting their hot plant and shops. . . . The Underground Construction have moved in on a job on Alum Rock Avenue for the phone company with Brother Pete Madrir as "pusher." . . . Martin Brothers of Oakland are doing a pipeline job at Morgan Hill for the water company. Brother Laws is the "pusher" on this job. However, they expect to complete this in short time and will possibly move to Monterey where they have another good-sized project. Union Paving have discontinued construction operations on their Coyote Creek Hot Plant where Brother Bailes worked so hard and so long to put it in operation. I understand Brother Bailes has accepted a job near Half Moon Bay. This company, as you know, working on the widening of South First Street and are progressing about as good as can be expected, considering all difficulties that they have encountered. . . . Remmet Construction Company has rented Northwest Model 25 from Rosenberg to do a ditchline off South First Street. Dick informs me they will not be here very long and are going to move back to the city where he enjoys a cooler atmosphere. (Hope he's speaking of the weather).

The Atlas Pipe Company of Oakland has a sewer job at 17th and Rosa, and Brother "Pappy" Laws is the "pusher". He informs me they have another good-sized job in Willow Glen District which they intend to start, immediately. . . . MacDonald, Young and Nelson moved in on their office building job on Lenzen Street, which is in the neighborhood of \$500,000. Raymond Concrete Pile is driving the piling which consists of around 300 piles. Brother Potter and Brother Marquess are on the Whirly-Crawler rig. Brother Jerry Bothwell and his brother have moved in a Northwest Hoe and are doing the excavating work on this job.

SANTA CRUZ

N. M. Ball and Baker Bros. have double-shifted on their highway job. They have also moved in several Ukes and are now really moving dirt. Granite Construction are driving some piling on this job, and Ed Keeble and Heple still have a full spread of Cats and Pulls on their setup. This job, as you know, will not be completed until some time early in the spring of '49. . . . F. C. Stolte are progressing on their sewer disposal plant for this city. . . . Pacific Coast Aggregates and the Kaiser Company are running their sand plants to capacity. Mr. Hill, who operates the old Rhodes and Robinson Quarry at Palo Alto, have reopened the old Featherstone Quarry out of Felton and is employing three (and expect to employ more) of our brothers steadily, and are doing a good business.

WATSONVILLE

W. W. Bird Construction have double-shifted their rubber tire and spreads on the levee job. Brother Harley Davidson, superintendent, informs me they are now well ahead of schedule and are progressing nicely and have high hopes of completing this project by October 15. . . . Granite Construction were low bidders on the Juan-Watsonville highway job at a figure of \$128,000. They ex-

pect to start operations immediately. . . . Ed Keeble is progressing fairly well, also, with his bridge job on the Chittenden Pass road. Raymond Concrete Pile drove the piling for this bridge job with Brother Alexander at the "hammer". We also have some well-known brothers on the shovel, namely, H. M. Giovanetti and Fields. On the other equipment there is Brother Charles Marines, Less Walker, and Gus Anthenien.

QUARRY JOBS

Granite Rock of Aromas are maintaining a high production schedule in their quarry at present. How long this will last is not certain. This quarry is one of the most modern that I have seen and I'm sure it is capable of grinding out about 1000 tons per hour—base rock, screenings and concrete rock. Both of the Bucyrus Electrics are in steady operation and sometimes the Old Marion—and loading 15 and 20 yard trucks. Of course, this record is made possible only by the ability and efficiency of the present management and the help of a number of old-time operators on the 75 and 100B shovels and the locomotives, crane, and plant. Most of these brothers have been at this plant for a decade or more, namely, the three Fly brothers (Bert, Owen and Sanford) and Brothers Totten, Sallow, Hardy, Mathews, Lewis, Cole and Hopper, on the locomotive crane—Williams, Balla, Wood, King and Bishop on the plant. There has been a vast change in the appearance of this place in the last few months while under the supervision of Lee Purcell. Roads have been widened, curves removed, grades reduced to a minimum, old shacks and cabins torn down and the accumulation of years of old worn-out parts and scraps removed from sight. It certainly is a neat looking quarry.

