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LABOR DAY SPEAKERS TELL VITAL NEED OF 1948 LABOR ACTION IN ELECTIONS

Registration of All Unionists Said No. 1 Task During Next Few Months

Labor Day speakers all over the United States were unanimous in emphasizing the main job of Organized Labor in the coming year — registration of every unionist in the United States and getting him to the 1948 polls to retire reactionary congressmen who supported the Taft-Hartley Act and scuttled other outstanding achievements in labor legislation under the Roosevelt administration.

A record-breaking crowd of 220,000 people overflowed Soldiers Field in Chicago to hear AFL President William Green summon all workers to the polls in 1948 to answer "the attempted destruction of unions." Green said that thousands of workers in celebrations throughout the nation were registering "a stirring protest against this new wave of hostile, anti-labor legislation." He singled out the Taft-Hartley act as "without question the most offensive and most reprehensible law ever enacted against the nation's workers. Declared the AFL president:

Defeat Our Enemies

"We will call upon the membership of organized labor and all its friends throughout the nation to defeat all candidates for re-election to Congress and state legislatures who voted for the passage of reprehensible legislation."

Top officials of the California State Federation of Labor issued similar appeals. Said Secretary C. J. Haggerty:

"Two years have passed since the shooting war ended, yet today, labor faces the greatest threat in its history. It is no exaggeration to describe the Taft-Hartley Act as a fatal blow aimed at the very existence of the trade union movement. The repugnant piece of class legislation marked the culmination of an anti-labor hysteria whipped up by the National Association of Manufacturers and its cohorts. A congress subservient to this nefarious campaign went to work and fabricated a slave collar for labor. . . It should be no surprise if this Congress will go down in history as the 'Slave' Congress, which smeared the record of democratic accomplishment of our nation."

Haggerty in Appeal

Haggerty issued this strong appeal to all California unionists to vote and to make the defeat of reactionaries the No. 1 task of 1948:

"The labor movement must reaffirm its pledge to work with all of its might and tirelessly for the repeal of this reprehensible law. We must organize now for the 1948 elections and make our voice and choice felt at that time. Every single member of every single union must become a registered voter. We cannot afford to have a single slacker in our ranks. It is our individual and collective responsibility to work for a clean sweep in the 1948 elections and thereby bring about the repeal of this dastardly piece of legislation. In behalf of the California State Federation of Labor, I call upon our

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WHERE TO REGISTER IN S. F.

Deputy registrars will be located in business establishments throughout the city to register voters for the November 4 election, Acting Registrar of Voters E. R. Faucompre announced. Registration closes September 25.

Places and hours of registration are:

DOWNTOWN DISTRICT—The Emporium, City of Paris, Hale Brothers, O'Connor Moffatt, Penney's, The White House, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Benatar's and the Day and Night Branch of Bank of America, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

POLK-CALIFORNIA—Owl Drug Store, Polk and California, from noon to 8 p.m.

RICHMOND DISTRICT—Owl Drug, 701 Clement, noon to 8 p.m.

SUNSET DISTRICT—American Trust, Twentieth and Irving, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PARKSIDE—Bank of America, 20th and Taraval, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WEST PORTAL—Owl Drug, 130 West Portal, noon to 8 p.m.

HAIGHT-ASHBURY—San Francisco Bank, Haight and Belvedere, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MISSION—Hibernia Bank 18th and Castro, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Owl Drug, 22nd and Mission, noon to 8 p.m.; Hibernia Bank, 22nd and Valencia, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Hale Brothers, 22nd and Mission, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

OUTER MISSION—American Trust, Mission and Ocean, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BAYVIEW—Lucky's Market, South Ridge and Hilltop, noon to 8 p.m.; Firehouse, Oakdale at 3rd, noon to 8 p.m.

FILLMORE—Owl Drug, Fillmore and Geary, noon to 8 p.m.

MERCED MANOR—Lakeside Drug, Ocean and Eucalyptus, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In addition, deputies will be located in the following schools the last four nights of registration, September 22 through 25, from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Garfield, Sarah B. Cooper, Galileo, Marina, Pacific Heights, LeConte, Lincoln, Emerson, Daniel Webster, Starr King, Mission, James Lick, Gompers, Douglas, Portola, Visitation Valley, Bret Harle, Commodore Stockton, George Washington.

Roosevelt, Alamo, Argonne, Redding, Spring Valley, Polytechnic, Commodore Sloat, Francis Scott Key, Jefferson, Parkside, Balboa, Cleveland, Longfellow, Alta Vista, Dudley Stone, Fairmont, Farragut, Juniper Serra and Sunnyside.

Adults whose 21st birthday occurs on or before November 4, may register, Faucompre said, if by election day they have lived in the state one year, 90 days in the county and 40 days in their precinct.

Voters who did not vote in last year's primary or general election or have moved since voting must register, he added.

THE WHIP HAND



Pile Driver Picnic 28th

Members of AFL Pile Drivers and their families and friends are expected to have the time of their lives on Sunday, September 28, when the union's annual picnic will be held at Linda Vista Park, Mission San Jose. The picnic will get under way at 10 o'clock in the morning. Admission is free.

Dancing to the music of John Brain will be one of many features. Ice cream, soda and rides on the ferris wheel will be free to the kiddies. Prizes will be offered in foot races for the young and "not so young." Hot dogs, beer, thrills on the "Lindy Loop" will be offered at minimum cost.

The park has a good swimming pool and those who attend are reminded to bring their swimming suits. Prizes will be offered winners of special swimming events. Coffee will be furnished free, but lunches should be brought by all.

UNION RACE TRACK

Albany's Golden Gate Fields race track is now in operation, following a rush period of preparations, during which many Engineers were employed with practically no beefs at all, thanks to Bro. Johnny Christman, foreman.

Valley Heart Beat

Men and machines have moved in for construction of Tracy Pumping Plant, second largest such plant in the world and the "heart beat" of the Central Valley project, a \$5,888,695 job bid jointly by Stolte, Inc., United Concrete Pipe Corp., Duncanson-Harrelson Co., and Ralph A. Bell. The contractors have 960 days for completion of the plant, which is eight miles from Tracy, and a 2½ mile intake canal. Only bigger plant in the world is at Grand Coulee Dam. When completed, the Tracy setup will lift 4,600 cubic feet of water a second 200 feet, or 2,064,622 gallons per minute. Worthington Pump Corp. is building the pumps at Harrison, N.J. Each is vertical-shaft, centrifugal, 187 RPM; each connected with a vertical-shaft, synchronous motor of 22,500 hp. Allis Chalmers at Milwaukee is building the motors.

Malaria vs. Petersen

Bro. H. T. Petersen of Local 3's Fresno office is confined to a hospital in Fresno with malaria. At last report he was holding his own. Everyone wishes him a speedy recovery, and get the heck out of that hospital, Pete!

Bureau to Hold Hearings on Big Dam at Folsom

SACRAMENTO—Following agreement between State and Federal agencies to recommend a 1,000,000 acre-foot multiple-purpose dam on the American River at Folsom, the Bureau of Reclamation has taken steps toward a specific determination of the immediate irrigation needs in the local service areas of the proposed development.

Regional Director Richard L. Boke said the Bureau will hold a number of public hearings in Sacramento, San Joaquin and Placer Counties in the farming areas along the projected Folsom-Ripon and Folsom-Roseville canals. Irrigation canals leading both north and south from Folsom to serve lands in the three counties are proposed in the Bureau of Reclamation's Central Valley Basin Report, and are recommended by the State in its latest American River report. They also are included in legislation already introduced in the Congress to authorize the complete American River irrigation, power, and flood control development as a part of the Central Valley Project.

"There is a great demand for the American River water which will be made available by the large reservoir at Folsom," Mr. Boke said, "especially from farming areas and communities on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley and in the Bay Region. We recognize, too, the increasing need for water in the local service areas of Sacramento, San Joaquin and Placer Counties. That is why we are calling the local hearings."

Apple Economics

Bro. Thane Clark dropped in to see Heinie Foss of Local 3's San Rafael office, leaving a couple of boxes of fine apples. Bro. Foss got to figuring, concluded that the grocer gets as much per pound as Bro. Clark does per 100 pounds. The apple situation around Sebastopol is an awful indictment of our free economy system. The crop is rotting on the ground. The farmer gets \$8 a ton. In Bay Area chain stores you pay 33 cents for two pounds, which figures up about \$330 a ton. Who gets that \$330? Not the farmer, nor the teamster, warehouseman, or clerk.

Basalt Shipyard on Napa River busy cutting up old beat-up tankers into scrap and also making pipe for the Pacific pipe line job to Conn dam.

Veterans' information

By JOE RILEY

A far reaching measure was signed by President Truman clearing the way for completion of 100 low rent and anti-slum housing projects in 75 cities.

Under the national housing act, the government is forbidden to contribute to any project which would cost more than \$4,000 per family unit in small cities or more than \$5,000 in cities of more than 500,000.

The new bill would permit the government to finish already started projects, if the municipal government agrees to pay the difference between the construction cost and the legal NHA limit.

Congress authorizes an additional \$35,500,000 to the amount already authorized for housing units for distressed families of servicemen and for veterans and their families (PL85 under public law 256).

PL 372 authorizes federal savings and loan associations to invest 15 percent of their assets in loans insured under title I of the National Housing Act (in regard to renovation and modernization) loans guaranteed under the servicemen's readjustment act, or in other loans for property alteration, repair or improvement, such loans not to exceed \$1,500.

PL129 liberalizes mortgage insurance provisions of the National Housing Act for builders of residential properties which remains in effect until March 31, 1948. Allocations made or committed, or priorities granted for delivery, to veterans of World War II shall remain in full force and effect. Authorizes the Federal Housing Administration to insure loans to finance housing for World War II veterans at moderate prices or rentals within their reasonable ability to pay.

Taft could partially redeem himself if he would get off the dime and complete the bill which he introduced in the 80th session of Congress. Passage of the Taft-Ellender-Wagner bill would make possible 10 million low cost housing units at the rate of one million a year, and construction of veteran housing projects by municipalities as authorized by the legislature.

Homesteading in Alaska House committee on public lands met and ordered favorably reported to the House HR 4059, providing for settlement of parts of Alaska by veterans of World War II.

Political Action

It was important talk you were giving out. I listened and watched you and wondered and thought about it and it seemed to me that perhaps here lies the answer for the correction of abuses aimed at the laboring man and the persecution of race and creed.

Here in America at last youth, tough, efficient and fair, would take charge of affairs.

Where are all of you VOTERS who wore the uniform for your Uncle? When does the VOTING begin? What has become of all of you? How could so many guys with clear-cut ideas disappear so completely?

You fought to retain the most powerful weapons the world has ever known, THE SECRET BALLOT AND FREE SPEECH. When do you begin to use them, boys? Well? Have you registered? If not, you'll never have a chance to prevent another Taft-Hartley bill! Register and VOTE, brothers!

Why is labor and the veterans getting the business from Taft and Hartley—the answer and fault rest in our lap because we allowed these anti-labor and anti-veteran representatives to be elected to office. Let's clean house by declaring an E-Day! Let's forget the bullets and cast our ballots! Defeat the foes of labor and veterans on every election day!

Disability Treatment

When treatment for any service-connected disability becomes necessary any veteran has the choice of being treated by any doctor authorized and registered with the California Physicians Service.

The cost of service is borne by good old Uncle, provided the doctor is authorized to perform the job.

We are told by Veterans Administration, this service was established in order to relieve overcrowded conditions which now exist in old veterans hospitals in the United States.

Don't fail to take advantage of this opportunity when your condition demands immediate attention.

Extent of Loans

GI loans total \$5,135,500,000. The VA said that ex-servicemen have borrowed this amount under the loan guaranty provisions of the GI bill of rights.

The VA has guaranteed the repayment of slightly less than half the face value of the loans approved to date. The majority of veterans who have taken out loans have used the money to buy homes. Some 831,000 loans or about 87 percent, have gone for that purpose. Only one veteran out of 14 has exercised his loan rights so far, the VA said. But, it reminded veterans that they need be in no hurry, since the loan benefits will remain available through July 24, 1957.

In a statement calling attention to the effective date for the cashing of bonds, the AFL veterans committee pointed out that bond holders are now noting that the bonds draw interest at the rate of 2 1/2 percent for the full five-year period, the committee recommended that veterans, whenever possible, hold the bonds until their maturity date.

Insurance Deadline

Final date moved to January 1, 1948. It is simple and easy to reinstate policy. Just walk into the nearest service organization or veterans office and request a reinstatement form. It will be filled out for you and then all this is required of you is to sign it and pay the equivalent of two months premiums. No physical examination is necessary. The payment covers the month in which the policy lapsed, plus the first full month of reinstatement. Whether you receive a payment notice or not, make all payments on due date. After the first of next year you will be subject to the some physical requirements as ordinary policy buyers. It is rumored that no further extension shall be granted.

Bro. Henry Peterson, business representative of the Fresno district, is recovering from another severe attack of malaria. Pete brought some of it back from the South Pacific. Good health, Pete.

LISTEN TO US

By JACK R. MCCARTHY (Editorial note—McCarthy, the writer of this moving piece, knows whereof he speaks. On D-Day on

That Lucky Van



Curvaceous Janet Leigh does more than her share to make the film, The Romance of Rosy Ridge, a smash hit. Women will be interested in knowing that Van Johnson provides the male appeal. (Federated Pictures)

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The big new Campbell Soup Co. plant near Sacramento will be staffed by engineers who members of Local 39.

the Normandie beachhead, his leg was shattered by a burst of shrapnel. For two and a half years he lay on a bed of pain in government hospitals and when he left, with his leg in a brace, he said farewell to buddies who would never leave. His message is reprinted from the N. Y. Times Magazine Section, May 25, 1947. McCarthy, who had no previous journalism training, is a member of "Authors Workshop for Veterans" at St. Albans Naval Hospital.)

Please listen to us. We are the ones who have lain in hospitals for months and years. The war did that to us. It crushed our bodies. But bodies heal in time. What takes so long to heal is the scars upon our minds and souls. At first the bitterness and disillusionment which conquered our very breath was unbearable. Even now, at times, this mood returns to haunt us. But we are learning.

Being tied to beds by traction to our legs and plaster casts which cover most of our bodies has given us a different measurement of time. We no longer rush. We do not measure a day by traffic lights, or the elusive dollar. Our time is governed by thoughts rather than action.

We are the fortunate ones. For the first time in our lives we have learned to rely wholly upon our minds. We want nothing but to show others what we have learned. We have learned that wars are useless. Do they stop people from hating? We have learned that they don't—have you? We have learned that wars are also impractical. We know that if there is another one, medical science will be useless. No doctor can mend a body splattered into space. We are the ones who have learned that better than anyone.

We have learned that the man in the ward who is the "groper," and is out for himself, is the lonely one. We have learned to share. When the fellow next to us cries out in pain, we try to help him. We do not ask what color he is or what church he attends. We have learned that love and understanding conquer where penicillin and surgery fail.

Please listen to us. Let us share with you what we have learned. While lying in bed paralyzed, with blinded eyes, and with limbless bodies, we have learned that peace is won and kept through sharing and feeling equal. We have learned that we ARE our brothers' keeper. These things which we have learned are yours. Please listen to us.

Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present. There were approximately 120 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting minutes of August 2 was read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board minutes of August 16 was read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

The Executive Board minutes of September 3 were read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read, with the exception of that section relating to the Death Benefit Fund, which was laid over to New Business.

A communication was received from the Pile Drivers, Bridge, Wharf and Dock Builders, Local No. 34, inviting the officers and members of Local No. 3 to a picnic to be held Sunday, September 23, 1947 at Linda Vista Park at Mission San Jose. Received and filed.

