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## Official Notice-- September Meeting Day Moved

**Change of meeting date:**  
The regular membership meeting will be postponed until Saturday, September 10th, so as not to interfere with the **Labor Day Holiday**.  
The meeting will be held as usual in the San Francisco Building Trades Temple at 200 Guerrero street, at 8 p.m.  
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## Trinity, Feather Jobs Move Along

Latest word on the \$225 million Trinity hydro-electric project is that it now has the President's signature, last step in a long fight for its approval. However, there will be great deal of preliminary steps to be taken, so work probably won't start until next year.

This huge project will take water from the Trinity river in the mountains west of Redding, tunnel it through the mountains and provide electric power en route, then flow into Sacramento river to add to the central valley water project. Meanwhile, work is going ahead on PG&E expansion on the Feather river, with big tunnel jobs set to go. These are part of the firm's latest power expansion in this area. No word has been given in recent weeks on how the billion-dollar Feather river project itself now stands. This development is sorely needed to bolster water supplies for the enormously expanding southern half of the state, but there has been long delay in a start on the project.

## Bay Bridge Contract

Contract has been awarded at \$1,744,000 to Chas. L. Harney Co. to add ten traffic lanes to the toll praze of the Bay Bridge. The 10 new lanes will be added north of the present 20 lanes and will be used by westbound traffic. Also in the contract is widening of the plaza approach routes from Oakland and building of an overpass to feed traffic in from Port of Oakland.



On the occasion of Labor Day, 1955, the officers of Local 3 wish to extend to each and every member and their families the very best wishes for health, happiness and fullest achievement in the year ahead.

Fraternally,  
VICTOR S. SWANSON, Local Union Manager.

## California AFL Unions Anticipate "No Difficulties" in Labor Merger

(State Fed. Release)

Labor's approaching merger came a big step closer this week in Chicago with holding of an AFL special convention to amend its constitution in preparation for the first joint AFL-CIO convention set for December 5 in New York.

AFL delegates met Thursday, August 11, in the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Meanwhile, the CIO held an identical conference in the same city.

On the same day, C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, represented the state AFL movement at the Chicago convention.

Before leaving San Francisco headquarters, Haggerty said the State Federation anticipated "no difficulties" in merging with the California CIO unit.

He noted that for the past several years the state AFL organization has enjoyed cordial relations with the state CIO council and predicted that as soon as national policy meetings have spelled out "the mechanics of merger" sessions would be started with the CIO forces to the end of establishing a united movement in California.

Under terms of the proposed national agreement, state and local units of both AFL and CIO are given two years in which to effect their respective mergers.

The Chicago conference came on the eve of the 53rd convention of the California State Federation of

Labor opening Monday, August 15, in San Diego. AFL President Geo. Meany and California's Governor Goodwin J. Knight were both scheduled to address the opening session at Conference Hall in Balboa Park.

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## Calif.-Nevada Joint Water Project Moves

President Eisenhower last Thursday signed a bill authorizing a conference between Nevada and California on usage of waters from Lake Tahoe and three streams running from the Sierras into Nevada interstate. The conference will determine each state's rights to the water involved. The bill is a forerunner for prospective construction of the Washoe Reclamation Project in western Nevada which will take water from the lake and from the Carson, Walker, and Truckee rivers.

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## Historic Rail Trip To Folsom Aug. 21

Bay Area's railroad fan groups will observe 100th anniversary of the Sacramento Valley railroad, which started the present Southern Pacific system, with a special train from the Bay Area to Sacramento and thence over original trackage to Folsom. Oldest and newest in steam engines will double-head the special, and displays will be on hand at Sacramento. Fare is \$4.40 from Bay Area and Stockton. Call SP.

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## In Memoriam

FRED CARLSON  
July 10th, 1955, Riverdale, Calif.  
ARTHUR W. COLE  
July 14th, 1955, Sunnyvale, Calif.  
HARRY C. CLEVELAND  
July 16th, 1955, Sacramento, Calif.  
WM. A. SPEERS  
July 26th, 1955, San Mateo, Calif.  
MERRILL T. RALPH  
July 27th, 1955, Winton, Calif.  
PHIL BAIRD  
July, 1955, Ely, Nevada.

## Trinity, Tri-Dam Shape Up; Work Load Now at Peak

With the \$30 million Tri-Dam now dusting the sky over Sierra foothills east of Stockton, and the last hurdle being cleared in the \$225 million Trinity hydro-electric project in rugged mountains west of Redding, plus sizable PG&E power expansion under way on the Feather river, the year ahead looks very much like a water-power year for Operating Engineers.

Largest single reclamation project ever approved by Congress was signed into law August 12 by President Eisenhower. It authorizes construction of the \$225 million Trinity river project as a unit of the Central Valley project. Under it 700,000 acre feet of water will be diverted through two mountain ridges into Sacramento river and the CV water system.

It is planned to have PGE build the electric generating plants and pay the government for the water used. The project is expected to be in operation in from five to seven years.

Meanwhile, there is the little matter of a work load—one of the heaviest in recent years—occupying the attention of nearly every one of Local 3's 17,000 members on housing, highways, industries, and huge home projects now in high gear from long west slopes of the Rockies a thousand miles westward to the surf-pounded shores of the Pacific.

Many big industry jobs loom. Probably the most imposing is a \$25 million reconstruction and expansion of the big Avon refinery of Associated Oil, up the river a few blocks from Martinez. This game of steel and concrete will occupy 3000 tradesmen at peak.

Of the many, seemingly endless and ever bigger housing projects announced lately—helping to house the millions crushing into California these days—is a little 20,000-home deal now getting under way in San Mateo area, largest such in county history.

Here's a round-up of this month's interesting reports from Local 3 business agents:

**Redding:** Nothing but work. Eyes west as Trinity job moves nearer.

**Rosa-Ukiah:** Booming with homes, bridges.

**Nevada:** Strip mines hustling under the big blue; highways steadily better.

**San Francisco:** Between tourists and traffic, a big job on freeways, building.

**Northbay:** A new northward spurt of suburbanites, homes.

**Redwoods:** At peak, now leveling.

**Oakland:** July tops with 600 men cleared; freeways, housing reservoirs.

**Marysville:** Gopher treatment for big Feather power job; tunnel men busy.

**Sacramento:** At peak, will hold high rest of year, and next year looks good.

**San Jose:** Expansion; example: \$2½ million Macy store.

**Stockton:** Big influx for Tri-Dam; Cherry Valley dam going two and three shift.

**San Mateo:** Housing mushroom fever; biggest housing plan ever.

**Fresno:** PG&E gets going on Wishon dam, Kings river.

**Utah:** At season peak, roads, mines, industry; Isbell may unseat Utah Const. at Bingham stripping.

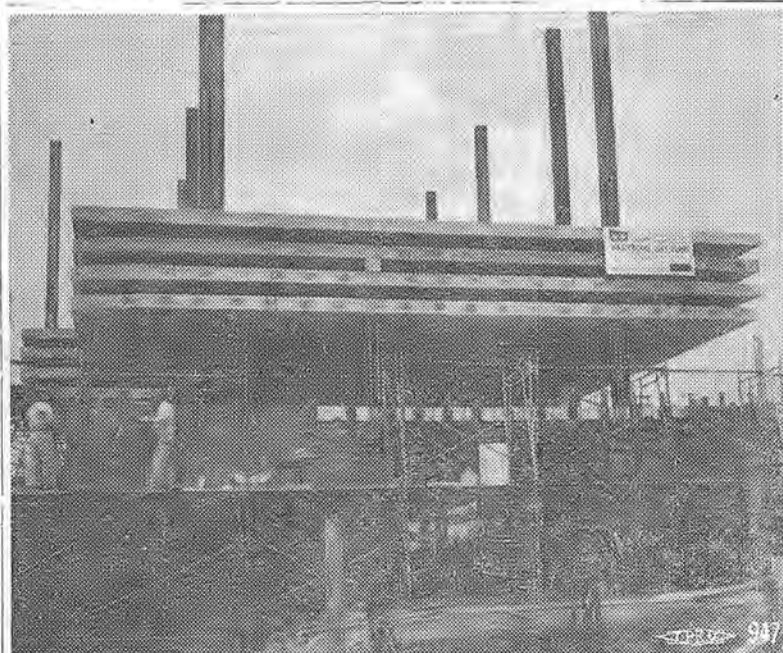
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Keep Dues Paid Up!



IT'S FISHING TIME!—Even though the workload is at its heaviest now, it still is a good time for fishing, and the boys grab a spell of it at every opportunity. Here is this month's fish picture, a 11¼ lb. catfish caught by Bro. Louis Roseberry, ditcher operator, at 11:30 p.m. just above the bridge in the Sutter Bypass. Up in Sierra county the boys on the Brown-Ely Co. job drop a hook in during the lunch hour.

—(Picture by Les Collett)



CONCRETE SANDWICH—Here is about 600 tons in four giant concrete slabs, the futuristic method of construction now being used in some California cities. This shows four separate floors for a new building at University of Calif. at L.A., a hefty but delicate method of raising the roof, capably guided by Engineers O. F. Nass and A. M. Langford. Hydraulic pressure provides the necessary oomph, being controlled from the central panel with much the same appearance as in playing an organ.



PLAY SAFE AGAINST MOUTH CANCER

By ASHER YAGUDA, M. D. Medical Director, Union Health Center International Ladies' Garment Workers Union, Newark, New Jersey

EDITOR'S NOTE—This is the fifth in a series of articles on cancer by medical directors in the labor field, written at the invitation of the American Cancer Society, as a part of its program to keep the public informed about the disease, precautions to be taken against it, and methods of cure.

Despite the advances in our knowledge concerning the nature of cancer and its behavior both in the test tube and in the body, at present our chief hope of decreasing the yearly toll of death due to that disease is in its early recognition and prompt and adequate treatment. Cancer can be cured if it is recognized and treated before it has had a chance to spread to other parts of the body from its original site of growth. It therefore becomes necessary to make available information concerning the first signs and symptoms of cancer so that the average person may recognize them as danger signs and immediately consult a physician.

The American Cancer Society has disseminated this kind of information widely, and the effectiveness of its efforts is indicated by the results of a survey in which 7000 persons were interviewed and which showed that the number of persons who have had a cancer examination rose from 14 per cent in 1948 to 31 per cent in 1955.

It is my purpose here to discuss the specific problem of cancer of the mouth and safeguards against it. Because the mouth is so readily accessible to thorough examination, and because disturbances in the mouth are readily recognized by the patient, it naturally would be expected that cancer of the mouth would be diagnosed early and a high percentage of cures would result. But the converse is true, and only about 35 per cent of cases of mouth cancer now are cured.

This cure rate could easily be doubled if existence of the cancer were detected early enough. If cancer of the mouth is so favorably located for an early diagnosis, why then is the cure rate so low? The answer to this is simple. People are indifferent to small, known abnormalities in the mouth, because they do not cause pain, and because in the early stages they do not interfere with the functions of the mouth.

Here are some facts about mouth cancer which you should know. They comprise about 5 per cent of all forms of cancer occurring in the human body. They occur predominantly in males and in the older age groups. The most frequent site of involvement in mouth cancer is the tongue, then next in frequency are the lower lip, the floor of the mouth, the gums and jaws, and the lining membranes of the cheeks.

There are a number of factors which have been suspected of playing a role in the production of cancer of the mouth. The role of tobacco has recently been investigated at length, and although no final and proven verdict has yet been given, the evidence apparently confirms the belief that tobacco smoking or chewing is a factor in producing mouth cancer. Nutritional disorders due to a vitamin deficiency, particularly the vitamin B complex, produce changes in the tongue which may lead to cancer. Dental disorders, such as the presence of jagged or broken teeth, ill-fitting dentures, and infected gums (pyorrhea), have been suspected as playing a role in the development of mouth cancer by causing chronic irritation.

Intelligent precaution against mouth cancer calls for avoidance of those forms of persistent irritation which have been suspected of being factors in inducing it, and readiness to act quickly when any abnormal condition is noted in the mouth which could be an early evidence of that disease.

I have already cited forms of chronic irritation considered as having a part in bringing on mouth cancer. Here now are conditions which should raise the question of possible cancer of the mouth:

Any ulcer or sore of the lips,

tongue, gums, cheeks, or floor of the mouth which does not heal within a week or two in spite of treatment.

Any lump or nodule in the mouth, no matter how innocent looking.

Bleeding or discharge from the tongue.

Inability to wear a denture which has previously been worn without discomfort.

If any of the above develop, consult your physician and tell him of your suspicions. This will put him on the alert. If he decides it is not a cancerous core or lump and it does not heal readily under treatment within a week or two, insist that he remove a piece of the ulcer or lump and send it to a pathologist for microscopic examination. This is the best way to determine whether any sore or lump is or is not cancer.

If you follow this simple procedure, you need have no fear of cancer of the mouth, because you will be getting early treatment, and your chances of cure will be greatly increased. Remember, the delay of a few months in seeking treatment may mean the difference between a sure cure and a fatal outcome.

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Construction Awards

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) ROW No. 3067—To McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$91,174 for grade, pave, sewers, etc., 55th St. from center line of 14th Ave. to center line of 44th St. et al.

(2) ROW No. 3101—To McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$15,857 for grade, pave, etc., in and adj. to South Land Park Terrace Unit No. 14.

HOLLISTER, contract awarded to Pat Barkley, 620 E. Taylor Ave., Sunnyvale, \$74,914 for (1) instl. water distrib. sys.; & (2) drill, case and test pump water well.

CARSON CITY, Nev., contract awarded to Dodge Const. Inc., Drawer 31, Fallon, Nev., \$846,774 for const. por. of PSH in HUMBOLDT CO. on U.S. Rt. 95, SR No. 8, betw. Winnemucca & 21 mi. north, 21.118 mi. in length.

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BELMONT, contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., Box 95, Belmont, \$15,062 for const. sanitary sewer & water main, El Camino Real north of Ralston Ave., Belmont.

SAN LEANDRO, contract awarded to Rose & Matoza Const. Co., 20830 Rutledge Road, Castro Valley, \$56,498 for reconst. of 1st Ave. betw. Alvarado St. & Washington Ave., City of San Leandro, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

VISALIA, contract awarded to Gordon H. Ball, Camille Ave., Danville, \$15,934 for const. conc. bridge across Deer Creek, about 2 mi. N. of Earlimart, TULARE COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Nick Bebek, 11258 E. Rush St., El Monte, \$96,390 for const. storm sewers in Route 5 and vicinity, Part 2.

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ROSA-UKIAH AREA BUSY

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Business Representative

Two contracts have been awarded to Reichhold & Jurkovich of San Pablo for work to be done in Santa Rosa. One for resurfacing portions of the Alexander Valley Road, the other for resurfacing existing streets in Santa Rosa. Operating the barber green is Bro. Bill Merrill. Scribed operator Bro. Duane Reichhold with Bro. Jules Grabber on the roller.

Thomas Construction Company of Fresno was the successful bidder for new drainage facilities between Jenner and Mendocino County line.

Funds have been allocated for the long-awaited examination of a mooring basin site near the end of the present channel of the Noyo River.

Proposed sites for the basin, which would provide a refuge harbor where boats will be safe from hazards of fire, storm damage and jostling by other craft in the congested channel, are on the north and south sides of a bend in the river.

The Noyo Harbor Commission recommended that the south site be chosen, but opponents of the site maintain a basin there would fill with silt.

Authorization of the project was recommended in January 1948, but no funds have been available for initiation of the construction.

Although the present funds will finance studies from which the engineers will reach decisions concerning location and methods of construction, another allocation will be needed to undertake the actual work on the basin.

Reliance Enterprises, a Santa Rosa Construction firm, was low bidder twice on a Point Arena Air Force project, and won the contract the second time around after the Air Force rejected all first bids.

The first bids were all above military estimates of the cost of construction of an auxiliary water supply system and were thrown out. After redrafting of specifications bids were called again and the Santa Rosa firm again bid low.

Arthur B. Siri, Inc., of Santa Rosa was the low bidder on two contracts let for street work in Ukiah. This company has 69 miles of highways for seal coating at various locations in Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt and Trinity counties.

After two weeks of preliminary work in preparing the site for the new bridge on North Oak Street in Ukiah, workmen started pouring the concrete. Concrete 12 inches deep was poured between the two-foot footings dividing the foundation into sections.

The footings will hold the multiple arches through which the water will flow when the bridge is finished. This will be the largest multi-arched bridge in the Ukiah area.

Concrete retaining walls will hold the earth fill. The roadway will be blacktopped the full length including sidewalks on both sides. Concrete wings, two at each side of the bridge, will divert the stream water through the arches.

The bridge is expected to be completed in September.

FORT BRAGG HIGHWAY

Successful bidder on the Willits to Fort Bragg Highway was W. H. Darrough & Sons of Yuba City.

Granites' job at Blue Lake on Highway No. 20 is running smoothly. Excavation is 75 per cent completed. The channel excavation is 90 per cent completed. The cement treated base work is expected to start September 1st. Jim Spinson is the general superintendent. Bro. Jack Douglas, super foreman.

M.R.S. operators, Brothers Jim Tuso, Charles Norton, Rocky McClanahan. Can operators, Brothers Jack Dixon, West Spencer and Bud Adams. Dozer operators, Brothers Speck Bartlett, M. F. Dyrness, F. M. Vance, Sol Cox, and Jerry Hunsaker. On the Blades, Brothers

Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed Vice President Foss and Local Union Manager Swanson absent, and both excused. Brother Harry Metz acted as vice president.

A synopsis of the regular meeting minutes of July 9 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of July 20 read and the acts and recommendations of the board were by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of August 3 read and the acts and recommendations of the board were by motion approved as read, with the exception of that section pertaining to Arthur W. Coats, Jr., referred to New Business.

Brother Rodney W. Sohn cited to answer charges for violation of the working rules, appeared and stated he wished to plead guilty to said charges. President Clancy stated he would take the matter under advisement since he wished to further investigate the matter.

Brother Ralph Sterling cited to answer charges for violation of the working rules did not appear. A letter was read from him stating it was impossible for him to attend the meeting.

A communication was received from the San Francisco Labor Council requesting endorsement of the Bay Area United Crusade. It was regularly moved and seconded Local Union No. 3 endorse the Bay Area United Crusade Campaign. Filed.

Cards of thanks were received from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Paulson; the family of Louis Paul Clift; Lucy Baird and family; the family of Arthur W. Cole, Sr., Mrs. Phil Baird; Mrs. William Speers and family. Received and filed.

