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## Industry Panel Issues General Wage Reg. 12

The Construction Industry Stabilization Commission has issued a basic regulation covering the payment of wages, salaries and other compensation to laborers and mechanics in the building and construction industry. The regulation was adopted by the unanimous vote of the public, labor, and industry members, and unanimously approved by the Wage Stabilization Board.

In accordance with General Wage Regulation 12 this regulation establishes the wage stabilization policy for the building and construction industry on the basis of area rates primarily. The policy of the board's general wage regulations will serve as a basic guide to the commission in the formulation of its decisions, but the automatic application of these regulations to the building and construction industry is inappropriate for the reasons set out in the Statement of Considerations to GWR 12. Pending the promulgation of policies and regulations specifically designed for this industry, General Wage Regulations 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 and 13 will not be applicable.

### TO SET AREA RATES

Under the new regulation a contractor is permitted without further approval to pay the area rate designated and published by the Construction Commission for the applicable area.

## Bay Shipyard Gets 5-Ship Contract

First major victory in a five-year campaign led by organized labor of the west coast to reactive a defense-vital coast shipyard industry, was witnessed early this month when the Maritime Administration gave contract to build five 13,000-ton, 22-knot Mariner class fast cargo ships to Bethlehem in San Francisco.

First three keels will be laid about the first of the year, with about 3500 to be employed at peak operation. Delivery of the first ship will be in 1953. Total contract is for \$47,000,000.

Labor leaders declared their intention to continue an aggressive fight for a fair share of new and repair work in western shipyards in both Navy and private shipyards.

## WHO IS EGAN????



Louis E. Egan, above, was appointed as a trustee of the International Union of Operating Engineers at the last General Executive Board meeting, held in Washington, D. C., last month.

Brother Egan was initiated into Local 87 of Portland, Ore., in August of 1917. He transferred to Local 701, Portland, in January 1919, and since that time has been vice-president, president, and field representative of that local, until his election as financial secretary and business manager of the union, the office he holds today.

Brother Egan is an active leader in Portland labor affairs, being a delegate to the Central Labor, Building Trades, and Metal Trades councils, as well as an executive board member of the Labor Temple Assn. and chairman of the building committee. He also is president of Portland's Labor-Management Committee.

The Intl. Union of Operating Engineers can well be proud to have a man of Brother Egan's caliber added to the official family.

## 220 Members Now In Military Service

Two more names were added to Local 3's honor roll—those members now serving in our Armed Forces—during the past month, bringing the total number now in the service to 20. All of these members are out on service withdrawal cards, their membership thus being protected during their absence. Here are the latest additions to the list:

JAMES H. ELKIN  
ROBERT E. McLANE.

# RESOLUTIONS FOR LABOR DAY — AFL Assembly to Set Stage For Historic 1952 Campaign

## File Suits, Charges Over Lock-out in San Jose, San Mateo

Suits charging violation of contract and asking \$1,500,000 for loss of wages and damages, and NLRB unfair labor practice charges, have been filed by union organizations in the San Jose-San Mateo area as the result of a one-week lockout by Associated General Contractors, which shut down a large portion of building work in that area, including key defense jobs.

The lockout was called off on Aug. 9, day before labor was to go into court seeking an injunction against it, and work was resumed on Aug. 10.

Prior to Aug. 2 there were differences between the local plumbing sub-contractors and an association of plumbing sub-contractors in Northern California over withdrawal by the local men from the association. On Aug. 2, the association got authority from AGC to shut down all work in San Mateo, Santa Clara and San Benito Counties in an effort to force local plumbing contractors back in and accept the lower pay rate of the association.

AGC and the Peninsula Home Builders Association sent telegrams to all of their members ordering a general shutdown and lockout. Faced with penalties by the association, many contractors closed down. Others continued to work, in defiance.

The injunction was then sought by Santa Clara Building Trades Council, and the lockout was called off day before the injunction was to be heard in court.

Labor attorneys then filed charges against AGC and 30 general contractors charging violation of the National Labor Relations Act. Also complaint was filed by the council in Santa Clara County seeking \$750,000 for loss of wages, \$250,000 general damages, and \$500,000 punitive damages. Individual unions having AGC contracts also contemplated filing suit for damages.

San Mateo Building Trades Council also has filed charges of unfair labor practices against the AGC, the Peninsula General Contractors Association, the Peninsula Home Builders, and the Northern California Conference of the Heating and Plumbing Industry.

## Seek Bayshore Action

A resolution urging completion of Bayshore Freeway as soon as possible has been sent to Governor Warren by Palo Alto City Council. All peninsula cities have now acted, reflecting alarm over great increase in traffic and accidents. The freeway is finished as far as Burlingame, except for a short stretch in Brisbane. State says it has funds only for the latter stretch, hopes to finish the run to San Jose in 20 years.

Labor Day, 1951, and with it the 50th year convention of the California Federation and the 70th year conclave of the American Federation of Labor, sees the dawning of a new, vigorous determination for a showdown battle in 1952 against Big Business domination of America that is threatening both freedom at home and our fight for it abroad.

At both the State Federation Golden Anniversary meeting in San Diego Aug. 20 and the AFL conventions in San Francisco starting Sept. 10, full significance of labor's determination will be brought out and will set the stage for a year-long battle to elect a labor Congress next year.

Labor Day messages of AFL leaders keynote the resolution that is now shaping up across the land. Here are summaries of two such messages:

"We have defeated tear gas, thugs and injunctions, and now we must defeat a political threat that produced the labor-strangling Taft-Hartley law, is checking every legitimate end of labor, and now hangs ominously over us," said George Meany, AFL secretary. He said this can and must be done by political organizing in every precinct in the land.

"Labor is backing defense to the hilt, but our plea for equality of sacrifice, stabilized living costs, and strong price controls instead of Big Business handouts and profiteering have been rejected by the Taft-Hartley Dixiecrats running Congress, so we must shatter the grip of this stand-pat coalition and elect a liberal Congress in 1952," said AFL President William Green.

Full significance of the Taft-Hartley law's threat to workers' aims was shown on June 4, 1951, when the Supreme Court declared there can be no union activity directed toward the refusal of union men to work alongside non-union men, Meany added. He said Taft-Hartley is the new form of tear gas and thuggery against labor—a vicious political combine that must be overcome.

Engineers will be fully represented at both of these important conventions. IUOE President William Maloney will attend the Metal Trades, Building Trades and main AFL conventions in San Francisco, as will other officers of the international union.

At the San Diego State Federation meeting Engineers' interests will be well represented by Brother Victor S. Swanson, Local 3 business manager and a San Francisco vice-president of the federation, and by Brother William Carroll of Los Angeles Local 12, a Los Angeles district vice-president of the federation.

Local 3 has opened a branch office at Santa Rosa, to be located at 724 Third street, phone Santa Rosa 60.

Softwood plywood production in April was 263,081 square feet, 27 per cent above April of last year, the Department of Commerce reports.

## Local Union No. 3 Retains Attorney

August 1, 1951.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Local Union No. 3 has retained Attorney John H. Lenz to represent it in all union matters pertaining to the union and its members.

For the past two years Attorney Lenz has been engaged in the private practice of the law in Room 8 of the Operating Engineers Local No. 3 Building at 474 Valencia street, San Francisco. During this time he has successfully represented numerous members of Local No. 3, as well as other unions in the building. He is well liked and has always been ready, willing, and able to serve the union and its members.

In addition to representing the union, John Lenz will continue his private practice and will be available to clients for matters of a personal nature.

The decision to retain Attorney Lenz was made because of the complexity of union affairs today which demands constant legal service. In this regard members are reminded to avail themselves of this legal service, in the event that they sustain injuries on the job, or where they have other problems requiring the services of an attorney, provided such legal aid is not now available to them.

Business representatives may contact Mr. Lenz by calling Underhill 3-1045, in the event that it is necessary to have immediate legal advice regarding any problem in connection with union business.

Fraternally,  
VICTOR S. SWANSON,  
Local Union Manager.



- Nicola Pronella July 23, 1951
- Wendell E. Mann July 27, 1951
- C. L. Jeffries July 29, 1951
- George Fernandes July, 1951
- Joe L. Scholl July, 1951
- R. J. Wirth August 3, 1951
- C. Mavy August 3, 1951
- Monty Mankins August 10, 1951

## OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

REGULAR MEETING POSTPONED TO SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, 1951

For the convenience of the membership the regular monthly meeting has been postponed to the second Saturday (Sept. 8th), of the month as the first Saturday would have interfered with the Labor Day weekend.

All Local No. 3 offices in Calif. & Nevada will be closed Sept. 1, 2 and 3.

### Pay Your Dues Promptly!!!

Many members have complained when they have received delinquent notices as they feel the notice a personal affront to their intention to pay dues. However, it is important that dues be paid PROMPTLY not only for the efficiency of the office itself, but also to protect the benefits to which only members in good standing are entitled. REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT IN BENEFIT UNLESS YOUR DUES ARE PAID UP! Save time and added expense by paying your dues ON OR BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF EACH QUARTER. Promptness is your assurance that you are entitled to insurance!

