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## Last Day to Register Is Sept. 11

## Make Sure that You, Others, Are Properly Registered to Vote!

By NEWELL J. CARMAN, Local Union Manager

One of the most crucial situations ever to face the organized labor movement in California lies directly ahead of us in the coming weeks—namely the battle to KILL THE OPEN SHOP MOVE now being tried, thru Proposition 18, which will return the working people to the dark ages in labor relations.

And only three weeks from now we arrive at the first big skirmish in this battle . . . the last day on which you can register to vote. The second and final round, of course, comes on November 4, election day, when it will be decided whether or not the clock is to be turned back for the wage earners of California.

**Remember . . . YOU CAN'T VOTE UNLESS YOU ARE REGISTERED!**

We are therefore taking this opportunity to impress on every member of this union and the members of their families who read this paper, the importance of this date only three weeks away—Sept. 11. It's just as bad not to be properly registered as it is not to vote.

If you can't vote, you are dead timber as far as labor democracy is concerned. You must make absolutely certain that you are a qualified voter if you are going to be of any use to yourself or others come Nov. 4.

If this law passes, as one member remarked, we might as well dig a hole and bury ourselves.

If you have changed your address you must re-register. If you have changed your name, just come of age, or never have registered, then you must register to be a voter. If you didn't vote during 1956, then you must register.

If you registered and voted in the primary election (or even if you didn't vote then) your registration is still good, unless you have changed your address since then.

Above all, if there is any doubt in your mind, simply register again. Make sure—don't lose this precious right to take part in American affairs, especially at a time like this when most of the long-fought, hard-won gains of the labor movement could be wiped out in one single election.

Impress on all those with whom you come in contact . . . your relatives, friends, co-workers, neighbors, everyone you talk to, the importance of being properly registered before Sept. 11. Make a missionary of yourself for this one time—it will pay off in big dividends come election day.

This is a fight for your bread and butter. The forces of greed and reaction think they have a chance to "sell" the open shop to the people of California. There is big money in it for

them. They will profit by reduced wages, longer hours of work, and killing off of your union benefits, such as health plans, pensions, vacations, etc. Proposition 18 will even kill our union health plan!

On the other hand, all of these gains, which have been achieved down through the years (sometimes at the cost of bloodshed and loss of life) will be lost to us, the wage earners, if a law such as Proposition 18 is approved on Nov. 4.

It's sponsors stand to win enormous profits and are gambling large sums in the hope they can put this over. If they succeed we stand to lose comforts, security, health protection, and the everyday things that make life worthwhile.

All you have to do to be convinced of this is to ask a worker who lives or has lived in one of the 18 states that now have these vicious "right to work" laws in effect. The migration out of these states is terrific. Industry and cheap labor moves in, but every worker that can do so is getting out fast.

If you have the slightest interest in our American way of life, which heretofore has guaranteed a good break for the working stiff, made possible by

our American labor unions, then take a hand in this fight.

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE . . . GET ACTIVE NOW!**

**MAKE SURE YOU CAN VOTE.** The first thing to do is to get registered and see that everybody else is registered by Sept. 11.

The final step is to vote and get out the vote on Nov. 4, election day.

### In Memoriam

- CLIFFORD KING  
San Pablo, Calif., July 9, 1958
- CLIFFORD E. PETERSON  
Salt Lake City, Utah, July 10, '58
- S. W. CREIGH  
San Francisco, Calif., July 12, '58
- W. W. GALE  
Sacramento, Calif., July 15, 1958
- ROBERT WALKER  
San Pablo, Calif., July 15, 1958
- HERMAN VOLLESTEDT  
San Bruno, Calif., July 16, 1958
- HARRY METZ  
San Mateo, Calif., July 17, 1958
- MORRIS E. CROGHAN  
San Bruno, Calif., July 18, 1958
- LEON E. ROYLANCE  
Moab, Utah, July 20, 1958
- H. W. JENSEN  
Gilroy, Calif., July 21, 1958
- J. S. MATTOS  
Hayward, Calif., July 21, 1958
- WM. K. AKANA  
Honolulu, T.H., July 21, 1958
- DAVID BERQUIST  
Newcastle, Calif., July 28, 1958
- THOMAS E. GINTHER  
Ogden, Utah, July 28, 1958
- MILTON THORNTON  
Salt Lake City, Utah, July 30, '58
- BUD M. ROSEBOROUGH  
Saratoga, Calif., July 31, 1958

### BLOOD DONORS HONOR ROLL

- SAN FRANCISCO  
James Drury  
Edward F. Kirk
- SAN MATEO  
Hugh O'Meara
- SANTA ROSA  
Wm. F. Brown
- FRESNO  
Fred Cowger

### ROCK-SAND TALKS CONCLUDED

As this paper goes to press your Union has concluded negotiations with the ROCK, SAND AND GRAVEL PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION, pending ratification by the members employed in this industry. The 1957 to 1958 agreement has been tentatively modified as follows:

A wage increase of from 18½ to 22 cents per hour; Pension increased to ten (10) cents per hour January 1, 1959, payable by the employer; our own health and welfare plan after September 1959, an eventual ten (10) cent per hour and, in the meantime, additional coverage in the present plan. An exclusive hiring hall, and other improvements in the contract; a three (3) year agreement, with annual openings for wages and one fringe benefit on each anniversary date; agreement to be retroactive to July 16, 1958.



**EMBARCADERO NEW LOOK**—The 1.2 mile, \$9½ million, double-deck freeway from the Bay Bridge to Broadway, along the waterfront, is moving fast these fine days. Southbound motorists, riding 70 feet above the street, will get a spectacular view. The job is to be completed late this year. Contractor is Chas. L. Harney.

## Wkrs. Hit 150% Harder Than Rich by Sales Tax

(State Fed. of Labor Release)

California working people are now carrying a sales tax burden at least 150 per cent greater than those in the upper-income brackets, it is charged by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Haggerty said the adoption of Proposition 17, the labor-backed state tax revision measure, will "relieve this injustice" by reducing the present sales and use tax from 3 percent to 2 percent.

Haggerty said that Proposition 17 provides a basic guarantee that the legislature will not aggravate the sales and use tax burden at the 1959 session.

Under Proposition 17, the measure gives the legislature the right to reduce the sales tax rate, but not to increase it above the 2 percent rate written into the initiative.

The power to establish higher rates would be reserved to the people by vote of the electors.

The state AFL head also charged that the present sales

tax is a deterrent to economic expansion, since it seriously weakens the buying power of the working people.

Haggerty said the state faces the problem of maintaining consumer purchasing power during the present recession, if the consumer public is to "buy the ever-increasing products of American industry."

He also charged that ultraright forces in the California political world are "obviously planning" to impose new sales and consumer taxes in their efforts to offset the current fiscal crisis brought about by income tax privileges written to favor the wealthy.

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### OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

DISTRICT MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER, 1958:

- 2 Fresno, Engineers' Bldg.
- 4 Ukiah, Labor Temple, State Street
- 10 Salt Lake, 151 So. 2nd East, Annex
- 11 Reno, Reno Musicians' Bldg.

MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED TO GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE . . .

. . . A special order of business will take place at each of the above scheduled meetings. MEMBERS WILL BE NOMINATED FROM THE FLOOR OF THE MEETING AND ELECTED BY THE VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT TO SERVE ON LOCAL No. 3's GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE. PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND YOUR DISTRICT AREA MEETING AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION AND FORMATION OF THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE.

## San Mateo, Hub of the Peninsula

# Work Booming in San Mateo County

By BILL RANEY and JERRY DOWD, Bus. Reps.

Work is really at a peak in San Mateo County. Good dirt men are at a premium, especially rubber tire and dozer men. Plant Mix, Rock Plants, etc., are not as good as last year, but the heavy dirt moving jobs are using more men. If the work load keeps increasing, we should have a bang-up year. One of the busiest areas to be found in the County is in the vicinity of Junipero Serra in Daly City.

The H. Earl Parker Job at Colma, at the northern end of the County is progressing right along at this writing. We have eighty or ninety operators, mechanics, and supervision men on the payroll at present. Due to the fact that there is still a lot of dirt to be moved, together with shift basis hours, there is not so much turnover in personnel. There is no doubt that this is one of the better jobs in the area.

On the same project P. & E. Construction Company is going along with the underground work. In fact, they are right on the tail of Parker's spread. Really getting the job done in a hurry.

There are several other contractors on the job site. We have Jim Wilder cutting the lots with his D-6, and Oliver Dozer, also his Fordson. Lyle McCann has his Case Backhoe digging the home foundations. We are glad to see Lyle back in business once again. Lots of luck and good digging Lyle.

Over the hill on San Pedro Road, Piombo Construction Company has a Model 6 Northwest and two dozers working. Piombo is getting their fill here for the Hilton Hotel job at the Airport. This job is working two seven and one-half hour shifts. Quite a lot of yardage to be moved.

L. C. Smith still has his two shovels and blade working in the same location on Junipero Serra Blvd. All this fill is going to the Airport area also.

Piombo's fill job at the airport is coming right along but they still have a lot of material to haul. Their shovel and Euclid Loader continue putting the muck out as fast as ever. Certainly keeps the dozer hands busy on the fill. Bud Young was made fill foreman last month. Congratulations Bud.

At the United Airlines Maintenance Hanger and surrounding area we have quite a few jobs going on. L. C. Smith is doing the street work, Associated Engineers the underground. S. & Q. Construction Company has several of their rigs working in the area also. Besides these mentioned, there are quite a few smaller Sub-Contractors doing their part to make this one busy place.

### HOSPITAL JOB

Williams & Burrows are coming along with their Peninsula Hospital project. Bethlehem Steel Company are getting the steel up in a hurry. We don't have too many engineers on the job at present but hope to put a few more on in the near future.

Nick Ratkovich has started hauling from the Mills Estate. He's placing the fill between the Freeway and the old Bayshore, reclaiming this land for industrial sites. There's a 54-B in the pit with a dozer and blade. The dozerman on the fill has his hands full keeping up. No coffee time here.

Also in Millbrae we have the California Teacher's Association Building going up. Swinerton & Walberg are the prime contractors. This job has just started getting underway but will employ a few more Brothers in the future.

Freeman Paving has started

sub-grading the streets in the Mills Estate. This company has quite a lot of work going on in the County.

Charles Berger still has a few rigs working on the Enchanted Hills Subdivision in San Mateo Proper. This has been a nice job all summer for the Brothers. We hope another section of this job will be let. Charley also has his 80 Shovel working on Ralston Avenue in Belmont. The material going to the Parkside Subdivision, where they are reclaiming more land for home development. These are just a few of the jobs that Mr. Berger has going on in the County.

C. J. Woods has several rigs working on the Alameda De Las Pulgas in Belmont. Looks like its a little on the rocky side, Brothers. Woods, like Berger, has several jobs going on in the County also.

Barrett Construction Company's Sequoia Hospital job in Redwood City is coming right along at this writing. We have three engineers working there now and sometimes four. Would like to have a few more of these jobs in the area.

J. O. Archibald still have a few rigs at Farm Hills in Redwood City. Won't be long before Brother Bob Smith will have it all buttoned up.

In general, construction in the South San Francisco area is creating a great deal of employment for members of Local 3. Utah Construction Company are still working a few 20's and two Cats on their job in South City. Would like to see them open up some more work. Don't know where we would get the operators though. Really scraping the bottom of the barrel now, but this makes for a very healthy feeling.

### BRUNO SUBDIVISION

McCammon & Wunderlich were awarded the contract for one-quarter of a million dollars Subdivision Improvement job in Crestmoor, in San Bruno. The company has had previous work in this area and as it is their old stamping grounds, they should know every bush and rock. Bro. Hammes will push the job with Red Fredrickson as Master Mechanic. Bro. Frank Coehlo is also on the project. "Ham" expects to have about eighteen skimmers at the peak. This one should last about four months.

New work just starting: Fill, construction, canal work, paving and pipeline work at the San Francisco Airport. Approximately one hundred thousand dollars. Krzick and Ramos were low with a \$98,000 bid on a sanitary sewerline in Pacifica. Lowrie Paving Company was awarded a surfacing and pipeline job in Burlingame for \$41,000. South San Francisco has called for bids for two miles of storm sewers. Bay-side Paving Company were low with a \$92,000 bid for storm drain improvements in Daly City.

Cotherman and Judd Incorporated were awarded the contract for surfacing and sidewalks on San Carlos Avenue, in San Carlos. Jefferson Union High School District is calling for bids for storm sewer, curbs, gutters and walks, as well as, street paving at Westmoor High School, in Daly City. We have been informed at this writing,



HARRY W. METZ

## Engineers Mourn Passing of Bro. Harry W. Metz

Bro. Harry W. Metz, a business representative for Operating Engineers Local 3 for the past 20 years, succumbed on July 17 following an illness of three months.

Bro. Metz, who was 56, is survived by his wife, Violet, two married daughters and a grandchild. The family home is in San Mateo.

In addition to his duties with Local 3, Bro. Metz was also regional vice-president of the State Federation of Labor. Secy. C. J. Haggerty and Pres. Thomas L. Pitts of the Federation were among more than 300 trade unionists and friends who attended funeral services held under Masonic auspices.

Bro. Metz was active in the entire labor movement, taking leadership in many affairs that brought honor to labor in the community and state.

that the contract was awarded to Adam Arris for \$166,000.

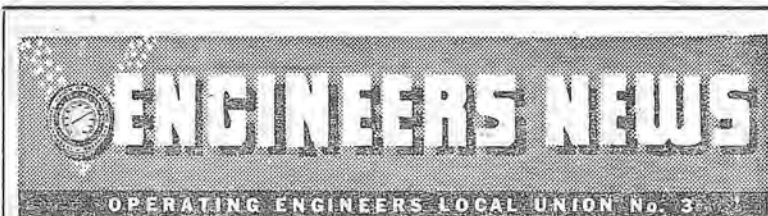
### ENGINEER RALLY

Last month the Operating Engineers Union sponsored a rally for the Engineers, their friends and families, at the San Mateo High School Auditorium. The guest speakers were well qualified to discuss Proposition No. 18 which will appear on your November ballot. We need not tell you what we have is worth defending and the way to defend what we have is to vote against No. 18. Our thanks to those who showed their appreciation of our efforts to keep our members and the public informed on the most recent interpretation of the law, by attending this all important rally. We might also add that the turnout for this event was most discouraging, and it would seem that the majority of the membership are still not convinced that there is a real threat to their livelihood this November.

The office hours of the San Mateo Office are from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each Thursday night. We feel that this schedule will give everyone an opportunity to get service, no matter what shift or hours he may be working.

Negotiations are completed at Ideal Cement Company, giving a substantial increase to the dredgemen there—a considerable increase over the industry pattern.

Thank you Hugh O'Meara for your contribution of blood to the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank, which has been placed in the Group Reserve Fund to be drawn by a member of the Operating Engineers Local 3 or a member of his family. May we remind all of you at this time, when contributing blood that you ask that your contribution be specifically credited to your local union. If you do not know



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## The City by the Golden Gate

# SAN FRANCISCO JOBS NOW IN FULL SWING

By DAN MATTESON and HARROLD LEWIS  
Business Representatives

The work in the San Francisco area is in full swing with a large percentage of our members steadily employed in the summer seasonal work.

