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## Frank A. Lawrence Heads State Council

### 'Use Your Vote' Labor Leaders Urge

Relief from the current economic ills besetting the American working man can come only from his widespread use of the ballot in the coming November elections.

That was the tone of messages from labor's top leaders in speeches marking the observance of Labor Day across the nation.

Speaking before a large throng of workers in industrial Akron, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, sounded the keynote for labor's attack on the high cost of living and the Taft-Hartley Act by urging workers to "Use Your Vote" to turn out of office the members of the 80th Congress who have consistently voted against the interests and well-being of the workingman.

"The 80th Congress swept aside all the economic protections of our people against inflation," Green said, in tagging that body with responsibility for present-day exorbitant living costs, "and has refused to lift a finger to halt skyrocketing prices. The brutal and unjustified increase in the cost of living is robbing every worker and his family of his hard-earned wages."

#### SCORES CONGRESS

Green also scored the Congress for failure to pass housing legislation; for failing to provide relief to the millions of workers falling under the protection of the minimum wage law—which he termed "starvation wages" at their present level of \$16 for 40 hours a week; and for failing to increase social security benefits, which now average less than \$25 a week.

Assailing the Taft-Hartley Act, he pointed out that time and again during the past year workers smarting against a sense of injustice have been forced to work against their wills because of injunctions issued by the courts under the provisions of that act.

"What choice did they have?" he asked. "They could either continue on the job under conditions which they resented or defy the courts and risk being sentenced to jail. This alternative of 'work or jail' does not square with the principles of American freedom."

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### West Engineers Coordinate Work

Improved coordination of the work of Engineer locals in the western states will result from the Western States Conference of Operating Engineers held in Seattle, July 30 through Aug. 1, delegates from Locals 3 and 39 report.

The conference took definite steps to establish an office with a full-time employed office secretary, for the purpose of accumulating data and information which can be made available to the various affiliated local unions and which will be helpful in negotiating contracts and meeting everyday problems confronting officers in representing the membership.

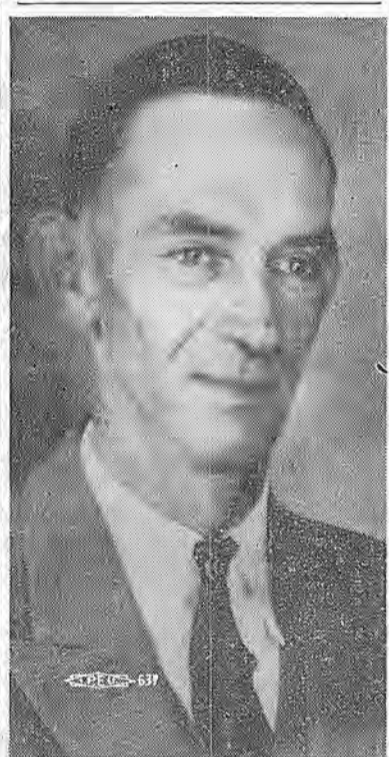
Next meeting of the conference will be held in San Francisco in January.

There were many constructive and enlightening reports made at the conference, indicating that Engineers in the eleven western states are not only growing in membership but are making progress in the way of increasing wages and improving working conditions.

In accordance with the conference (Continued on Page 12)

### BIG POWER JOBS

Big power jobs on the Feather river now employ hundreds of men, as well as on the Mokelumne river, to the south. Meanwhile, PG&E has announced two new \$50 million, 400,000 h.p. steam-operated electric generating plants, one at Moss Landing on Monterey Bay and another adjacent to the new Fibreboard Products plant in Contra Costa county, each to employ more than 1500 at peak of construction.



FRANK A. LAWRENCE

### Engineers Ready For Voting Day

The many thousands of members of Engineers' Locals 3 and 39, their families, and their friends are ready for the big day of 1948—Election Day, Nov. 2—when they will go to the polls to turn out of office those legislators who saddled inflation and the Taft-Hartley law on the backs of the wage-earners.

Officers of the Engineer's unions herewith urge each and every member who is not sure of his status as a voter to act promptly in checking with vote registrars to make sure they can cast a qualified ballot on election day. Those who have moved or who did not vote in the last election will have to re-register.

The final day to do this will be September 23 in California and Nevada, with later dates for other states.

Vote registrars will be on duty on downtown street corners until the closing day, also at city halls, and in Labor Temples.

If you received a sample ballot for the June primary election it is an indication that you are properly registered, unless you have changed your address since then.

Engineers habitually take a leading part in civic affairs of the communities in which they live, and this interest is being extended to the important tasks of getting registered and, on November 2, going to the polls.

What legislators are deserving of labor's support has become fairly obvious by now in most cases, so it is unnecessary to list them here. A man's past record shows pretty clearly his attitude on organized labor and the wage-earners in general.

### President of California Building Trades Succeeding MacDonald

Frank A. Lawrence, Sacramento business representative of Operating Engineers Local 3, was elected president of the California State Building Trades Council at a special meeting of the council's executive board on September 11, to fill the vacancy caused by the death on September 2 of Frank C. MacDonald, widely-known veteran labor leader.

Bro. Lawrence will take over his new duties about the middle of October after winding up his affairs in Sacramento.

He has represented the Engineers for the past 12 years in Northern California, having served the union and holding the job of president of Contra Costa County Building Trades Council before going to Sacramento. In Sacramento he has been active in union and civic affairs, being president of the Sacramento Building Trades Council and a member of the newly-created port commission which is directing affairs of Sacramento's new inland port, now under construction.

#### FRANK MACDONALD IS WIDELY MOURNED

Death of Bro. Frank MacDonald from a heart attack was a shock to the entire labor movement. He was born in Denver, had his schooling in San Francisco, and became active in union affairs by organizing the Tile Layer Helpers Union and later serving as business representative of the journeymen of this craft. Then he became business representative of San Francisco Building Trades Council and a civil service commissioner for the City of San Francisco.

During World War I he was appointed by President Wilson as a member of the District Exemption Board. He was vice-president of the State Building Trades Council, and upon the death of the late P. H. McCarthy, former mayor of San Francisco, became president of the Council, serving in this capacity until his death. Meanwhile he held a variety of other civic and state posts, including president of the Golden Gate Bridge Association (first sponsors of the bridge), president of the Building Trades Temple Association, state labor commissioner for one year during the thirties, and on the industrial accident commission for four years. One of his last "extra" jobs was on the State Constitution Revision Committee, in which he was very active in protecting the rights of the state's voters.

Locals 3 and 39 extend sincere sympathy on his passing to his widow, Mrs. Esther MacDonald.

#### IN MEMORIAM

Officers and members of the union express their sorrow on the passing of these brothers, all members of Local 3, and sincere sympathies to those bereaved.

E. J. THOMPSON  
ORA BEN HALEY  
PETER RODRIQUES  
MOSS HAGGARD

### Ask \$89,344,000 On Flood Control

The state's Flood Control Conference early this month asked the State Water Resources Board to recommend federal expenditure of \$89,344,000 for flood control in California, \$49,799,000 of it for northern and central California.

Largest single item is \$15 million for construction of Pine Flat Reservoir on Kings River, though \$50 million is needed to complete the project. This multiple purpose project—flood control, irrigation, recreation, and power—was authorized in 1947.

Other projects included \$900,000 for Merced projects, \$3,479,000 for Farmington Dam east of Stockton, \$1½ million for San Joaquin river levees, \$7½ for Isabella project, \$5½ million for Folsom reservoir, \$8 for Sacramento river tributaries projects, \$2½ million for the terminus reservoir, \$1 million for Success reservoir, and \$3½ million for Cherry Valley reservoir.

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### CHARLES HILL DIES

Charles L. Hill, 56, prominent Nevada engineer, died late in August following a heart attack. For the past nine years he had been secretary-manager of the AGC Nevada chapter, and he was secretary of the State Contractors' Board.

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### VALLEY JOB WAGES

Engineers' Local 3 presented evidence on prevailing scales in the Fresno district at Dept. of Interior wage board hearings at Friant on Aug. 27. These were accepted by the board and will be urged for adoption by the Bureau of Reclamation.

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Redwood Empire is booming with the tourist and lumber business, the latter showing three new plywood plants and several new mills now under construction.

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Landleveling is on the boom again in the central valleys. A 15-cent pay increase was recently secured for these boys.

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Arizona Engineers Local 428 will hold its annual picnic on Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Broadway Picnic Grounds at Phoenix.

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Bureau of Reclamation opens bids Sept. 30 for much distribution canal and new canal work, about \$60 million to be spent on this type of work on Kriant-Kern canal.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

#### IMPORTANT

A Voluntary Donation of \$1.00 has been requested of the membership to be used for legislative purposes in the campaign to repeal the Taft-Hartley law. Many of the members have been very prompt in making their contribution, however there are still many who have not donated as yet. Everyone should make this donation, as it is of vital importance to labor.

#### TECHNICAL ENGINEERS MEETING

The next meeting of the Technical Engineers—Local No. 3-E—will be held Friday, September 24th, at 8:00 p.m., in the union offices at 1444 Webster Street, OAKLAND, Calif.

#### DUES

Now is the time to pay your 4th quarter dues in order that you be in good standing in the burial expense fund of the Local Union; and also the International Union. Members should offer themselves, and their families, this protection by keeping their dues paid to date.

# ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

## THE LABOR CRISIS

Throughout its recorded history America has meant opportunity for the oppressed, the ambitious and the poor of all parts. We developed a democratic way of life which has preserved opportunity for each succeeding generation with the will and the ability to benefit thereby.

In the early days, when our nation was largely agricultural and free land was abundant, ownership of land was the key to prosperity and economic security. With technical progress and growing population, we became an industrial people, using our great natural resources and our freedom from international entanglements to develop, with the aid of immigrants from all lands, a nation that has steadily advanced toward greater freedom for all individuals. Opportunity has been the torch lighting the way forward.

### SEEK SHARE OF WEALTH

As their forefathers had sought opportunity, they were equally eager for the opportunity to share in the wealth they helped to create. It is fortunate for our nation that they chose trade unions as their instrumentality. Like their employers, they undertook to develop economic power in order to make work contracts more in their interests and thereby to share increasingly in free enterprise.

Their long-time purpose has been to increase production in order to increase their own share. The trade unions developed under the American Federation of Labor have been an integral part of a free people living in a democratic society and consequently are not readily susceptible to revolutionary methods or purposes. On the contrary, they have accepted our American idea that government of industry should be by the private economic groups affected and recorded in contracts or mutual agreements. This type of government keeps power and responsibility in the hands of those directly concerned whose welfare rests on increasing production. Legislation should not interfere with this economic government—if enterprise is to remain free—but should be concerned in extending opportunities to benefit by the right of contract, by assuring competition and freedom from repression.

### SEEK RIGHTS FOR WAGE-EARNERS

For more than 50 years the AFL sought for wage-earners the right to participate in free enterprise by gaining acceptance of unions as the bargaining agent for the worker. Employers used against us first the legal doctrine that unions were illegal conspiracies. Then they sought to apply the anti-trust laws on the ground that unions were restraints on commerce and that a miner was in no way different from coal, and a steel worker should be legally subject to the same controls as U.S. Steel. Employers used against unions injunctions which forbade the unions to function and denied workers even constitutional rights, so that they lost strikes and unionization was thereby discouraged.

The three basic legislative enactments by which the Federation secured for workers opportunity and developed economic strength to function in free enterprise were: (1) Section 6 of the Clayton Act, which laid down the principle that labor is not a commodity or article of commerce and hence does not come within the purview of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law; (2) the Norris-LaGuardia Act, which forbade courts to issue injunctions in labor disputes and thus protected equity judges from acting as strikebreakers, a step necessary to restore faith in impartial justice; and (3) the National Labor Relations Act (Wagner Act), which enabled unions to negotiate agreements on an equal footing with employers, thus assuring mutuality—the essence of freedom to contract.

In 1947 the National Labor Relations Act was mutilated by the vindictive Taft-Hartley Act, which regiments unions and prescribes contract provisions in such a way that freedom of contract is undermined while equality in bargaining power is destroyed.

It is this crisis in labor progress that will be our major concern in this year's election campaign. Labor's crisis is equally a crisis in democracy's progress.

## Why Your Hair Is Turning Grey

We will elect more men now, we suppose,  
And have them to the White House sent;  
And leave them with our money to dispose,  
While we are all getting badly bent.  
The cost of living has gone sky-high,  
We have no meat that we can fry;  
While Congress sets down to the finest of chow  
Why I am setting down to a chunk of salt-sided sow.  
While they are eating their peaches and cream  
Why I am still eating that little Pinto bean.

While the cost of living jumps by leaps and bounds  
They say it is inflation just getting around,  
While they are sitting around just shooting the breeze  
My clothes are getting so thin I am really afraid to sneeze;  
While they are having their back-and-forth clashes  
Why don't they cut a little on some of our taxes.  
We are not kicking nor hollering by chance  
But we are really getting patches all over our pants.

—SAM G. STEWART.

## No Rights for the "Bill of Rights"

By M. G. EISENHART  
Asst. Intl. Representative

I am writing this column, not as a representative of Labor, but as a citizen of the United States, and wish to ask this question: Are we living under a representative Government of the people in general or a Government of a dictator's ruling? The reason I ask this question is because recently a petition was circulated and signed by over 400,000 voters of this State, more than twice the number required to place this petition on the ballot, which makes it a mandate of the people. This bill is called the California Bill of Rights. This bill was, by the stroke of the pen, declared illegal and denied the right to appear upon the ballot for the decision of the people—the citizens, voters and taxpayers of this State.

This bill was created for the purpose of aiding those who need assistance and those that have used up their energies and bodies for the cause of humanity. Thousands upon thousands of these people who before the war were classed as unfit and too old for production, came back to the job and did their bit and were gladly received by industry for their fine talents and knowledge. Surprisingly too, they were able to work long hours and seven days a week for a great cause; but they are now being shoved again to the side lines to depend on charity.

These people are the creators of the fine things which we are now enjoying and they should have the right to also enjoy the fruits of their labor, instead of being looked upon as millstones around the necks of the taxpayers. They are taxpayers also, why not let them live their lives as humans and not as beggars. Let them receive the respect that our fathers and mothers should receive. How do we know if this is good or bad for the State? It has not been tried. I believe the old adage—"nothing ventured, nothing gained". Life is only a gamble, so why not take a chance and again make this great country a representative Government; as Lincoln said, "... of the people, by the people, and for the people."

We, as Engineers, plan, make, install, care for, and operate the machinery of this mechanical world. In other words, the leaders of mankind. Why not be leaders of our families and friends and lead them to the polls on November 2nd, and every election day. We must keep this machine in perfect working condition so that we may not lose our use of it's operation and the protection it affords us against the possibility of this country becoming a dictator nation. We cannot be a party of Dictatorship, Communism, or of any other form of government that denies the people the right to express their desires and expect to be free people.

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Among wood-preservedatives for use about the home are metallic naphthenates, chlorinated phenols, and organic mercurials, as well as the better known materials such as creosote, zinc chloride and chromated zinc chloride.

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Before apple trees are set out, it should be definitely determined if the soil is suitable. Apple orchards, once set, are hard to move.

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## Report of last meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present, with the exception of Business Manager Swanson who was excused because of illness. There were approximately 80 members present.

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7 was read. It was regularly moved and seconded that the regular meeting minutes be approved as printed in the Engineers News. Carried.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of August 18 and of September 1 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

A letter was received from the Service and Maintenance Employees' Union, Local No. 399, stating that the Occidental Life Insurance Company is unfair to organized labor. It was regularly moved and seconded the Secretary be instructed to answer communication, stating that Local No. 3 will cooperate with the Service and Maintenance Employees Union. Carried.

A letter was received from the Central Labor Council of Alameda County regarding the Labor Day Parade. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from the McFarlane Family; Mrs. Joe Ray and family; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Thompson; Mrs. R. Hieb; Myrtle Wood and Mother; Belva Henderson and son Donald Henderson. Received and filed.

The Report of the Trustees was accepted as read.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Harry Allen, Kenneth Bird, Victor Breitmair, G. E. Carroll, R. G. Cazier, Howard Cottrell, Nicholas Dollwet, Joel W. Everidge, F. Fiddler, C. I. Foster, Joseph Franklin, Ray L. Graves, Daniel B. Grether, H. E. Grimm, Rinehart Hieb, James S. Howe, Charles F. Jeffs, John H. Johnson, N. N. Kincheloe, Lyle M. Klohn, Charles A. Lanovette, Ben Lesina, Joe R. Mason, Charles Melson, Victor Nelson, V. S. Nims, John A. Paro, H. E. Schmidt; John E. Silva, Hollis Stevenson, Robert Strickland, Arthur Theodore, Harold Van Scoy, Alvin Woods, Leo L. Wright.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: E. J. Thompson and Gra Ben Haley.

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

It was regularly moved and seconded that the report of the Business Agents be dispensed with. Carried unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary.

## "OLD FERDINAND"

Up on the Hughes Creek Road,  
Every rock has a name.  
Though some bear resemblance  
They are not all the same.

