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## Dedicate New Marysville Building



What So Proudly We Hailed—Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3's New Home in Marysville

### Notables of Area Participate

With the dedication of the new Marysville area office building of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, Tuesday, Sept. 8, another part of our dream has been realized—that of providing an adequate headquarters in every one of our areas for the greater convenience and service of all Local 3 members.

Dedication of the Marysville building was the high point of the Labor Day week in the Marysville area. Newspapers throughout the Northern Sacramento Valley area took note of the event and many leaders in government, labor, business and the professions took part in the observance.

The dedication ceremony opened with the flag raising, by Boy Scout Troop 33 of Yuba City.

A dedicatory prayer was said by the Rev. W. Lawrence Will of the First Christian Church of Marysville.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was led by Congressman John E. Moss, Jr., of the 3rd California Congressional District.

Following this, a bronze plaque was unveiled by Local Union Manager Victor S. Swanson and by Brother Ed Park, California State Labor Commissioner. Brother Park also made the dedication speech, text of which is given below.

The bronze plaque affixed to the new headquarters bears this inscription: (Continued on Page Two)

### AGC Health, Welfare Plan Takes Another Step Ahead

By VICTOR S. SWANSON  
Local Union Manager

The process of ironing out the last remaining details of the Operating Engineers Health & Welfare Trust Fund for Northern California moved forward this month with action by the federal court to appoint an impartial arbitrator.

After two hearings, Federal Judge Oliver J. Carter in San Francisco on Sept. 10, 1953, named Sam Kagel, attorney at law, as the impartial arbitrator.

Member firms of the Associated General Contractors, Northern and Central California chapters, have already commenced to pay into the trust fund. Within a short time we expect to have the fund operating so that all members who may have legitimate claims can be paid.

Those of our members who work for AGC firms are advised that in the event they or members of their families incur medical or hospital expense due to accident or injury they should keep all bills and other records pertaining to the illness or accident so that they may be compensated to whatever extent their claims may be covered by the Health & Welfare plan when it comes into operation.



JOHN E. MOSS, JR.  
Member Congress, 3rd District of California



VICTOR S. SWANSON  
Local Union Manager

### Predict Rise in Construction

Washington, D. C.—Expenditures for new construction this year are expected to reach \$34-2/3 billion, exceeding last year's record by 6 percent or \$2 billion, according to latest estimates by the Departments of Labor and Commerce.

This year's dollar volume of new construction also will represent a new peak in work actually put in place, when adjustment is made for price changes, the agencies said.

A sharp rise in commercial building is expected, also substantial increases in spending for privately owned public utility construction, private housing, and schools and highway work.

### SERVICE WITHDRAWALS

JIM ROBERTS, JR.  
ROBERT M. SWAN  
ALAN DAHLIN  
BEN ACQUISTAPACE, JR.  
BILL D. COLE  
GLENN E. HERTEL

California grade crossing accidents caused 151 deaths and injured 809 in 1952.

Help Labor's League in '54, Give a dollar to even the score.

### Park: 'A Good Home Does Much for a Union'

Following is the text of the address given by the California State Labor Commissioner, Brother Ed Park, on the occasion of the dedication of Local 3's new headquarters building in Marysville:



EDWARD P. PARK  
Dedication Speaker

It is a most pleasant honor to take part in the dedication of this building which stands as a monument to the Operating Engineers Union and all that it stands for.

I bring with me today greetings and best wishes for continued success in your new home from our good Governor Earl Warren who has appointed me and has proven his friendship for the things you stand for by sponsoring and signing more legislation for the benefit of the workman than any other California governor since Hiram Johnson.

It is especially appropriate that men skilled in the arts of construction should undertake to construct a building to be used as the home of their trade union, and this structure certainly exemplifies the best workmanship of the Engineers and (Continued on Page Twelve)

### Protest Cuts in Flood Control

The State Reclamation Board, through Chief Engineer A. M. Barton, is on record vigorously protesting cuts in federal expenditures for California flood control projects.

Barton last week detailed the protest in a letter addressed to Colonel William Ely, Sacramento district engineer, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. A copy was sent on to Washington, D. C. headquarters of the Army Engineers by Congressman John E. Moss, Jr., Sacramento.

Barton noted the Sacramento district office of the Army Engineers has revised construction plans so not more than \$1,500,000 will be spent in fiscal 1954 on the Old Sacramento River Project instead of \$3,800,000 as originally planned.

### IN MEMORIAM

- FLOYD TRIMBLE  
San Francisco, Calif., July 25
- JOBE J. ALEXANDER  
Angel's Camp, Calif., Aug. 4
- MAURICE CAMPION  
Oakland, Calif., Aug. 10, 1953
- M. REVILLA  
San Francisco, Aug. 14, 1953
- H. T. CHRISTENBERRY  
Fair Oaks, Calif., Aug. 17
- GEORGE K. KELLOGG  
Richmond, Calif., Aug. 20, 1953
- DAN ZAGARICH  
Midvale, Utah, Aug. 20, 1953
- EDGAR R. GILMORE  
Eureka, Calif., Aug. 21, 1953
- A. F. CAMPBELL  
Hammonton, Calif., Aug. 24
- GUS DeCARLO  
San Francisco, Calif., Aug. 30

# Haggerty Sees Prospect Of Struggle and Progress

By C. J. Haggerty, Secretary-Treasurer, California State Federation of Labor

Labor Day in 1953 offers the same prospects of struggle and progress that have confronted the American trade union movement since its national development in the 19th century.

We face attacks of increasing intensity. This is especially true of the legislative theatre where our enemies seek to achieve through political pressure that which they can not accomplish on the economic front.