Guy F. Atkinson is getting underway on the Alemany & Bayshore section of the Southern Freeway. The Sheedy Drayage Company is driving a few piles to make a bridge over a pipeline so that the DW-20 can begin to move dirt. Lynch also has a 25 NW Hoe on some of this underground work as well as McGuire & Hester who are doing a small amount of work on this project for the City and County of San Francisco. All in all, the

## "C-Day" in San Mateo, Sept. 13, All Are Reminded

The San Mateo County Building & Construction Trades Council have announced that Saturday, September 13, 1958 is to be set aside as "C" (Construction) Day for San Mateo County. This is an annual event in the County, a day when Management and Labor get together in a concerted effort, which enables the employee to make a sizable contribution to the United Crusade without actually taking the donation from the weekly pay check.

The contractor will create the work for this Saturday mentioned, for which the employee will work for four hours on a straight time basis. Check for the wages will be made payable to the employee and the United Crusade, and will be mailed to the Crusade office, together with an additional gift of 50% of the amount of such wages which the employer will contribute. The employee will endorse the check over to the United Crusade.

Each participant will receive an identification card on which will appear his name as certification that he has contributed to the drive. He will also receive a window sticker which he will display in a prominent place so that he will not be approached for further donations.

where the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank can be located, please call your union office for directions.

Don't forget to register. No member is drawing near and you have an obligation to your family, friends and neighbors to protect and maintain your working conditions. Register and urge others to register before the November election.

Southern Freeway is taking root!

Contracts with Bethlehem Shipyard and the rest of the Pacific Coast Ship Repair Companies have been completed and signed for a one year contract. The new contract includes an 11c per hour increase; two additional paid holidays per year, as well as increases in the Welfare Plan effective January 1st, 1959 with an additional 2½ cent increase as of July 1st, 1959.

The Key Terminal Job is progressing very well . . . Macco Company have now completed the rail removal in the terminal and on the approach ramps. Haas & Haynie were the successful bidders on the remaining portion of work on this job. This will include widening the ramps and paving the new roadway for bus service on the old train level. Pacific Paving Company is the sub-contractor on the paving work and Moore Drydock Company is doing the steel work. This job will be completed in about six months.

Charles Harney is very busy on the Portola Drive job. Some of the cement is already laid and the traffic will be eased shortly. Meanwhile Harney's Geary St. job is progressing very well but it will be some time before traffic gets back to normal. On the Ball Park most of Harney's equipment has been moved away . . . all that's left is the 120B, and a few cats and drill rigs which are still busy moving rock.

Williams & Burroughs have a cleaning and grading job on Clarendon Drive. They are clearing out a lot of trees and brush on the West side of Twin Peaks making way for some more new homes to be built on a real "view" area.

Congratulations to Brothers George Freeland, Guy Slack and Jack Lloyd who were elected to the grievance committee at the last membership meeting at San Francisco. These Brothers are all full of vim and vigor and are doing a swell job!

In closing lets not forget A VERY IMPORTANT PRIVILEGE . . . THE PRIVILEGE OF VOTING!!! Remember that you must be registered to vote and if you, or any member of your family is not registered, the deadline to register is September 11th, 1958.

# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By H. T. PETERSEN, BILL BARR, TINY LAUX, DON KINCHLOE, WARREN LEMOINE and TOMMY THOMPSON, Business Representatives

Another section of the Eastshore Freeway will open early this month—another milestone in our Eastbay Freeway system.

Westbound traffic will be routed up on the elevated eight-lane section at Webster Street, through to the double deck freeway section at Market Street.

Eastbound traffic will continue to use Fifth Street, while work on the \$6-\$7 million dollar structure is being completed. The 1.6 mile section is due for full use in December. The contractor, Johnson, Drake and Piper, are well ahead of schedule.

The 10-mile stretch of Nimitz Freeway in Southern Alameda County is running ahead of schedule and will be opened in October. The completion of this section will link Berkeley and the Eastbay with the San Jose area by freeway.

The Scrap Iron Industry is beginning to show some signs of a rise. The feeling in general in the industry is that the 'slump' we have had for the past eighteen months has hit the bottom and the upswing will be slow and gradual.

Construction of Highways and Freeways in the Alameda-Contra Costa County Area amounts to the completion of those jobs started in 1957, or earlier, as there have been no large highway contracts let in this area, with the exception of that portion of Highway No. 50, the Albany overpass to Richmond, that is now under construction. Building construction is held largely to Churches, Schools, Tiltup Warehouses, and some homes, but no large scale home building.

The Dredging Industry is at a standstill in this area and for the first time in five years we have no hydraulic dredges working in the area and only two clamshell outfits working. The "Martinez" and "The Pacific" are working on the perimeter dike at the Oakland International Airport.

## FLOOD CONTROL

Flood control projects in Southern Alameda County and the Walnut Creek district are keeping a good number of Operating Engineers busy.

In addition to the Army Corps of Engineers' Flood Control Project on the Walnut Creek Watershed, there is another Federal Program which has been providing yearly interim flood prevention funds for use on Walnut Creek and its tributaries. This has resulted from the approval several years ago of a Walnut Creek pilot watershed project under a program administered by the Soil Conservation Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This project, as originally approved, required 63% of the yearly expenditures to be raised locally (through the Contra Costa Flood Control District), and 37% of these funds were provided by the Federal Government. Under this program the Walnut Creek Pilot Watershed Project has already received from the Federal Government \$1,695,003 for the years 1954 through 1958.

Last year the Contra Costa Flood Control District, requested a new cost sharing ratio for this Walnut Creek Pilot Watershed Project which would increase the portion of funds contributed each year by the Federal Government. The Soil Conservation Service has agreed to readjust this cost sharing ratio whereby the Federal Government will contribute 82.5% of future costs, under this Walnut Creek Pilot Watershed Project, and the Contra Costa Flood Control District will only have to put up 17.5%, plus necessary rights-of-way and easements. This will greatly speed up the flood control work being carried out under this program, and will increase the total Federal Contribution toward this project by an additional \$2,100,000 by the time it is completed. The work

being carried out under this Walnut Creek Pilot Watershed Project is being concentrated primarily on the tributaries to Walnut Creek, with the work on the main channel from Walnut Creek to Carquinez Straits, to be accomplished through the proposed \$24 million dollar Army Corps of Engineers' Project.

In the past month your Business Agents have negotiated favorable agreements with Howard Terminal Company; Parr Terminal Co.; and the E. J. Lavino and Company Plant at Newark. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the members, and committeemen for their assistance and patience in these negotiations.

Clements Hot Plant in Centerville is going full blast these days. Brother George Young, Supt.; Bro. Conrad Bachman, Oiler; Bro. Davis Terwillagher, Boxman; Bro. Don Coats, Weightmaster; Bro. Chuck Williams, Fireman; Bro. Ricardo Gallegas, Plant Engineer; Bro. A. B. Stein, Clam Operator. There are approximately 3,000 tons of Plant Mix per day being hauled out to different jobs throughout the area.

P & Z Drilling have three drilling rigs on the new Sears Warehouse job on 140th Avenue and Merced St., in San Leandro. This job consists of drilling for footings. The holes are 24" in diameter and 30 feet deep. The following Brothers are employed on this job. Lloyd E. Titchenal, Operator; John B. Lundgren, Operator; Bro. Howard O'Brien, Operator; Gil Anderson, Oiler, Don Humphrey, Oiler.

The two Hudson Brothers — "Henry" and "Tim" — have a Case Backhoe, and a BeGee Trencher now working for Harry Lee Plumbing on a new High School, being built on Sunset Blvd., in Hayward. (Hudson Brothers Excavating — Phone Number is JE 7-2528).

Galbraith Construction are sub-contracting for J. W. Lee, on a job which consists of laying 700 feet of 12" — 15" and 24" concrete pipe. The pipe will be used as a storm drain. This job is located on San Miguel Ave. off Castro Valley Blvd., in Castro Valley. Brother Steve Mohawk, is the Trencher Operator, Brother Gilbert Miranda, the Oiler, and Brother Bill Valenti, the Boom Cat Operator.

Hayward Rock Co. was awarded a contract from the Washington Township Hospital District. This job consists of paving roadways and parking lots, using 6,000 tons of base rock and 2,000 tons of Plant Mix. The job is for a new Hospital now being built on Santos Rd., between Centerville and Irvington. There is no time limit. Brother Victor Vargas, is the Loader Operator; Brother Anthony Massie, the Dozer Operator, and Brother Arlie Wall, the Blade Operator.

Norman Engineers are sub-

contracting for Western Empire Builders, for the grading and paving of a new Elementary School being built on Marilyn Avenue in Livermore. The School will be named "Marilyn Elementary School". Work consists of grading and paving parking areas and playgrounds. Those working on this job are — Brother Howard Mount, Supt.; Bro. Robt. Pollard, Blade Operator; Bro. Lee Clark, Blade Oper.; Bro. Ralph Sloniker, Michigan Loader; Bro. Bill Robinson, Gradesetter; Bro. Doy Holt, Roller Oper.; Bro. Leonard Kollias, Fordson Operator.

Silva Brothers are doing the dirt work for Smith and Kline Home Builders for a new tract which will have approximately 45 new homes. Work consists of grading and grading out house pads. Job is located on Lake Chabot Road and Arcadian Drive, Castro Valley. The following Brothers are working on this job — Charlie Sweet, Dozer and Sheepsfoot; Richard Burgess, cat and can; Cal Shoupman, Dozer; Joe Ching, Dozer, and James Cavaliere, Grease Truck.

McCammon and Wunderlick have a \$300,000 contract for a new sub-division located at the top of 106th Ave., Oakland. Job consists of moving approximately 75,000 yards of dirt and to clean up the washout and relocate house pads. Approximately 180 new homes will be built. They will put in sewers, storm sewers, water lines, curbs and gutters. The Brothers employed on the job are — Bro. Cal Barnett, Supt., Bro. Wm. Reich, Dozer; Bro. Russell Dresser, Blade; Bro. Charlie Nelson, Grease Truck; Bro. Harry Reeves, Mechanic; Bro. Eber Grisso, DW20; Bro. Art Alfonso, DW20; Bro. Geo. Vasquez, Dozer; Bro. Bill Thompson, Foreman, and Bro. J. W. Colvert, Grade setter. The time limit on this job is 120 days.

## RICHMOND STEEL

California Steel Products, in Richmond, are making 10-145 Ton Tainter Gates for a Dam job. This is a Four Million Dollar job in steel fabrication work for the Army Engineers. It is for Ice Harbor Dam, located on the lower Snake River near Walla Walla, Washington, and is nearing completion at the Calsteel Division of Yuba Consolidated, Inc.

These ten spillway Tainter Gates rising five stories above ground and weighing 145 tons each, highlight the job. The gates are 50 feet wide with a trunion, or supporting brace, that that extends 56 feet from the furthest end of the trunion to the gates center area. Because of ice along the Snake River, each gate is being supplied with heated side panels.

The gates, costing \$800,000, will be set in place at the California Steel Plant, match marked, then disassembled, and prepared for shipment. Four gondola cars will be required for each gate when they are moved to Washington.

Speegle Blade Supply Inc., formerly known as the Universal Blade Mfg. Co., owned by Brother Milt Speegle, has set up operations at 22195 — Meekland Avenue, Hayward — Phone: Jefferson 7-7431. He maintains a 24 hr. service, 7 days a week, for special and standard cutting edges for every make and type of earth moving equipment.

M.G.M. Construction Company, on Arnold Industrial Highway, Concord, was the low bidder on

the first section of the outfall sewer line from the Contra Costa Sewage Disposal Plant, located on Arnold Industrial Highway. The sewer line runs from the Plant, to the Martinez-Avon water front road, a distance of some 14,000 feet. This sewer pipe is 72" in diameter and is of reinforced concrete. Each section of pipe weighs about 12 ton.

Urricelqui Construction Company had several DW 20's and Cats in there for several weeks, hauling dirt to build a road across this swampland in order that the M.G.M. Granes and Trucks could work, as this is proving to be a very tough job due to the cave-in and mud bubbling up from the bottom of the ditch. Harry Nelson is Superintendent on this job, with Brother Al Holmes running the Clamshell digging the ditch, with Brother Lee Johnson, as his Oiler. Brother Roy Frazer is running the Northwest — layin the pipe, with Brother Ralph Taff as his Oiler. Brother H. Hubbard is running the Michigan Loader, putting in the base rock and doing the backfilling.

Winton Jones has his 35-Ton Lorain Crane on this job at the water front road and the railroad tracks, driving sheet piling, doing some clamming and layin about twenty joints of pipe. Brother Ernest Hopperstad is the Operator and Brother Keith Ally doing the Oiling.

The M. Miller Company of Los Angeles was the low bidder on the second section of the 72 inch outfall sewer line. Their job goes from the Martinez-Avon waterfront road, out across the swamplands to the Bay. The M. Miller Company has sublet a road building job to Brother J. Wallace Dunaway, to build a road 60 feet wide and one mile long out across this swamp. Bro. Dunaway has a D-8 Cat rented from J. Henry Harris, ripping, pushing dirt down to Brother Lyle Fisher, who is operating his new No. 955 Cat Loader; loading trucks in the Port Chicago Pit.

Serronello Trucking Company of Hayward is furnishing 10 big 10-Wheel Trucks for this job. K. Mattingly has a Loader on the fill pushing dirt into place. This job will use some 50,000 cubic yards of fill to build this road. They will use this road to work from as this is going to be a very rough-tough job. Chris Lauritzen is working on this job for the Mosquito Abatement District cleaning ditches in conjunction with the M. Miller Company. At the present time Bro. Roman Rodriguez, Superintendent for M. Miller has Bro. Floyd Johns running Crane with Bro. Eric Glasgow, Oiling.

The Brothers working on the M. Miller job, in Richmond, which is nearing completion will be transferred to this job as soon as possible.

## SUBDIVISION

Gallagher and Burk, Inc., were awarded the contract to develop a new sub-division by Ralph Christie and Associates. This new sub-division is located on Pleasant Hills Road in the Pleasant Hills Area. It has been named the "Rolling Hills Estates." Work on this job consists of moving some 75,000 cubic yards of sandstone which has proven to be very hard and rough on equipment as cutting edge on the DW-20 Scrapers only lasts several days.

They are grading out the house pads and streets and then pouring the concrete for the curbs and gutters, putting down the base rock for the streets and

then paving them. The crew on this job is working under Brother Lloyd Hickey, Foreman, who says this dirt will be moved in less than three weeks, as this hi-balling crew of his is in high gear, for instance they just finished moving some 250,000 cubic yards of "muck" for a Utah Construction planned sub-division near Moraga in less than two months. The Local 3 Brothers on this job are:

DW15 Operators, . . . Irvin "Andy" Anderson, Tee Zee Sanders, and C. L. McGettrick.

DW20 Operators . . . R. "Gabby" Price, Dan "Red" Street, and Arnold Lindgren.

D9 Dozer Operator . . . George Machado.

D8 Ripper . . . Leslie P. Jones and Bill Slevin.

D8 & 5 by 5 Tamper . . . Bill Weathersbee.

D8 & 5 by 5 Tamper . . . Bill Miller.

Buffalo Compactor . . . A. Delaney.

Grade Setter . . . Adam Holt.

Gallagher and Burk are cleaning up and moving off of Mountain Blvd., they are down to three rigs on their housing job on Golf Links Rd.