A communication was received from the International Union of Operating Engineers announcing the result of the referendum vote on amending the Constitution providing for increase in death benefits, as follows:

"YES" and in favor of the Referendum.....78,153

"NO" and against the Referendum..... 989

Class I—Beneficiaries of members in continuous good standing for a period of one year to five years shall receive Sixty-five Dollars.

Class II—Beneficiaries of members in continuous good standing from five to ten years shall receive One Hundred Fifty Dollars.

Class III—Beneficiaries of members in continuous good standing for more than ten years shall receive Three Hundred Dollars.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Lacey and daughter, and Mrs. Don Caballero and daughter. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Manuel Osorio, William J. Spencer, Edward E. Snider, Jess B. Gregory, H. H. Keown, Timothy Sullivan, Agnus Funk, Ray Groves, Mark Guilfoyle, Robert Peterson, Roy M. Diehl, Lavern Rigby, Paul Schroder, Arthur McKenzie, James Stewart, Bon E. Acre, Clair R. Ammerman, Ira Beaulieu, Lester Bigham, W. W. Churchill, Artie B. Cook, William O. Clark, Joe Caetano, Kenneth Gelhaus, Clell Horton, Robert L. Hunter, Lyle M. Kiohn, Floyd E. Lee, Joseph Morris, Robert Martineau, F. E. Peterson, Samuel R. Phillips, Byron Prior, Hubert Ranson, Robert Weaver, William Vierra, Buford Wycoff, J. W. Watters, H. Vern Moore, Fred L. Botts, M. E. Tavenner, Fred Rifer, Joe Medeiros, Henry P. Thompson, Willard Try.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: Harry Brady, Roy Seeman, Bennie Dickson and Frank Towne.

Report of the Trustees was read, which was accepted by the membership.

The Business Agents gave their reports, which were accepted as rendered.

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

Under New Business, reference was made to the section of the Executive Board minutes relating to the Death Benefit Fund. After considerable discussion it was regularly moved and seconded that the report and recommendations of the Board be adopted. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MATHEWS,

Recording Secretary.

They Say the Grass is Greener

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following was submitted to Manager Swanson of Local 3 by J. Morgenthaler of Foresthill, California, who says that it was written by his wife. Incidentally, she signs her opus as "A Shovel-Runner's Wife.")

I've always had my doubts before
But NOW, no ifs or buts,
For I have found it out for sure.
The guy I love is NUTS.

Perhaps you know just whom I mean
For the fellows call him Joe,
And he runs a NORTHWEST shovel
Like others use a hoe.

He left his home in Frisco;
'Twas the country for him or bust.
He didn't like the cold and fog,
Summer sunshine was a MUST.
His letters home were filled with,
"BOY!

It sure is swell up here;
And sometime when you get the chance,
Be sure to come up, DEAR."

The river runs right by the job,
Where one can fish or swim.
SO, NATURALLY, I thought it was
Just a paradise for him.

Soon I took that little trip
Way up into those hills,
Where the roads were so darn crooked
That to think just gives me chills.
The weather was fine, the people swell,
But YOU'LL understand, I trust,
When I say that I can't UNDER-
STAND
How HE likes to swim in DUST!

I saw clouds of what I thought
Was a forest fire, no LESS.
But the clouds were only clouds
of—
NO, I'll let you GUESS!

He gets his summer sunshine;
Remember it was a MUST!
But let me tell you, BROTHER,
That sunshine's mixed with DUST!

I won the jackpot on a slot machine
BUT, it only made me cuss,
'Cuz what I got when it paid off
Was a big handful of DUST.
So here I am back home again;
I think 'twill take me years
To get that darn old dust
Out of my hair and ears.

The Super woke one morning
And found the valley filled with snow.
He said: "GOOD HEAVENS, I wonder
What has become of Joe."

They didn't have long to wonder,
They didn't have long to wait,
For up the hill with the shovel
Came Joe at a fearful rate.

He said: "Boys, I'm a quittin';
I didn't mind the dust
But the kind of fog you have up here
Will make this shovel rust.

"I'm goin' back to Frisco
Where the fog is thick, you bet,
But we've never used a shovel
To move the darn stuff yet!"

Now the moral of this story
By this time you all should know;
But just in case you missed it—
You can learn by asking Joe!

MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING

HE: "I only go out with girls who wear glasses."

SHE: "Why?"

HE: "I breathe on them, and they can't see what I am doing."

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CANAL, BRIDGE JOBS HELP KEEP EMPLOYMENT AT TOP LEVEL IN STOCKTON AREA

By ED. DORAN and RENNY BURROUGHS
Business Representatives, Local 3

Stockton—The Fall push is on in Stockton, with the canal jobs in high gear, the diverting dams on the P. G. & E. tunnel jobs pouring the last few buckets of concrete before the low water period ends and the land levelers starting two shifts.

Down on the canal job at Wesley the concrete gang poured a new record of better than 850' last Saturday and are aiming at a mythical 1,000 ft. per day.

Brother Ted Atha dropped in Admission Day to say he was just about through pouring concrete on the electric diversion dam and that his rig would be looking for more dirt soon.

Lord & Bishop's Mossdale bridge job is coming on fast. It has been a good summer there for Brother H. O. Herbert, George C. Abbot, Douglas Lloyd, Charles R. Yates, Leon Ermatinger, James Morrison and Hiram Huff. Many other engineers have helped them on their "pours" but this crew did most of the pile driving and it was a job of which to be proud — the superstructure will be let on another bid probably before this news goes to press.

Other Bridge Jobs

The other bridge jobs — those of Erikson, Phillips & Weisberg on the highway south of Escalon, Edminston & Miller on the Peleteir Road, northwest of Lodi, and the Fish Ranch bridge job run by Pomeroy Sinnock with Dave McRae, old time engineer, and with some help from Jack O'Brien's crane crew of Manual Costa & H. Vest—have kept a few engineers busy on driving piling and pouring concrete abutments this summer. This work, most of it, is good until Christmas or later.

S. M. McGraw & Teichert's crews were happily pushing out truckload after truckload of asphalt road materials when visited the other day. Brothers Verne Bigelow, Jack Foster, "Ben" Aquistapace, Jack Hall and other Engineers had Teichert's plant smoking good and Vern Eutsler, Quincy Fautt, Lon Kinger and the rest of McGraw's steadies were pouring it on across the tracks at the S. M. McGraw plant.

Stockton Construction Company is digging sewers steadily with Tom Davies and B. M. Yeager just taking out enough time to uncover the Chinese buried out at French Camp cemetery for post war reinterment in their native China.

Harold Lowry had to give up his deer hunting trip to keep the other rig going in order to finish commitments ahead for it. Ed Bonham on the dozer has really been pushing his dozer as has Floyd Olive on the other sewer job in east Stockton for the Downer Company. Downer's team of Byrom and Mosher have steadily kept his trencher digging this year. Brothers Bob Downer and Jack Brokerick have been digging all season, too, covering jobs in Tracy, Lodi and Fresno area.

Biasotti is about through with the Wildcat Canyon job and Bro. Cleve Wichman has completed hoisting the steel for this job. Brother Al Regalia, superintendent for Biasotti's Mt. Ranch job has that job well strung out and has kept adding a few more Engineers the last two weeks.

We are glad to hear from Bro. Roy Hinks, dragline operator with Geo. Patterson's string at Fresno. Roy is a new papa just a couple of weeks ago as are Brothers Fred Cooper, welder and mainstay down at Claude Woods in Lodi, and Bro. Quincy Fautt, operator at the McGraw plant. (For a few more cigars, boys, we could put the youngster's pictures in the paper, too).

Brother George Adler has been running rock through Claude Woods' gravel plant at Clements without the help of Brother George Skatvold, who has been back to Minnesota and reports that the Swedes have practically taken over the country back there. Ralph Wigle brought his gang down off the Woods' job at West Point and now has them busy laying hot stuff around the Cahill Winery job near Lodi. Blademan Brother Glen Gal-

lven has been doing some swell landscaping for Woods around local auto courts and motels.

Brothers Vern Holmes and Bud James did a sweet piece of work at Tracy for Teichert on an underbid subdivision job. The price didn't make it seem possible, but the two Engineers made them money, anyhow.

I got word from Brother Rudy Lozano the other day, that he, Brother Carol Parks, and the others on the M. J. Ruddy asphalt crew that moved to Plonda from Modesto, are happy, busy for some time to come, and all have more doves than the law thinks they have.

Auto Race Track

The old phrase "night and day" really applies to Karl Harmeling's crew as the boys have been working on our Stockton 99 Stadium Midget Auto Race Track and this track has been a poorer track than the old Albany track that M-K has just got into shape. The track has been lengthened for hot rods and the crew headed by Ed and Jack Ritchie have been working around the clock to finish it up for the next races.

Brothers Clem, Dobyns and Bryson of Oakland have helped us out lately calling some of the cat operators for the Stolte job at Tracy from this office.

Brothers Tommy Cowen and Barney Bell were much in evidence at the San Joaquin County Fair at Stockton. The "Top Fair of the Top County" was a big success and Cowen with Moore Equipment Company products as well as A. C.'s had a very nice display. Barney was with International Harvester's show and gave me a rough time trying to organize a bear he kept trying to put to operating one of his rigs on the fair grounds.

Bro. Harold Hamrick is going south to Merced with Beaver on a gold dredge dragline. Bro. Joe Wynns is heading for ditto with Thurman and Wright. Bro. O. E. Millard is also going strong at San Andreas with Bob Olsen's Bay City on Jack Corbett's gold project.

Brother Lee Bond is the first one to double shift his land levelers this fall as 40 union land leveling outfits take on the fall work in this area. These 40 land leveling contractors have contracts with the union and hire approximately 120 union skimmers around San Joaquin and Stanislaus Counties. Rates for skimmers are the same as last year with the hours averaging 60 or better a week.

Word of Caution!

A word of warning to all engineers on the new switches found in many PG&E substations. A recent accident at the George French pit at Tracy showed that when a high-voltage line is broken, as it was in this case, the switch did not break immediately but re-engaged after the initial break charging the line for a period of a few seconds, disengaged again, and then engaged a third time before permanently cutting off the juice. This type of switch may be an asset to power companies trying to keep birds from breaking their circuits, but to engineers trying to free equipment or personnel from entangling or broken powerlines, this amounts to a quick fry. Unless proper equipment is available to lift off lines like this they should be left at least three minutes until the substation switch is permanently disengaged.

Checks on Hand

The following brothers have retroactive checks from the tunnel jobs at Jackson. Please write and give us your address so these checks may be sent you: O. Boone \$12.44; G. Bosnick \$46.36; A. Cherryholmes \$12.95; E. Flow \$33.32; I. C. Haley \$3.51; G. Harwell \$15.6;

AFL Leading CIO By 1½ Millions, Report Reveals

WASHINGTON—From a depression low of 3 million members in 1933, the American labor movement has swelled its number fivefold to a total of approximately 15 million today, with 50 per cent of them affiliated with the AFL.

The figures were compiled by the Department of Labor in its August Information Bulletin along with a series of charts on the subject.

Per capita tax payments to the AFL are in excess of 7½ million members, while the younger CIO reports about 6 million, with 1,750,000 others in unaffiliated organizations such as the Intl. Assn. of Machinists and the Communications Workers of America.

Despite the heavy growth in membership, organized labor still represents only slightly more than one-third of all non-agricultural workers excluding the self-employed, domestic servants and unpaid family workers.

In the field of manufacturing, however, collective bargaining agreements held by organized labor covered 7,900,000 workers or 69 per cent of all those employed. In the non-manufacturing group contracts covered 6,900,000 workers or 35 per cent of the total.

Coal mining and the auto and auto parts industries were the only fields in which union agreements covered 100 per cent of those employed, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. In steel the union representation was about 95 per cent, in cotton textiles less than 40 per cent, and in petroleum and refining almost 70 per cent. Hardly 10 per cent of the workers in wholesale and retail trade, barbers and the service industries are covered by union contracts.

Choice Quotations

Said the late Wendell Willkie, Republican presidential candidate, in 1943:

"Some of the talk we hear about 'free' enterprise is just propaganda on the part of powerful groups who have not practiced real free enterprise for a generation and have no intention of doing so."

Said Cyrus Eaton, Cleveland industrialist and banker, in 1947:

"The casualness with which we capitalists seem willing—may even eager—to invite the collapse of our economic system in almost every industrial dispute for the sole purpose of thwarting labor is utterly incomprehensible. Labor not only produces the goods and consumes a large part of them; labor also has the votes."

"Eventual labor unity practically is a foregone conclusion. The prospect of labor united should be sobering to even the most embittered and embattled capitalist."

W. R. McAllister \$6.36; P. J. Lehman \$1.28; T. E. Poor \$14.36; B. F. Roper \$25.25; Z. F. Thomas \$14.72; M. Weekley \$15.68.

The following brothers have to sign the pink receipt that was mailed to them from Walsh Construction Company. Do this, return and your check will be sent you: Joe Fonseca \$8.53; F. Golden \$9.01; C. E. Mower \$4.47.

These brothers who have worked for Tom Connolly at the West Point addition have checks coming if they will write for them, they will be mailed: G. W. Helms \$30.96; I. Atkinson \$7.06; H. H. Collett \$28.22; H. O. Evans \$2.16; H. H. Fishel \$12.94; L. H. Morrison \$6.46; H. D. Morgan \$16.43; T. E. Poor \$15.08; Walter Riley \$3.14; Gisl Swanson \$23.06.

The brothers that worked for Morrison-Knudsen at Addition No. 2 will have to get their own checks for retroactive pay. If you worked on the tunnel from May 5 to June 23, you are entitled to back pay, so write to our dear friend, Jack Doland, care of M-K Company, Jackson. Good luck.

ARTICLE GIVES HIGHLIGHTS ON SWEDISH LABOR GROUP

NEW YORK CITY.—The Swedish organized labor movement is comparatively larger than ours, is more centralized, and is but one of four workers' movements.

These are the conclusions reached by Arnold S. Zander, president of the AFL's State, County and Municipal Employees Union, in the second of six articles prepared for the Workers Education Bureau of America on the general topic, "Sweden: Laboratory in Economic Democracy."

Portions of Mr. Zander's article, which is devoted chiefly to a comparison between the Swedish labor movement and trade union organization in the United States, are as follows:

"There are approximately one and one-half million organized workers in Sweden. To be as well organized in proportion to population we should need to have twenty-five million members.

"In Sweden there is one general movement except for a structural division between what they call workers and employes — what we might call workers and white collar workers.

"One often hears it said that Sweden is small and homogeneous and therefore can not be compared with our country. The fact remains that workers are far better organized in Sweden and their practices are adaptable. Certainly, in our country we should have a united labor movement. Swedish labor has more authority in its central organization. We should have. They give over-all consideration to other matters affecting workers than just legislation. We could, too.

"One marked difference between Sweden and the United States is that in Sweden there is not only an organized labor movement, but three other workers' movements. The common people in Sweden are organized in trade unions, consumer cooperatives, the workers' education association, and a political organization.

"Perhaps because there are several workers' movements one gets the feeling that not only is their trade union movement tremendously important, but that it is part of something still larger and generally inclusive which assures progressive development in a very wide front.

"Generally, membership in unions in Sweden is voluntary, yet the membership problem has been substantially solved. In one union after another I found that the organizing job is practically finished.

"It is the position of Swedish labor that action on the part of one union which would affect workers in other organizations must be cleared through the central organization. The central federation is much better financed than is our American Federation of Labor. Defense funds are maintained which can be used in strikes or in case of other major difficulty in any affiliated organization.