MOSS LANDING

Macco Construction were low bidders on the rip rap job on the North and South Jetty at Moss Landing. The bid was \$138,000 and the job consists of 20,000 tons of stone. I understand there must be five and six-ton pieces placed on this job and that most of it will be imported from their Brisbane Quarry. I was informed recently by Mr. O. H. Tucker, superintendent on the Los Padres Dam, that they have not as yet received the "go" signal put it is expected momentarily. . . . As a matter of record, I would like to inform the brothers at the Moss Landing Permanent plant, that Brother Edgar L. Armstrong has been duly elected to act as steward at this plant until further notice. If any difficulties arise on the job which cannot be peacefully ironed out, please take them up with Brother Armstrong and he in turn will inform me at this office.

I have been informed F. C. Stolte Company were the low bidders on the Castroville sewage line project. I do not have the contract price on this job. However, the Charles MacClosky company of San Francisco were awarded the contract for the sewage disposal plant. Contract price, a little over \$100,000. C. K. Moseman, general superintendent, informs us they will be using three or four operators in the near future. . . . Brother Henry Baker has just received his excavating and grading contractor's license and has several small jobs in operation. Henry is well known in this territory for his ability as an engineer and a fine fellow. He should do very well for himself. I'm sure we all wish him the best of luck.

SOLEDAD - KING CITY - SAN ARDO

E. T. Haas has about a month's pipeline job at Soledad. Brother Ed Steele is the operator. . . .

Granite Construction have their Hot Plant going to capacity at King City and for the same project—the highway stretch between San Ardo and King City. They have three or four blades and rollers and a Barber-Green paver in operation. Needless to say, in this southern territory, you will always see a piece of Granite's equipment in operation somewhere.

CARMEL - MONTEREY

Granite also have several jobs going in Carmel, Monterey and Salinas. . . . M. J. Murphy, Inc., and Johnson & Butts Co. manage to keep a number of engineers employed between the hot plants and their sand plants. Monterey Sand Company, Prattco & Lapis plants are also running to capacity. Space will not permit the mention of all small jobs. . . . Now, for some highlights on the Los Padres Dam. The contract price was \$848,000—the yardage on this job is in the neighborhood of 800,000 yards (so far, they have moved around 70,000) — concrete to be poured, 5,000 yards. The general superintendent is O. H. Tucker, the assistant superintendent, Brother A. J. "Buck" Hope. — the excavation foremen are Brother M. E. "Pappy" Schmidt and Brother Trace Baker. Brother Lex Hobson is the master mechanic. Now then, on the equipment—one N.W. 80, one Lorraine dragline, 10 D8's, six 16-yard carryalls, one model 12 blade, a grizzly, a screening plant, a batch plant and eight 20-yard (rock body) dump trucks. Manpower—on the 15th of July there were approximately 100 men which number will be increased to approximately 200 when they reach full capacity. They just recently double-shifted the cats and shovels and they intend to start the batch plant rolling before very long. There is a nice camp on this job and the food is good and at a nominal price—\$3.00 a day, board and room. This job should be complete some time in December. . . . While in this district, I may add that Ferguson Bros. have just about completed their job at Big Sur.

NEWS OF THE BROTHERS

Brother Ed Ninn, shovel mechanic for Macco at Las Padres Dam and who suffered an injury on the job, has been released from the hospital and has returned to his former duties. . . . Brother Jim Aregger (reported in last month's issue) has also recovered sufficiently to take on a foremanship job with Macco on the dam. . . . Thanks to two brothers, Jack Bar-

ba and Jack McCune, for sending us a penny postcard asking us to remove their name from our "out-of-work" list after they secured employment in another district. That's the kind of courtesy that really helps to make a better organization, give better service, and save the Union's money in long distance phone calls. Thanks again and let's hope more brothers will follow your example.

Sorry to say that Brother Fred Thompson, who was reported seriously ill in our last issue, passed away July 18th. Many of the old-timers remember Fred and I'm sure all who knew him will greatly miss him. . . . One of Keeble's men, Brother Albert Erickson, had an ankle broken and was cut up pretty badly recently when his motorcycle collided with a car on his way home from work. . . . Brother Floyd R. Wick is such a trusting fellow. He sends me a blank check with which to pay his dues. It's a good thing it was right after pay day. Floyd is with Fredricksen & Kasler at San Luis Obispo.