While there is nothing new in such tactics, there has been a greater use of the weapons of political assault in 1953 than at any time since the adoption of the Taft-Hartley law.

All of this points to one sobering conclusion. Too many Americans are refusing to accept organized labor as a required and integral part of our democratic society.

Such a reluctance is especially noted among those who influence much of our economic and social existence.

Actually, the history of this generation of Americans would show that in nations where labor is denied the right of participation, the inevitable result is a shamefully low standard of living and ultimate domination of workers and management by the absolute state.

Thus, cooperation between labor and management -- and other free forces in society -- is not a luxury, but a necessity. We will either work together on the basis of equality or perish at the hands of a political tyranny.

Further, it must be realized that labor union members comprise an imposing segment of American life. Here is California, the AFL membership alone totals more than 1,225,000 men and women.

It is true that we have particular interests, but it is equally true that we serve the common welfare.

We assert that what is good for labor is good for the nation. This is not a narrow, provincial position. It is an essential one. We must remember that if the wage earners of America are unable to buy back the products of their labor, then surely national markets will decline and the awful shadow of unemployed millions will haunt our land.

From its inception, the AFL has espoused the American way of democracy. In a free society, there will be differences, and certainly, men will everlastingly debate the question of a fair share of the profit in the sphere of industrial relations. But the significant thing is we believe there must be free men on both sides of the bargaining table.

We continue to hold faith in the mutual responsibility of labor and management. We continue to insist that free labor and free management express the power and hope of the private enterprise system, which has helped make America a leader among the nations.

In another important sense, the organized labor movement has become the social conscience of America. We cherish the fundamentals, but we also struggle for the needy, the aged, the sick, and the dispossessed.

Thus, while we give a proper priority to wages, hours, and conditions of work, we have become the legislative and political voice of

# MANY SMALL JOBS KEEP S.F. HAPPY

By PAT CLANCY and PAUL EDGEcombe Business Representatives

Construction in the San Francisco area has upheld all previous predictions in accordance with the jobs that have been awarded. Most of these jobs are on a small cost basis compared to some of the larger contracts that have been awarded in other areas, but they are numerous enough to keep many of our members employed.

Preparation has started for development of the Western Addition Housing Project. Several building wrecking crews are busy tearing down buildings in this area. There are two sites to be razed, the first in the area bounded by Laguna, Buchanan, Turk and Willow streets; the second by Turk, Pierce, Eddy and Divisadero streets. Contract for this project will be awarded next month.

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors recently approved funds for the purchase of land for a public garage. This site also will require some building removal and excavation work before any building construction can be started.

Raymond Concrete Piling has finished driving a few test pilings on the site of the Equitable Life Insurance Building. This will be a 25-story office building. They also are driving piling for the new RCA Communications Building on Market street.

Grading has begun on the Twin Peaks development area for construction of new homes by Standard Builders. They have moved part of their equipment in from the Duck Farm with Bro. Bob Terry as foreman. Lubricating special details are taken care of by Bro. Steve Demoff. This project will involve a lot of tree clearing and grading.

Presidio Housing Project will be completed in the next few days. This job has afforded employment for a crew of Technical Engineers and cat skimmers throughout its duration. Baker's Beach Builders were the contractors.

Truck crane rental companies, G. W. Thomas, Farnsworth & Ruggles, Warren Ballinger and Flora Crane Service, have kept their crews busy on various jobs around the city.

Work on the freeway, from Alemany to Candlestick Point, Harney's portion, and Division to vicinity of 7th and Bryant streets, Atkinson's portion, is keeping a number of engineers employed.

These two jobs involve a wide variety of construction, such as pile driving, steel erection, grading and concrete pouring. Lots of time will elapse before these jobs are completed.

All repair shops in this area are busy, as are all outside operations, and we hope that they will continue in this manner.

# S.F. Food Prices Slightly Lower

The average San Francisco housewife paid slightly less for food in July than she did in June. According to Max D. Kossoris, Western Regional Director of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average retail price level of food was 0.8 percent lower, largely because of the seasonal downturn of prices of fresh vegetables and fruits. The July food index of 113.2 is slightly lower than the levels for the three preceding months and 0.6 percent lower than the year ago index (Average 1947-1949=100).

Gop-Big Biz is stealing the U.S.—back your union!

# Report of Last Meeting

September 12, 1953

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. Pres. Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present, with exception of Conductor Collett, who was excused.

A synopsis of the regular meeting of August 1 read and by motion approved, as read.

A synopsis of executive board meeting minutes of August 12 and September 2nd read, and the acts and recommendation of the board were by motion approved.

Cards of thanks were received from Rose La Vier, Mrs. Viola Campion and Joan, the family of Bud Hicks, Mrs. Arant and family, and the family of Jobe Alexander.

Pres. Clancy placed a fine upon Bro. Joe Corrie for violation of the working rules suspending half of the fine which will apply in case of future violation.

The following brothers were reported ill: Harry Allee, Rudy Avila, LeRoy Bryant, J. Baumgartner, James E. Burke, Harold B. Clark, Charles Cruickshank, John L. Card, Charles W. Cardwell, A. T. Duffloth, Thomas Fraser, J. J. Finney, J. H. Gillis, B. U. Hall, Ted Harris, Charles Holmes, Harold Jennings, Henry T. Kennedy, Clarence Kavanaugh, Lloyd Lancaster, A. W. Lantz, C. C. McKelvey, Clifford Miller, Ruey Moles, Henry Murphy, Henry R. Mighels, Wallace, Mitchell, Jack D. Nielsen, Oral Nelson, C. A. Newton, Elzie C. O'Mary, Eugene F. Phillips, Alfred J. Perry, Coe N. Renfro, Vern Ruckman, Edwin V. Silva, Virgil Stamps, Arthur Schwartz, A. Earl Smith, W. C. Salsman, Orland E. Thorn, Bob E. Taylor, Earl Van Galder, Oscar J. Winkler, Wilfred Walsh.