I remember one in particular  
I think I'll never forget  
This Old Boy took my fancy  
He was my pride and pet.

I named him Ferdinand,  
Figured he'd come out easier,  
But I sure named him wrong  
He was one tough old Geezer.

I was simply dumbfounded  
Imagine my surprise and shock  
Every time I rammed it with the dozer  
A bump would swell out on that rock.

I wore out several corner bits  
The Drill Gang was called in  
This is going to be worth seeing,  
I thinks to myself, with a grin.

They drilled and they drilled  
They tried bits of all sorts  
And when they finally gave up  
Ferdinand looked like he had warts.

I don't know how they loaded him  
But they said he was loaded for bear  
When the powder monkey pushed his plunger  
Old Ferdinand wouldn't be there.

After the smoke and dust had cleared  
For all the powder they had used  
There sat Old Ferdinand  
He was hardly even bruised.

The powder monkey removed his hat  
And upon the ground it was slammed  
He just stood there muttering  
I'll be damned, well I'll be damned!

Then he began to holler  
Over the mountain his voice did ring

He said I'll tell you boys  
The Devil's got hold of that thing.

Then the miracle began to happen  
Now this is rather hard to tell  
You might think I'm lying  
But that rock started to swell.

I know you'll probably think  
That this is a pack of lies

But that damned rock swelled up  
To three times its original size.

Three corner bits later  
I know something had to be done  
I'd fought Old Ferdinand hard  
And it looked like he had won.

This may sound funny  
But regardless of how it may sound  
I got off that "cat" and  
I cussed that rock out of the ground.

With the help of another "Skinner"  
We finally got him over to the side  
Now Old Ferdinand was ready  
To take his hair raising ride.

Now Ferdinand was located  
Right up on a big high knoll  
I'd worked with one thought in mind  
I wanted to see him roll.

I sat there, I pulled my hair  
I cussed some more, and I cried  
That rock rolled over twice  
And there the son of a gun died.

But Ferdinand taught me something  
In which I hold a lot of stock  
If I build roads from now on  
I'll never underestimate a rock.

THOMAS E. ADAMS  
Local Union No. 3  
Fresno, California.

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The amendment to the Constitution of the U. S. extending the voting privilege to women, became a law in August, 1920.

The militia was called out for the first time to break a strike at a Patterson, N. J., factory in 1828.

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America has cows that produce 55 quarts of milk a day, although the average is only 9 quarts; it has hens that lay an egg nearly every day of the year, more than twice the average.

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Naval mines, laid during the war, took a toll of 1,000 lives and many thousands of tons of much needed shipping during 1947.

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Selenium, absorbed by plants on certain soils, is the cause of selenium poisoning in livestock.

# News From The San Francisco Office

By PAT CLANCY, P. E. VANDEWARK and CHET ELLIOTT  
Business Representatives, Local 3

**San Francisco**—The outlook on general construction work is very bright at present. Most all of the brothers in this area are busy and very few are on the out-of-work list. Several jobs have been advertised for bids which will also furnish additional work through the rest of the year.

The new Freeway, which was to be advertised for bid this month has been withdrawn by the State Highway Department because of the fact that there is a definite housing shortage, and there would be no place for the people to move, whose homes would have to be demolished to make room for the new Freeway. The new Freeway route travels through some of the heavy residential districts of San Francisco. The money will be used instead to purchase additional rights of way, for a bigger job next year, which of course is good news for the Engineers as we always like to see bigger and better jobs.

There are innumerable small jobs scattered throughout the city, all of which furnish employment for our members.

Eaton & Smith have started on their job for the new addition to the Metropolitan Housing Project. Several rigs are now busy.

Lowrie Paving has one large job on McAllister Street in progress. It is a track removal and street repaving job. Several Brothers are busy on this job.

## STREET JOBS

Chas. Herney Company has several jobs in progress, including a large track removal and street paving job along the old No. 22 car line, covering most of the entire length of 16th Street. Several of the Brothers are busy on this job, under the able direction of Brother Vern Clayton, superintendent and Brother Jim Lewis, foreman. In Harney's shop a large number of the Brother repairmen are busy keeping all of the rigs operating. Brother George Jones is the master there. The Geary Street paving job is under the direction of Brother Hesto.

Clinton Construction Company has all of their rigs busy at present on the Mission Rock job, with Brothers Ray Green, Bill Windom, Tom Carrig, Roy Chance and Sam Penner, holding down the levers. Soule Steel Co. handling the reinforcing steel.

Swinerton & Walberg's job on the annex to the Standard Oil Building is still in the basement stage. Several of the brothers busy on compressors and trigge hoists.

Stone & Webster job on the P.G.&E. power station on Evans Avenue is still in full swing. A large number of the Brothers are steadily employed there. A large number of sub-contractors are busy on the job as well, using an additional number of the Brothers. The job will continue for quite a few months yet.

M. & K. Corporation are busy on the new Sailors Building, also a connection pipe line job at Lake Merced.

Fay Improvement Company has several small paving jobs in operation about town, keeping their hot plant, rollers, blades and spreading machines all busy.

## PERSONAL TOUCHES

A number of the Brothers have been coming back from foreign jobs in the past few months. There are quite a few familiar faces among them.

Some of the familiar faces to be seen are Herman Volstedt, after 18 months as general super in Guam; Eino Salmi, after completing a year's contract in Guam; Slim Covey, who has already taken off for Afghanistan; Olivier Knight after 15 months (incidentally Knight paid his 1949 dues . . . can that mean anything!) Also welcomed home Happy Cromwell. . . just finished his second contract on Guam.

Slim Covey, Slim Dewing, and Bill Martins have all gone to Afghanistan in the past month.

**NO FUTURE ENGINEERS HERE!** . . . Dick Hutchings was the proud papa of an 8 pound girl on the 21st day of July, and just one month later we nd Ben Marrs passing out cigars for a 7 pound 11 ounce girl. Irene and Ralph Merrill also announced the birth of their daughter, Louanne, who arrived August 17th and tipped the scales at 5 pounds 12 ounces. CONGRATULATIONS ALL!

## PENINSULA DISTRICT

Employment for members of Local No. 3 with the starting of the San Francisco Airport job has reached the highest point for the year, the Morrison Knudsen Company have moved in on this work and will be operating at full capacity in ten days or two weeks.

Pacific Pipe Lines are well established on their pipe line project, which extends from Belmont to San Francisco. Many engineers are employed on this operation.

At South San Francisco the Guy F. Atkinson Company have about finished the grading on the Freeway and are shipping in concrete equipment to pave this six-lane highway.

Robert Early and Peter Sorenson are busy on the Redwood City sewer and concentration plant.

At San Mateo the Conway & Culligan Company have opened up a new subdivision this project involves considerable grading due to the fact the property must be filled. Frank Smith was the successful bidder on this work. The Macco Construction Company are busily engaged on the grading of the road to the new Television Tower at Brisbane.

The employment condition in this area is very good. There is plenty of work and very few men out of work.

## Government by Injunction

After years of agitation aid experimentation, the American Federation of Labor finally, in 1932, secured legislation forbidding equity courts to issue injunctions in labor disputes. The corporation lawyers who wrote the Taft-Hartley Law realized that this legislation was the bulwark of union effectiveness, so authorizing the president and the officers of the National Labor Relations Board to seek injunctions in labor disputes held to endanger public safety. Judges determine the validity of the claim and issue injunctions which divert responsibility to the courts. So the injunction evil ended by the law of 1932 is in process of revival. Nor is the evil limited to the jurisdiction of the Taft-Hartley Law. Already railway workers have been enjoined from striking when the government took over the railways and warned that a strike against employers would menace public safety.

Agricultural workers in California, on strike against the mammoth corporation employing them, although they are excluded from the benefits of all labor legislation have nevertheless been enjoined from getting the aid of other organized workers in preventing the employing corporation from marketing its produce.

The judiciary of the country is making rules which deny workers the right to strike. Legislation which members of Congress have repeatedly refused to sanction has been made operative by judges—public servants appointed to enforce laws, not to make them.

Lacquer trees, from which lac is obtained to make the widely used finish, are male or female. Female trees produce seed only, the lac is obtained from the male.

# STOCKTON NEWS REPORT

By ED DORAN, RENNY BURROUGHS  
Business Representatives, Local 3

**Stockton**—Brother Engineers: Some of us have been slipping lately. We have been letting that friendly feeling get away from us. How long since you gave yourself a personal check-up? If your fellow engineers have been giving you a bad time quite often lately, there is something wrong with you.

The other fellows are not wrong all the time. Remember, a nasty attitude gets a nasty reaction. It is absolutely ridiculous to let a misunderstanding develop into a major problem. Better men than you have been wrong—get that friendly attitude.

Then you will realize how many nice fellows are working with you. We are all a bunch of good "Joes" but we get thoughtless occasionally. Lets make Local No. 3 a family union. Help your brother—don't knock him. You were not born an engineer, you got that way later on in life.

## CONSIDER IT, BOYS

Everytime your business agent or union officers recommend someone who is running for a political office, or some issue that appears on the ballot, it appears to us that you vote the opposite way or don't vote at all. Now in way of explanation, I can't recall any Business Agent that has benefited personally from such recommendations he has submitted. So please, if certain candidates for political office are recommended, give them special consideration because we are trying to help you the most. We didn't vote the 80th Congress in, they got in because we didn't vote.

You can't be a good union member unless you are a good American. You aren't a good American if you don't vote in elections; but you can't vote in elections unless you first register. So get yourself registered in the Stockton office, 805 E. Weber Ave.

## REPORT TRAGEDY

It is with sadness that we report the death of little Pamela Sanders, aged two, daughter of Brother and Mrs. Coy Sanders, who was drowned in an irrigation ditch on August 19, 1948, in Manteca. Our condolences to the bereaved family.

Here's one that was mailed into the Stockton office. Not being familiar with the finer things in prose and poetry, it sounds good.

"All that serves labor serves the nation. All that harms labor is treason. No line can be drawn between these two. If a man tells you he loves his Country, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If a man tells you he trusts his Country, yet fears labor, he is a fool. There is no Country without labor, and to fleece the one is to rob the other."

—Abraham Lincoln."

## THAT BIG PARADE

Operating Engineers Local No. 3 put a prizewinning contingent in our Stockton Labor Day Parade. In the largest postwar parade this town has seen, we featured two Artuckovitch truck cranes piloted by Brothers George Knoblock and Dale McKelvie with operators Joe Baker and Hank Linkert up, Karl Harmeling's water wagon with Brother Jack Ritchie piloting, and S. M. McGaw tandem roller shined up and rolling along pretty with Brother Jack Lucas at the controls, and to finish the spread, Teichert's yellow truck crane with Brother Zack Hall at the wheel and festively seated on the machine. Engineers, we had a right to be proud of this gang and we thank them for the time and work that went into shining up all that equipment. Needless to say, other Brother Engineers did not walk in the parade but rode gaily along scattered out on the equipment. Say, what kind of a bar did that pull can make anyhow? It was mighty private but we noticed everyone on that rig really enjoyed the facilities.

Brothers Ed Doran and Renny Burroughs have been looking over various transportation facilities with the gas strike situation beginning to cause serious shortages in this area. To those of us on vital projects, gas will be allotted but we will have to move out on the job and live under an oak tree any time that we run out of gas.

## NEW DAM JOB

A dam job, approximately 100,000 yards, was let September 15th at Ione for the reservoir to serve Preston School of Industry.

The steel for Mossdale Bridge has finally arrived and that job is under way again.

Marty Zimmerman, superintendent for Jim Bos, is getting lined out at last on excavating for his first big pier on the Crows Landing Road-San Joaquin River Bridge. Brother Harold Tower is on the clam and Brother Harry Groshong on the driver.

P. & J. Artuckovitch snagged a nice 20 mile section of Hetch Hetchy pipeline for a bid of \$5,296,519 from the Oakdale Portal to the San Joaquin River at the same time United Concrete Pipe took an 1 1/2 mile section at \$2,178,261 from the river to Tesla-portal, seven miles south of Tracy at Corral Hollow. Both companies indicate that their present crews will swing to these jobs upon completion of their present jobs on the East Bay Municipal Utility District water line between Pardee Dam and Holt. This means about the first of the year before much work will start on Hetch Hetchy.

## ROCK AND WATER

Brother Cal Baker's spread for Artuckovitch is fighting water on the Delta end of the East Bay job and Brother Ernie Chamberlain's crew for United is fighting rock on the other end.

Ben Gerwick has just finished taking the rest of the work on the Bixler-Holt section of the pipeline. Their first job was to put in the piling on this section and the contract just let gives them the balance of the work—erection of the piers and laying the pipe.

Miller and Hendel, on the Farmington Dam job digging test holes for the U. S. Engineers, have work until the first of October. Brothers Ernest Houx and A. L. Sanders on the hoe and Brother F. E. Deakins on Murray's rented dozer. We have just heard that Brother Deakins has had an attack of arthritis of the spine which, we hope, doesn't bother him permanently.

## THE CANAL JOB

John Delphia stripping for MK on the canal with 12 cats and George Patterson completing the sewer job at Modesto wit 9 cats and a blade, are our two biggest cat jobs. With Superintendent Earl Bernard on Delphia's spread are Brothers Red Olsen and Lee Goodson, pushers, and Engineers I. L. Walker, Dick Byerrum, F. W. Stevenson, Earl McEwen, Harvey Erwards, A. E. Reed, Cliff Morris, Clayton Morris, Chester Eayrs, Gene Muir, H. Mettz, Walter Penny, Roy Marney, Bill Ledgerwood, Jess Locker, C. B. Barnes, and Oilers T. H. Edwards and George Haroian. With Brother Johnny Owens at Patterson's job are Brothers Les Flowers, Frank Bullock, Hubert Smith, Bus Christian, Gene Leaton, Marion Beebe, Bill Arnold, Clarence Dump, John Sullivan, Harry Seward, Fred Probst and Merle Lock.

Tom Connelley at West Point is finishing up the last of the P.G.& E. tunnel jobs with about a month's work remaining. Teichert, also up in that section on the Winton Lumber Co. road job, is showing good progress here as well as on their paving job at San Andreas.

In Lodi, Claude Wood has just bid in the Peleten Road job, putting in approaches for the bridge on the Mokelumne River for \$49,000 plus. Under Superintendent Ralph Wigle, Claude's gravel plant is producing heavily and he also has a spread of equipment working in the woods for Winton.

## THE HOT PLANTS

Brother Vern Entslers' gang at McGaw's hot plant are looking forward to new equipment this fall as soon as the rush permits in-

stallation. At Teichert's plant across the tracks Brothers Verne Bigelow and Ben Aquistapace keep the shop and yard lined up on many small jobs including about \$70,000 worth of work at the State Hospital.

Down at Stockton Construction, Ivar Swanson, the genial Swede, was preparing to look over Redwood City sewer problems as well as any doves that he and Brother Tom Davis might run onto. Stockton's job at Lincoln Village is going fine with an immediate prospect of being doubled in size.

Manuel Smith of Winton was low bidder on a sewer job in west Stockton and we hope that Superintendent Jack and operators John Hesse and Marvin Fletcher make it up here all right since it is the first close-in job this company has had in this area and we usually have to drive half a day to see them.

In Modesto Standard Materials is paving with 4 blades and 2 rollers most of the time. Brothers Merle Adams, T. H. Proctor, Tom Green and Rex Greener handle the blades and Brother J. J. Crosswell and Johnny Marks on the roller.

At Aakdale, Joe Ruddy is bogged down with engine trouble on his portable plant, but the job is coming along good otherwise and will be finished on time.

Brother George Angerina dropped in at the office the other day. George is an old time roller man gone into the real estate business and now home furnishings. He says he can fix up any brother engineer with a home or special cooking dinnerware by contacting him at 607 N. Gertrude, Stockton.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE

In closing, Brothers, we have a very important message. The 80th Congress has seriously injured the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation. Cuts by this Republican Congress have necessitated the laying off of 1,800 of the Bureau's 3,000 key employees. At this time, Richard L. Eoke and Michael Straus, officials of this Bureau, are fighting desperately to keep a further heavy cut in personnel from being effected by committees of that Republican Congress. This affects you! At the present time, with water and power being vitally needed in this state, and money having been allocated for work on Central Valley Projects, jobs cannot be let by the Bureau because they do not have personnel to service the contractor and job. This is holding up the letting of our work and injuring the state, immeasurably. Register and vote out those backward and negligent legislators that are fighting progress and America.

# MIDDLEMEN JACK UP THE FOOD PRICES

**Washington**—Nearly half of the sky high prices for food goes to middlemen, a recent U.S. Agriculture Department survey shows.

When the Bureau of Labor Statistics released figures showing the cost of living had reached a new record high on July 15, it was also noted that food items were taking an increasingly big chunk out of the family budget. Food prices as a whole doubled between 1939 and 1948 while the overall cost living index went up 75 per cent.

The Agriculture Department figures, published in the August Marketing And Transportation Situation, back up the BLS findings, but they also show why food costs so much.