Upon reporting to the office for work last Tuesday, I found that someone had forcibly entered the office during the night. Both the outside and the inner doors had been pried open, also both desks. Nothing was taken, however. What little money we did have was in the safe and it wasn't molested. . . . Brother M. B. Booker (formerly with L. C. Smith) was in the office and took out a withdrawal card. He is going to the Federation of Malaya tin mining. Says if any of the brothers feel in the mood, to drop over and see him some week-end—it's only 12,000 miles. . . . Mrs. Thomas (Lydia) Graham, secretary in the San Jose office, wishes to express her deep gratitude to the officers and members of Local 3 for the beautiful floral offering and kind expression of sympathy over the loss of her husband.

Chinese Strike

Shanghai.—Workers at Tientsin, North China port held by Chiang Kai-Shek's government, have struck for a three-fold increase in wages to meet skyrocketing inflation. It now takes 10 million Chiang Kai-Shek dollars to buy \$1 U.S. currency.

Early in 1850 the Printers Union of New York appointed a committee to investigate labor conditions in the trade.

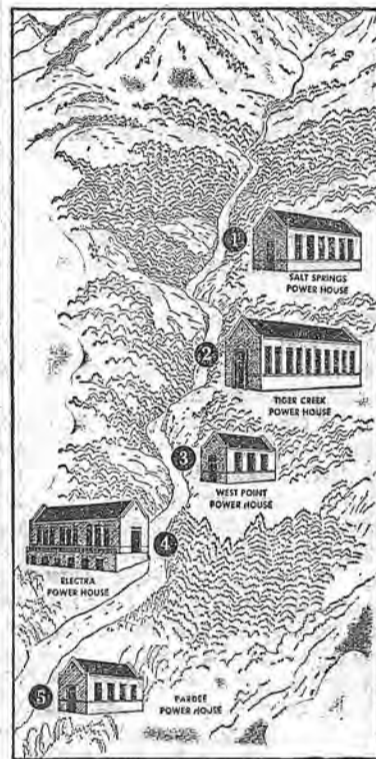
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Brother R. Odom, who a couple of years ago took some good advice and went to work at the Crystal Dairy, is doing a nice job and is well liked by the chief and the owners of this plant. Brother Arch Orr, chief engineer at the Baker Linen Supply, seems to be very well satisfied, but has a habit of paying his dues and then running off without his book. He has too much confidence in this office; he knows he will get his book back. Brother Glen Orr, holding down a watch, at the Bercutt Richards Cold Storage Plant, is anxious to hear what kind of a party we are going to have at our September meeting of the Sacramento District.

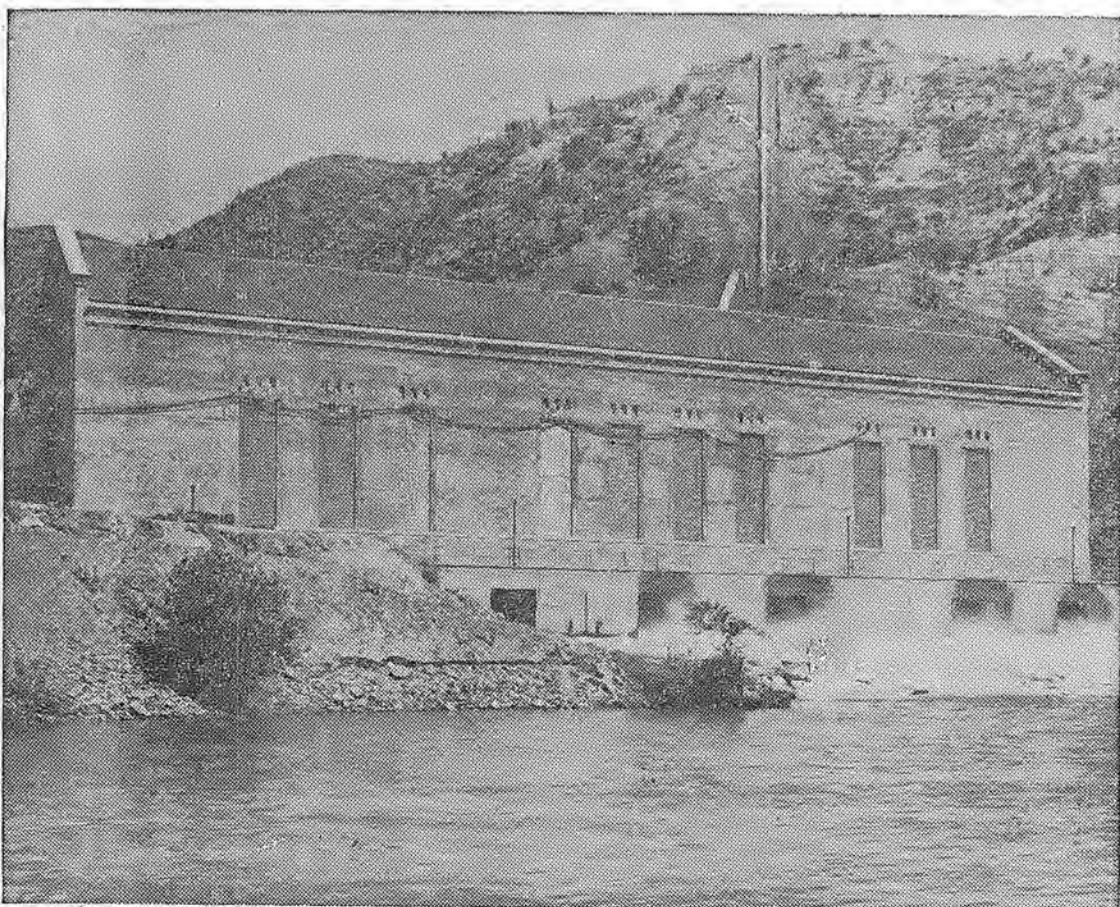
During the month of June and July we have placed six engineers on steady jobs, signed up four new engineers, and placed 13 engineers on temporary work.