The following brothers were reported deceased: Jobe J. Alexander, Maurice Campion, H. T. Christenberry, George K. Kellogg, Floyd Trimble, Dan Zagarich, Edgar R. Gilmore, A. F. Campbell, Gus De Carlo, M. Revilla, Otto Enge, John H. Monroe, A. B. Cook, A. E. Murray.

The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased brothers.

The business agents gave their reports, which were accepted as given.

Brother James Estep, international representative of the regional office, gave a short talk. His remarks were well received by the membership.

Report of the general secretary-treasurer was read by President Clancy.

Considerable time was spent in explaining the health and welfare plan as applied to the Associated General Contractors.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Respectfully submitted, C. F. MATHEWS, Recording Secretary

# Local Union 3's New Marysville Bldg. Dedicated

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scription: "THIS BUILDING ERECTED BY THE MEMBERSHIP OF LOCAL UNION NO. 3 AND DEDICATED TO THE AMERICAN, DEMOCRATIC WAY OF LIFE."

On the plaque also are the names of the officers of Local 3 at the time of its placement. All of them were present for the ceremony.

And on hand to represent the Intl. Union of Operating Engineers was 3rd International Vice President John J. McDonald.

Master of ceremonies was senior Business Representative Les Collett of the Marysville office, who introduced his co-worker, Business Representative C. R. Van Winkle, more recently assigned to the area.

Among the many leading citizens of the area who joined Local 3 in this observance were the following:

Yuba County Supervisor Sam Sperbeck, Sutter County Supervisor Harold Moore, Yuba City Councilman Howard Harter, Marysville City Councilman John J. Murphy, Marysville City Clerk Chester Gates and Lieut.-Col. D. L. Reed, representing the commander of Beale Airforce Base.

Among the numerous labor leaders participating were Ed McCabe of the Shasta County Building Trades Council, Mickey Doyle of the Butte County Central Trades Council and Albert A. Marty of Sacramento Teamsters Local 150. Present also were officials of the local Chamber of Commerce and numerous contractors, business and professional men of the community.

The Marysville staff of Local 3 moved into the new building the next day, September 9, Admission Day.

Teamsters Union 137 of Marysville will also have their offices in the new building.

Designed by Architect Donald S. Macky of Oakland, the new structure, located at 1010 Eye St., is a one-story, flat-roof structure of face brick and stucco exterior which easily qualifies as one of the most modern and attractive

# NLRB Complaints Set New High

Washington (LPA)—NLRB General Counsel George J. Bott reported that both the number of unfair labor practice complaints issued and the number of court suits under Taft-Hartley reached a record high during the second quarter of 1953.

Bott said that between April and June, he issued 244 complaints, an all-time high for any three-month period. Fifty-two of these were against employers and unions jointly, 138 against employes alone. Twenty-three injunctions against secondary boycotts also were asked, he said.

# U. S. WILL PROBE THE GAS PRICE HIKES

Washington (LPA)—The anti-trust division of the Justice Department has opened an inquiry to determine whether the recent increase in gasoline prices was the result of a conspiracy by the oil industry.

The House Commerce Committee several months ago held hearings on the price increases, and Rep. John W. Heselton (R., Mass.) a member of the committee, later declared the increases were "completely unjustified" and that the oil companies had failed to make a case for the increase.

# Fishermen Rejoice!

From the Mt. Shasta hatchery, State Fish & Game personnel planted 69,400 catchable-sized rainbow trout and 107,600 fingerlings during the month of July.

Experience teaches fools, says a Latin proverb, but foolish driving often makes the experience very costly. Take it easy, so you won't have to learn the hard way.

union buildings in California. It is provided with adequate parking space for cars which, Brother Collett said, will enable the union to do a better job of serving the members and the contractors we deal with.

Brother Collett extended an invitation to all members and friends of the union to come and inspect the union's new Marysville home.

millions who look to us as old campaigners in the fight for a better social order.

Labor Day in 1953 finds us, then, approaching ever-broader horizons of action. We must succeed for the advance of America. Let every unionist understand our duty and our destiny. We must write the future of a free and prosperous nation.

We undertake such obligations with hearts quickened by the truce in Korea, but the very uncertainty of that truce demands vigilance and vigor as the price of a free society.

These tasks need not be forbidding if we march in the spirit of our founders. We should be sustained by the motives of Gompers and the men who built our movement. However, they gave us no guaranty of survival. We must triumph by our own intelligence, our own integrity, our own will.

# This Is All the Public Housing We Get This Year

Washington (LPA)—The Public Housing Administration has announced the areas where 20,000 low-cost homes will be built this fiscal year, in what is left of public housing after the Congressional wreckers got through.

In California, Los Angeles will get 1408 units, San Francisco 1122, Richmond 330 and Colton 31.

Before Congress had set a limit of 20,000 FHA had signed contracts with local housing authorities for 55,946 units.

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ALWAYS PREPARED — It doesn't look as if there's enough water even for wading but Film Star Yvonne de Carlo wears a bathing suit to be on the safe side anyway. (LPA)

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# 12 MILLION TON STRIPPING JOB FOR CON COPPER CO.

By H. L. ("Curley") SPENCE and J. W. ("Bill") BARR,  
Business Representatives

Isbell Construction Co. has another stripping job for Consolidated Copper Co. consisting of 12 million tons. That's a lot of overburden to strip off to get out some copper.