"One interesting phenomenon is that Swedish labor is jealous of its independence and resists government interference. Trade unionists in Sweden favor government ownership of monopoly businesses. They take the position that such businesses are not part of the competitive enterprise system and therefore should not be privately owned. But they want government to stop at that point and not interfere with labor relations in private competitive enterprise. They have been successful in this."

High Voltage Accident

Bro. M. E. Tavenner suffered bad burns from a high voltage wire while at work early in August, necessitating amputation of his left hand and his toes. Bro. Foss of Local 3's San Rafael office reports. This emphasizes once again the dangers to Local 3 members from power lines. Observe closely the 10-foot clearance and other state safety rules when working around power lines.

Local 39 members in the Stockton area held their annual party at Gustine on August 14, and a very enjoyable time was reported by all who attended.

Large Phone Co. Job Started in Redding Region

By E. A. HESTER

Representative, Local 3

Redding—The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company are underway on one of the biggest telephone jobs ever undertaken anywhere. It is the business of laying and plowing under a complicated set of tubes and wires, and all contained in one cable, which is capable of carrying hundreds of telephone conversations at one time, in addition to Radio Telegraph Transmissions and Television. Barrett and Hilp and Underground Construction Company are doing the construction work on this project, and we expect it to continue for some time to come.

The big rate of construction which continues to come forth leads me to believe that there will be less catskinners hanging around the Social Security unemployment office this winter. The many jobs that we now have underway should run well into next year. And with the many new jobs coming up and deer and duck season opening up it doesn't look like the cat skimmers will have to reach very high for their doughnuts and coffee in this district for a while.

Big Highway Job

By the time that you read this, up in Hornbrook there will be another big highway project ready to take a lot of good men. The bids will be open September 10th on this project. The state estimates over a million dollars. Eight miles in length—950,000 yards of muck to move.

Out of Whiskeytown, on highway 299, the state is all set to call for bids on another highway project sometime in early October.

Out at Keswick Dam the Bureau of Reclamation is calling for bids on several hundred-thousand dollars worth of construction work. Bids will be open September 16th. The present work being called for promises to keep several of our brothers busy for more than a year.

Federal Project

We also have another Federal road job coming up in Trinity county, near Hayfork. Shasta county alone, with the aid of the federal government will do over a million and a half dollars worth of work within the next year. We expect a lot of this work to be underway by the first of the year.

The bids will be called for September 24th on the remaining part of the Sacramento bridge. This will be a large job. On this project J. I. Barnes Construction Company is well underway on the piers and should be finished by early next Spring.

We are expecting the American Bridge Company any day now to start erecting the flood gates for Shasta Dam. Eichley Steel Company expects to have the pin stocks completed in another month or two.

Outside of a few subsistence beefs on the Barrett & Hilp job, we believe that everything is O. K. and the goose hangs high.

Don't forget, brothers, that this office remains open every Thursday for your convenience, from 7:00 p.m. until milking time, if necessary.

Rural View

A little city boy visited his country cousin.

"What do you know about cows?" demanded the country boy.

"You don't even know if there's a Jersey cow."

"Course not, I can't see his license from here."

SACRAMENTO OFFICE REPORTS SEVERAL BIG HIGHWAY JOBS TO BE FINISHED THIS MONTH

By F. A. LAWRENCE and EDWARD P. PARK
Business Representatives, Local 3

Sacramento—This month will mark the completion of several large highway jobs in this area. E. W. Elliott finally finished the job on highway at Meyers and the resort owners in the South Tahoe district have planned a celebration for the event. This job was started as far back as 1941. Due to hard rock, hard luck and the war it had been dragging along until Elliott moved in a year ago last spring. Early snows forced him out last fall and the job hung fire for another year. However, it is now completed, eliminating the old grade and providing a high gear road from Meyers to Echo Summit.

Also, Utah Construction Company's job at Shingle Springs on Highway 40 has been completed. Granite Construction Company had the contract for the slab coat and it was here we ran into Bro. O. T. Smith, an old-timer, who has been with this outfit for 22 years.

Resurfacing Job

At present time Brighton Rock, Sand and Gravel Company are resurfacing on Highway 40 between Folsom and White Rock. On completion of this stretch, they will resurface between Folsom and Nimbus. All those fellows who are asking for Bro. Paul Muck can find him on this job. He seems satisfied, so we haven't told him of all the requests we have had for him.

With those three jobs completed, Highway 40 will be a pretty nice road. However, there is lots more to be done on it and we hope they let some of it soon.

To Complete Freeway

Guy F. Atkinson Co. expects to complete their North Sacramento Freeway job on Highway 50 this month. This is a swell piece of road and will eliminate North Sacramento entirely. The next step is continuation of this freeway to and beyond Roseville—just in the planning steps at the present time, but is badly needed and should be let for bids in the near future. Also, along Highway 50, Fredrickson & Watson expect to complete their freeway job at Auburn this month.

Highway 49 has also come in for a lot of overhauling with Fredrickson & Watson's two jobs just outside Auburn towards Grass Valley. The first of these two units will be completed this month—the second not until next summer due to a lack of steel for the railroad underpass. J. Henry Harris should complete his job at Nevada City this month.

At North San Juan on the same highway, Westbrook and Pope have about two weeks of heavy dirt moving left and perhaps a month of finishing work. Bros. Ray Austin, Bob Kurtz and Don Westbrook are still shifting here.

Charles T. Brown job at Scotts Flat is still going strong. Because it was difficult to keep two crews on this job, they finally went to one 12-hour shift. Brothers Clark and Van Gorder are still doing the shifting, while Bro. Ralph Shay is the master mechanic.

H. Earl Parker has two jobs in this district at the present time. One they are completing at Auburn and one just getting under way at Loomis. Bros. Buster Morrison and Harold Postum are the shifters.

C. M. Syar has his job on the back road to Colfax under way with Brother Ceil in charge. Bro. Beck is taking care of things around the hot plant and crusher.

Difficulties on Miles & Bailey job at Georgetown have been ironed out and we look forward to better relations with this firm.

W. C. Thompson, Baker Bros. and Ed Lynch are still going strong on the new road out of Foresthill. Another stretch of this road will be let in the near future. When completed, one of the finest hunting and fishing counties in California will be accessible to sportsmen.

Accord has finally been reached between all agencies connected with the Folsom dam and when Congress convenes again it is hoped one of their first acts will

be to appropriate the necessary money.

New Road Open

Fredrickson Bros. have completed their job on the Vacaville-Winters road and it is now open to traffic. It is intended that this road will eventually be extended to Dunningan thus providing a newer and shorter route to Highway 99.

The land leveling industry is booming again and in most instances we were able to negotiate a small raise for the boys. H. C. Russell is running 20 rigs and trying hard to double shift some of them. Bros. Fred Selze, Bob Ingersoll and Sherman Gaston are all on the payroll as shifters. Bro. H. E. Graff and H. Spurgeon must be pretty good mechanics for they manage to keep all these rigs running steady.

Look Chong has three rigs running two shifts down in the Ryde area. The boys say he is a good employer and furnishes them pick-up for transportation. This makes the second season with this outfit for Bros. Bob Killip and Ben Zimmer.

New Agreements

The following are lists of agreements signed during the past month: Concrete Pavement and Maintenance Company and H. & D. Construction Company, regular agreement; Cid Rimmer Iron Works, equipment dealer agreement; L. H. Roper, E. V. Curtiss, Yolo Development Company, Look Chong, Harvey C. Russell and Patterson & Lewis, land leveling agreements.

Bro. Earl H. Welcher, better known as "Big Arkie," now owns a 22-unit motel known as the Avalon located 2½ miles west of town on the Davis highway. We understand he caters to engineers.

Bro. Eldon L. Harris is in business for himself up on Highway 40, three miles west of Emigrant Gap. His establishment is known as the Pioneer Garage and Coffee Shop. Extra special service for Local 3 men.

Bro. Mike Hathman, who has been working in the Foresthill area for the past year, has "took himself" a bride, and a very pretty one she is. Congratulations, Mike.

Bro. Ray Bishop is still on the injured list, but has been able to leave the hospital and is now at home in Shingle Springs. Hope to see you back on the job soon, Ray.

Justa Still Laid Up

Bro. Charles Justa is spending his third month in the Mercy Hospital. Charlie was pretty badly bunged up when a roller turned over on him and pinned him under six feet of water—just soft mud on the bottom is all that saved his life as he was able to wiggle loose before the roller had entirely settled. Not a pleasant experience, but engineers are tough.

George Zimmerman, who has been working in the Foresthill area has had the misfortune of breaking two bones in his arm, which puts him on the out of work list for about six weeks.

Anton Schaffner got his hand caught on the conveyor belt while working for Brighton Sand and Gravel and was having X-rays made the last we heard.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery goes to all these brothers.

Due to an organizing campaign in which the employers have been anything but cooperative, we have several heavy duty mechanics on our out of work list.

We request all members working

Marysville Has Good Prospects; Big Jobs Going

By WILLIAM C. WAACK
Representative, Local 3

Marysville—Fredrickson & Watson are still running slurry base and will pour hot stuff around September 10. Brother C. C. Smally is hot plant boss and Brother Les Christmas is grade foreman. The job will be finished about October 1st.

Ward Mining Co. of Portland, Oregon, have a dragline near Gray's Flat in the Feather River, getting out the free gold and Bro. Tom Dean is pilot on the 22-B with Bud Miller as co-pilot. Tom hasn't sent me a nugget yet. We guess high grading doesn't pay as it did in the days of the big gold strikes.

Brother Bill Helm has been added to the staff of the T. E. Conolly Co. at Pulga, as the day walker, which makes all our dealings with that company just dandy. All men for the job will be cleared through this office.

Roper Reported Busy

Brother L. H. Roper, known to all as "Larry," has renewed his contract with Local 3 and keeps a good sized crew busy all the time. His layout is now in Sutter Basin. Your business representative visited the job one day and actually found more Ropers than there are Collets in Local 3. Almost, that is.

Brother J. H. Shaver has bought the two Super C Pulls from Baker and McGowan at Chico, California, and is going in for more and bigger jobs.

Bernie and Will Ritcher, of Ritcher Brothers, are keeping 14 members of Local 3 busy on land-leveling and a farm levee job north of Chico.

Laswell Brothers of Oroville finished a dragline job at Greenville.

F. E. Young is now laying blacktop on their road job at Clipper Mills.

Friend Louie Rice of Rice Brothers is pouring concrete on the new Butte County jail at Oroville and says he hopes he or his men don't ever make that can because it will be bull-proof and hog-tight. None of us would like to look out from within.

E. V. Curtis of the Curtis Land-leveling Co. has also renewed his Local 3 Agreement and has his three jeeps and cat busy on two shifts in Sutter Basin.

Bridge Is Finished

J. H. Pomeroy Co. has finished the Feather River bridge and are moving out all of their equipment.

H. Earl Parker has a road job near Ostrom, and Brother Sam DeMalt has brought a pile driver up for Raymond Concrete Pile Co.

All land leveling outfits in this district are busy.

The first Tuesday of the month is the regular meeting at Natomas at 10 in the morning and 7 in the evening. These notices are posted on the dredges, or were. At the morning meeting on the second of September no one came. At the evening meeting 1 person showed up. This must mean that there are no beefs.

Bert Jones, one of the old-timers at Natomas, passed on. Bert went to work oiling in 1918. He was born in Auburn just seventy years ago.

Brother Stanley H. Carr came to Folsom to work for Natomas Co. Brother Carr was with the Thurman Boat at Redding.

A special meeting is called for Yuba Consolidated for the 18th of September, at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Please attend.

Each and every union man and his family are expected to register for the November election. Please see that you register. It takes but a minute to qualify for the greatest privilege of an American—the right to vote. Once again—please register.

in this area to notify us before walking off the job without notice. We have had a great number of complaints from contractors regarding this and all will agree that it leaves everybody on the spot—including us.

WORK CONTINUES EXCELLENT IN N. BAY SECTION—SEWER JOBS STEP UP EMPLOYMENT

By H. O. FOSS

Business Representative, Local 3

San Rafael—Ferguson Brothers of Oakland were low bidders on a 5,000 foot sewer job, hooking up the County Hospital with the main line sewer. I presume this will tie in on the jobs that F. E. Lowell is now going to town on, as well as work being done by John Rapp. There is considerable activity on sewer work in this town, at present.

Ran across Bro. P. A. Respini with his truck crane. Between the State and other contracts, he is doing okay.

Bro. M. E. Tavenner received serious burns from a high voltage wire in early August while working for John Rocca. These burns necessitated the amputation of his left hand, as well as the removal of the toes and balls of both feet. Hopes for a speedy recovery are expressed by all of his fellow brothers.

George Murray, on Silverado Trail, is rapidly tapering off, with Superintendent Mosley back operating, and Ray Shackelford as mechanic. Paul Matus will do the surfacing.

Morrison and Knudsen were low bidders on a realignment job at Lower Lake, and no doubt somebody's equipment will be on the job by the 15th.

It will be of interest to you old-timers to learn that Bob Shannon, formerly employed by Ellis Demmick, has bought a ranch near Scotia, 'way up in Otto Neviers' territory.

Of special interest to members in the Vallejo area comes word that Bro. E. V. Sage has purchased a gasoline station on the Napa Road and Alabama Street. Bro. Sage was a nut-buster for Harms.

Bro. Bert Smith has a TD-9 loader, and makes his headquarters at 111 Contra Costa St., Vallejo. Smith says he isn't starving to death.

I ran into Bros. Couley and Hazelwood, working for Farnsworth & Ruggles, on the Carquinez Straits job. Bro. Parker is hoisting steel from the Judson Pacific Co.

Bros. Duke Winsor and Ed Schneck are operating the Northern California Gravel & Equipment Co. at 2471 Griffin Avenue, Santa Rosa, phone 1042-J. These boys have two 12-motor Patrols, one TD-9 loader, a few cats and a shovel for rent. Any brothers who are interested should see them for further details.

Bro. Thane Clark dropped in at the office, leaving us two boxes of the finest apples we have ever gorged ourselves on. After much figuring on our part, we finally reached the conclusion that the grocer gets as much per pound as Bro. Clark does per 100. Any brother interested in apples can load up at Clark's ranch at Sebastopol and \$2 would buy enough to last for a couple of years, at least.

Huntington Finishes

The firm of Huntington & Docher have completed their work in this area, and have gone on a bridge job in the Woodland vicinity for a couple of months. I have reliable information that Bro. James Humphreys, superintendent for this outfit, has returned from his trip to the Deep South, and brought back his cousin, who will be employed as assistant superintendent as soon as he clears through Local 3.

A recent overhaul shop, with the trade name of "Masterall," opened near Greenbrae, with Elze and White as proprietors. We wish them luck.

Stanley Koller was awarded the contract at Calistoga for raising the Kimball Dam.

George Sliusen bit off the contract for the Napa Dam, involving 45,000 yards of excavating, 41,000 fill, and 4,500 of concrete. The contract was for \$135,000 plus. George is a busy boy.

Piombo, on the Napa-Lake Co. line, has speeded up considerably, and has brought in a few more

pieces of equipment, with Hawkins still in charge.

M. L. Reidenback of the Juarez Quarry in Napa keeps two or three of the boys fairly busy, and the same goes for McGill at Yountville.

Harold Smith employs a couple of our old operators, namely Kenneth Jessee and Harold Black, as well as a few other old-timers scattered around in the brush. Harold recently placed in operation at St. Helena, a gravel plant. It really surprised him, too, when it actually produced gravel. From my observation, this little plant will do okay in the future.