The following brothers were reported ill: Dee B. Adams, John Birdwell, Jr., Dewey Basham, Ivan H. Bolton, Pete G. Burum, Alfred Carozzo, Stanley Coach, T. E. Douglas, Arlie R. Darling, H. E. Felton, Loren E. French, Clinton C. Gillies, Frank George, Roy Gesinger, Harold Gehres, Irven A. Hudson, E. J. Higbee, Frank J. Hickey, Frank A. Holden, Leonard C. Hicks, L. G. Ince, James E. Johnson, Paul Kulich, LaVar Loveless, Grant Messerly, Edward Milvalsky, A. L. Morse, Robert Nordeen, G. A. Nuckoll, Joseph Naimen, Charlie Overman, Travis H. Proctor, John Perdue, C. A. Robbins, Armory Rathbun, Clarence Smith, M. H. Sheehan, Jules Schwartz, Fred Schalesky, Pius Wanner, J. M. Williams, Y. Ybarbo.

The following members were reported deceased: Fred Carlson, Arthur W. Cole, Phil Baird, Wm. A. Speers, Merrill T. Ralph. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect of our deceased brothers.

The business agents gave their reports which were accepted as given. Brother Frank A. Lawrence, Industrial Accident Commissioner, reported that the Governor had appointed one of his fellow commissioners, Harry W. Stewart, as Director of the Department of Employment. He also reported that there are more cases filed with the Industrial Accident Commission now than in the history of California. He requested that we write a letter to Mr. Stewart congratulating him on his appointment. It was regularly moved and seconded to concur in the request of Brother Lawrence. Carried.

Brother Collett spoke on Arthur William Coats, Jr. as candidate for office of Assemblyman in the 4th Assembly District of Yuba, Butte and Sutter Counties, stating that he has a wonderful record in the legislation for the support of labor and made the following motion: That we refer the matter of contributions for Mr. Coats' campaign to the Executive Officers and that we endorse Arthur W. Coats as candidate for assembly. Motion seconded and carried.

It was brought out that Labor Day falls on the Monday following our regular meeting night in September. It was regularly moved and seconded that the next Regular meeting be held on September 10, 1955. Carried. It was then brought out that Admission Day falls on Friday, September 9, which would again make a long weekend. In view of the previous action that the meeting be laid over to September 10, no action was taken on this matter.

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

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

Little Known Facts about your navy

NINETY-NINE PERCENT OF THE 7000 KOREAN WAR CASUALTIES AIRLIFTED TO REAR LINE HOSPITALS BY THE FIRST MARINE AIR WING ARE ALIVE TODAY, THANKS TO THE "WHIRLY-BIRDS" 22-MINUTE, ROUND-TRIP HOP BETWEEN AID STATIONS AND THE FRONT LINES.

PROVISION SHIPS, WHICH TRANSPORT FOOD AND SUPPLIES TO OUR FIGHTING MEN OVERSEAS, ARE AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN IN THE NAVY AS "BEEF BOATS."

AFTER A TORNADO STRUCK WORCHESTER, MASS. IN JUNE 1953, CREWMEMBERS OF THE USS WORCHESTER DONATED \$1,000 TO HELP REBUILD THEIR SHIP'S Hometown.

Dutch Schmidt and Royal John. Mechanics, Brothers Gales and M. F. Waugh. The grease monkey, Walter Wally. Grade setters Bros. Darrel Gray and Charles Warrner. Operating the dragline Bro. Don Wiley with Bro. Ora Gibson his oiler. Underground Construction Com-

pany doing underground work for the Telephone Company have several streets tore up in Santa Rosa. On this project we have Brothers Ralph Peck, Bill Jarvis and John West the operators. Bro. Don Covey the oiler. Guido Villata is the superintendent.



# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

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

The month of July was an exceedingly good one for the Brothers of the Eastbay with in excess of 600 men being cleared to the various jobs. While many of these jobs were of short duration, there were nevertheless a number of brothers sent out on projects that will last a good long time. While we still have a number of hoist, crane and compressor men on the out-of-work list, we are still finding ourselves short of blade men.

The Oakland office has been busy during the month trying to wind up a number of agreements with firms not affiliated with the Rock, Sand and Gravel Association or the Associated General Contractors. We concluded negotiations with the Farr Terminal, Howard Terminal, the J. H. Baxter Company of Alameda and the following Contra Costa Building Materials Companies; Sugar City Building Material Company, Diamond Building Material Company, Antioch Building Material Company and the Industrial Concrete Company. At these firms we received substantial wage increases for the members of Local 3, employed therein.

Hilp and Rhodes Construction Company is building one of the biggest shopping centers in the area at the present time in Concord. Superintendent for Hilp & Rhodes is Howard Severence and our brothers on this project are doing a great job. H. C. Wayne is operating and Eric Glasgow is oiling the 40 Lorain Truck Crane. Brother William E. Casto is running the loader, loading out, grading and what have you. Brother Casto certainly can carry a fine grade.

Ransome Company, at Avon, has been working on two shifts recently, but now is back to one. If you've never seen dirt fly this is the job to see that earth get moved around.

Herman Smith is foreman on this job and DW-20 operators are: Bill Harris, Maurice Brown, Clive Pitkin, J. C. Roberts and Jerry McCullough. Running the DW-21's are Tommy Laird and Cliff Bakewell. Dozer operator is Mike Parenti and Harold Dellfous is operating the cat and can. Brother Frenchie is on the blade. John Divine is on the grease truck and Bro. Gibson is the mechanic and Dewey Morgan is on the sheepsfoot.

The Norman Engineering Company has the contract for the paving of Lynch's Market, in Walnut Creek. On this project Brother Jim Bolbos is running the roller, Ralph Sloniker and Johnnie Blair are blade operators and Brother Bob Pollard is running the Barber Green. When these boys do a paving job, they really know their business.

## DANVILLE SEWER

The Encon Corporation has the contract for the sewer job in Danville. This is a \$700,000 job and calls for the laying of 46,000 feet of pipe. On the Danville job we have Brother Art Smith running the dozer, Grover Warren, operator, and Joe Winningham, oiler, on the 75 Northwest Backhoe. Brother Lou Eck is operating and Brother Eugene Bowen oiling on the P and H. Truck Crane. Raymond Dimity and Henry Gibson are operator and oiler on the No. 6 Northwest Dragline. Operating the Parson 310 is Brother Pete Kralovich, and his oiler is Herman Ridenour. Lyle Smith and Keith Alley are operator and oiler on the T. L. 20 Lorain Truck Crane. Arnold Butterfield is operating the 40 Lorain Truck Crane and oiling for him is Clarence Nelson. The foreman for this job is Frank Granich. John Artukovich says that the members of Local 3 are doing a fine job on this Danville project.

Gallagher and Burke on their highway job between Walnut Creek and Danville are employing several of our brothers these days.

Bro. Earl Brooks is operator on the blade as is Bro. Tom Perkins. John Davies is setting the grade. On this project the Orinda Excavators have a dozer and sheepsfoot and two jeeps. The operators for this equipment include Fred Hayes, Edwin Howard and "Pop" Slows.

## VALLEY VIEW RD

The Independent Construction Company was low bidder on the job of reconstructing Valley View Road from Sobrante Avenue to DeAnza Drive. They will have about 26,000 cubic yards of excavation as well as miscellaneous pipe drainage structures. This road will be finished with 1,500 tons of plant mix.

Foreman on this job will be Johny Stevko. George Thomas is happy running the new cat 12 blade, power steered. Eddie Squerzino has new Hydraulic 8. Andy Anderson is running the almost new DW-10, and Gleen Cochrane is running the other new DW-10. Walt McGary is operating the D8 Dozer and sheepsfoot. This job will be completed within 90 days.

The Independent Construction Company also has the contract for all the grading, paving and excavating on the Cypress street job. Foreman Johny Stevko will also be pushing the Cypress street job.

The McGuire and Hester Construction Company is moving right along on their \$653,000 combination sewerage treatment plant and 22133 lineal feet of sewer pipe, size 6 inch to 30 inch concrete and vetra-ified clay pipe. This job is being done for the town of Pinole, which includes the Pinole Development Company's large housing project, east of highway 40.

We have the following brothers working on this project, operating various types of equipment: W. A. Baker, compressor operator; Earl Booth, trencher operator; Vernon Beecroft, Hough loader operator; Sam Holey, trencher; Leo Pullan, loader operator; Arthur Peterson, Boomcat operator; Joe Venti, Boomcat operator; Lester Walker, Backhoe operator; and Joe LeBrun, backhoe operator. John Ottinson and Sam Paige are trencher oilers. Brother Fred Leake is operating the Northwest Dragline and Clamshell has done all the excavation work for the fill near the bay where the sewerage treatment plant will be erected with Brother Robert Selvidge doing the oiling. This job is under the supervision of Bro. Charles Aldrich.

## EBMUD RESERVOIR

Stolte, Gallagher & Burke Company has the job of constructing the underground reservoir for the East Bay Municipal Water Company in San Pablo. They have 212,000 cubic yards of excavating to do, which will form the main reservoir, and 176,500 cubic yards of this dirt will be used to build the dam which will help form the main reservoir. There will be 10,000 feet of various sized pipe used in this project. The inlet pipe used for filling this reservoir will be 54 inches in diameter. It will be cement lined, coated pipe.

The capacity of this reservoir will be 79,000,000 gallons. It will be cement lined and a concrete roof will be put on it which will be a separate contract; 4,000 cubic yards of drain rock will be placed under the cement bottom of this tank to keep the spring water drained from underneath it. 600 yards of concrete pipe will be put under the dam for this purpose.

McGuire & Hester are employing the following men from Local 3 on this particular job: Vic McFarland, superintendent; Les Christman, foreman; Leo Anderson and Harold Corbett running DW-20's; Paul Stone on the new D-9 Dozer; Stan Garber on crane and backhoe work with Carl Shoup doing the oiling.

John Delphia, of Patterson City, and Lee Immel, of San Pablo, are engaged in a joint venture for the reconstruction of the San Pablo Dam Road, from May Road to San Pablo Dam, near El Sobrante.

John Delphia will do all the land clearing and move 154,000 cubic yards of dirt. This is the second section of this road to be rebuilt

and realigned. They also put in a number of culverts, ranging in size from 24 inches to 72 inches in diameter. All the grading on this particular job will be done by John Delphia. Lee Immel will place the base rock and lay the plant mix surfacing. He will also do all the curbs and gutters on this project. At the present time John Delphia has the following of our brothers employed on the job: The superintendent is W. S. "Bill" Kimble, the grade foreman, Herman Rosse, and the master mechanic is Joe Parkes. Gene Thompson is the "Grease Monkey." The DW-20 operators are Jaul Cone, George Hansen, Sam Dawson. The Dozer men on this job include Chris Hansen, Roy Epps, and Clay Coffman. August Larsen is the blade operator, Ernest O'Banion is on the backhoe, and Myron Strable is doing the oiling. Grade checking is being done by Thomas Lurnez.

## HAYWARD AREA

The Redgwick and Banke Company of Hayward is being kept busy these days with several jobs going on. Their job of Braddick & Logan Shopping Center will require 4,000 yards of dirt fill to be put in and 70,000 square feet of paving to do. Working on this project the Engineers have Bill Motto on the D-6 Loader, Fred Sweet on the Roller, Lawrence Wixson on the Blade, and Roy Ocks on the other D-6. Jimmie Cavaleiri is the "Grease Monkey" in the Redgwick and Blake shop on Webb Ave., in Hayward.

On their Rexall Drug Store job, at 137th Ave. and Merced Ave. they are busy with 11,200 yards of dirt fill and 12,000 square feet of paving. Local 3 men on this job are Bob Carter on the roller, Bill Lampley on the D-8 Dozer, and Lawrence Wixson on the Blade.

Redgwick and Banke's small job at 1st and B in Hayward has Bill Dorresteyn on the D-4 Loader and Ben Furtado on the Blade. Also on another job at Mission San Jose they have Dick Horton on a D-6 Loader.

The Elmer J. Freethy Construction Company was low bidder for a \$150,000 reinforced concrete reservoir tank which will hold 3,000,000 gallons of water for use by the City of Hayward. Jim Matheson is foreman on this job. They will use a Model 6 Northwest shovel to move the 11,000 yards of dirt. Bro. Bill Hayden is operating the D-2 Dozer. Van Allen and Motter have the Fordson Backhoe and will do the ditch excavating. The job will be completed in 120 working days.

Eastbay Excavators have the sub-contract from Haas and Hannie to move 300,000 yards of dirt at Jackson and Castro streets, in Hayward for the building of a new shopping center; 100,000 yards of this dirt has already been moved. They are using two AC 15 Loaders, and 20, 10-yard dump trucks. Frank and Ernie Ivolds are the foremen and Brothers Del Rivera and Al Martinez are operating the loaders.

Eastbay also has the sub-contract from Swinerton and Walberg to haul 15,000 yards of fill for the General Foods at Washington and Halcyon.

Vincent Rodrigues Company is busy on their job at Washington Avenue and Halcyon Road, in San Leandro, with 10,000 feet of sewer line to dig and put in. They have a ditching machine on the job run by Wesley Bowman, whose oiler is George LebuKrnfl. Their loader is operated by Craig Chandler.

This company also has a small job at Cabgillo Park, in Centerville, where they are using a ditching machine operated by Manuel Ramos. This is being oiled by Sanchez Rios. They still have about 4,000 feet of water lines to dig.

## ALVARADO JOB

The Charlie Hover Company got the bid for the Alameda County Flood Control job in Alvarado for \$464,000. This job will take two years to complete and consists of 1,060,000 yards of dirt to move, 85 pilings to drive, 580 feet of 48"

steel siphon under Alameda Creek and twenty 60" automatic drain gates. There are two Model 6 Northwests and a model 41 Northwest on the job being operated by Harvey Freeland, Richard Ige and Ronald Hover. The oilers are E. R. Johnson, James Dean and Noel Evans. Cliff Anderson drives the grease truck and oils too. Joe Levine is the technical engineer on the job. Brothers Jimmie McCaffrey and Grady Dean are running the cats.

Eugene G. Alves was low bidder and has started their road job already in Pleasanton. The bid on the job was \$186,881. This road begins at 1st street and runs into Pleasanton - Livermore Road. Ora Elliott is the foreman on this job and working with him are Tom Ferguson on the loader, Alex Graham on the DW-10, and Edward Kelly on the Blade. Part of this job includes a reinforced concrete bridge, 200' long.

E. T. Haas Company has just completed 5,000 feet of water line on the Leland Highland Tract in Livermore. They have one ditching machine which was operated by Frank Shelly, and oiled by J. D. Camp. Haas also did the ditching on all the services for four companies at Pine street, and dug all the services and mains on the Jensen Tract on East Avenue in Livermore.

Davis and Trentz has the contract on the Leland Highland Tract for all the curbs and gutters and sidewalks and all the flat work for the houses. This job will take about 1½ years to complete. Bro. Vernon Sinclair is operating their Fordson tractor.

The Concrete Materials Plant, a branch of the Niles Sand & Gravel Plant, is starting their Pleasanton plant up again. At present they are in the process of cleaning and repairing the old plant and are only using three engineers: Gene Killelan, Jerry Dilmas and Ed Roseberry. Bro. Metcalf, who is going to be foreman on the job, says they should be in full operation by the first of September and will employ about 10 engineers on the payroll.

Manuel Margues has the contract to lay 4,000 feet of storm drain and sewer line on First and Snow Road in Pleasanton. At present he is only employing two engineers.

The Frederickson and Watson Company job on Dublin Road is at present, about 60% complete. Bro. Bob Calou is superintendent, and Tex Strickland is the grade foreman. They have already moved 165,000 yards of dirt and have approximately 8,000 yards left to go. They still have one bridge to build and lots of blacktopping still left to do. The following engineers are still on the payroll at Dublin: Cliff Dille, jeep operator; shovel operator, J. E. Everett; jeep operator, R. R. Kemmitt, cat operator, E. L. London; oiler, W. E. Ogan; blademan, M. Perry; roller operator, M. L. Strange; jeep-skinner, J. E. Zumwalt; E. J. Carey, grade-man, and Victor Cocrane, oiler.

## News About The Brothers

Brother Dan Reitmuller wishes to thank the members of Local 3 for their blood donations recently given him. It was necessary for Dan to use some of that blood when he underwent back surgery on May 30. He is home now and we are happy to report, on his way to recovery.

We hear that Bro. Eugene Yates is now with the Vinnell Corporation working in Japan and Korea. His address is c/o Vinnell Corporation, Suite 511, Fukoku Bldg., Tokyo, Japan.

Brother Dave Hayward and his family recently returned from a vacation trip at Clear Lake. The fishing wasn't too good, but they had a swell time.

On Wednesday, July 13th, Bro.

Stanford Solonius added a new name to his family tree—a baby girl, weighing 5 lbs., 2 oz. Congratulations to you and your wife, Stanford.

Brother Arthur Duarte, who is working for the Diamond Building Material Co., in Danville, went on a vacation trip with his family just recently. They went to Cross Checker Dam and Merced Falls. The trout and black bass fishing wasn't too good, but they really had a fine time.

Brother Evan Larson is taking "three weeks" vacation and traveling to South Dakota, Minnesota and Ohio.

Other vacationers were the Gordon Bowmans. They just returned from their vacation which included stops at Yellowstone Park, Big Horn Mountains, The Black Hills, in South Dakota, the Grand Canyon and Hoover Dam. That must have been a terrific vacation, Gordon?

"Skipper" Nick Carlson, of the Hydraulic Dredge Company, spent his vacation with his family at Buck's Lake, in Plumas County. Nick says the fish are still there.

Other members of the Hydraulic crew who returned recently from vacations are: Roland Davis, who spent his vacation on the Russian River, and Morri Walgrave, who journeyed to Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming.

Brother Lou Eck and his wife were fishing at Big Brake recently. Lou suggested to his wife that they leave as there were no fish there. Mrs. Eck replied, "I can catch a fish anytime I want to." "I don't believe it," said Lou. With this Mrs. Eck calmly pulled out a 32-pound bass. See Lou, nothing to it!

Kenny Ross, superintendent for the Pacific Coast Aggregates plant in Clayton and family went on a vacation to Eagleville, Modoc County, and Cedarville, into Twelve Mile Creek, which is on the Oregon-California border. Trout fishing was very good. Had all they could eat.

CARSON CITY, Nev., contract awarded to Hoops Const. Co., P.O. Box 431, Twin Falls, Idaho, \$155,358 for 18.932 mi. const. portion SHS on SH No. 43, betw. 21 mi. south and 2 mi. N. of Mountain City, ELKO COUNTY.

SAN RAFAEL, contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$10,960 for const. streets, sewers, sidewalks, etc., in Oak Park No. 1, City of San Rafael, MARIN COUNTY.