# Here Are Basic Facts on Workmen Compensation

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

**QUESTION:**  
If an injury occurs to a workman employed by more than one employer, must he elect against whom he will proceed?

**ANSWER:**  
No. He may, in a proceeding before the Industrial Accident Commission, proceed against both. The Commission will determine the relative responsibility of each employer to the injured person.

**QUESTION:**  
Is a workman entitled to the benefits of compensation for an injury even though the employer is not at fault?

**ANSWER:**  
Yes. The Compensation Law is premised upon the theory of liability without fault.

**QUESTION:**  
Is a workman entitled to the benefits of compensation even though his injury or disease may have been caused, in whole or in part, through his own fault or negligence?

**ANSWER:**  
Yes. Negligence or fault of the injured workman is not a bar to the recovery of compensation benefits. If, however, the injury is intentionally self-inflicted, no recovery may be had.

**QUESTION:**  
Are the proceedings of the Industrial Accident Commission in hearing and disposition of claims formal or informal in character?

**ANSWER:**  
In the disposition of claims for compensation the Commission acts as a Court but its proceedings are generally described as informal in character, the purpose of which is to discover the facts essential to the determination of a given claim.

**QUESTION:**  
Must an "accident" occur before the Industrial Accident Commission is authorized to award Workmen's Compensation Benefits?

**ANSWER:**  
No, these benefits are recoverable for the hazards of employment where disease, injury, disability or incapacity are traceable to, and the result of, engagement in an employment.

**QUESTION:**  
Is physical impact or external violence essential to the recovery of Workmen's Compensation Benefits?

**ANSWER:**  
No. Neither is a necessary element to the recovery of such benefits. These benefits are recoverable in appropriate claims where the disability or disease results from shock, poisonings, occupational neuroses and diseases, and other disabling conditions, in which violence or physical impact, as such, plays no part.

**QUESTION:**  
Is suddenness in onset of disease or disability a guiding rule in determining whether compensation benefits may be awarded?

**ANSWER:**  
No. If an injury has in fact occurred, it is immaterial whether the end result of disability is de-

layed. Suddenness in onset of disability or disease is not a necessary prerequisite to the recovery of compensation benefits. There are many physical conditions, disabilities and diseases, brought about or aggravated by industrial exposure, which are progressive in nature and the onset of which is difficult to detect.

**QUESTION:**  
Does the fact that disability or disease occurs coincidental with employment entitle one to recover benefits of Workmen's Compensation?

**ANSWER:**  
No. Standing alone the coincidental occurrence of disability or disease with an employment is not sufficient. There must be shown to exist a casual connection between such disability or disease and the work or hazards of the employment in which the workman is engaged.

**QUESTION:**  
Will the fact that a disease is usually classified as non-occupational defeat the workman's right to compensation benefits if it is shown that an occupational exposure caused or contributed to the disablement?

**ANSWER:**  
No. The fact that a disease or bacterial condition is usually classified as non-occupational will not defeat the workman's right of compensation recovery if such disease or condition is the result of exposure in the course of an employment. Compensation benefits have been awarded in such cases as anthrax, poison ivy, gangrene contracted during embalming, tuberculosis, poliomyelitis, scarlet fever, and Bright's Disease.

**QUESTION:**  
Are compensation benefits recoverable where injury occurring in an employment aggravates a previously existing disease or disability?

**ANSWER:**  
Yes. The employer takes a workman "as he finds him." If the hazards of an employment aggravate an existing disease or disability compensation benefits may be recovered even though the result might have occurred at a later date due to the natural progression of such disease or disability.

**QUESTION:**  
Are Workmen's Compensation benefits available in cases of prostration due to either heatstroke or sunstroke?

**ANSWER:**  
Yes. The great weight of authority supports the compensability of such injuries: (1) when due to employer-made heat, or (2) when due to natural heat (such as hot weather or the rays of the sun) combined with working conditions or exertion at work. Even direct sunstroke (from the sun's rays) may present a case of compensability when the necessities and location of the employer's work increase the hazards of such exposure.

**QUESTION:**  
If an employer's health program directs or requires vaccination or antitoxin treatments, is the workman entitled to compensation benefits for an unfortunate medical result therefrom even though unexpected and unforeseen?

**ANSWER:**  
The results of such ministrations, even though unforeseen and unexpected, may provide a basis for an award of compensation benefits.

**QUESTION:**  
Is the place of injury important

in determining whether an injury occurs in the course of and arises out of an employment?

**ANSWER:**  
No. The place of employment is not the primary test, although considered in arriving at a decision. It is essential that the workman be brought to the place of injury by the necessities of his employment and actually engaged therein at the time of injury.

**QUESTION:**  
Will compensation benefits be denied where an injury results from the momentary forgetfulness of some rule of employment?

**ANSWER:**  
No. Where an injury occurs in the course of employment, momentary forgetfulness of a rule of the employment will not bar recovery of compensation benefits, even though its observance might have avoided injury.

**QUESTION:**  
Is a workman entitled to compensation benefits where his injury is the result of skylarking or horseplay of co-employees in the course of the employment?

**ANSWER:**  
Yes. There has been a gradual relaxing of the rule of recovery in such cases. Recovery of compensation benefits is allowable where the injured workman is the innocent victim of such horseplay or skylarking.

**QUESTION:**  
Where an injured workman's right to compensation depends upon statutory construction, what rule of interpretation does the commission follow?

**ANSWER:**  
The laws relative to compensation benefits are liberally construed with the purpose in mind of extending their benefits for the protection of those injured in the course of their employment.

**QUESTION:**  
Is an employer free to discharge, threaten to discharge, or in any other manner discriminate against an employee because he has filed, or made known his intention to file, an application with the commission or because he has testified, or made known his intention to testify, in an investigation or proceeding held by the commission?

**ANSWER:**  
No. If the employer commits any of the acts enumerated he is guilty of a misdemeanor. No prosecution may be commenced, however, until the commission affords opportunity to be heard and recommends that such prosecution be commenced.

**QUESTION:**  
Does the fact that an employee suffered previous injury or disability, or received compensation therefor, preclude him from recovering compensation benefits for a later injury, or his dependents from compensation for death resulting therefrom?

**ANSWER:**  
No. In general an employee is entitled to medical and indemnity benefits from his employer for the disability caused by the injury. However, where the last injury produces a disability in combination with the previous disability, the employer is only liable for that part of the combined disability which is reasonably attributable to the last injury. In the event that an industrial injury or disease aggravates a previously existing diseased condition, compensation is allowed for that portion of the disability which is reasonably attributable to the injury as an aggravation of the disease.

**QUESTION:**  
Does an injured employee or his dependents have to pay his own attorney's fees in a proceeding

## Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8 p. m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

A synopsis of the regular meeting minutes of July 7 was read and by motion, approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board minutes of July 18 and of Aug. 1 read and the acts and recommendations of the board were by motion approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Bertha Bryant and family, and Mrs. L. Saporetti. Received and filed.

The Trustees Report was read. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Trustees Report be accepted as read.

The following brothers were reported ill: Frank Azlin, James Arnold, E. G. Aston, J. N. Bianchi, L. Bonvicino, B. T. Bowman, Paul Bringham, S. M. Barnson, Milton D. Bowerman, Herman Bertolini, Orson D. Bleazard, William C. Black, Abram Bittle, William B. Covington, Jesse L. Culp, T. V. Cromwell, Philip J. Carvalho, F. D. Carpenter, Montie Cox, Mitchell Cari Sr., William G. Dunn, L. V. Ewell, Ralph A. Fisher, Louis S. Freeland, Daniel W. Forsyth, Harold A. Fasso, Tone D. Fife, O. B. Freeman, Eugene A. Foster, Jesse Gooch, R. R. Hail, J. A. Humphreys, Raymond Hicks, Virgil E. Idle, Norman Kindall, O. G. Kelly, Elmer Locatelli, Douglas R. Lee, G. A. LaMontagne, Donald Meifert, DeForrest Moore, Charles C. Marshall, Benny Lee Manning, Irving P. Mulford, Fred J. Mankin, L. C. Norman, Robert Page, K. J. Preston, Sam Phillips, John B. Phillips, James O. Standley, Morris J. Spring, James C. Shippey, Forrest Sheppa, Ernest Stark, Sam Sanders, W. P. Smith, Paul Tepsa, William A. Taylor, William C. Taylor, Walter Van Allen, Ollie J. Whitson, Richard B. Whittington, Edgar Whittmore, Donald E. Willcox, Herman L. Walker, Harold Weatherby, Jess Younkens.

The following brothers were reported deceased: Nicola Pronello, C. L. Jeffries, George J. Fernandes, Joe L. Scholl, Wendell E. Mann, R. J. Wirth. The members stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased brothers.