Busy at Benicia

Parish Bros. are very busy with their Benicia Arsenal contracts, and are making fine progress on their Linden Lane underpass project. Clarence Farnquist, another of our old-timers, keeps more than busy with this outfit. I am unable to find out if he is superintendent, hot plant foreman, or quarry operator. He seems to live between all three, but is doing all right. I understand that Mike Saporatti has gone to Contra Costa as foreman, and Paul Lukoua is chief nut-buster.

A. G. Raisch opened up his job on Fourth St., in Vallejo, involving several blocks, and so far Bro. Al Guerding is in charge.

The Phillips Brothers at Petaluma seem very busy every time I see them, either building or tearing down something.

Paul Straub, also from the Petaluma area, sent in for operators to start the second shift, and they will continue work until they are rained out.

Paul Queen has several pieces of equipment running in that vicinity, mostly State rental, and the same goes for Andy Clausen.

Recently ran into Cliff Hall, ex-member, who now has the O.K. Rubber place in Napa, and from my own personal experience, I know that this boy puts on a good recap—so give him a ring.

Quarry at Standstill

The Basalt Quarry is practically at a standstill at Napa, working only one shovel, but this is more than compensated for by the amount of work being done in the shipyard. There they are cutting up tankers and making pipe for Pacific Pipeline Co. job on Conn Dam. This activity keeps practically all operators employed. Ralph Glover keeps material pouring at the pumice pit on Monticello Road and Bro. Bob Majors moved down to the washing plant.

J. Dillon, a real old-timer, has a sawmill and a few pieces of equipment for rent in the Napa area, and is doing okay.

So you don't like the Taft-Hartley law. Are you, your family, and your friends registered? Stop complaining, and let's see a little action at the polls.

REMEMBER: If you don't register, you don't vote.

Where Ends Meet

FATHER: "My son, I don't like to think that you are at the bottom of the class!"

SON (aged 7): "I can't see that it matters, pa. They teach the same things at both ends."

Work of enlarging Mission Rock, just south of the Bay Bridge off the Embarcadero, into an eight-ship dock, is about finished, with building work soon to get underway.

A CITIZEN WITHOUT A BALLOT IS LIKE A SOLDIER WITHOUT BULLETS. Are you registered?

What's doing in the Oakland office

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

Oakland—Now that Labor Day has come and gone, most of the brothers are back on the job to settle down to at least sixty days more of fairly good pickin's in this area. The only casualties reported as a result of the big three day holiday of the season was a few choice headaches — with the majority of the sufferers expected to live and many swearing to take the pledge.

While Labor Day is primarily a day set aside for rest and relaxation, this year there was a serious overtone to the celebration. Where in previous years the Labor Day parades have more or less been taken as a matter of course, this year the citizenry of Oakland witnessed the biggest turn-out in the history of the city. We are confident that the large number of working people who took part were there not merely for the enjoyment of participating in a parade, but more as a protest demonstration against the Taft-Hartley slave-labor bill. Perhaps this will have a moral effect on some of the more reactionary politicians from this area. It is well for them to know that we of labor are presenting a united front in this fight for our very existence.

By the time this paper goes to press we will have seen the wind-up of work on M.K.'s job at the Golden Gate Turf Club in Albany. This has been one of the very good jobs in the area, and along with the brothers who worked there, we are all looking forward to the time when Bro. Jimmy Christman will have another job in this locality. We point with pride to the fact that this, a hurry-up job, was run to the satisfaction of both the Union and Management, which proves that it is possible for the fair-minded contractor to complete major jobs in the shortest possible time with practically no beefs. We are hopeful that a couple of the local builders will ultimately come to the conclusion that they would do well to take a leaf from the book of such companies and perhaps go along a little better in the future than in the past.

Yard 3 Busy

Old Yard No. 3 in Richmond continues to be a busy place with the ship scrapping program still in operation and approximately 10 cars of prepared scrap going out daily. We have 27 members on this job with Bro. Ernie Cobun still acting as steward and Bro. Bob Allgood holding down the foreman's berth.

We dropped in at A. J. McCosker's yard the other day on one of our routine check-ups and found all the brothers busy and everybody happy. We want to take this opportunity to congratulate Bro. Vern DeAgo on his change of heart. Bro. Joe Call, who is still acting as job steward down there, says that everything is running very smoothly at the present time.

Antioch Gas Line

Pacific Pipeline Construction Co. and Engineers, Ltd., have started on their new job in the Antioch area. It is expected that this, the last link of the 24-inch gas line for the PG&E, running from the Rio Vista fields to the Bay Area, will be completed by September 30. Inasmuch as the work was not started until the last weeks of August it is possible that this will set a record. If not a record, at least it will go down as a good-sized job done in a dog-goned big hurry! At present there are 14 engineers on the job, with three ditching machines, four boom cats, one compressor, and four welding machines in operation.

The Granite Construction Co., from Watsonville, has moved in on their \$165,000 bridge job at Hopyard Road near Pleasanton. The bridge is of concrete and steel construction and approximately 50,000 yards of borrow will be

used on the job. While not too large from a dollars and cents standpoint, this contract will furnish considerable employment to several of our members, with two cranes, two blades, one roller and a cat to be in operation. Bro. Bill Cowan is acting as superintendent while L. G. Lamon is the state inspector on the job. At present there are three engineers on the payroll, Bro. Bud Woods operating the cat and Bros. Norm Goodwin and Frank Mathews operating and oiling on one of the cranes.

The Hayward Building Material Co. is setting up their hot plant in the old Casson Quarry near Hayward, in preparation for the resurfacing job on the Mt. Eden-San Mateo Bridge. This company also expects to furnish material on the David Bohannon housing project in San Lorenzo. Bro. Glenn Dennitt is plant foreman.

Work on the lower end of the P. & J. Artukovich pipeline job is going along very well, but they are experiencing difficulty up near Bixler Station where they have run into considerable water. The company is coping with the situation through a unique system of wells. Approximately 225 well points have been sunk in the troublesome area, which covers about 600 linear feet of ditch, and they feel confident that they will be able to handle the water in this manner.

Bro. George Dupree, who is foreman on the W. W. Bird job at Kaiser's Radum plant, reports that the stripping operation is about 75 per cent complete at this time. He says they are planning on using Cobras to finish the work but as yet they do not know when they will arrive.

Car Shortage Hurts

Due to the shortage of cars, the activities in the Rock, Sand and Gravel industry have been curtailed considerably during the last month. However, with more cars now available, it is expected that things will be picking up again in these plants.

It's a well known fact that a dirt stiff can't pass a piece of equipment without at least speculating as to whose job it is, how long it will last, or what-'n'-ell they are going to do. So we thought we might be able to save some of you brothers a trip across a hay field by giving you the dope on that big boom you can see swinging back and forth out near Mountain House on Highway 50. It is attached to M. & K.'s new 9W Special Monigan, which is being used for some plain and fancy dirt moving on the 11-mile stretch of the Mendota-Delta Canal. This machine, according to Ed Campbell, superintendent, has been in use for about eight weeks, and during that time has moved approximately 1/4 million yards of dirt. It has a 13-yard bucket and is being operated on a three-shift basis, which helps to explain the huge task that is being accomplished with it. Bro. Van Landingham is operating on day shift, with Bros. Clarence Silvey and Tommy Anderson oiling. Bro. Bob Wooden is on swing with Bros. Don Campbell and William Cleek oiling, while Bro. J. S. Davlin is keeping this dirt moving monster going on graveyard shift with the assistance of Bros. L. Bates and M. L. Mann. Bro. Coy Sanders is on the spot to weld any broken parts, while Bro. George Hendrickson is doing the monkey-wrenching. Bros. Bob Romelbacker and Ralph Bashaw are on cats, with Bro. Allen Campbell

handling the equipment oiling.

Canal Job Starts

Work on the pumping station on this canal is now getting under way. This portion of the job is a joint venture being handled by Stolte, Harrelson, United Concrete Pipe, and Ralph Bell. The company is to be known as the S. U. H. B. Co. George Waters is project manager, with Bro. Bill Mathews acting as excavating superintendent and Bro. E. M. Craven as foreman. Bro. "Stubby" Walker, who is now operating dragline, will be transferred to foreman as soon as things get rolling. This job covers four miles and there is approximately four million yards of dirt to be moved. As soon as the work gets going full swing there will be 15 cats and four draglines in operation. A unique feature of this job is the drainage canal being dug to handle the water. Due to the fact that in some places the main canal and foundations for the pumping plant are as much as 75 feet below the surface and the water table is within four feet of the surface, the drainage question presents one of the major problems on the job.

Bro. Lou Eck is operating Charley Hover's N.W. 80 on the 75th Ave. job. They have approximately 80 thousand yards of excavation to do in connection with construction of the drain ditch for the new freeway.

'Cats' From Pacific

Peterson Tractor and Equipment Co.'s shop and yard in Hayward is a very busy place right now. They have just received a shipload of surplus cats from the Pacific area, which they are tearing down and completely overhauling. Many of these are high speed tractors which necessitates changing the gear ratio. Another major job this company is doing is the preparation of cats for the Bechtel pipeline job in Arabia. At the same time they are receiving a certain amount of new equipment which has to be serviced before delivery to the customer.

Bro. Boyd Harlow recently added another new D-8 to his growing string of cats. This piece of equipment will be shipped to Alturas where he has two months' work lined up. Bro. Harlow has been doing very well since he started in the contracting game, and we wish him continued good luck in this business.

N. M. Ball's yard and shop in Berkeley are very active spots. Bro. Oscar Fryar, shop foreman, has approximately 14 members working, and it keeps Bro. Bill Sorenson busy lining up operators and keeping the jobs running smoothly.

H. C. Courtland has four rigs working around Rio Vista at the present time. He announced recently that his company will start work in the near future on a 1,000 acre leveling job at the Fontana Farms.

The Giaccone-Ferro Development Co. is doing the grading on the new Chrysler plant at San Leandro. They are using two loaders, one carryall, one blade, one dozer and a roller, and Bro. Carl Kenney is acting as foreman. The U. B. Lee Co. recently moved several pieces of equipment in on this job.

The J. E. Young pipeline job at Martinez is going along well at this writing. The following equipment is being used on this work: one ditcher, two boom cats, one dozer and one compressor.

Lining for Canal

Parrish Bros. job on the second section of the Contra Costa Canal is progressing very well, and they are now placing the concrete lining in the ditch. Being construct-

ed to furnish water to the Pleasant Hills area near Concord, the canal is five feet wide at the bottom and 22 feet at the top and the lining work is being handled in a smooth compact operation. One slip form, one trimming machine and one paver are being used in the work, with about 480 feet per day being completed. Bro. Rex Richardson is operating the trimmer and Bro. Gene Romero is doing a stint on the slip form. Bro. "Dutch" Stevens was running the paver up until the time he left for Alaska, and this job is now being handled by Bro. Jess Burch.

The gas well industry in the Rio Vista area continues to be very active. Bro. Norm Brown of Delta Construction Co. was telling us recently that he has nine new locations to prepare on the Liberty Farms for various drilling companies.

New Oakland Temple

In spite of the fact that labor has taken a terrific shellacking with the passage of the Taft-Hartley slave-labor bill, the labor movement in Alameda County expects to be in operation for a long time to come, and plans are rapidly going forward for construction of the new Labor Temple in Oakland. To be erected at 23rd and Valdez Sts., this building will afford many added conveniences for the working people of this district, and we feel sure it will be serving them long after the Taft-Hartley nightmare has slipped into the shadowy limbo it so justly deserves. The \$680,000 contract was awarded during the past month, with Bro. E. Henas the successful bidder on the excavating work. He will use Bill Jensen's shovel, with Bro. "Red" Matzek operating, in conjunction with his loader.

Alameda Street Job

The racket, dust and noise which is sorely trying the nerves of storekeepers and shoppers on Park Street in Alameda is part of the overhaul job which is being done on the city's main drag. The \$212,922.50 contract was awarded to Heafey-Moore and is scheduled for completion by November 25th. This is the first time that Park Street has had a thorough going over in its long and active life and many problems and some interesting relics of the dim past have been uncovered. Before resurfacing could be started at the foot of the street it was found necessary to replace about 1200 feet of sanitary sewer, which was damaged in several places. Another problem which the contractor had to overcome was the removal of rotting railway ties, which had been left under the roadbed after the removal of car tracks some years ago. Carl Froerer, City Engineer, announced that in order to keep the street open to traffic during the reconstruction work, the following plan would be used: The street will be resurfaced up to three inches of asphalt, one block at a time, closing off one-half of the road in the block affected. In addition, paving work will be carried out in alternate blocks, thus keeping two lanes of traffic open at all times. As each block is finished on one side up to the base coat it will be opened to traffic. When the entire street has been finished in this manner, the finishing machines will go from one end to the other laying the top coat. This operation, which will take about one week, will be done in a single operation in order to insure a smooth job.

DREDGE NEWS

An interesting feature of the work on the new Freeway job in Oakland is the manner in which the road is being constructed over the swampland adjacent to San Leandro Bay. A channel 100 feet wide and approximately five feet below the original surface has

been dredged out and into this bed approximately one million yards of dredge material is being pumped. The dredge Olympia, stationed one-half mile off the west shore of Bay Farm Island, is picking up the sand and shell and forcing it through an 8,000 foot pipeline to a point at the southeast corner of the Alameda Municipal Golf Course. There Hydraulic Dredging Co.'s dredge Pa-poose, serving as a booster station, is forcing it on to its destination across a portion of San Leandro Bay. The distance the pipeline covers from the Olympia to the end of the cut is nearly five miles. The work is being done by the Johnson Western Co. and, according to L. W. Jones, superintendent, it is expected that it will be completed about February 1. The road surface will be approximately five feet above the ground level, with the material dredged from the bed to be used to form dikes to hold the fill. This work, which has been in progress for approximately six weeks, is under the direction of Chase McCoy of Johnson Western, who has complete charge of the operation.

The dredging of the channel is about 75 per cent complete at the present time and is being done by the Associated Dredging Co. The dredges Liberty, Curlew and Delta No. 1, all clamshells, are working on this job.

WHAT THE BROTHERS ARE DOING

Three more of the brothers have taken off for out of the way places with in the last month. Bro. Bob LeMoine left August 21 for Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. He will be working on Bechtel's fabrication plant and expects to be gone about 18 months. About the time you are reading this, Bros. Pete Frediani and Sam Cain will be getting located on the Birch Johnson and Lytle job near Fairbanks, Alaska. Pete is going to run a roller and Sam, who was up there a while in the Navy and says it wasn't half bad, is going to operate Tournapull.

While these boys were taking off, Bro. Paul Harper was making a beautiful three-point landing on home territory. Eighteen months on Guam didn't seem to change Paul a bit, but he sure is enjoying being back. His main worry now is that new Nash, which is all paid for but which he can't pick up until later in the month. We have a hunch that if he could take that car with him he'd be tempted to go out to Okinawa—just to show it to his brother Bud—and Speck, Kennedy, Gene and the rest of the gang!

Bro. Sam Cohagan, formerly employed by Lewis Construction Co., left recently for Tuscola, Illinois. He is going to visit his father, who is seriously ill.

Everyone is glad to see Bro. Art Whitlock up and around again after his long siege in the hospital. He has to go back in about a week for a checkup but says he is feeling better every day—and eating like a horse, too!

Bro. Irvin H. Nichols is coming right along in the world. In 1940 he started getting welding equipment together and at the present time he has a complete portable welding shop with equipment for grinding and drilling. Aside from this he has two other portable outfits and will rent or lease the equipment. For further information contact him at 1021 Esther Drive, Concord.

CONGRATULATIONS DEPT.: To Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cheek on the birth of a baby girl on August 21st. To the Floyd Evans, whose third daughter arrived on July 26th.