I know all the dear brothers around Ely will be real happy now that Isbell got this big job. Especially brothers like Henry "Doc" Lumby, E. E. Ford, and J. C. Tognarelli. These Brothers really like their jobs and the town of Ely. The brothers in the shop are happy about the new job. Brothers Ed Wiesser, M. H. Boggs, Dan Salaz, and Jack Colvin will really have it made by the time this job is completed.

Isbell is giving the brothers the rush act on the Slide Mountain highway job so they can move the cats to the new stripping job at Ely. There is quite a crew on the "Windy Hill" or Slide Mountain. Such fellows as Brother Randy Booth and Clyde Burchfield, the grade foremen, and the following cat operators: Bros. "Big John" Kudron, Ed Smith, Roger "Cookie" Heric, George Sharrah and George Bowers, Manuel "The Bronc Busting Kid" McCloud, Johnny "Refugee from California" Dennis, and T. A. Patton.

Now that's a real fast crew of skimmers for Mr. Frank Zelinske, the super on the job. He told me so, and he's just the boy that tells a person if the crews are good, bad or indifferent. Brother C. J. "Jim" Crossman, the culvert pipe foreman, with Brother Lloyd "Blackie" Richards, doing the backhoe operating on Jim's crew. Of course, "Blackie's" oiler, Brother James Francis, does his share on the crew.

Now for the rock crushing crew or maybe I should say Brother Clinton Green's crew. That Green boy really has things buzzing around that gravel plant at Slide Mountain. But he should, for he has a good crew. Brother Joe Salars on the Northwest with his oiler Dan Rutherford, and Bro. Ellis Jordan on the Tournadozer. Now when that Green boy starts waving his hands, and dishing out orders like a "top sarge" in the "walking" army, things really happen around the rock crusher.

Out at the Isbell gravel plant on East Second street in Reno, where Brother Clarence "Bill" Boegle is called the super, its different. The stock piles are dwindling down to practically nothing. Looks as if Isbell will have to revert back to their regular rock crusher man, Bro. John Coviello, so the company can have some rock. The hot plant on Second street has a smoother operating crew with Brothers Herman Peterson, Martin Rosso and Peter C. Finn, operating the plant. Those brothers really put out the hot stuff.

The Isbell Company's four lane highway job on No. 40, west of Verdi, Nevada, is moving right along. Bro. George Conley is the "big wheel" and Brother Clarence Wibel is the grade foreman and a good one. He keeps things rolling along even with the traffic problems. Brothers W. R. "Skinner Bill" Sherwin, Victor "The Groaner" Lambert, and Bill Ponton on the cats.

The Isbell family finally found something that Brother Ralph "Slim" Cubberness can run. Its an Internall Farmall Tractor, pulling a rubber tired Woblie Roller on the sub-grade. Now Slim's right at home on this rig. Its even becoming to him, beginning to believe they look alike in some ways.

Brother Carl Hector flunking around the hot plant on the Verdi job. However, Hank Isbell keeps a sharp eye on Carl to see that he does something once in a while. Brother J. H. "Jack" Cox, on the Northwest Shovel, and he has a real oiler, Bro. Eli Lundy. He is an oiler that bosses the runner instead of the runner bossing the oiler. Eli even keeps the truck drivers in line, too, just in his spare time. He's really busy, believe me. Bro. A. E. Potash is on the finish

blade, and he's doing a bang-up job for the company.

Brother Bud Clem and his oiler, Bro. Tox "Tex" Brown, do more turning on the Northwest Backhoe they are on than they do digging. But they like it, even though Bud doesn't particularly like the way the rig operates; they get the job done.

Brother Ken Carpenter appreciates the brothers from the Verdi job dropping in at "Ken's" in Verdi, Nevada, after work for some refreshments.

Dodge Construction Co's. hot plant and paving crew have a real job at Lake Tahoe, on the Nevada side. The brothers are enjoying a vacation at the lake along with the work on the hot plant. There is Brother Jake Johnson, head fireman; Brother Eugene Hyatt, the graveyard foreman, and a real good one. He can stay awake, McKay, the super on the job, told me so. Hyatt must be a good man, judging from what Mac said, and when McKay passes judgment on a man, that's it.

The paving crew is a good one. Brother George "Whitey" Cate is on the blade with Brother Frank Molinari, on the follow-up blade. Brother Darrell Fishes is on the roller. He is just the brother that can do the finishing touches with a hot roller job. That roller better be smooth, Darrell, after all that talk about California and their roads. If it isn't, we'll know its sabotage. Brother Gordon O'Brien is the Jaeger Spreader Operator, and that O'Brien can really spread that black stuff. Believe me, for I watched him for a while.

Down at Yerington, at the Anacoda Copper operations, the construction companies are getting close to the finish line. However, some of the best of the brothers are still on the job, such as Bro. Jack "Breakfast Food Kid" Kellogg, the steward for the J. A. McNeil job, and then there is Bro. B. V. "Bill" Hall, the super, and Bro. Wesley Carlson, the shop foreman. Carlson really keeps the brothers on the ball around the McNeil shop. The following brothers are working out of there under the eagle eyes of Brothers Hall and Carlson: Brothers James Duncan, grease monkey, and what have you. Brother Jerry Morlan is back with McNeil. However, Jerry hesitated about going back to Yerington for the "Jolly Judge," Helen King, had \$50 hanging over Jerry's head for speeding. So Jerry decided that crime does not pay, plunked down the \$50 and went back to work. No more hiding out in the hills around Fallon, Nevada. I think his little brother, Dale Morlan, also a brother in the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3, has a lot of influence over Jerry at times for Dale is a real guy. Dale is only a greaser now, but with his personality and outlook on life, he really will go places in the Engineers Union some day.