The average farmer is unquestionably doing better now than he did in 1939, but he still gets only 51 cents on the consumer's food dollar. The other 49 cents goes to the middlemen.

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"I've changed my mind!"  
"Thank goodness! Do you think it works any better now?"

# BIG HIGHWAY JOBS ARE MOVING AHEAD IN NORTH BAY DISTRICT

By H. O. FOSS

Business Representative, Local 3

**San Rafael**—The 37-mile project of the Utah Construction Company at Ukiah-Navarro is slowly getting under way, with Fred Laird as project manager, Bob Hennings as office manager, and the very attractive secretary is Mrs. Hennings.

Brother Joe Parkinson is the master mechanic and Brother Barney Apgar as assistant superintendent with Brother Tom Lane as superintendent on the Navarro end of the project ably assisted by Brother Herb Whiting. Brother Roy Runge is the operator on the P&H 655-A with Brother Don Williams as the oiler.

### BLACK EYE

Brother Ernie Hood is the operator on the 54B shovel with Hood Junior as the oiler. Brother Ernie, incidentally received very painful injuries last week when one of the chisels kicked him in the face fracturing his nose. It is said the colors of some black eyes rival the rainbow.

Brother L. H. Portlock is doing a good job as pusher on the Ukiah end of the project.

This project, while large, has not really started its operations as yet due to lack of equipment, however, about 25 members of Local No. 3 are very happy on the job and it is expected that more will be needed within the next few weeks.

The Guy F. Atkinson Company project at Ukiah-Calpella is going along very smoothly with E. V. McClure as project manager and Dick Alexander as paving superintendent with Jack Beale as grading superintendent. Brother Fred Huntington is hot plant superintendent with Brother Otto van Gorder as foreman; Brother Ernie Teed as foreman on grading with Brother Ernie Gressot also foreman on grading together with Brothers Odell and LaHa as foreman on the grading.

### JOB DOUBLE-SHIFTS

This project appears to be a little off schedule but improving daily and showing rapid gains especially since the double shifts of last week became effective with the moving of about forty thousand yards to get on the old beam again.

Tom Foran, office manager at this project, has been transferred to the McNary Dam project in Oregon. We would like to compliment the company on their selection of personnel and especially with regard to Tom Foran, a very capable and conscientious worker as is Erroll Platt who has taken over Tom's duties as office manager.

Ted Watkins of Valley Way has the crusher on this project and is getting out plenty of material with Brother Otis M. McDonald as foreman and Brother Marvin Haynie on the drag line.

Sloss and Taylor Machinery Company of Redwood Highway South, Santa Rosa, keeps Brother Carl Barber busy setting up, repairing and delivering new and used equipment.

William D. Rapp Company are doing a good job on the new Telephone Building at Santa Rosa.

### DIGGING TRENCHES

Brother Bob Rapp keeps his trench machines and several members busy all over the northern section of the district with Brothers Lee, Drummond and Joy as operators.

The Hein Quarry at Petaluma is very busy with Brother Bob Noble in charge of the hot plant. Brother Thane Clark wants to borrow the plant to dry his apple crop on his Sebastopol ranch. Brother Ted Peoples is running the shovel and Brother John O'Leary making the steam.

The Pioneer Shell Company are doing a whatf job at Petaluma with Brother Jack McManus as operator and Brother Sam Marzell as oiler.

Brother C. C. Haymart dropped in to the office to tell us he is going down on the Peninsula as foreman of welders for the Pacific Pipe Lines.

Helwig Construction Company of Sebastopol showing considera-

able activity on road work in that vicinity. Brother Don Down now interested financially in this company as well as superintendent of road construction and Brother L. A. Martin as leading operator.

### LOGGING WORK

Brother Tom Windus, an old-time member, is now in the Ukiah area with lots of logging contracts and certainly not missing any meals.

Brother Hollis Dewing called at the office to tell us he signed up with Morrison-Knudsen as shovel operator on a two-year contract in Afghanistan. Good luck, Slim!

Brother Bert Smith has taken delivery of another loader. His work is highly recommended and he is looking for more to do—he can be reached at 111 Contra Costa Street, Vallejo—telephone, Vallejo 2-1148.

The C. B. Tuttle Company of Long Beach are starting the replacement of the Alexander Valley Bridge, the other side of Healdsburg, with Brother R. W. Patrick operating his own cat and ripping flooring. Brother Patrick can be reached at Healdsburg 8-F-4.

The Gabriel Construction Company of San Francisco are keeping busy over in San Rafael with Brother Harold A. Weed and John Previtera as superintendent.

### BON TEMPE DAM

Brother Bill Pierce is now superintendent on the Bon Tempe Dam for Piombo Brothers. Congratulations, Bill. When Bill Pierce is on a job, it is always a good one—for the company, the men and your business representative.

Brother Hap "One-Drum" Cromwell, we hear, via the grapevine, has just returned from his second hitch at Guam. The Drums of the Mohawks are good, too.

Brother L. L. Oldaker is still making the flying visits around the country and will probably be taking off soon for foreign contract work. We understand San Francisco is an important point of interest for this brother.

Brother Quinn Ongaro and Brother Nicholas Dollwet are still on the Sick List. We wish both of these brothers a speedy recovery.

C. C. Steele of Sacramento was recently awarded the pipe line construction to Milliken Dam with Brother Jack Hines as operator.

Helwig Construction Company of Sebastopol was recently awarded the grading and paving of Murphy Avenue in Sebastopol.

Robert McCarthy Company of San Francisco was recently awarded the \$300,000 contract for two new two-story wings to the Court House in San Rafael.

Bids are called for September 22 for the widening and surfacing of bridge and culvert at Laguna de Santa Rosa and Purple Draw, Sebastopol.

Brown-Ely Company of El Cerrito is busy on their widening of the Greenbrae intersection.

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John had been invited to the funeral of his neighbor's third wife, and, as he had attended the funerals of the first two, his wife was surprised when he informed her that he was not going.

"But why are you not going to this one?"

"Well, Mary, it's like this. I feel a bit awkward to be always accepting Bill's invitations when I never have anything of the sort to ask him back to."

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Delayed hemorrhages in persons who have been exposed to an atomic bomb blast may be prevented by rutin, a yellow powder obtained from green buckwheat plants. Rutin strengthens blood vessel walls and increases clotting power of the blood.

# "Use Your Vote" Labor Leaders Ask

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It constitutes involuntary servitude."

### ONE REMEDY—VOTE!

Pointing out that there is only one effective remedy for the threat to personal liberty inherent in the Taft-Hartley Act, Green urged complete repeal of the law.

That can be accomplished, he said, only if every worker will perform his obligation as an American citizen—to register and vote!

### MEANY TALKS

Speaking along similar lines, George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the A. F. of L., warned that the Taft-Hartley Act is an instrument of big business, devised for the purpose of breaking up the American union labor movement.

### MR. BIG WAITING

"Their power (that of the big-business interests)," he said, "is still far less than they expect it to be a little later on. The reactionaries of Big Business and Big Politics have blamed the working people of America with oppressive anti-labor legislation. They have put over not only the Taft-Hartley Act, but state laws that also cripple the wage earner."

"Let us not lose sight of the fact that the reactionaries have been having a field day in the past three years in a number of state legislatures, with the result that today hostile state laws, of varying degrees of severity, are operative in more than half the states of the Union."

In his lengthy talk Meany scored the National Association of Manufacturers' influence with Congress in getting the Taft-Hartley law passed, and said that the policies of the Association as well as the law were fostering class hatred in America. He decried such tactics, saying that while they might be commonplace in strife-torn Europe and the rest of the world, they are out of place here in the United States.

### PEACE THREAT

The communist threat to labor and to world peace was pointed up in a statement by C. J. Haggerty, secretary, California State Federation of Labor. "The Stalinist threat to world peace grows ever more menacing," he said, "and the brunt of a counteroffensive to this danger must be borne by the organized labor movement in America and throughout the world. Today, the issue between the adherents of totalitarian rule and those supporting democracy rests upon support of the European Recovery Act."

He pointed out that the American Federation of Labor has given wholehearted support to that act, otherwise known as the Marshall Plan, and stressed that its success is a bulwark to the spread of

# PREVAILING WAGES ASKED ON BUREAU OF RECLAMATION JOBS

By H. T. PETERSEN and G. LYNN MOORE

Business Representatives, Local 3

**Fresno**—The Department of Interior wage board held a hearing at Friant on August 27, at which time your representative submitted evidence proving the latest prevailing scales in this district. These were accepted by the board and will be recommended for adoption by the Bureau of Reclamation for employees operating equipment under our classifications.

We were also able to forestall the adoption of operating and maintenance scales for at least this coming year.

The Bureau of Reclamation will open bids on September 30 for turnout structures on that portion of the Friant-Kern canal now completed. Twenty-six miles of canal from Lindsay south will be advertised during September, bids to be opened in October. Mr. R. B. Cousins, district representative of the Bureau, informed us that approximately 60 million dollars will be expended by the Federal Government on distribution systems from the canal.

### ATKINSON JOBS

The Guf F. Atkinson Company has done it again! They submitted low bids to the State Highway Department for 5.7 miles of highway between Atwater and Livingston, bid price \$573,000. The company now has approximately 14 miles of highway and the Fresno Traffic Diversion System under construction in this area.

N. M. Ball Company will start within the next ten days on the Tipton-Tulare highway job with Brother Andy Webster superintendent on the job.

DeLuca and Sons Company were low bidders on the Hanford sewer disposal plant and have started construction, Joe Grigsby superintendent.

Macco Company have moved into Three Rivers and are starting work for Southern California Edison Company on a new section of metal flume.

F. W. Case Company will start operations for the power company at Big Creek and construction includes moving an existing penstock.

### A NEW HIGHWAY

Money has been appropriated and contracts will be let early this spring for a new highway between Shaver Lake and Huntington Lake. This will be a joint project sponsored by the Public Roads Administration and the State Highway Department.

Highway No. 180 from Cedar Grove to Zumwalt Meadows will also be let within the near future.

The small jobs in progress are too numerous to mention, however, most of the boys are now busy and will continue to be so throughout the summer.

Brother John Counter is operating a trailer court and restaurant just above the Pine Flat dam site at Pine Grove on the Kings River. John will be glad to see any of the boys who drop in.

The next regular meeting will be called at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 23, at 1035 Broadway, Fresno, California.

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### A BIG UNDERPASS

Work starts October on \$2½ million Roseville subway, one of the longest underpasses in the U.S., with 14 railroad tracks to go under. Work will require 1½ years.

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Three sites are being studied for a water storage dam on Stanislaus River to provide more water for farm lands of South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts. The sites are at Beardsley Flat, Columbia, and Tulloch.

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Bro. Lou Ballinger, in from the Orient, says he paid \$40,000 (Chinese dollars) for a 15-minute rickshaw ride in Hangkong.

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Artukovich and United Concrete Pipe have \$2 million contract for 29 miles of second San Joaquin pipeline, Oakdale to Tesla Portal.

Bro. Mel Sevey and friends spied some watermelons on a picnic, borrowed one, spent Saturday night in the cooler, paid \$10. Expensive melon.

## The Barking Dog That Bites



SEANON

# What's doing in the Oakland office

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

**Oakland**—Work has been very good in this area during the past month. We had some difficulty in filling a few of the jobs, chiefly hot stuff roller men and blade operators. We have almost all of the catskinners working at the present time; however, in certain classifications we still have some men on the out-of-work list. After checking our clearance records we find that approximately 430 men were cleared this past month.

The dark spot is the ship scrapping industry. Many of the yards are experiencing difficulty in securing ships to scrap. The shipyards are rather slow; in fact, we find that one yard has closed down indefinitely, namely, the General Engineering and Dry Dock Company, in Alameda.

## GETTING AROUND THE JOBS

The Pacific Parts Service Company just received a minimum shipment of 37 cats, which they are reconditioning. The boys in the shop have plenty of work to keep them busy, at least for the present time.

The Peterson Tractor & Equipment Company is moving from their yard in Hayward to their new headquarters in San Leandro. The construction work on this modern plant is just being completed and we believe this is one of the nicest plants, if not the finest, in the Bay Area.

There are 14 members employed by the H. J. Kaiser Company in their stripping operations at Radium. They are working two shifts with Brothers John Perry and Morris Jones acting as foremen. This is strictly a jeep job, with two carryalls, two D-W 10's and dozers.

The Granite Construction Company job between San Ramon and Dublin is coming along in fine shape. This job will last for approximately 60 days.

### STOLTE'S IS BUSY

Stolte's yard on 85th Avenue has at the present time, 35 heavy-duty repairmen. This isn't a place where they only repair equipment; they are now trying their hands at manufacturing some equipment. They are building a ditching machine and anticipate building three altogether. Brother Joe Valente, the master mechanic, is foreman in the tractor shop.

Johnson, Drake and Piper are resuming activities in this area. They have secured a contract on the freeway. Six of our members are employed in the yard overhauling equipment and unloading some of the equipment from the Inyo-Kern job. As we have always found this company to be very fair to deal with, we wish to welcome them back into this area.

The long wharf job being done by the Ben C. Gerwick Company will continue for approximately two more months. This has been a very good job for the brothers. There are five members employed there at the present time.

### STANDARD OIL

Bechtel Corporation and Hui-nston-Rosendahl have approximately 20 men employed at the Standard Oil refinery. Kiss Crane and Utah Construction also have approximately 30 members employed there. Lee Immel and George Peres have the maintenance and repair work in the refinery.

The Ransome Company has been working in Richmond, at Shipyard No. Two, and now has about eight members on equipment dismantling the ways and machinery.

Earthmovers Inc. has five members working on the additional sugar tank job in Crockett.

Brother Manuel Alameda has had a crew building a roadway in Franklin Canyon in order to get in to the location on which Standard Oil is prospecting for gas.

Brother Les Crissman moved his spread down from Redding to the Franklin Canyon job for Fredrickson and Watson. There are 27 Engineers working on this particular job.

The Conduit Construction Company job in Walnut Creek is nearing completion.

At this writing Stolte is well along with their job in Walnut Creek.

The pouring of concrete at the Fibre Board Company, in Antioch, is progressing and they are also setting machinery and putting the finishing touches on the building.

The job for the Austin Company, at the Dow Chemical plant in Pittsburg, which has been in progress for the last eight years, is now coming to a close. There are four of our members on this job.

The Bundelson yard at the present time is not working.

The Ben Gerwick Company has completed its job at Bixler Station and is moving out of this area.

Martin Brothers' sewer job, in Moraga, is still in progress. The approximate time the job will be completed has not been set.

### OTHER BUSY JOBS

Construction Aggregates Corporation has approximately two months work left at the Army Supply Base.

All of the McGuire and Hester equipment is quite busy at the present time. There are 14 members employed in the shop at the present and the work load has increased to such an extent that they anticipate putting a few of the fellows on nights.

Gene Alves Construction Company has a few short jobs at this time, with equipment working at Santa Rosa, Pittsburg (Shell Chemical) and Antioch.

McGuire and Hester's job which started July 13th, at 14th Avenue and East 14th Street, is still under way. This job consisted of laying 75-inch pipe and has an average crew of approximately 60 men. The superintendent on the job is Brother W. Chapman.

Sulfur has been long used by man; ancients employed it to dispel evil spirits, Egyptians to bleach cloth, artists to make paint, and druggists to make medicines.

Hydrogen peroxide, becoming increasingly used in industrial processes, may be safely transported in aluminum tanks because neither hydrogen peroxide nor aluminum chemically affect the other.



"Fifteen minutes I waited for him to start crooning—and then, at the end, I found out it was Lowell Thomas."

## NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Brother Fred Parker Jr. dropped in at the hall recently after a successful baseball season with the El Paso "Texans." We are happy to report that Fred played 148 innings, pitched 133 strike-outs during that time, made 12 home runs, with 89 runs batted in. He will resume training in March and we wish him every success in the coming year.

Brother Ralph "Pappy" Layman knows just exactly how to plan his vacation. Brother Layman drove to Hot Springs, Arkansas, on August 13, where he will be situated for quite awhile. He is going to work on a good-sized tunnel job for Stolte, United Concrete Pipe, R. Bell, and several other contractors, which job is being done for the Bureau of Reclamation. When asked what he thought of going to work in this resort town, Brother Layman stated: "I hope it's cool and the fishing's good."

Brother Al Dodini and Harry Miller, formerly a member of Local 3, have purchased "The Trio," a cocktail lounge at 14572 East 14th Street, in Oakland, and would appreciate your dropping in.

### A SAD STORY

The saddest story ever told is that one of Brother Howard Blair's. After working for 26 months for Pomeroy, at Pittsburg, Brother Blair thought he deserved a good hunting trip, so he went up to Pope Valley and succeeded in getting two beautiful bucks—that's when his trouble started. He neglected to have them properly registered in the county in which he shot them, but waited until he got back near camp. They fined him \$25 for each buck and \$50 for trespassing—then to top it off, they confiscated the bucks, and his gun, and his license, and his hunting knife. Now he's thinking of going to Oregon to finish the hunting season.