Bro. LaVern Rigby, who lost a leg in an auto accident about six

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Round-up of the news from Utah

By C. L. Casebolt, T. L. Clark, C. R. Van Winkle and L. G. Ostler, Business Representatives, Local 3

Salt Lake City—Some concern has been expressed by some of our membership at different times over the newspaper reports regarding the Palfreyman and Wheelwright cases now pending before the Utah State Industrial Commission. For the information of our membership and for the purpose of correcting any erroneous impressions, the following is the position of our union in these matters:

At the last session of the Utah legislature, held this year, there was passed an amendment to the Utah Labor Relations Act, an amendment which became a law without the governor's signature, which was known as the Clegg-Vest bill. This act became effective May 13, 1947, and provided, among other things, six unfair labor practices on the part of employees. One of these unfair labor practices forbid striking and picketing unless a majority in the bargaining unit voted to strike.

Union Fights Bill

Our union has taken exception to this law on the grounds that it infringes upon the basic, fundamental, constitutional rights of the individual. Our position is: that under the constitution of the United States, especially that amendment providing that no person shall suffer involuntary servitude except as a punishment for crime, that the individual has a right to quit his job at any time, for any reason, either alone or in concert with others.

This means that our position is that if the union in a regular or special called meeting, such as was held by our union in March, this year, in Salt Lake City, decides by a majority vote upon a certain policy, that the individual members and the union have a right to follow out that policy, whether or not it means striking or picketing, regardless of whether a secret ballot has been taken and a majority in the bargaining unit has agreed to strike.

The position of our union also is that picketing is legal, a constitutional right of the individual under the rights of free speech and expression and the right of peaceful assembly, guaranteed by the constitution, and the only criterion by which picketing can be judged is whether or not it is peaceful. This right has been upheld so many times by the Supreme Court of the United States in recent

years that it strikes us as odd that legislative bodies, including the Congress of the United States, should continue to pass acts which are obviously unconstitutional and which the courts will not uphold.

Test Cases Cited

In the matter of the Palfreyman and Wheelwright cases, it is well to remember that our union, after a number of months of effort, negotiated and consummated an agreement with the labor committee of Associated General Contractors, Intermountain Branch, with the understanding that the membership of that association would each one, individually, sign that agreement. The majority of the membership of the AGC have shown by their attitude that they desire to continue their good relations with our union.

However, a minority, among whom are the Palfreyman Construction Co. and the Wheelwright Construction Company, apparently thought they could take refuge behind the newly enacted amendments to the Utah Labor Relations Act and refused to sign this agreement. It is noticeable that in both cases an immediate attempt was made to break down the wage scales, classifications and working conditions established after a long fight by our union.

In taking action against these two firms, the officials of our union did so under the authority granted them by a unanimous vote at the special called meeting held in March. Your officials took action with the full knowledge of the possibilities involved. Furthermore, they realized that the Industrial Commission might rule unfavorably toward our union. This, however, is the only way a test of the constitutionality of this law can be had. Under the rules of courts, a citizen cannot appeal to the court for a ruling on the constitutionality of any act unless he can allege that he has been injured by the act.

To date, the Palfreyman and

Wheelwright cases have only been heard by a trial examiner appointed by the Utah Industrial Commission. This is in accordance with the law. This trial examiner has been Mr. E. M. Royle, chairman of the industrial commission. He is required to make an intermediate report to the full board, which he has done in the Palfreyman case. The full board then issues its findings of fact and any orders or dismisses the case. It might be well to add, at this point, that in case the board rules unfavorably, an appeal will be taken, in accordance with the law, directly to the state supreme court, and if necessary to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Our union has been represented in these hearings by F. Henri Henroid, a well known, outstanding, practicing attorney of Salt Lake City. The employers have been represented by Lewis Callister, an employers labor relations attorney, who should need no introduction to our membership, and Allen Mecham, who besides being an attorney, has been acting as manager for the local chapter of the AGC.

Protect Union Rights

These moves have been taken by the officials of our union for the sole purpose of protecting the rights of the union and of the individual members. If our union did not do this, it would be derelict in its duty and be allowing the wage scales, classifications and working conditions, established by such a long, hard fight as has been waged, to be broken down by a few recalcitrant employers.

That CIO "Victory"

Last February in an election held at Geneva Steel Company, the CIO Steelworkers won the bargaining rights at that plant by a small majority. During the campaign for the plant, the AFL and its associated unions, of which our union was one, pointed out to the employees working at the plant that a vote for the CIO was a vote to destroy many of the rights of the employees won by a hard fight by the AFL.

We don't like to say "we told you so" but it appears that every warning made to the workers by the AFL during that campaign has been borne out. Today the employees find themselves practically without seniority and with no job protection. Grievances aren't being processed and in many departments these grievances have mounted up to more than a hundred. All of which means that the rights of the employees are being ignored by the management and management is kicking people around to suit themselves, which, at least, under the AFL, did not occur without a vigorous protest.

Inequity pay promises by the CIO have proved an illusion and mirage built up to attract votes. Rights won by the AFL, such as restriction on the full right of management to conduct physical examinations, have been lost and the workers are entirely, or almost entirely, if reports to our membership can be credited, without protection under an agreement that wasn't written or negotiated in Provo, as was promised by the CIO, but was negotiated in Pittsburgh, Pa., as the AFL told the workers it would be, and probably written by a couple of attorneys employed by the U. S. Steel Corp.

We bring this to your attention, not mainly to tell you "we told you so" but because we have had a large number of inquiries as to when another election can be held. At this writing, because of the recent effective date of the Taft-Hartley bill, we are unable to answer this question with any degree of satisfaction to anyone. We are studying the matter very carefully and have received assurance from the AFL headquarters in Washington, D. C., that a representative will be in this area for the purpose of assisting us in this matter. As soon as definite information can be given, it will be passed along to our membership and friends at the plant.

In the meantime, we would like to point out to the membership of the Operating Engineers that, under the new law, the board is required to recognize "craft units" and it will be possible for our union and other AFL unions to have their craft unions recognized in the next election, when it is held.

All Are Working

At the present time, all members of the Operating Engineers who desire to work are employed. The majority of the road work we mentioned in our previous reports has been let by the state road commission and is under construction. At the present time calls are hard to fill and the outlook for work continuing at this height is good and the only thing that could effect this to any degree is an early winter. The weather having been so unpredictable this year, we are keeping our fingers crossed about what the weather is going to be this fall. The outlook for winter jobs is fairly good and we hope to be able to maintain a higher degree of employment for our membership this winter than any winter in the immediate past.

The contractors, with one or two possible exceptions, are abiding by the wages and working conditions, that is, if we can depend upon the fact that we have a very small number of complaints. This is giving your representative a well-needed opportunity to contact contractors' work, which has not been under agreement and to organize their employees coming under our jurisdiction.

Big Convention

During August, specifically between August 18-20, there was held in Provo what turned out to be the largest convention ever held by the Utah State Federation of Labor. It was not only the largest, but probably the best. An almost unanimous agreement was reached on all matters of policy, especially on the determination of our AFL unions in Utah to put up a determined fight against all repressive and anti-labor legislation. This should be ample proof to the boot-licking politicians who are all too anxious to serve the interests of the large corporations and the reactionary minority, that labor does not intend to take these repressive measures lying down, but is out to drive from office every politician who places selfish interests above the interests of the people. Your union was represented by Brothers Clark, Ostler and Van Winkle.

Observe Agreements!

In a number of our recent articles in the Engineers News, we have pointed out to our member-

ship the responsibility of the individual member in maintaining and observing our agreements with our employers. We don't want to be accused of preaching but again we would like to point out that each individual member has a responsibility to know the agreements and to observe them. Your business representatives can negotiate agreements, they can represent you in your difficulties with our employers, but it is up to our membership to enforce and observe those agreements.

Our agreements provide for a certain service to our employers, that service is the providing of members to the contractors in the classifications ordered, when and where needed. The maintenance of our hiring halls and this relationship with our employers is of great importance to our membership and our members should not only make use of these hiring halls but should insist that the contractor does also.

The preferential hiring clauses in our agreements provide, and this is only fair, that where the union cannot provide the needed men, the contractor is at liberty, after a reasonable time, to hire whoever he can find to do the work. Members who take clearances from the offices and for some unavoidable reason cannot report at the time and place indicated on the clearance, should immediately notify the office from which they received the clearance. This will give your representatives an opportunity to secure another member to fill the job and not only better our relationship with the contractor, but increases the opportunities for employment of our membership by making it unnecessary for your representatives to write new applications on the jobs while members in good standing are unemployed.

MIRACLE DRUG

Two visitors in London were greatly attracted by a neon sign reading: "Krushen's make you feel years younger." Each bought a bottle and repaired to the nearest bar, ordered a pint of beer, tipped in the salts, and drank deeply. A while later, they were walking down the Strand. Asked one: "Do you feel any younger?"

Replied the other: "That I don't know, but I've done a very childish thing."

SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING

One of the boys came to the office with a black eye. When asked about it, he said:

"Gosh, when she asked me to play around with her, I didn't know she meant golf."

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HAIL THE RECORD-BREAKER!



Chicago's Mayor Martin H. Kennelly gives the key to the city to Capt. Bill Odom, record-breaking round-the-world flyer. Here he is surrounded by well-wishers after a triumphant tour of the Chicago loop. His three-year-old son Ronnie looks just as sleepy as his dad was on returning from his world hop. (Federated Pix)

HUMBOLDT ACTIVITIES HOLD UP, DEL NORTE COUNTY HAS MANY PROJECTS OPENED UP

By OTTO E. NEVER

Business Representatives, Local 3

Eureka—Reporting for the Redwood Empire—work still continues to show up. Although some jobs are beginning to be completed, others are showing up to take their places.

In the Crescent City and Del Norte County area there is a great deal of activity. Basalt Rock Company have shut down to one shift on the barges, although some of the boys have put in as much as 17 hours. Due to the winds in the afternoon it has

become impossible to utilize a second shift on the barges. However, they are still placing approximately 2,000 tons of rock on the jetty with a single crane.

The quarry is still way ahead of all the Eucs in production and with Johnny Meloni as super in the quarry, that is easy to understand. Here are some of the gang: Bros. Nial Porter, Joe Kortuem, Sr., Jim Valentine, Burl Mayes, Floyd Nicholson, Ben Bowlin, all operators; Joe Kahalahoer, Dave Spindler, skimmers; with oilers George Swick, Wally Grant, John Anderson, Fred Heinbach, Ken Suer, and Shetter. Pusher on the morning shift is Bro. Al Crawford, and pusher on the afternoon shift—and this will slay you—is Bro. Scotty (Limey) Jenkins; in the shop, Bro. Pat Donohoe, master mechanic, and Bros. J. A. Snowden, Herman Zahnley, D. D. Kling, Cecil Adkins, Norman Wing, mechanics; Bros. Wm. R. Wright and Rex White, welders; T. L. Mathews and Alois Smieja, greasers, and Joe Kortuem, Jr., messenger boy.

Seek Appropriation

It is quite apparent that this job will not be finished by the time the rainy season begins and will be carried over until next year. There is a group of congressmen scheduled to visit this project on October 7 and at that time every effort will be made to secure an additional appropriation for the jetty. From all indications, this town of Crescent City should be a boom town, due to the production of lumber, by July 1, 1948.

There are several road jobs being surveyed between Arcata and Crescent City, but how soon the State will let them is a question. The tourist trade during the past summer has shown the necessity for a four-lane highway from the Bay Area to the Oregon line.

Louis Conner received the contract to put in two and one-half miles of graded logging road for Hammond Lumber Co., with another six miles to be let. Hammond Lumber Co. is building a town, together with a mill and pond, at Big Lagoon. All of the building sites and the street work, sewers, etc., and also the pile driving is being done by the Lumber and Sawmill Workers at a scale of wages that would make a good engineer shudder. All efforts on the part of your business representative to have the Lumber and Sawmill Workers grant us this work have met with no success.

Carlin Bros. will be finished with the dam across the mill pond and the roadway at Big Lagoon by the time this paper goes to press.

Clifford Dunn is speeding up the approach and concrete piles at Weitchneq and hopes to be finished with this job by October 1. Tom Hull is furnishing the aggregates for this job and has set his plant up at Hoopa. It is expected that the bids for the steel work will be called for as soon as Dunn has completed his end of the contract.

Byers Sets Up Camp

Byers has established a camp at Willow Creek on their PG&E right-of-way clearance job, and also has another camp at Ridge Cabin beyond Snow Camp. This job will probably keep going until snow flies. Trisdale has a job and camp at Alder Point with Buddv (Windy) Trisdale very much in evidence.

The State has completed its job from Blue Lake to Redwood Creek as far as rented equipment

is concerned, although Tom Hull is putting up the bridge across Redwood Creek.

Louis Conner still keeps a couple of rigs busy near Maple Creek building logging roads. Some of these pioneer rigs get so far back in the timber that it takes a week to find their way out, and between getting lost and the poison oak, it is a darned interesting job. Ask "Big Stoop" Reed. He knows. Mercer-Fraser's hot plant at Essex keeps busy on road work and on setting up dry yards for the different lumber outfits. Gene Brown is in charge of the pioneering work on the Mercer-Fraser job at Korb. Bro. Gene is doing a very fine job.

Buran Equipment Co. is still putting on more heavy duty mechanics. We have now started to organize at Brizzard-Mathews Co., the Caterpillar dealer.

The Eureka Ice and Cold Storage plant is up for renewal of their contract. Just how much we will get the boys there is yet to be decided.

Farallone Fisheries have agreed to put in an additional ventilating system, together with a shower bath. They have also agreed to a \$25 a month increase for all engineers.

Arcata Contract

Local 3 had the job of negotiating a maintenance contract for the Landing Aids Experiment Station at Arcata. This will guarantee the boys of Local 3, as well as several other crafts, a steady job on a monthly basis figured on a five-day week, with overtime for Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, together with a week's vacation with pay and a week's sick leave per year. In addition, Transocean Air Lines are giving all of their steady employees a plane trip to Honolulu and return without cost. The boys are well satisfied with the new deal.

John Petersen at Beatrice keeps two or three of the brothers busy all the time and is continually putting on more equipment. Ex-Brother Ed Johnson, now City Councilman, keeps his equipment working steady on a five-day basis.

W. C. Railing has finished up his job here and has moved out all of his equipment. Fred Maurer & Son keep Bro. Joe Smith (the guy who lost his teeth) and Bro. Jack Walsh busy all the time.

The Associated dredge, Jupiter, is still tied up at Fields Landing, with no prospects of any work in the near future.

Phoenix Held Up

Phoenix Construction Co. is still working on its pioneer work at Piercy but were held up for about three weeks because of a delay in the concrete work, which is being done by O'Connor Bros. of Redding. Bro. Ray Anderson was badly hurt when a cat turned over with him on this job on August 26. He suffered a fractured pelvis and cuts and bruises, and will be confined to the general hospital for some six weeks to two months. He would welcome visits from the brothers any afternoon or evening.

Ball has finished up the cat work at Covelo and has started laying the base material. McEwen & Syar are rushing their job south of Willits and should be done there by October 1.

Atkinson is working two shifts at Fort Bragg, six days, in an attempt to finish the approaches to the bridge across the Navarro River. Pomeroy was successful bidder for the steel work. Siri is well along on his bridge

WHAT'S DOING IN OAKLAND

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months ago, returned to the hospital for another operation late in August.

He's Up in the Air!