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

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

Industrial Accident Commissioner, Frank A. Lawrence, reminded all the members that in case of injury to be sure and file claims, and advised that they get an attorney to represent them before the commission to make sure their cases are properly presented, permitting the commission to award them the amount of disability to which they are entitled. His remarks were well received by the membership.

It was called to the attention of the membership that the next regular meeting would be the Saturday preceding Labor Day, and that in addition it was stated that the general officers in all probability would be in San Francisco on the following Saturday. **IT WAS REGULARLY MOVED AND SECONDED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING BE HELD ON SEPT. 8, 1951. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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

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

## CONSTRUCTION

Courtesy "Daily Pacific Builder."  
**PUBLIC BUILDINGS**

S. F. NAVAL SHIPYARD—Radiological Defense Lab., Martinelli Const. Co. low at \$522,788.

MARTINEZ—C. C. Jr. College, science bldg., plans up, \$1,000,000.

PALO ALTO—Elem. school, W. P. Goodenough, \$447,900.

FORT ORD—Rehabilitation work, F. V. Hampshire, Salinas, \$359,200.

SAN MATEO—School bond issue voted, \$5,300,000.

BELMONT—Notre Dame College, low, Carrico & Gautier, S. F., \$699,300.

before the commission?

**ANSWER:**  
Generally speaking, an injured employee or his dependents are required to pay their attorney a reasonable fee out of the indemnity recovered in the proceedings before the commission. However, where the employer has failed to obtain insurance coverage or a certificate of consent to self-insure, the commission is authorized to award a reasonable attorney's fee in addition to the amount of the compensation benefits recoverable. Where such a fee is awarded, the attorney is not entitled to any additional fees out of the compensation awarded the injured employee or his dependents.

**QUESTION:**  
If an employer willfully fails to secure the payment of Workmen's Compensation benefits either by insuring such liability or obtaining a permit to self-insure, what additional benefits, if any, may be awarded by the commission?

**ANSWER:**  
Where the employer willfully fails to secure the payment of his compensation liability, the amount of benefits otherwise recoverable for an industrial injury or death may be increased 10 per cent, but in no event may it exceed \$1,000.

MADERA—Elem. school, Graham & Jensen, Merced, \$409,000.

HAYWARD—Jr. high school, Zaballos Bros., \$503,300.

NORTH RICHMOND—Low rent housing, Pacific Coast Builders, S. F., \$590,500.

BAKERSFIELD—Jr. high school, Guy E. Hall, \$699,100.

SAN JOSE—Langendorf bakery, low, Lew Jones Co., S. J., \$490,000.

LOS ANGELES—UCLA medical center, first unit, \$17,580,800, Robt. E. McKee, West L. A.

COALINGA—Jr. high school, Trewitt-Shields, Fisher, Fresno, \$621,000.

ELMENDORF Airbase, Alaska—Outside utilities, Birch, Lytle, Green, and Boespflug, Seattle, \$2,129,000.

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska—Cleaning plant, Boespflug & Birch, \$1,495,000.

WHITTIER, Alaska—Heating, power plant, Haddock Engineers and Wyatt-Kipper, Seattle, \$5,827,000.

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska—Railroad trackage, Morrison-Knudsen and Peter Kiewit, Seattle, \$7,349,000.

TRAVIS Airbase—Hospital addition, MacDonald, Young, & Nelson, S. F., \$1,515,861.

McCLELLAN Airbase—Vehicle, power shop, Campbell Const. Co., Sacramento, \$5,000,000.

WHITTIER, Alaska—Family quarters, Haddock Engrs., \$3,232,000.

WHITTIER, Alaska—Outside utilities, Haddock Engrs., \$1,714,000.

BENICIA—Warehouse bldgs., Fred J. Early Co., Stolte, and M & K, \$5,843,253.

ALAMEDA—Runway, taxiway, Naval Air Sta., \$2,886,000, Stolte and Gallagher & Burk.

FRESNO—Housing proj., L. Y. Hansen & Son, \$532,500.

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# What's Doing in the Oakland Office

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

Work has been holding up reasonably well during the past month. Over 500 clearances were issued from this office, and while there is quite a good sized out-of-work list the jobs seem to be coming in fairly consistently.

There has been a little spurt of activity in the shipyards, with Todd's and Moore Dry Dock doing most of the hiring. There is still a considerable amount of talk about new ship construction contracts for this area, but up to now there is nothing tangible to report.

There seems to be quite a lot of activity in the Niles and Pleasanton area. The gravel plants are all running full blast while out at Pacific States Steel, another unit of the electric furnaces has been opened up. At the present time there are over 80 members employed in this mill. Fredrickson and Watson, who have the contract for construction of a section of Highway 50 in Dublin Canyon have about eight Engineers employed on preliminary excavation on the job. This outfit is moving equipment out there from both their Mountain Boulevard and Oakland Freeway jobs. At Camp Parks the dirt work is beginning to get a little thin, however, and some of the skimmers were laid off during the past week. There is much talk of expanding the project further but so far nothing definite has been decided. Various road jobs are moving right along. Biasotti has completed excavation and is ready to start placing base rock on the Marsh Creek road, while out in Altamont Pass, C. C. Moore has completed his portion of the contract on the old road. Clements is placing seal rock and black top on this one.

Work on the new McClymonds High School at 26th and Myrtle streets in Oakland recently got under way. The John E. Branagh and Sons Construction Company was awarded the contract on their low bid of \$2,564,370. The school will accommodate 1200 students and plans include 42 classrooms, as well as auditorium, cafeteria and library. O. C. Jones has the demolition and excavating work on this job and presently has six Engineers working on it.

Approximately 21 Engineers are on Stolte, Gallagher and Burke's payroll at the Alameda Naval Air Station, and about 40 per cent of the dirt work has been completed. Bro. Virgil Welton, who was in charge of the grading and excavation work for S. U. H. B. at Tracy, has moved over to this job and is acting as foreman over the excavation.

With the \$23,500,000 sewage disposal system almost 90 per cent complete every effort is being made to have it in operation by early fall. Separation of storm and sanitary sewers is necessary for utilization of the system and McGuire and Hester have several jobs of this type in operation at the present time. One of their largest contracts for the City of Berkeley was started in May and will take approximately three months more to complete. There are around 35 Engineers working on this job. This company was recently awarded a \$290,000 contract for the same type of job for the City of Alameda. They are working in various parts of the city with the major part of the activity concentrated on the east end of the island right now.

The Ransome Company was recently awarded the contract for widening of Broadway from MacArthur Blvd. to College Avenue. The roadway will provide six 10-foot lanes with a 4-foot center dividing strip, in addition to 8-foot lanes for parking and 10-foot sidewalks on either side. All utilities are to be placed underground, and to provide for future needs and eliminate the necessity of tearing up the thoroughfare later, the present eight-inch sewer in the center of the road is being replaced by eight-inch parallel sewers on

each side of the street. McGuire and Hester have the subcontract for the sewer work on the project.

Pomeroy's job at the Columbia Steel Plant in Pittsburg is moving right along and Consolidated Western Steel has a number of the boys busy erecting iron on the job. There are several other contractors in the yard and approximately 90 Engineers are on the combined payrolls at this writing.

There is considerable activity at the Naval Ammo Depot at Port Chicago. Al Biasotti, Ben Gerwick, J. R. Armstrong, Malfitano, Heringer and Orinda Paving have equipment working out there, with about 40 Engineers handling our part of the work.

M. Malfitano and Son, Inc., have completed over 50 per cent of the dirt moving on their mile long job in Kirker Pass. There are approximately 12 Engineers on the job and they are working under the supervision of Bro. Tom Gunter. Macal Improvement has several pieces of rental equipment on the project and Asta Construction has a subcontract for the finish work.

Pacific Gas and Electric's \$80,000,000 steam plant at Antioch, started in February of 1949, is now in operation, and within a short time, additional electric power, amounting to 402,000 horsepower, will be available for use in East Bay industry. Additional units are scheduled for operation in 1953 and when completed will give Northern California the two largest steam electric plants west of the Mississippi. The other plant, equal in size to the Antioch installation, is located at Moss Landing in Monterey County. Work at the Antioch plant has been slowed down temporarily while concrete footings are being poured for the new construction, but it is expected that this portion of the work will be completed without necessitating a layoff of any of our men.

Out in Richmond, work in the Standard Oil Plant is very slow at the present time. W. K. Kellogg Company has finished up their contract but Humiston and Rosendahl and Bechtel still have small jobs in progress. Utah Construction's yard, also in Richmond, is showing some activity since a crew has been moved in and is engaged in repairing equipment from the company's various jobs.

Fluor Corporation provided employment for several mechanics during the past month, while servicing equipment during the Union Oil's shutdown in the Oleum plant.

Lee J. Immel expects to finish on the Franklin Canyon job in October. This \$130,000 contract called for grading, re-surfacing and realigning about three miles of road between the Luzon and Christy underpasses. Approximately seven members are on the payroll and Brother Ray Ferdig is superintendent on the job.