Redgewick and Banke are about through on the school project in the same area. Bro. Don Bennett is running the Leader for them.

McCosker is working in the wilderness of Montclair on 8,000 feet of waterline, where the gang has lots of ups and downs. George Beck is giving the orders.

From Broadway and Lake Merritt area to 150th Ave., things are slow with little work, but the Shops, and it seems that Peterson Tractor is doing most of the hiring for the summer seasonal rush.

Bethlehem's skyscraper on the Lake is down for want of material. Bros. Travis Price - "Cap" Blood - Red Hansen and Bill Boe are in for a short rest.

## News About The Brothers

Brother Bill Thomas just arrived from Asuncion, Capital City, Paraguay South America. Brother "Bill" was working for Kaiser as Superintendent of Equipment. The job consisted of layin pipelines, building roads and putting in sewers and sewer systems. There were 694 miles of six inch to thirty inch American cast iron pipe. Bro. Bill stated that the climate was very good, and he will vacation for three weeks and then return to Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America.

Brother Richard Burgess and new bride, "Betty", joined hands July 5th, and said "I do". Good luck to both of you in your new married life — we all wish you happiness and success forever more.

Brother Fred Parker, Sr., is recuperating from a serious heart operation. Brother Parker was operating pumps on the Kaiser Building for the Robert Mckee Company. We all wish Bro. Parker a speedy recovery.

Our "get well" wishes also go to Brother Jerry Bailey who is now confined to the Providence Hospital after having lung surgery. Hope to see you up and around soon Jerry.

## The Summer Rush is on in San Jose District

By A. J. HOPE, T. J. STAPLETON and DANNY O. DEES, Business Representatives

We are happy to report at this time that our "Out-of-Work" list has been depleted. It has been a long time since we have been able to say that all of our men are working. There is no waiting for jobs at this time; as soon as a Brother finishes the job that he is on, there is another job waiting for him to go on. With new contracts being let every week, it looks like the Brothers will be busy until the rains shut the jobs down.

Ball and Simpson's work on the Freeway is shaping up nicely and have recently seen fit to put on the second shift. They expect to start paving in September. A. J. Raisch Company on this same project have completed most of the black-top on the overpasses and access roads. The bids for the extension of this highway will be let within a month.

J. C. Bateman Company have completed their job in the East Foothills and have started work on their subdivision off Saratoga Ave.

Piazza Paving Company have considerable work in this area. At the present time they are busy on their job of widening Curtner Ave., and have several paving jobs for the City of San Jose. They have all three of their Crusher Plants working at full capacity.

Brother Doc Reynolds is working in subdivisions in the East Foothills and also working on his job at the San Jose Brick Yard off Los Gatos Road.

P & E Construction Company are doing the underground work on the Tropicana Village subdivision. This 10,000 home subdivision will keep the Brothers busy for a long time. Pisano Brothers and Heple Utilities are also busy doing the sewer and underground work everywhere in this locality.

Ed Keeble was the low bidder on a \$65,430 contract for the improvement of Cottle Ave. in San Jose.

### PALO ALTO, MT. VIEW

M.J.B. Construction Company and Dan Caputo have started their \$1,150,920 Freeway and Interchange job located at Mt. View-Alviso Road and the Bayshore Highway. They have 130,000 cu. yds. of road excavation with 175,000 tons of imported borrow and sub-base material. Brother Orville Paul is running the job.

P & E Construction Company is keeping 10 Engineers busy on their storm-drain job on Fremont Ave., in Sunnyvale. They have 6000 feet of 36-inch and 52-inch pipe. This job went for \$93,000.

Sondgroth Bros. have numerous street jobs in Sunnyvale that went for \$412,828. It's the same old story, every place you go you see Sondgroth's equipment.

L. C. Smith is finishing up their work at Lockheed Plant and have about completed the dirt work on Matilda Ave., in Sunnyvale. They have approximately 100,000 cu. yds. of excavation left on their Pigeon Point job and are keeping 14 Engineers busy on the Euclids, Dozers, etc.

A. J. Raisch should have the north side of El Camino Real in Sunnyvale open by the time that this is in print. Brother Gates finished and laid 4500 tons of cement treated base in a 10-hour shift, with the help of Brothers Norman Gates, foreman; L. C. Smith, roller; Carson, roller; Johnson & Burke, loaders; and Brother Fisher on the blade.

Mike Miller is keeping six Engineers busy on underground work in Cupertino.

Work on the Stanford Hospital is progressing satisfactorily. C. Swenson Company have approximately 7 Engineers working on the cranes, loaders, etc. Bahr & Ledoyen did the street work; they stepped in and

knocked out the sub-grade in nothing flat. This is a pretty smooth running outfit.

L. C. Smith Company have been keeping a few Brothers busy at the big parking area for Lockheed at Palo Alto and they also have a crew in and out of the Veterans' Hospital at Stanford.

McKee Construction Company is the prime contractor on the Vets' Hospital and they are keeping eight Engineers busy. They were delayed this spring due to the rains but are up to schedule at the present time. Hickman Bros. and McQuire and Hester are also working on this same job site.

At the last count we had approximately 120 subdivisions between San Jose and Redwood City, everywhere you look, orchards are being ripped out and homes and schools are being constructed.

### SANTA CRUZ, SALINAS AND MONTEREY

Things are quiet around Santa Cruz except for the San Lorenzo River job. Granite Construction Company has Branch No. 40 shaped up and are pouring concrete. They have completed their work on Highway No. 1 and are working on the Bear Creek job in Boulder Creek.

Roberson Bros., Jolley & Sons, Wendall Batt and Jim Evans have various small jobs in this vicinity.

Granite Rock and Central Supply are working at full capacity and the Brothers are getting a little of overtime in these plants.

Henry Baker has finished his job in Watsonville. Granite are still busy on Lincoln Street in Watsonville.

Ed Keeble has started operations on his Airport job at Fort Ord. They expect to be in full swing on this job about the middle of the month.

Granite Construction Company are busy on various jobs around Monterey and Carmel Valley. They are still working on their street job at Fort Ord, have another road job in Carmel Valley and area finishing up their work on the prison at Soledad. This firm is keeping the Brothers in the Hot Plant and shop plenty busy.

Donahue Construction Company are doing a school job in San Ardo and have several other jobs also in operation in this area. John Delphia and Fred J. Early have not yet started on their five miles of Highway No. 101 job between Gonzales and Soledad.

Geo. Renz are ready to put the blacktop on Highway No. 152 near Gilroy. Howson Bros. are busy in their Rock, Sand and Gravel plants, as are Santa Clara Sand and Gravel, Bayshore Rock and Happy Valley Rock Company.

## Construction Awards

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Stockton, \$82,530, for reconst. Thornton Rd., from Atherton Rd. N. for 1.73 mi. to Telegraph, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to Holden & Gorham, 8348 N. Treasure Ave., Stockton, \$41,995, for reconst. Fairchild Lane from Vigrolo Rd. E. to Jack Tone Rd., SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

### JULY 8, 1958

LIVERMORE, Contract awarded to Hilp & Rhodes, 918 Harrison St., S. F., \$844,000, for const. of sewage treatment plant in Livermore.

PLACERVILLE, Contract awarded to J. W. Lee & Co., 1551 Lake Chabot Rd., San Leandro, \$235,056, for const. drain. facils., grading for taxiway, runway, aircraft parking apron, placing base crs. & prime coat, etc. at Lake Tahoe Airport.

### JULY 9, 1958

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to M. W. Brown Co., Box 827, Redding, \$279,124, for 2.8 mi. grade & drain West Side Rd., Callahan to Cedar Gulch, SISKIYOU COUNTY.

ST. HELENA, Contract awarded to F. W. Case Corp., 15905 So. Broadway, Newhall, \$264,225, for const. of the Bell Canyon Dam, earthfill, 95 ft. high & 500' west length, loc. approx. 5 mi. N. of St. Helena, Calif.

VALLEJO, Contract awarded to Syar & Harms, Box 1272, Vallejo, \$109,014, for widen & repair Tennessee & Amador Sts., et al.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to M & K Corp., 519 Calif. St., S. F., \$251,818, for sewers & paving in Fitch St., & Carroll Ave., from Gilman to Hawes St. & por. of Fitzgerald Ave., westerly.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Beerman & Jones, Box 698, Sonora, \$69,634, for 13 mi. to be surf. w/ptmx. surf. over exist. surf., at var. locs., CALAVERAS & TUOLUMNE COUNTIES.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Assoc. Pipeline Inc., P. O. Box 66, So. S. F., \$32,262, for lay 8" & 12" CI mains & 24" steel main in Bayshore Blvd.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Fred T. Fairey, 1874-25th Ave., S. F., \$19,640, for lay 4", 6" & 8 in. CI mains in Jamestown Ave., betw. Ingall St. & the Stadium (Bay View Ball Park).

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 174 San Bruno Rd., So. S. F., \$29,373, for brick pav. replace on Alvarado St., et al.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Isbell Const. Co., P. O. Box 2351, Reno, Nev., \$257,567, for 2.483 mi. const. por. of secondary sys. on FAS Rt. 727, betw. Jctn. SR No. 33 with Sutro St., in Reno & SR No. 32 in Sparks, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA.

### JULY 10, 1958

REDWOOD CITY, Contract awarded to Otherman & Judd, Inc., 1127 San Antonio Rd., Palo Alto, \$44,145, for impvt. of San Carlos Ave.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Dan Caputo & Dan Caputo Co. & Cambrian Gateway, 650 Race St. San Jose, \$1,792,059, for 1.1 mi. lgth. of freeway tog. w/frntg. rds. & connect. & interchange to be const. betw. 0.4 mi. N. of Greenbrae & 0.1 mi. S. of Greenbrae Overhead, MARIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$66,215, for reconst. 65th St. betw. "S" and 14th Ave.

## STOCKTON BUSY ON SMALL JOBS

By WALTER M. TALBOT, AL McNAMARA and C. L. CASEBOLT, Business Representatives

We are happy to report that the work here in the Stockton-Modesto district is improving to the point where we occasionally are unable to fill the calls for certain classifications of operators and apprentices without some delay. This of course varies from day to day as the supply and demand for engineers rarely is the same. The jobs that have been let and those to be let are not of any great size so consequently we are faced with the problem of reshuffling the brothers from job to job as one ends and the other commences.

Charles J. Dorfman of Los Angeles was the successful bidder on the southern industrial trunk sewer line job here in Stockton. This is the largest job let by the City of Stockton this year. The Dorfman company bid was \$934,336.

Duncan-Harrelson Company of Richmond secured another job in the Port area. Their new job is in the Naval Supply Depot on Rough and Ready Island. The job entails berthing facilities for Navy craft. The amount of the bid was \$135,738.

We have four bridges under construction at this writing, with another to be let August 27th, between Union Island and the Fabian Tract. However two of these are small structures, one across Mormon Channel on South San Joaquin Street and the other across the same channel at Diamond Street, which was just let to Thomas Construction Company of Fresno. Lord & Bishop should have their two bridges across the Calaveras River under way by the time this is printed, one on North El Dorado Street, the other on North Pershing Street.

Five road jobs in this district are now in the paving stages which has put a strain on this office to supply hot stuff paver and roller operators, asphalt plant crews and screedmen.

Rice Bros. is paving the road for Rockport Redwood Company at Yosemite Junction with M. Miles and Son on the cement treated base. Baldwin Contracting Co. is paving for Transocean Engineering Corp. on their highway job near Jackson. M. J. Ruddy & Son and A. Teichert & Son are both paving on highway 50. Teichert at French Camp and Ruddy east of Tracy.

M. Malfitano & Son of Pittsburg, under the supervision of Brother Tom Gunter, have started their levee job near Mossdale and should have ten cats on the job by the time this item is printed.

### LATHROP JOB

Macco Corporation have at this time one truck crane crew, three technical engineers and a boom truck operator on the Ammonia Plant job near Lathrop. We expect that more engineers will be required before the end of the month.

H. Earl Parker is moving right along on his job at Peddler Hill on Highway 88. There is lots of rock on this job so they have the shovel working two shifts.

Joe Lema has started his five miles of road at Ham's Station for the Forest Service. Joe has eight cats, three rubber tired rigs and a blade on the job.

Baldwin Construction Co. is laying the blacktop for Transocean Engineering on Highway 88 at Jackson. They have about three weeks of work left to complete the job.

Claude C. Wood Co. has finished moving the dirt on the Highway 4 job, above Murphy, and is getting ready to lay the cement treated base.

Claude C. Wood Co. also have cats and carryalls working on the Pardee Dam job and should

be finished with the dirt in about two weeks. The lake will be open for fishing this fall and they must have the roads, docks and launching ramps finished. There will be no swimming or water skiing allowed so this should be good for the fishermen.

The bids on the Murphy grade job between Altaville and Murphy have been rejected by the Division of Highways. The bids were too high, more than the amount of money the state had set aside for the job.

### NEWS ABOUT BROTHERS:

Brother Ray Smith has returned to his home after spending a couple of weeks in Dameron Hospital. Ray had what the medical people call Encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain. After doing a little research we find that this disease is carried from livestock to humans by mosquitos.

Received a letter from Troy H. Harwell who is employed by Guy F. Atkinson Company as an instructor in Japan. Brother Harwell's job is to teach the Japanese workers the use of modern machinery and how to operate it.

Another old timer who in past years has broken in more cableway operators than anyone we know is Brother Bill Bacon. Brother Bacon is now laid up with asthma.

In our past issues of the Engineers' News we have neglected to mention that Brother Vern Holmes was elected as the Stockton District rank and file executive board member. This district is composed of Alpine, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne and that portion of Amador County lying south and including Highway 88.

Brothers Sam Coburn, Harvey Edwards and Larry Chapman were elected to serve on the newly formed grievance committee at our last district meeting held in Stockton.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Edw. Keeble, Rt. 4, Box 64, San Jose, \$50,336, for widen rdwy., chnlz., const. traf. sig. sys. & hwy. lgtg. at Cottle Rd., San Jose, SANTA CLARA CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to H. Earl Parker, 12th & "F" Sts., Marysville, \$226,750, for emerg. reps., Sutter Bypass Levees, Wadsworth Canal, SUTTER COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 1535 So. 10th, San Jose, & Brighton Sand & Gravel Co., P. O. Box 7001, Perking Br., Sacto., \$1,954,023, for 7.1 mi., 20 reinf. conc. brdg. strucs to be const. at 16 locs., portions of freeway rdwy. to be graded, bridge approach rdways, ramps, detours & connect. to be graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on untr. base & hwy. lgtg. sys. to be installed, betw. 118 mi. S. of Florin Rd. & Broadway in Sacramento. JULY 11, 1958

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$136,201, for grade & surf. ramps w/ptmx. surf., const. hwy. lgtg. & illum. sign sys. & const. reinf. conc. bridge at Watt Ave. Interchange, 7 mi. N. of Sacramento, SACTO COUNTY.

## SANTA ROSA UKIAH AREA JOB LOAD JUST FAIR

By R. F. SWANSON, Business Representative

I am very happy to report that most of the brothers in this area are working. That is the condition as of now but just what the future holds for all of the brothers is hard to say. I am sure that something will have to be done in the way of highway improvements for the roads in this area certainly are not adequate to fulfill the needs of the ever increasing population and the increasing number of tourists.