Of the many types of business enterprises entered into by members of the Engineers, we think one of the most interesting is that chosen by Bro. Gunnar Norberg, who recently became a partner in Metal Air Specialties, a flying school. Located at Buchanan Field—near Concord—this school has the approval of three governmental agencies, the Civil Aeronautics Administration, the State Board of Education, and the Veterans Administration, for the training of private pilots. According to this plan a veteran may take his training on the same basis he would attend college. Along with his flight work he receives two evenings per week of ground school and is able to continue with a daily job while in training. The company is now instructing its third group of 30 private pilots. The whole course covers only 12 weeks and the classes are open to private individuals as well as to ex-G.I.s, and all are assured the very highest type of instruction. We think this sounds like a very up and coming organization and we wish Bro. Norberg and his associates every success in the undertaking.

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IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN—

Herbert Hoover says it was a mistake for the U.S. to get into the war—we should have saved our strength for the peace table. Hitler? Never heard of the guy!

Congress may be called back into emergency session to appropriate more money for Greece, Turkey, et al.

Looks like the American people will have to get themselves a king, too, before Congress pays any attention to THEIR emergency needs.

The Eisenhower-for-President boom is getting under way, but nobody's been able to find out yet which party he belongs to.

Maybe he figures it doesn't make much difference.

11 miles north of Fort Bragg, while Burman Bros. have finished their work for the M&M Lumber Co. above Rockport, and they should be moving back to Eureka by the last of September.

The airport bids for the field at Rohnerville will be opened about September 17 and this job should be good until early spring.

Brother Disappears

At this time I would like to call the attention of the brothers throughout Local 3 to the fact that Bro. Franklin Price, formerly of Trinity Center, who was employed during the early part of this year by Byers at Maple Creek and also by the Associated Dredge while it was working near Arcata, has disappeared. He has never called for the clothing left on board the dredge Jupiter, and all mail, including his terminal leave bonds, has never been called for. Efforts have been made by his family and your business representative to find trace of him. It is feared that he may have met with an accident or foul play. Anyone having any information regarding Frank Price please communicate with your Eureka business representative.

Recently heard from Bro. Roston Dillard through his father-in-law, A. C. Herzog, at Orick. Bro. Dillard is still on the doodlebugs out of Medford, Ore., and wishes to be remembered to the brothers who worked with him at the C. B. & I. Co.

In conclusion, please remember that our next meeting in Eureka will be at the Labor Temple, September 20, at 8 p.m. We hope to have our officers present at that time. We will have the usual refreshments.

BIGGEST CEMENT PLANT IN WORLD HAS DINNER, GIVES ENGINEERS SAFETY AWARDS

By M. G. MURPHY

Representative, Local 3

San Jose—Permanente Cement Company, near Los Gatos (the largest cement plant in the world with an annual capacity of 5,000,000 barrels) honored the members of Operating Engineers at a dinner Sept. 12, 1947, to celebrate their achievement in the field of safe industrial operations, including the winning of one of the nation's most coveted and important safety awards—the Joseph A. Halmes trophy. The trophy was presented to

Quarry Superintendent Bill Knuth, who in turn presented it to Brother Kenney Ryder who accepted it in behalf of the quarry crew. The quarry was operated without a fatality since the beginning of operations in 1939. This also takes into account both the quarry's freedom from fatalities and having no lost-time accidents since August 15, 1942. This record was compiled by an average force of 27 employes handling 6,922,975 tons of material while working 283,200 man-hours. The names of members of Local 3 and others who contributed so greatly to this honorable achievement are: O. H. Zumwalt, foreman; operators, W. Jones, W. Mayfield, K. Ryder, W. Summers, C. Estes, L. Brown, N. Wallinger, D. Duncan, B. Meyers, A. Snider, K. Allen, N. Davis, R. Graves, S. Holden, R. Miller, J. Cabral, T. Conger, W. Fuller, L. Hobbs, C. Jones, R. A. Jones, J. Lane, T. Mezza, J. W. Miller, F. Valenti, F. Valasco, Ben F. Cooksey, Ted Kleparsky, Cal Hogg, Sam Robinson and George Jr. and Sr. Fligel (who are now employed on the Mills Field job). (Incidentally, Brother Leo Dohoney (the old war horse) was our last member to suffer severe injuries). Among the guests at this dinner were J. W. Sharp, project manager, Bill Knuth, quarry superintendent, Lee Hall, plant superintendent, L. R. Flicker, safety engineer, Ted Hoffman, dispatcher and Harry Smith, industrial relations manager. (Oh, yes, I was there, too).

San Jose News

Union Paving still has about \$200,000 worth of work on their Monastery Garden job, which is a sub-division. They are also maintaining a steady force on their Alviso road job.

A. J. Raisch was the lucky bidder on the Stevens Creek job which should get under way soon. They also have been quite busy with their Los Gatos street jobs and the paving on the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz grade. Leo Piazza has also acquired some new street work in this city which, along with their Palo Alto job will keep them busy for sometime. Earl Heple Company is still going strong in and around this locality with over one and a half million dollars worth of work. Most of this work is in the building construction but he does main-

tain about four steady crews on his shovels and truck cranes. J. C. Bateman is still retaining a good sized crew of enigneers on his many projects which run in the neighborhood of \$350,000. A. J. Peters, plumbing and pipe laying contractor, has a nice little job in the city of Sunnyvale, also a Santa Clara county job on White road, besides another ditch job near Palo Alto for the Las Encinas Sanitary District. The sum of this work will total near \$300,000. Ed Keeble is still busy on his Kaiser Community Homes job and his grading job for Dan Caputo on Almaden Road. Brother Harley Davidson (formerly a "Pusher" for Leo Piazza) has just recently decided to do a little contracting himself and is now busy on many little jobs here and there.

Southern Part of District

In regard to the southern part of this district, Granite Construction has six or seven subdivisions in the towns of Salinas, Monterey, Watsonville and Santa Cruz. The manager of the Santa Cruz branch informs me they are running behind in equipment to handle the work in that locality. According to reports, they have close to a million dollars worth of work still ahead of them. Lary Karsted of Watsonville also is going full blast on his work which consists of subdivisions and irrigation work. Aromas Quarry (Granite Rock) is likewise running to capacity.

Rob Roy Junction

The best news that I have received recently, brothers, is in regard to the Rob Roy Junction-Santa Cruz highway job. According to pretty reliable information, this job will be let October 1. Here's hoping the information is correct and that they will get going on this job before too long.

Windy Point Dam

Many of the brothers have asked me about this job. An election will be held on October 7th, which will decide whether or not this dam will be built. As I mentioned in my previous news letter, approximately two and one half million dollars must be raised through a bond issue before this dam can be built. Therefore, brothers, it is to the interest of you and your families to get out on that date and vote.



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Ogden**Fresno Reports Plenty of Jobs, Mucho Caliente**By H. T. PETERSEN
and LYNN MOORE
Representatives, Local 3

Fresno—Lots of work, lots of men and lots of hot weather. The Guy F. Atkinson Co. have moved in to start their overpass job on Monterey Ave. Only a few laborers on this job so far. The Supt. is Kenneth S. Scheyer. The moving of the buildings and right of way is still holding up this job.

Barnes Construction Co. have started on the Veterans' hospital. Slow getting started, so far have only carpenters and laborers. Their job on the Merced air base is just about completed. The Valley Trenching Co. have some of their equipment working for them.

M. J. Ruddy Co. moved their hot plant down from Modesto for their resurfacing job on the Yosemite highway.

H. Earl Parker have about 19 rigs on the Dry Creek reservoir working two shifts. With the extra work they have been given they should be working up until the first of the year.

Get Pine Flat Job

Piombo Bros. were the low bidders on the North bypass road at Pine Flat. This has a time limit of 120 working days, 6 miles in length, at a cost of about \$211,000. They are about finished with the road on the south side and will work stripping the south abutment. Many of the members are under the impression that the Pine Flat Dam proper is ready to start, THIS IS NOT SO, this is still in the rumor stage.

Arizona-Nevada Constructors are now moving their trimmer to the lower section of the canal job and the slip form is following.

Morrison, Knudsen & Hasler progressing on the pouring of concrete on their siphons.

George Patterson has about 14 cats working on the back fill on the M & K job. John Owens is the superintendent.

Peter Kiewit Co. still going along steadily on their part of the canal.

A Teichert & Co. have about completed the grading on their Reed avenue highway job, no surfacing as yet.

Macco Starts Flume

Macco Construction Co. have started their 31,000 ft. flume job at Three Rivers. They have five engineers on this job. They are building pioneer roads for the carpenters in order that they can get to the site to build the flume. Hudkins is the superintendent.

Gunner Co. about finished on their highway 99 job north of Merced. Finished their Elm Avenue resurfacing job and have just started resurfacing highway job at Woodville. They still have the black top to put on their highway 99 job south of Fresno.

There is a new Farmers' Market to be erected in the city of Fresno at an appropriate cost of \$260,000. Harris Construction Company were the low bidders on this project.

At the time of this news report going to press Brother H. T. Petersen is occupying a room in one of our hospitals in the city of Fresno—a victim of malaria. Here's hoping for a speedy recovery.

The Humor Side

In Fresno we have really ambitious men. We have a member that is so ambitious he will work without being on the payroll.

It seems that one of the brothers proceeded to go out on his own hook on Sunday with the gal friend and do a little work. He set the gal friend up on the cat and proceeded to start it. Having done so he then began knocking a farmer's trees down in an orchard. The funny part of it is the brother was not on the owner's payroll. To top this off, the same brother the next morning, went back out to the job and proceeded to supervise the project. He still was not on the payroll so one of the skimmers ran him off. Of course, the crank the skinner had in his hand had nothing to do with this ambitious brother's sudden departure.

Next Dist. Fresno meeting is

NEVADA HIGHWAY JOBS KEEP MEMBERS BUSY—DODGE GETS AWARD FOR DUNPHY STRETCHBy H. L. "CURLEY" SPENCE
Representative, Local 3

Reno—A. Tiechert & Son's road job at Susanville, California, is off to a good start, with Brother Jerry Cuneo in charge of the grade. He has a fine crew of Engineers working for him. Lots of luck to you and your crew, Jerry, for I think you will need it while working in those rocks.

Frederickson & Kasler's job at Herlong, Calif., covering igloos is getting near the finish line. Bro. W. J. Dill, the superintendent, tells me they will be finished soon unless the government gets another appropriation for this project.

Tony Syra has started his job on the old road between Truckee, Calif., and Kings Beach, Calif.

Dodge Gets Another

Dodge Construction Co. was awarded another job on Highway 40, ten miles east of Dunphy, Nev. They are starting to lay hot stuff on their job east of Battle Mountain, Nev. Vern Wilson, the superintendent for Dodge, moved his crew of engineers up to the Wells, Nev., job on Highway 40. Dodge's other job at Baker, Nev., is com-

ing along very nicely with Bro. Bud Jacobson on the push cat and Bros. Jay Underwood and Mike Manco on the blades. That Baker job bunch is O. K. from any point of view.

The Silver States Construction Co., better known as Andy Drumm, whose job is east of Elko, have most of their heavy grading done and are ready to start laying hot stuff. Andy has really been going to town on this job.

Strong Company's two jobs at Dunphy, Nev., are going along O. K. They have finished laying hot stuff on the small job and haven't too much left to do on the other one. They will be finished in the near future.

George Miller has a sewer job in Battle Mountain, Nev.; also a number of jobs around Reno.

Isbell Construction Co. laid off one shovel and one blade on their Kimberly stripping job. Maybe they are getting near the finish of the big job. Isbell is beautifying some of the alleys and streets of the "Biggest Little City in the World"—Reno, Nev.

Powers & DeLagrange are doing the sewer and water mains on Isbell's street work.

Bro. Lloyd Benson has gone into the service station business. He has the Richfield Service Station at the junction of Highway 395 and Highway 50 in Carson City, Nev. Any time you dear brothers are down that way, stop in, and Bro. Benson will give you some wonderful service. I know, for I was there, Charley.

Bro. Jack Monroe returned to Reno from his job on Guam, and bought himself a spot on Mt. Rose Road, just off of the Carson City highway.

Bro. Kenneth Carpenter had a bit of bad luck; some one broke into his place of business in Verdi, Nev., and robbed his slot machines.

Bro. W. E. Brewster was in town from his lime pit out at Pyramid Lake and he expects to start shipping lime some day soon.

Bro. Verne Snyder was in the Reno office and he tells me the lime or fertilizer business is picking up.

Bro. Willard (Bill) Frye was in the Reno office and is very anxious to get back to work. He has been laid up since July 5 with a broken arm. His arm is still in a cast and it will be some time before he can return to work. However, he has been feeding a couple of big bucks around his trailer house—he says the 15th is the day. Good luck, Bill!

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Have a Heart, Mr. Taft, Mr. Hartley, Just Have a Heart!

CHICAGO—Topping labor's hit parade is a new song introduced at the giant Chicago Labor Day rally, entitled "Have a Heart, Taft-Hartley, Have a Heart."

Written by Jack Lawrence, the satiric song goes like this:

Have a heart, Taft-Hartley, have a heart,
You can't put the workin' hoss behind the cart.
Where's your lawful ammunition when the miner goes out fishin'?
Pass a bill to make him dig if you're so smart.

It's no joke, Taft-Hartley, it's no joke,
Because you're dealin' with a democratic folk.
Maybe you're settin' gloatin',
But when labor starts a-votin',
Then your fancy bill will all go up in smoke!

Just Look Again

No, you're not seeing double, though you're probably dazzled by luscious Molly Brady of Bayonne, N.J. She's merely displaying her talents in front of a huge pin-up of herself after winning the title, Miss Pin-Up. (Federated Pictures)

UNION PAY-OFF

\$22.00 That's the difference in wages between a highly unionized and an unorganized industry.

Latest figures show that the average weekly wage in well-organized industries is around \$49. In fields where labor organizations have scarcely made a dent, the average weekly wage is about \$27.

In the partially organized industries the average weekly wage amounts to \$31.

Of course, this is not the whole story. Vacations with pay, sick benefits, job protection, economic freedom and a dozen other moral and social benefits go hand in hand with good labor organization. But speaking strictly in bread and butter terms, unions pay off.

September 24, at 8 p.m., at 1035 Broadway, Fresno.

D. SWANSON, Dispatcher.

News from the San Francisco office

By P. E. Vandewark, Pat Clancy and Chet Elliott, Business Representatives, Local 3

San Francisco—Construction work in the San Francisco area has been moving fast since the last report. There are very few brothers registered on the out-of-work list at the present time due to the many small jobs as well as the few large jobs that are in progress, plus some foreign work which still seems acceptable to some of the brothers.

At Hunters Point, Ben C. Gerwick job is now in full swing with seven pile driving rigs in operation, plus a larger number of heavy duty repairmen and welders also being kept busy.

Construction Aggregates Corporation are back with their boat the "Sand Craft" busy pumping sand into cellular piers as fast as Gerwick can drive piling in place. This sand operation is being performed on a three-shift basis.

J. I. Barnes Company has two building jobs in operation with compressors and material hoists being used.

Start Substation

Stone and Webster are just getting a good start on their P. G. & E. substation job near Hunters Point. This job is a single shift operation at the present time but undoubtedly will go on a shift basis as soon as the heavy concrete pours are encountered.

Western Pipe and Steel are busy on the same erecting large steel storage tanks.

Chicago Bridge and Iron Company have the topping out on large steel tanks being erected by Western Pipe, who are in the process of moving their equipment in on the project.

Healy-Tibbetts have a few rigs in operation on their Island Creek sewer outfall job in quay walls.

Charles Harney Company is busy removing the old pavement preparatory to regrading and surfacing Alemany Boulevard from Bay Shore to Mission Viaduct.

Standard Building Company still have all of their cats in operation developing more real estate for additional homes in the Sunset district, and are also busy preparing trucks, cats, etc.