We are pleased to report that Brother Ivan Williams is now able to return to work. Brother Williams was injured on the Kiss Crane Company job at the Shell Oil plant in Martinez while cranking the dozer that he had been operating. The crank kicked back and mashed the bones in the upper part of his hand.

We wish to inform the membership that Brother Joe Morzenti was confined to Permanente Hospital with pneumonia, but is now up and around.

Brother Roy Decker, Sr., who recently suffered from a stroke, is now able to be up some and getting along wonderfully well. We are sure that all the members will want to join with us in wishing Brother Decker a speedy recovery.

Brother Art Whitlock is back on his feet again and now able to return to work.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Brother Peter Rodrigues, who passed away August 30, due to a heart ailment.

### COSTLY WATERMELON

Brother Mel Sevey spent a quiet Saturday night in the city jail recently, and believe it or not—all due to a watermelon. It seems as though Mel and a group of friends went on a picnic and while horseback riding spied some lovely watermelons. They stopped to sample one and were hauled away by the local police. By the way, the price of this watermelon ran about \$10.

Brother Lou Ballinger came in the other day and told us about his return trip from the Philippines, where he was employed by the Utah Construction Company, as a Field Superintendent. His first stop was in Hongkong where he spent one day touring the city in a rickshaw. This he

found very interesting except for the evidence of poverty, and the fact that they had done away with all foreign settlements. The Marsman Utah Constr. offered him a job there, but he was too anxious to return home. He also told us of the terrific inflation, for an example, a rickshaw ride of about fifteen minutes from downtown to the ship, cost \$40,000.

From Hongkong he took a ship to Yokohama, Japan, where he stopped one day also, but since so much of the city was restricted and would necessitate a series of shots, he did not see a great deal of it.

The nine day trip to Honolulu was beautiful and the tour of the Islands very enjoyable, although he has been there several times.

Lou said the Manila job was retarded due to lack of funds and the rebuilding will come gradually. The trip from Manila home took twenty-three days. We believe he has developed itchie feet again as he has a far away look in his eyes and this time we think it will probably be Greece or Arabia.

Brother L. E. Gritman has also returned from the Philippines, where he was employed by Johnson, Drake, Piper, Utah and Grove, on the Clark Field job, as an asphalt and grading Foreman for nine months. Brother Gritman says—"it sure is nice to be back".

### A FINE RECORD

One of our old time members, Brother O. Haney, dropped into the hall recently for a visit and after doing engineers work for approximately fifty-seven years we find he is still going strong. Brother Haney started to work when he was thirteen years old and is seventy now. Mr. Duncanson (who passed away) of Duncanson and Harrelson was Superintendent at that time and broke him in on a hoist. His rate of pay was \$2.50 for an eight hour day in Oakland, and \$3 per day in San Francisco. Board and room at that time was about \$18 per month. He has been in the Union forty-five years, joining Local 159 first, in Eureka, on October 3, 1903, as a Pile-driving Engineer. He has never been out on a withdrawal card nor been suspended during this time. We believe, and are sure you all will agree, that this is a fine record, and one to be proud of.

Brother C. E. Reneau returned for a six weeks vacation from the Bechtel Corporation job in Arabia recently. Brother Reneau left one year ago for Ras El Mishal (which means Shepherd's Crook) Saudi, Arabia, to work as a dirt Foreman for this Company. The job consisted of constructing a road for the pipelines leading to one huge refinery at Ras Turna (which means—Head In The Sea) and also roads to various oil field camps. When asked about the wage scales he stated that the natives that work as Oilers receive \$1.50 to \$5 per day, the average making approximately \$2. to \$2.50 a day. As a comparison, when he was there many years ago the scale was about 50c per day.

He spoke of one very unfortunate thing, which was the death of Brother Frank Bleifus, who was a member of Local 3. Brother Bleifus went to Arabia with Brother Reneau and passed away there due to an accident.

Brother Reneau is well on his way back to Arabia by this time, as he expected to leave the first part of this month.

Western aspen is a favorite wood to shred into excelsior.

Waxy maize, a corn developed in America largely in the present decade from seed from China, is finding a variety of uses from in pies and candies to cloth sizing work and in gums for envelopes and postage stamps.

### ORGANIZED!

A stage driver passed o'er a trail one day;  
Past meadow and woodland he took his way.  
His long whip snapped with unerring aim,  
Whether standing or moving, 'twas just the same.

A horsefly fell as his snaky lash  
Shot out, as sure as the lightning's flash.

A grasshopper here and a butterfly there

Fell prey to his aim as they winged the air.

A hornet's nest hung on a limb nearby,

But the stage driver passed that carefully by.

"What's the matter?" his passenger cried, surprised.

"Why," he answered, "them hornets is organized."

The horsefly, the butterfly, the grasshopper, too.

And their fate is a lesson and warning to you,

You will flutter and fall with the hoppers and flies

Unless, like the hornets,

**YOU'RE ORGANIZED!**  
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American Indians had no knowledge of iron prior to the arrival of the white men.

Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime, and too tired to lie awake at night.

The automobile industry this year is consuming nearly 15 per cent of the steel being produced.

More than 250,000 persons are admitted each year to mental institutions in the United States.

Potash deposits, recently discovered in Saskatchewan, Canada, are awaiting bids from companies which would like to work them.

The distribution of all chemical fertilizers in Bombay Province, India, has been taken over by the government.

For food preservation, American packers used 20,000,000,000 so-called tin cans in 1947; the cans are steel coated with tin.

Melbourne, Australia, is the center of glove-making in that country; it has 30 glove factories of a total of 40 in the continent.

India for long years has been a leading producer of oilseeds such as peanuts, linseed, rope, mustard, castor, sesame and coconuts.

The fleet of giant ships on the Great Lakes that brings iron ore from the Lake Superior area to Lake Erie and other ports numbers approximately 275 vessels.

Three kinds of lice attack man, the crab louse, the head louse and the body louse; the last two are varieties of the same species, while the crab louse is a different species.

The buttery taste of margarine is obtained from milk which is treated with lactic acid bacteria, the same bacteria which give butter its distinctive flavor.

Benjamin Franklin, believing that good apprentices are most likely to make good citizens, left in his will approximately \$5,000 each to Boston and to Philadelphia to be loaned out at interest to promising young men.

The kitchen seems to be the most dangerous room in the house judging from the total number of home accidents; burns, scalds and falls cause the most.

Four government-owned plants will be used to make ammonium sulfate in Australia to relieve shortages; one already in operation is finding the cost high because of prices paid for the necessary coke and sulfur.

# REDWOOD EMPIRE REPORTS ALL MEN BUSY ON VARIED PROJECTS

By OTTO E. NEVER  
Business Representative, Local 3

**Eureka**—The Redwood Empire can report everyone busy. In the northern part of this territory, Underground Construction Company is making steady progress on the bridge at the South Fork of Smith River. Basalt Rock Company has one shovel working for the U. S. Engineers developing a quarry at Enderts Beach, and also a crane and barge clearing pinnacle rocks out of the harbor.

West Coast Steamship promises to have their sky hook built and in operation by September 15th. They expect to start loading lumber on barges at that time.

## BUCK HIGH PRICES

Baldwin & Straub are pouring piers at Turwar Creek and grading the approach for the new bridge. Because of the excessive costs for board and room, this company has set up a camp and cookhouse. They have had some trouble getting things organized but it is still better than bucking the tourist trade prices at Klamath. Art Siri has the rock and dirt moving contract on this job. Brother Bill Brown is pusher.

W. C. Syar has 2.5 miles of surfacing on cement treated base at the Del Norte County line. Job got underway August 30th. His job at Longvale is finished. Baldwin & Straub's bid on the bridge at Hunters Creek was accepted. Job is small but if this company continues to work at their present pace, they won't finish their present jobs for at least two years.

Over at Weitchpec, C. A. Dunn of Klamath Falls is finishing up the approaches to the new bridge over the Klamath River. Atkinson has the contract for the steel work and should have started the job by September 1st.

Brother Tom Hull has finished his crushing contract and has a pile-driving job at Fairhaven, and also some tender work on the bridge across Eureka Slough.

## EUREKA JOBS

Fred Maurer & Son are pouring concrete at the Eureka High School, and have also started work on the bridge and approach at Peach Creek above Orleans.

Mentzer-Fraser Company has several jobs going. At Orick they are through with the cement treated base and most of the plantmix. Their bid on the plantmix between Stone Lagoon and Orick was rejected and will be re-advertised. They have not started the resurfacing on Broadway, but are doing several small jobs for mills in Eureka and Arcata. Their job between Fortuna and Rio Dell is going along in good shape. Why shouldn't it? Our Silent Brother, Pappy Stevens, has been on the new Bay City drag ever since the job started, assisted by Harry "Jughead" Johnson. Brother Pete Higgins is also an operator on this job. With such Irish talent, it will probably be done 50 days ahead of schedule.

Phoenix Construction Company has finally finished at Piercy. Most of the equipment was moved to Mohave. H. W. Ruby has his job well along at Rock Creek. Both the approach and steel work is going along in good shape. McEwan has six miles of armour coat work for the town of Willits. Most of the equipment is rented to Atkinson for the job between Carpella and Willits.

Evans Construction Company has the bridge and approach at Chamberlain Creek about half completed. Burman Bros. have started on their dirt moving job at Bull Creek State Park. Job calls for moving 175,000 yards of muck. Their job at Virgin Creek north of Fort Eragg is well along and they have their crusher set up at Ten Mile Creek.

## FORT BRAGG WORK

Pomeroy should be done with the bridge at Fort Bragg by the time this issue is delivered. Malfitano & Son, Inc., and Macal Improvement Co. started on their dirt moving job at Whitmore Grove State Park about August 20th. Job calls for 63,000 yards of excavation. A. G. Raisch and Starling & Galbraith were low bidders on the Willits-Fort Bragg road 7.4 miles easterly of Noyo. Job calls

for 93,000 cubic yards of excavation and imported base material to be furnished and placed.

Associated Dredge Jupiter has been working for several weeks in the Eureka Plywood log pond. Ross McAllister is the leverman in charge. Hans Jorgensen is still on the job as deckhand.

Brother Louie Conner has put on another D-8 and has Brother Jim Atkins herding it through the timber at Hammond's Big Lagoon camp. C. E. Johnson is doing several jobs for the county and is doing a fine job on all of them. Brother Percy Fletcher is still pulling levers with Cholly "Long Whiskers" Sears oiling. Brother R. C. Cooper is shifting the bull gang and in general keeps the ball rolling.

## MILLS ARE FULL BLAST

The woods and mills in this district are running full blast and there is a constant demand for woodsmen and mill workers. However, when the rainy season commences, there will be a little slack time for some of the smaller outfits.

In organizing the lumber industry, I find that most of the men are good union men but they have had a sorry time in the past and are just a little slow about signing up with us. They should see the light soon.

Brother Hap Horton, a hook tender for the Northern Redwood Company, displays a big "3" button on his hat and defies anybody this side of Hong Kong to say anything against it. Hap means what he says. Brother A. Nicholson of the Ford Logging Company makes it plain that he is proud of his "3" button too. The boys from the Coast Pacific Lumber Co. missed our last meeting. It seems they work two shifts of 10 hours each, seven days a week and we don't blame them for trying to get some sleep.

## BIG LUMBER OUTPUT

The production of lumber here in this area is enormous and still growing. Three new plywood plants and several new mills are now in the construction stage and should be in full production in a year's time.

We enjoyed having our Business Manager Swanson at our meeting on August 28th. It was also a pleasure to welcome President Pat Clancy, Vice President Heinie Foss, Recording Secretary Clarence Matthews, Treasurer Vandewark, and Business Representative Glenn Dobyns from the Oakland office. After the meeting, the members and visitors enjoyed a meal of Italian spaghetti and refreshments.

Brother Fred Botts and his son, Robert, were recent visitors here on their way to Boise, Idaho, for M. & K. Company.

Had a letter from Brother Whitey Hellman with Bechtel in Arabia. We predicted when Brother Hellman left that he would be a shifter on the welding gang there within four months, and he writes that he made it to the day. Brother Whitey states the cooler weather is near at hand and he expects to stick it out as the bonus amounts to \$125.00 per month.

Magnetic highway sweepers which pick up nails and other metal scraps are now widely used in America. Where used they gather an average of 8.2 pounds of metal per mile per year, 75 per cent of which is tire-damaging material.

Kerosenes, stove oils, diesel fuels and waste oils, all from petroleum, have long been used to kill plant life in waste places. Special herbicidal chemicals from petroleum are now widely used as weed-killers.

# Big Power Jobs Underway in Marysville Area

By WM. C. WAACK  
Representative, Local 3

**Marysville**—Work on the M&K Cresta powerhouse is progressing and a large hunk of concrete has been poured.

T. E. Connolly Company is really getting started now and soon will be driving on five headings. Brother Mike Tension is master mechanic for this company.

Walsh Construction Company is pouring concrete for the Rock Creek power house and Haywire Huntington is over 1,000 feet upstream with his tunnel and going strong. He also has a daylight crew on the surge chamber.

## HIT ROCK BOTTOM

M&K finally found bottom on both dam sites and the concrete will start to flow now. Hardway John Armitage says that makes him happy. Brother Brownie Brown is the headmaster over the batching plants and Ira Bashaw is the master of mechanics and welders with a good-sized crew. M&K also have a quarry job to furnish rip-rap for the Western Pacific Railroad. Whitey "the galloper" Martin is in charge of a NW 80 and Bucyrus Erie 120B is being put up now.

Dixon & Arundel are still having a lot of trouble with equipment. One week they fire an operator for not having his machine oiled and the next week an oiler. In other words they remind me of one great newspaper publisher astraddle a fence. We have a new master mechanic up there now, Brother Bill Lyons, and it will take a few days to get all straight but Brother Ed Doran, tunnel expert from our Stockton office, came over and gave a helping hand to us. We appreciate it, too.

Piombo Company and Superintendent McEhren have a hard time with rock and dozer men but work is going along pretty good. This office helped out on the Nevada Construction Company job at Sierraville and Brother Clancey and Brother Vandewark will report on that.

Richter Bros. of Oroville granted a wage increase on August 23 on landleveling.

Brother Ed Park and I were able to sign a landleveling agreement with Cecil Hulse of Woodland.

Tisdale Company of Redding has a clearing job near Knights Landing. We had a little trouble with them but Mr. Tisdale agreed to go along.

## LETTER TO WM. C. WAACK FROM P. E. VANDEWARK

Dear Sir and Brother:  
Under date of August 31, 1948, the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D. C. issued an order for election in the Zumwalt Tractor and Equipment Company, at Colusa, California.

Such notice provides that the election must be held within thirty (30) days from the date of this direction. Those employees who will be entitled to vote will be those appearing on the payroll for the period immediately prior to the date of this Board direction. Those employees excluded from the voting unit are clerical employees, salesmen and supervisors. Will you therefore kindly take notice and see that the employees of Zumwalt are duly notified. (Signed) P. E. VANDEWARK.

One and one-half years ago on behalf of the employees of the above-named company, Local 3 filed with the NLRB for an election. After signing up the men of this organization, one and one-half years is a long time to wait, but where management is so opposed to the policies, wages and conditions under any other light than that which it may dictate itself, harmonious relationship is difficult. The union has interceded in a number of instances for pay increases for the men of this company and has been successful in gaining for them relief. As an illustration, on September 7 the lo-

# \$2 1/2 MILLION RAIL UNDERPASS AT ROSEVILLE SET TO START

By FRANK LAWRENCE and ED PARK  
Business Representatives, Local 3

**Sacramento**—The long-discussed Roseville subway is in the news again and a contract will be let sometime in October. With 14 railroad tracks to go under, it will be one of the longest underpasses in the country, taking one and one-half years to construct, at a cost of approximately \$2,500,000.

## Fresno Area

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decision has been made that they do not come under Social Security, makes one wonder what it is all about. The Sun Maid Raisin Association informs me that they are willing to do everything possible to keep their employees under Social Security.

We have filed protest with the Social Security Administration; asked the labor organizations to write their congressmen protesting this decision in hopes they will right this situation.

The local board claims that if this decision stands they can only go back four years and pay back what has been paid in. If this recent decision is not reversed there is a possibility it will also move into the dairy industry. From there it is hard to say where it will stop.

Every employee under the Social Security should obtain a card (Form OAR 7004) from his Social Security agency, fill it out, and mail it in at least twice a year. On turn he will receive a statement of the amount he has paid to the nearest quarter. (This statement should be filed away for future reference.)

## SPECIAL NOTICE

The next Union meeting of Local 39, Fresno Area, will be held at 280 N. Van Ness, at 8:00 p.m., on September 23, 1948. From October on, the regular meeting will be held at 280 N. Van Ness on the fourth Tuesday of each month. There will be an educational program in conjunction with the September 23 meeting.

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The strongest living thing in proportion to its size is the beetle—a man proportionately strong could lift 70 tons.