Bro. "Doc" De Groodt is handling the mechanical work for the Burch Construction Company. This outfit has about 15 Engineers working on their various sewer contracts in the Sleepy Hollow district near Walnut Creek.

## DREDGE NEWS

Dredging work has been very good the past month. It seemed to be almost impossible to get men at times, but somehow we manage to keep the dredges running. There are indications that it will slow down considerably in the near future, however, unless there is some unforeseen jobs let for suction dredges.

The Hydraulic Dredging Company has finished their job at the

Alameda Naval Air Base. The dredge Papoose has been moved to the yard in Rio Vista where it will receive repairs before moving on to their job in Sacramento where pumping is expected to start about August 20th.

The Olympian Dredging Company has four of their large clamshells working. The Holland on Hog Slough near Thornton, the Monarch on Bouldin Island, the Neptune up near Knights Landing above Sacramento and the Golden Gate at the Port Chicago Naval Annex, loading barges.

Dutra has three clamshell dredges busy working for the Leslie Salt Company. The Mallard, Edwards and the Belmont are all in the Belmont, Redwood City vicinity.

The Associated Dredging Company has two of their small clamshell dredges working somewhere in the Delta country. They move around so often you can never tell where they are from day to day.

The San Francisco Bridge Company finished with their dredge Hinds on the first unit of the Sacramento deep water channel and moved into their Belaire yard. It seems they are going to keep most of the crew busy repairing for a while. The San Pedro will probably finish pumping about August 20th on the Walnut Grove job.

Ed Lippstrue has three of our boys working most of the time.

## WHAT THE BROTHERS ARE DOING

Bro. S. B. Turner is the only member we have heard of so far who got a first hand view of the recent flood in the midwest. He had just made a trip to Indiana and was planning on returning through St. Louis and on down south. He was turned back, however, and had to detour further north. As a result it took him several additional days to make the trip home, but he says the one good thing about the whole deal was the fact that he did see some new country!

Bro. Fred Parker who has been playing baseball with the Tucson Cowboys, a farm club of the Cleveland Indians, will be home for a few months. He had a very successful season and took top pitching honors for the club with a 6-2 record. Fred will be doing some local playing but will be back with the Arizona club come spring.

Bro. Henry Kennedy says there ain't no justice. Seems he picked up a couple of service men recently, and after treating them to refreshments was rewarded by being slugged and robbed. Another recent casualty was Bro. Guy Mattingly who fell while turning off a light in his home—broke one rib and cracked another. Hope these boys get over their bruises in a hurry, and might we suggest that they take it a little easy after this!

Just received a letter from Bro. E. A. Wright from Chuquicamata, Chile. He is working on an 85-million-dollar project which is about one-third complete. He says that living conditions are good, the climate is ideal and that the company has granted them increases amounting to about \$100 a month since he got there. They are working 10 hours and every other Sunday so there is not much to complain about. About 50 Americans are in the field and they work some 4000 natives. He says a top native hand running a 14-yard Bucyrus shovel gets 98 pesos (about \$1.15) per day and the dragline and crane operators' scale is less—and they have a strong union to get that!

Jack Emory, "The Green Hornet," is operating a clamshell, along with Leonard Beck operating a pile driver, on the shores of Lake Hornet at Pittsburg. Who tacked that name on you, Jack?

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AIRFIELDS — Army engineers have built airstrips in Korean battle areas at the rate of two per week during the past nine months.

## Field Surveying Report

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

Two more milestones were passed this month in the organizing of Technical Engineers, the most important being the signing of a letter by Clyde C. Kennedy for his engineering firm to the effect that he would hire for his field surveys only Technical Engineers coming under the jurisdiction of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

This has long been our goal and much time and effort has been expended over many years to gain this end.

The second and equally important event was the signing of the contract for the third year by the Bay Area Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association with the Operating Engineers Local No. 3. The effective date of this contract is Aug. 7, 1951, and is in effect until Aug. 6, 1952. Change in the contract are as follows.

Chief of Party .....	\$2.75
Senior Inspector .....	2.75
Instrument Man .....	2.475
Inspector .....	2.475
Field Assistant (Class 1) .....	1.925
Field Assistant (Class 2) .....	1.85

(A) A three-man party shall consist of an instrument man and two (2) field assistants.

(B) Any party consisting of four or more men shall have a Chief of Party and an Instrument Man at the rate of pay stipulated, provided the party requires the use of two (2) Instrument men.

(C) An employee who has been in the employ of an individual employer as an "Instrument Man" for four (4) consecutive years shall be classified thereafter as a Chief of Party provided he successfully passes an examination therefore to be prepared and given by a committee composed of an equal number of representatives from the union and the employer.

## APPRENTICE FIELD ASSISTANTS

The parties to this agreement agree that an apprentice training period of six months duration will be in effect. During the apprentice training period the following rates shall be effective:

Apprentice .....	\$1.85
(First three months)	
Apprentice .....	1.50
(Second three months)	
Field Asst. rate (Class 2)	
thereafter .....	1.85

It being understood that no apprentice field assistant shall replace any field assistant or cause any reduction in the size of the survey party by his employment.

## SECTION NO. XXIII (Wage Opening Clause)

If at any time after the effective date of this agreement the Wage Stabilization Board shall increase the maximum hourly wage rates permitted to be paid to employees in the classifications covered in this agreement the parties hereto agree that this agreement may be reopened for discussions to review the wage scales set forth herein. In the event that a reopening is requested by either party as is provided in this paragraph it is further agreed that there shall be no strike, work stoppage or slowdown by the employees in support of any demands for permissible increases until such time as thirty (30) days have elapsed from and after the opening of said discussions.

It is understood that there shall be only one re-opening on wages during the term hereof, and it shall be on basic hourly wage rates only.

## 6. TIDE WORK

When an employee is called out for "Tide Work" and is required to work at any hour on any day of the week, except the hours between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. on the days of Monday through Friday, the minimum pay for such work shall be double straight time.

## SECTION VII (Holidays)

The following days are hereby

designated as holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Admission Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The Employer agrees to pay two (2) times the regular rate of pay for all time worked on these holidays. Should any of the above-named holidays fall on Sunday, then Monday shall be observed as the holiday and paid for as such.

## VACATIONS SECTIONS VI

In computing vacation time, the time lost as a result of an accident recognized by the California Industrial Accident Commission, suffered in the employ of the Employer, shall be deemed time worked at the rate of eight (8) hours per day, five (5) days per week at straight time, but such vacation time shall not be granted until such time as the employee returns for work and is actively engaged in work for his employer.

## SECTION NO. 3

### (Employment and Discharge)

#### (a) Hiring—

In the hiring of employees covered by this agreement, preference shall be given by the Employer and the individual employers covered hereby to persons who have been employed in Northern California between the 15th day of July, 1949, and the 30th day of April, 1951, on any work covered by the Bay Counties Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors Association Master Agreement dated August 7, 1950, with the Union by any individual employer covered by said agreement or under any agreement between the Union and any employer in effect at any time during the period from July 15, 1949, to August 6, 1951, covering the same classification or any of them.

When an individual employer needs additional employees he shall so indicate by posting a notice on his job bulletin board and at the same time serving notice on the Union. Whenever possible this notice should be given at least forty-eight (48) hours before the men are needed on the job.

Negotiations with the Associated Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors of Santa Clara County have been proceeding smoothly and a signed contract should be possible after the next negotiations on Aug. 9.

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## Not Enough M.D.s, Dentists, or Nurses, Says Gen. Marshall

Washington (LPA).—The American Medical Association may insist there's no shortage, but Defense Secretary George C. Marshall disagrees.

Urging approval of a program of federal aid for medical education, Gen. Marshall warned that the nation's backlog of doctors, dentists and nurses is "well below" civilian and military needs.

He wrote to Sen. James B. Murray (D., Mont.), chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, that federal aid is needed. Murray's committee already has approved the federal aid bill.

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Richland, Wash., Atomic Energy Commission, radiochemistry building, Sound Construction & Engineering Company, Seattle, \$3,744,200.



# NEWS FROM UTAH—Center of the Rugged West

By RENNY BURROUGHS, C. R. VAN WINKLE, MERLIN BOWMAN, DON ELLIOTT and CHARLEY COCKAYNE

August here is a busy month with the world's drivingest tunnel crews and busy road builders leaving miles of accomplished work behind them each day. Two weeks of heavy thunderstorms washed out some of our work and provided the finest electrical display in 50 years but hardly slowed down the total work accomplished.

Very little new work is anticipated for the balance of the year. Projects which will open will consist of 400 homes at Dugway, the Fluor Refinery job at Woods Cross and assorted road jobs. Some development at Vernal of oil pumping will also take place and additional projects in Utah's \$17,000,000 military installation program will provide some work. Little is heard regarding either the big Kaysville or Beck Street freeway jobs.