During 1947, 2,700 deaths resulting from accidents occurred in the manufacturing industry.



Mokelumne River water is used five times in the production of 270,000 electric horsepower and not a drop is consumed. It is borrowed momentarily then returned to the streambed for irrigation, domestic water supplies and other economic and natural purposes.

Mokelumne River Harnessed to Produce Power



In the heart of the Mother Lode, California's most famous gold field, the waters of the Mokelumne River have been harnessed to pour 133,000 horsepower of electricity into the network of power lines serving Northern and Central Califor-

nia. The new Electra plant, shown above, is now in service. Members of Local 3 have figured importantly in this and other big power projects now under way. The Electra plant replaces a veteran plant of the same name on an adjacent

site which has been in continuous service since 1902. The old Electra served San Francisco its first hydroelectric power. Electra is one of five power houses taking water from this river. They are shown in the accompanying diagram.

UTAH IS VERY BUSY, SHORT OF MEN IN ALL CLASSIFICATIONS

By C. L. CASEBOLT, J. E. RILEY and C. R. VAN WINKLE
Business Representatives, Local 3

Salt Lake City—During the past month so much has happened in Utah it would be impossible to enumerate it all. Perhaps the most outstanding event was the Eleven Western States Conference of Operating Engineers. The meeting was held in Seattle and we believe a great deal of good will come from those meetings. However, the full details will be presented by the San Francisco office. Personally, we deeply appreciate being able to attend this meeting and hope to attend many more such conferences in the future.

SHORT OF MEN

At the present time we are extremely short of skilled mechanics in all of our classifications. There are several more large jobs to be let this month so we are assured of steady work until the weather shuts us down. Anyone experienced in our line of work and who would like to spend the balance of the summer and fall in Utah, should get in touch with one of our offices immediately. Supplying competent engineers to the contractors has become a major problem and is causing us great concern.

Another one of our larger problems at the present time is enforcing the A.G.C. agreement. We find a great number of contractors inclined to chisel. We have a number of meetings scheduled with contractors signatory to the agreement. We hope to iron out these difficulties around the table, however, if that is impossible we will force arbitration and perhaps civil suits as fast as we are able to get to them. This involves a great deal of delay and expense, but nevertheless Local No. 3 will live up to its obligation to the letter and intend to see that the other parties do the same.

NEW AGREEMENT

Since the last article was published we have concluded several agreements, leaving the Pacific Bridge Company at Park City, Utah, and the Rock, Sand & Gravel wage question yet to be settled. There also will be some further discussions regarding money for our members employed in the Iron Mining Industry at Cedar City, Utah. These we hope will all be cleared up within the coming month.