The trade paper Telebriefs reports that a telephone operator in a Mid-western city answered an agitated signaling from a pay station, and heard a tearful feminine voice:

"Operator, can I have my nickel back? Albert won't speak to me."

Hotel Clerk (to arriving guest)—Pardon me, sir, but will you tell me what the coil of rope is for?

Guest—That's my own individual fire escape. Since all these hotel fires I carry it along for protection.

Hotel Clerk—I'm sorry, sir, but all guests carrying their own fire escapes must pay in advance.

cal representative contacted the Zumwalt Company and on September 8 a wage increase was granted. In spite of the generosity of this firm, Local 3 and the tractor shop men know pretty much which way their allegiance will be directed in the September election. More about the Zumwalt Company in our next report.

## GOLD INDUSTRY

Considerable difficulty appears in the offing in the gold industry. Relationship has been strained to a point where a strike vote is being taken at Natomas. What the results will be in the gold industry will also appear in the next issue of the News.

Between now and the 23rd of September the most important business concerning the membership of our union is the registration of each and all of us, the members of our families and our friends, so that in the November election we will be able to send to Washington men whose interests are those of people that have to work for a living, whether they be men who work with their hands, the dirt farmer, or the small business men. Too often it is extremely difficult to draw the line between these three groups.

AGAIN: Please REGISTER here at our office in Marysville.

The first contract on the Folsom Dam is due to be let September 16. This initial contract will not be very large, consisting only of 358,000 yards of excavation and 58 acres of clearing. In answer to the many inquiries we receive regarding the Folsom Dam, we wish to advise the brothers that it will be at least a year or more before this project assumes proportions large enough to employ very many engineers.

H. E. Parker will have completed his American River levee job and will have moved in on the Putah Creek levee job by the time this goes to press.

The George Pollock Folsom bypass job is rolling along smoothly with very few complaints. This speaks well for the brothers doing the shifting out there.

Bates & Rogers have opened up their 12th Street subway project but to date have only one crew of engineers on the payroll.

## LAND-LEVEL BOOM

Landleveling is booming again and we have been busy signing new agreements granting the boys a 15-cent increase. We will be busy for the next week or two getting all these landleveling outfits lined up and would appreciate a word from any of the brothers who know of any we haven't gotten around to. In this connection we wish to thank Brother Les Collett for the help he extended while we were organizing the Cecil Hulse outfit.

Haven't heard of any of the brothers being sick or going into business for themselves so have nothing to report on them this month.

Will have a better report next month after some of this long-delayed work starts.

The following agreements have been signed: Howard C. Nelson, regular agreement; Gerald E. Ray, regular agreement; D. Courtney & L. F. Decrow, regular Western States manufacturing company shop agreement; Cecil Hulse, landleveling agreement; Claude Young, landleveling agreement; R. E. Carden, landleveling agreement; H. E. Russel & H. E. Graft, landleveling agreement.

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# Business Manager's Report

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an hour. We were able to bring the hotels up to \$267.50 or practically 9 cents an hour increase.

The buildings and hotels being equal, we could not even talk with the hospitals for anything less than that amount. We were instructed by the Hospital Engineers to request \$275 per month. They offered \$261.50, which is not satisfactory and we have asked strike sanction against the hospitals and will continue to put the pressure on them in order to bring about a satisfactory adjustment.

## MEAT INDUSTRY

Our contract with the Meat Industry terminates December 1st. The Butchers were successful in effecting a raise at this time so we had some discussions with the employers and were able to get the same raise for the engineers effective August 23rd, which was an increase of \$6 per week.

## JOHNS MANVILLE CO.

This contract also terminates December 1st. As an increase was granted their other employees, we were successful in obtaining an increase of 10 cents per hour effective August 15th.

## AMERICAN DISTILLING CO.

Owing to the fact that the American Distilling Co. was shut down last year no wage increases were granted. At the present time we are requesting an increase of 20 cents per hour and feel confident this increase will be granted.

# Round-up of the news from Utah

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

**Salt Lake City**—Work, in general, in the state of Utah is holding up very well; however, some unemployment is being felt in some classifications. Part of this is undoubtedly due to the progress of the work, such as pumping and drilling operations which have been completed, which has made the demand for pump operators and compressor operators fall off or has caused the lay-off of these classifications.

Also, the seasonal slow down is nearing and some contractors are hesitating to start new projects due to the uncertainty of the weather. Any member from out of state who is contemplating coming to Utah should contact one of the offices and ascertain if there is work available before spending his time and money.

Some work let out for bids and which we anticipated would be let and started in the very near future has, at this writing, been held up due to the fact that the low bids were above the engineers estimate and, while this work will undoubtedly be eventually let, there may be a delay in starting this work until next spring.

### NEGOTIATIONS PRACTICALLY COMPLETED

We are happy to report that by the time this sees the light of day the slow, time-consuming and nerve racking (to business representatives, at least) series of negotiations for our various agreements will have been (we hope) completed. The Pacific Bridge Co. Agreement, covering that company's operations at Park City, was completed last month and has been approved by the membership involved and signed by the officers of the Union. This agreement provides for a 15-cent an hour raise, retroactive until July 1st, some other improvements and runs for two years with provisions for reopening for wages only in 1949.

The Rock, Sand and Ready-Mixed Concrete Agreement, the negotiations of which has taken months and which at times looked as if it might lead to a serious strike, has finally been peacefully resolved. This agreement, which provides for a 7½-cent an hour increase, retroactive until May 15, 1948, a very good union security clause and other improvements for our membership employed in this industry, has been approved by the membership involved and should be signed and into effect by the time this reaches print. The competitive factors involved in this industry was the biggest stumbling block to an earlier settlement and steps had to be taken by your Union to partially alleviate this condition (see below), before it was possible to reach a peaceful agreement.

As this is being prepared meetings are scheduled with the Utah Construction Company to settle the money issue at the iron mines at Cedar City mentioned in our last report and we are confident that this issue will be settled to our memberships' satisfaction before this is in your hands. Our confidence is based on the simple fact that we have always been able to settle all differences with this company by negotiation.

While it may seem to some members that the reaching of an agreement with many of our employers was unduly delayed, and we are willing to agree that in many cases this was so, it should be pointed out that in every case this was done without any loss of time, due to strikes or lockouts, to our membership and that cordial relationship was maintained with our employers. This strikes us as being the proper function of conscientious labor leaders. To make gains for the membership, maintain cordial relationship with the employers, to adjust any difficulties arising out of the functioning of labor agreements with the employers, at the lowest possible cost to the membership. We think (if we may be pardoned in feeling a little pride with our record this year) that we have, on the whole, done this.

### REPORT ON A.G.C. AGREEMENT

We are glad to be able to report

that the great majority of the signatories to the A.G.C. Agreement, as far as Operating Engineers Local 3 is concerned, are living up to their agreement in pretty fair shape. We are aware, of course, of a number of violations on the part of individual contractors and we are doing everything we can, as time will allow, to straighten up these violations. In most cases when these violations are drawn to the attention of the contractor involved, that is all that is necessary and the violation is eliminated. In some cases, however, more than this is indicated and we are only waiting for a good substantial case before starting the proper action. Contractors are required under the new laws to keep their agreements, also.

One of the toughest violations we have to contend with (tough because it is hard to watch and police) is that contractors, according to the agreement, fail to use fair "sub-contractors and services" when they are obtainable. This has particularly affected the sand, gravel and ready-mix concrete industry. Considerable work has been done on this matter and fair progress can be reported in eliminating this difficulty.

A number of signatories to the agreement are, with the help of our members, we are sorry to report, violating the hiring clause of the agreement. The clause requires the contractor to

hire experienced men employed by the contractor or other contractors in the past, signatory to the agreement, and the Union to maintain a list of such employees for the convenience of the contractors. The contractor has agreed to consult this list before hiring and in many cases he is failing to do this and hiring our members "off the bank." Our members should, despite the agreement or any new laws, remember that the rules of your Union requires you to obtain a clearance from your Union representative before going to work. Evidence of these violations on the part of the contractors is being patiently gathered and compiled and proper use of this evidence will be made at the proper time.

### WAGE CUTTING IS HERE

A good lesson to our membership on the value of their Union is the few cases we have run into lately of working non-members below the scale. While the signatories to the agreement, as far as we can ascertain, are living up to the wage scales provided in the agreement, we have found in one or two cases, a tendency to work men, especially non-members, below the scale by one or two of the few non-union contractors in the state.

### UNION SECURITY ELECTION

As you are probably aware, the Taft-Hartley Act provides for a union security election, which if won by the union allows the writing of "union shop" agreements. Plans are now under way to hold such an election in the construction industry in Utah and when the National Labor Relations Board agrees to such an election you will be asked to take part in such an election. Every effort will be made to give you ample ad-

vance information as to how, when and where such an election will be conducted and our men are urged to be sure and vote as every vote will be important not only to you but to the future of every construction worker in Utah.

**BE SURE TO VOTE "YES" IN THIS ELECTION AS A "NO" VOTE IS A VOTE AGAINST YOUR UNION AND A VOTE TO CUT WAGES AND LOWER WORKING CONDITIONS.**

## ENGINEERS CONQUER ADOBE ON SAN JOSE AIRPORT FILL JOB

By M. G. MURPHY  
Business Representative, Local 3

**San Jose**—Leo Piazza has started operating on the much-discussed and long-proposed Municipal Airport. Vincenz Brothers of Salinas have the subcontract. They have purchased some new Cobras for this job. They are confronted with the problem of "getting" 90 per cent compaction of adobe sub-grade to underlie the 12-inch logan base, and bituminous cap for a 4,500-foot runway 150 feet wide.

Brother Dunn found it not only tough and unyielding, but resistant to "melting" under attack of great amount of applied water and repeated assaults of drag-discs and sheepsfoot rollers.

In the best tradition of the Engineers, Brother Dunn, the foreman, drew on previous experience, particularly on processes employed on the impervious core of Isabella Dam, Friant-Kern Project, and recommended to Jack D. Tisdale, the super of his firm, the employment of a monster pulverizing mixer developed and perfected by Buran Equipment Company of Oakland. This machine, drawn by a "pull-cat" in the "pan-manner," transmits the 200 h.p. of its GMC 6-71 diesel engine, through a fluid clutch and Eaton heavy-duty truck axle, to chain-drive a tilling rotor eight feet wide and 22½ inches through the section of wicked-looking, hooked flat-steel tines, at speeds of 250 to 350 RPM.

### SEVEN-TON PULVERIZER

The deep-tillage and pulverizing action of this 14,000-lb. behemoth has served properly to reduce the tough adobe, to distribute the moisture uniformly, and to level-course the churned material for sheepsfoot and three-legged roller compaction... but fast!!

Brother Dunn reports compacting processes "speeded up" more than 50 per cent, and—more important—the office of Paul V. Birmingham, airport engineer, reports compaction coming through with flying colors, averaging 95 per cent on first series of tests.

Comments of Brother Carl Reynolds on the whole procedure were drowned out in the combined roar of the mixer and tractor, as he "opened 'em up" down a stretch now being "hit" without previous scarification.

McGuire & Hester, sewer contractors of Oakland, have started their \$280,000 sewer job in and around Santa Clara. They hope to move in more equipment soon.

Charles Harney is progressing nicely on his Bayshore job, with the assistance of some well known brothers, namely: J. G. Johnson on the blade; Ole Olson, finishing machine; Tony Schabe, heavy duty mechanic; Brother Harold Gehres, paver operator.

J. C. Bateman, local contractor, has every piece of equipment out of his yard and sometimes is looking for more. Business is good.

### BIG GLASS CO. JOB

Bechtel Corporation is still going strong on the Owens-Corning Glass Company plant. At present there are about five different contractors on this job, all employing our men. These contractors are: J. C. Bateman, A. J. Peters, Western Gravel, and Heple. Then Bechtel themselves with their staff of operators, namely: "Young" (as I've always called him) George Stevens, Bill Dessert, Albert Coldiron, Les Hodges and Chet Thompson. Also Albert G. Krug, well driller who just recently joined our organization and also has signed an agreement with us. He has done a fine job at Fibre Glass and has just about completed his contract and will be available for another. This brother has very modern equipment and really

knows the well drilling business and is deserving of any support which this organization may give him.

Evidently working has its compensations according to this story told by Brother Douglas Gales, working on the Los Padres Dam for Macco as a compressor operator. About 15 months ago his leg was badly broken in a motorcycle accident and he was in Veterans Hospital in San Francisco approximately seven months. He was released for light work and reported on the job with his leg in a brace. His leg had 10 per cent movement during the first two months of his employment but because he had to walk from one compressor to the other his leg movement increased to 25 per cent and he was able to discard his brace. Here's hoping he continues to improve.

### PERSONAL NOTES

Brother Paul Matus, who was shifting for Granite Construction at Santa Cruz, has signed up with Atkinson Company for one year in Greece.

Received a nice letter from Brother Bob Kurtyak in Okinawa, also a couple of nice souvenirs. Many thanks, Bob. My wife and secretary enjoyed them very much.

Brother Udell Sorensen of Los Gatos Construction Company suffered a serious injury recently when he fell from his blade and received a broken hip. Brother Sorensen is recovering in San Jose Community Hospital.

In the way of casualties we also have to report that Brother Don Overton injured his back while working on the Macco job. Brother George Brown suffered a severe leg injury, also while working on the Macco job. His leg was badly fractured above the ankle.

On the sick list we also have Brother Clarence Spires, who has been working on the W. W. Bird job. Brother Spires is being treated by his doctor for a back ailment.

We of the San Jose office hope it won't be long before our sick brothers will be back on the active list again.

As this report goes to press I will be on my vacation and in my absence Brother Glenn Dobyns of the Oakland office is taking care of my territory.

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Stand off by yourself in your dreaming,  
And all of your dreams are vain;  
And no grandeur of soul or spirit  
Can man by himself attain.  
It is willed we shall dwell as brothers;  
As brothers then we must toll;  
We must act with a common purpose  
As we work in a common soil.  
And each who would see accomplished  
The dreams that he's proud to own,  
Must strive for the goal with his fellows,  
—For no man can do it alone.

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Whenever he listens intently  
At funny stories I'm telling,  
And laughs and laughs and laughs  
and laughs.  
I wonder what he's selling.

## TEC

Engineers  
Architects  
Draftsmen

By AL BOARDMAN

Business Representative, Technical Engineers Division No. 3-E

**San Francisco**—The big news for the Technical Engineers was the result of the picket line on James & Waters Land Surveyors in San Mateo County. This firm has stubbornly refused to meet union conditions and has been on our unfair list for many years. They have now agreed to employ union labor on their major survey project. The Bay Area Land Surveyors Association has agreed to negotiate a contract for all its members. This contract is not as accomplished fact but the negotiations are a step down the road and toward better living conditions for Technical Engineers. It should be kept in mind that what we have accomplished in the past is the result of the one hundred per cent support of the Operating Engineers.

Congratulations to the members at the P. M. Mills San Francisco Drafting room on winning a Union Shop election. Your contract is being negotiated at the present time. To our other members in drafting rooms, this is an example of the reward of trade union action. In contrast we find Todd Pacific Shipyard (Engineering) drafting department without a contract, without representation, and all members suspended for non-payment of dues. The loss is not that of the Union.

**NLRB ASKS WITHDRAWAL**  
The National Labor Relations Board asked for the withdrawal of our request for election of P.G.&E. construction engineers on the grounds that it was not an appropriate unit. Under present existing contracts your union had little choice in the matter and by withdrawing at this present time left the door open for action at some future date. It is also apparent that we cannot look for too much aid from the NLRB under the Taft-Hartley Law.

Contracting firms who wish to hire fair engineering firms can choose one from this group:

E. Elmore Hutchenson, 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif.

Frank W. Aitken, Jr., 532 Magnoia, Larkspur, Calif.

L. Cedric Macabee, 156 University Ave., Palo Alto, Calif.

Edwin H. Smith, P.O. Box 980, Redwood City, Calif.

William Soule, 318 B St., San Mateo, Calif.

Wm. Randlett, City Hall, South San Francisco, Calif.

Washington & Sawyer, 417 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.

These firms are considered fair because they pay the scale and hire union surveyors. Any other unfair engineering firms are subject to strike action on any work they may contract.

After thoughts: Williams & Burroughs Building Contractors signed union surveyors on the San Bruno School building. Hutchinson's field parties are 100 per cent Union.

If you are cleared to a job by your union see that you are paid at the rate specified on your clearance.

The San Francisco Bureau of Public Works has a new Topographical Draftsmen... congratulations Johnson!

Things are cooking in Sacramento's deep water port job. This should be a good spot to figure on in the future. It's a three year job and we plan to make it 100 per cent Union. For those who would like to know the initiation fee for the Technical Engineers, Division No. 3-E are \$15 accompanied by the first month's dues of \$3 and \$1 good standing fund. Total, \$19. Wear your Union Button on the job.