Major jobs finishing up this fall, consist of Utah's Lark and British Shaft Tunnel jobs, the Keiwitt reservoir job, Wunderlich and Curlett's Federal Hospital job, Utah's Commercial Stamping & Shearing plant at Remington Arms Plant and many contracts at Dugway.

Two small anticipated jobs are the fitting and installation of machinery at the Lakepoint Colera Mining Co. Cobalt Plant and putting up new tanks at Utah Oil.

Manpower is extremely limited at present but always enough brothers keep being laid off to keep the new jobs filled.

Anticipated work for next year include prospects for expansion in the oil industry development of federal defense installations in Utah, and preliminary work such as testing the access roads on the reclamation projects in this State. For 1952 we expect as much work but no more than we have enjoyed in 1951.

We have recently received many fine letters from our brothers in Africa, including Brother Ernest McDonald, June Maupin, Elwood Casella and Roy Pattie. We know that you brothers in Africa will be glad to know that we received a good letter from Brother Walt Sutherland in the Province, R. I. hospital. He is recuperating ably from his serious accident while in Africa and promises us a visit in Salt Lake this winter.

Two Utah Engineers recently received recognition for their fine work in behalf of members of Operating Engineers Local No. 3, when Governor Lee named Bro. C. R. Van Winkle to the State Board in charge of review of unemployment insurance claims and Brother Charley Cockayne was appointed by Governor Lee to the State Board in charge of the Retirement Fund for State employees. Since both these men are Democrats their appointments indicate the hard work and constructive fairness of attitude that must have marked their efforts to have justified their appointment in the mind of our Governor Lee, a liberal Republican.

We are happy to see Griffith, Cornell & Carman, sub-contractors on the \$300,000 United Concrete Pipe job on Salt Lake Waterlines sign an agreement with the Operating Engineers for the first time. This agreement will make two more union jobs in Utah since this able contractor has a job at Clearfield also.

Stu Nelson and Harold Birtcher, the Gold Dust twins, of Nelson Birtcher fame, have Brothers Geo. Farrell and John Thornton on hoers for Griffiths Cornell & Carman with Brothers Pete Higgins and "Sandy" Sanderson oiling.

Brothers Max Andrews and Ned Shurtliff have added another N.W. motor crane and a 3/4-yd. Lima to their spread and have sold their Manitowoc.

## News From Mines, Shops

### KENNECOTT COPPER CO.

At this writing, August 6, no progress has been made in the current negotiations for an agreement. Despite every effort to reach some basis for negotiations by the Joint Negotiating Committee, the company remains adamant in its attitude and refuses to budge. Unless the Government intervenes, and perhaps even if it does, or unless the company takes

a more practical and conciliatory attitude toward a settlement, one or more of the unions involved may "hit the bricks" before this reaches you in print.

Practically every issue of the current negotiations remains in dispute and the company hasn't made a move to meet the unions part way on any of them. At present these issues are: (1) union shop, (2) wages and classifications, (3) pensions, (4) increased insurance benefits to include the members' families, (5) two additional paid holidays, (6) increased sick leave benefits, (7) improved vacations, (8) improved "on the job accident" benefits, (9) improved benefits for members entering the armed services, and (10) settlement of a number of local issues peculiar to each union.

On the last issue, your committee together with your representative can report good progress, and a number of vexing problems, especially that of "extra crews," can be reported as SOLVED—at least, as well as we can foresee the future. It gives us pleasure to give credit to a "damn good" local Grievance Committee. It consists of Bros. "Red" Robinson and "Kenny" Foster, shovels; Bro. "Bert" Cheever, jitney cranes; Bro. Owen Allmendinger, cats, and Bro. "Bert" Ivie, pumps. All these brothers have done a bang-up job of backing up your representatives and deserve a lot of credit for their work.

### IRON MINES AT CEDAR CITY

The wage settlement agreed to with the company and accepted by the membership has been taken to Washington to the Wage Stabilization Board. There it was found that no mining panel of the WSB had yet been created. However, the construction panel was persuaded to hold a hearing on the case and agreed to accept jurisdiction if it could be shown that they had handled these mines during World War II.

This CAN be shown and the necessary information has been forwarded to Washington. We HOPE every day, especially because of the announced liberalization of the WSB's rules on granting of increases, to hear a favorable decision. Keep your fingers crossed.

### LANG COMPANY

This settlement has yet to be consummated. Here again we are hoping for a relaxation of the wage stabilization formula and perhaps some satisfactory settlement can be worked out. In this case the increases already granted exceed the formula and as the wages are somewhat low, a cost of living increase might be worked out.

### VITRO CHEMICAL COMPANY

In this case we have been somewhat slow and at fault ourselves. Our only excuse is that you can't be two places at one time and we have been too busy to give much time to the problem. Working out new agreements takes time and study and whatever time we have had has been devoted to the problem. We hope to be in negotiations on an agreement before the end of this week.

In the meantime, we haven't been entirely neglecting this company. A temporary shift differential pay has been made effective, retroactive to July 1. The question of "protective clothing" has been the subject of several meetings with the company and the firm has agreed to furnish the same. The question of back pay due the men employed before the temporary wage scale was agreed to has been taken up with Mr. Ruters of the company's Pittsburgh office and an agreement reached to pay it.

### SAND AND GRAVEL WAGES

Several attempts have been

made to get this wage increase approved and into effect. It is our contention that the increase can be granted without prior approval of the Wage Stabilization Board, as it comes within the 10 per cent formula. However, we have not as yet persuaded the "Association" to go along with us. Anyway, they agree that it will be paid back to the May 15 date.

### PERSONAL NOTES

There seems to be a tendency in the iron mines lately toward suffering bone fractures in the feet. Bro. Merrill Memmott, a welder at Iron Springs, broke a foot by dropping a shovel tooth on it, and Bro. Charles Iker, oiler at Iron Springs, had a large rock roll on his foot, causing a bad fracture. Both brothers are doing fine, according to our last report. Bro. Julius Dennis, cat skinner at Iron Mountain, reported his wife underwent a serious operation July 26. He was happy, as we are, to report that the operation was a success and his wife is doing fine. We hope that your health will be much better in the future, Mrs. Iker.

Bro. Fletcher Garrison, lube foreman at Desert Mound, has left there and is going to Kentucky to work for the McGraw Company. It is a much better job, he reported, and we wish him well in his new position. . . . It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Bro. Wendell E. Mann, who was fatally injured by lightning while employed at Kennecott Copper Co. on July 27. In behalf of the officers and members of Local Union No. 3, we offer our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

## In the North and Dugway

Germer, Abbott & Waldron have the dust flying on their job west of Snowville, with Bro. John Burt as superintendent. There will be a swing shift to start in about a week and this will call for a crew.

Olof Nelson has his job at Richmond almost finished and the men are moving to his job at Timpie. L. T. Johnson has moved most of his equipment from his job at Newton. All that is left is the Patrols that are laying the oil.

Parsons & Fyfe are getting under way on their job at Brigham. M. K. Construction is making good headway on its railroad job in Ogden, as is Wheelwrights with their crushing and water line jobs. Griffith, Cornell & Carman have a water line job at Clearfield that is getting started and the company has said it will sign with the Building & Trades, so I think this job will be okay.

Olof Nelson's job at Timpie is going strong and is a good project for the Operating Engineers. W. W. Clyde's job at Dugway is still in high gear in spite of the rain and wind. Cox & Coltharp have their road job at Dugway almost ready for gravel. J. K. Thayne is getting his Dugway work out in

the open so they can see where they have been. Thayne's railroad job at Tooele is going very well. J. M. Sumsion will be getting under way soon. They're scattering the pipe for the job from Mills Junction to Tooele.

## Utah State Road News

We recently were informed by the Board of Examiners that at its July meeting the Operating Engineers' request was considered and approved, to become effective as of August 1, 1951, for our Road Commission Maintenance Department members and friends to be granted the same paid holidays as are already enjoyed by the salaried employees of the State of Utah.

This means that in the future they will receive at least six additional paid holidays each year. This accomplishment is a great step forward in our endeavors to bring to you working conditions which at least equal, if not surpass, those enjoyed by employees in private industry. We have extra reason to be proud of the increase in the number of paid holidays, because Utah sets a precedent in number of holidays being paid to hourly-rate employees in the state.

I wish to correct an erroneous report in the last edition. My apologies to our good friend Tom Christian, who is doing a swell job as foreman of the engine rebuild department. Louis Bernard is doing an equally swell job in the diesel shop.

The results of the election for Retirement Board members has been published. Unfortunately, in some areas of the state, certain individuals in supervisory positions took it upon themselves to dissuade some of you from supporting the individuals we recommended to you. As a result, at least one man was elected in the group who had fought viciously to prevent the social security bill from passing in the recent session of the Legislature. Heber Bennion, Secretary of State, is automatically a member. The Governor will no doubt have appointed the other three members of the board by the time you receive this edition of the News. We certainly intend to be in the picture to see that the rights of all our people are protected as provided by the law, and contrary to any adverse opinion you may hear, that is our sole interest in any part of this or anything else pertaining to your welfare. Those who are advising you against affiliating with Operating Engineers Local 3 prove by their advice that they have no interest in your future betterment. Some at least would like to continue to push you around on any job for \$1 an hour.