When the Coyote Dam is completed it will probably mean an increase in the recreational facilities of the Ukiah area and this will mean a larger group of people who will continually be on the highways from the bay area. Now, in the peak of the tourist season it is impossible to make any time, even at the legal speed limit. Once you leave Santa Rosa going north, it just takes one truck or one Sunday driver on the two-lane highway to slow the traffic to a snails pace. Improvements are continually being made but in my opinion not fast enough for the need.

Maybe I'm just bitter, but I don't think so, for I have talked to many of the brothers and they feel just as I do. Some of the state legislators should take a trip all along the coast highway and see for themselves what a terrible condition this stretch of road presently is in. I guess because of the Winter Olympics due to be held in Squaw Valley in 1960, the roads to and from that area are on the high priority list but I do think that the Federal Government and the State should break loose with more highway work in this area. After all where else can you go and find all the advantages we have such as seashore, giant redwoods, lakes, rivers, mountains. I could go on and on about this area for I am impressed very much by it. I would like to skip mentioning the names of the brothers who are working for the various contractors in this issue. In the past few issues I have made it a point to publish the names of the brothers working in this area and believe me I have had many comments both pro and con so in my leaving the names out now I am inviting any comments which you brothers would care to make. I'll see you on the job so let know what you would prefer.

### HIGHWAY WORK

At this writing, a job is anticipated on the road between Santa Rosa and Guerneville. This would mean work for a few of the brothers. As we travel up the coast the first job of any size is at Gualala. Here we find Tom Hanna in the windup stages and Peter Kiewit also on the home stretch of their road and bridge job. Going north all the way to Rockport we find Tom Hull just finishing a small stretch of highway. The next job is at Cummings where Ball & Simpson are working on about a three-mile stretch. This is the biggest job presently in the area and they are working on a two-shift basis and will go on into next year. South of this job at Longvale is Mercer-Freser and Humboldt Constructors. Humboldt is about through with a five-mile stretch and Mercer-Freser is now doing the finishing.

South to Asti Winery we find E. A. Forde doing a resurfacing job. This shouldn't be too long a job. Continuing south to Healdsburg we find Guy F. Atkinson working on the Healdsburg by-pass job, Atkinson is doing bridge work and they have subbed out most everything else. Joe Heim has been doing

the clearing. LeBoeuf & Dougherty the pile driving. Phillip F. Rogers has the hauling and loading. By the way this is disappointing because we had anticipated a lot of 20's and 21's on the job and now it will be all trucks, so all of you rubber operators please don't expect much work out of this project.

The trucks will be loaded by a type of Euclid loader with a homemade hopper contraption which is kept loaded by cats. This means we have some equipment on the job but not near as much as we expected. Continuing south to Santa Rosa there are no more major highway projects. As can be seen from this paragraph there is very little highway work for such a large area and this is the reason for my going on so much about the much needed highway improvements.

### COYOTE DAM

Guy F. Atkinson has gone on a two-shift operation at the dam in the obtaining and placing of the rip-rap. A question came up as to who would be entitled to the shift premium. And after much discussion we came to an understanding that those brothers who were in any way connected with the two-shift operation would be entitled to the shift premium.

### PIPELINES

E. T. Haas have finished in Ukiah but are still working in Fort Bragg on their pipeline job. Valley Trenching have started in Ukiah. Lentz Construction is also going right along in Ukiah. In Santa Rosa W&S still are employing a number of both Local 3 and 12 men. Teichert won't be too long for this area. Engineers Ltd. also in home stretch.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Siri has been keeping a lot of engineers busy on numerous jobs, schools, streets, hot plants, highways, state buildings, subdivisions, etc., etc.

Rapp Construction now—no longer Rapp, Christenson & Foster, the latter two have gone into business for themselves.

Young & Engelke of Healdsburg are fairly busy, their rigs are scattered on various jobs close to Healdsburg.

Don Dowd Co. hire an occasional engineer but in the most part try to keep their regulars busy.

The North Bay Sand & Gravel are working a few cats on Sub-division work in Santa Rosa.

The gravel plants have been very busy. In regards to negotiations I have no news at present. As soon as I hear anything from the negotiating committee I will have a meeting with those of you employed under the terms of the Rock, San and Gravel agreement.

Windsor Sand & Gravel have been working two shifts on a portion of their operation.

### PERSONAL

Doug Clements is resting at home in Ukiah after having suffered a slight heart attack. Doug would sure appreciate any of the brothers visiting him, so if you are in the Ukiah vicinity please look him up.

Our sincere thanks to Brother William F. Brown for the donation to our Blood Bank.

Brothers—I still have a lot of pens for sale—\$1.00 each for a good cause. The money goes toward defeating the so-called

## THE NEVADA ROUND-UP . . .

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

Morrison-Knudsen has most of the muck moved on their job East of Sparks, Nevada, on Highway No. 40. The two shovels are digging on the last cuts with Brother Henry Tonn and his faithful Oiler, Brother Earl Olmstead, a real shovel crew, and Brother I. J. "Tobe" Tobler and Brother W. J. "Bruce" Broussard, the Oiler, holding their own on the other shift. Brother Leonard Miller, the Number One Blademan on the job, has lots of work and trouble keeping up with the blade work and other small duties he has to do in everyday of life. Brother Frank Gillespie has his Rock Crusher on the job crushing all the rock. Brother Don Jeakins is on the Crusher and he is quite the crusher man. Brother Chuck Walsh is the dozer hand on the job, and Brother Guy Tietjen is on the crushing crew but he doesn't do much work. Whiting Brothers has the sub-contract for the paving on the Morrison-Knudsen job. They have their Hot Plant smoking and going. Brother M. E. Butler is feeding the Hot Plant, and its a rough, dusty job, but that Butler's just the boy that can keep the Hot Plant going. Brother Larry Hudson is the Finish Roller man for Whitting Brothers, and that Larry can really roll it out smooth for he has had lots of experience in the Hot Stuff Game.

The Isbell Construction Co., Gordan Ball Co., and Granite Construction are well along with their joint venture on Highway No. 40 between Floriston, Calif. and Boca, Calif. The Bridge Structures and Railroad Overpasses are shaping up in good form. Granite Construction's Hot Plant is going good. They are mixing hot stuff for three other jobs other than the joint venture. The Prime Dirt Mover of the three way joint venture, Isbell Construction is well along with the dirt. They have some outstanding Shovel Operators, Tractor Operators and Scraper Men on the job. Brother "Bud" Berg is the Finish Scraper Man and Brother Bill Ponton is the Fork Dozer Operator. Brother David "Shorty" McEvers from Fallon, Nevada, is the "tractor driver" on the job, and now Dear Brother Gray Azarren, "The Gambler", is the outstanding doer hand on the job especially when he wins on Keno. And there is Brother W. R. Skinner doing his part on a cat. Bro. "Wild Bill" Whitworth has been promoted to a blademan, and believe me, that "Wild Bill" is going to make a real blademan one of these days. Brother Charles "Charley" J. Schafer is the grease monkey of all greasers and does a real job greasing the equipment for Isbell.

Isbell Construction Co.'s Sun Valley job is going along in fine shape, and so is the "I" Street cut-off from Sparks to Reno.

Isbell Construction Company expects to get started on their resurfacing and widening of the shoulders on Highway No. 40 between Reno and Verdi, Nevada, real soon. They are going to mix the Hot Stuff at the Second St. Pit and Plant.

Right-to-Work initiative. Vote NO on Proposition No. 18..

### MEETING NOTICE

The next meeting for the area will be held September 4th at 8:00 p.m. in the Ukiah Labor Temple. Brothers this is a most important meeting for at this meeting you will elect from the rank and file a grievance committee consisting of 3 members. Please be sure and attend.

### AIRBASE

The George E. Miller Company has quite a bit of work around town and out at Stead Air Base. Brother Howard Johnston and Brother Don Bruner are pushing most of Miller's jobs.

Brother Cal Scolari is the Bossman now, for the George Grifall Company, and he really keeps that Brother Al Parlanti hopping now that he is the Boss. Brother Cal is even keeping George in line too.

Hoops Construction Co. is busy putting gravel on their job at Starr Valley and Secret Pass in Elko County and will be paving these two jobs very soon. Brothers John Emmons and George "Whitey" Cate have subbed the paving on the Secret Pass job. We wish these Brothers a lot of good luck on this venture. Hoops is also getting the job at Denio ready for gravel and oil. This Company was awarded two jobs in White Pine County at Ely, Nevada, and are hard at work on both jobs. They will be in full swing on the widening and paving East of Ely at press time.

South of Ely, Nevada, on Highway No. 6, Rice Brothers and Wells Cargo, Inc., are both in high gear on a stretch of road about 30 miles in length. Rice Brothers are paving their job at the present time and have about thirty operators working. Wells Cargo is in the dirt moving stage on their job and are moving along ahead of schedule at the present time. Brother Jack Chatelle is keeping the spread moving at a rapid pace.

Dodge Construction of Fallon, Nevada, has started to work again at the Iron Mines Southwest of Lovelock, Nevada. They have new ore contracts which is good news to the Brothers in the Lovelock area. These Brothers lost about a months work because of the mine shutdown.

Dodge Construction is also busy on their Highway work and will complete a couple of their jobs in the near future. The jobs at Austin, Nevada, and Mill City, Nevada, are near the final stages. Their job at Minden, Nevada, will be underway very soon.

### FALLON

Silver State Construction Company of Fallon, Nevada, is busy on the various jobs that Andy Drumm has at Fallon, Carson City, and Hawthorne, Nevada. Work is progressing very well on each of these jobs. At this time, we are having some difficulty with Andy Drumm and are in a dispute with the Company over working schedules and overtime payments. It seems as though he has to attempt something new every now and again that doesn't conform with the Agreements in this area. By the time that this paper comes out, we will either have the issues settled or be in a fight with Drumm and tying up his jobs. We hope that this dispute can be settled.

Stewart and Wells were awarded the job from Yerington to Wabuska, Nevada, and will be moving on the job in a couple of weeks.

Morrison-Knudsen were low bidders and have been awarded the job on the Mt. Rose Road near Lake Tahoe. This should be a very good job as there is about 30 acres of clearing and around a half million yards of excavation.

The Keystone job at Ely is advertised now and will be awarded at the middle of the month. This is another job that will probably go over the million dollar mark. We hope that this

project will give the Brothers some winter work.

The Highway project East of Reno in the Canyon that is between Painted Rock and the Eagle Pitcher Plant should be advertised this month, WE HOPE. This is another four lane project and will keep many of the Brothers working when it gets under way.

There has been a considerable amount of work in this area this season, but there has also been a tremendous influx of men that are out of work. There has been more men register on the "Out of Work" list in the Reno office this year than ever before in previous years, but we couldn't possible put all of the men that have registered to work. It has been a good season though and we hope it continues to grow and that we can get more of the fellows to work.

## Construction Awards

JULY 3, 1958

SACRAMENTO, Contracts awarded as follows: (1) SUTTER & YUBA COUNTIES, to Lester L. Rice, 235 Summer St., Yuba City, \$188,888, for 10.9 mi. widen by grade, ptx. surf. on untr. base & exist. surf., betw. 0.2 mi. south Bear River & Grand Ave.—(2) FRESNO COUNTY, to Estate of Stewart & Ness, P. O. Box 886, Fresno, \$92,900, for 6.5 mi. to be surf. w/ptmx. surf. over exist. surf. betw. South Ave. & Calwa Overhead—(3) LASSEN COUNTY, to Sierra Const. Co., P. O. Box 983, \$140,200, for 9.4 mi. 2-lane hwy. to be graded and drnge. facils. to be inst. on Feather Lake Hwy. betw. 17.2 mi. NW of Susanville & 0.2 mi. SE of Pine Creek—(4) MODOC COUNTY, to M. W. Brown, Box 827, Redding, \$278,991, for 5.4 mi. to be graded & paved w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base on Centerville Rd., betw. Canby & 2.1 mi. East of Toms Creek.

JULY 7, 1958

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Isbell Const. awarded to Isbell Const., P. O. Box 2351, Reno, \$257,567, for 2.483 mi. const. por. of secondary hwy. sys. on FAS Rt. 727, betw. Jctn. SR (North Wells Ave.) w/Sutro St., in Reno & SR No. 32 (Pyramid Way) in Sparks, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Hoops Const. Co., Elka, Nev., \$39,564, for 2.915 mi. const. detour for por. of PSH in Nevada on US No. 50, bet. ¼ mi. NW of Jctn. w/ SR No. 44 & Ely, WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Hoops Const. Co., Elko, Nev., \$217,567, for 5.829 mi. const. por. of primary hwy. sys. on US Hwy. 50, atl. & 93 betw. E. Ely and 5.8 mi. NE, WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to M & K Corp., 405 Montgomery St., S. F., \$184,759, for const. pumping plant for drainage, Middle Creek Proj., LAKE COUNTY.

CUPERTINO, Contract awarded to M. Miller & Co., 877 N. Bunkerhill, L. A., \$246,889, for const. sanit. sewers & house lats. sewers in the Local Impvt. Dist., betw. Homestead R. & Bollinger Rd., Calabasas Creek & Stelling Road.

LIVERMORE, Contract awarded to Peerless Concrete Pipe Corp., P. O. Box 384, Santa Ana, \$195,799, for const. of trunk sewer.

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## SHASTA JOBS HITTING PEAK IN AUGUST

By J. B. JENNINGS and SID McBROOME, Business Representatives

Work in the Redding District is in full swing. The work throughout Northern California reached its peak as of August 1. Although there has been several large contracts awarded, Mccannon & Wonderlik were low bidders on the Dunsuir Freeway job. The bid was for 4 million dollars. There will be little time left, however, this year to accomplish much progress on this particular job due to the early winters in Northern California.

There were a number of other bids recently awarded in Trinity, Siskiyou and Shasta counties. S. E. Newman was the low bidder on a road job at Rush Creek. Ten firms submitted bids to Trinity County with Newman being the lowest.

We are happy to report work throughout the Northern part is holding up very well. The Trinity Project does not warrant any additional help due to the trouble on the belt line. At the present we still have approximately 600 Engineers employed on the Trinity Dam Project. This includes the Shea, Kaiser, Morrison, Clear Creek Tunnel job and a number of access road jobs that are a part of the Trinity River Project.

We recently signed Construction Agreements with the following named contractors:

J. P. Estep & Sons on their job at Weaverville, Calif. Also, Joe Meyers Construction, who has 8 cats working—at Montgomery Creek. The United Equipment Company has their equipment rented to the Division of Highways and working cut on 299E out of Helena.

J. H. Trisdale, Redding contractor, is in full swing on his job at Old Station and at Oak Run.

M. W. Brown started on his new job at Hillcrest on Highway 299 out of Burney, Calif.

This office is happy to welcome the Peterson, Tractor & Equipment Company of San Leandro. They will service the Northern District. We recently signed the employees who were formerly employed by Sierra Tractor & Equipment Co. This shop is 100 per cent union.

Sierra Construction Company were low bidders on a road job 6 miles south of Susanville, Calif. This job will go for approximately 3 months working 6 days at 10 hours. There are 10 brothers employed on this job.