The George E. Miller Co. has lots of work in Reno, Hawthorne, Ely, and way points in the great state of Nevada. That super of Geo. Miller's, Brother Howard Johnston, is a real good super. He promotes lots of work and keeps the brothers going most of the time. The shop crew over at Miller's really keeps things moving. Brother Herschel Walker is back—one week was enough in Grass Valley, Calif. Now if he can keep from setting the shop on fire and he should be able to with the help and advice of Brother John Livingston, things really ought to stay in high gear.

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The six-year-old was making her first visit to the country. She saw the chickens, the gardens, the barn and ended at the pig pen where an enormous sow was reclining.

"Big, isn't she?" asked the farmer's wife.

"And I know why," replied the little girl. "When I saw her yesterday, she had nine little pigs blowing her up."

# Reclamation Bureau Sets Up California Projects Office

C. H. Spencer, supervising engineer, California Projects Office, announced today that the reorganization of the Bureau of Reclamation's Region 2 into a California Projects Office will be substantially completed by September 15. The district offices of Chico, Stockton, and Fresno will be formally abolished, as such, on this date.

## Race With The Rains in Eureka Area

By A. R. McCAFFREY  
Business Representative

The report from the Redwood Empire is just about the same this month as it was last month. All the Brothers are working, and it is keeping us busy trying to find operators for the many jobs coming in. We have been really beating the brush; so much so that it has been impossible to cover the different jobs as often as we would like to.

Mercer Fraser Co., as usual, seems to have some kind of a job behind every bush—highway work, bridges, paving, piledriving, building, excavating, cement work and what have you. They will really have to step on it if they expect to complete this work before the rains come.

Humboldt Constructors, alias Maurer & Sons, are also in the same boat. They have completed their rip-rap job at Shively but are hitting their jobs on the freeway at Arcata and Klamath. Up at the Klamath job they have five rigs rented from Aho & Box from Crescent City besides their own equipment.

John Petersen is working a lot of hours on his various jobs. He was just awarded four new jobs; retaining wall at Fortuna; retaining wall at Rio Dell; Wingwalls on North Mattole River, and bridge and channel change at Fortuna.

John Burman & Sons are busy on their three jobs; surfacing job at Crescent City; new alignment from South Scotia to Shively and their highway job at Bull Creek. Brother Louie Conner is coming right along on his highway job at Kneeland. He also has the rest of his equipment rented out on several other jobs.

Brother Tom Hull is busy as usual on several jobs around the area. He was recently awarded a new job up at Sweasy Dam by the City of Eureka to the tune of \$49,868.

W. S. Selvage has three new jobs to complete; cemetery job at Arcata; repair bridge on Lower Price Creek and demolish a bridge at Shively.

Peletz Bros. came in and knocked off an 8 inch water main job in Eureka. Their bid was \$33,453.

James H. McFarland was low bidder on two bridges; one seven miles north of Klamath and the other four miles north of Crescent City. His bid was \$29,312.

Macco-M. K. at Crescent City is lined out now and are making good progress on their jetty job at Crescent City. They also have started their highway job at Gasquet with two shovels and two dozers.

Kenworthy & Patterson at Weitchpec are making good progress on their highway job. Also, C. V. Kenworthy at Berry Summit is coming along very nicely.

There are numerous other small jobs throughout the area which keep yours truly plenty busy, but that's the way we like it. By all indications, none of the Brothers will be worrying about work until the rains start.

We are sorry to report the passing of Brother Ed Gilmore on August 21. Our sympathy goes to his family.

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When the private handed over his late pass, the corporal of the guard eyed him suspiciously.

"Where did you get that black eye?" he demanded sternly.

"I went to a dance in the next village," explained the private, "and was struck by the beauty of the place."

Most of the development and field office coordination work now performed by these district offices will be assumed by the California Projects Office in Sacramento. Essential field work will continue to be performed, however, by field offices now existing or to be established in lieu of the district offices.

The headquarters in Sacramento was reorganized as of Sept. 1, resulting in a consolidation of functions and the elimination of five major divisions.

The new simplified California Projects Office in Sacramento will comprise five major divisions: Operation and Maintenance Division headed by Martin H. Blote; Planning Division headed by A. Norman Murray; Engineering and Construction Division headed by William J. McCrystle; Control and Finance Division headed by Thomas K. Vasey, and an Administrative Services Division headed by H. F. Halliday. In addition, there will be an Office of Projects Counsel headed by Leland O. Graham. R. S. Calland will be assistant supervising engineer.

The reduction of permanent employees to the approximately 1,678 established by Secretary McKay's special survey committee is expected to be reached in the near future. The organization recently has lost substantial numbers of employees by resignation or transfer to other agencies.

Mr. Spencer expressed the hope, therefore, that the total number of reduction in force notices to be issued to employees throughout the California Projects area may run considerably less than 100.

These estimates on reduction do not take into account water rights activities. No action has been taken on personnel engaged in water rights work pending a decision as to how this problem is resolved. Conferences and studies are continuing on this problem and it is anticipated a decision will be reached very shortly.

Mr. Spencer stated that the reorganization was planned so as to result in minimum disruption to the water and power users served by Bureau facilities. To help the readjustment of these relationships, the following may be of value:

**Shasta Operation Office, Redding—George D. Atkinson.**—Responsible for the operation of Shasta and Keswick dams, reservoirs, power plants and transmission lines.

**Fresno Operations Office, with operational sub-offices at Friant, Orange Cove, Lindsay, Delano—Jack W. Rodner.**—Responsible for the operation of Friant Dam, the Friant-Kern Canal, Madera Canal, and negotiation and administration of water service contracts and distribution system repayment contracts.

**Tracy Operations Office, with sub-office at Los Banos—H. W. Thomson.**—Responsible for the operation of Delta-Mendota Canal, Tracy Pumping Plant, Contra Costa Canal, Delta Cross Channel, Tracy Switchyard, and negotiation and administration of water service and distribution system repayment contracts.