The large number of new indus-

try and the additions to the present industrial facilities in this state give promise of a rosy future for the Operating Engineers. The work this year is distributed over the entire state and not as usual in the vicinity of our three largest towns. Those familiar with Utah can readily see the difficulty for your Business Representative to be everywhere at once, but thanks to the good efforts of our membership the problem of policing each individual job is not near as great as it has been in the past.

Industry Reports Workers' Output Still on Rise

New York—Worker productivity, which increased sharply during the war, is still on its way up, offsetting industry additional sources of profit, according to a survey by the Natl. Industrial Conference Board, big business-sponsored research outfit.

Two-thirds of all companies cooperating in the survey reported an increase in productivity, 10 per cent reported a decline and the rest said there was no change.

Among companies which said they are getting more out of their workers than a year ago were automobiles and equipment, industrial machinery, machine tools, office equipment, paper and steel.

New and improved equipment and tools, decreased labor turnover, better production methods and plant layouts, more efficient material handling and adoption of incentive plans were cited most frequently in explaining reasons for the increase in production.

Question asked by a wishful thinker: "What ever became of Taft, Stassen and Martin?"

PICTURE NEWS OF THE YEAR

Washington (LPA)—The year that has passed since Labor Day, 1947 is one of the most momentous in labor history. These 12 months are most famous as the year in which the Taft-Hartley law went into effect. Much violence and rule by injunction was due to the spirit and letter of that law. Other things happened last year which might, in the long run, mean more to the American labor movement than the temporary setbacks suffered under Taft-Hartley. The Marshall plan was put into

operation and labor extended its activities in the international field. At home, there were new political

alliances with large parts of the labor movement wavering at times in their traditional support of the Democratic Party. Every branch of the union movement now has its own "political arm." The Communists were singled out and rallied to the support of Henry Wallace and the new Progressive Party. Union pressure broke the employers' "united front" and won third round wage increases. But the average worker is still suffering under ever-mounting prices.

(Left)

A forerunner of the '48 election campaign came almost immediately when Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, new GOP candidate for the Presidency, made passes at a cow in an effort to woo the farm vote.

Secretary of State George C. Marshall impressed the CIO Convention with one of his first public speeches on the European Recovery Program, now being administered by ECA. CIO Secretary-Treasurer James B. Carey pins a badge on Marshall while President Philip Murray looks on.

In Chicago, the Intl. Typographical Union-AFL went on strike, starting a series of legal battles against the Taft-Hartley Act.

President Truman called Congress into session and asked for many of the things which he was still asking for at the beginning of the special session in July. European aid funds were passed but housing, price controls and other anti-inflationary measures were not provided for.

At the convention of Americans for Democratic Action (l. to r.) AFL President William Green, Mayor Hubert Humphrey of Minneapolis and President Walter Reuther of United Auto Workers-CIO agreed that labor must unite to fight for a liberal Congress in this election. (LPA).

(Right)

High prices, which were news all year, were dramatized by Congresswomen Helen Gahagan Douglas (D., Calif.) who went shopping in the Capital's lowest priced chain store and displayed her purchases in Congress the next day.

New York cops displayed brutality which brought a storm of protest in the Wall Street strike of United Financial Employees-AFL. Pickets were clubbed and beaten even after they were lying helpless on the ground.

In South St. Paul, Minn., the National Guard was called out to "restore order" on a picket line of United Packinghouse Workers-CIO. Guardsmen armed with machine guns forced peaceful pickets aside as scabs were brought into the Swift & Co. packing plant.

Strikers at the Chrysler Corp. look at a paper bearing news of the General Motors wage settlement which broke the third-round resistance of big industry for wage increases. GM and United Auto Workers-CIO signed a pack which for the first time recognized labor's right to share in the profits of increased production.

Local President James Price was shot through the face when a machine-gun blast interrupted a peaceful strike meeting in the home of a member of Nat'l Farm Labor Union-AFL, on strike at the Di Giorgio ranch near Bakersfield, Calif. Price surprised everyone by recovering and announcing "takes more than that to kill an Okie." (LPA).



U.S. Accepts State Age Permits for Workers

San Francisco—Designation of California as a state in which state age, employment or working certificates or permits shall have the same force and effect as federal certificates of age under the Fair Labor Standards Act (federal wage and hour law) has just been renewed by the U.S. Department of Labor.