Brother Allen Gray, who was injured while operating a cat on the Trinity Dam River Project, would like to show his gratitude and thank each of his fellow brothers on the Trinity Dam Project, for the collection that was recently taken up for him. Brother Gray is still confined to a wheel chair at Mercy Hospital and hopes to be released in September. He is looking forward to personally thanking each and every one of you for being so thoughtful of his obligations.

One of our Brother members, Claude M. McAlexander, is retiring this month. He has been a member of Local 3 since the early part of 1930. During those years he has worked on various jobs. He moved to Trinity county and then to Santa Barbara. In 1941 he went to Fresno and worked on the dam and joined Local 3 with his son Claude McAlexander Jr. Another son Bob is a Local 3 member also. Bro-

# UTAH NEWS ROUND-UP

By MERLIN BOWMAN, GLEN FULLMER, GEORGE FARREL L, JAY NEELEY and JAMES HALL, Business Representatives

BEEN APPROVED TO THE TUNE OF A GIGANTIC \$31,000,000, and in the words of Road Commissioner Ellis Armstrong "This is almost everything we asked for or even hoped for" . . . with lower than estimated bids on the work already under contract, it has made possible more funds for more roads—the amount of surplus being \$411,000. This work will start immediately, probably in the southeastern part of the state.

Actual starting date of the Force Base. Jacobsen Const. Co. Salt Lake City north-south-free-way is also getting closer. In fact it is so close now, the route has been definitely decided upon and plans for the first section will be out next month. One section and possibly two will be under contract by January 1, 1959; also, the second phase of the 7th East job will be let next month.

There is plenty of talk about the Garfield Dike work and the Bingham Stripping starting—but as of this date the successful bidders are not known. In any event both jobs should be going this winter affording the much needed winter work that was so lacking last winter.

At the present time we are experiencing the greatest road building program in Utah's history with jobs going in all parts of the state. Most of them are working 48 hours per week and in some cases 60 hours. With the steady trend toward the use of rubber tired equipment we are experiencing some shortage of operators.

Gibbons and Reed Company has 5 pulls, 2 cats and 2 patrols working two shifts at the Salt Lake Airport, and expect two more pulls in a few days.

General Contracting Corporation, formerly a part of Young and Smith, has a job in Duchesne County consisting of a bridge over the Duchesne river and about 1 mile of new road alignment. They are using their D. W. 21's and several cats. We are very happy to see these people going again as our relationship in the past has been very good.

We were all very sorry this month to hear of the passing of one of our good friends in the construction business. L. A. Young, "Lee" as we knew him, had certainly made his mark in the road building business in Utah. We extend our sympathy to the large family he left.

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### NORTHERN AREA

Going north, there have been several new jobs let in the northern area the past month which along with the work already underway should keep the majority of the men busy for some time. Although some of the new work is scheduled for completion this year the situation is considerably different on a number of jobs already mentioned in previous articles as quite a few of the jobs are of several months duration and will carry over well into next year.

Included in the list of new work already bid and under contract are Wilkinson Brothers Construction Company of Morgan on State Route No. 65 from the Morgan-Summitt county line toward East Canyon. General Contracting Corporation has \$38,559 on the bridge in Box Elder County on Highway 191. Thorn Construction Company has \$152,000 on 5.8 miles of realigning and resurfacing of U. S. No. 30 west of Snowville. Waterfall Const. Co. has \$123,000 on resurfacing work at Hill Air

Claude is retiring and going to live on a ranch at Buckeye.

has additional Ram Jet Engine Manufacturing facilities at the Marquardt Air Craft Co. Plant on West 33rd Street.

The hot dry weather we have experienced the past month in the southern part of the state has been very good for the road builders. The weather is ideal for the oiling work that is so necessary to road construction. Many oiling jobs are in various stages of completion in this area. The J. M. Sumsion Company is putting the finishing touches on their job into the Aneth Oil Field. This job is the first section of a 30 mile road into the Aneth Basin. Bethers Brothers Company from Heber City, Utah is busy on the grade of the second section.

The James Reed Co. has about one more week to complete the 8 miles west of Blanding. Morrison Knudsen Company at LaSal, Utah hasn't thought about oil yet, as they are still hard at the grade.

W. W. Clyde Co. has released a few operators from their job in the cat stairs section on the Glen Canyon Road. The grade is finished on this job and they are up to the hubs in the oil, so to speak.

Brother Maurice Rasmussen has contracted the oil work on R. M. Jensen Company's job. His son, Brother Rodney Rasmussen and son-in-law Brother Gerald Shields are at work with him. Rumor has it that Brother Rasmussen has contracted the oil work on the D. A. Brimhall Co. job at Manti, Utah. We wish Brother Maurice and his newly formed company much success. This almost seems assured as we know the quality of the work he delivers in this line.

Orem, Utah has created some activity locally with \$165,000 improvement project programmed for the city. The work will consist of road improvements, curb and gutter and sidewalk.

Some interesting reading from the Political Memo from COPE. The labor and commerce departments reported that 5,437,000 people were unemployed in June this year, an increase of 533,000 over the number out of work in May. The total which amounted to almost 7% of the nations work force, was 2,100,000 higher than in June of last year. MORE HAMBURGERS AND FEWER STEAKS—Food prices according to government figures, have increased 5% during 1958. American families have increased their spending for food only 1%.

Other items which have raised include rent up about 16%, transportation up some 10% and medical care up about 22%. HAVE YOU PICKED UP YOURS—The Washington Evening Star recently ran the following headline, Cadillac deliveries up 43%. SOUTHWEST AREA

In southwest Utah, there is not much to report on the Cedar Iron Mines. Still going the same slow pace they have been for the past few months.

On South, we see Mendenhall Co. has started his job from the Washington Iron County line, south 4½ miles towards Strong's job. On this job, Joe Young, Superintendent, has a good gang of

Local 3 men busy, with Leo Prisbey on the patrol, Verl Sanders and Rodney Gibson on the DW 15's, Brother Lewis Black on the Tamper Cat, Brothers Fred Leigh and Grant Taylor doing the welding and nut busting. As this job progresses it will require more Local 3 men. This should prove to be a good job under the supervision of Joe Young as our relations with him have been very fine.

Further south we find Whiting & Haymond's airport at St. George. I wasn't too welcome here but did get to meet a couple of members. Most of the dirt is almost finished here any they are planning on moving to Flaming Gorge.

To the north we are happy to report the Kennecott Copper has gone back to a five day work week. We hope this will stop the laying off our people. Utah Construction's Bingham Tunnel is still going along at a slow pace because of bad ground. It will be a few more weeks before they will get moving again. Lots of rumors going about the Bingham Stripping but nothing definite at this time. We are hoping these rumors will turn into something good. On the Thorn Job at Stockton they

were off to a good start when their crusher broke down and put a halt to the project for awhile. We have a few members on this job.

Wangsgaard and Petersen's Job at Dell is progressing fairly well with the amount of water they are getting. They are employing quite a few of the Brothers on this job and would use more if the water problem could be remedied.

We have been in negotiation with Vitro Uranium the past three weeks but have nothing good to report at this time.

Brothers, I would like to suggest that when your Business Agent is on your job, make your conversation as brief as possible so that the contractor will not have any reason to think we are holding up production.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Parris Broadhead who passed away from a heart attack August 2nd. Brother Broadhead was employed by the Wangsgaard and Petersen Company.

Don't forget your General Membership meeting September 10th. Let's all plan to attend!

ALL MEETINGS WILL BE CALLED MEETINGS.

## PLENTY JOBS IN HAWAII

By OTTO E. NEVER, Business Representative

Honolulu, the land of sunshine and flowers and lots of rain, reports continued progress and plenty of work. All of the Capehart jobs are now under way with the exception of the Camp Catlin and Lualualei jobs that were bid by Sam Len of the Len Construction Company.

During this time we have signed the Gilbert Ho Construction Company, won an election with Gilbert Kobatake, 15-8, and we are now negotiating with Larry Ching who has the dirt-moving job at Kaneohe. We have not as yet completed negotiations with the Flynn-Learner Company, but we hope to have completed this negotiation to the satisfaction of the membership before this issue of the Engineers News goes to press.

The Standard Oil refinery which was estimated to cost \$44 million is now estimated to cost \$52 million. Reports from the Bechtel Company who is co-venturing with E. E. Black and Hawaiian Dredging Company on this project is that work will commence by November 1st.

The third 10 cents increase negotiated by your union and affecting all of the building trades crafts became effective August 15th. This makes a total of 55 cents an hour increase we have received since January 15, 1957. The Contractors Association further agrees to a 10 cents increase twice a year for the next three and a half years.

At this time we would like to give credit to the various stewards and shipyard committeemen who have contributed so much toward the progress we have made in this territory. They are: Barney Olds, Raymond Aki, Peter Wonk, Charles Pires, Lucas Pasion, Eddie Ulmer, John Kepilino, Hisashi Sensui, Hirochi Uejio, Rupert Teves, Yutaka Miyashiro, Robert Taira. The Shipyard Committee composed of Timothy Byrne, Chairman; Solomon Maunu, Vice-President; Wilbur Collis, Secretary; Harry Robbins, Freddie Mallabey and Raymond Archuletta. These brothers have done a wonderful job and devoted a great deal of time and energy toward making our Union stronger, here on the Islands. We must now strive for addi-

tional benefits so that the members on the Island can be provided with a health and welfare plan, and in addition, establish a pension plan. This, of course, does not include many other benefits such as travel time and subsistence when working away from the island of Oahu. Another year of sincere endeavor by the stewards and the Union's representative should accomplish these goals.

When we look back over the progress made in the last 18 months, we think about the young pink-cheeked novice who after joining the Operating Engineers wrote home to a pal: "Just think, six munces ago I couldn't spell enguner, and now I are one!" We thought, too, that organizing and getting concessions from the contractors in this territory was a hopeless task. Nevertheless, by our members working together in a concerted effort, this district has paid dividends for the past 15 months.

We were pleasantly surprised to learn that the Pacific Dredging Company had received the contract for dredging at Iroquois Point for Murray-Sander and George P. Fuller Company. Although this is not a large job, running to approximately five months work, it will keep the dredge in this area and we hope the company will be successful in securing additional contracts in the very near future.

We understand that the general presidents of the various internationals in their meeting with the representative of the Contractors Association of Hawaii came to a satisfactory agreement and that on or about September 1st a written agreement will be entered into covering all of the general contractors that are members of the Association of Hawaii.

And now we say "Aloha" to all our brothers.

# Marysville District Is Still Steaming Ahead

By C. R. VAN WINKLE, BILL WEEKS and C. E. COCKAYNE, Business Representatives

But we might add, sotto voce, at a slightly reduced speed, after a rather good month during July. During this month twice as many men were dispatched from the Marysville office than during any month this year, which fact apparently pleased everyone, especially the business representatives.

July saw many calls taking as long as a week to fill, especially some of the more specialized ones or the mountain jobs and it was necessary to go out of the district a number of times to fill the jobs. For this reason the lights burned late more than once during the month as we tried to fill the more pressing calls.

The first of August saw the tempo slowing down to a steadier rate and it also saw more men registering on the out-of-work list as some jobs began to approach the finish stage. If the present rate of calls continue, however, it is our hope that these brothers will be back to work before this sees the light of day.

## PROSPECTS

The prospect for work during the balance of the season at the present writing looks very good and we expect that the brothers will be able to keep busy until the rains come, which we hope is very very late this year.

Many of the jobs that have been let recently are small, for instance Teichert and Son have been successful bidders on a number of paving jobs running from \$20,000 to \$35,000 in several locations. None of these are large or require too many of the brothers, but it keeps several of them busy.

Butte Creek Rock Company has picked up a similar number of small jobs of the same size, which is keeping the boys there busy. W. H. Lindeman was low bidder on a small bridge near Chico and Eagan Construction Company of Stockton was low bidder on a bridge in Chico, all of which means some work for some of the brothers.

Besides their work at Camp Beale, Baldwin Contracting Company, we note, has also been low bidder on several small jobs. Trinity Construction Company of Redding was low at a little over \$40,000 on a paving job in Plumas County, all which goes to show that some of our troubles will be small ones, but it all means work.

During the month of August there will be bid openings on a number of similar jobs in the area, which will help keep the tempo up.

During July there were several small drilling and exploration tunnel jobs let by the Department of Water Resources for a proposed division dam on the Feather River in an aggregate amount of \$120,000 and as one of the low bidders is a firm with whom we have had some difficulty in the past, we are not looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to part of this work.

Several additional contracts have been let or have been bid and are under advisement at Camp Beale, which may help take the slack out of the work there as some of the work there is nearing the completion stage, which has resulted in some layoffs.

Of the larger jobs to start (August 18th is the date) is the E Street job in Marysville. This is a \$3,205,968 job and will result in a big improvement to the south approach to that city. It will be done by the R. M. Price Co. of Altadena and R. M. Harris of that firm will be the superintendent.

The above list, while by no means complete and which was written up at random from the information in the office, at least shows that the district will remain alive and that there will be work well into the end of the season and to start next season.

## A BRIEF GLANCE AT THE WORK

Walsh Construction Company at Butt Valley, Lake Almanor and Caribou have speeded up their work by going on longer hours. They have Teicherts' five yard Manitowac digging the waterway from Lake Almanor to the Butt Valley intake.

Darkenwald - Harmes - M. K. Corporation are working two ten hour shifts on the Belden Dam job and it looks like this will be the story until the rains slow them up. This has proven to be a very good money job for a number of the brothers.

McCammon and Wunderlich have finished up parts of their Highway 40 Alternate job, both North and South of Oroville and are moving some of their equipment out. Some of the equipment and the operators will no doubt be moved to this Company's better than four million dollar job near Dunsuir.

O. K. Mitty at Spring Garden has about finished their part of the highway job there. M. J. Ruddy is laying the sub-base and doing the paving. Carl Woods is putting the finishing touches on his sub-contract with Lester L. Rice at Taylorsville and Rice is getting ready to lay the sub-base and the plant mix.

Pomeroy on the power house at Butt Valley is making good progress with about sixty per cent of the pen stock completed. Wismer and Becker on the same project are making good progress. Morrison-Knudsen have finished the railroad job at Belden and are getting ready to ship out the equipment.

Pacific Bridge Company are moving right along on their Western Pacific Bridge job at Poe with a good sized crew working for a bridge job. They have a batch plant, three cranes, a pile driver and a back-hoe working besides the maintenance crews.

Peter Kiewit & Sons on their tunnel job are making good progress and have a goodly number of the brothers working. The crew has about stabilized and there is very little turnover. About the only complaint from this job we have heard recently is about the heat. This we are working on and promise to have it taken care of by the end of September or thereabouts.

John C. Gist Company has a small crew working on their Western Pacific Bridge job just above Oroville. W. H. O'Hair is making good progress on their sub-contract supplying and placing the sub-base on McCammon and Wunderlich's Highway 40 Alternate job North of Oroville.

Darrough and Sons have a good sized crew on their levee job near Chico and are making the dirt fly. Baum Construction Company are moving along very nicely on their shoulder and paving job between Glenn and Hamilton City and Hamilton City and Orland.

In the southern end of the area there are a number of levee jobs moving right along. H. Earl Parker has two shifts on his Teasdale Weir levee job on the Sacramento River. All told about fifty of the brothers are working on this job.

Cecil Hulse on his sub-contract from Wendt has 16 or 18 operators working on his levee job southwest of Grimes and is going to double shift if the Army Engineers get far enough ahead of him with the stakes.