ORANGE COVE, contract awarded to Dallas Wilson, P.O. Box 848, Fresno, \$168,581 (Sch. A & B) and to Glanville Plumbing Co., 3221 Belle Terrace, Bakersfield, \$68,251 (Sch. C) for collection and outfall sewers and disposal plant, Orange Cove.

BLUE LAKE, contract awarded to Pat Barkley, 630 E. Taylor Ave., Sunnyvale, \$142,423 for const. sewage collection sys., lats; pump station, Imhoff tanks, sludge beds, etc.

IRVINGTON, contract awarded to P & E. Const. Co., 1620 S. 7th St., San Jose, \$90,119 for inst. sewers in Annex No. 8.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to Dun & Rovzar, P.O. Box 145, Perkins, \$46,232 for reconstr. Michigan Ave. from Wisconsin Ave. Ely 0.69 mi. to Plymouth Road in Sec. No. 5, Township IN, Range 6E, MDBM.

FAIRFIELD, contract awarded to Harms Bros. & C. M. Syar, Box 1131, Vallejo, \$35,256 for reconstr. Hamilton Drive Proj. near Fairfield, SOLANO COUNTY.

EL CERRITO, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$64,155 for site grade & storm drainage, fences and erosion planting, for Madera Elem. School at Devonshire Drive near Arlington Blvd., El Cerrito, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert Son, Inc., 1831 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$47,051 for abt. 28.2 mi. fine seal coat applied to existing surf. at various locations, EL DORADO, NEVADA, YUBA, SIERRA & SACRAMENTO COUNTIES.



## Marysville Boys Serving 3 Shifts on Feather Tunnel Jobs

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

We are happy to report a lot of members are working out of the Marysville area and more to start soon. The reason being that on or around August 14th, the intake portal on the Poe tunnel should be ready to turn under and if so, this will mean three shifts for our people. Also, the Utah, Bates & Rogers Co. are now working three shifts at adits one and two and as soon as these two adits reach the main tunnel, they will lay track and put on motors and start driving the different headings. This company has a crew building an access road to the powerhouse outlet also, so as you can see, this project will be going full blast by the next newspaper article.

H. Earl Parker Co. are doing well on the levee setback job at Nicolaus on the Father River, with Ernie Mayfield as shifter on the morning shift and Curt Dedmon on the p.m. shift. Archie Till has three rigs out in the rock piles at Hammonton. Baldwin Contr. Co. are doing a job on 99E in the Gridley area with Red Covington as superintendent and Brigham Young as shifter. Bros. Geo. Logan and Herman Bertolini have a first class crew of mechanics under their supervision at the 8th & Yuba shops, and trouble shoot the various jobs, gravel and sand plants out of there. Bro. Johnny Zerowich has the happiest crew in the district at the main crushing plant in Hallwood. I never get a growl out there except when it rains and the men can't work. Bro. Johnny is showing discrimination towards one skinner, in that he doesn't have a sun umbrella... how about that, Johnny?

Ace Excavators are getting started on their job above Glenn on the Hamilton City Road and will have a complete crew by August 10th. Harms has subbed some work to Parker Co. at their job near Glenn on Bayles Road. Geo. Williams is shifting over there. O'Hair Co. of Colusa are doing O.K. on their job in Southern Colusa County. Ditto with Pacific Bridge on the underpinning of the Sutter Causeway or Bypass.

Around the Oroville district, we have continued the present agreement with the New York Machine Shop with a 12 1/4% raise. Lowrie Paving Co. are about buttoned up on their telephone line job on Myers Street. Baun Const. Co. was low bidder on \$83,000 worth of work on the Oroville Truck route. D. Gerald Bing was low bidder on the Colusa-Gridley Highway job west of Gridley. W. H. Darrough & Sons have hit several jobs this year and Supt. Bill Cowan said they just got another in Glenn Dobyns' territory. They are doing fine on the Canyondam job at Almanor and in Paradise. Lester L. Rice has several men in the gasfields in the Glenn-Butte City area.

Brown-Ely Co. have a job (road) near Bassett's Station in Sierra County, 5800 ft. above sea level and the fellows tell me after they scrape the frost off the engines in the morning, that it is swell to work in that area. Confidentially, fellows, they fish for trout during the lunch hour and what's more, they catch 'em, too. Speaking of fishing, Bro. Louis Roseberry, ditcher operator for Downer Corp. on their Olivehurst job caught an 11 1/2 pound catfish in the Sutter Bypass just above the bridge at 11:30 p.m. I'm sending in their picture and it is some fish. Bro. Kenny Brazil caught one for 5 1/2 pounds. It was so small, he was ashamed to have a picture made.

Halvorson Const. Co. is doing a lot of earch and rock moving on their Spring Garden road job—mostly rock. Bob Roberson, Supt. and an old time shovel runner, tells me it is the hardest rock to shoot ever contacted by him in a long career. This company has a new 803 Lima shovel and Bro. Kenny Martinson gets every last ounce out of it in the way of work. M. W. Brown is doing O.K. on their road work at Greyeagle and on the channel change. Bro. Sam Gallagher is baling the muck with a N.W. 6 dragline; Johnny Owens is in charge and the job is going O.K. Downer Corp. has a slew of ditching crews working on their Olivehurst job. Al states he doesn't

want the rains to catch him there.

Fred J. Early subbed some work to Darrough & Sons and to Earl Parker on the sewage disposal plant in the same city. I've not had time to help Earl count his equipment and to hunt it up yet. Bigge Drayage Co. had one of their Bay City truck cranes in Feather River for a few days putting a small steel bridge across the Feather River.

Bro. Jack Lloyd has been in charge of the rock moving at the portal of the tunnel for Utah and he has Les Kloss, Bill Brown, Joe Franklin and one of the Hoffman boys in his Local No. 3 crew.

### NEW WORK AND CONTRACTS AWARDED

C.M.S. Const. Co., 8541 LaSalle Street, Buena Park, Calif., awarded contract for \$178,454.44, for pipe line, etc. Linda Water District, Yuba County. This work is to start soon. Calif. Division of Highways calling for bids August 17th on bridge work, seven miles northwest of Chico, on Pine Creek.

Bids due August 17th for Calif. Division of Highways for resurfacing in Greenville, Calif. Bids due August 18th for Calif. Division of Highways on Woodruff Lane, just east of Marysville, Calif.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Bro. Ed Neff, just in from a vacation by air to New York and Pennsylvania. Ed says, flying is the only way to go.

Bro. Speed Hughes, a former flyer, has his blade rented to Darrough & Sons on the Paradise road job. It is not as good as flying, says Speed, but pays pretty good.

Bro. Slim Cleland back to work at Butte Creek Rock Co. That's all for this month.

—LES COLLETT

### INDUSTRIAL REPORT CONCRETE PIPE FIRMS

Next Meeting Announcement: The next meeting of this unit, which will be as usual, a joint meeting of the Laborers, Operating Engineers and Teamsters, will be held Monday, September 12, 1955, in the Teamsters' Hall, 818 Wall Street, Chico at 7:30 p.m.

Informal negotiations have been carried on with the companies and the settlement with Western Concrete Pipe Company and Sterling Concrete Pipe Company in the Sacramento area for 12 1/4% per hour effective July 1st and a partial settlement, at least, by the Laborers with the United Concrete Pipe Company has led to the almost definite, although still only informal, assurance that the same terms will be met.

In addition to the above, some favorable discussion has been had of an additional paid holiday (Washington's Birthday), and more liberal rules applying to paid holidays. Some discussion, also favorable, has been had of one or two inequity adjustments upward in one or two classifications.

We know that this matter has taken a long time to settle, it has been longer than we anticipated, but this matter of concrete pipe has grown from practically a purely local matter to one that almost covers the State, and has become highly complex.

It is not wise, and we believe you will agree with this, to make an agreement that would put your employer out of business or greatly curtail his business and thus lose or curtail employment for ourselves.

You can see our problem, a problem that vitally affects your welfare, and you cannot blame us for being cautious and moving slowly. We appreciate your patience and feel that in the end it will well be (Continued on Page Five)



STATE SENATOR ALAN SHORT

## Senator Alan Short, Friend of Labor

By ED DORAN,

Stockton Business Representative

State Senator Alan Short, who represents San Joaquin County, is one of those legislators who followed through with his campaign promises.

Senator Short stated that he would be fair with labor, and his 100 per cent pro-labor voting record in Sacramento is proof that he meant what he said.

Senator Short, who is a Democrat, is a young attorney who knows what it is to work for a living, for he has worked and supported himself from the time he entered high school. And, incidentally, is a brother operating engineer.

Attorney Short has a general law practice in Stockton, and as a lawyer has represented members of our unions in all types of legal actions.

Since we believe in treating our friends right, we urge all our engineers in Senator Short's area to take their legal problems to him. Short is a partner in the law firm of Willens, Boscoe & Short, with law offices in the Bank of America Bldg., Stockton. Phone: HOWard 5-5629. Good luck, Senator Short.

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(2) SISKIYOU CO.—To Osborn Const. Co., 1122-3rd St., Crescent City, \$22,719 for reconstr. exist. bridge across Irwing Creek, 10 mi. N. of Somes Bar.

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) SISKIYOU CO.—To Morgan Const. Co., P.O. Box 904, Redding, \$48,915 for 22.6 mi. apply med. seal coat to exist. surf. at 3 locations.

(2) BUTTE CO.—To Baun Const. Co., Box 1281, Fresno, \$83,563 for 1.9 mi. surf. por. w/pltmix. surf. on exist. base & grade & surf. por. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base, in & near Oroville, betw. SHR No. 87, & Oroville-Quincy Highway.

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PETALUMA, contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$44,571 for reconstr. 7 blocks of city streets.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, 2659-9th St., Berkeley, \$47 per cy. for furn. broken conc. for bulkhead fill for balance of fiscal year.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 156, Perkins, \$72,709 for plantmix surf, etc., Franklin Blvd., No. 4 from Point Pleasant Rd. to So. of Lambert Station Road, (9500 ft.) SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

MARYSVILLE, contract awarded to C.M.S. Const. Co., 8541 La Salle St., Buena Park, \$21,733 (Group A) & \$75,457 (Group D) for installing water mains, valves, fittings, fire hydrants, service connections and appurtenances.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$137,038 for const. conc. pipe conduit, Cypress St. from W. Grand Ave. to 18th St. et al.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$73,294 for widen Broadway & 4th St., City of Eureka.

SAN CARLOS, contract awarded to Fisk & Firenze, P.O. Box 1096, Burlingame, \$15,600 for grade and surf. playgrounds at Tierra Linda, Brittan Acres, White Oaks and Central Elementary Schools.

## SACRAMENTO BUSY

By PAUL EDGEcombe, HAL CLARK and ERNIE NELSON, Business Representatives

The constructors of Folsom Dam are very near the completion of that project. The placing of the drum gates and cleanup of the area should be finished before the end of this year. Like all projects of this type, John Q. Public has taken advantage of the lake area and on the week-ends this lake is dotted with boats and campers. Consequently, there is a lot of refuse left behind. As a result, the authorities have asked

everyone concerned to please clean up before leaving as the recreational areas are not yet developed.

Downstream from the Folsom project we have the Nimbus Dam which is complete except for placing of generators in the powerhouse which should be running to capacity by the end of this year. This lake is also becoming one of the boating areas of this district.

To all appearances the construction work has hit the peak in this vicinity. Unless there is more projects let in the near future we will be about able to hold our own for the balance of the year. The State and counties have several jobs to be let in the Fall, which will begin as soon as the sun shines next Spring. So far, our outlook for next year looks very promising.

Granite Const. Co. has both of their plants running to capacity. They also have several jobs going in this district. The South Sacramento freeway is progressing rapidly with Brother Ted Cox doing the gaffing. Their underpass project at McClellan Field is also going good at this time. These brothers have quite a traffic problem on this site.

C. V. Kenworthy has moved into Lotus, located near Placerville, on a \$107,000 project which consists of two locations on a county road between Lotus and Shingle Springs. R. B. Murray and Jack Corbett are doing the gaffing on this job with Brothers Ray Hamilton, Carrol Airola, Carrol Steadman, Rodney Lawley, Charles Noel, Fred Williamson, Jim Purser and Henry Staas giving the assist.

Piombo Const. Co., located at Applegate, are going strong at this writing. Red Russell is the head man here with Brothers Walt Gavrilko and Nick Gavrilko doing the bossing on the grade.

Fredrickson Bros. road job at Madison is in the final stages of completion. The R. A. Farish road job at Esparto is also nearly finished. Another 30 days should see both these jobs sold.

The gravel plants all over this area are running to capacity with all the brothers happy with the wage increase.

McClellan Field is undergoing a large expansion program. H. Earl Parker and A. Teichert & Son have large spreads working here. Richards Engineering Co. have a large warehouse and hangar job which consists of buildings 2000 feet long by 400 feet wide. There is also a large paved area proposed.

Subdivisions in this district are rolling along with enough work to keep the brothers busy the rest of the year. The Foothills subdivision, located near Roseville, is reported to be the largest in the State. There will be 7500 homes built here, priced from \$10,000 up. Granite Const., Joe Brady, Frank Beach and Claude Youngs are the dirt and pipeline contractors on this project.

### HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

GEORGE BROWN directing traffic; PHIL EDWARDS watching stakes; JOHN HOLTZ calling in; JACK FERGUSON springing; PAUL ALEXANDER on the Placerville freeway; CHESTER YOUNG-BLOOD bringing the Ford home; RAY WEBB mixing road base; CHARLIE JEFFS taking a vacation; LEE YOUNG moving a compressor; RALPH KNIGHT watching scrapers; LOYD DIXON laying it out; MAX LANGLEY watching a pugmill; ORAN COBB in a new pickup; TED BROWN rolling C.T.B.; JOHN MacMURDO heading north; JOE PUDIZ pulling boxes; FRED SALAS checking in; HARRY WELCH here at coffee time! LEWIS PATTON on a 3 legged roller; HOP FARRIS standing by; BOB SORENSON erecting a hot plant; CARL BAKER putting out road rocks; R. R. (Red) QUALLS laying fine grade; DOUG BUTLER cooling off; KEMP

HASTY welding; CAL JONES of a plant; JACK DYCH setting a string line; ED McQUILLAN waiting for rock; JACK RICHARDSON ready to go; HERMAN HILL running a lathe; GLEN GURLEY turning sprockets; JESSIE TYRA filling in; BOB JINKERSON back in the brush; SIDNEY LEE working on a levee; RAY HAMILTON brushing a right of way; MAURICE BOUZER field mechanic; BILL DONALD running a big cat; MILTON KINSEY loading scrap; PAUL BEAR operating a service station at Placerville; HOWARD GREEN barbecuing venison steaks.

Wishes for a speedy recovery go to Jerry O'Donnell, Neil Marlin, Ed Flaherty, Wes Fothergill and Gordon Cavana.

Best wishes for success go to Verne Curtis who is taking over the Sunset Trailer Park & Cabin at 9th & Grove Streets, Fresno. If you're down that way and want a place to stay, stop in and see Verne.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. Ed Carter upon the birth of their fifth baby girl, Bernice Ann.

Labor Day week-end will soon be here. Let us all take special precautions to make this holiday both a happy one and a SAFE one!

Remember, this office open every Thursday evening from 7 to 9 for your convenience!

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## 'Bait' Boosts IBEW Attendance 200 P.C.

Portland, Ore.—A five-member rank-and-file committee of Electrical Workers Local 48 here boosted attendance at union meetings 200 per cent with the help of some attractive "bait."

The bait consisted of fishing tackle, nylons, hams, turkeys, and savings bonds awarded members attending monthly meetings. Bigger prizes were awarded quarterly. The climax was a grand prize—a self-winding, gold-banded wrist watch.

Before the "union builders" went to work meetings averaged 65 persons. After a year, attendance averaged 200.

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## Heinz Berkeley Closing

San Francisco

About 180 full-time AFL production workers, members of Cannery Warehousemen Local 750, will be given the choice of resigning or moving to Tracy when the H. J. Heinz Co. factory in Berkeley closes next year and merges with the big new Tracy plant. The Berkeley plant hires 700 during the peak season.

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ALAMEDA, contract awarded to J. R. Armstrong, 5741 Central St., El Cerrito, \$48,978 for A.C. page seal coat, etc., Runway 13-31, NAS Alameda.

CONCORD, contract awarded to B. Gayman, 48 S. Linden Avenue, So. S.F., \$69,500 (base 1 and alt.) & to G. Ferrabee, 2507 Woolsey St., Berkeley, \$13,696 (base 2) for const. football field and running track at Pacifica High School, near Pittsburg.

REDDING, contract awarded to Richter Bros. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1511, Oroville, \$61,672 for 1.1 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on untr. base on Co. Hwy. Rt. 105-E, bet. River Ranch Road and Optimo Auto Court Road, SHASTA CO.

FOLSOM, contract awarded to Selby Drilling Corp., P.O. Box 36, Orangevale, \$33,419 for addl. drill & grouting Main Dam, Folsom Reservoir Proj., near Folsom.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$194,036 for const. sewers in pors. of Middle Harbor Rd. & Ferro St. from 1st St. & Adeline to a point approx. 500 ft. NWly, City of Oakland.



# Big New Jobs Spark San Jose District

By "BUCK" HOPE, "MICKEY" MURPHY and "PETE" PETERSEN, Business Representatives

The largest contract awarded during the past month was the Macy Store job on Stevens Creek Road. Haas & Haynie were the low bidders on this \$2,634,000 project and have moved in quite a few pieces of equipment. The excavating and grading on this site was completed by the Ed Keeble Company about a month ago. This promises to be one of Santa Clara County's largest Shopping Centers with approximately 60 stores located here.

Granite Construction were the low bidders on a \$962,632 contract by the Division of Highways for grading 1.6 miles with plant mix surfacing and the construction of three cement bridges between Route 5 and Mission Street in Santa Cruz.

Jess Harrison of San Ardo was recently awarded a contract for \$154,800 for the construction of the main access road to Naicimeto Dam. Although this work is located just across the line in Local No. 12 territory, by an agreement with that local our members will enjoy a portion of the work on the access road and dam proper when let.

Our local paving contractors, namely, A. J. Raisch, Leo Piazza, Ed Keeble, Santa Clara Asphalt, Santa Clara Paving, Sondgroth Bros., and J. C. Bateman are loaded with work which will continue until late Fall.

Walsh and Lane Construction are making good progress on their project on the San Jose Disposal Plant at Alviso and have seen fit to add some additional equipment to that already on the job. On the Disposal Plant at Sunnyvale Williams-Burroughs have been progressing nicely. Souza & McCue on this same job have run into difficulty with a tough water problem but are making headway in spite of the obstacles.