This was announced here by John R. Dille, regional director for the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions, U.S. Department of Labor, in the eight western states.

Effective for a year beginning July 1, Director Dille said at his headquarters, 150 Federal Office Building, such certificates or per-

mits issued by California will continue to be accepted as proof of age by the Divisions in inspections of establishments for compliance with the child labor provisions of the federal wage and hour law. He advised employers to obtain proper certification for all young workers, to avoid penalties the law provides in cases of illegal employment of boys and girls under 16, generally, and under 18 in occupations declared to be hazardous.

"Every attempt to restore the liberties of mankind or to check the progress of arbitrary power," wrote a Jeffersonian in 1797, "is now styled Jacobinism."

Shoe Workers Strike At Wage Cut Proposal

Chicago—A pay cut proposal by the Shoe Manufacturers Association here was answered by a strike of more than 1,000 members of Joint Council 25, United Shoe Workers. Instead of meeting the union demands for a 15-cent-hourly wage boost and a raise in the minimum rate to \$1 hourly, the manufacturers countered with a 10-cent-hourly reduction offer and a lowering of the minimum wage from 80 cents to 70 cents.

A Philadelphia cordwainer was fined five dollars for contempt of court in 1806 when he arose during a labor trial and shouted, "A scab is a shelter for lice."

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San Francisco—Another important NLRB decision has been handed down regarding the professional and supervisory clauses of the Taft-Hartley law. This is in the case of George A. Fuller Company of New York, and the ruling is 100 per cent in our favor, as follows:

Surveyors employed by large construction company are not professional employees within the meaning of the amended Act—64.557 - 64.515.

The employees sought as a unit by the petitioning union are engineering employees engaged in survey work on a large construction job, and include chiefs of party, instrument men, transit men, rodmen, chainmen, computers, draftsmen, detailers, estimators, coordinator of utilities, and assistant field engineer. "We find that none of the employees involved is a professional employee within the meaning of the amended act."

The assistant field engineer is in direct charge of the surveying for a large construction company relating to approximately 50 buildings. He is in charge of all the chiefs of surveying parties in that area and he instructs them accordingly, also transmitting all orders concerning that project to the supervisors of the various crafts.

(text) "The record discloses that he may, and has in fact, effectively recommended the discharge of subordinate employees working on the project. His rate of pay is comparable to that of the coordinator of utilities and is higher than any other employees working on the project. We find that the assistant field engineer is a supervisor within the meaning of the Act. Accordingly, we shall exclude him from the appropriate unit."

The State of California is finally going to enforce the Civil Engineers Act and has appointed a local man to police this area. The following letter was received by Local No. 3 in response to certain questions we had asked on the interpretation of the Law.

State of California
Department of
Professional and Vocational
Standards
Sacramento 14, California
July 23, 1948
Mr. J. D. Vanderlaan, Business
Representative
International Union of Operat-
ing Engineers—Local No. 3
1095 Market Street
San Francisco, California
Dear Mr. Vanderlaan:

This is in reply to your letter of July 1, 1948, addressed to Mr. Edgar W. Craine, Investigator of this Department.

Under Section 6730 of the Civil Engineers' Act, it is unlawful for any person to practice as a civil engineer in this State unless he has been duly registered as required by the provisions of the Act, or specifically exempted therefrom. Under Section 6739 of the Act, a subordinate to a registered civil engineer insofar as he acts solely in that capacity, is exempt from registration under the provisions of the Act. Section 6705 defines a subordinate as any person who assists a registered civil engineer in the practice of civil engineering without assuming responsible charge of work.

The extent to which a registered civil engineer is required to be physically present on a project in order to exercise independent control and direction is highly variable. His non-registered subordinate may perform any work of a routine nature if so directed or may carry out his superior's standard operating procedures. But he may not perform work requiring him to make independent engineering decisions. This is the case in either the supervision of civil engineering construction or in topographical mapping as these are both statutory branches of civil engineering.

The non-registered employee of a general contractor, unless he is subordinate to a registered civil

engineer, may not replace grade stakes.

Whether registered or not, the subordinate of a registered civil engineer is not in responsible charge of work (see Section 6705).

Under Section 6736-d, a non-registered person may be a partner in a firm if he was a partner in that firm on September 30, 1947, whether or not his name is contained in the firm's title. The name of a non-registered person may not be used in the firm's title if the non-registered person became a partner of that firm subsequent to September 30, 1947.