H. Earl Parker has started his Gilsizer Slough job and has J. H. Clack as a sub-contractor on the job as well as Osborne. As they are just starting to spread out we don't know, as yet, how many jobs there will be. There should be quite a few as the job is ten miles long.

Lester L. Rice has started his short route to Sacramento road job around the Star Bend area and has several of the brothers working. Thomas Construction Company of Fresno is just getting a good start on their job at Browns Valley and from all appearances this will be a good job.

On top of the partial list outlined above we still have the Camp Beale job going strong with more contractors than you can count, all of whom, from appearances at least and from the way their equipment is running around are trying to run over everybody else.

This darn job is so scattered over such a large area that it isn't any wonder that we can't find anyone when we are looking for them, the wonder is that we don't get lost ourselves. To complicate things, some time this month they are going to start practice landings with the jets and things then will be more confused.

## INDUSTRIAL REPORT:

Gladding, McBean and Company During the past month a new wage agreement effective June 30, 1958 to June 30, 1959 was ratified by the membership at a well attended meeting on July 23rd. The negotiated settlement was accepted by a four to one favorable vote.

We would like to say and we hope all members take this to heart that the Company showed a decided interest in the attendance at the meetings, especially meetings where matters concerning the contract were discussed.

It appeared obvious that this and other companies geared their resistance to the Union's demands to the attendance and interest shown in the meetings. From this it should be obvious also to the membership as to how best they can help their representatives in dealing with the various companies.

While we weren't overwhelmed by the settlement, we honestly are of the opinion that it was the best that could be obtained this year considering business conditions and despite our hope for a better deal the

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to A & E Paving Co., P. O. Box 428, Arcata, \$218,440; for const. 10.239 mi. grade surf., etc. on Trinity River Forest Hwy., from near Berry Summit, East to Willow Creek, Six Rivers Nat'l. Forest, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sact., \$461,561, for 13 mil. pl. ptmx. surf. on exist. surf. & shldr. & apply slct. betw. Ben Ali & 0.5 mi. E. or Roseville, SACRAMENTO & PLACER COUNTIES. JULY 14, 1958

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Thos. Const. Co., P. O. Box 683, Fresno, \$136,369, for 2.2 mi. ptmx. surf., Marysville Rd., betw. 2.5 mi. Brown's Valley & Peoria Rd., YUBA COUNTY.

PALO ALTO, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$206,521, for const. water dist. sys. impvts.

## Meeting Notices

**GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE:** Meets each Thursday night between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville.

**YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS:** Meets Monday, August 25, 1958 in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville, and at the following times:

10:00 a.m. for those unable to attend the night meeting.

7:30 p.m. for those whose work permits them to attend.

**ROCK, SAND, GRAVEL AND READY MIXED CONCRETE:** Meets Friday, August 22, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, 1010 "Eye" Street, Marysville.

**NATOMAS COMPANY:** The meeting of this unit for September will be canceled because the regular meeting date falls on Labor Day.

**CONCRETE PIPE INDUSTRY:** Meets Monday, September 8, 1958 at 8:00 p.m. in the Engineers' Hall, Marysville.

**GLADDING, McBEAN AND COMPANY:** Joint Board of the Lincoln Industrial Council meets Monday, September 8, 1958 at 4:15 p.m. in the office of the Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln.

The General Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, September 9, 1958 in the auditorium of the City Hall, Lincoln, and at the following times:

2:30 p.m. for those working the swing shift.

4:15 p.m. for those working the other shifts.

**NEW YORK MACHINE SHOP:** Subject to call.

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## ROCK, SAND, GRAVEL AND READY MIXED CONCRETE

We expect to have a negotiated settlement to offer to the membership in the near future and when it is arrived at we will call a special meeting so that you may consider it. As several of the brothers have expressed the hope for an early settlement, we would like to say that we believe that their hopes have some chance of being realized as negotiating meetings are being held as this is being written.

## GOLD DREDGING COMPANIES

The new agreements should be approved and ready for distribution by the first of the coming month. The delay has been caused by the late settlement, lack of time to prepare the agreements for signature and because all agreements, after ratification of the membership, must be approved by the Executive Board before being signed by the officers. This rule has been adopted to give you added protection against hasty or poor settlements.

## PETERSON TRACTOR COMPANY

This is as we said last month the new Caterpillar dealer in the Gridley, Chico, Red Bluff and Redding area and they are located in a fine new modern plant on Highway 99-W as you approach Chico. All our membership are urged to cooperate with them if and when new equipment, parts or field servicing is needed.

## NEW YORK MACHINE SHOP

Recently there has been some trouble over some companies sending work that ought to have went to this or similar shops to a shop in Chico that is on the official "We don't patronize list" of the Chico Labor Movement. As this is being prepared, we have hopes that this has been satisfactorily taken care of. Negotiations for the agreement for the coming year should be com-

## GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

Your Grievance Committee, activated by the election of the members at large at the quarterly General Membership Meeting at Oroville, July 10, 1958, has and is meeting each THURSDAY NIGHT AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE ENGINEERS' HALL, 1010 "EYE" STREET, MARYSVILLE.

This Committee is composed of the following brothers:

Ira Bashaw, Executive Board Member, Chairman; Don Coykendall, Member at Large; Robert McLelland, Member at Large; Cal Relyea, Member at Large; C. R. Van Winkle, District Representative, Secretary.

Members having grievances to file against their employer for violation of the working agreement should first report it to the Business Representative in charge of the job for appropriate action.

However, if they are not satisfied with the action taken or if they have any charges of alleged violations of the working rules, by brother members, or of a member wronging another member, they may report it directly to the Committee, either in person or in writing.

The Committee has decided that, out of fairness, anonymous charges or statements will not be accepted or received, such charges, if in writing, will have to be signed or the member will have to appear personally before the Committee.

Members having any suggestions or advice as to how to improve the operation or administration of the office, the area or to better the Union are cordially invited to appear before the Committee. Remember this Committee has been set up for your benefit and whether or not it functions properly depends to a great extent upon you. SO PLEASE MAKE USE OF IT!

pleted by the time this reaches you.

## CONCRETE PIPE INDUSTRY

As anticipated the level of activity in this industry has not been too high this summer, however, normal crews have been used and there have been no lay-offs or reduced hours of work. We have some hope that the fall activity will be better.

## PERSONAL NOTES:

Brothers Chillquist, Leonard and Larry Turner, Stockton and Pearow, of Tuttle Engineers, were injured in an automobile accident on the short route to Sacramento on the way home from work, Friday, August 1st. They were hit broadside by a truck coming out of a side road, causing them to hit another car coming the other way. Brother Chillquist suffered a broken shoulder and hip, Brother Leonard Turner a broken ankle, Brother Larry Turner was badly shocked and bruised, and Brothers Stockton and Pearow were only slightly injured.

Brother A. L. Williamson of the Natomas Company recently while on vacation was stricken with an intestinal attack which required surgery of a very serious nature and was not, at first, expected to pull through. He is reported to be very much improved at this time.

While in San Francisco recently, Brother Van Winkle visited Brother Art Craig, at Fort Miley Hospital, of H. Earl Parker Company who suffered a broken back diving into a swimming pool. He reports that Brother Craig was very cheerful and very determined despite having to lay on his stomach twenty-two hours a day with a twenty-five pound weight on his head and said to tell the boys he'd be back to work on a cat in two or three months.



# North Bay Job Load is Holding at Near Peak

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

Work in the North Bay area is moving along in good shape with nearly all of the Engineers busy on local jobs. Several new contracts have been awarded in the past month, and a number of additional jobs are in the planning stage which should help keep the work picture favorable.

Alcan-Pacific Company of Sacramento has been awarded contract for 98 housing units at Fort Baker and Barry in Marin County, amounting to \$1,537,000. Also awarded to Alcan-Pacific is a \$346,602 contract for the Capehart Housing at Two Rock Ranch Station. John W. Hearn, superintendent of this project, will arrange for a pre-job conference on these two projects.

A pre-job conference was held with Jim Andrade representing Dan Caputo and Cambrian Gateway of San Jose on the Greenbrae overhead job. Cost of the contract award is \$1,792,059, and the job has already started, will approximately terminate about September, 1959, estimated length of job is about 14 months. Brown-Ely is the subcontractor on dirt; Raymond Concrete Pile, Maggiora & Son, Anchor Fence, McGraff Steel and San Jose Steel are the other subs.

Another pre-job conference recently held with the Engineers Ltd. Pipe Line of El Cerrito; amount of this contract is \$240,011, location of job is at Sleepy Hollow; continuation of Marin Municipal Water Department. Estimated length of this job is about two months, approximate date of completion, October 15. Bro. Chas. Larason is foreman; E. Denning, side-boom operator; R. Graham, backhoe operator; Barnet, oiler; Virgil Hysell, loader operator; Bro. Harper, chief of party.

C. Norman Peterson of Berkeley awarded a contract of \$1,148,000 for construction of Bon Tempe Water Treatment Plant and supply pipeline located at Bon Tempe and Phoenix Lakes in Marin County. A pre-job conference will be held shortly. This will be quite a big contract for water district filtration plant.

McCammion & Wonderlich has a road job between Stinson Beach and Bolinas. Brothers are: M. G. Hammes, foreman; Peter T. Foagry, loader operator; Charles Butcher, dozer; Robert C. Rasmussen, dozer operator; James M. Craddock, loader operator.

## BLACK POINT

Peter-Kiewit & Sons job at Black Point is progressing very nicely, according to report from Brad Lockwood, super. We find amongst their crew they have quite an artist by name of Bro. "Chuck" Kohler, grade setter. He is the party responsible for the very artistic work on the men's hard hats. One we find very amusing is the tin hat worn by Brother George, known as "Chewin-Tobacco" or "Beechnut" Freeland, shovel runner on the job. On the bill of "Beechnut's" hat reads "Caution—Constant Activity This Area." On both sides is "Beechnut," and on the back it reads, "Range—30 feet—360 degrees." (extent of tobacco juice!). (The above is all in RED LETTERS.)

Ghilotti Bros. going broke, so they sad. But what does he use for \$\$\$? Every time we pass by we see some new equipment and busy with a big crew of No. 3 men.

At Basalt—McNear's Pt., we don't dare go in the place as we would get run over with some of their double shift equipment.

Carey Bros. at Reedlands have 120,000 yards with 2 weeks to move it—watch 'em go. They have three pieces of equipment from Burbank and two from Sacramento—in addition to their own crew.

The dredge on the Pullman Project hit a barnacle and sank.

We have information that all hands are ex-navy men, but they forgot who was captain, and she went down and the crew deserted the captain. After a lot of struggle, Bro. Guy Slack brought it to surface. Bro. Ted Hicks is captain at present, and Bro. John Kolesar is boatswain's mate. Kirby Stevens was engaged in great activity representing the Coast Guard from shore, broadcasting instructions by signals.

Williams & Burrows have some of that secret stuff at Fort Barry started August 4th.

Watkin & Sibbald have some roads to grade and pave at same location.

J. Henry Harris got a piece of it too, starting about the 6th of August.

As we go to press, the "One-Armed Bandit" Paul Vincilione picks off 110,000 yards at Loma Verde. This boy is a "rustler" (in more ways than one).

## LAKE COUNTY

M. K. Corporation received contract in Lake County for pumping plant and ¼ mile of road with a 20-foot right of way, 12 feet wide, 36" drain culvert and 140 ft. 12" culvert, 250 ft. of 42" C.M.P. and three 24" pumps installed for plant. There is also 175 feet of levee around the pumping plant. The contract price for this job is \$184,750. The estimated time to complete is eight months and the work started on July 10, 1958. The contractors estimate that this job will be completed on February 27, 1959. The main purpose is flood control.

The F. W. Case Corporation was awarded a contract in the amount of \$264,225 to complete an earth fill type of dam at Bell Canyon, which will be approximately 95 feet above ground level and 500 feet long. The spillway to be constructed in a saddle approximately 1700 feet west of the dam. They estimate that there will be 100 calendar working days and that the job will keep about 15 Engineers busy. Bro. Al Hilton is the foreman and Bro. Clint Reed is the super. They are hoping to be finished before Thanksgiving.

Stockton Construction have started their storm sewer job in Vallejo. So far they have only one dragline working, but should get rolling with added equipment in a week or so.

Shanley Construction are moving right along with their sewer job in the City of Benicia. Mr. Jess Hoopes will have gray hair by the time he finishes this job as it sure has been a rough one.

Darkenwald & Vinson on the Putah Creek Canal at Rockville—everything seems to be all right as we have had no complaints. Our apologies to Bro. Gib Barlow, master mechanic, and Bro. John Gorman, pipe foreman, for not mentioning their names in last month's news, but we knew that you boys were there. Keep up the good work!

## TRAVIS AIRBASE

Parish & Harms have finally landed a few small jobs in the vicinity of Travis A.F.B.—at least enough to keep Bro. Jerry Bothwell out of the office for a while.

Marshall & Haas and R & J Contractors are settling down to some serious business on their section of the Canal from Cement Hill to Mankas Corners, with the trimming machine at the present time going three shifts to keep ahead of the liner. We think Bro. Tom Hanna will

be ready to throw quite a celebration when he finishes his part of this particular job, which is the excavation.

Fredrickson Bros. have some grading and paving work on the Nike Sites.

Syar & Harms are widening Tennessee Street between Amador and Tuolumne Streets; and are also widening Amador Street from Tennessee to Florida Sts.

A. Teichert & Sons have also joined us for a short time on an excavation job on the Elmira Nike Site.

We thought that Syar & Harms would be done on their excavation and would have Hiway 40 completed. This job has been plugging along every day; something new always being added, but we guess by our not being at the job continually, that a lot of the work can be easily overlooked. At any rate, this will be a beautiful piece of highway when it is completed, plus being a lifesaver to the heavy highway traffic.

M & K & Stolte on Mare Island are now down to approximately six Operating Engineers in their employ. From all indications, we'll be losing their company in the very near future.

## NEWS ABOUT BROTHERS

Bro. Grant Pitzer finds that crawling in and out of tanks just isn't the thing to do. He now has to turn into the hospital for a hernia operation. Hope that you will be okay, Grant, and that we will be seeing you out in the field again real soon.

Have just received dues from Bro. R. W. Harper from Phoenix, Arizona. We are always pleased to find out where our Brothers are and to hear that they are doing fine.

Bro. C. L. Robinson has discovered that temperatures of 107 degrees just doesn't agree with him. Bro. Robinson was in Bell Canyon when it got that hot and it was just too much. (Perhaps it should be called "Hell" Canyon.) We have learned that he pulled out of it okay and we sure were glad to hear that.

Bro. G. L. Stockdale, who was hurt on the Ferry & Crowe job about a year ago, has just returned and is doing light work. We know that his friends will be glad to hear this.

Bro. Tom Medow is in the Vets' Hospital in Oakland. Best wishes to him for a fast recovery.

We had a letter from Bro. R. E. (Fuzzy) Wyman who is at present working for Guy F. Atkinson in Japan. Must be ready to come back to the States, reason we got the letter. Fuzzy tells us that the operators there are receiving 90 yen per hour—and working 10 hours (this is equivalent to about 25c per hour in U.S. money). Bro. Wyman made no mention of the "Geisha" girls. Perhaps he is going to bring one home with him. How about that, Fuzzy?