L. C. Smith Company have two large jobs in this district. On their Freeway job at Los Gatos they expect to start paving the channel change next week. This job will keep many of the Brothers busy until the winter rains set in. On their job in Palo Alto, under the supervision of Brother George Warren, work will soon start on the overpass.

Carl Swenson Company have completed the clearing and are running the select base material on their highway job between Llagas Creek and the San Jose Y. In the meantime Volpi Brothers are setting up their Asphalt Plant and expect to start crushing material within the next week.

Moseman Company are still pouring concrete piers on the King City Bridge and San Jose Steel expect to start laying the girders within the next two or three weeks.

A. J. Peters were the lucky bidders on a \$238,560 pipe-line job between Uvas and Arvis Dams. Work will soon start on the right-of-way but no pipes will be laid until the middle of September.

John W. Mauck will soon start work on his \$137,605 Sewer contract between Umbarger Road and Senter Road East of the Monterey Highway.

Nick Bebek of El Monte was the low bidder on a \$96,390 Sewer contract near Route 5 and vicinity.

The San Jose office will be open evenings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, between the hours of 7:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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**REDWOOD CITY**, contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 807 - 75th Ave., Oakland, \$33,650 for const. 12 in. cast iron main in El Camino Real, from Oak to Buckingham, Redwood City.

**RICHMOND**, contract awarded to Aguiar Bros., 1716 Broadway, San Pablo, \$42,722 for pave, curbs, gutters, storm sewers, etc., on Barrett Ave., from San Pablo Ave. to Mount Street.

**SAN JOSE**, contract awarded to John W. Mauck Co., 507 Borregas Ave., Sunnyvale, \$137,605 for const. of san. street sewers & san. House lateral sewers, E. of Monterey Rd. betw. Senter Road and Shell Road, Assessment Job under 1911 Act.

**SACRAMENTO**, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) **SISKIYOU CO.**—To Skamnes-Bird-Wiggs Co., Inc., 541 - 35th St., Sacramento, \$61,225 for const. an RC bridge across Scott River, 2 mi. E. of Etna.



**AUTOMATION IN DITCH DIGGING**—Well, it had to come. It has hit about everything else, so why not the back-breaking job of ditch work. This special-built 55-foot, self-propelled concrete spreader mounted on driving wheels includes a 1½-yard cement bucket traveling across channel under control. In bottom is a special self-propelled finishing machine with vibratory screed built in. It is built up to pass over reinforcing steel and runs on headers. Location is an Army flood control job in Southern California.

## Biggest Piledriving Job in Many a Year—N. Bay Bridge

(Piledriving Contractors Assn.)

The biggest piledriving job in many a year, the foundations for the San Rafael-Richmond Bay bridge, was completed on May 20 and we thought you'd like to be told a little more about it and about some of the men who made it possible.

The contract for the substructure by Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., and Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., involved the driving of 5,048 steel "H" piles, up to 200 feet in length and the pouring of 92,000 yards of concrete for the piers spaced along the four-mile stretch of water. The job required about two years and it will require another 18 months before the automobiles begin rolling over its roadway and thus end the slow ferry boats, that have plowed across the bay for two score years.

A year and a half ago we told you about the method used in building the piers and in this report we want to talk mostly about the men who performed the job and worked so well as a team that Don Weaver, the project manager, added up the achievement recently with these words:

"Because of the cooperation between the men on the job and the front office plus the terrific spirit of all concerned the job went along at a much better rate than anticipated and was completed several months ahead of schedule."

### MEN OF THE JOB

The two piledriving foremen, Dick "Fireproof" Verbrugge and Bill Ferraris, can well be proud of the job they turned in. It has been a long time since so many tough piles have been driven on one job in the Bay Area.

Setting the precast concrete units was handled by three men, Harris Edner, Al Felix and Charlie Bondl. Edner has been a pilebutt for longer than most of us can remember, and as usual did a superb job on the "Pacific Atlas," the 150-ton shear leg that was brought in just for this project.

The job of forming the shafts and columns was ably advised by Bill "Mac" McCrea and Roy Gibson, who with their outstanding crews turned in a terrific job on that hard assignment.

The "Pacific Mixmaster," the floating batch plant with a capacity of 125 yards an hour poured some 80,000 yards with C. J. Ripley as concrete foreman and "Howdy" Harris as batch plant foreman. All hands were sorry that Rip broke his foot as the job was being com-

pleted — and that's a heck of a way to end up such a performance.

Because of the great amount of pre-cast units, this job required an unusually large gang of divers. Vern Miller and Paul Lewis held sway on the "Pacific Dunker," while Bob Clements and Bill Yager set the piles in the grids from the two drivers. Dick Clements, Bob Rude, Fred Toft, and Pete Brumis did the bulk of the pre-cast setting. Job Stewart Wally Woods was usually found tending Marshall Ellis and Pete Brumis. These men all put in long hours down under and when you realize that they could see nothing in the muddy water, the job they did seems almost impossible.

### MUCH EQUIPMENT

Construction of the fender lines around the eight channel piers was another tough one—but was well done under Roy Gibson, Pete Hooper and Boyd Stortroen. The work of the "creosote gang" was tough but anyone observing the resulting fenders will have to admit it was a swell job.

Keeping material flowing off the dock and out to the job, and the guys who keep everyone happy was Billy Hames and his boys. Twenty-five pieces of floating equipment were used on the job; seven to ten tugs and six landing craft. Sitting at the controls were such characters as Jack Clark, Guy Jones, Pete Teronis, Les Petersen, Ira Jones, Chuck Grady, Bob Brogden and the three Macs—McClelland, McCarthy and McMurray.

There were at one time 500 men working on the bridge. It is most regrettable, but perhaps natural, that this should be the last job for some of our old timers. We will long remember with deep fondness H. C. "Jimmy" Hill, H. Weatherbee, Charlie Fiveash and B. E. Moore, who have finished their jobs here.

We would like to give a highlight on every man on this great job, but since that is impossible, we want everyone to know that each of them worked hard and together we had a lot of fun. That's the final on this bridge job and everyone is looking ahead to the next big one.

Sincerely yours,  
**PILEDRIVING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION,**  
By M. E. McGowan, President.

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### Mine Strike Ends

A 40-day strike by the Mine and Smelter union was ended last week, and most plants were back in operation. A good many members of Local 3 employed in inland states, including Utah, were affected by the strike. A 13½-cent pay increase and a birthday holiday, were part of the settlement.

# Marysville Boys Serving 3 Shifts on Feather Tunnel Jobs

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rewarded with not only better wages and working conditions, but also with the almost certain assurance of steadier employment.

As we have said before, as soon as we have the formal ratification of the employer of a definite negotiated offer (illness in the family of the members of the Board of Directors has held this up) we will call a special meeting to present it to you. Watch for the announcement of this meeting and plan on being present.

### YUBA GOLD FIELDS

**Meeting Announcement: Monday, August 22, 1955, in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 Eye Street, Marysville, will be the date and place of the next meeting of your unit, which will be held at the following times:**  
10:00 a.m. for those members unable to attend the night meeting.  
7:30 p.m. for those members whose shifts allow them to attend this meeting.

At the last regular meetings a complete report upon the welfare insurance was made which met with the unanimous approval of those members present. The following is a summary of the new insurance deal.

**Carrier: Aetna Life Insurance Company.**

**Effective date: August 1, 1955, to and including July 31, 1956.**

### MEMBERS

Life Insurance	\$2000.00
Accidental Death	2000.00
Accidental Dismemberment:	
Loss of Both Hands,	
Legs or Eyes	2000.00
Loss of One Hand, Leg or Eye	1000.00
Hospital Benefits:	
Daily Room and Board (70 days)	15.00
Other Hospital Charges (plus 75% of any charges over \$300.00)	300.00
Surgical Benefits (Single Procedures) Maximum (Multiple Procedures) Maximum	300.00
600.00	
Medical Benefits:	
Doctors Home Calls	6.00
Doctors Office Calls	5.00
Doctors Hospital Calls	5.00
(One call per day in the hospital. Home and Office Visits first call in case of accidents and third call in case of illness.)	
Diagnostic X-Ray and Laboratory Benefits:	
Each Sickness (in any 6 month period)	50.00
Each Accident (in any 6 month period)	50.00
Additional Accident	300.00
Poliomyelitis Benefit	5000.00
Disability Benefits (illness or off the job accidents):	
\$20.00 per week payable from 1st day in case of accident or hospitalization, for and 8th day in case of illness, not requiring hospitalization, for 26 weeks and \$50.00 per week for the next 26 weeks. These benefits are in addition to the State Unemployment Disability Benefits and are paid in a like manner. If the insurance company assumes the entire payment, as in the past, this will mean \$55.00 per week until January 1st and \$60.00 per week after that date for the 1st 26 weeks.	

### DEPENDENTS

Hospital Benefits:	
Daily Board and Room (31 days)	\$ 13.00
Other Hospital Charges (plus 75% of any charges over \$260.00)	260.00
Surgical Benefits (Single Procedures) Maximum (Multiple Procedures) Maximum	300.00
600.00	
Doctors Hospital Calls	3.00
Diagnostic X-Ray and Laboratory Benefits:	
Each Sickness (in any 6 month period)	25.00
Each Accident (in any 6 month period)	25.00
Additional Accident	300.00
Poliomyelitis Benefits	5000.00
All benefits are paid in addition to State U.C.D. Benefits and the rules governing dependents, qualifying period, etc., remain the same. In the near future the insurance	

company will supply more detailed information for each member and while the above is a summary it will pay each member to study this information as it will govern as far as the details are concerned.

### NATOMAS COMPANY

**Announcement of Next Meeting:** As the first Monday in September is Labor Day, a holiday, there will be no meeting held on that day and the next regular meeting will be the first Monday in October. This meeting will be announced in the September issue and, if the need arises before the October meeting, a special meeting will be called.

The new agreement is signed, sealed and delivered and before this reaches you copies should be on the job for your information and consultation. Also booklets explaining the new insurance welfare plan should have been made available to you.

Study the agreement and the new insurance plan, both bring you additional benefits and it will pay you to do so, not only so that you may know your rights, but also because you might benefit financially in case illness or off the job accidents.

The crew that was sent to Battle Mountain to complete the dismantling work will work under the agreement worked out to cover the work at Snelling with these additions: Family men who want to take their wives will be allowed car mileage, trailers will be furnished for families to live in and an allowance will be made to them equaling the cost of board.

### GLADDING, McBEAN CO.

**Meeting Announcements:** Joint Board meeting, Lincoln Industrial Council, Tuesday, September 6, 1955, at 4:15 p.m. in the Lincoln Industrial Council Office, Lincoln. General Membership Meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 1955, at 4:15 p.m., in the City Hall auditorium, Lincoln.

The office of the Lincoln Industrial Council is in for a much needed face lifting. The walls and woodwork will all be painted a pleasing color, we hope to everyone, although we have grave doubts about our ability to please everyone. The floors will be covered with linoleum and venetian blinds will be put on the windows and perhaps the door.

This will not only make a more pleasant office for the members to transact their business in, it will also be easier to keep clean, and the venetian blinds will make for privacy so the members may come to the office and make complaints without everyone in town knowing who is in the office.

The new rules governing Saturday work has already caused one complaint to be raised, which was settled in favor of the complaining member. We thought we ought to again speak on the matter of Saturday work as the Company in settling this complaint remarked that they were wrong in allowing him to work.

This year's agreement provides, in effect, as we said last month, that all work on Saturdays shall be at the overtime rate; however, an employee is not to be permitted to work Saturdays if he lays off during the week without permission of his immediate supervisor, or in cases of emergencies, without a reasonable excuse.

As we are of the opinion that in the future the Company is going to be stricter in its enforcement of this rule it is advisable for all members, if they must lay off during the week, to obtain permission in advance. In cases of emergency which do not permit requests in advance, we advise notification of the Company as soon as possible, stating the reason for the enforced absence.

—C. R. VAN WINKLE

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### HEAVY FOG PARTICLES

**London.**—A typical London fog will have up to 820,000 dust particles per cubic inch.



# FRESNO STARTS ON KINGS RIVER DAM

By G. LYNN MOORE and JIM MONROE, Business Representatives

Work has picked up in the Fresno area although many of the jobs are not too large and most of them are seasonal. The PG&E project has finally got started on the construction of Wishon Dam on the Kings River. The contract was awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Inc., the Walsh Construction

Company and B. Perini & Sons, a joint venture, with Morrison-Knudsen as sponsor. This contract consists of a rock filled dam with a maximum height of 250 feet above the stream bed and a crest length of 3,350 feet. The construction will require approximately 3,680,000 cubic yards of rock. The upstream face of the dam will be finished in concrete. Also a 1100 feet of diversion tunnel and 4 miles of access road. The camp, road work and tunnel is about all they expect to do this season, as this project is all about 6000 feet high. Bechtel Company are working on their small rock filled dam at Camp 61, just east of Kaiser Pass, and on their power house project at Camp 60, at the east end of Huntington Lake.

Oilfield Construction Co. have two crushers running making base rock to surface the Shaver and Huntington Lakes road; with Ellis Construction's hot plant making the black top. Eaton & Smith still working on the Big Stump road, between Big Creek and Kaiser Diggings. Macco Corporation are refacing 3 of the Huntington Lake dams. With all these jobs going it makes quite a bit of activity all at one time, but these jobs are only seasonal and as soon as the cold weather sets in they will have to shut down.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. have moved their paving equipment from Visalia to their freeway job, north of Fresno, and will start concrete pouring operations some time this week. Still have a little more to do at Visalia and some black top to lay. Gene Richards Paving Company are working on their section of the freeway job on Highway 99 in Fresno, also on their Abby street freeway job. They are on the finishing stages of their freeway job at Los Banos, also doing quite a bit of local work in and around the Fresno area.

Griffith Company have their hot

plant set at Lemon Cove at the P.C.A.'s yard and are making material for their various jobs in Tulare County. Stewart & Nuss have started their job west of Terra Bella, and have not as yet started on their job west of Porterville. This company also has some more work in the Los Banos area and are being kept busy with various jobs scattered in and around Fresno.

Morrison & Knudsen have just about finished laying pipe at Exeter for the Cen Vi Ro Pipe Company's job for the Bureau of Reclamation. This latter company has just completed making pipe.

United Concrete Pipe Company still have quite a bit more pipe to lay in the Delano area. Gordon Ball & San Ramon Land Co. still busy on their 3 highway jobs north of Delano; will not start pouring concrete until late this fall.

Peter Kiewit Co. and Frederickson & Kasler are winding up paving operations on their runway contract at Castle Air Force Base and have moved most of their equipment to Edwards Air Base.

Stockton Construction have started work on their cross channel contract at Bear Creek, east of Merced, John Carstensen subbing the dirt work. Stockton Construction also have a contract on the lengthening of sidings for the Santa Fe Railroad tracks, Gordon Capp subbing the dirt on this job. M. J. Ruddy & Sons have started building bridges on their Plainsburgh road job. This company was awarded a contract of \$138,047 grading and surfacing on the Madera-Firebaugh road, 6 miles west of Madera.

Gene Richards, Inc., was awarded a contract for minor construction of paving, fence and grading at the Madera fairgrounds. Dallas Wilson was awarded a contract of \$168,581 for City VCP and Disposal plant in Orange Cove.

**Don't forget the blood bank.**

# SHASTA BOYS EYE GIANT TRINITY JOB

By E. A. HESTER, Business Representative

WORK? Lots of it! Work is steadily progressing on about 15 different road construction jobs in the district; at least a half dozen paving jobs; construction of approximately 15 bridges, some small and some large; several housing projects, canals and reservoirs.

The big \$225,000,000 Trinity Hydro-electric project to be located in Trinity County, has been okayed by the Senate. The last remaining step is the signature of President Eisenhower on the bill. It looks like a sure-shot that we will get another big job in this district. Congress has already appropriated \$1,000,000 to start the preliminary work; however, I don't look for much activity for at least a year, as there is lots of planning and preliminary work to be done.

Piombo's big road job on U. S. Highway 99, north of Redding, is increasing in force as they are bringing in more equipment every day. Recently, they brought in a big D-9. Brother Phil Dunn is now commanding chief of this project.

Peter Kiewitt Sons' have their hot plant and crusher at Horse Creek and are ready to go on their paving jobs in that same vicinity. Eaton & Smith are going full blast on their road job at Montgomery Creek. Fredrickson & Watson have jobs scattered over the district, thus keeping a lot of the brothers busy.

I. J. Ely, contractor from Larkspur, was recently awarded contracts for two different seal coating jobs. One in Siskiyou County, various locations about 18.1 miles of fine seal coat to be applied to existing surface, bid was \$17,075.45. The other job was bid at \$14,580, for seal coating at various locations in Plumas and Tehama Counties.

R. M. Skamnes, Bird & Wiggs, low with a bid of \$61,225 for construction of a reinforced concrete bridge across Scott River, about two miles east of Etna.

On August 3, bids will be opened for 0.9 miles widen existing road-

to go on top. One 80 foot long mandrel. This will be about a two and one-half month job.

Bro Bob Noble, plant foreman for Fredrickson Bros. at Winters, informed us that they were just about finished with the paving job at Woodland, and were going to knock down the hot plant, and move it to their paving job at Willets, which amounts to about 14,000 tons of black topping.

Brother J. Lambkin dropped in to say "hello." He has just recently returned from the Philippines, having spent 27 months with Guy F. Atkinson as welder. Welcome back.

Our congratulations to Betty Musgrove, who just recently changed her name to "La Voie." The lucky man is Ed La Voie. Betty, as most of you know, is our gal in the Vallejo Bldg. Trades office who issues clearances.

We are glad to hear that Bro. John Kolesar is back to work after being off work with an eye injury, about 32 stitches.

Also sorry to learn of the automobile accident Bro. Clyde Robinson was in the other night. About 65 stitches in his head. Next time, Clyde, either do the driving instead of hanging on to the driver.

We had a letter from Brother Earl Lashmett the other day; says he is home from the hospital and recovering satisfactorily from his surgery. Hurry and get well.

Brother James Rowlette, who works for Ghilotti Bros. was in the office suffering a slight case of poison oak and not able to sit on his rig. All we would like to add to this is that the poison oak has a mighty long ways to go to catch up with the size of you, Jim.

Brother Henry Algore is quite the fisherman these days, landing a couple of whoppers. . . What he should do is hang up his shingle with this phrase: "I guarantee the catch is you furnish the bait." This boy will really come through with the salmon.