Big Building Jobs

Dinwiddie Construction Company are still busy on two large building jobs for O'Connor & Moffat and I Magnin & Company. These jobs are operating seven days per week because the owners of the buildings are anxious to occupy their new quarters. Several hoists and compressors are in operation on both of the buildings.

Cahill Brothers have about completed their building job of the Furniture Mart Annex, at 9th and Market streets, San Francisco.

Monson Brothers have material hoists and compressors in operation on the new telephone building on Coppin street.

Erbrant & Summers have aerrick drill hoist compressor in operation on their telephone building job at 23rd and Capp streets.

M & K Corporation have just started on their large 6' pipe line for the City of San Francisco. This is a large job, will last several months and several rigs will be in operation.

Eaton & Smith have several small street paving jobs and also some railroad work along the Embarcadero which is keeping a few of the brothers occupied.

Uncanson & Harrelson have about completed their Mission Rock job. A connecting link yet remains to be driven which will require only a short period of time to complete.

George Reed Company is busy on the telephone building at Bush and Market streets with material hoists still in operation.

Ship repair work along the waterfront is down to a minimum at the present time with the work at the United Engineering practically at a standstill and very little work going on at Bethlehem or General Engineering—P. E. VANDEWARK.

Work Holding Up

Work in the San Francisco area has been holding up well with practically no men idle.

Since our last News Report I have done considerable traveling through our jurisdiction and found lots of activity in Del Norte and

Humboldt counties. I spent some time in the Sacramento area and attended meetings at Fresno. Also spent some time in the San Jose and Monterey area—the report is that work throughout the area seems to be booming and all offices report no idle members.—PAT CLANCY.

Peninsula District

During the past month since the last issue of The Engineer News, many new projects have been started in this area presenting new opportunities for members of Local No. 3.

The Metropolitan Construction Company is well under way with their job on the Stone Dam Queduct. On a visit to the scene of operations, your representative contacted Brother Smith, Tremble McNamara and others who reported everything in good order.

At Wadell Creek, the Eaton & Smith Company is processing as well as can be expected on a highway construction job with about eighteen or twenty members employed on the project.

The Pacific Pipe Line & Equipment Company have twenty miles of 16-inch to 24-inch pipe line to lay for the Pacific Gas & Electric Company extending from Palo Alto to Millbrae furnishing employment for quite a number of engineers.

This office has just received information from Henry Glacken, Project Manager for the Guy F. Atkinson Company that they will begin operations on the Bay Shore Freeway job at South San Francisco in about ten days. This will consist of both grading and paving work.

The Macco Construction Company have been awarded the contract from the Pacific Gas & Electric Company to install three miles of 16-inch gas pipe around the San Francisco airport extending from the vicinity of Millbrae to South San Francisco.

At Colma, the Henry Doelger Company and the Stoveson Company are still busy with huge real estate development projects and are constantly adding to their respective fleets of cats and tounapulls.

The Peter Sorenson and Oser Company are going along very well with their job on Bayshore Freeway; also Carrico and Gautier, who employ many of our worthy brothers.

All the local contractors are busily engaged on street work and housing projects, including L. C. Smith, Ben Blair, Weber & McCann and many others.

As far as this individual can see at the present moment, it is the general consensus of opinion of the Operating Engineers in this district that everybody is happy!—CHET ELLIOTT.

News of Brothers

Affable Slim Allen, current world traveler recently from the Philippines, Mexico Canada and other points, called in and said: "Give me one of them thar travelers, I'm going to Florida, New York and then make that damn job in Montana." We expect to hear from him in a couple of weeks.

Roy Carpenter of the Atkinson-Jones Construction Co., Okinawa, called in and informed us that he was home to stay!!! Rumors of a redhead having something to do with his decision. Piggy-back riders take note.

Henry Curb at the window extolling the virtues of Blue Springs and muscatel, also sporting a swollen left hand, complaining that the hospitality of Sacramento only cost \$25 and a long run after "doing what comes naturally."

Sam Moore called in for relief for a short time to take his place with Tom Harney, stating he was going to go to Idaho and didn't

know "if he was ever going to come back." But we are looking for you, Sam.

Lee Guild making it a double for Idaho this month, buying a cattle ranch in the northern part of the state and arriving there just in time for the snow.

Donald Keister goes from cat-skinning to roadhouse and cabins in Pulaski, Virginia, where his folks reside. Strange people, these engineers, and their change of occupations.

Engineers coming home to roost for a short or long time include Phil Shea, the "Okinawa Flash"; Howard Dougherty, ace cat skinner; Bill Windham, blade operator now with Eaton & Smith; Thomas Olives, a fugitive from an oiler job; Bill Lake, from Guam; Bill Clark, superintendent for M&K on Guam, home for a stay in Reno, and slated for another hitch on the Island. Maurice Grimm back from Alaska regretting that he could not stay on account of illness but working for Ed Samario again.

Leaving the Coast for all parts of the world, we find Johnny Tomlinson going back to Guam with a new member of overseas service in construction, Don Shireman, slated for the same area.

Alaska still tops the list for brothers leaving the fold, with Garfield O. Walla (formerly of Guam), Harold Wiffin, Jimmie Page, mechanics Claude Powers, Stanley Sives, Richard Whitnall, Marvin J. Park and O. D. Charlesworth shivering in the Far North while the home fires warm the lads in the States.

Everett Carlson and Guy Walgrave picked up transfers to Local 701, Portland, going with the Hydraulic Dredging for a job up there. Frank Ellis decided the grass is greener around Roseburg, Ore., for catskinners.

Walter O'Brien picked up a withdrawal to go as a deck engineer for the Matson Company—the briny deep calling loudly again.

Clinton Webster, son of pile driver Webster, Sr., deposited his service withdrawal and requested employment, which was readily supplied him in accordance with the policy of Local No. 3 to get all service members back to work immediately after discharge.

Injuries plagued several members this month, with Herbert Boland limping in on a broken foot. Bert is employed by Macco-M&K as welder foreman. Timothy Quinn was confined to the French Hospital with a foot broken in three places; last report doing satisfactorily.

F-e-e-t, Feet, F-e-e-t—Hubert Loftis with two broken toes on his right foot, and Mark Guilfoyle having his ankles broken over again.

A Mission Street jitney having nothing better to do (aside from carrying passengers) ran into a safety zone, knocking down Robert Holliday, breaking his wrist joint which will cause him to be laid up for six months.

The trite slogan, "when it rains, it pours," can readily be affirmed by Bro. Joe Atkin. For some six months he suffered with a broken hip in addition to the anxiety on the arrival of a new member in the family and after finally returning to work for a short period on a good job, old bad luck arrived again in the form of a rock that fell out of the shovel bucket, breaking his collarbone with serious injury to his shoulder and other parts, thereby confining him to another long siege of hospital and home. Chin up, Joe, we say!

Falling off a four-foot scaffolding oiler Geo. Zimmerman for Nick Ratkovitch up in Grass Valley with shovel runner Joe Morgenthaler, broke his left arm while helping his neighbor paint his house. 'Tis said sometimes "charity begins in good faith, ending in bad luck."

A. A. Canera was ill for a short period but now is registered on the list as ready for work.

George Ricci left for Columbus, Ohio, for a stay as long as his ill father needs him. A short stay, we hope.

Blood donors for the month were Charles Lanovette, M. K. Haugh, Guy Meyers, Ray Clifford, and Robert Gilroy, for which two of our members, Art Whitlock and Louie Chamberlain, send their sincere thanks.

Incidentally, two of the five are not members of Local 3. Here's double thank you to them.

A. C. Mead wrote from Alaska that all was well on a good job; fair food and long hours of employment . . . a report we like to hear.

Eric Carlyle, home from Mindanao for California Packing Corp., completed his contract and is slated for another overseas job

THE BANQUET MYSTERY

A young lady attended an important dinner party, although she was suffering from a miserable cold. To be on the safe side, before leaving home she tucked two handkerchiefs into the bosom of her gown. At dinner she began rummaging to right and left in her bosom, looking for a fresh hankie. So engrossed was she that she failed to notice how all dinner conversation had stopped and all eyes had turned in fascination to watch her quest. Suddenly realization came to her and, looking up, she said in confusion:

"But I know I had two when I came."

Atkinson ready to go on another million-dollar chunk of the huge Bayshore Freeway project, north limits of South San Francisco.

Bro. Bill Frye of Reno busted his arm but it will be well enough for deer season opening, and he has a couple of big bucks staked out near his trailer house.

but hasn't made up his mind where to go after a vacation with his family. He reported conditions and living there were good, with cooperation from the Filipinos excellent. Black market operations are running rampant there, as in other parts of the world, and there is plenty of the usual cock-fighting, which is against the law in the U.S.

SPORTING PROPOSITION

The clever, cagey boxer, who knew practically every trick of the game, finally met his match.

In the third round, he found himself on his back, listening to the referee count over him.

"One," roared the referee, "two — three — four — five — six — seven —"

The fighter on the canvas reached up and grabbed the referee's wrist.

"I'm a little hard of hearing," he interrupted. "Would you mind repeating that?"

Crescent City will be a boom town by next spring due to great increase in production of lumber, Local 3's Eureka office predicts. Tourist travel to the area has increased greatly, necessitating much highway work.

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Daily report of awards for construction

Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to San Francisco Water Dept., \$3,315, for laying 6x8 mains in San Bruno Ave. and Goettingen and Dublin Sts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to A. S. Dura, \$17,450, for dredging channel, installing south drainage gates at San Francisco Airport.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to J. H. Pomeroy & Co., \$546,322, for construction of superstructure for overhead structure over tracks of S. P. RR. at Fruitvale Ave. in Oakland.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Geo. E. France, \$65,247, for surfacing on Howe Ave. between Arden Way and State Hwy., Sacramento County.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., \$111,182, for 5.1 miles grading, between Rt. 89 and 1 mile west of Lowe Lake, Lake County.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., S.F., \$3,889, for asphalt conc. surf. Tunnel Ave. between Blaken Ave. and south termination.

GILROY, Calif., awarded to Granite Const. Co., Watsonville, \$13,684, for construction concrete curbs and gutters in Carmel, Princesville, Eggelberry and Forest, 3rd, 6th and 9th Sts.

OAKLAND, Calif., contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., Oakland, \$35,545, for installing 4", 6" and 8" cast iron water mains in Alameda County, under L. S. No. 393.

SAN JOSE, Calif., contracts awarded for construction bridges and culverts in: (1) Mountain View-Stevens Creek road, reinf. conc. bridge over Stevens Creek in Supervisor Dist. 5, Santa Clara County, to Dan Caputo, San Jose, \$19,994, est. cost \$14,200.

(2) San Bruno Ave., reinf. conc. culvert, Dist. 1, Santa Clara County, to Geo. Benz, Gilroy, \$5,190.

(3) Guadalupe Creek, reinf. conc. bridge and widen reinf. conc. culvert over Canons Creek, Santa Clara County, to Dan Caputo, San Jose, \$82,725, estimated cost \$98,900.

(4) Allendale Ave., two reinf. conc. culverts between San Tomas Aquino road and Harriette Ave., San Clara County, to Dan Caputo, San Jose, \$5,200, estimated cost \$6,850.

FAIRFIELD, Calif., contract awarded to Fredrickson Bros., Oakland, \$14,864, for 2.8 miles plantmix surf. Rd. No. 67, from 3.5 miles NW of Vacaville.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, \$19,485, for grading surf., etc., in Malaga Terrace.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to McGilivray Const. Co., Sacramento, \$109,586., for grading, drain and surf. Meadow Lane Park Subdivision.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Clyde W. Wood, Inc., Hollywood, \$24,345, for 4.974 miles surf. 10 miles, Hume, Sequoia National Park.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to J. M. Susion, Springville, \$141,887, for 25.817 miles surf. between Nephi and Leamington.

PITTSBURGH, Calif., contract awarded to Jones & Day, Inc., St. Helena, \$46,745 (subject to approval of Calif. Div. of Hwys.) for widening Tenth St. between Railroad and Montezuma.

SALINAS, Calif., contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Watsonville, \$35,610, for const. of the Romie Lane District outfall sewer.

MERCED, Calif., contract awarded to Nelson Materials Co., Merced, \$14,242, for grading and surf. access road to Admin. Bldg. and surf. turning apron at Merced Municipal Airport.

RENO, Nev., contract awarded to I. Christianson, Reno, \$65,919, for const. curbs and gutters, curb and gutter returns, sidewalks at returns, alley approaches and grading and paving alleys in City of Reno.

RENO, Nev., contract awarded to Isbell Construction Co., Reno, \$117,344, for 1947 street paving program.

SAN MATEO, Calif., contract awarded to F. W. Smith, Belmont, \$11,168, for resurfacing Poplar Ave. from El Camino Real to Occidental Ave.; Occidental Ave. from Poplar Ave. to Barriohat Ave.; Barriohat Ave. from Occidental Ave. to El Camino Real.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Fred T. Fairey, San Francisco, \$5,974, for laying 12" mains in Bella Vista Way between Avoca Alley and Molino Drive, under W. D. Contract 458.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to H. C. Reid, San Francisco, \$11,750, for street lighting system, Clipper St. extension.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Adam Aras & Son, San Francisco, \$13,625, for const. pits at Mariposa Yard, under Municipal Railway Cont. 285.

EUREKA, Calif., contract awarded to C. E. Johnson, Eureka, \$7,116, for const. reinf. conc. bridge over Russ Creek near Ferndale, Humboldt County.

EUREKA, Calif., contract awarded to C. E. Johnson, Eureka, \$30,280, for const. reinf. conc. arch over Salmon Creek near Miranda in Road Dist. II, Humboldt City.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Co., South San Francisco, \$962,631, for 2.1 miles grade and conc. pavement, asphalt conc. and plantmix surf. on crusher run base and const. steel stringer highway overcrossing and reinf. conc. pedestrian overcrossing between N. city limits of South S. F. and 0.35 mile south of Colma Creek.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson, Oakland, \$99,712, for 1.1 miles grade and roadmix surf. at Baxter Creek, 2 miles north of Jamesville, Lassen County.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson Co., Inc., San Jose, \$527,522, for const. superstructure for overhead crossing over tracks of S. P. Co., at Salsipuedes St., Santa Barbara.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Wellnitz & DeNarde, San Francisco, \$32,514, for general const. of additional play yard area, Commodore Stockton School, under Job 632.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Madonna Const. Co., San Luis Obispo, \$14,480, for const. struc. steel bridge with timber deck across Big Sur River, Pfeiffer-Big Sur State Park, Monterey County.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to J. R. Reeves, Sacramento, \$76,938, for grade, drain, surf., South Land Park Terrace, Sacramento County.

MODESTO, Calif., contract awarded for Carver Road, 3.75 miles graded min. aggr., liq. asph., to Munn & Parkins, Modesto, \$15,996.

Claribel Road, west, 2 miles to Munn

& Perkins, Modesto, \$8,359.
Don Pedro Road, 2.25 miles to Standard Materials Co., Modesto, \$12,956.
Paradise and Shiloh Roads, 4.66 miles, to Frank E. Marks & Sons, Newman, \$20,391.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to L. G. Lentz, Sacramento, \$2,207, for conc. paving, etc., alley between X and Broadway and between 13th and 14th Sts., Sacramento.

CALISTOGA, Calif., contract awarded to Stanley H. Kaller, Crockett, \$48,643, for raising earthen Kimball Dam ten feet on Kimball Creek, Mount St. Helena.

PLEASANTON, Calif., contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Watsonville, \$23,149, for plantmix surf. portions of Pleasanton, Ross and Bernal Aves. in Pleasanton, Alameda County.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Pacific Pipeline & Engrs. Ltd., El Cerrito, for const. 10 miles 24" high pressure gas pipeline in Contra Costa County south of Antioch.