**Sacramento Valley Canals Construction Office, Red Bluff—E. K. Durant.**—Responsible for the construction of the Sacramento Valley canals.

**American River Construction Office, Folsom—H. F. Bahmeier.**—Responsible for the construction of Folsom Power Plant, Nimbus Dam and Power Plant, Sly Park Dam, and Camino Conduit.

**Solano Construction Office, with jurisdiction over Tracy Construction Office at Tracy, Winters—B. P. Bellport.**—Responsible for the construction of the Solano Project, distribution systems on the Contra Costa and Delta-Mendota canals, and clean-up work at the Tracy Pumping Plant and the Delta-Mendota Canal.

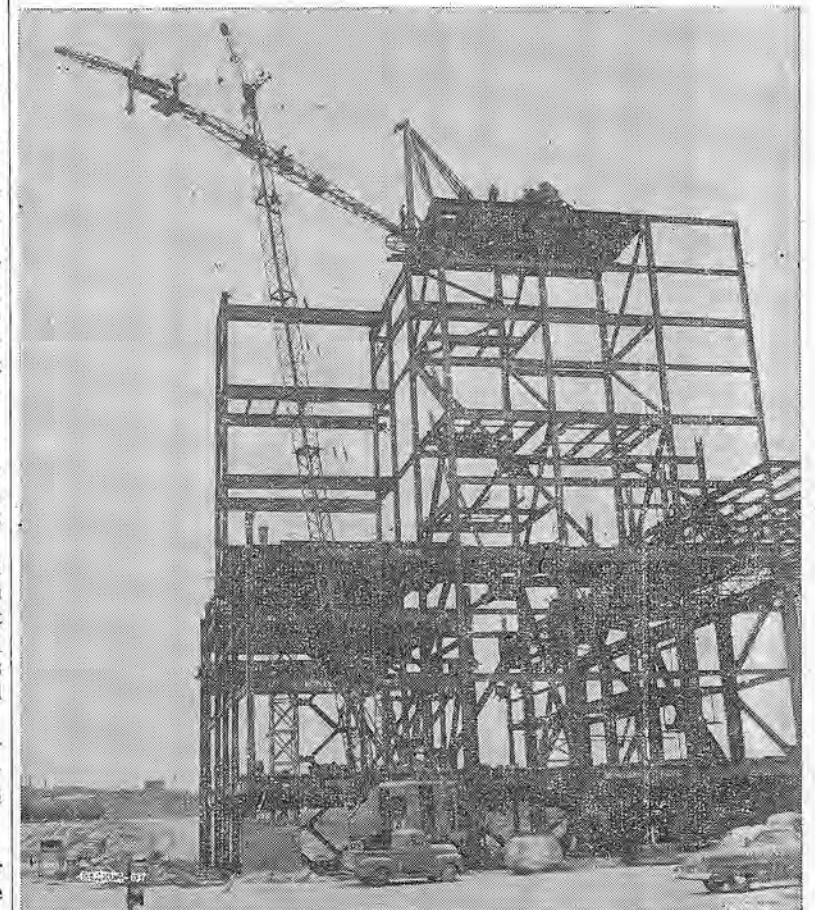
**Madera Construction Office, Friant—Speed S. Leonard.**—Responsible for the construction of the Madera Distribution System.

**Lindsay Construction Office, Lindsay—Walter Brenner.**—Responsible for the construction of the Delano-Earlimart Distribution System, the Exeter Distribution Units 2 and 3, and for completion of other distribution systems in that area.

**Development Field Office, Chico—J. W. Carniglia.**—Responsible for hydrologic and land use investigations and water service contract negotiations for the Sacramento Canals Unit.

**Arcata Planning Office, Arcata—Vernon Hansen.**—Responsible for the North Coastal Area investigations.

The planning work at Stockton has been transferred to Sacramento, leaving in this office only personnel engaged in field work.



NICE WORK if you can do it. And our Operating Engineers sure can. Participants in this shot are members of our sister Local 12, placing an 80-foot stiff leg on the roof of the main building of \$70 million generating station being built near Carlsbad, California, for the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. It's a 1½ yard P & H Crane with 135-foot boom and 20-foot jib that's doing the trick.

## Sacramento Office Hollering for Help

By W. V. MINAHAN, H. S. CLARK and E. M. NELSON,  
Business Representatives

Brothers, this office is practically out of help. Since the work stoppage has ended it seems like every contractor in this area wants help, and more jobs to start.

The Folsom Dam project remains the same as our last report with a few more engineers added. We hear that this job will really get under way in October when they start shifts

around-the-clock operations. It also means that this office will be looking for whirley and hammerhead operators.

The Nimbus Dam, located seven miles downstream from Folsom and being built by Winston-Johnson Co., is well on the way with their concrete pouring to this date. Looks like next summer for the brothers here.

U.P.K. were the low bidders on all of the Roseville freeway and are well on the way with themselves and two sub-contractors on the job at this writing. Stewart & Squire, with Bro. Oran Cobb in charge, are doing the dirt work on this job at the Roseville end. Darrough & Sons are getting the job done in the middle, and U.P.K. are all over the job with Brother Ray Austin Sr. bossing on this project.

Huntington Bros. were low bidders on the Shingle Springs job which consists of 5.5 miles of re-aligning and surfacing. Luce informs us that they should finish this fall.

Fredrickson & Watson have the dirt practically moved on the Placerville freeway and are in the finishing stages on the structures. The grading on this project will be let at a later date.