# STOCKTON INFLUX FOR TRI-DAM JOB

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

In spite of the influx of members of other locals of our International coming into this area to go to work on the Tri Dam project, we are still holding down the out of work list to a minimum. However, the Tri Dam jobs at this time are not placing men on the job as fast as they are coming in, due to the fact that the preliminary work will not require too many hands and the backfilling and dam construction cannot get under way until next spring.

At this time we have approximately 175 engineers on the two jobs with them being about evenly distributed. The man camps are in operation on both projects and the barracks are the best camp barracks that have been used to date in this district, with two men to a room, and a three-quarter length partition between the men.

Although M-K is sponsoring both jobs, Macco Corp. have O. H. Tucker as project manager on Beardsley dam, with Bert Perkins as general superintendent, Dave Fletcher, assistant, Byron Dougherty as master mechanic, Harold Gard and Marvin Moore, excavation foreman, George Underwood, tunnel superintendent, Whitey Lee, assistant, Paul Edwards, tunnel master mechanic.

Guy F. Atkinson's job on Cherry Creek is moving dirt in high gear now, with the quarries on a three-shift basis trying to keep the rock up with the impervious, which is hauled in on a two-shift basis by the D.W. 20's. If all goes according to plan, the dirt core should be completed by October 10 and the rock shortly thereafter.

Other contractors working in Cherry Valley are Wixson & Crowe, who have a tough job cleaning the reservoir as some of the terrain is so steep they cannot get the logs down after they are felled. This company has hopes of finishing the job before snow flies.

Rothchild-Raffin & Weirick have

way and install drainage facilities at portions between Tedco Road and 3.1 miles easterly in Tehama County. Bids to be opened on the same date for about 33.4 miles to apply medium fine and medium seal coats to existing surface at various locations in Shasta and Tehama Counties, budget allocation set at \$65,000.

Bids to be opened August 24, for highway improvements in Siskiyou County and 0.23 mile north of the north city limit of Dunsmuir, near north end of Sacramento River Bridge, a pedestrian overcrossing to be constructed. Budget allocation on this project is \$85,000.

Everyone is working; in fact, we have members from Locals No. 701, No. 12, No. 819 and No. 101 working on permit—they number about 20.

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## Nevada Road Money

It was reported last week that Nevada has been allotted \$8,720,047 in Federal aid highway funds for fiscal 1956. The sum will aid considerably in the state's big current highway improvement program.

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RENO, Nevada, contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P.O. Box 2351, Reno, \$80,450 for grade and pl. gravel or sel. matl. base course, plantmix bitum. paving on certain streets within City of Reno, Nev.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Geo. Reed, 529 Covena, Modesto, \$49,962 for 36.1 mi. apply med. fine seal coat to exist. surf. at various locations in STANISLAUS, SOLANO, TUOLUMNE, MARIPOSA, AMADOR, CALAVERAS, SAN JOAQUIN & MERCED COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson Bros., 1259 - 65th St., Emeryville, \$91,757 for 1.9 mi. grade, plantmix surf. on untr. base 7 widen 1 bridge, betw. Vacaville & Elmira, SOLANO COUNTY.

This is about all from this end. See you next month!

Just a reminder—our office is open every Thursday evening, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. for the convenience of the members.

the job of lining the diversion tunnel, concreting the spillway, and putting the gates in. They are starting to make a little progress. Munn and Perkins have built up a stock pile of aggregates for the concrete to be made at the spillway site.

O. K. Mittry & Sons are making good progress on the Shawmut Grade job although the worse part, or upper part, of the job is yet to come.

M. J. Ruddy & Son are paving the Priests Grade job, recently completed by Kenworthy & Patterson, and tourists into Yosemite Valley should be using the new road by the time this item is published.

Beerman & Jones started their paving job at Twain Harte some weeks ago and are nearing the end of the job which will be up at the Pinecrest Wye. Bro. John Barsley really put the new Barber-Greene paver to the test.

## STOCKTON JOBS

In the immediate Stockton area, Dun & Rozvar have started the Michigan Avenue job which consists of ¼ mile of the regrade and a storm drain in what is now an open ditch. When this job is completed, it will correct a hazard to the children of the Herbert Hoover School District and to the residents of that area. Michigan Street was narrow and high in the center, with a ditch six feet deep along one side, which made driving extremely dangerous, especially when traffic was heavy.

Claude C. Wood Co. are making good progress on their Highway 12 job above Clements. They should have the surface on this job by August 15.

Granite Const. Co. will finish on Highway 88 at Pine Grove on Friday, August 3, if everything goes as planned.

Calaveras Cement Co. will start the foundation for the new silos Monday, August 3. Claude Wood did the excavating on this job.

Beerman & Jones have the excavating for the shop and office building. The No. 5 kiln at Calaveras will not be started until the buildings are relocated, which will be at least two months from this date.

There is a four million dollar expansion program on the drawing board for this plant, to be completed within the next 12 months. This should take up a little slack for Stockton office in the coming winter.

Utah Const. Company is pouring foundation for the walnut plant and should be raising the walls by the time you read this.

Hastorff & Nettels are laying the storm drains for this installation. Stockton Const. Co. have their Model 6 Northwest Hoe on the trenching. Al Haworth has his cat spread (5 rigs) on the streets and grading out for the buildings. D. Parrish & Sons are boring foundation holes at the plant site.

J. H. Pomeroy Co. at the Heinz Plant, Tracy, have all the steel up for the building and are pouring the floor. Berkeley Plywood have two fork lifts hauling material for the roof on this structure. The Rock, Sand & Gravel plants are rolling full speed in this area and all the Brothers in the plants are happy with their 12½ cent increase in pay.

## NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS ON THE STOCKTON OUT-OF-WORK LIST:

All names will be stricken off unless we have had telephone or written communication from you within the past week. This situation was brought about due to the fact that the majority who were registered were not available for work.

# Northbay Area is Booming

By H. O. FOSS, FRANK LAWRENCE and LOUIS C. SOLARI, Business Representatives

As this goes to press, we are pleased to report that Brother Foss is recovering very nicely from his automobile accident, and is resting at home. We hope that it will not be too long before he will be back on the job with us. Brother Foss wishes to thank all those Brothers who have sent him cards containing all those "get well" wishes.

Our office has been very busy this past month clearing all the available men out on jobs.

Carey Bros. has been awarded a fair sized contract from McCarthy at Loch Lomand Housing Tract, amounting to 75,000 cubic yards of dirt and rock, filling in part of swamp land. All of Carey's electric rigs are on this job.

A new contractor has moved into this area from Texas and have a contract at Ignacio, which will last for the next three years. They operate under the name of Tecon Corp. Bro. Wise will be the assistant superintendent for them. The job consists of the usual construction for housing sites, streets, etc.

Eaton & Smith picked off a housing job at Larkspur. They have several jeeps and cats working at present. Bro. Keating is the big wheel pushing this project. One of the welders had an accident just recently on this job.

The "one armed bandit," Paul Vincillione, is back to work with his spread again, moving muck for the housing contractor of Crown Development Co.

Bro. Guy Slack is back to work on Black Point Aggregates Rock Co. He has been off sick. Glad to see him back on the job.

Ghilotti Bros. is getting started on their new job at Sun Valley, but 5th street has to be widened first before they will let Ghilotti do

anything in the tract. They also expect to start the Petaluma job by the first of next week. They have work scattered all over this country. You can see some of their equipment most any place, under a bush, or on top of some hill. There are 12 or 15 of our brother members employed by this firm.

We received word that Sham-mock has made an addition of another new truck, making a fleet of eleven at present.

## VALLEY JOBS

There is a storm sewer job going on in Vallejo, amounting to \$300,000 with one man on. Size of concrete pipe is 128 inches on the outside, and 108 inches inside. There is 60,000 feet of pipe. Storm drain started a foot off Solano street, past Highway 40. This job started the first of June and is to be completed by February, 1956; 240 working days, eight-hour days a week. Ditch is 14 feet deep and the width is 20 feet.

On the Ben C. Gerwick job in Vallejo, superintendent is Harry Larson, operator and pile driver is Chuck Grady, fireman is Frank Vizcarra; Carl Barber is the mechanic on this job. The job is located at 2nd and Ryder in Vallejo; 6,000,030 feet sand drain for the Vallejo Sanitary & Flood Control District, 7,300 feet of drain trench, 18 inches wide and four feet deep; 32,400 feet earth embankment, fill



# THE NEVADA ROUND-UP—

By H. L. "Curley" SPENCE and JOSEPH "Joe" MILLER, Business Representatives

Dodge Construction, Inc., has finished their highway job east of Fallon, Nev., on Highway No. 50 and moved to their Airport job at Elko, Nevada. They will have part of their dirt moving crew moving in on their highway job, north of Wimmucca, in the near future. Brother Jack Chatelle is already on the job breaking ground and getting everything lined out. It will be a good job with Jack around to dish out orders like a Sergeant in the walking Army.

Dodge Construction, Inc., Iron Mine is progressing in fine shape. Brother George Eckman is the General Manager. George has developed into quite a mining man after spending so many years in the construction game, but that George is a good man in most any line of work. Brother Ed Barrington, the Head Shovel Runner, is a real iron ore digger, and his oiler, Brother Gino Quilici, is a real oiler, but he has to be to get along with Ed. Gino will be a digger himself, some day. Brother T. C. "Alabama" Bottoms is on the Northwest at the stock pile. He keeps the trucks rolling to the railroad for shipping the ore to Stockton, Calif. Brother Chas. "Gene" Shoffner and Brother H. W. Pardick are handling the loading operations at the railroad with the aid of M. D. "Doctor" Mello, the super duper scales master. Bro. Perry Thomsen has his hands full doing the Dozer work around the iron ore operations. Brother Miguel "Mike" Pantoja as the Greaser is the busiest man and the most over-worked brother on the job. Mike is busy from the time the bus gets to the job until it leaves. Brother Frankie Chico is on the Northwest in the stripping operations of the mine, and that Chico is doing a fine job stripping, believe me.

## ANACONDA

At the Anaconda Company operations at Weed Heights, Nevada, the negotiations have ended and the agreement has been signed for another year. The employees received from \$0.115 cents per hour to \$0.175 cents per hour increase in wages plus additional gains in some reclassifications and new classifications. The agreement was reached through the hard and keen work of the negotiating committee that was selected by the membership. The committee consisted of Brothers Ed DuBos, Bob Sloan, Byron Mason, Harold Pryor, Joe Begent, Walter Curry, Ralph Nicholson, Jesse Pickett, Dean Lawrence, Clarence Nelson, Wesley Benni, Bill Hughes, Don Tibballs, Archie Johnson, Ray Diehl, and Alex Aldrich. These Brothers should be commended for their excellent work that they did in negotiating the agreement, and we, personally, wish to thank each and everyone of them for participating in the meetings and for the great interest they showed in helping ALL of the employees at Anaconda. Thanks, Brothers, for a job well done.

The George E. Miller Company has begun the excavating at the Fallon Naval Air Station at Fallon, Nevada. Brother Merritt "Dugan" Pulsipher and his oiler, Brother Donald Jeakins, are on the "22-B" doing everything a rig can do and then some. Brother Walter McMain is on the Blade making sub-grade for the housing unit (when he isn't broke down with axle trouble). Brothers Bill Wilson, Dan Avery and Joe Armas are on the Pulls for Forrester and Brother Russ J. Rockett is the man that gives them all the big push with the A.C. Cat. Brother Joe Benbow is keeping everything running with his great monkey-wrenching ability. It looks as if he has lots of work to do too. Out in the borrow pit, Brother Glenn Welsh is heaping the top soil on the trucks with an A.C. Skip Loader. This is a hot, hard, and dusty job in the desert and all alone too. Brother Doyle Minor is on the Boom Cat, raising and lowering pipe for Miller. That is a real fine job for Doyle, he's as happy as a bug in a rug. Bro. Bill Petersen is on a Skip Loader around the building area, scattering soil around the foundations and sub-grade for concrete. Bro. Bob Pulsipher is on the Dozer at the Crushing Plant and so far, hasn't run over anything. This is one man that trains everybody around him to keep clear of the

rig when he is working. Do your talking when he is on the ground or take your chances of getting educated the hard way.

## AROUND RENO

Georgé E. Miller has his Kietzke Lane job in Reno, Nevada, going right along. Brothers Nick "Lefty" Lemich, Art "Rabbit" Allen, and Ed Smith are working the Cat String. The big Boss Man on the job is Brother Don Stacey, who hires 'em and fires 'em. It didn't seem as if much were going on for a while on this job, but now the fills and cuts are beginning to show up and the progress can readily be seen from the Island Avenue crossing.

George Grifall's outfit is going strong around Reno. Brother Calvin Scolari, the Backhoe Man, is hard at it for the Greek. Also, Brother Al Parlanti gets his two bits in for the outfit. Brother Roy Nielson is the outstanding Skippy Man for Grifall. He can get a Service Station in order for paving quicker than any man in town with the help of Grifall waving his hands and giving Roy instructions.

Gill Construction Co. from Bakersfield, Calif., are putting down the black-top on sections of Highway No. 89 between Tahoe City and Donner Lake. Many of the Brothers are keeping busy around the Hot Plant and Crusher. Bro. W. A. Prince is on a D-8 feeding the plant. Brother Norris Julian is operating the Crusher, and Bro. Howard Sanders is the oiler. Bro. "Whitey" Edwards is operating the Barbergreene Paver, and Brother Ralph "Slim" Cubberness is on the roller taking out the wrinkles. Brother James "Frenley" Smith is on the finish blade preparing the sub-grade for the oil. This is one of those jobs where you lay a mile of "hot stuff" here and then run on down the road five or six miles for another section and then back up the line for another section and then well back and forth all the time. The Brothers don't mind, though, it gives them a change of scenery and some new fishing grounds.

Harms Construction Co. has finished the sub-grade at Ravendale, Calif., and is now putting the gravel down at a fast clip. Brother Fred "Squawman" Martin is on the Roller. Brother Virgil "Jiggs" Williams is Mixer Operator. Super Curley Christman has had a top grade crew on this job and right now he's got a top Blade Man. Chief Bender is up there and really getting the job done. No troubles on the job and lots of material moving all the time.

Lee Construction Co. has started a small job at Markleeville, Calif. The job is only a half mile long, but it's rough and rocky. There will be several of the Brothers on the job in the near future and Brother Charles Oulette will be the Foreman for Schwake (Lee Const.) and he will be a good man on the job as Boss Man.

John Savage has the job on State Highway No. 28, between the Junction of Highway No. 50 and No. 28 around Lake Tahoe to the Nevada State Line near Brockway. He should get started in the next week or so. This will be a good job for John Savage.

## LAKE TAHOE

McGuire and Hester have moved back to Bijou at Lake Tahoe. Bro. Lloyd Burger is on the Northwest 25 and managing to get the job done with the able assistance of his oiler, "Bossman Johnny" Arvin (Old Center Line himself). Lloyd just wouldn't be able to make it without that "able assistant." At least, that was our last report. Good luck, fellows, that sounds like a good job up there at the "Lake in the Sky."

W. W. Clyde Const. Co. from Springville, Utah, has finished and done a nice job too, on Robinson

Summit on Highway No. 50 west of Ely, Nevada. They are now getting ready to oil the nine miles of road between Carlin and Palisade, Nevada. The Clyde outfit has had rough time on the Carlin job as the major portion of the job was hard lava rock and it was difficult to drill and blast the material in order to loosen it for the shovel. They will do a good job, though, as I saw some very nice slopes and sub-grade on my last job check.

Stewart and Hitchcock Construction Co. are busy crushing rock and spreading gravel on their job north of McGill, Nevada, at Berry Creek road. With the exception of a few minor difficulties, the job has been progressing very smoothly. Brothers Brick Smith, Forest Smith, Manuel "Popeye" McCloud, Derald Robinson and Earl Wosnum have been doing a very nice piece of work on this job, and the "Super" Max Riggs has been very glad to have such a fine crew of men on his payroll. This hasn't been a big job for the Brothers but it has been a good one. Long hours and lots of pay.

## WELLS JOB

Hoops Construction of Twin Falls, Idaho, has begun to pave the 22 miles of road south of Wells, Nevada. They were successful bidders on two other jobs in the Silver State and should start moving their excavating crew on them in the near future. One of the jobs is on Highway No. 40 from four miles west of Wells, Nevada to Wells. The other is a considerably larger job at Mountain City, Nevada, north of Elko, Nevada. This job runs from 21 miles south of Mountain City to two miles north of Mountain City. Should be able to place some of the Brothers on this job once it starts.

Brother Tommy Eck has gone back to work for Morrison-Knudson on their overseas work at Karachi, Pakistan. He will be General Foreman on the job. Brother Eck was getting itchy feet just prior to his leaving the States and seemed rather eager to get to Japan and other ports of the Far East. I believe that he may have forgotten something there on his way back from the last job and wanted to find it as soon as possible. The last we heard of Tommy, he was in Siam waiting, gladly we think, for transportation on down the line. He says, on numerous post-cards, "nothing," sometimes, "Having wonderful time, wish you were here." Original, to say the least.

It came as a great shock to us when we learned of the death of Brother Phil Baird, who was working for Isbell Construction Company at Rifle, Colorado, where the D-8 Dozer he was on went over a fill and turned over on top of him. Brother Baird was a native of Ely, Nevada, and was well known to everyone in the State. We will all feel a great loss as Phil was becoming a top skinner and was a very good union man. He leaves a space in our ranks that will be hard to fill.

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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Howard B. Folsom, P.O. Box 722, Westwood, \$21,083 for about 11.3 mi. apply medium seal coat to exist. surf. betw. Adin & Rush Creek & betw. 1 mi. east of Canby Chambers Ranch. MODOC CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$962,632 for 1.6 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on untr. base & const. 2 R.C. bridges and 1 pedestrian overcrossing, betw. Rt. 5 & Mission St., SANTA CRUZ CO.

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RENO, Nev., contract awarded to Condor Const. Co., 270 Claremont, Reno, Nev., \$37,262 (Items 3-7) for grading, paving, const. sidewalks, curbs, gutters, etc., on certain streets and alleys in Reno, Nevada.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Associated Pipeline, Inc., P.O. Box 66, South San Francisco, \$14,220 for lay 6 in. and 8 in. CI mains in Charter Oak Ave., Helena St., Parnass Ave. & Shafter St., Water Dept. Contract No. 727.

# REDWOOD JOBS HIT PEAK

By A. R. McCaffrey, Business Representative

Construction work has reached its seasonal peak and has started to level off in the Redwood Empire. Most all of the larger jobs are over the hump and what jobs that are being let are small.