Let's build up a solid organization! Check the list for meeting dates and attend your meeting so that we may discuss your complaints, if you have any.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 14—Lang Company employees, 1969 South Main street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Friday, Aug. 17—Sand and Gravel and Construction, Ogden Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.

Friday, Aug. 24—Iron Mine members, Escalante Hotel, Room 11, Cedar City, Utah.

Tuesday, Aug. 28—Kennecott Engineers, Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' Hall, Bingham, 2-5 p. m.

Thursday, Sept. 11—Lang Company employees, 1969 South Main street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Wednesday, Sept. 12—Sand and Gravel, Construction 1969 South Main street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Friday, Sept. 14—Sand and Gravel and Construction, Provo Labor Temple, Provo, Utah.

## Schedule of State Road Meetings

Wednesday, Aug. 15—Provo Labor Temple, 161 W. First North, Provo, Utah.

Thursday, Aug. 16—Price City Hall, Price, Utah.

Friday, Aug. 17—Ogden Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.

Tuesday, Aug. 28—Johnson Hotel, Richfield, Utah.

Thursday, Aug. 23—American Legion Hall, Roosevelt, Utah.

Thursday, Aug. 23—Escalante Hotel, Room 11, Cedar City, Utah.

Friday, Aug. 24—County Court House, Logan, Utah.

Thursday, Sept. 13—1969 South Main street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

## News of Southern Utah

Work in this area is slowing down somewhat but the contractors seem to find something for the members to do, as there are very few coming in out of work and when they do we are able to place them without much lost time.

The jobs finishing up are the ones started last year and run over into this year. There are a few new jobs starting, the biggest of these being Strong's job getting under way this week at Beaver. It's to cost the taxpayers \$508,000.

United Concrete Pipe is doing a good job in Provo Canyon and also a pipeline in Salt Lake City, which together employ about 20 of our members. Bill Ross Construction Co. is doing the excavating and laying of pipe on these projects and we find Bill a very fine fellow to do business with.

Hechett Engineering Co. is to come to Geneva from Butler, Pa., to do some reclaiming on the slag dump, to the tune of \$1 million or more. I haven't contacted this company as yet but hope to have good relations with them as they are going to have four or more new Montawalks and about the same number of cats.

The rest of the work at Geneva has held up well, with McGraw Company doing the major part.

### PERSONAL NOTES

It's always interesting to read in the daily paper where some brother has become a father, or that he has had his license revoked for three months for drunken driving or some other cause. It just goes to prove that we do have time to do something else besides work.

Bro. Leon Lees is the proud father of a baby boy weighing in at about five pounds; also Bro. Jim Estes, a boy, weight unreported. If these guys follow in their fathers' footsteps, they should make good members and we will get some relief from the shortage of oilers which has plagued us a bit lately. Good luck, fellows.

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## "Electrification Week" a Phony, Declares Truman

Washington (LPA). — President Truman branded as a "publicity stunt" the power industry's forthcoming "Rural Electrification Week" and said it merely was an attempt to convince people that the job of electrifying farms has been completed.

"No doubt some people can be led by deception to believe that the rural electrification job is now completed," Mr. Truman wrote James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union. "However, I cannot believe that many will be fooled."

"Publicity stunts and rosy pronouncements by the power industry have never electrified any farms, a fact we have had many opportunities to learn."

The power industry, which consistently has opposed the government's rural electrification program, announced its "Week" to celebrate what it said was the virtual completion of farm electrification. Mr. Truman said it seemed to him that "when the time really comes to celebrate.....the group entitled to sponsor the event are the rural people themselves"—not the hostile power industry.

"For the present, those who are sincerely interested in the welfare of our agriculture and our country will certainly do all they can to electrify the remaining unserved rural establishments rather than be satisfied with an unfinished job," the President wrote Patton.

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Engineers in the Marysville area are sweating the heat and official word on a \$39,000,000 expansion of nearby Camp Beale, which is due to start any time.





San Jose—

# WAGE SUIT, LABOR CHARGE FOLLOW WEEK'S LOCKOUT

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

A week's shutdown of all major building jobs in the Santa Clara-San Mateo County area, Aug. 2 to 9, caused loss of work for many of our members. Suits for loss of wages and damages and unfair labor practice charges have been filed by several union groups as a result of this action by the AGC and the Peninsula Home Builders Association.

A number of large projects were involved, including the big tank works project of Food Machinery on Coleman Ave., a Bechtel job. Moffett Field jobs were also shut down. We shudder to think what the contractors would say if this shutdown were caused by labor's refusal to work.

We are glad that work has been resumed, and our Engineer members are back on their jobs.

### SUPERSONIC TUNNEL

Several new contracts have been let in Moffett Field recently, but to date they have not started operations. The Chicago Bridge Company was low bidder on the new eight-foot supersonic wind tunnel to the tune of about \$2½ million. We expect pile driving on this project soon. Guy F. Atkinson also grabbed off another good one to the tune of about \$1 million. At present Atkinson's have slowed down their operations at Moffett due to their inability to get their quarry producing sufficient rock to supply the runway. The excavation on the one runway is just about complete. Atkinson's new quarry is near the old Permanent clay pit site, near Blackberry Farm. Bro. Jim Arregar is to be the pusher on the second shift. As for Atkinson's highway job, Clements & Co. of Hayward have set up their rock crushing plant and are now hauling base material. . . . Valley Trenching of Fresno has moved in on a pretty good sized job in Los Gatos. . . . P. & J. Artukovich and Chas. Dorfman Co. have wound up most of their sewer work in this valley.

Bebeck & Brkich, who have the big sewer job in Rosemary Gardens and in downtown San Jose, are making speedy progress. However, this job will run for some time yet. . . . Barrett & Hilp have broken ground on the new O'Connor Hospital with Ed Keeble excavating and A. J. Peters doing the underground work. (This job is shut down at present due to the aforesaid controversy.) Barrett & Hilp were also low bidders on the San Jose State College Laboratory. . . . Neilsen & Neilsen of San Francisco are making good progress on their \$600,000 State College job.

J. S. Pomery is well-occupied at present on his \$3½ million job in the Westinghouse plant at Sunnyvale. . . . These jobs mentioned above are just a few of the larger ones under construction by outside contractors. All of our local contractors are keeping their equipment rolling on the many small jobs in and around San Jose. The numerous plants in this area are also operating to capacity.

### SOUTHERN DIVISION

There is quite a little work in progress in the southern part of this territory and quite a little in the offing. Normac Construction Co. of Los Angeles is making good progress on its large prefab building program at Fort Ord. The same can be said of the Granite Construction Co. who is busy in the Fort on the numerous military roads, also the rifle ranges. . . . Manuel Smith is still very much occupied with his sewer job at Seaside as is the Stolte Co. on its sewer disposal plant in the same little city. The Stolte Co. is also getting started on its new sewer job in Monterey. . . . Chas. Dorfman has started his newly acquired sewer job at Pacific Grove. The many small contractors in Monterey and the surrounding towns are keeping most of their equipment busy on small jobs. As a result, the Monterey Sand and Gravel Plant is running 24 hours a day.

From all indications, the Navy is going ahead with its \$5,000,000 housing project at Monterey. From

what we can gather, Granite will do the grading. At present there are no jobs of any magnitude in progress around Salinas but a couple of new subdivisions are to get under way before long. There is also to be a pipeline built between Salinas and King City. Lyles Construction Co. has the contract and expects to get started around the 15th.

The Consolidated Western is keeping busy at the P. G. & E. Moss Landing Plant — building tanks. The Bethlehem Steel Co. is busy on the same project—erecting steel for the new plant extension.

The M. J. B. Co. of Stockton is going right ahead with its 12 miles of highway work in Camp Roberts. The grading should be through in about three weeks. Ted Baun has wound up his resurfacing job in the East and Main Garrison. There is to be some pipe work done between the East and Main Garrison. Lyles Construction Co. is doing the work. There will be four new wells drilled in the Main Garrison which will connect the East and Main Garrisons.

Fredrickson & Watson are still active on their highway job at Chular and are progressing fairly well. The Granite Construction Co. is going right ahead on its street work in the Soledad Prison grounds. As we have said before, Granite Construction Co. keeps busy on many small jobs throughout the southern part of the territory and they employ quite a crew of engineers in their shops.

There is some activity in the oil fields at San Ardo but it has slowed down to some extent.

Hollister is to have some new street work very shortly and there is to be some resurfacing work done on the highway north of Gilroy.