# Daily report of awards for construction

Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK

### AUGUST 5, 1948

**SEBASTOPOL.** Contract awarded to Helwig Const. Co., 115 S. Main St., Sebastopol, \$9,505 for grade, drain, etc., in Murphy Avenue from Huntley Avenue to Healdsburg Avenue.

**MILL VALLEY.** Contract awarded to Brown-Ely Co., 7360 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, \$1,630 for paving walks and play area at Freeman Park.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$128,354 for 1.6 mi. grade and plantmix surf. on crusher run base, on San Juan-Watsonville Road between 4.89 and 6.45 mi. east of Pajaro, MONTEREY COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. G. Raisch, 2048 Market St., S.F., and Staring & Galbraith, 3432 Merisol Ave., Oakland, \$82,465 for 1.6 mi. grade and furn. imp. base material and apply penetration treatment, on Willits-Fort Bragg Road, between 5.8 mi. easterly and 7.4 mi. easterly of Noyo, MENDOCINO COUNTY.

**BARKLEY, NEVADA.** Contract awarded to Cannon & Jeffries Drilling Co., 1209 E. Rosecrans Ave., Compton, \$8583, for foundation exploration at dams in Mathews Canyon, in LINCOLN COUNTY, Nevada, at Pine Canyon dam site and at Mathews Canyon dam site, under Eng. No. 49-5.

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.** Contract awarded to Young & Smith Const. Co., 403 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah, \$50,435 for const. one conc. bridge on S.R. No. 10, 2 mi. S.W. of Castle Dale in EMERY COUNTY.

### AUGUST 6, 1948

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA.** Contract awarded to Hoops Const. Co., Box 431, Twin Falls, Idaho, \$71,172 for 6.04 mi. roadmix surf., from 3 mi. N. of Wells to 9 mi. N. of Wells on State Rte. 13, ELKO COUNTY.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to M. & K. Corp., 200 Financial Center Bldg., S.F., \$234,982 for const. Sec. A, Lake St. sewer system in 17th Ave., Lake St. & Presidio of San Francisco.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Raymond Concrete Pile Co., 2300 Willow St., Oakland, \$61,142 for pile foundation for Div. of Highways Office Bldg., Dist. IV, S.F.

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to Stanley H. Koller, 1694 Pomona St., Crockett, \$255,002 for const. ditch & R.C. culvert with appurtenances in 74th Ave. between San Leandro & East 14th Streets.

**SAN MATEO.** Contract awarded to Wm. Horstmeyer Co., 23 Mars St., S.F., \$99,673 for const. shop building at Burlingame High School, Burlingame, located at Carolan & Oak Grove Avenues.

**NAPA.** Contract awarded to C. C. Steele, 3925 Franklin Blvd., Sacto., \$18,725 for const. pipeline to Milliken Dam.

**RIVERBANK.** Contract awarded to Mathew & Jorgenson, Box 239, Hughson, \$19,150 for Imhoff tanks & sludge beds for sewage disposal system.

### AUGUST 9, 1948

**OROVILLE.** Contract awarded to Chittenden & Chittenden, Box 246, Auburn, \$54,505 for const. reinf. conc. bridge 6 mi. W. of Chico across Big Creek on River Road, BUTTE COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Chas. T. Brown & Co., 1955 6th St., San Fernando, \$78,000 for reconstr. bridge across Cache Creek 1 mi. north of Rumsey, YOLO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$2,866 for reconstr. intersection at 16th & "C" Sts.

### AUGUST 10, 1948

**HANFORD.** Contract awarded to DeLuca & Son, 1745 Filbert St., S.F., \$226,466 for const. sewage treatment plant at Hanford, KINGS COUNTY.

**HANFORD.** Contract awarded to W. M. Shives, 5959 Venice Blvd., L.A., \$91,817 for const. vitr. sewer mains in Hanford, under Cash Contract.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Mathew & Jorgenson, Box 239 Hughson, \$93,505 for const. reinf. conc. arch culvert & 0.2 mi. grade approaches, place imported borrow & apply bit. surf. treatment, at Salmon Creek, about 18 mi. N. of San Simeon, MONTEREY COUNTY.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Fred T. Fahey, 1874 25th Ave., S.F., \$5,601 for const. 6" & 8" mains in Sloat Blvd., between 39th & 43rd Aves., under

W.D. No. 490.

**PROVO, UTAH.** Contract awarded to Young & Smith Const. Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, \$98,035 for (Sch. No. 1116/25 to Sta. 1164/33.7) const. earthwork, etc., Provo Reservoir Canal enlargement, Provo River Project, Deer Creek Division, Utah, situated about 5 mi. N. of Provo (Sch. No. 1 & Sch. No. 2) situated about 20 mi. N.W. of Provo, under Spec. No. 2203.

### AUGUST 11, 1948

**PALO ALTO.** Contracts awarded as follows for work in Ladera Units, 4 mi. from Palo Alto:

(1) To W. T. Haas, P.O. Box 411, San Mateo, for Unit No. 1 Water System.

(2) To E. T. Haas, P.O. Box 411, San Mateo, for Outfall Sewer.

(3) To Assoc. Engineers, 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, for on site sewer, Unit 1. Estimated cost, \$100,000.

**SAN RAFAEL.** Contract awarded to Robert McCarthy Co., 1050 Kirkham St., S.F., \$297,929 for 2 new 2-story wings to County Court House.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Conc. Pavment Maint. Co., 333-7th St., S.F., \$11,771 for 11.5 clean & seal pavement joints, between Petaluma & Ignacio, SONOMA & MARIN COUNTIES.

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA.** Contract awarded to Hoops Const. Co., Twin Falls, P.O. Box 431, \$71,172 for 6.04 mi. roadmix surfacing from 3 mi. north of Wells to 9 mi. north of Wells on State Route 13, ELKO COUNTY.

**SANTA ROSA.** Contract awarded to Peter Onsrud, 2008 Fulton Road, \$9,126 for const. "B" St. parking lot.

**SANTA ROSA.** Contract awarded to A. B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$2,324 for inst. water mains & related work in Oakview Subdivision.

### AUGUST 12, 1948

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Trewitt, Shields & Fisher, 926 Parallel Avenue, Fresno, \$34,739 for const. bridge across Peoples Ditch, about 4 mi. north of Exeter, TULARE COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Pacific Bridge Painting Co., 624 Sharon Bldg., S.F., \$40,250 for waterproof track span & paint ramp spans, over tracks of S.P., Santa Fe, & Key System R.R., & Exist. ramp, Oakland, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**BERKELEY.** Contract awarded to Underground Const. Co., 75th Ave. & San Leandro Blvd., Oakland, \$66,954 for const. vitr. sewers in Addison St. between Browning & Oxford.

**BERKELEY.** Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$72,201 for const. domestic sewer in University Ave., Curtis & Addison Sts. & San Pablo Avenue.

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$243,808 for inst. Sec. 2-A, South Intercept, Sewer, from a point near intersec. E. 7th & 29th St. to intersec. of 50th Ave. & E. Shore Freeway in Oakland, under S.D. No. 26.

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to Patrick M. Kelley, Washington Hotel, S.F., \$6,596 for inst. 48" corr. metal pipe under East 14th St., ALAMEDA COUNTY.

### AUGUST 13, 1948

**SAN MATEO.** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad Ave., San Mateo, \$20,935 for surfacing, etc. on 23rd Avenue, under R.I. No. 47-10.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco, \$249,275 for Fillmore St. track removal & repave street.

**SAN MATEO.** Contract awarded to Haas & Rothchild, 274 Brannan St., S.F., \$196,434 for const. sewage disposal plant, under Proj. No. 46-17A.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Baldwin Straub & A. B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland Ave., Santa Rosa, \$56,767 for const. bridge & 0.24 mi. appr., across Hunter Creek, 3 mi. N. of Klamath, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

### AUGUST 17, 1948

**RIVERBANK.** Contract awarded to Shaull Const. Co., 19482 Lake Chabot Road, Hayward, \$44,721 for const. outfall line, trestle & bridges across the Sanislaus River.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Tri-Cities Elec. Service, 1920 Morena, Oceanside, \$26,480 for furn. & Inst. traf. sig. & hwy. light at 3 intersecs. & widen pavement & channelization, at 1 intersec., in City of Walnut Creek & intersec. of Rte. 106 & Pacheco Road, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**SAN JOSE.** Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 S. Montgomery St., San Jose, \$11,664 for grade, pave, etc. on portions of University Ave., from Spring St. to Regent St.

**HALF MOON BAY.** Contract awarded to Pittsburg-Des Moines Steel Co., Santa Clara & Alviso Road, aSnta Clara, \$32,250 for const. (1) one 200,000 gal. and (2) one 400,000 gal. steel tank in the District. SAN MATEO COUNTY.

**SAN LEANDRO.** Contract awarded to Underground Construction Co., 75th Ave. & San Leandro Blvd., \$4,753 for install. 6" C.I. mains in Dolores Ave.

**SAN MATEO.** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad Ave., San Mateo, \$1,749 for const. sanit. sewer in El Camino Real near 20th Ave. under R.I. 48-13.

### AUGUST 16, 1948

**SALINAS.** Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$154,300 for const. Proj. Unit No. 1, main trunk lines, outfall sewers & collection system in Town of Pajaro, MONTEREY COUNTY.

**SALINAS.** Contract awarded to Charles MacClosky Co., 112 Market St., S.F., \$83,010 for const. Proj. No. 2, sewage pumping and screening plant for Town of Pajaro, MONTEREY COUNTY.

**SAN RAFAEL.** Contract awarded to Mario Bottini, 802 "C" St., San Rafael, \$6,819 for const. reinf. conc. bridge, San Geronimo Creek, Creamery Road, MARIN COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Chas. I. Cunningham, Box 475, Oakdale, \$17,500 for const. 54,700 ft. fencing at Hughes Creek Road, between Summit & Trimmer nr. Piedra, under Spec. No. 1354.

**SAN MATEO.** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$56,594 for surfacing, etc., Lee Subdivision, under R.I. No. 48-7.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contracts awarded as follows for levee enlargement & bank protection at various sites along the Sacramento River, between Mile 119.6 & Mile 160.7, under Spec. No. 1356.

**PART "A"—Sartains—To:** Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., 411 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, \$31,943.

**PART "B"—Farnsworth Pump—To:** H. Earl Parker, 12th & "F" Sts., Marysville, \$76,233.

**PART "C"—Graham Ranch—To:** Morrison-Knudsen, Inc., 411 W. 5th St., Los Angeles, \$35,138.

**PART "D"—Kellers, Scoggins & Wilsons—To:** Fredrickson Bros., 1259 65th St., Emeryville, \$3,990.

### AUGUST 19, 1948

**MOSS LANDING.** Contract awarded to Macco Corp., 815 Paramount Blvd., Clearwater, \$139,700 for stone additions to jetties, Moss Landing Harbor, under Serial No. 04-203-48-4.

**MORGAN HILL.** Contract awarded to John Paroline, Morgan Hill, \$5,137 for resurfacing Depot St. & First St.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Fred T. Fahey, 1874-25th Ave., S.F., \$3801 for lay 8" C.I. mains in Illinois, 23d to 25, under W.D. No. 492.

### AUGUST 18, 1948

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, and to C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$114,288 for 2.5 mi. plantmix surf. on cem. tr. base from 2 mi. S. to 0.5 mi. N. of Humboldt in HUMBOLDT & DEL NORTE COUNTIES.

**SANTA ROSA.** Contract awarded to M. Rapp Co., 705 Bennett Ave., Santa Rosa, \$24,567 for installing 7,000 ft. 24" steel pipe from Melita Dam to Lake Ralphine.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad Ave., San Mateo, \$5,913 for paving auto parking lot at S.F. Airport, Airport Contract No. 112.

**SAN RAFAEL.** Contract awarded to Edwards, Foulk & Dana, 508 Del Ora Avenue, Redwood City, \$30,880 for inst. 25,000 ft. of 2-inch, 4-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch and 10-inch pipe in various places in MARIN COUNTY, for coming year.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to J. R. Reaves, Box 1072, Sacramento, \$60,406 for grade, pave, sewer, etc., in South Land Park Terrace No. 2.

**KENTFIELD.** Contract awarded to Brown-Ely Co., 7360 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, \$5,056 for 33,625 sq. ft. pave. roadway & adjacent parking areas, College of Marin Campus, Marin Jr. College Dist.

### AUGUST 20, 1948

**WALNUT CREEK.** Contract awarded to Downer Corp., 305 E. Weber Ave., Stockton, \$426,630 for const. sewers in Local Impr. Dist. No. 3.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract

awarded to M. J. Treacy, 2731-37th Avenue, S.F., \$12,132 for inst. street signs on southeasterly side of Market Street, Palk Street and Embarcadero.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Anderson Co., Box 101, Visalia, \$42,978 for 0.7 mi. place imp. borrow & cr. run base over exist. roadbed & pltmx. surf., between Kings River & Fresno County line, KINGS COUNTY.

### AUGUST 23, 1948

**SANTA ROSA.** Contract awarded to E. Alves, P.O. Box 97, Pittsburg, \$28,059 for grading at Santa Rosa Airport.

**SAN JOSE.** Contract awarded to McFadden & Son, P.O. Box 915, Palo Alto, \$46,681 for surfacing Embarcadero Road from Middlefield Road to Bayshore Hwy., Dist. No. 5, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th Street, Sacramento, \$1,348 for const. concrete walks & driveways on 57th Street, between "M" Street & Folsom Blvd.

**ALTURAS.** Contract awarded to Menzel & Kimball, Hotel Lorenz, Redding, \$137,091 for const. 150 miles distribution lines in LASSEN & MODOC COUNTIES, and LANE COUNTY, OREGON.

**YUBA CITY.** Contract awarded to Associated Engrs., 3606 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, \$23,651 for matls. inst. & const. Yuba City sewerage system Schedule No. 2 in pumping plant.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to P. & J. Artukovich, 13305 S. San Pedro St., L.A., \$5,296,519 (Sec. "B"—Lined & Coated Steel Pipe) and to United Conc. Pipe Corp., Box 425, Baldwin Park, Calif., \$2,178,261 (Sec. "D"—Reinf. Conc. Pipe) for const. .29 miles of Second San Joaquin Valley Pipeline from Oakdale to Tesla Portal, under HHWS Contr. No. 206.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., 785 Market St., S.F., \$3,994 for pave, drain, water & elec. work at S.F. Airport, under Contr. No. 109.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Fred J. Maurer & Son, 3031 "E" St., Eureka, \$92,765 for 0.9 mi. grade & surf. with base material, between Peach Creek & 0.8 mi. northerly, HUMBOLDT CO.

### AUGUST 25, 1948

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to M. & K. Corp., 200 Financial Center Bldg., S.F.; Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873 81st Ave., Oakland; and Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., S.F., \$1,290,819 for const. Section "D" Lake Merced sewer system.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Howard B. Folsom, 1054-10th Ave., Sacramento, \$35,903 for 27.3 mi. apply seal coat, between Howell's & ¼ mile west of Keddie (11-Plu-21-B,C) & between 1.7 mi. east of Chester & east County boundary (11-Plu-29-A) PLUMAS COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$27,767 for 7.5 mi. plantmix surf., between Woodland & Sacramento & S. of Sacramento in YOLO & SACRAMENTO COUNTIES, Calif.

**BERKELEY.** Contract awarded to Ransome Co., 2030 Hollis St., Emeryville, \$8,611 for resurf. San Pablo Ave., between University Ave., & Allston Way.

**BERKELEY.** Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$5,940 for const. 12" storm sewer on Grant, Virginia & Josephine Sts.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$20,165 for 0.4 mi. grade & bitum. surf. tr. applied to imported borrow base, in City of San Mateo, between Peninsula Ave. & Poplar Ave., SAN MATEO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Elmer J. Warner, 1103 Sycamore St., Stockton, \$118,833 for 2.7 mi. grade, surface with plantmix surf. on untreated rock base & imported borrow & apply bitum. surf. treat. to portions of shoulders & dikes, between Gustine & San Joaquin River, MERCED CO.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, Box 175, San Pablo, \$188,205 for 0.7 mi. adnl. truck lanes to be graded & surf. w/pltmx. surf. & inst. light sys. at S.F.-Oak Bay Bridge toll plaza, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to E. J. Treacy, 452 Dewey Blvd., S.F., \$29,098 for inst. 12" cast iron mains in Phelan Ave. & Ridgewood St. between Ocean & Joost Aves., under W.D. No. 484.

**REDWOOD CITY.** Contract awarded to Freeman Pav. Co., 346 Portola Ave., Palo Alto, \$16,112

for surf. on Geneva Ave. between Serwin & S.F.-S.M. Co. line.

**CARSON CITY, NEVADA.** Contract awarded to Silver State Const. Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$182,345 for 29.747 mi. grade & surf., between Millett & Junction U. S. No. 50 near Austin, NYE & LANDER COUNTIES, Nevada.

**STOCKTON.** Contract awarded to S. M. McGaw, Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$11,554 for surf. Country Club Blvd., adjacent to City of Stockton.