Arthur B. Siri, Inc., have their new hot plant and Aggregate plant rolling at their permanent installation in Arcata. This is a large operation and will keep many of the brothers busy in the future. This firm is working on several jobs scattered throughout the area at the present time. We wish them success in their venture.

Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., of San Francisco, have started to drive piling on their bridge job on the Eureka Slough. Mercer-Fraser Company are doing the dirt work on this project.

Mercer-Fraser Company are rolling every piece of equipment they have plus some rental equipment all over the area. This firm has more work this year than they have ever had to my knowledge, and they will really have to hit hard to finish up before the rains come.

Humboldt Constructors of Eureka are winding up on some of their work around the area. They are cleaning up on their fill jobs at Fields Landing and they haven't much left to go on their highway job at Berry Summit.

John Delphia Company have been moving a lot of dirt and rock on their highway job on Berry Summit, but they have not been making too much headway due to heavy slides. This job has really been a rough one, both on the brothers and equipment, due to the steep and rocky terrain.

J. Ira McNutt Company, whose job joins Delphia's job to the east on Berry Summit, are in the same boat. But they are making good progress—not so many slides. The Bureau of Public Roads will ask for bids in the near future for the next section on 299, from the J. Ira McNutt job to Willow Creek.

Macco-M. K. Corp. have finished their jetty job in Crescent City for this year, although there is still a lot of work yet to be done on this project. Peter Kiewitt Sons' have just about completed their base and paving job at Smith River. Pelican Bay Construction Company are furnishing the hot stuff for this project. Mercer-Fraser Company have about two more weeks on their paving job in Smith River. Carr & Rocca are busy on their bridge job in Middle Fork. Beresa, Inc., are working two shifts on their hosing project in Crescent City. Marlin is busy on his Elk Valley highway job.

All of the local contractors are busy on various jobs around Crescent City. The Army Engineers will ask for bids August 22, 1955, for the dredging of 187,000 cubic yards in the outer harbor basin in Crescent City.

The following contracts were awarded recently in this area: 7-27-55, Skames-Bird-Wiggs Company of Sacramento, bridge job on Hoopa Reservation; 8-1-55, Pat Barkley of Sunnyvale, sewer job at Blue Lake, Humboldt County; 8-3-55, Tom Hull of Eureka, sewer job in Eureka; 8-3-55, Mercer-Fraser Company of Eureka, widening of Fourth street and Broadway in Eureka.

Bids are being asked for on the following work: 8-18-55, State—apply seal coat, Klamath, Del Norte County; 8-22-55, Dredge the outer harbor basin in Crescent City.

All of the local contractors and material plants are busy and it looks like it will be that way for quite some time.

There are numerous jobs under way throughout the area; industrial plants, subdivisions, building sites, streets, sidewalks, sewer and water jobs, etc., which will keep the brothers busy until the rains start.

Bro. Harold Puckeylow, working with the Underground Construction Company crew on the telephone company project in Arcata, used a reverse twist on the old saying concerning "what goes up must come down."

He was forced to land his airplane on the beach, near Stone Lagoon, Saturday, when the gas tank cap fell off, and gas was being

sucked from the tank by vacuum. The landing was successful, but getting the craft airborne again was a problem. It got stuck in the sand.

So Sunday, Puckeylow, enlisting the aid of a fellow worker, Brother Manuel Fabian, rented a boat and a motor and towed planks to the scene of the landing. The two laid the planks, rolled the aircraft onto the planks, ran the wheel to the end of the boards, laid two more planks, ran the airplane to the end of those, picked up the second planks—and on and on for half a mile until they came to hard beach sand.

Then they flew it out. Both Bro. Puckeylow and Bro. Fabian claim they can see definite drawbacks to the air age.

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## Auto Hints

A paste made from glycerine and litharge makes an excellent adhesive for attaching porcelain handles to metal fittings. The liquid glycerine can be purchased at a drug store, while most paint stores carry litharge paste.

Mix the glycerine with the litharge until a fairly heavy paste is obtained. Fill the depression in the porcelain handle about half full of the paste, then press it on the metal fitting. Wipe off the excess paste which oozes out. About 24 hours is required for such a cement to harden.

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You don't have to keep your eye on a skillet when you prepare fried chicken this way: Brown the chicken pieces, dipped in butter-milk and then in flour, in hot fat on top of range; then arrange the chicken in a casserole, cover and bake in a moderate oven for 30 to 40 minutes, or until tender.

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Mesh bags which potatoes and grapefruit come in make excellent "glad bags"; technically interpreted, this means dusting glad bulbs with sulphur and hanging them in bags on garage walls during the winter—this prevents rot.

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Try this for removing lint from velveteen or dark woollens—wrap Scotch tape, sticky side out, around hand and make like a brush.

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Pour hot bacon drippings over warm potatoes or rice when making salad, and the flavor will be immeasurably enhanced!

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When baking cookies with only one cookie sheet, line with foil and bake while dropping the next batch on a second sheet. You can make the exchange quick as a wink.

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## ★ Home Tips ★

Glass top-of-range ware bakes quicker than shiny metal pans, so less heat is needed. If you're using a recipe not tested in glass ovenware, reduce oven temperature about 25 degrees.

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When wearing white gloves, carry a piece of chalk in your purse to rub over smudges the gloves might pick up.

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Eggs should be kept under refrigeration, both at the grocery and at home. Eggs stored at room temperature will lose as much quality in three days as those kept two weeks under refrigeration.

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Unshelled nuts keep better than those shelled, and unsalted keep better than those salted. All nuts keep better at low temperature, so it's a good idea to refrigerate them rather than store them on a kitchen shelf.

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## AFL Engineers Win

Carlsbad, N.M.—The AFL Operating Engineers defeated the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers in a National Labor Relations Board election at the Duval Potash Plant.



# Utah News Roundup

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

Gibbons & Reed Co. were the low bidders on the first section of Parley's Canyon to be let this year and expect to get started August 8, 1955, with one 80-D Shovel and crew. We are not certain yet who will supervise this job, but they will probably just move the men from Dugway right in onto this job as they are rapidly finishing up their contract there.

This company has one new D-9 to put on the job along with two DW-20's and two Euc Scrapers. Most of the cats and blades at Dugway were new this spring so this should make for a good job.

A little later—as soon as the steel pipe becomes available—they will move in a backhoe to do the excavating and a Model 6 North-west to lay the pipe and backfill the trench. This steel pipe they plan to use weighs about 9000 pounds per length so will require a "Model 6" to do the job.

Gibbons & Reed Co. also have a 20-mile section of plant mix bituminous surface road to pave this fall just down the Snake River out of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and are now in the process of moving some men and equipment up there.

Reynolds Co. are now laying hot-plant mix on the Emigration Canyon Road after quite a series of delays and tough luck getting started. The gravel pit the State and Forest Service specified for this job just happens to be a little tough. They have been using 2 and sometimes 3 cats in the pit during the day to feed the one crusher and then drilling and blasting in the evening for the following day. So far the company has bought the gravel for the shoulders from J. B. & R. E. Walker pit and trucked it all the way from Big Cottonwood Canyon. It looks as though they may have to continue doing so for some time to come. This job should be completed and open for traffic in about six weeks or about October 1, 1955.

Strong Co. were low bidders on a section of the Vernal to Manila highway and expect to start about August 15th. This new job brings to six the number of road jobs in the Uintah Basin this summer. We are happy to see so much activity in this area for a change. And too, maybe one can drive his car out in that area now without the fear of high centering on some of the roads other than Highway 40.

We are still very anxiously awaiting the decision on the Boeing Aircraft Plant contemplated for the old Midvale No. 2 Airport, but as yet have heard nothing official as to whether or not it will be built here.

As this article goes to press we have nothing but rumors to give you concerning the stripping at Bingham. Rumor has it that the Isbell Const. Co. were low bidders and will do the work this year. As you all know Utah Const. Co. have always done it in the past, but we may have a little new blood in here this year. Maybe this will be good and maybe not so good as we have always had good relations in the past on the stripping job with Utah Const. Co. doing the work.

All in all the work picture is still very bright, but we have another winter coming up soon. Plan to attend your meetings and help us make plans for the coming winter.

## Northern Area

In this area the news is very good again this month with some additional work getting under way and most of the other jobs in full swing.

Everyone in this area is employed at the present time. There are also a number of men from other sections of the state working on jobs in and around Ogden.

A number of the jobs that are under way are of several months duration and should keep a lot of the members busy through most of the winter if the weather will permit.

The Utah Const. Co. has a good start on the preliminary work in the raising of Pine View Dam. The present tunnel on the Eden road will be eliminated and the company is in the process of filling the tunnel. A few engineers are already employed on the job and the

number should increase soon.

Peter Kiewit & Sons Co. have a number of engineers employed on the construction of runways and supporting facilities at Hill Air Force Base. This is a good job although a few fellows have lost a little time because of the stiff specifications on the compaction and gravel.

Morrison & Knudsen have a full crew busy on the Gateway Canal job in Morgan County. Additional equipment is arriving now for the lining of the canal which will require a few more engineers in the next week.

The A. S. Horner Co. has equipment on the way for the starting of the diversion dam and additional at Stoddard.

J. W. Bateson Co. has started their warehouse job on Hill Field with Fife Construction Co. doing the excavation.

Wheelwright Const. Co. has a number of engineers busy on small jobs around Ogden with the main crew working on the Weber Aqueduct.

Young & Smith Co. have nearly all their equipment busy in this area on either the Davis Aqueduct or the Willard test dyke.

The R. W. Coleman Co. submitted the low bid of \$206,990 for the sewer collection system and outfall lines in Brigham City.

M. Morrin & Sons Co. were low bidder on the new Safeway Store in Ogden and also have been awarded the contract for \$225,717 for the Sewerage Treatment Plant in Brigham City.

The work picture looks good and our relations have been very satisfactory with the majority of the contractors.

## Southern Section

A peak employment condition still exists in our section. A good portion of our members are employed outside the immediate vicinity of Provo, but the fact that they are employed is our main concern.

Strong Co. is going full blast on their job between Moab and Monticello. This is the only new road job to start in this area since the last issue. Bro. Tex Cranmer is pushing the wide awake pull spread. Bros. Jay Fullmer, Buss Young and an applicant by the name of Ned Stienbrook are the Super C operators. Brothers Ray Walker and Virgil Keever run the snatch and push cats respectively. The antics of this company is hard for these operators to grasp since they leave their electric pulls bedded down in Springville and are using the old Super C's. The C's are doing the job or they wouldn't be there as I see it, and I mean this as a compliment to the operators. There has been talk of this company being low bidder on a section of the Vernal-Manila highway. The supervision of this company has shown above average intelligence in latching on to this job. The job is in the finest deer country in Utah and they'll be moving onto the job at about the right time.

J. M. Sumsion and Sons are finishing up their oil job at Eureka. They are working two shifts on the crusher in Provo Canyon to free it for their job in the Uranium country. This company was awarded 32 miles of grade, gravel and oil from the junction with Highway 6 and 50 towards Hanksville to Temple Mountain Junction. They will have some equipment on the job before August 15th and should be able to work quite late into the winter season.

The Mill at Moab is working a sizable crew now. They received a new 25-ton Lorraine Motor Crane which we were happy to man for them. Bro. Tom Curtis exercised his privilege as the oldest hand to operate the Truck Crane. Brother

## Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lang Co., Sand & Gravel, Iron Ore Mines, Vitro Uranium Corporation, Kennecott Copper Co.

Construction, Sand and Gravel Members, 2nd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Construction, Sand and Gravel Members, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West First North, Provo, Utah.  
 Construction, Sand and Gravel Members, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.  
 Vitro Uranium Company, 3rd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Lang Company—All Called Meetings, Cedar City Iron Mines, Thursday, September 1, 1955 at 8:00 p.m., El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah.  
 Kennecott Copper Mines—On account of shut-down we will call the next meeting.

## Schedule of State Road Meetings

All Called Meetings.

Mont Pilling is doing the oiling, Brothers Charles Merrifield and Don Reid taking the 22B, Brother Eugene Jolley doing duty on the A-frame and Brothers Don Bateman and Bernard Stienbrook doing duty on the cats.

Pacific Pipeline Con. Co. have been busy setting up a small plant at United Concrete Pipe Co.'s yard at Pleasant Grove. The plant will coat the pipe to be shipped to Grand Junction, Colorado. The operation is under the supervision of Andy Anderson who seems to be our kind of people.

## Kennecott Copper

In the last issue we indicated to you that when we were preparing our report we felt that by the time you received your Engineers News we would have the new contract closed and the properties would be back to work. But we certainly underestimated the lack of moral responsibility Kennecott has for those who have contributed by far the greatest effort to produce its wealth. They are willing to praise your efforts to the world on paper as in the following:

"Our gratitude is extended to Utah Copper employees past and present. There has been a great contribution to the success of the Company." Written by L. F. Pett on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of the Utah Copper Corporation.

A few bucks for the printer is all that costs, but when we talk about decent consideration for years of that service (they appreciate so much) it is a different tune they play. Pensions have been the biggest block in the way of settlement. We have told them time and again what was needed to make a decent program and frankly, until yesterday, August 5th, their offer on pensions was nothing short of lousy. Yesterday they condescended to give consideration to the parts which have been at issue, namely, removing the 50-year age limit on the total and permanent disability clause. The way this was proposed by the company a man could have become totally disabled at age 49½ with possibly 30 years service and get nothing. We all know that total disability can occur to anyone at any time. Kennecott proposed to limit to 30 years service any pension. We felt a man's pension should be paid for ALL the years of service. Several other factors, all of importance to you, have been at issue and we repeat it looks like the log jam is beginning to break up. If I were predicting I'd predict settlement will be reached within the next 48 hours, but I'm not predicting. We hope so at least.

We have filed an appeal on the decision of the Employment Security Department relative to the unemployment checks you should receive and are pushing for an early hearing. In this matter your employer, a Kennecott agent, went to the Board and deliberately falsified into the record that all the Unions were on strike. This follows their line of false propaganda right down the line.

## Cedar Iron Mines

There is very little change in status to report for the job at the

Iron Mines. The tempo continues at about the same pace it has attained over the past year with no apparent prospect right now for any immediate change. Some change in operational procedure appears imminent at the Comstock Mine. The management indicates that they are wracking their brains along with C.F.I. engineers trying to get the ore into the cars in a little better shape. They are getting too many fines with the present conveyor system. They say they hope that by making some changes there that the breakage may be held to a minimum. The bright spot about the whole thing as far as the employee is concerned is more work for someone, and of course, the product we have to offer is labor.

At Desert Mound Consolidated Western has a sizable job to do for Columbia. They are installing a new crusher and conveyors. This again is proving the value of membership in Local No. 3. Several of our members who were formerly at the mines are now working for Consolidated Western.

## Southwest Construction

Buckhorn Flat has been the scene of considerable activity this summer. Germer Abbott and Waldron have made record progress there and it won't be very long until the job will be completed. Ideal Asphalt has moved in from Las Vegas to lay the hot stuff. Most of the gravel is out and by the end of September this job should be chalked up as history.

The State has indicated their intentions to try to remedy the one other bad feature of Buckhorn Flat, namely the dust. They indicate that it has been over-grazed and are going to do some seeding in an effort to improve the situation.

## State Road

During the past 30 days a number of changes in personnel have taken place around the State Road organizations and in a couple of cases the only result would have to be for the better. In the case of our erstwhile nemesis in District No. 1 we are not one bit unhappy at the departure of Homer Brucker. To a number of you in District No. 1 who let him influence you against the Operating Engineers Union, we are sure you will see the day when you will be glad to have our assistance in matters which will concern you as they have in the past. I recall particularly when a number of the brothers in District No. 1 were quite concerned about being kicked off their jobs. We went to bat and helped them keep their jobs. They are still on those jobs—a matter of over two years later. We don't win all the time, but our batting average has been pretty good over the years. Sometime ask some Local No. 3 men who have helped fight Labor's battles how they feel about it. In the case of the Salt Lake Shops we expect better relations in the front office than we have enjoyed over the past five years. I still can't get it through my head why men will oppose an effort which is so obviously designed to help them.

In the case of friend Bruncker

## AGAINST 'RIGHT TO WRECK LAWS'

By BILL COBB

Negotiations for the coming year have just been successfully completed, and we have achieved most of our aims. Through active political participation we have been able to prevent anti-labor legislation in the state, but let us not be deceived—the employer will have other plans next year, backed by more money, to pass "Right to Wreck" laws.

Martin Durkin, President of the A. F. of L. Plumbers, in an article published in "United Association Journal," clearly outlines "Right to Work" laws and their viciousness. He defines Open Shop as:

- Non-union men on the job.
- Non-union wage scales on the job, Lower wages.
- Longer hours.
- The right to work only on terms set by contractors.

"Right to Work" was called "The American Plan" in the 1920's. Today it is the new slogan for non-union jobs and non-union wage scales; for lower wages and longer hours; for the right to work only on terms set by the contractor.

The American Plan was successful in the open shop drive. It was started by bankers and business men, supported by farmers and white-collared workers. No one spoke of destroying unions under the American Plan—although everyone behind the plan wanted to destroy them.

The right to work in an open shop was preserved for the benefit of most big American employers until Congress guaranteed workers the right to organize under the Wagner Act in 1935. Only then did the American Plan begin to wane.

Fifteen years of unparalleled growth for unions followed the passage of the Wagner Act. But banking and business interests soon found legal means to protect the "right to work" in an open shop when the Taft-Hartley Act became law in 1947.

Under the Taft-Hartley Act workers are, with one exception, guaranteed "the right to refrain from" joining unions and from collective bargaining and all workers are, without exception, guaranteed the protection of state laws in exercising a "right to work" without joining unions.

Let us examine this new "Right to Work":

- Is it in the Constitution? No.
- Is it in the Bill of Rights? No.
- Can you use it to get a job? No.
- Can you use it to keep a job or to prevent you from being fired? No.

Does it protect your wages, hours and working conditions? No.

It means:  
 Non-union men on the job when the contractor wants them.

Non-union wage scales on the job when the contractor orders them.

Penalties, fines, injunctions against any group of union workers who protest.

These laws ban the union shop even where the workers want it, even where the contractor desires it, and even where all workers are union members.

we realize that he was hurt because someone stole his little reg wagon. It seems that he, the District Supervisor, was President of the farce of a Company Union which you once were burdened with. When a bona fide Union entered the picture, one which could and has gained you many benefits, his nose was put all out of joint. Because he couldn't destroy us he turned you fellows against us. Well, fellows, the door is still open and will be for a while if you want to come back in. We can forget the past, but if you wait too long the door may be closed and when you need us some time we may not be available to you. It seems that in politics changes have a habit of taking place. We intend to continue to be at bat for our members when they need us. Whether you are one of those members depends primarily on you. You'll never make a better investment.