### NEWS FOR AND ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother Ben Yount has been on the "Sick List" for quite a spell but is feeling some better and hopes to get to work, soon. . . . Bro. C. J. Nainsmith is going back on his job for Piazza Paving after recovering from a couple of serious operations. . . . Bro. Robert E. Lane is now one of the "Leatherneck" Marines, as is Bro. Jim Arregar, Jr. . . . Bro. J. B. Mathews has put his little "Digger" to work for Roy Butcher. . . . Bro. Roy Freitas, loader operator for Paroline Construction Co., has been laid up in the hospital with a badly injured hand.

We are sorry to say that Bro. M. C. Smith will be out of circulation for awhile as it is necessary for him to undergo an operation. . . . Bro. Le Roy Andrade, who was injured while in the employ of the West Coast Equipment Company, doesn't expect to get back on the job for at least a month, yet. . . . Bro. Del Armer has moved his family up near Aromas, where he expects to do a little ranching on the side. . . . Had a very interesting letter from Bro. H. T. "Howard" Dougherty, who is working as a Super for the Macco-Pan Co. on their road job in Bolivia. Howard says its tough going with nothing but native help on the blades. Bro. Whitfield (who for so long ran crane for the San Jose Steel) had a spell in the hospital.

Our thanks to the many brothers who have so kindly written or phoned into the office to advise us that they had gone to work elsewhere. We certainly appreciate this courtesy.

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Davis Dam Project, 30 miles west of Kingman, Ariz., completion of stilling basin, bids due, \$2,871,800.

Eureka—

# WORK HITS PEAK IN REDWOOD EMPIRE; PUSH TO BEAT RAINS

By A. R. McCAFFREY, Business Representative

Construction work in the Redwood Empire seems to have reached its peak. All the jobs are filled and there is very little turnover. The demand for Engineers has slowed down and what calls we do get is for short jobs. All of the larger jobs in the area have been rolling since early spring and everyone is doing their best to finish as soon as possible. Scared of early rains.

John Burman & Son and Carr & Rocco have started on their bridge and approach job at Blue Lake over Mad River. They are getting a late start and it looks to me like it will be a pretty tough job, won't be able to finish it this year.

Bro. Louie Connor has all his rigs back working after a short layoff. Louie has been up on the Dolly Varden Road at Redwood Summit but they decided to postpone that work up there until later, probably next spring.

Bosch & Cummings are still on this same job but they don't know for how long. They are now stockpiling crusher-run material.

### MERCER-FRASER BUSY

Mercer-Fraser Co. is still in high gear all over the country. Their larger jobs are: Smith River 5.3 miles State Highway which should be completed in about three weeks. Trinidad, 3 miles State Highway, which should be completed in about 30 days. Arcata job. Two overpasses just starting. This is the first section to be let on the Burns Freeway, which will be between Arcata and Eureka. The next section to be let will be a large dirt job which is expected to break next spring. They are also installing two truck scales; one at Arcata, the other at Blue Lake. They moved their P & H Stabilizer, three rollers and a blade to the Frederickson Bros. job at Alton to process the cement treated base. This P & H Single Pass Soil Stabilizer sure does the job in a hurry. They spread the cement on the aggregate out of dump trucks and then the machine comes along and picks it up, mixing it and spreading it out ready to lay down in one operation, right on the job.

Frederickson Bros. job at Alton is rolling right along. The crusher is going full blast, with the hot-plant to start in about two weeks. This job started last year and they will have to go some to finish it this year. It looks like Macco-M.K. Co. job at Crescent City is finished for this year. All they are doing now is overhauling and painting the equipment. The extension that they expected didn't materialize.

### EUREKA SEWER JOB

Hoagland-Findlay Co. is making good progress on their large sewer disposal project in Eureka despite the tough breaks they have had. Too much water, pumps going night and day, and ditches caving in.

Baldwin & Straub are just about finished with the water purification plant. This has sure been a technical job.

C. M. Syer has finished the grading on the adjoining reservoir and is now finishing the cement work.

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Bro. Tom Hull is really going to warm up now. He just purchased a hot-plant which will really keep him busy.

Fred J. Maurer & Son keep several of the brothers busy on various jobs around the area.

Bro. John Jackson has all his equipment busy on different jobs after a short lull. He pulled in the other day to do a job right next to our office and he was called by one of the brothers for his button. He pointed to his hat and showed the brother a last quarter button, which would not do. Good thing his dues were paid up. He came in and got a new button.

All the local contractors are busy on various jobs around the area, although there seems to be a slow-down due to the shortage of materials. Everyone seems to think it is just a temporary situation. At the present time our out-of-work list is small, which we hope will stay that way.

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Tucson, Ariz., bids due, Wherry Act housing project, \$2,597,000.

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## Redding—

## MIGHTY SHASTA DAM IS KEY TO CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT

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

The first full operation of that mighty Shasta Dam took place August 1, 1951. With such notables present as Reclamation Commissioner Richard W. Strauss, Representative Clair Engle, Senator Edwin J. Reagan of Weaverville, the writer, and many other state and government officials.

In September, 1938, work started on this mighty project. Nearly 13 years ago. There is still considerable construction to be done. Elliott and Gist are still plugging away on the bridge crossing the Sacramento River near the power house. S. C. Giles Company will soon complete the vista house. They have been working on this project over a year. Frederick and Watson have completed the paving. Tyson and Watters are near the half-way mark on the paving at Government City. Quite a sight to see. An average of 30,000 people visit Shasta Dam each month.

Frederick and Watson have finished the freeway between Redding and Anderson and have moved most of their crew and equipment to Shingletown, to engage in building roads for the McDonald Logging Co. Brother Harold H. House, who has been with the McDonald Logging Co. for several years, reports everything is going well out there.

Harms Bros. recently added more equipment and engineers to their road project in Lassen County. Brother Frank Davidson has taken over as grade foreman and his son

Richard is on a roller. A little more than eight miles to be paved on this project and they expect to be through some time in October.

O'Hair Co. are making good progress on their project near Adin.

Tyson and Watters are doing likewise at Ft. Bidwell.

Eugene Alves will start laying the hot stuff at Igo about September 15th.

Brother Andy McCaffrey of Eaton and Smith says he will have the big fills in on the Hatchet Mt. job by September 15th. That means the grading on this project will be finished.

Clements Construction Co. of Hayward are moving the equipment in to do the paving there.

Work continues to be good in the district with all the brothers working and it will continue till late fall. But after that brother, save your money, because no new work has been advertised for this district.

Brother Ray Colby is nursing a broken arm which he received while working for Elliott and Gist at the Shasta Dam.

## Peninsula—

## EMPLOYMENT FOR ENGINEERS INCREASES AS JOBS STEP UP

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative, Local 3

According to the dispatch sheets on file in this office, employment for members of Local 3 has shown a decided increase for July over the previous month.

Although some of our employers saw fit to halt operations on some of the major projects in this area during the past week, engineers were transferred to other jobs where possible.

Under the supervision of Bros. Reese, Woodhouse, McClure, and Woods, many engineers are being steadily employed throughout this district on street and highway work, subdivisions, and miscellaneous jobs for the contracting firm of Woodhouse and Douglas. While visiting their numerous scenes of operation, this representative contacted Bros. Evans, Breen, Thompson, Carse, Pittard, Barnes and many others who seemed to be happily and industriously engaged in their work.

At Menlo Park the United Concrete Pipe Co. is near the completion of the actual pipe laying on its huge pipeline job for the San Francisco Water Co., but it will be several months before the back filling and finish work is completed, according to reports from this job. Several engineers will be employed on this project until the latter part of the year.

Peter Sorenson of Redwood City has a large crew of our members employed on street work in the Friendly Acres subdivision and the quarry at Woodside.

## SALT, PINE FLAT

J. O. Archibald of Redwood City has a string of Cats finishing up the salt beds for Leslie Salt Co. at the port of Redwood and along with Sandrath and Ebricht has a large group of Cats and Jeeps and a couple of shovels busily employed at Point Lobitas on their state highway job.

At the South San Francisco headquarters for Guy F. Atkinson Co., this firm has added many welders and heavy duty mechanics to their payroll in the shop, preparing equipment for their huge project at Pine Flat.

R. A. Farish, with the able assistance of Foreman Bro. Boyd Gable and Operators Haley, Trimble, Dwyer, Ellis and several others, are moving dirt at a rapid rate on the Golden Gate Cemetery job.

## Middle-Income Are Main Buyers Of New Housing

Washington, D. C.—Purchasers of new houses in metropolitan areas in the latter half of 1949 were predominantly middle-income families (\$3000 to \$5000) and average price of a new home was \$11,000, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reports in its July Monthly Labor Review.

Groups with middle and high income (\$5000 or more) accounted for about 80 per cent of the new units rented. Average monthly rental was \$93, or more than a fifth of average monthly income.

The period was one of increased housing activity due to an expanded demand for "economy" houses, the Bureau says.

Miles Thomas has the subcontract for the drainage system on this project.