Bro. Claude Odom, who took his family to Australia the early part of the year, is back with us again, and man, is he glad to be back! He doesn't recommend anyone going there to work—conditions are not at all favorable—for actual proof of this, he submitted to us some newspaper clippings on how in Australia, Commonwealth and State authorities regulate wages and working conditions. The Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission and the State industrial courts and wage boards are the authorities which

# HOT AND HEAVY IN FRESNO AREA

By G. LYNN MOORE, JAMES D. MONROE and B. F. (TINY) HELLING, Business Representatives

In the Fresno area the weather is hot and mosts jobs are going full swing. The job outlook is much better than it was at this time last year. While most of the bigger jobs are in the mountain area, there has been some pickup in road and street work in the Valley area. Most of the black top crews are busy on a multitude of small jobs.

Rice Bros. and Stewart & Nuss have set up their rock crusher and hot plant at Oakhurst and will soon begin resurfacing several miles of Highway 41 from Oakhurst to Yosemite Park.

John Delphia Co. are putting the final grade on their Bass Lake job and will move out soon. Walt Taylor Inc. from Lancaster was awarded a contract for the remaining 3.5 miles of this job. They have moved in one D9 and will rent the rest of the equipment locally.

Bechtel Co. at Mammoth Pool continue on a three-shift basis on the core trench for Mammoth Dam. However, they have laid off a few rigs due to lack of working space. The deeper they go the narrower the cut. Bechtel Co. also are excavating for the powerhouse and penstocks (about 10 miles downstream from the dam) and are also setting up a

set the wages and working conditions. (This is a prime example of the so-called "Right-to-Work.")

Bro. Lyle (Smockey) Reeve is mighty proud these days, and why shouldn't he be? His 10-year-old boy Kenneth "Dee-Dee" received his first place medal for his swimming victory in the novice 25 meter breast stroke event. (Benicia Aquatic Club Paddlers.) How does it feel, Smockey, to have a "Breast Stroke Champ" in the family? (We understand Smockey can't swim a stroke himself.)

Bro. Otto Bortfeld, whom you old-timers know, will be entering the hospital again—and we do hope it will be for a very short stay.

Bro. D. W. Clements, shovel operator, recently confined in Ukiah General Hospital, is out recuperating, but he tells us in a letter received that it will be quite a while before he can return to his duties—so he will take it easy and do some fishing, etc. Take it easy, Doug!

Bro. Paul Greves, oiler for Bayside Paving at Hamilton Field, had a close call the other day. A piece of steel got in his eye, but we are happy to report nothing serious.

We regret to report the passing of Bro. Robert Walker on July 14th, after a short illness. Bro. Walker worked as a mechanic for E. T. Haas. His brother Lynn Walker is also a member of Local 3. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

There is to be a blood bank contest in the Vallejo area on August 20th. Brothers, our bank is very low and we hope that those working in this area will come in and sign up. The contest is to be held at Post 104 on Couch Street in Vallejo between the hours of 1:45 and 6 p.m.

In the San Rafael area, members may donate on the first and third Friday of every month. Call us for the appointment.

Remember! Deadline for registering to vote in November! Deadline date is Sept. 11th. Be sure to register and vote!

Have you purchased your Eversharp pen yet? We still have some left—the cost to you is \$1.00. This purchase goes into the fund to fight the "Right-to-Work" bill. We also have buttons available for free—"VOTE NO on No. 18." Pick yours up! See you next month!

new rock plant and batch plant at the powerhouse site.

Utah Construction are under ground on the down stream portal and are on a three-shift basis. They have moved the portable jumbo to Rock Creek and will hole in for two headings. They have about 800 feet to go; therefore, it will be several weeks before another heading will be ready. They have four more jumbos to build so it looks good for welders and mechanics for some time. They have a camp set up at Rock Creek and will be in operation about August 15th.

Thomas Construction Co. are busy on their realignment and bridge job on the Madera-North Fork road. The Smith-Wehner Co.; American Paving Co.; Stewart & Nuss; Fresno Paving Co. keep busy on street and highway work in the area.

There is quite a lot of activity in Yosemite Park. The Paul E. Wool Co.; Fresno Paving Co.; Richardson Bros. all have contracts for parking improvement in the park. H. Earl Parker Co. are winding up their old contract at Tioga Pass and are starting on their new section. Harms Bros. have also started on their new contract at Tioga; their job is mostly rock and 9000 feet up.

Griffith Co. at Lemore Air Base are under way. They have about 60 of the Brothers working. This job went two shifts on the compaction, and one shift on the stripping; they are only working 40 hours.

Fortier Construction will finish their job on Graneville Blvd. about the 15th of August. This company have a few other jobs around the Valley. Dicco Co. at Porterville are moving right along on their two jobs. Flores & Perry are moving the dirt, they have about 150,000 yards more to go. This job will be putting down black top soon. Madonna Construction have the black top in on their job at Porterville. They are going to move the plant to San Diego. This company also has a job two miles west of Woodville. The bid on this job was \$328,520. Dicco Co. will supply the material for this job. Basich Bros. at Kettleman City have subbed the dirt work out to Fisher & Stokes and they are moving in their equipment. This job has about 800,000 yards of dirt to move. L. B. Wells Construction were low bidders on two bridges near Farmersville, which will start soon. Stewart & Nuss were low bidders of \$191,429 for 34.7 miles of plant mix surface at various locations in Fresno, Madera and Mariposa Counties. Thomas Construction were low bidders of \$23,133 for a four span reinforced bridge at Tulare. The Army Engineers called for bids on Success Dam July 30th and will open bids September 11th. Work to be performed includes an earth and rock fill dam, an earth fill dike, a concrete outlet works, through the dam with a control tower near the axis, a spillway near the right abutment, and a government camp.

Summing up the job situation it looks like we have a busy season ahead.

Only one donation to the Blood Bank: Thank you, Brother Fred Cowger.

# SACTO STAYING IN HIGH GEAR

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, ERNIE NELSON, ED HEARNE, HAROLD HUSTON and WM. "BILL" METTZ, Business Representatives

At Mather A.F.B. Gordon H. Ball has slowed down quite a bit on the excavation and has shipped out most of the men and equipment and laid off quite a few others. They were successful bidders on another section of operational apron. The bid price was \$322,294, but this job won't put one more man to work as they will do it with the crew that they have left. The concrete crew is going full speed ahead with three mixers in the spread and they estimate that they will finish about the end of September.

McGillivray Construction Company and Altermatt-Action Company, two of the sub-contractors on Gordon Ball's job are about finished and will be moving out shortly. McGillivray has been laying all the black top on runway aprons and have cooperated fully with the Representatives in the Sacramento Office. We are sorry to say that the same cannot be said of all the subcontractors on the job.

A. Teichert & Son has a crew of cats busy at Aerojet on a road job in back of line 4 and it looks like this could be the beginning of expansion in this department. Campbell Construction Company is putting up quite a few structures all over the job and are making quite a bit of work for A. Teichert & Son who are doing all their dirt work.

Robt. E. L. Parker is down to a skelton crew and is just waiting for Aerojet to start more maintenance work. This Company had about thirty engineers working a short time ago but are now down to about five.

All of the rock plants in the area are going at full capacity and at this writing are all going one shift. The brothers in these plants have been waiting anxiously for news of the rock, sand, and gravel contract. The contract has been tentatively agreed on but the Sacramento Office does not have all the details at this time.

All of the local Contractors are busy on various kinds of work about the area. Teichert has so many subdivisions going that they almost lose count of them. McGillivray is almost in the same condition.

Brighton Sand & Gravel is busy on several jobs throughout the area and are starting on their job from Elk Grove south. This one is a widening and resurfacing job on highway 99.

Lentz Construction Company is keeping all of his rigs going on various sub-divisions in and around Sacramento.

## ROSEVILLE FREEWAY

A. Teichert & Son have started clearing the right-way on the Roseville-Newcastle freeway. This Company submitted a low bid of \$6,946,992 for construction of an 11.5 miles section of a four lane free-way and 12 bridges between Roseville and Newcastle in Placer County on U. S. Highway 40.

The new U. S. 40 route south of the existing Highway will bypass Rocklin and Loomis but interchanges and access connections will be provided for traffic service to those communities. Completion of this project will be late in 1959.

W. E. Simpson from Auburn subbed from C. & H. construction all the clearing, dirt excavation, grading and paving for the new High School being built about one mile and a half out of Colfax. This job consists of 55,000 cubic yards of dirt excavation and 3000 tons of base rock to be hauled in and placed around the school and on the new road which runs from old U. S. Highway 40 in Colfax to the new School. There will be

# Survey Notes— MASTER BAY SURVEY PACT

By AL BOARDMAN and ART PENNEBAKER, Bus. Reps.

Agreement has been reached on the terms of a new master agreement between the Bay Counties Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association and the Union of Operating Engineers, Local Union No. 3.

The following are the revisions agreed to in the existing agreement:

1. To extend the existing agreement for one (1) year with July 31, 1959, as the new expiration date; that the revised agreement shall become effective on August 1, 1958.

2. Wages. There shall be a fifteen cent (15c) per hour wage increase across the board; the wage scale, with revised job titles, shall be established as follows:

	Per Hr.
Senior Chief of Party.....	\$3.66
Chief of Party .....	3.38
Senior Inspector .....	3.66
Inspector .....	3.38
Instrument Man .....	3.28
Field Assistant Class I.....	2.98
Field Assistant Class II.....	2.76

(a) A party consisting of four or more members shall include a "Senior Chief of Party."

(b) A 3-man party shall include a "Chief of Party."

(c) Instrument Man (1) On a large project using several small parties and having a "Senior Chief of Party" on the job site and in charge of the project, each small party shall have an "Instrument Man" as one member of the small party. (2) This classification used when an employee performs the duties of an instrument man on a survey party that includes a "Chief of Party" or a "Senior Chief of Party."

(d) An employee who has been in the employ of an individual employer as an "Instrument Man" (or Chief of Party" as a result of the overall conversion of job classifications) in charge of a survey party, for four (4) consecutive years shall be classified thereafter as "Senior Chief of Party" when serving in charge of a survey party. This sub-section shall be nullified as of March 31, 1959 but any employee of an individual employer who gained advancement under this four (4) year provision either through this revised agreement or any preceding agreement, shall continue to be classified as this revised agreement shall continue to be classified as "Senior Chief of Party" as long as he is employed by the same individual employer.

(e) If an employee, serving in charge of a 3-man party, holds an active California certificate

power plant units of S. M. U. D.'s upper American River project. Arthur L. Till of Marysville has tow tractors clearing at this time. Bros. R. Moorhead on one dozer and Bro. J. Contini on the other.

Another major step toward the start of the Ice House Dam on the American River was taken by the Sacramento Municipal Utility District with the opening of bids for the Ice House Dam. Gibbons and Reed of Salt Lake City, Utah submitted a low bid of \$2,176,395. The actual Dam construction is scheduled to start about the last of August.

Congratulations to Bro. L. "Arkie" Welcher upon his promotion to foreman by Isbell Construction Co. at Grass Valley. We understand he is doing an excellent job. Keep up the good work, Arkie!

# REDWOOD EMPIRE LEVELS OFF

By K. A. "KEN" BROOKS and W. L. "BILL" TOMBERLIN, Business Representatives

Work in the Redwoods has reached the level off stage with very little turn over among the Brothers. The out of work list is the way we like to see it, real slim! There really isn't too much change in the area since last writing except that bids come out on the Dyerville to Myers Flat clearing job on Highway 101, on the

20th of this month. This is one we have been looking for for some time. It is 6.7 miles long taking in 166 acres of right-away. We like to see this clearing done this year and get it out of the way for a real good dirt job next year. If the whole 6.7 miles is let next year for grading it should be a dandy.

It has been rumored that the section from Little River to Trinidad on Hiway 101 will be let in the late fall, we sure hope so, it will certainly add to the program for 1959, there is a lot of dirt in this one. We will keep you informed on the latest dope.

Guy F. Atkinson Company have just about moved out on the Dyerville job. Mercer-Fraser Company has the paving on this job and are in full swing at this time.

Clack Const. Co. at Bluff Creek have 7 dozers; 1 H. D. Mech.; 1 oiler and 1 grader on their Timber access road. It looks now as if Clack is calling for some help on this job and has sub-let a part of it to the

of a "Licensed Land Surveyor," such employee shall be classified and paid the wage rate of "Senior Chief of Party."

## APPRENTICE FIELD ASSISTANTS

The parties to this Agreement agree that an apprentice training period of six months duration will be in effect. During the apprentice training period the following rates shall be effective: Apprentice (first three months) \$2.16 per hour, Apprentice (second three months) \$2.41 per hour; Field Assistant rate Class 2 thereafter of \$2.76 per hour.

Apprentice field assistants shall not replace any field assistant or cause any reduction in the size of the survey party by his employment, except, as follows: one apprentice shall be permitted to be used in lieu of a Field Assistant (Class 2) for each three survey parties engaged by the individual employer.

3. Pensions. The employer agrees to contribute five cents (5c) per hour, effective January 1, 1959 for each hour worked, including overtime hours and for the equivalent hours of paid vacation time and paid holidays, to a Pension Fund as may be created in the industry by Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

4. Section No. VIII. Travel Time. Revise by inserting "20 miles going and 20 miles returning."

5. Section XXII. Welfare. New provision under this section. "Whenever an employee included in the bargaining unit is temporarily transferred to a job outside of the bargaining unit the employer agrees to make welfare contributions for such hours worked outside of the bargaining unit provided 50% of such employee's total time within a monthly welfare reporting period is spent on a job in the bargaining unit." Also, revise Welfare section to include employer contributions for equivalent hours of Paid Holiday time.

6. Section No. IV. Revise section so that minimum pay for layoffs shall be 4-hours pay when working less than 4 hours and 8 hours pay when laid off after working more than 4 hours but less than 8 hours.

Wallace Bros. of Willow Creek, they are to move in right away with a few dozers.

Marlin Tryon will be moving into Bridgeville this next week with his rigs from Crescent City to get under way with the contract he has on Hiway 36.

Willits Paving Company doing O K on the County airport at Garberville with E. A. Land of Fortuna crushing the rock for their base material on the runway.

F & W Company have just moved in on their bridges and culverts on the Briceland road.

R. H. Douglas and John Lovett on Salmon creek road have their two bridges and about 1 1/4 miles of road between the bridges finished and ready to move by the time this comes off the press.

Sierra Const. Co. at Siskiyou Fork working 9 dozers; 1 oiler; 2 grade setters on their road job off Hiway 199, Del Norte County.

McGuire Painting Contractor from San Jose setting up their 2 compressors and sand blasting equipment to give the bridge a good face lifting.

Pelican Bay Const. Co. Smith River plant is running full force with their hot stuff on the job they are doing at Brookings.

Mercer-Fraser Company have their street job about ready to blue top, the fill is all in with a small amount of sewer pipe to lay at Front street.

Tom Hull is moving along on the bridge at Orick they ran the floor deck this week on the Lupton creek culvert there is 1 shovel; 1 crane; 1 dozer and compressor operator on the job.

Mercer-Fraser have finished driving pile on the Big Lagoon job, the crusher is working full blast making base material for the surface of the four miles of black top on this job.