VISALIA, Calif., contracts awarded: (A) Two reinf. conc. bridges 5 miles SE of Visalia across Tulare Irrigation Dist. Canal, to Trewhitt, Shields & Fisher, Fresno, \$21,716.

(B) Three reinf. conc. bridges 6 miles SE of Earlimart on White River, to F. Fredenburg, Temple City, \$27,880.

OAKLAND, Calif., contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, Oakland, \$12,658, for const. sanitary sewers in Mountain Blvd., Sims Drive, etc.

OAKLAND, Calif., contract awarded to Healey-Moore Co., Oakland, \$6,623, for asph. conc. surf. on 35th Ave., between Victor and Jordan Road.

STOCKTON, Calif., contract officially awarded to M. J. B. Const. Co., Stockton, \$10,580, for asph. conc. surf. on Center St. between Minor Ave. and Oak.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Arthur B. Stri, Santa Rosa, \$13,475, for furn. and stockpile mineral aggregate 0.5 mile east of junction Rt. 56 and County Road to Annapolis, Sonoma County.

STOCKTON, Calif., contract officially awarded to Stockton Construction Co., Stockton, \$193,636, for construction a sewer trunk line in Charter Way from south sewage treatment plant to Edison St. and in Edison St. from Charter Way to Scotts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, San Francisco, \$40,278, for const. conc. park lane, conc. walk, etc., Powell St. from California St. to Broadway.

SANTA ROSA, Calif., contract awarded to Robert M. Rapp Co., Santa Rosa, \$3,115, for construction of a 10" and 8" sewer main on Montgomery Drive from Doyle Park Drive to Alderbrook Drive.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Chas. Cunningham, Oakland, \$23,889, for const. timber frame camp house at Lake Eleanor, Tuolumne County.

SAN BRUNO, Calif., contract awarded (subject to Calif. Div. of Hwys. approval) to Union Paving Co., San Francisco, \$29,646, for widening San Bruno Ave. East, between Bayshore Freeway and San Mateo Ave.

LODI, Calif., contract awarded to E. F. Hilliard, Sacramento, \$6323, for 2.04 miles resurf. streets and 1.3 miles resurf. alleys in Lodi.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to F. Gunnar Gramaiki, Pasadena, \$15,775, for 6.4 miles const. curbs between quarter mile south of Fowler and Calwa overpass.

OAKLAND, Calif., contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, Oakland, \$89,092 (comb. schedules 1 and 3), for installing 8,700 lineal feet 36" cement mortar lined and coated steel pipe in Moraga Aqueduct, Contra Costa County, Spec. 76.

SANTA ROSA, Calif., contract awarded to John C. Spalletta, Santa Rosa, \$20,718, for asph. conc. surf. etc., on College Ave.

OGDEN, Utah, contract awarded to Morrin & Son, Ogden, \$126,050, for const. Naval Reserve Armory at Ogden.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., Sacramento, \$123,434, for grade, surface, etc., Meister Terrace, unit No. 2.

STOCKTON, Calif., contract awarded to S. M. McGaw, Stockton, \$26,023, for 4.5 miles plantmix surf. on Roberts Island Road from Rt. 4 southerly.

HOLLISTER, Calif., contract awarded to Geo. C. Renz, Gilroy, \$5,879, for realign Miller crossing.

HOLLISTER, Calif., contract awarded to Wm. Radtke, Gilroy, \$5,250, for extend Lovers Lane Bridge across Pacheco Creek.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., Sacramento, \$27,283, for grade, surf., etc., N St. between 58th to east line of Smith Tract 3.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., Sacramento, \$1,351, for grade, surf., etc., F St. between 41st and 42nd.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Nevada Constructors, Inc., Reno, \$54,582, for 3.4 miles grade and apply pen. tract, near Coleville, Lane D and E, in Mono County.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Paving Co., San Jose, \$182,646, for 3.5 miles grade and plantmix surf. and widen bridges on San Jose-Stevens Creek Road, between Saratoga Ave. and Cupertino, Santa Clara County.

NAPA, Calif., contract awarded to Geo. Slinsen Const. Co., Napa, \$135,653, for const. 30-million gal. conc. lined reservoir.

ANTIOCH, Calif., contract awarded to Haas & Rothchild, San Francisco, \$503,840, for construction of a water treatment plant.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to R. Flatland, San Francisco, \$10,845, for const. street lighting system on Powell St. between California and Broadway under BLH&P Cont. 56.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to M. J. Lynch, San Francisco, \$4,178, for asph. conc. pavement, etc., Revere Ave., between Industrial and Selby Streets.

EUREKA, Calif., contract awarded to C. E. Johnson, Eureka, \$3,750, for rep. members of three steel truss highway bridges, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties across Eel River, Yager Creek and Smith River.

REDDING, Calif., contract awarded to J. H. Mohr, Inc., \$10,344, for cleaning and painting steel bridge railings across Sacramento River at Redding and across Pit River, 15 miles north of Redding.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to W. E. Thomas, Sacramento, \$16,397, for const. Oak Grove-Florin bridge.

SALINAS, Calif., contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., Monterey, \$11,860, for const. East Market St. sanitary sewer.

SALINAS, Calif., contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., Monterey, \$5,526, for const. Iverson St. vitrified sewers.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to California Constructors,

Inc., Burlingame, \$84,618, for surf. streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters, storm and sanitary sewers and appurtenances in Rancho Buri Buri No. 2, under Int. 1233.

HAYWARD, Calif., contract awarded to T. R. Bechtel, Oakland, \$27,042, for sewer work in Hayward Heights district.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to O'Conner Bros. Red Bluff, \$24,700, for construct. 14.667 miles Project Calif. F. D. 2N13-A1, B1, C1, Tule Creek-Butter Creek, Trinity National Forest.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to J. P. Breen, Sacramento, \$6,342, for 12.8 miles bituminous treatment, Greenville-Flourney Bridge road, Plumas National Forest.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Blake & Calloway, Walnut Creek, \$13,930 for const. one house and one 2-car garage at Tahoe Camp Ground, State Park, Placer County.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Mitchell Diamond Drill Co., San Francisco, \$5,90-ft. for making diamond drill core borings in conc. foundations of Ferry Bldg.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, San Francisco, \$7,721, for surfacing Diamond St., 28th and Valley.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., San Francisco, \$3,935, for surfacing 43rd to 44th St., Wawona and Sloat Sts.

TREASURE ISLAND, Calif., contract awarded to Cleveland Wrecking Co., San Francisco, \$74,901, for demolition of 1939 Fair Bldg.

WATSONVILLE, Calif., contract awarded to M. S. Bernardo, Watsonville, \$24,157, for constructing horse barn at the 14th Agricultural District, Watsonville.

MODESTO, Calif., contract awarded for: (1) 4.77 miles roadmix surf. Kaufman and Claribel East Road to Munn & Parkins, Modesto, \$20,188.

(2) 3.00 ft. roadmix surf., Knights Ferry-Main St., to Standard Materials Co., Modesto, \$3,634.

(3) 7.36 miles roadmix surf., Shiloh, Grayson and Howard Roads, to M. J. Ruddy, Modesto, \$32,961.

MODESTO, Calif., contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy, Modesto, \$24,500, for 6.21 miles plantmix surf., Whitmore Ave.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to E. G. Perham, Los Angeles, \$41,909, for const. 2 reinf. conc. slab bridges across Helm and Colony Canals, between 2 and 6 miles north of Firebaugh.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Sacramento, \$17,890, for armor top surf. on Kent, Bradshaw Rd., Eastern Ave., Silver Eagle Rd., 8th St., Rio Linda Ave. and Road Ave.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, \$49,996, for grad. drain, Hollywood Park.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, \$36,856, for surf. Andrus Island River Rd. and Golden St. Cannery Rd.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to L. G. Lentz, Sacramento, \$4,520, for sealcoating Christenson Rd.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to McGilivray Const. Co., Sacramento, \$17,821, for grade, surf., drain, etc., in Elmhurst Court, unit No. 2.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, \$1,059, for grade, asph. conc. surf., etc., alley between Capitol Ave. and N St., and 19th St. and 160 ft. easterly.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to San Francisco Bridge Co., San Francisco, \$270,100, for 0.6 miles const. sand fill in City of Oakland at S. F. Bay bridge toll plaza.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., San Francisco, \$211,219, for const. Pine Flat detour road, Pine Flat damsite, Spec. 1282.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., San Francisco, \$171,215, for const. Sutter-Butte Canal headgate on west levee Feather River, under Spec. 1259.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, San Francisco, \$45,980, for inst. storm sewer lines at 1A Dist. Agricultural Assn., San Mateo County.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., Sacramento, \$118,175, for lay sewer pipe, Sanitary Dist. No. 1, Freepport Blvd., Sacramento Blvd., 44th St. and two lines in Colonial Heights.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., contracts awarded: (1) Siskiyou, Trinity and Mendocino Counties, to J. H. Mohr, Inc., San Francisco, \$20,941, clean and paint four bridges across Salmon, Trinity, S. Fork Eel and Greenwood Creek.

(2) Yuba County, to H. Earl Parker, Marysville, \$96,515, for 1.2 miles grade, etc., and const. two reinf. conc. slab bridges, Ostrom Rd. between Plumas School and FAS No. 922.

RICHMOND, Calif., contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, San Pablo, \$18,526, for grading, surf., etc., Pullman Ave. between 21st and 23rd Sts.

BERKELEY, Calif., contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, Berkeley, \$5,082, for const. conc. retaining wall at LeRoy Ave. and Rose Street.

SAN JOSE, Calif., contract awarded to Wm. Radtke & Son, Gilroy, \$67,720, for reinf. conc. bridge on Thomas Rd. over Carnadero Creek, in Supervisor District 1.

AUBURN, Calif., contract awarded to Robert E. Griffin, Richmond, \$39,800, for erection of the Veterans Memorial Bldg. at Foresthill.

BERKELEY, Calif., contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, San Pablo, \$21,012, for asph. conc. surf. on Santa Fe Ave. between Page St. and north city limits.

BERKELEY, Calif., contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, San Pablo, \$34,319, for A. C. surf. on Alameda St. between Solano Ave. and Thousand Oaks Blvd.

BERKELEY, Calif., contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, San Pablo, \$6,480, for asph. conc., repairs, to Cornell Ave. between Hopkins and Page Streets.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to Parson & Fife Construction Co., Brigham City, \$183,541, for const. 9.271 miles 3" plantmix bituminous surfaced road, U. S. 91, between Box Elder County line and Wellsville.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to Whiting & Raymond, Springville, \$118,153, for 7.47 miles 2" roadmix bit. surface road and const. timber bridge over 20' span in Box Elder County, sec. S.R. 81 and 154, between Fielding and E. Garland, Fed. Aid. Sec. Proj. S-249(1), S-250(1) and St. Proj. MS-249(1).

Venus de Milo must have been an ideal wife. She had no hands to go through her husband's pockets.

WAGE-EARNER GETS LICKING AS CONSUMER, SAYS REPORT OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—In a recent issue of the News Letter, a summary was made of the first part of the "Survey of Consumer Finances," issued by the Federal Reserve Board, in which special emphasis was placed on the decline of liquid assets of the wage earners in this country. The Federal Reserve Board has just issued the second part of this study, in which it discusses the characteristics of the holders of liquid assets.

The study points out that professional and business people held relatively large amounts, on the average, and that few people falling into these groups had no liquid assets. On the other hand, clerical and sales personnel had moderate amounts of liquid assets, the majority holding less than \$1,000. In the latter group, there were relatively few who held either very large amounts or no liquid assets at all.

MANY WITH NOTHING

Among the unskilled workers, there was a sizable group that held no liquid assets and the possession of large amounts was very uncommon.

The report draws a common place conclusion in interpreting these findings when it says: "Most professional people and self-employed business men and managerial groups have higher incomes than skilled and unskilled workers, and therefore may well be expected to have more accumulated wealth in liquid form."

CHANGES IN INCOME

Another part of this study is devoted to changes in income during 1946. The study points out that there was an over-all increase in total money income during 1946, so that 60 percent of all consumer spending units received annual incomes of \$2,000 or more, as compared with 53 percent in 1945. The shift of consumers toward higher

income levels was particularly marked in such occupational groups as professional persons, managerial groups and self-employed business men, clerical and sales personnel and farm operators.

The report points out further that there was no significant change in the income levels of skilled, sem-skilled and unskilled workers. The latter finding is made despite the fact that "it is known that basic hourly wage rates for many of these workers were higher in 1946 than the year before, but on the average, the amounts of total income remained about the same."

The latter conclusion is of special significance. Despite all of the talk of higher wages and high labor costs, the annual income of the American workers has remained at a fairly constant level in the last year. As is generally known, the cost of living has gone up during this period and, consequently, the real wages of American workers declined.

It is hoped that the Federal Reserve Board, in one of its future studies, will examine this situation and report on the ability of American workers to purchase the goods of American industry. This is a vital problem which must be of concern to every individual and every agency interested in the economic well-being of this country.

Labor Day Speakers Tell Vital Need of Labor Action at Polls

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membership to set this as their goal and to work for it with every resource at our command."

Meany Blasts Tories

In a fiery radio blast at reaction, AFL Secretary George Meany asserted that the Republican leadership in Congress has demonstrated beyond any question that it is the "mouth-piece and political instrument of big business. Although saying that the AFL would "respect" the Taft-Hartley act as the law of the land, it would not bow to the bill's ban on supporting political candidates in union papers.

'Solid Front' Urged

Declared John F. Shelley, President of the State Federation of Labor, before a crowd of 10,000 at the San Francisco civic auditorium: "I hope this turnout tonight is one of many sparks across the U.S. that will start a great fire of resentment against those men who prostituted their public office for big business and a program of monopoly over money and human beings.

"We grew soft through the protection of the late, great FDR, and allowed this wave of reactionary monopolists to take over Congress. There is but one answer, and that is a solidly united labor vote in 1948 and a return to honest representation in our legislative halls."

Although speakers generally took a healthy poke at the Republican record of reaction, American voters were reminded that plenty of Democratic congressmen tagged along to do the bidding of the anti-union monopolists. And at the big San Francisco demonstration at the civic auditorium one Republican—Senator Wayne Morse of Oregon—made his stand quite clear. He said: "The Taft-Hartley law must be repealed—lock, stock and barrel!"

Morse minced no words in describing the present legislative situation:

"It is the beginning of economic dictatorship by monopoly corporations and the start of class-conscious war in America. It promotes big government and big business under the plan to make you the servants rather than the masters of the state. Never forget, you are the government of the United States!"

"This law will bring class-conscious conflict in America. I hope Labor will not adopt blind partisan politics but will join with the independent voters of this country in demanding that a progressive policy must predominate the platforms of 1948 . . . I leave this challenge with you — that in November, 1948, you will keep the faith!"

Appeal from Havenner

At the same San Francisco mass Labor Day rally, labor-supported Congressman Franck C. Havenner made a rousing appeal to unionists and Americans generally to exercise their democratic rights:

"Why are there so few liberals in Congress? It is because many thousands of Americans failed to vote or inform themselves. Otherwise it would have been impossible to fill the capital with labor-haters and labor-baiters, as it is today . . . If organized labor would exercise its rights at the polls it could accomplish anything that it wished. These legislators have adopted the basic precepts of Hitler — to divide and conquer. The remedy is in your hands, and fortunately here in America we still have the free vote, as in few other countries of the world today. You can revive the spirit and influence of Franklin Roosevelt . . . Make your future slogan: 'VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!' and don't forget that great American proverb, 'In Unity There Is Strength!'"