**VISALIA.** Contract awarded to Steve P. Rados, 2975 San Fernando Rd., L.A., \$41,351 for vitr. sew. mains, Visalia, C.C.

### AUGUST 26, 1948

**SAN RAFAEL.** Contract awarded to Edwards, Faulk & Dana, 580 Del Ora Ave., Redwood City, \$30,880 for inst. 25,000 ft. of 2-inch, 4-inch, 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch pipe in various places in MARIN COUNTY.

**FRESNO.** Contract awarded to Kovick Bros. Const. Co., P.O. Box 1323, Fresno, \$55,498 for const. sewers in College Park, Fresno, under R.I. No. 200-D.

**SAN CARLOS.** Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, P.O. Box 411, San Mateo, \$2,619 for const. 10" virt. sewer in Holly Street, betw. El Camino Real & Old County Road, and in Old County Road, between Holly & Clearfield Park.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial, Eureka, \$289,412 for 8.804 mi. grade, surf., etc., Proj. Calif. FH-5-B3, C5, D3, Douglas City-Peanut.

**OAKLAND.** Contract awarded to O. A. Fogelberg, 52 Barbara Road, Orinda, \$25,691 for inst. 1,000 ft. 20" & 250 ft 4" cast iron water mains & remove 1,000 ft. 20" & 560 ft. 4" cast iron mains in ALAMEDA COUNTY.

**REDDING.** Contract awarded to Morgan Const. Co., Redding, \$13,087 for 6.3 mi. apply seal coat to exist. cr. run base, betw. Rte. 20 in Weaverville. & Browns Mountain in TRINITY COUNTY.

### AUGUST 27, 1948

**SAN MATEO.** Subcontract awarded to M. B. McGowan, Inc., 625 Market St., S.F., for furn. & driving creosoted piles for Munic. Sewage Treat. Plant Enlargement.

**SAN FRANCISCO.** Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$2,580 for surf. on Pacheco St., betw. 28th and 29th Aves.

### AUGUST 30, 1948

**SAN RAFAEL.** Contract awarded to A. J. Raisch, 2048 Market St., S.F., \$10,000 for surf., etc. (port) Santa Benicia-Pt. San Pedro Road, MARIN COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$38,743 for grade, surf. & sewers in Land Acres Tract in SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$29,384 for sanit. sewer system in Nichols Park Dist., SACRAMENTO CO.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Sons, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$23,662 for const. vitr. sewers in Sierra Oaks No. 1 Dist.

**MARTINEZ.** Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, P.O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$32,375 for reconstr. portions of County Road A-10 & A-20, betw. San Pablo and El Sobrante, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

**SAN JOSE.** Contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson Co., Inc., 1095 Stockton Ave., San Jose, \$45,500 for const. San Martin Ave. Bridge, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to L. G. Lentz, 2416 Sutterville Road, Sacramento, \$2548 for improving "E" & "F" Sts., 10th & 11th Sts., under R.K. No. 2699.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to McGillivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$19,518 for grade, surf., & const. sewers in Moss & Lucas Tract No. 1.

### AUGUST 31, 1948

**RICHMOND.** Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, P.O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$48,519 for resurfacing Castro Street, betw. Belt Line RR & Filbert St.

**SAN RAFAEL.** Contract awarded to A. J. Raisch, 2048 Market St., S.F., \$10,000 for surfacing, etc. (portion) Santa Benicia-Pt. San Pedro County Road No. 111, at 1.7 mi. to 2.1 mi. E. of Mabry Way & 2.3 mi. E. of Mabry Way, MARIN COUNTY.

**SANTA ROSA.** Contract awarded to Eugene Alves, P.O. Box 97, Pittsburg, \$28,059 for grading at Santa Rosa Airport.

**SACRAMENTO.** Contract awarded to Claude C. Wood, P.O. Box 599, Lodi, \$47,973 for 0.8 mi. grade (Continued on Page 12)



# Redding Reports Many Road, Bridge Jobs in Progress

By E. A. HESTER  
Representative, Local 3

**Redding**—Mercer & Frazier Company, of Eureka, was low bidder on the Douglas City to Hayfork road construction job, a distance of about nine miles. This is for the Bureau of Public Roads. The job was awarded August 25, and preliminary work is now under way.

Harms Brothers, of Sacramento, was also awarded two Public Road jobs. One in Modoc County, a distance of about 15 miles. The job has just started. M. W. Brown is subbing, and has about 12 different rigs on the job now, and there will be more coming in. About 30 miles east of Susanville, on the Susanville and Alturis Highway, another \$319,000 job was awarded to Harms Brothers. They will soon be moving in on this job.

Ball and Son are about finished on their six-mile job, out of Weaverville. Morgan Construction Company have been awarded the surfacing of this project. And are now moving in their equipment.

## TULELAKE PROJECT

Everything seems to be going fairly well with the Sheldon Oil Company, on their sealcoat job out of Chester. Ramsey Construction Company, of Oregon, has two draglines on their drainage job at Tulelake, and expect to get three more soon. We are having a little difficulty in furnishing this firm with drag-line skimmers.

It was previously reported that work was slacking up in this district, but things seem to have changed. Seems like work is increasing, as we are having difficulty in filling jobs that come in.

## PRESENT JOBS

At the present time we have the Frederickson and Watson job, in Anderson and Hornbrook, the American Bridge at Shasta Dam, Ramsey Construction Company at Tulelake, George Stacey at Tulelake. Clements Company at Gazelle, W. C. Railing at Fall River Mills, Sheldon Oil Company in Chester. Howard B. Folsom at Keddie, Bill Jones in Burney, Frederickson Brothers at Oak Bottom, M. N. Ball and Son at Weaverville, Shasta Plywood Company in Anderson. Tyson and Waters in Anderson, Evans Construction Company in Ashville, J. P. Brennon, Wixon and Crowe, Trisdale, M. W. Brown in Redding. Red Taylor in Cottonwood, Draper and Adams, O'Conner Brothers and Ehorn in Red Bluff.

## MOST CONDITIONS GOOD

I have recently visited all of these jobs and firms and find all conditions good, with the exception of Ehorn of Red Bluff. And I believe that Ehorn and his gang are trying to act up.

It seems that conditions are improving in the woods and the logging industry. We have recently dispatched several men. Some are getting \$2.50 per hour, and they are getting in lots of hours.

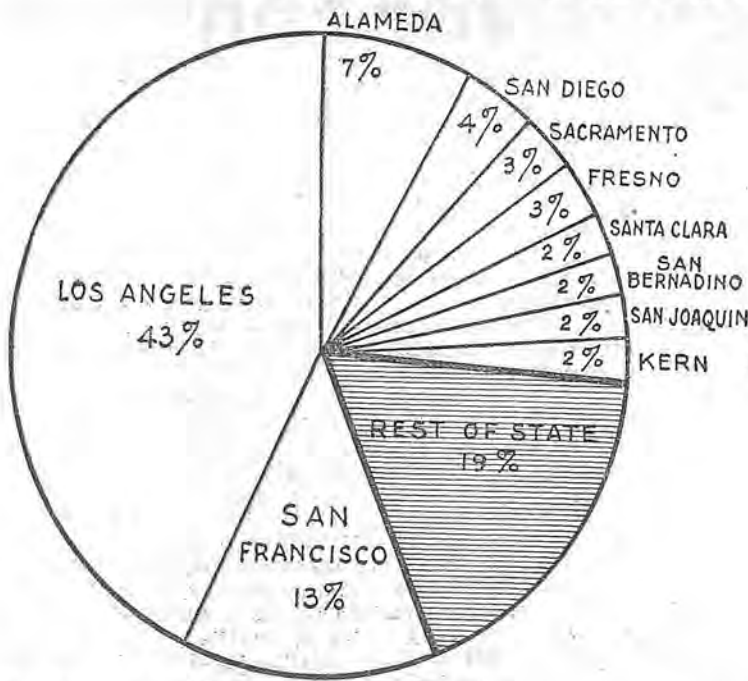
Brother Robert Fernandez recently got five ribs broken, while working with The American Bridge Company. He is out of the hospital, but will not be able to work for about five months according to the doctor's statement.

Brother K. V. Adamson, steward for the Yuba Consolidated Dredging Company of Callahan, reports that he is leaving the company and moving to Washington. Brother Frank Quigley will act as steward hereafter. We regret to see you go Brother Adamson, you have done a swell job in keeping things straight up there.

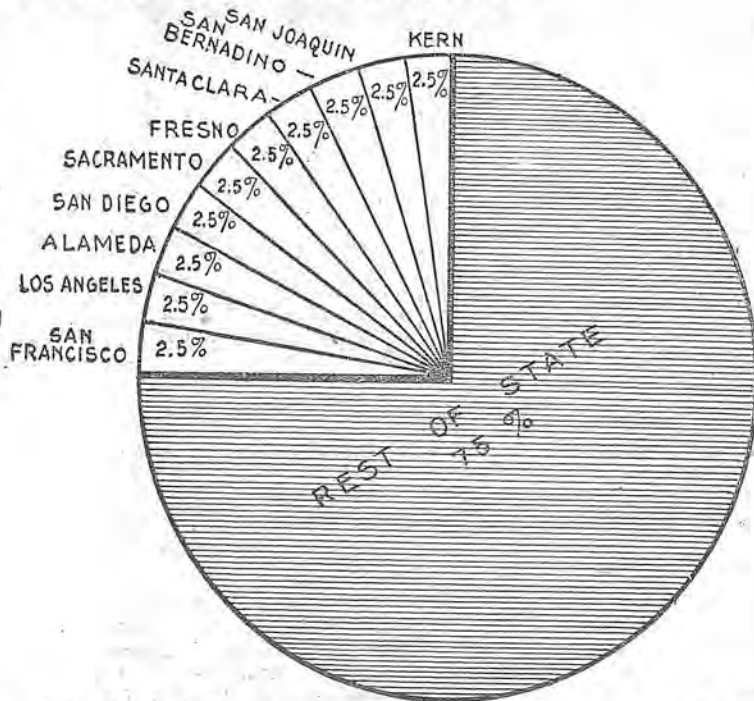
Some gelatin for food and emulsions is made from pigskins.

When coal is taken from mines, the overlying earth sometimes caves in. When oil is taken from the earth there is no danger of vace-ins because petroleum occurs dispersed through porous rocks and sands which retain their weight-bearing strength.

# TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION



The State of California collects \$576,610,000 from general licenses and taxes (except unemployment insurance and departmental revenue) with \$241,506,000 being the biggest contribution from a single source—sales and use taxes. In the 1945-46 period this represented 34.9 per cent. But in 1946-47 period it represented 42.2 per cent. Los Angeles county pays 43 per cent of the total,



San Francisco 13 per cent, Alameda 7 per cent, San Diego 4 per cent. Ten counties pay 81 per cent of the sales tax, are represented by 25 per cent of the Senators—10 out of the 40. Chart 1 shows breakdown of sales tax revenue, with 30 Senatorial districts paying 19 per cent. Chart 2 shows representation where 81 per cent of tax money gets 25 per cent of Senate Representation.

## Reno Jobs Hurry Up to Beat an Early Snow Fall

By H. L. SPENCE  
Representative, Local 3

**Reno**—H. Earl Parker is off to a good start on his Mt. Rose highway job. I understand there will be two shifts on the job, and it is a hurry-up job on account of they expect an early snowfall at Mt. Rose.

Silver State Construction Company (better known as Andy Drumm) has finished most of his jobs, all but the Carson City job. His operators are moving to the Smokey Valley job, east of Austin. Drumm subbed the East Second Street Bridge job in Reno to Barney Stoutenbury from Carson City, and Barney is well along with the footings on the bridge.

Hunt & Frandsen is really moving lost of muck on their highway job at Hickerson Summit, with Fred Getz and Max Getz on their Northwest shovel.

## HOT STUFF AND MUCK

Gibbons & Reed has their Hot Plant going in fine shape, on their job at Oasis, and they are laying lots of hot stuff. Roy Cramm has three more Terra Cobres, and three Super C's; he has moved lots of muck on that job, and fast too. He should be finished in the near future.

Isbell Construction Company will be mixing oil on their highway job at Austin, Nev., for the graveling is in fine shape. Isbell's hot plant crew is busy in Reno, beautifying the steets of Reno.

## OTHER JOBS

Earl Games is well along with the excavating on his part of the street work in Reno. Earl's crushing plant on the west side of town is putting out lots of gravel, with Brother Les Jacobsen feeding the plant with a dozer.

J. M. Sumsion is getting well on the way on his job in Elko County, only thing it's getting a bit cold for mixing oil up there.

George Miller's regular crew is busy in and around Reno, Nev., on pipeline work, and what have you, for they are a go-ahead bunch of Engineers.

The Nevada Constructors, Inc., (better known as Duke & Frazzini) are going along in fine shape at Sierraville, California.

Tree tops in tropical regions sometimes furnish breeding places for mosquitoes. Airplants or bromeliads, which grow in the tree-tops, have a sheath-like foliage that retains water in which the breeding occurs.

Mesons, recently produced artificially at Berkeley, Calif., are called sub-atomic particles and may play an important part in scientific advance.

A trace of copper in stock feed has been found beneficial.

## Consumer Again Gouged; Prices Hit New Highs

WASHINGTON (AFL)—American consumers lost another pound of flesh to business Shylocks in July when higher prices continued to boost the cost of living while fattening profits.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that its consumers' price index as of July 15 advanced to another high at 173.7. This figure was 9.7 per cent higher than a year ago; 30.3 per cent above the June 1946 level, and 76.2 per cent over the August 1939 level.

## BUST RECORDS AGAIN

Meanwhile, financial reports for many corporations showed that profits were running well ahead of last year which itself was a record breaking period for earnings.

The consumers' price index, comprising the average prices of goods and services purchased by moderate-income families in large cities, reflected a 1.2 per cent gain in a month's time in the prices of food, apparel, rent, fuel, house furnishings and all other groups.

The continued rise in retail food prices brought the food index to 216.8 per cent of the 1935-39 average; 12.3 per cent higher than a year ago; 48.9 per cent more than in June 1946; and 131.9 per cent above the August 1939 level.

## MEATS, BUTTER, EGGS

The principal increases were in prices of meats, fish, dairy products and eggs. Prices of fresh fruits and vegetables declined less than seasonally. Food prices rose in 50 of the 56 cities surveyed, dropped in 3 cities, and remained unchanged in 3 cities.

Another federal report on prices backed up the BLS findings with respect to the increasing cost of living. The Department of Agriculture report that the family "market basket" cost more in June than ever before.

Its retail cost rose from an annual rate of \$693 in May to \$705, more than 1 per cent above the previous record of \$695 set in January 1948. It exceeded the World War I record of \$615, reached in June 1920 by nearly 15 per cent. And it was 107 per cent higher than the 1935-39 average.

As a base for figuring the cost of the "market basket," the Department of Agriculture uses annual purchases of farm food products for a family of three average consumers in the 1935-39 period.

Much wood now wasted could be used as a source of carbohydrates by industrial fermentation and save present sources, such as grains, fruits and molasses, for human food and animal feed.

A total of 961 aircraft are now in commercial service in America; of these, 168 are on routes to foreign countries.

# AFL COUNCIL HITS BIG BUSINESS GREED

Chicago.—The "shortsighted greed" of big business is responsible for the inflation that is leading the U. S. toward an economic bust, the AFL Executive Council warned August 23.

The council's statement, issued after the first session of its quarterly meeting here, called on the government to bring representatives of labor, management and agriculture together to work out a voluntary anti-inflationary program.

"The pressure of constantly increasing prices falls heaviest upon workers in the low income groups and those with fixed incomes," the Council said. "But even industrial workers who have succeeded through their trade union in obtaining several wage increases since the end of the war are being caught in the squeeze, since wage rates inevitably fall behind prices during an inflationary spiral.

"As we survey the economic situation today, it appears obvious that a large part of our current inflation is due, not to shortages and unsatisfied consumer demand, but to a deliberate policy on the part of big business. The substance of that policy seems to be to get what can be gotten while the getting it good.

"The Executive Council solemnly warns that by following such a policy of shortsighted greed big business will only be digging the grave of the free enterprise system. Our national economy cannot sustain the effects of inflation indefinitely. The bubble is bound to burst. When it does, our hopes for an orderly and lasting prosperity and the maintenance of world peace will be shattered.

"America cannot afford such a wild gamble. We must act now to prevent disaster. In the absence of any effective legislation by Congress to lead the way, such action must be voluntary."

Objective of the proposed joint conference among labor, management and agriculture, the Council said, "should be to bring about an

immediate halt to all price increases and a gradual reduction in prices. It must be done in a way that will not dislocate our economy or cause undue hardship to any particular economic group. Above all, the continuation of high employment must be safeguarded."

## HITS CONGRESS ON HOUSING

The special session of the 80th Congress "falled the nation" on housing, the AFL Executive Council also charged. The legislation Congress did pass "cannot and will not result in any additional housing for the average worker and his family, or the average veteran and his family," the Council stated.