On the Sly Park project, with Fredrickson & Watson and M-K Corp. doing the main dam, the Wixson & Crowe getting the clearing done, the work has slowed down since our last report, with the exception of the clearing crew who are practically finished. The drilling has held up the work on the main dam and it looks like the last of September before they roll again. This job is now on a one-shift, 10-hour basis with Archie Harsh as the new superintendent. The Fred Canon Co. has the drilling contract here, with Bro. Slick Deines doing the bossing.

On this same location, the Tarlton Co. is progressing rapidly with its tunnel job. This tunnel is being lined now, with about a month to completion. Bro. Roy Bell is doing the bossing here with Bro. Harold Eckes in charge of the works.

On the other end of the tunnel we have the Stolte Co. erecting a small dam to bring the water into Sly Park via the tunnel. This job will also be completed this fall. Joe Vicini is the sub here. Joe's crew put the access road in and has done all the excavating with Bro. Clarence Burriss doing the draglining. Joe also has the Pet Hill job near Grass Valley. This, too, is showing signs of completion. Bro. Allen is ramrodding this spread.

John Mehren, with Bro. Jim Kelly in charge, has a two-mile road job at Nevada City. This is well on the way with the weather in their favor. It should be finished this fall in good time. This firm has a newlywed for a master mechanic. Bro. Ernie Flint informs us that he took the step into matrimony. We offer congratulations to Ernie and his wife. Bro. Lloyd Bailey moved his crusher to this job, completed the crushing, and has moved out.

The gravel plants in this area are all running to capacity at this time. Some are on a two-shift basis.

On the west side of Sacramento we also report activity. A. Teichert & Son picked up the paving job on the Winters road with 11 miles to go. The gravel plants in this area are also running full steam at this time.

W. C. Railing has added a new Madsen hot plant and a new screening plant. Bro. Bill Hogg is in charge of this with Bro. George McFarland bossing the second shift. This firm has a bridge job near Capay which is progressing nicely. The Raymond Concrete Pile Co. has a driver on this job. Railing has trucks hauling to the

U.P.K. job on the West Sacramento freeway. Looks from here like a six-week run.

Lee Stephens, who has the levee job at the Port District, is in the windup stages. Our next report should show completion of this job. Gordon Ball has the highway job at Davis. This project is well on the way.

Parish Construction Co. is laying a sewer line at Woodland. Betten-court Co. has the hospital job at Woodland on the finishing stages. The Graco Tractor Co., also at Woodland, keeps the brothers plenty busy repairing all types of equipment. Bro. Rudy Wademan does a good job as steward here.

Lord & Bishop started a bridge job down the river with Bro. Mel Wissler back in the operating seat. Lord & Bishop and Lentz Co. have a sewer job in town. This is progressing nicely at this writing. The brothers on this job have plenty water problems, though.

Harms Bros. started a 600-acre subdivision south of town. This is going good with Bro. Spike Voudouris doing the hiring.

J. R. Reeves has work of all types in the city. Brothers on this payroll will work until it rains. McGillivray Co. has work all over the county. This firm has a runway job at Mather Field with Brothers Al Human and Max Neal in charge. This is a concrete job and they will have the new Koering float on it.

Stolte & Early have the new sewage disposal plant near Municipal Airport well on the way to completion. McGillivray is laying the pipe on this project with Brother Don Elliott pulling the levers on the truck crane.

Burgin & Stevenson have the water contract at the Folsom Dam. This company keeps the brothers busy anywhere from 10 hours a day. They specialize in water hauling, sprinkler systems, pumps, pipe, etc., call Folsom 304-W.

Hard Materials Co. keeps the brothers busy most of the year. They specialize in all types of mortar supplies. Call HU 4-9397.

This month's wishes for speedy recoveries and better luck in the future go to: Jack Miller, who suffered a slight heart attack but will be back to work soon; C. O. Hays, who is getting around after a thumb fracture; Harry Crigler, who is getting over a case of the "cranks." Harry got hurt while cranking a starting engine. Harry Welch, who is convalescing at home after a mastoid operation; LeRoy Bennett, who was slightly hurt while working on a boom. LeRoy spent a few days in the hospital; Art Nevers, who is recovering from a heart attack and will be laid up for a while.

### HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS

Slick & Art panning gold; Sam Fisher building a bridge; Bob Wagon bringing home the venison; Stirling Pirtle running side hill carry all; Bob Lynch welding; Ray Cochrane hitting the ice water; Bill Metz on a backhoe; J. C. Morse lubrication technician; Red Gorham collecting a pay check; Glen Eckert craning; Don West driving a jeep; Earl Scott ramrodding; Howard Cottrell rolling seal coat; Jack Wingate rolling hot stuff; Norman Hill catching mice; Harry Carver cartoonist; Buck Pelton going off shift; Jack Margison picking up a clearance; Marion Larson running a truck crane; Art Gilmore writing a check; Art Jones running a water pump; Doc Lindsay running a wind pump; Red Steward gaffing; Marshall White bailing rocks; Smokey Boehn wearing a hard hat; Jim Alexander leaving for another project; Whitey Crisler going south; Jimmie Ashford looking southward; Lee Roeder loaning a

## Santa Rosa Streets Finally Being Repaired

By GLENN L. DOBYNS  
Business Representative

The streets of Santa Rosa are finally getting the much needed repair that has been postponed for years.

Many of the streets are getting a resurfacing job. While 4th Street (the main street) is also going to be widened to the extent of 14 feet in some blocks. The widening will alleviate congestion that the bottle neck -- after crossing the 700 block -- caused.

Contractors E. A. Ford Co. of San Anselmo and Arthur B. Siri Inc. of Santa Rosa were awarded the contracts.

Working on the E. A. Ford equipment we find Bro. Bill England operating the paver, Bro. Bill O'Brien the screed operator and Bro. Clarence Albertoni on the roller. G. E. Crawford is the Superintendent on this project.