# Daily report of awards for construction

(Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK and RUSS SWANSON)

JULY 6, 1955

**BERKELEY**, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$72,760 for const. initial phase, Athletic Field Development, Calif. School for the Deaf.

**SAN BRUNO**, contract awarded to Stephen L. Vistica & Son, 70 N. El Camino Real, San Mateo, \$27,225 for grounds improvement at Calif. National Guard.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$44,620 for construction of reinf. conc. sewers in portion

of Adeline St.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Ransome Const. Co., 4030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$97,746 for reconstr. W. Grand Ave. betw. Magnolia & Cypress St.

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$46,218 for const. por. of storm drain "F."

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., S.F., \$79,505 (5A), \$112,433 (5B) for sand drains and embankment at treat. plant-site.

**EUREKA**, contract awarded to Valley Engineers, Inc., P.O. Box 412, Fresno, \$22,666 for const. sewage lift station for City of Eureka, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

**MILL VALLEY**, contract awarded to Associated Engineers, Inc., 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$13,740 for instl. irrig. sys. for turf on Sir Francis Drake H.S. in San Anselmo & of Tamalpais H.S. in Mill Valley.

**PRESIDIO OF S. F.**, contract awarded to Stephen L. Vistica & Son, 70 N. El Camino Real, San Mateo, \$12,006 for land management & site improvement at Defense Sites of 752nd, 704th & 9th AAA Battalions, San Pablo.

**CASTRO VALLEY**, contract awarded to Domingos Balanco, 550 Hathaway Ave., San Lorenzo, \$65,662 for reconstr. main sewer lines in Strobridge Ave., Vine St., Redwood Road, Stanton Ave., Parsons Ave., Kieth Ave., Castro Valley San. Dist. of Alameda County.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Fred J. Early Jr. Co. Inc., 369 Pine St., San Francisco, \$142,875 for const. sewage treat. plant, force main, sewage pump, plant, etc., for Manhole Sewer Assess. Dist.

**SAN LEANDRO**, contract awarded to Lee Const. Co., 1575 Lake Chabot Road, San Leandro, \$11,130 for grade & pave on Halcyon Dr. betw. Washington Ave. & Tract No. 1417.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc. & D. N. Underdown & Gene Richards, P.O.

Box 1349, Fresno, \$147,000 for 1.4 mi. roadmix surf. on cem. tr. base, etc. & furn. & inst. traf. sig. & hwy. lig. in Fresno, on Stanislaus and Tuolumne St. & on "O" St. & "P" Sts. **FRESNO COUNTY**.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., San Francisco, \$75,640 for track removal & pavement reconstr. on O'Farrell St. betw. Market St. & Jones Sts.

**PRESIDIO OF S. F.**, contract awarded to John A. Carstensen, P.O. Box 37, Castro Valley, \$42,337 for bitum. surf. pave on roads at Presidio, Ft. Barry, Ft. Cronkhite, Angel Island, Milagra, Lake Chabot, Rocky Ridge, San Pablo & Grizzly Peak.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Fred T. Fahey, 1874 25th Ave., S.F., \$47,572 for lay 6", 8" & 16" cast iron mains in 2nd portion of Midtown Terrace Subdiv. 3 and 4.

JULY 7, 1955

**RICHMOND**, contract awarded to Aguiar Bros., 1716 Broadway, San Pablo, \$17,621 for san. interceptor sewer from So. 23rd & Meeker Ave. to So. 27th & Seaver.

**COALINGA**, contracts awarded to the following for const. sewer lines in various locations in Coalinga-Valley Engrs. Inc., P.O. Box 461, Fresno.

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to Harms Bros. & C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$83,828 for widen, realign, grade & pave Amador St. between Garford Alley & Florida Streets.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to John A. Carstensen, P.O. Box 37, Castro Valley, \$37,429 for improve Laguna Creek betw. Mission and Walnut & Almond Sts., Irvington.

JULY 8, 1955

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$81,087 for resurf. six streets in City of Sacramento.

**VALLEJO**, contract awarded to Bay-Pacific Const. & Engineering Co., 48 S. Linden Ave., So. San Francisco, \$24,885 for const. san. sewers in Hargus & Orange Ave. & Banning Way in Vallejo Sewer Assessment Dist.

**SAN JOSE**, contract awarded to Haas & Haynie, 275 Pine St., San Francisco, approx. \$2,634,000 for const. of Valley-Fair Shopping Center on Stevens Creek Road, in San Jose.

**SALT LAKE CITY**, Utah, contract awarded to Thorn Const. Co., Inc., Box 111, Springville, Utah, \$55,573 for 0.598 mi. 3" plantmix surfacing on St. Rte. No. 114 (Center St.) from U.S. No. 91 (5th St. W., Provo) Westerly to east end of Center St. viaduct between 11th & 12th west in **UTAH COUNTY**.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Reed & Tuttle, Redwood Valley, \$40,302 for const. 160' bridge acr. Van Duzen River, in Six Rivers Natl. Forest, **TRINITY CO.**

**SANTA ROSA**, contract awarded to Reichhold & Jurkovich, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$21,768 for const. of plantmix resurf. on sel. existing streets in Santa Rosa.

**MILL VALLEY**, contract awarded to Hancock Const. Co., P.O. Box 756, Lafayette, \$157,135 for const. 9 prefab. housing units, at 666th AC & W Squadron.

**PITTSBURG**, contracts awarded as follows for site development of Pittsburg Sr. High School:

Sec. A, C, D, E, G, H—To F. Wills, RFD Box 233, Antioch, \$83,283.

Sec. B—To Watkin & Sibbard, 6 Bridge St., San Anselmo, \$19,493.

JULY 11, 1955

**BERKELEY**, contract awarded to Dinwiddie Const. Co., 210 Crocker Bldg., San Francisco, \$497,400 (Base bid less alt. B) for const. addns. & alterations to hospital.

**OGDEN**, Utah, contract awarded to Utah Const. Co., P.O. Box 1590, Salt Lake City, \$1,372,172 for const. Pineview Dam enlargement and highway relocation, Weber Basin Project, situated near Ogden, **WEBER COUNTY**.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Olympian Dredging Co., 525 Market St., S.F., \$129,881 for dredging Sacramento River, "Y" St. to Bryte Bend.

**SACRAMENTO**, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) **SAN MATEO COUNTY**—To L. C. Smith Co., 225 - 19th Ave.,

San Mateo, \$253,958 for 0.9 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmix. furf., furn & instl. traf. sig. sys. & hwy. lig. sys. in cities of Millbrae & Burlingame, betw. Victoria Ave. & Rose-dale Ave.

(2) **SISKIYOU COUNTY**—To Clements Const. Co. & Ronald D. Coats, P.O. Box 667, Centerville, \$469,529 for 5.6 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmix. s rf. & const. RC girder brdg. betw. Fort Jones & Moffatt Creek.

(3) **SOLANO COUNTY**—To Parish Bros. & Harms Bros., P.O. Box 6, Benicia, \$303,768 for 4.4 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmix. surf. & widen conc. bridge, betw. Fairfield & Travis Air Force Base.

(4) **GLENN COUNTY**—To Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$164,381 for about 3.1 mi. surf. w/pltmix. surf. on untr. base & about 6.9 mi. imp. basematl. placed & const. RC box culvert, betw. Colusa Co. line & Rt. 454, betw. Co. Road "P" & Rt. 88.

(5) **TULARE COUNTY**—To Stewart & Nuss, Inc., P.O. Box 886, Fresno, \$172,107 for 5.9 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmix. surf. on Road 192 betw. Ave. 48 & Ave. 96, 5 mi. W/Terra Vella.

JULY 12, 1955

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to E. H. Thomas Co., 1522 "N" St., Sacramento, \$37,949 for const. of bridge across Deer Creek on Mooney Flat Road, 1.5 mi. N. of St. Hwy. No. 15, in **NEVADA CO.**

**UKIAH**, contract awarded to A. B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$23,913 for reconstr. Dora, Mill, Church & Clay Sts., Ukiah, **MENDOCINO COUNTY**.

**LOS ALTOS**, contract awarded to Harbor Engrs. & Contrs., 700 Harbor Blvd., Belmont, \$38,889 for site work at Springer School site.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Joseph L. Barnes, 750 Folsom St., S.F., \$250,189 for const. North Beach recreation, North Beach Playground.

**SAN JOSE**, contract awarded to A. J. Raisch, 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$38,978 for resurf. on 1st, Willow, 2nd, Julian, Hedding and Newhall Sts.

**PALO ALTO**, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$41,351 for relocate a portion of Adobe Creek in City of Palo Alto.

**SAN RAFAEL**, contract awarded to E. A. Forde Co., P.O. Box 306, San Anselmo, \$8,0824 (sq. ft.) for approx. 4500 sq. ft. paving at Davidson School.

**MILPITAS**, contract awarded to William Ferea Const. Co., 722 Harrison, Campbell, \$42,509 for const. of conc. sidewalks, driveways, curbs & gutter, roadway impvt. & surf. drain, facils. along San Jose-Oakland Road, city of Milpitas.

**SANTA ROSA**, contract awarded to Reichhold & Jurkovich, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$21,479 for resurf. por. of Alexander Valley Road.

**UKIAH**, contract awarded to A. B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$35,414 for const. exten. of airport, City of Ukiah Munic. Airport, at S'ly limits of City, **MENDOCINO COUNTY**.

JULY 13, 1955

**SANTA CRUZ**, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$25,635 for water mains & encasements at various freeway crossings in City of Santa Cruz.

**DOS PALOS**, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$108,790 for const. curbs, gutters & drain strubs, storm drain & reconstr. pump. stations, Dos Palos, **MERCED COUNTY**.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$1,634,221 for const. a 6 story addn. to County Jail, consisting of RC lift slab const., face brick on endwalks, 4 floors of cell blocks of 46,000 sq. ft. area, with a total area of 74,304 sq. ft.

**SAN LORENZO**, contract awarded to Vincent Rodrigues, 226 Jackson St., Hayward, \$61,466 (Clay pipe) for const. sewer in Washington Ave., 144th St. & on R/W adj. to S.P. R.R. in the Dist. **ALAMEDA COUNTY**.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgomery St., S.F., \$258,293 for const. Nl. Point collect. sewers, Sec. A, in

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Marion V. Allen, 4435 Bechelli Lane, Redding, \$42,481 for 800 ft. conc. curbs & gtrs. & revise 2 intersec. in Alturas on Main St. **MODOC COUNTY**.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$300,000 for remove tracks & repave Washington St. from 6th to 14th Sts.; 24th St. from Broadway to Harrison St.; Telegraph Ave., from Mead Ave. to the Emeryville City Line & Aileen St. to Carrison St., Berkeley.

**SACRAMENTO**, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) **SAN MATEO COUNTY**—To O.C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$135,854 for 0.7 mi. off-ramp & detours graded & surf. w/pltmix. surf. & const. 2 box culv. betw. SF Airport interchange & 0.4 mi. N. of Broadway interchange.

(2) **TULARE COUNTY**—To Stewart & Nuss, Inc., P.O. Box 886, Fresno, \$455,537 for 7.7 mi. plantmix surf. betw. 1.5 mi. N. Deer Creek & Linda Vista Ave., near Porterville.

JULY 15, 1955

**MADERA**, contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., P.O. Box 1349, Fresno, \$44,777 for minor const. program of pave, fence & grade, 21-A District Agriculture Association, Madera, Calif.

**NOVATO**, contract awarded to A. J. Peters & Son, P.O. Box 632, San Jose, \$247,700 (Unit 1) & C. Norman Peterson, 2832 - 9th St., Berkeley, \$324,500 (unit 2) for const. san. sewers, pumping station, treatment plant, outfall sewers and appurts.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$196,884 for 13th St. widen-extension, So. Van Ness Ave. to Bryant St., S.F.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to D. Gerald Bing, 6419 Palm Drive, Carmichael, \$93,230 for 7.1 mi. place imp. base matl. & apply seal coat on Colusa-Gridley Hwy. betw. 10 mi. N. of Colusa & Butte Co. Line, **COLUSA COUNTY**.

**YERINGTON**, Nevada, contract awarded to Condor Const. Co., 270 Claremore, Reno, \$64,447 for const. primary sewage treat. plant.

JULY 19, 1955

**YOUNTVILLE**, contract awarded to Bernard Gayman, 48 S. Linden Ave., So. San Francisco, \$14,000 for grounds improvement, auditorium & rela. recreation facils. at Veterans Home, **YOUNTVILLE**.

**FRESNO**, contract awarded to Diablo View Gardens, 220 Railroad Ave., Antioch, \$17,443 for grounds improvement at Educ. & Psychology Bldg. & Phase 4, Fresno State College, Fresno.

**STOCKTON**, contract awarded to R. Gould & Son, P.O. Box 190, Stockton, \$38,139 for const. sanitary sewers in portion of El Recado Terrace, El Recado Subdivision, Fremont Terrace & Fremont Ter. No. 2, Acreage Proj. & C. M. Webber Ranch, Stockton, R.K. No. 930.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Associated Pipeline, Inc., P.O. Box 66, So. S.F., \$26,575 for lay 16 in. cast iron mains, Marview Way & Palo Alto Ave. from Aquavista Way to Summit Reservoir.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Western Well Drilling Co., Ltd., 522 W. Santa Clara, Ft. of Grove St., Oakland, for drill well at Process Bldg. & Warehouse, Embarcadero at foot of 17th Ave., Oakland.

**NAPA**, contract awarded to Petetz Co., Inc., 1236 Central Ave., Santa Rosa, \$13,246 for const. of a water line on Patton Ace. & Imola Ave.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., 74 New Montgomery St., S.F., Walsh Const. Co., 2 Pine St., S.F. & B. Perini & Sons, Inc., 225 Bush St., S.F. (JV) for const. of the Wishon Dam, Kings River Proj. **FRESNO CO. Morrison-Knudsen Co. is the sponsor.**

**LIVERMORE**, contract awarded to Vincent Rodrigues, 226 Jackson St., Hayward, 137,410 for const. of sanitary sewers in the City of Livermore.

**MILLBRAE**, contract awarded to Associated Pipeline, Inc., P.O. Box 66, So. S.F., \$11,138 for const. of water mains in Poplar Ave., City of Millbrae, **SAN MATEO CO.**

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# United Labor Movement Will Be Doubly Effective

By WILLIAM F. SCHNITZLER

Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of Labor

Every citizen of this Nation should welcome the unity of organized labor that will be in effect shortly after this Labor Day of 1955.

The AFL and CIO, made stronger because they will be one, will be better able to see that the working men and women of America earn and are thus able to put into circulation a more fair share of the wealth they produce.

A united labor movement also will be better able to advance the common interests of everyone in our communities, states and nation.

Samuel Gompers once said, "To be a good trade unionist, one also must be a good citizen."

During the early years of the movement, many trade unionists had to concentrate mostly on bread and butter interests. They had to struggle for a living wage and recognition that they were not second class citizens. During the early days, organized labor used its influence to end child labor, excessively hard work and long hours for women, sweat shops, and unhealthy, hazardous shop conditions. Labor unions started and led the fight to set up the American public school system.

### ACTIVE CITIZEN

But it has only been within recent years that trade unionists have had the opportunity to act more intimately in the affairs of each community, and be recognized for what they can and have done. Labor always gave generously to fund-raising drives, both locally and nationally, but was usually denied proper acknowledgment of its contributions. Trade union members were not invited to sit on committees and boards governing the affairs of local and state social and educational agencies. It has only been since the war crisis in the late 30's that the working man has been given the full opportunity to be an active and responsible citizen.

Organized working men and women can play a decisive role in making this a better nation. United, we will be more than 15 million, and with four persons to a family that means we will represent 60 million persons, or almost half the population of the country. We will be the largest single group within the nation. United, we can serve the nation even more than in the past.

Today, tens of thousands of union members are serving on boards and committees of community chests and social agencies, and in at least one city, a trade unionist was the director of the community chest campaign. Trade unionists are members of planning commissions, civil service commissions, state and city boards of education, community relations and human rights commissions. Union men have served on committees that have established and improved social security, public schools, housing and hospitals.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

No less than 72 scholarships are now awarded annually by AFL national and international unions, state councils, city central bodies, area-wide councils and local unions, and 274 institutes and conferences were conducted by various AFL bodies during a recent calendar year. CIO unions and their central bodies offer additional scholarships to deserving young men and women, and have been holding their own educational conferences.

Labor union members are interested as citizens in seeing that



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more people are able to own their own homes, and some have even sponsored housing developments. Trade unionist citizens do more than deplore about juvenile delinquency; they have voluntarily constructed Boy Scout and Girl Scout summer camps, sponsored youth recreation centers, furnished equipment for a boys' club, promoted junior baseball leagues, aided their churches, and helped their fellow citizens in seeing that the community has sufficient playgrounds, swimming pools, and other recreational activities. They seek to see that juvenile delinquency gives youth every chance for a more wholesome development.

### LABOR GENEROUS

Every day we read how members of a labor union have contributed to a local blood bank, how they have helped in building sand-bag levees against a threatening flood, transported families from water-ravaged regions to safety, helped rebuild a town that was devastated by a tornado.

Trade unionists have served their communities on the principle that good citizenship means responsible activity beyond the scope of one's own immediate interests, on the principle that what is good for the community and nation is good for the union man, too. We have sought to eliminate slums and promote better housing to make the community at large a better and more wholesome place in which to raise a family. We have tried to advance the cause of democracy in local, state and national affairs not to get labor government but to get good government. We have tried to act as brothers according to the American and Judeo-Christian tradition that all men are born equal and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.

On this Labor Day, 1955, we as trade unionists look forward to a year in which we will be united, stronger and able to work more effectively with other citizens toward a better and more full life for all Americans.

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# Construction Awards

JULY 20, 1955

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 706 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$54,765 for const. sewers in por. of Ettrick St., Elvessa St. & Monan St. in Durant Park Highlands Tract & Ettrick, Elvessa, Turner Ave., Greenbrier St. et al & R/W in Chabot Park Estates Co. Property.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Hart & Hynding, Inc., 472 Tehama St., S.F., \$24,424 for const. fire roads & misc. work at San Francisco Hospital.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to Roscoe Moss Co., 4360 Worth St., Los Angeles, \$19,501 for drill and case water well, approx. 600 ft., at new Municipal Golf course in City of Alameda.

SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 Stockton Ave., Santa Clara, \$11,808 for const. sanitary sewer to serve a part of area east of Wright Ave. and south of Fremont Ave.