"The 1948 housing act contained a number of aids to private builders and home owners which may lead to additional housing for families in the upper and middle income brackets," the Council explained, but it does not improve the position of people who really need living space.

The result of its own survey of housing conditions in major U. S. cities, released by the Council to document its statement, showed that one of every five urban families are doubling up, living in overcrowded conditions, or making their "homes" in rooming houses, trailers and tents. Between five and six million city dwellings are substandard. Less than one per cent of city houses are now vacant, whereas the prewar figure was sometimes 40 per cent. More than 10 million new homes need to be built to meet present shortages.

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# Daily Report of Awards For Construction

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& plantmix surf. on untreated rock base on Peltier Road, betw. Davis Road & Bender Road, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.

STOCKTON. Contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., Box 2087, Stockton, \$12,997 for const. storm water sewers & Sanitary Sewer in Fremont Major St. Reloc. in Stockton.

STOCKTON. Contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy & Sons, 922 "J" St., Modesto, \$12,469 for 0.2 mi. widen with plantmix surf. on untr. rock base & exist. pavement surf. w/ plantmix surf. on Rte. 66, in City of Oakdale, betw. "D" & "B" Sts. in STANISLAUS COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$22,947 for paving at Mariposa St. Yard under Rwy. Contr. No. 300.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Munic. Railway, 425 Mason St., S.F., \$6,320 for realign tracks at Church & Market Sts., under Mun. Rwy. Contr. No. 311.

RICHMOND. Contract awarded to Monson Bros., 475 6th St., S.F., \$482,000 for const. service bldg. & paving Elktion Bus Depot, San Jose & Ocean Aves., S.F., RR No. 298.

TIBURON. Contract awarded to Eugene D. Badger, P.O. Box 232, Redwood City, \$9,990 for 18,000 cu. excavate & dispose earth & other material.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Morrison-Knudsen Co., Inc., 785 Market St., S.F., \$3,994,840 for pave, drain, water & elec. work at S.F. Airport, under Contr. No. 109.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Larry's Paint & Decorating Co., 815 Greenwich St., S.F., \$2,741 for clean & paint steel truss bridge, across Arroyo De la Laguna, 3 mi. N. of Sunol, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

DAVIS. Contract awarded to Assoc. Elec. & Mech. Co., 223 Clara St., S.F., \$379,973 for utility connections, soils & irrig. & distrib. system No. 1, for Secondary Bldg. & Plant Science Bldg.

RICHMOND. Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, Box 175, San Pablo, \$53,942 for widen Gaynor Ave., between 13th & 23rd.

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SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Monson Bros., 475-6th St., S.F., \$2,111,856 for general const. of Youth Guid. eCenter.

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to Lewis Const. Co., 1815 Telegraph Ave., Oakland, \$56,772 for const. new Sealer of Weights & Measures Bldg. & Calibration Plant, to be located between 4th & 5th Sts., betw. Webster & Harrison Sts., ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SEPT. 2, 1948

VISALIA. Contract awarded to R. Peterson & Sons, 435 Blackstone Ave., Fresno, \$432,656 (GENERAL WORK) for const. a 140-bed Infirmary at Tulare-Kings Counties Joint Tuberculosis Hospital at Springville.

YUBA CITY. Contract awarded to Irrig. Supply Co., Box 267, Yuba City, \$59,978 for laying 18" to 24" vitr. sewer mains in Yuba City.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. Contract awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, Utah, \$206,775 (Sch. No. 1) and to Vance Elec. Service, 1063 S. State, S. S.L.C., \$54,312 (Sch. No. 2) for extension of the runways and installation on new lights at Salt Lake Airport. Schedule No. 1—Grade, surface, etc.

Schedule No. 2—Inst. new lights. CARMEL. Contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$85,304 for const. swimming pool at High School.

CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION has announced that construction or improvement of 455 airports at a total cost of nearly \$74,000,000 is planned this fiscal year under the Federal Air Airport Program. Federal funds will total \$35,000,000 with local and state sponsors providing the remainder.

SEPT. 3, 1948

PLEASANTON. Contract awarded to Close Bldg. Supply, 721 "C" St., Hayward, \$4,958 for surf. on Main St. betw. Neal & Angela Sts. HILLSBOROUGH. Contracts awarded for grade, surf., water & sewer systems in Sierra Drive, as follows:

...Street Surfacing—To: California Const. Inc., 1243 Broadway, Burlingame, \$17,757.

Sewer Systems—To: E. T. Haas, P.O. Box 411, San Mateo, \$6,320.

Water Systems—To: E. T. Haas, P.O. Box 411, San Mateo, \$6,836.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Ave., S.F., \$2,968 for alts. to aux. water supply system, Fairfax Ave., betw. 3rd to Phelps St.

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to Atlas Pipe Co., 5301 Genoa Ave., Oakland, \$1,967 for const. vitr. sewers in portions of Mountain Blvd. & Snake Rd.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Olympian Dredge Co., 525 Market St., S.F., \$154,085 for maint., dredge in Stockton deep water channel, Suisun basin, Sacramento River, under Spec. No. 1562.

MARTINEZ. Contract awarded to Oliver DeSilva, 2330 Clement Ave., Alameda, \$32,674 for const. highway on Chesley Ave., from 13th St. in San Pablo to west line of York St., CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

EUREKA. Contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial, Eureka, \$5,568 for const. 400-ft. extension to runway at Rhonerville Airport, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

FAIRFIELD. Contract awarded to E. A. Forde, 640 Sir Francis Drake Blvd., San Anselmo, \$24,539 for surf. Lemon St., from Benicia Road to Vallejo City limits, SOLANO COUNTY.

SEPT. 8, 1948

Hayward. Contract awarded to R. A. Watson, 5528 Vineland Ave., North Hollywood, \$744,235 for construction 13.5 mi. of 24" steel pipeline on Niles Road, between Hayward reservoir & Irvington Portal, Hetch Hetchy Aqueduct tunnel, near Mission San Jose, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

STOCKTON. Contract awarded to Manuel Smith, Rte. 1, Box 352, Winton, \$56,350 for const. sanitary sewers in portion of Pacific Gardens, under R.I. No. 906.

SALINAS. Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$13,933 for grade, surf., etc., Hawthorne St. between S. Main St. & Pajaro St. and Pajaro St., between Romie Lane & Hawthorne, under 1911-1915 Acts.

STOCKTON. Contract awarded to Stockton Const. Co., P.O. Box 2087, Stockton, \$24,306 for surfacing on Fremont St., betw. Buena Vista & Persing Avenues.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Company, 10 W. Orange Dr., So. S.F., \$573,642 for 5.7 mi. grade & pave with conc. on cem. tr. subgrade & plantmix surf. on untr. rock base, between Atwater & Livingston, MERCED COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser Co., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$31,930 for 5 1/2 mi. plantmix surf. on exist. base & supply seal coat & const. shoulders of imported base matl. & apply pene. tr., between Stone Lagoon & 1 mi. S. of Orick, in HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$44,245 for const. vitr. sewers in Boulevard Acres Tract.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to J. Bettencourt, 1015 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, \$124,983 for const. police station & jail on Maple Ave.

SANTA ROSA. Contract awarded to A. B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland, Santa Rosa, \$1126 for const. cast iron water mains on Grosse Ave. & Dowling Court.

SANTA ROSA. oContract awarded to Robert M. Rapp Co., 705 Bennett Ave., San Rosa, \$937 for const. water mains in Sucher Tract on Oliver Lane, Albany Ave., Victor Dr. & Elliott Avenue.

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to Heafey-Moore Co., 344 High St., Oakland, \$471,515 for grade & pave East 13th St., between 14th Ave. & Fruitvale Ave.

FRESNO. Contract awarded to Tout & Martin, 2121 Blackstone St., Fresno, \$3,036 for const. conc. curb & gutter, etc., in Meridian Ave., between Huntington Ave. & Fillmore Ave.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to R. Flatland, 100 Portola Dr., S.F., \$34,889 for const. street lighting sys. on Geneva Ave., Mission St. to County Line, under LH&P Contr. No. 64.

SEPT. 10, 1948

OAKLAND. oContract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., S.F., \$982,117 for const. reinf. conc. fdns. & anchors for erect. struc. steel support & 67" pipeline (10 mi.) 2nd Mokelumne Aqueduct, Unit C, under Spec. No. 81.

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., P.O. Box 411, San Mateo, \$80,896 for installing 29,200 1 ft. 2" to 12" cast iron & asbestos cement water mains in ALAMEDA & CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES, under L.S. No. 439.

SAN FRANCISCO. Contract awarded to Fay Improve Co., Phelan Bldg., S.F., \$188,620 for removing tracks & reconstr. pavement on

Clay St., between Embarcadero & Larkin & Sacramento between Gough & Fillmore Sts.

UKIAH. Contract awarded to N. J. Chutuk, 3727 Eagle St., N. Hollywood, \$94,465 for const. sewage collection system.

UKIAH. Contract awarded to Theodore Gregory, 112 Wellington Ave., Pasadena, \$73,903 for const. sewage treatment plant.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$45,392 for const. storm sewer in E. Sandberg Drive, in Orchard Terrace.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA. Contract awarded to Gibbons & Reed, 259 W. 3rd So, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$279,969 for 3.970 mi. grade, surf., portion of St. Hwy. sys., from 4 mi. W. to Nevada-Utah St. line. (Wendover), ELKO COUNTY.

VALLEJO. Contract awarded to Stanley G. Koller, 1694 Pomona, Crockett, \$40,333 for grade & surf. Illinois St. between Napa Road & 845 ft. west.

SACRAMENTO. Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$2,754 for grade, drain and surf. Alley betw. E. & F. & 8th & 9th Sts.

SEPT. 13, 1948

SAN JOSE. Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 So. Montgomery St., San Jose, \$6,620 for surf. Meridian Road, betw. San Carlos & Willow St., in Sup. Dist. No. 4. SANTA CLARA CO.

STOCKTON. Contract awarded to Karl C. Harmeling, 1710 Mt. Diablo, Stockton, \$102,146 for 3.864 mi. grade, surface, drain, on Tracy Road, from St. Rte. No. 4, 8.5 mi. W. of Stockton, southerly across Drexler Tract, middle River & Union Island to Howard Road, near Bilsir School, SAN JOAQUIN CO.

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to J. H. Fitzmaurice, 2857 Hannah St., Oakland, \$10,027 for grade & pave on 21st St., betw. Poplar & Union & a portion of Union.

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to Atlas Pipe Co., 5301 Genoa St., Oakland, \$5,269 for const. conduit & appurt. in Camino Lenada, Las Aromas & path.

FRESNO. Contract awarded to Wm. Erickson, Rte. 7, Box 505, Fresno, \$19,780 for 212 acres grade & level & const. levees, roads, canals & lateral ditches, Fresno Muni. Farm.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA. Contract awarded to Gibbons & Reed Co., 259 W. 3rd So. Salt Lake City, Utah, \$279,969 for 3.970 mi. grade, surf., portion of Hwy. sys., from 4 mi. W. to Nevada-Utah St. Line. (Wendover), ELKO COUNTY.

BURLINGAME. Contract awarded to Roberts & Brune, 115 Townsend, S.F., \$13,969 for furn. gate valves, pressure reducing valves, check valves, air release & vacuum release valves, corporation stops & flanges, FOB Fire House, Half Moon Bay.

OAKLAND. Contract awarded to Pacific Coast Engrs., P.O. Drawer "E", Alameda, \$5,123 for furn. & fab. spec. welded steel pipe fittings from 12" to 54" (lined and coated) under L.S. No. 435.

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## Don't Let George III Cast Your Vote

San Francisco—Don't let George III cast your vote on November 2. You remember George III? He was King of England in and around 1776 when 13 of his American colonies staged a political upheaval and won American independence to establish government by the consent of the governed.

But there are still thousands of Californians who haven't registered for the privilege and duty of voting—and George III has that edge in voting power.

A vote not registered is a vote not cast. And a vote not cast is one for George III.

You don't have to walk across Boston Commons in the face of withering fire, or wait to see the whites of their eyes at the top of Bunker Hill, or tramp with bleeding feet through the snow of Valley Forge to register.

But others before you went through that original war, and the Civil War, and two World Wars, to permit you to walk to the nearest city hall or county courthouse, give your name, age, address, political party affiliation—or you can decline to state any party affiliation—sign your name, and you are a registered voter.

So, on November 2, YOU vote, instead of George.

## Where to Register In San Francisco

Registration deputies will be available at the following locations in San Francisco to take Affidavits of Registration from now until and including September 23.

**Downtown:**

Booth, Battery and Market.  
The Emporium, 835 Market St., 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Hale Bros., 867 Market St., 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

The White House, Sutter and Grant, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Benatar's Drug Co., 4th and Market, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Bank of America, 1 Powell, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Macy's Dept. Store, Stockton and O'Farrell, Thurs., 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; all other days, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

City of Paris, Geary and Stockton, Thurs., 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; all other days, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Polk Street:**

Owl Drug Co., Polk and California, 12 noon-7 p.m.

**Richmond District:**

Owl Drug Co., 701 Clement St., 12 noon-8 p.m.

**Sunset District:**

Jackson's, 20th Ave. and Irving, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Parkside District:**

Community Pharmacy, 1001 Taraval, 12 noon-8 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Haight Ashbury District:**

Superba Market, Haight and Belvedere, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Mission District:**

Sears Roebuck Co., Mission and Army Sts., Fri., 12 noon-9 p.m.; all other days, 9:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Owl Drug Co., 22nd and Mission Sts., 12 noon-8 p.m.

**Outer Mission District:**

Booth (opp. 905 Geneva), Mission and Geneva, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Bay View District:**

Lucky Market, Southridge and Hilltop, 12 noon-8 p.m.

**North Beach District:**

Booth, Vallejo and Columbus, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**Fillmore District:**

Owl Drug Co., Fillmore and Geary, 12 noon-8 p.m.

**Merced Manor:**

Lakeside Drug Co., Ocean and Eucalyptus, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Eureka Valley:**

Star Pharmacy, 498 Castro, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Marina District:**

Booth, N.W. corner Scott and Chestnut, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**City Hall:**

Registrar's Office, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Financial District:**

Office buildings.

**Farmers' Free Market:**

Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**South of Market:**

One booth at different locations, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

## MILKED AGAIN

New York. — Continuing his charges of monopolistic practices against the milk trust in this area, Investigation Commissioner John M. Murtagh stated that Borden's and Shefffield's—the city's two major milk companies—are making \$13 million extra profit annually on homogenized milk from machines that cost only \$5500.

"The cost of a homogenizing machine is \$5500," Murtagh explained. "The machine produces 8000 quarts an hour, or a minimum of 64,000 quarts a day. Thus, with a penny premium on every quart, the machine pays for itself in eight and a half days. Of a billion and a half quarts of milk sold yearly in New York City, 1,300,000,000 quarts are in homogenized form. This results in additional profit of \$13 million a year on fluid milk sold in New York City."

Previously Murtagh had accused the two big companies of boosting the price of milk for school kids under the school lunch program and of milking city institutions by dividing up the area in such a way as to eliminate competition.

## LOOK, SENATOR



No wonder the thermometer hit 100 in the nation's capital recently. Jody Miller, chosen Miss Washington, went on to the Miss America contest in Atlantic City after having put the Capitol Building to much better use than did the 80th Congress.

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## West Engineers Coordinate Work

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ence constitution, the per capita tax was increased from one cent per member to three cents per member per month, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the office and office secretary, this increase to take effect Sept. 1.

Thanks and appreciation were extended to the officers and delegates of Local 302, headed by Bus. Mgr. Jack McDonald, and to those of Local 843, headed by Bro. Bert Swain, for making the Seattle meeting a pleasant and enjoyable event.

The following were re-elected as executive board members: Chas. Evans of Local 12 as chairman; Bert Swain of Seattle Stationary 843, Lou Egan of Portland 701, Claude Sanders of Butte 378, H. H. Herbolshamer of Denver Stationary 1, O. D. Kinnaman of Casper 326, Pat Clancy of San Francisco 3, C. C. Fitch of San Francisco Stationary 39, W. A. Gray of Phoenix 428, A. A. Rossman of Spokane 370, Fred Radomske of Boise 285, Dick Edwards of Denver 9, Bro. A. A. Rossman was re-elected secretary. Bros. Earl G. Smith of Los Angeles Stationary 63, C. R. Owens of Portland Stationary 87, and C. L. Casbolt of Salt Lake 3 were re-elected as members of the board of trustees.

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## By George!

"Dorothy," remarked father, frowning across the breakfast table at his comely daughter, "how many times have I warned you not to entertain more than one beau at a time in the parlor? Last night I could distinctly hear two young men talking down there."

"Oh, no, Father," rejoined Dorothy, "those weren't two boys—that was just George—his voice is changing."

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## No Circumlocution

Coue complained that his famous formula, "Every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better," was of little use in America. It took too long to say, Americans just cut it down to: "Hell, I'm well."

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Before Eli Whitney invented the cotton gin, it took a worker ten hours to pull the seeds from two pounds of cotton.