The L. C. Smith Co. of San Mateo, with a crew of 75 engineers, can be seen at any point in this entire area on street, highway, subdivision, pipeline, and miscellaneous work.

All of the local contractors, including Weber and McCann, Speery and McCue, Frank W. Smith, Fisk and Firenze, Bragato Paving Co., Baumann Bros., McCommon and Wunderlich, E. T. Haas, Floyd Watson, and many others are operating at full capacity. Some 100 employers with from one to 100 members of Local 3 on their payrolls are operating in this district at the present time.

Folsom Dam contract is due to be opened on Aug. 31. Meanwhile, there are no jobs there now, and the brothers are advised against going there in search of work.

## Industry Panel Issues General Wage Reg. 12

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propriate job classification. The commission expects to proceed promptly to the establishment of these area rates.

Pending the publication of area rates, the rates permissible without further approval are to be determined by one of three methods: (1) a contractor on a federal government project may pay the rates predetermined for the project by the Secretary of Labor; (2) where rates have been fixed by collective bargaining according to the customary practice in the area, any contractor may pay rates not higher than the rate being paid under the collective bargaining agreement on the effective date of this Construction Regulation I, provided that such rate was established without violation of earlier wage stabilization regulations; (3) where there is no established collective bargaining agreement negotiated in accordance with the customary area practice, a contractor may pay for each job classification a rate not higher than the rate actually prevailing in the area for the appropriate type of construction, provided that such rate was established without violation of earlier wage stabilization regulations. In case of doubt, any interested person may request the commission to designate the area rate.

## EFFECTIVE JULY 26

The regulation prohibits increasing wages above the rates in effect in an area on the date of the regulation, which is July 26, unless specific authorization is obtained from the commission in accordance with the procedures which the regulation establishes for the establishment. The commission has not announced the policies which it will follow in acting upon requests for the establishment, revision, or approval of rates.

## 80,000 Auto Wkrs. Are Laid Off

Washington, D. C.—Returning from a Detroit conference with labor leaders, the heads of the nation's leading automobile manufacturing companies, and officials of the Michigan Employment Security Commission, Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin expressed concern over the prospect of mounting unemployment in Detroit due to the already severe and growing shortages of critical materials—copper, aluminum and steel.

Huge quantities of these materials are being allocated to the production of defense items, requiring plant shut-downs and slow-downs in the auto industry. It will be several months before industries converted to defense production can absorb workers laid off in the auto industry.

Tobin learned that there are now about 80,000 laid-off auto workers who are still unemployed. The prospect is that this number will increase to 95,000 by mid-September.

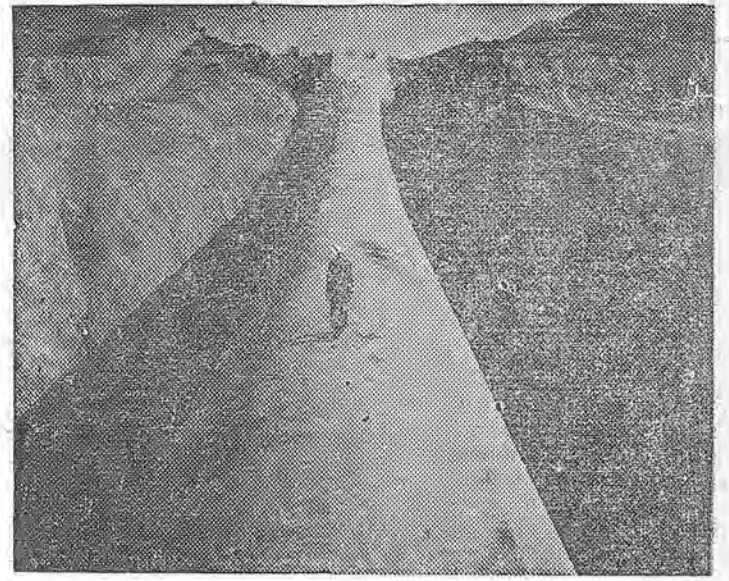
Tobin said he would arrange for the early establishment of a management-labor committee for the Detroit area (Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties).

## WSB Lists Offices And Directors

Washington.—The Wage Stabilization Board listed the location of its regional officers and directors where unions and employers may take wage increases to be processed and approved. The list includes Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Richmond, Va.; Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Dallas, Detroit, Cleveland, Minneapolis and two west coast cities:

San Francisco—Arthur N. Ross, Room 838, Flood Building.

Seattle—Leo Kotin, Room 615-17, 905 Second Avenue Building.



A river goes under a river at this point on the 117-mile Delta Mendota canal. This huge concrete siphon carries two million gallons per minute underneath a stream along the route of the canal, which brings Sacramento river water 200 miles southward into the San Joaquin river, which is blocked at source by Friant dam to provide water for the dry lower eastside via Friant-Kern canal. Central Valley project completion rites are being held this summer.

## Engineers Play a Big Role In Central Valley Project

When they turned on the giant Tracy pumps, heartbeat of the \$400,000,000 Central Valley Project, and turned rivers from the sea to dry lands of the south, there was much oratory on man's conquest of nature, but little, if anything, was said about the men who turned the trick.

It was a hot dusty afternoon Aug. 4 in the rolling yellow hills west of Tracy. The politicians were there in strength, the brass, the bureau chiefs, and the civic and farm leaders. It was truly an historic occasion in the longest mass movement of water ever attempted by man.

We listened to one speech after another and learned much about this enormously valuable project, which cost about the same as one battleship or atom bomb, but it was disappointing to hear very little said about the engineers and contractors whose brains, skill and brawn made it possible.

Speakers referred to the "ingenuity of man," the "courage and persistence of man," failing to be specific except for some of the engineering brains that conceived the plan. As for the great construction skill that went into the record-breaking dams, and pumps, and hundreds of miles of canals and transmission lines, not much was said. They must have assumed that since these boys get paid for their work, that is credit enough.

## A JOB WELL DONE

But a visit to any big job would show the white collar boys that operating engineers and their fellow workers have their heart in their work and get more real thrill out of the big things they accomplish than anyone else possibly could feel.

From the snow-pack of Shasta, life-giving water has been turned away from its normal waste into the sea and sent southward 500 miles to the arid stretches of the southern valley, which now will bloom with rich growth. It is the realization of a 70-year dream, and the actual work of 15 years.

But this is just a starter. As Secretary of Interior Chapman told the crowd at Tracy, there's enough water running out of other California rivers into the ocean to make a garden out of tremendous inland reaches of California and Arizona—new land for millions of little people to live in the sun with independence.

Big Mike Strauss, Reclamation Bureau chief, saw the culmination of his fondest hopes in this huge California reclamation, flood-control, and power-development project.

Everybody was happy over it. Even Republican Governor Warren saw enormous benefit in this Democratic project, and he said, with due concession to the Big Business private power interests, that both private and public power are needed to give California what it needs for great population and industry growth.

The sweat ran down inside our shirts, but the crowds draped around the slopes above the giant sunken pumping plant thrilled noticeably as jets roared 300 feet

overhead and the governor, flash-bulbs popping, pulled a switch which brought muffled thunder from the pumps below.

## JUST A BEGINNING

Water in the canal dropped noticeably as the six pumps sucked it out, each at 340,000 gallons per minute, and sent it half a mile and 200 feet upward into Delta Mendota canal, to flow 117 miles southward, into the dry San Joaquin to flow back northward and supply that section of the valley, while the San Joaquin's water is taken from its source at Friant dam and sent south to Bakersfield.

But this is just a beginning. Under way at present is Folsom dam on the American river east of Sacramento to supply that area. Projected is a huge project on the Feather river at Oroville, which, as Governor Warren predicted, could help fill the great water needs of Southern California.

While rain-makers may toy with the clouds for water-hungry municipalities, meanwhile the engineers dam the rivers and build water highways from the wet north to the dry south, thus assuring a steady supply of water-gold to America's future population center—California, Arizona, Nevada.

Thus, while we spend billions for war and destruction, we are not overlooking the constructive goals of mankind, leading toward a better, fuller life for all Americans.

—F. A.

## Rescue Striped Bass

The state's striped bass rescue operations in flooded Webb Tract, near Oakley, have literally bogged down, according to a report from the Division of Fish and Game.

After several months of struggling against hidden pot holes and muddy dead-end sloughs, the Bureau of Fish Conservation crew has concentrated its netting operations in deep water behind the levee break.

Rescue of the stranded stripers was started this spring. Impounding nets were constructed to trap the fish for removal to "live" water in the nearby San Joaquin River.

The fast-growing above-water areas of the tract are islands of mud and snags. Working the nets through the shallows is a tough and ticklish job, according to District Biologist Alex Calhoun. Biggest problem in the unique operation, he reveals, is transplanting the rescued bass and catfish to safer waters.

The volunteer conservation work of sportsmen fishing the Tract has saved countless thousands of young fish. Anglers have been catching and releasing undersized fish in open water, although it usually means a muddy trip to the levee, Calhoun said.