SUNNYVALE, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 Stockton Ave., Santa Clara, \$13,570 for instl. sewer to serve Stratford Place Subdivision & Ra-Nor School, by tying onto Lawrence Road trunk sewer.

JULY 21, 1955

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Pacific Bridge Co., 256 Montgomery St., S.F., \$173,229 for const. 0.070 mi. bridge, culvert and approaches, approx. 25 mi. N.E. of General Grant Park Hqtrs FRESNO COUNTY

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Independent Const Co., 741 - 50th Ave., Oakland, \$82,025 for reconstr. 27th St. betw. Broadway and Telegraph Ave. & por. of Broadway betw. 25th and 27th Sts.

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) SAN JOAQUIN CO., TUOLUMNE, MARIPOSA, CALAVERAS, STANISLAUS & AMADOR CO.—To Delta Const. Co., P.O. Box 457, Ro Vista, \$41,412 for 33.5 mi. fine seal coat at various locations.

(2) SISKIYOU CO.—To I. J. Ely Co., P.O. Box 534, Larkspur, \$17,075 for 18.1 mi. fine seal coat at various locations.

(3) ALAMEDA CO.—To Grove, Shepherd, Wilson & Kruge, Inc., 120 - 6th N., Seattle, \$5,878,249 for const. por. of a bridge & misc. road work on Eastshore Freeway, betw. 10th St. & distrib. struc., Oakland.

OAKLAND, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Reconst. Telegraph & Shattuck Ave. & 16th St.—To Independent Const. Co., 741-50th Ave., Oakland, \$8600.

(2) Repair or const. conc. sidewalk, fiscal yr.—To Carlos Valenzuela, 3011 E. 16th St., Oakland, \$23,500.

CARSON CITY, Nevada, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) To DODGE CONST. CO., Drawer 31, Fallon, Nevada, \$846,774 for const. por. of PHS in HUMBOLDT CO. on U.S. Rt. 95 SR, betw. Winnemucca & 21 mi. N.

(2) To John L. Savage, 1503 N. Carson St., Carson City, Nev., \$35,141 for DOUGLAS, ORMSBY & WASHOE COS. on SR 28, betw. Jct. U.S. 50 near Spooners and Calif. Nevada State line near Brockway approx. 15.567 mi. in length.

AGNEW, contract awarded to Assoc. Engrs., Inc., 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$47,250 for const. water service lines from San Francisco Water supply sys. to Agnew State Hospital.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Silva Bros., 26785 Niles Road, Hayward, \$37,713 for pltmix. surf. por. of Forrest Ave., ALAMEDA CO.

WALNUT CREEK, contract awarded to O. A. Fogelberg, Mt. Diablo Blvd., & Elizabeth St., Lafayette, \$55,333 for const. State Hwy. sewer relocation.

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) SAN JOAQUIN CO.—To Lord & Bishop, Native Sons Bldg., Sacramento, \$124,535 for 0.5 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmix. surf. and const. girder bridge at Old River, 3.5 mi. N. of Tracy.

(2) SAN MATEO CO.—To O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$44,688 for 1.3 mi. pltmix. surf. & seal coat, 3.5 mi. N. of Alpine Road & 1.8 mi. S. of La-Honda Road.

(3) EL DORADO CO.—To C. V. Kenworthy, 2037 E. Harding Way, Stockton, \$107,484 for 2.9 mi. grade



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betw. Weber St. brdg. and Four Corners & betw. Lotus & Mother Lode Highway.

JULY 25, 1955

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$54,602 for about 50 mi. apply fine coat to exist. surf. at var. locations in SACRAMENTO, PLACER, YOLO, EL DORADO, COLUSA, SUTTER, YUBA, NEVADA & GLENN COS.

CARSON CITY, Nev., contract awarded to John L. Savage, 1503 N. Carson St., Carson City, \$35,141 for const. por. of SHS in DOUGLAS, ORMSBY & WASHOE COS., from Jct. U.S. Rt. 50 near Spooners to Calif.-Nevada State Line near Brockway, Rt. Sec. St. Rt. 28, approx. 15.567 miles in length.

SACRAMENTO, contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Plumas and Tehama Counties—To I. J. Ely Co., P.O. Box 834, Larkspur, \$14,580 for 10.3 mi. apply fine seal coat to surf. at various locations.

(2) Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, Trinity Counties—To Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$76,350 for 69 mi. apply seal coat at various locations.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to A. F. Tompkins, P.O. Box 65, Lockeport, \$25,427 for reconstr. st. in Escalon, SAN JOAQUIN CO.

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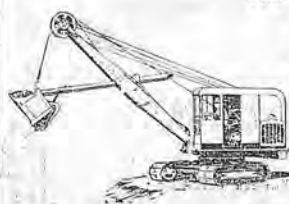
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# The City by the Golden Gate Is Making Nice Headway

By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ, Business Representatives

After a seven-day shutdown, the Material Yards are back in operation. A meeting for the membership was held in the Operating Engineers Building at 474 Valencia Street in San Francisco. The membership agreed to a fifteen cent (15c) per hour increase as of June 1, 1955 and an additional twelve and one-half cent (12½c) per hour effective as of June 1, 1956. Two additional holidays plus \$2.00 Health & Welfare.

The traditional cable cars which have been a famous symbol of San Francisco are going to be fewer in number from now on. There will be only three lines left—Bay and Taylor, Washington and Jackson, and the California line. Eaton & Smith, Chas. L. Harney, and Lowrie Paving are the contractors who got the track removal and resurfacing jobs. Some of the busy arteries can only be worked during the night hours, because of traffic congestion during peak hours.

The Fay Improvement Co. is keeping a few of the boys busy on the Park Presidio Drive. They are working from 7 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

Ben C. Gerwick are going to use wooden "A" frames on Pier 15.

Watkins & Sibbald has a job going on Sunset Blvd. and Lakeshore Drive.

Mike Lynch is working on the storm drain on Laguna Honda Blvd.

Chas. L. Harney has the job of widening Skyline Blvd., from Lake Merced to the San Mateo County line, which is keeping some of the Engineers busy.

Swinerton & Walberg have a couple of jobs in the area going at present. The California Industrial School, which is an Art School and theatre on Ocean Avenue and the remodeling of portions of the Ferry building at the foot of Market street.

Cahill Bros. is erecting a new building on Front and Market streets.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. at Candlestick Point making good headway. A dirt slide in the excavation pit has made extra work for six bulldozers.

J. H. Pomeroy Co. still working on the annex building of the American Can Company on 3rd street.

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## Dredge is Launched

An all-welded, 125-ton clamshell dredge "Alameda," was launched last week as the first project of the new Maritime Steel Fabricators at foot of Fifth Ave., Oakland. It is one of the few all-steel dredges in the Bay area and the only one built here. It is designed for flood control work at Alvarado and draws less than two feet of water. It has room for eight men and fuel for 80 working days.

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## Labor Commissioner Job

State will give examinations on Sept. 17 for jobs as state deputy labor commissioner. Final date for application filing is Aug. 26. Eight jobs are to be filled.

## Your Take-Home Pay May Be Less

Before the end of the year, some workers will have noticed that their "take home" pay for 1955 is slightly less than in 1954. This slight reduction in amount of pay may be due to the changes made in the social security law by the 1954 amendments according to Charles H. Shreve, manager of the San Francisco Social Security Office in the Civic Center.

Federal old-age and survivors insurance is paid for by the contributions made by workers from their wages each pay day which is matched by a similar amount contributed by their employers. A self-employed person running his own trade or business contributes on the basis of the net amount of profit he receives from his business during a year.

Recent changes in the social security law provided that the maximum yearly earnings subject to social security tax are raised from \$3600 to \$4200 beginning January 1, 1955. Since the tax is 2 per cent paid by the worker on his wages, this means that an employee earning as much as \$4200 a year may be paying \$12 a year more in social security taxes. It also means his employer may pay \$12 a year more based on his wages, for each employer pays a tax equal to that paid by his workers. The self-employed person will pay a 3 per cent contribution on the net income from his trade or business up to the \$4200 maximum.

What does this extra tax mean to workers? It means that in the future more of their earnings will be credited to their social security accounts and the higher amount will be used in computing the benefit payment. A person's average monthly wage determines the amount of the benefits payable to him and his dependents when he retires and to his family in case of his death.

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## Bankers Get Burkett

Wm. A. Burkett, who gained wide criticism from labor for his blanket accusation that all workers sought to chisel unemployment benefits, has been shifted over to a more appropriate department in state government, from director of employment to superintendent of banks.

# Survey Notes BAY SURVEY MEN RAISED

By AL BOARDMAN and BILL MINIHAN  
Business Representatives

Negotiations have been completed with the Bay Counties Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors Association and a twelve and one-half (12½) cent pay increase agreed to. This brings the Land Surveyors Rate up to the following rates:

	Per Hour
Chief of Party.....	\$3.20
Senior Inspector .....	3.20
Instrument Man .....	2.925
Inspector .....	2.925
Field Assistant (Class 1)....	2.40
Field Assistant (Class 2)....	2.30
Apprentice Field Assistant:	
Apprentice (1st 3 mo.)....	1.70
Apprentice (2nd 3 mo.)....	1.95
Field Assistant Rate	
(Class 2)—thereafter....	2.30

This contract covers all of Northern California. Is effective as of August 1, 1955, and terminates August 1, 1956.

The battle has been joined on the Soils Testers Classification. A new classification in the Association of General Contractors Master Agreement with a three dollar (\$3) per hour wage rate. It covers all field men taking test borings compaction and density tests. As yet the contractors have failed to live up to the provisions concerning this classification. Notification has been given and appropriate action will be taken at the proper time.

The engineering firms doing this work have in a desperate effort to stave off the inevitable, attempted to herd their employees into a company union. Even this effort to intimidate and coerce their employees has failed.

The scale will be paid and the conditions of the agreement will be lived up to. It will mean an increase of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour for many of the field men and coverage by the welfare plan for all.

Local Unions 12 and 3 have negotiated agreements with the Associated General Contractors in the State of Nevada covering Tec. Engineers Classifications. This gives us full coverage on construction jobs in the Silver State and adds one more state to the jurisdiction of the Operating Engineers.

Next meeting will be Friday, August 26th at 8 p.m., 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco.

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## No-Smoking Rule Enforced at Tri-Dam

Following are the reasons the Tri-Dam constructors cannot allow any smoking on this project:

The following is quoted from Ordinance No. 236, County of Tuolumne, State of California:

"An ordinance prohibiting smoking within the County of Tuolumne upon certain grass, brush or timber covered lands except during certain periods of the year and under certain conditions and repealing any ordinances or portions thereof in conflict herewith.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Tuolumne, State of California, do ordain as follows:

### SECTION I

It shall be unlawful to smoke or ignite tobacco or other smoking material in any form upon grass, brush or timber covered lands belonging to another including such lands publicly owned or upon any road, path or trail traversing such lands between June 1st and October 31st inclusive of any year, except in any of the following circumstances:

- (1) In improved camp sites.
- (2) In places of human habitation.
- (3) In automobiles equipped with ash trays while on improved roads or trails.
- (4) While on foot and stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter which is completely clear of any inflammable matter, provided in all such instances burning or glowing substances shall be completely extinguished before being discarded.

### SECTION II

Any person violating any provi-

# Peninsula Boom Boosts Jobs to All-time High for This Area

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

Employment for members of Local No. 3 has now reached an all time high. This opinion is based on the past ten years of observation by your representative in the San Mateo area. This very happy situation is brought about due to the many large Real Estate Developments, Building Construction, Highway, Street Work and Underground Installations.

## In the Islands HAWAII SET FOR KAISER'S BIG HOTEL

By J. K. WAIWAILOE,  
Business Representative

Henry J. Kaiser's 448-room luxury Waikiki hotel will be under construction within six months and his other two hotels—to be built according to demands of the tourist industry—might not be complete for five years.

The 448-room hotel will have convention facilities for about 1500. Construction for this first hotel will take about one and a half years. Building of the other two hotels will follow singly and dependent on whether the tourist industry can take them.

No general contractor has been engaged and no bids have been let out yet. It is hoped that the contractor engaged will be inclined to work with the Building & Construction Trades unions in the islands.

Hiring for Thailand as anticipated a month ago has been stopped. From the over 300 men to have been hired locally, word has been received from Bangkok that the project will be needing only about 50 key men. This was brought about because of a survey by Mr. Kopp, project manager. An American outfit has been instructing the natives there on the operation of heavy duty equipment. The 50 key men will be hand picked by Mr. Kopp upon his return and it is realized now that most of them will be men who have worked under him in the islands.

The contracting firm of E. E. Black Limited submitted a low bid of \$745,175 for the two-mile stretch of Kalih Valley approach road to the Wilson Tunnel. Less than a \$1000 higher was Moses Akiona Limited at \$746,099.

The \$13 million Wherry Housing project at Schofield has been delayed indefinitely pending the Capehart and Sparkman resolutions, which are designed to extend and modify the Wherry Act.

All bids on the housing project were rejected in Washington.

The three proposals and two offers submitted last month came from Len Construction Co. of Los Angeles, E. E. Black, Ltd., Honolulu, and Pacific-Glover, joint venture of Pacific Construction Co. and James Glover, Honolulu.

Since Vice-President Harry Ames of the Plumbers and Steamfitters International was able to institute a new charter for its jurisdiction in the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard, other craft organizations are dickering for separate charters also. The A. F. of L. organizer's office has been flooded with requests for same.

Violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail or other county detention facility not exceeding six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

### SECTION III

This ordinance may be enforced by any peace officer or any state fire warden, deputy state fire warden, United States forest officer or any person empowered to make arrests under the provisions of Section 4009 and 4011 of the Public Resources Code of the State of California."

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Three out of four traffic accidents involve passenger cars.

Brother Floyd Watson, who has a contract to move one million yards of earth for the Stoneson Development Co. at the site of the former Macco Quarry in Millbrae, is now operating six H. D. 15 tractors and two blades on this work, and plans to resume a two-shift operation in a few days. Foreman Brothers Lyndal Williams and Ed Goering, tractor operators Brothers Callan, Williams, Beath, Giannini, Marchetti and Osorio, blade operators Bros. Ellis and Gallows and Master Mechanic Brother Brownlee comprise the crew of Engineers on this job, and all seem to be happy with their work.

Many members of the Operating Engineers Union are now employed and have been employed for over a year on the large Hillsdale Shopping Center project, in San Mateo, which is one of the largest of its kind in the State. Haas and Haynie, the prime contractors, and the many sub-contractors operating at this point have become very active on the excavating, parking areas and the erection of buildings which will house Macy's Department Store, Liebes' Department Store, the fabulous Farmer's Market, the American Trust Co. and the First Western Bank, as well as such prominent business houses as C. H. Baker, Cretans Jewelers, Minrudi Furs of San Francisco, and Radio Station KEAR will also be located at this point.

## GIANT HOME PROJECT

The largest Real Estate Development program in the history of San Mateo County is now under way. Such large developers as Trousdale Construction, Conway & Culligan, Parkside Development Co., Williams & Burrows, Finson & Oddstad, Eichler Homes and many others. This large operation will provide homes for approximately 20,000 families this year, which places San Mateo as the leading home growing county in the state. At Parkside, Richard Grant, of the Parkside Development Co., is now erecting a million dollar shopping center and elementary school. The Trousdale Construction Co. at Millsdale, are now erecting 1500 homes as well as an industrial section, which will accommodate the S & C Johnston and Guitard Chocolate Co. factories. All of this home building program and shopping area erection is necessary to keep pace with the rapidly growing population of San Mateo Co., which has now reached the amazing total of 330,000 inhabitants and it has been estimated this figure will reach a grand total of 450,000 population in 1960.

The two million dollar Hall of Justice building in Redwood City, is expected to be open for county business in July, 1956. This large building project which provides work for many of our members will provide eight court rooms, many offices, and a first-class jail on the top floor with "top bracket" accommodations for any member of Local No. 3, who cares to spend some time there.

In closing this report, brothers, we would again like to remind you to please visit our blood bank, at the Peninsula Memorial Hospital, 1791 El Camino Real, Millbrae, open Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Many of our unfortunate brothers and families are in need of blood.

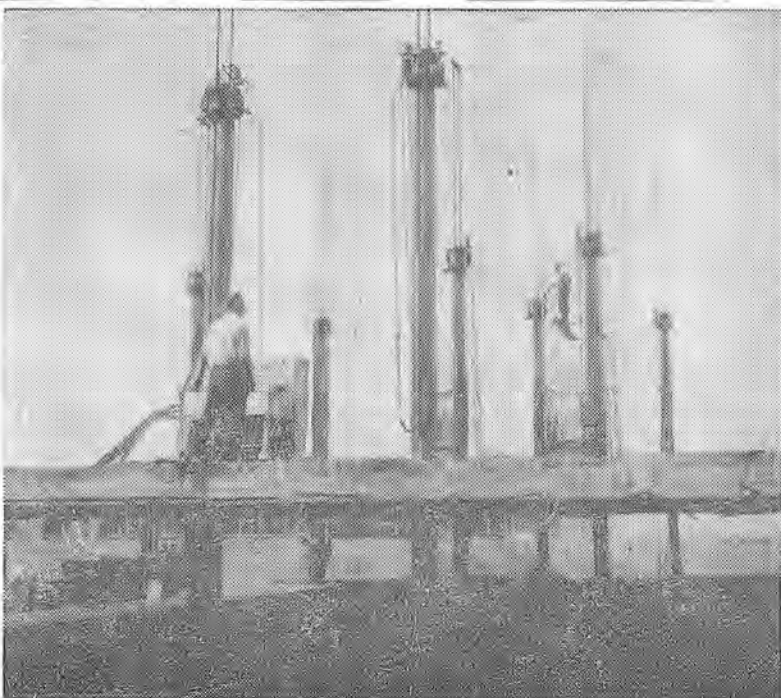
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## Trades Pay Un 6c

Construction trades workers won wage increases averaging 6 cents hourly during the second quarter of 1955, according to the U.S. Labor Bureau. Average boost for the year ending July 1 was 9 cents. Average increase for all workers since 1947-49 period is 41 per cent, and average rate now is \$2.89.

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After reading this paper, pass it on to a non-member.



**RAISING THE ROOF**—Bro. Rod Hardin, Southern California operating engineer, is shown here with device he developed for lifting via hydraulic pressure a 150-ton slab of concrete, poured on the ground. This slab will be the roof of St. Anthony's high school in Long Beach. Next layers to go up will be floors. Pressure is controlled from a central, organ-like device, which Bro. Hardin was "playing" when picture was taken.