Arthur B. Siri Company is in full swing at their plant with black top and other materials. The Walnut Street road job's going along in fine shape, they are finishing Walnut street at this time.

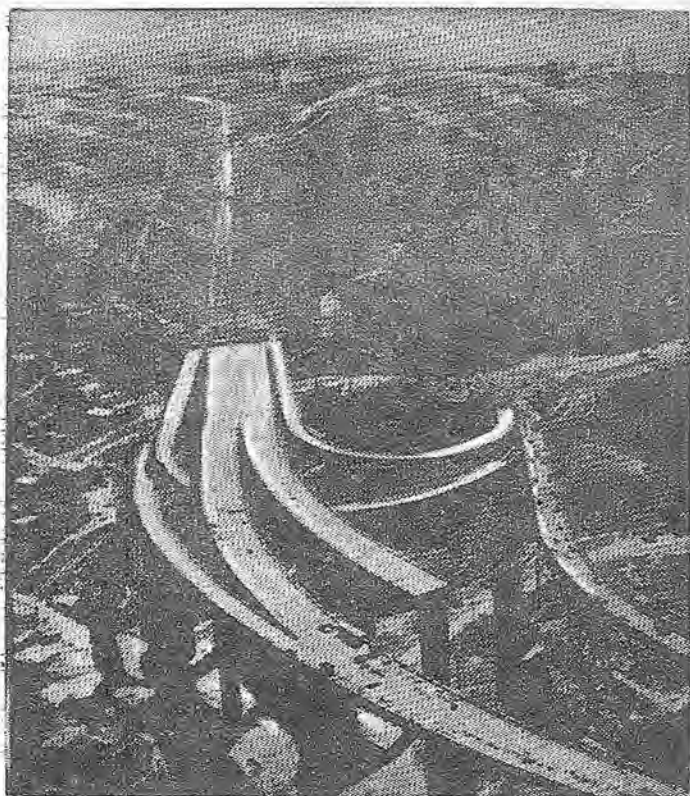
The dirt is really flying on the Fortuna job of Fadel's with a fleet of cats and DW 21's.

We in this area were all shocked by the sudden death of our much loved old Brother Herman Vollstedt, July 16, 1958. A heart attack while on the job was the cause of his death. Even though he had lived a full and long life, his passing is a great loss to all of us who knew him and to know him was to love him. May we extend our most heartfelt sympathies to his family.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Ford Gravel Co., P. O. Box 217, Ukiah, \$151,926, for const. reinf. conc. & struc. steel bridges at var. loc. on Briceland-Thorne Rd., West of Redway, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Geo. C. Renz Const. Co., P. O. Box 335, Gilroy, \$22,676, for Flood Control Proj. No. 3, for impvts. Los Coches Creek, from 624' E. of Dempsey Rd. to confluence w/Berryessa Creek. Diversion Channel, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Sierra Const. Co., Inc., P. O. Box 983, Merced, \$299,544, for 6.25 mi. const. timber access rd. 30 mi. NE of Crescent City, thence 1 mi. SE from US No. 199.



**CARQUINEZ**—Biggest excavation job since Culebra cut on Panama canal is this hill that has been eliminated, adjacent to the new twin span of Carquinez bridge. This view looking west shows the concrete tentacles reaching from bridge into the long, deep cuts through eastbay hills.

## QUINN URGES 'NO' ON 18

Sacramento—James H. Quinn, Vice-Chairman of the State Board of Equalization, urged the defeat of Proposition 18, so-called right-to-work initiative on the November 4 ballot.

Quinn, a member of Steamfitters Union 342 of Oakland for the past 35 years and a past president of the Alameda County Building and Construction Trades Council, said:

"Proposition 18, the 'Right-to-work' initiative, not only would disrupt the labor unions in California but, equally as important, bring on a condition of economic chaos in a State that, generally speaking, enjoys peace and harmony between employer and employee. Accordingly, emphasis must be placed on the contribution collective bargaining has made to the attainment of these desirable conditions. Any law that could conceivably injure the gains made between organized labor and business and industry would be detrimental to the economic life of our State.

"Outstanding business and government leaders willingly recognize that good, sound, and responsible trade unions have grown to be an intimate part of our way of life and have encouraged workers to join and support the labor organization representing them.

"It follows that the union shop and collective bargaining as integral components of trade unions are sound, making it imperative that Proposition 18 be decisively defeated by the peo-



**JAMES H. QUINN**

ple in the forthcoming election."

Mr. Quinn has been a member of the State Board of Equalization for the past 16 years and a former Oakland City Councilman.

**SACRAMENTO**, Contract awarded to John Delphia & Fred J. Early, Jr., Inc., P. O. Box 607, Patterson, \$1,538,427, for 5.8 mi. 4-lane div. hwy. to be graded, & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base & 2 bridges & a pump. plant to be const. betw. 0.7 mi. N. of Soledad & 1.0 mi. S. of Gonzales, in **MONTEREY**

**SACRAMENTO**, Contract awarded to Dan Caputo, 650 Race St., San Jose, & M. J. B. Const. Co., P. O. Box 7, Stockton, \$1,150,920, for 1.9 mi. freeway tog w/interchge., frontage rds. etc. adj. to Sunnyvale on Bayshore Hwy. etc.

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## Wkrs. Hit 150% Harder Than Rich by Sales Tax

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The proposed tax revision initiative combines a reduction in the sales tax with an upward revision of the state personal income tax schedule to effect a modest redistribution of the burden of state taxation, on the basis of ability to pay.

The following changes are proposed:

1. The present sales and use tax rate of 3% would be reduced to 2%. The legislature would have the authority to reduce the rates further, but could not increase them above the 2% rates proposed by the initiative. The power to establish higher rates would be reserved to the people by vote of the electors.

2. The present state personal income tax schedule would be revised to provide rates ranging from 1/2% on taxable incomes under \$5,000 to 46% on taxable incomes over \$50,000, instead of the present range of 1% on taxable incomes under \$5,000 to 6% on taxable incomes over \$25,000. These ranges apply in the case of single returns. Where a husband and wife file a joint return the rates would range from 1/2% on taxable incomes below \$10,000 to 46% on taxable incomes over \$100,000, instead of present rates ranging from 1% on taxable incomes below \$10,000 to 6% on taxable incomes above \$50,000.

Newspapers up and down the state have been carrying the hysterical cries of the opponents of the initiative to the effect that, if passed by the voters, the measure would wreck the state financially. These cries in general have been largely unrelated to the facts.

The reduction in the sales tax from 3% to 2% would cut state revenues from this source by approximately \$200 million. This is easily calculated by dividing estimated revenues from the present sales tax by three, inasmuch as the sales tax is reduced one-third. Most of the opponents of the measure never get beyond decrying this loss, ignoring the fact that most, if not all the \$200 million would be made up by the upward revision in the state income tax schedule.

Even if the revenue effect of

the proposed sales tax cut and upward revision of the income tax structure does not balance out exactly, a few million dollars one way or the other will not aggravate the fiscal crisis which the legislature and the new Governor must face in 1959. On the contrary, the passage of this initiative measure would amount to a mandate from the public that the legislature shall meet the crisis in accordance with the principle of taxation based on the "ability to pay." Part of this mandate would be to prohibit the legislature from increasing the sales tax, and to assure the public that whatever the legislature does to meet the crisis, at least a partial revision of the state tax structure shall be accomplished to effectuate the principle of taxation on the basis of "ability to pay."

In essence, the tax revision initiative proposes a shift of about \$200 million, or approximately 11% of California's state tax burden, from the overburdened taxpaying groups who compose the vast majority of California taxpayers, to the upper income groups who are presently escaping their fair share of the state tax burden. The guiding principle is taxation based on "ability to pay", which, simply stated, is that persons with low incomes should pay a smaller percentage of their income in taxes than those in the higher income brackets and the rich.

## State Eyes Safety Laws on Hauling Of Wkrs. in Trucks

In the light of the June 17th tragedy at Soledad, where 13 workers were burned to death and 18 others hospitalized by a flash fire on a truck carrying Mexican National workers, the Division of Industrial Safety is reviewing present safety regulations dealing with the transportation of workers.

Edward P. Park, Director of California's Department of Industrial Relations, of which the Division of Industrial Safety is a part, says "The apparent need for further regulations is made plain by the investigation conducted by the Division of Industrial Safety, which rushed representatives to the scene of the tragedy, and which received excellent cooperation not only from local authorities and the California Highway Patrol, but from Federal agencies interested because foreign workers were affected.

"At least three additional requirements are apparently necessary where truck transportation of workers is concerned—a ban on flammable materials where workers are riding; and means of communication between the driver and workers being transported; and a second or emergency exist from the truck bed."

On June 23rd the Division of Industrial Safety began another of its special one-week checks of trucks carrying workers, concentrating on the Salinas-Watsonville, Stockton, Fresno, Sacramento, Imperial Valley, and Riverside-Orange County areas.

## Contract Awards

**SACRAMENTO**, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$6,946,992, for 11.5 mi. to be graded & surf. w/conc. pave & ptmx. surf. to proved 4-lane divided hwy., 12 bridges const. & hwy. lighting & illum. signs inst., betw. 0.5 mi. E. of Roseville & 1.0 mi. E. of Newcastle, **PLACER COUNTY**.

**SAN RAFAEL**, contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, 2832 9th St., Berkeley, \$1,148,000, for const. Bon Tempe Water Trmt. Plant & sup. pipeline, loc. in Eldridge Ridge Area, betw. Bon Tempe & Phoenix Lakes.

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Gibbons & Reed, Box 2429, S.L.C., Utah, \$2,176,395, for const. Ice House Dam, dikes, etc., for Upper American River Proj., **EL DORADO CO.**

**SACRAMENTO**, contract awarded to Gordon H. Ball, Gordon H. Ball, Inc., 300 Camille Ave., Danville, and Ball & Simpson, 685 Dalaware St., Berkeley, \$3,662,946, for 2 mi. divided hwy. to be graded and pave w/PCC on cem. tr. subgrade; ramps, connect. & frontage rds. to be graded & pav. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base; 2 bridges to be const., steel sign strucs. to be const. & hwy. lighting & sign illum. sys. furn., const. & modif. betw. 0.3 mi. E. of Orinda Hwy. & 0.8 mi. E. of Sunnybrook Drive, **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**.

**OAKLAND**, contract awarded to Theo. G. Meyer & Sons, 200 Quint St., S. F., \$1,261,651, for const. 88-unit military family housing proj. at Oakland Army Terminal, Oakland, Calif.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Contract awarded to Alcan Pacific Co., 1921 Stockton Blvd., Sacto., \$1,537,000, for const. 98 housing units, of Ft Baker & Fort Barry, **MARIN COUNTY**.

**SACRAMENTO**, Contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., 10 W. Orange Ave., So. S. F., \$1,647,722, for 4.9 mi. grade, ptmx. surf., why. lgtg & 2 bridges. const. adjac. to Healdsburg, betw. Grant School & 1.2 mi. N. Chiquita Rd., on freeway, **SONOMA COUNTY**.

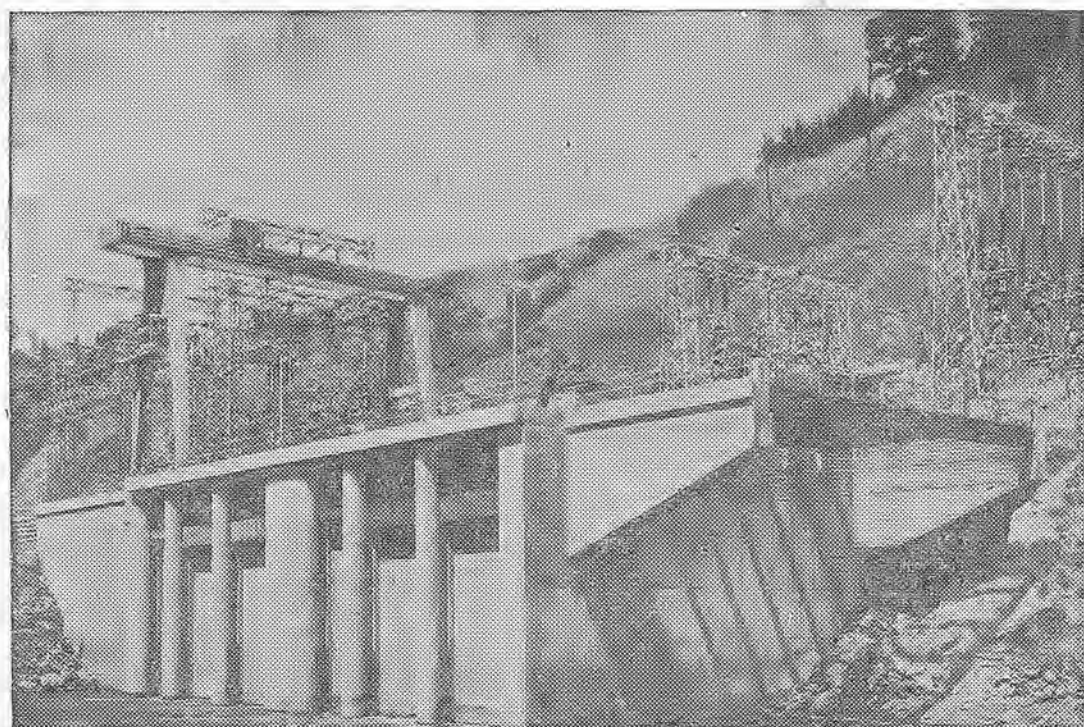
**STOCKTON**, contract awarded to Chas. J. Dorfman, 124 N. La Brea, L. A., \$934,336, for const. Southern Industrial Trunk sewer in Stockton.

**SACRAMENTO**, Contract awarded to Brighton Sand & Gravel Co., P. O. Box 7001-Perkins Br. Sacto., \$829,310, for 5.8 mi. net lgth. Southbound, 2-lane rdwy. of a 4-lane div. hwy. tog. w/speed chang. lanes & connect. ramps, const. by grade & pav. w/ptmx. surf. on exist. pvmt. cem. tr. base & untr. base & cont. 3 RC bridges & widen 1 bridge, betw. 1.8 mi. S. of Cosumnes River & 0.2 mi. S. of Elk Grove Rd., **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**.

**SACRAMENTO**, Contract awarded to M. W. Brown, Box 827, Redding, \$1,203,533, for 5.3 mi. net length of 2-lane hwy. together w/connects. to be graded & surf. w/ptmx. surf. on cem. tr. base, betw. 0.2 mi. E. of Hillcrest & 3 mi. E. of Burney, **SHASTA COUNTY**.

**SAN FRANCISCO**, Contract awarded to Hart & Hynding, 472 Tehama St., S. F., \$406,646, for repave terminal ramps of Bay Bridge Transit Term. in S. F., loc. S'ly. sides of Mission St. & Bryant St. & W'ly. sides of 2nd & Main St. in city & County of San Francisco.

Several hundred vehicles were checked, and Division Safety Engineers wrote requirements to correct more than 2,000 unsafe conditions.



**Poe Powerhouse**, a 106,000-kilowatt plant on the Feather River, 25 miles upstream from Oroville, will go into service during dedicatory ceremonies Friday (August 15). Two other new hydroelectric plants will be completed before the end of this year, bringing Pacific Gas and Electric Company's generating capacity on the Feather River system to 640,000 kilowatts in 9 plants.