Under the conditions listed in Section 6736-a and providing he does not violate Sections 6734 or 6787-g, a non-registered person may become a partner in a civil engineering firm subsequent to September 30, 1947.

Section 6739 provides that a subordinate may not practice civil engineering in his own right and Section 6787 establishes the penalty for violation of this provision.

Very truly yours

(s) Pecos H. Calahan
PECOS H. CALAHAN
Executive Secretary.

After many months of negotiations an agreement has finally been signed with Consolidated Chemical Co. of San Francisco in which one of our members there received a substantial increase retroactive to January 1, 1948. After such a long wait this check will be well worth getting.

Another election has been won at the Pacific Manufacturing Co. in San Francisco—this time by a vote of 4 to 0. As long as we keep getting this kind of support we are certain to achieve excellent benefits for the members involved. This should be a good lesson to draftsmen elsewhere on how to get the most out of unionism.

For those loyal members employed by the P. G. & E. who are wondering what efforts are being made to get them the union scale, we have little progress to report. The main delay can be laid at the door of the Taft-Hartley Law.

A preliminary hearing was held in May at which time Local No. 3 officially petitioned the National Labor Relations Board for an election among the engineers. The P. G. & E. and the I.B.E.W. 1245-B, which the present contract objected to the election.

The only real issue at stake is whether the unit we seek is appropriate for purposes of an election. This matter has been referred to the Washington, D.C. office of the N.L.R.B. for a ruling, which has yet to be made.

Local No. 3 contends that engineers are a separate group from the rest of the P. G. & E. Employees in their General Construction Department. The company and the electricians contend that only a unit that includes the entire General Construction Dept. from Bakersfield to the Oregon Line is appropriate. . . . Waiting for a ruling on this question has caused the delay. In the near future some decision should be handed down. Then we will be able to take appropriate action within the law.

Morrison-Knudsen Co. were low bidders for construction of new runways at San Francisco Airport, another big project in the development of what is to be the world's finest airport. Cost will be around \$4 million.

Thanks, for dropping a card to your business agent to tell him you've taken work in another district, so he can take your name off his list. So reports one business agent. If you move, do this; it helps keep the records straight.

Reminder—

Register, Vote For Prop. 13

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco.—A challenge to the democracy of organized labor has been placed squarely before the professional, craft and skilled and unskilled workers and their families by the California State Chamber of Commerce.

Organized labor is attempting to destroy the democratic principle of "checks and balances" by proposing and supporting Initiative Measure No. 13, for the re-apportionment of the State Senate, says the California State Chamber of Commerce. Simultaneously, the Chamber is sending speakers into all counties to influence opinion against No. 13.

This challenge can be met only by REGISTERING before September 23—the last day of registration—and VOTING on November 2—YES on Proposition No. 13.

The use of the expression "checks and balances" is taken out of the original purposes of checks and balances in the establishment of the three divisions of government—administrative, legislative and judicial. Its use in opposing Proposition No. 13 is a distortion of fact by the State Chamber.

The San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee, on July 26, has already unanimously repudiated the State Chamber by adopting a resolution endorsing No. 13. Members of the committee, headed by Chairman William M. Malone, represents 277,000 registered Democrats in San Francisco.

Members of organized labor should make their answer by REGISTERING immediately, and VOTING Yes on Proposition No. 13 in November.

Firm's Rules Bar Jobs to Older Men

Albany, N. Y.—A survey of industrial firms in New York state has revealed that 39 per cent have rules barring the employment of older workers.

Half of all firms queried by the Joint Legislative Committee on Problems of the Aging have set age barriers at 55 or lower, 25 per cent refuse to hire workers over 45 and a few revealed to the committee age limits as low as 35.

The study showed that older workers have a greater chance of employment with small firms than with large ones. Although Committee Chairman Thomas C. Desmond (R.) evinced concern at the facts established by the survey, he told newsmen he is "reluctant at present" to suggest legislation prohibiting age barriers in employment.

The average profit after taxes and other costs was 7.8 cents per dollar of sales in 1947, compared with 6.7 cents in 1946, the Federal Reserve Board reports.

An indication of how high living costs are is the fact that Americans are surrendering life insurance for cash at a rate almost 23 per cent faster than last year.

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