Raymond Concrete & Pile Co. will complete driving the pilings for the New Bank of America building on 4th Street this week. Bro. C. Varnum the Engineer with Bro. Al Martin the Fireman.

Nomellini Construction Co. of Stockton have started operations on their storm sewer job they were awarded for this City. This is going to be a lengthy job due to traffic problems. Bro. Norman Johnson is operating the backhoe with Bro. Alfred Pedro his oiler. On the loader is Bro. E. P. Trudell. Operating the Gradeall is Bro. John Lyden with his oiler, Bro. William Flanders.

M. A. Little Construction Co. of San Francisco is moving right along on their project at the Los Guilicos School for Girls. This is a 2 million dollar building program and will not be completed until the latter part of next year.

An unwritten chapter in the saga of wooden ships and iron men -- and of Empire Builders with vision beyond their times -- is contained in the relics and memories of residents over 16 miles of rugged shoreline around Stewart's Point.

It is a sketchy sort of a story. There are gaps that may never be filled, apparently, as permanently lost as the pages torn from an

old book by some capricious child. It is a slender thread of a story that must be unraveled from the memory of folks who live in the region; their own memories, and memories of yarns spun by their parents and their parents' parents. But it is a story to challenge the imagination of anyone who can hear the voices of weathered houses, of squared stones that litter a long stretch of ocean-side; of twisted iron rails and moulder-ties, and of trusted, hand-forged boilers. To the average visitor, Stewart's Point is the Richardson's General Merchandise store. The storehouses an amazing array of merchandise. Near it a tiny white post office. A tiny one-room school stands nearby. The school reached by an old-fashioned "stile" over the fence. What these visitors don't know, in all probability, is that Stewart's Point was once the thriving mill town and shipping port of Fisherman's Bay; that it was the location of five high-line and "slide" chutes for loading lumber, tanbark and for sailing vessels that braved the dangers of the treacherous "dog-hole."

Neither do they realize that in reaching Stewart's Point, the winding and some times narrow and rough stretches of the Shoreline Highway, (State Route 1) passed the once thriving communities of Louisville and Fisk's Mill. These towns had a population numbering in the hundreds and were built around mill and quarry operations that supplied San Francisco with material for the growth that followed the Gold Rush.

### BLOOD BANK

Again we have a poor showing of donors to our Blood Bank--only three this month. To these three donors we would like to extend our sincere thanks. We have released nine pints of blood this past month. This can mean only one thing; our reserve is practically exhausted. It takes very little time to give a pint of blood. Call us for an appointment and help us rebuild our account!

## Cherry Valley Dam is Good News for Stockton

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

The work here in the Stockton area has reached the peak of employment with all but a few members hard at work. The few that are not working at this time are those that change jobs, transients and some that have no cars. New jobs are not coming in as expected, as the State has postponed for the present work on Highway 99 and 50, both on the north and south approaches to Stockton which are needed badly.

The best news we have at this time and which will entail a lot of work for the future, is the Cherry Valley Dam with the Guy F. Atkinson Co. being low bidder at a little over 7 million dollars. This is another water supply project for the City of San Francisco.

The Independent Iron Works Job in the Tracy Annex, have one more of the warehouses to put up, which means about another month on the job. This office has enjoyed very pleasant relations with this company for the entire duration of the job.

Johnson, Drake & Piper have completed the Duell Vocational School at Tracy, except for minor details and are moving onto Vacaville with most of their crew and equipment.

A. Tiechert & Son have the west lane of Pacific Avenue open to traffic to the Thornton Road, and we of this area are thankful for that. They should complete the east lane before winter if nothing goes wrong with their present schedule.

M. J. Ruddy & Son have started on the surface of Highway 12 at Burson and should complete the job before the rains come.

The Claude C. Wood Co., are also surfacing on the same road with their job on either end of Ruddy's. You Brothers going into the San Andreas District may have a short delay because of traffic controls in some places on Highway 12.

Beerman & Jones are progress-

ing nicely on their sanitary sewer job in Angels Camp. This is a rock job for the ditcher to go through in some places when there is no dirt in sight and must be hauled in for cushion and back field.

Ball & Simpson are getting well along with their job on Highway 88 at Hamm's Station. We have 16 of the Brothers on this job, and are working six 10-hours a week basis, enough to free some of the equipment that is being moved over on their Sonora Pass Road job above Strawberry.

Macal Improvement Co. will have the excavating finished on the Claude Wood Co. road job at Wallace and Valley Springs by the time this is published. The Wood Co. has already a paver on the Wallace Job.

M. J. B. Const. Co. are coming along nicely on the Manteca-Ripon Freeway which should be the last job to shut-down because of rain as the job is quite sandy.

A. Tiechert & Son have the Pacific Ave. job about ready for black top. Also they are black topping Highway 50--3 miles east of Tracy.

L. Biasotti & Son have the contract to grade and pave roads around the warehouses constructed by the Four Companies at Tracy. This job should keep the boys working there busy for about three months.

The landlevelling contractors are slowing down in comparison to the same time last year. It appears that the farmers are tightening down the purse strings as they are not sure of future farm prices.

Cherry Valley Constructors (U-P-K) will not finish the tunnel before the first of October and the Owl Trucking & Construction Co. are not expected to have the bottom mucked out before the end of October. Also busy on the key-way is the Selby Drilling Co. who are diamond drilling and grouting.

U-P-K's job at the Farmington Dam will be completed by the time this item is published and with all the rip-rap neatly placed. Also, their highway job at Delhi will have the concrete poured.

Brothers, here is a short story that will show you what a marvelous instrument the telephone is in this modern day, and to what great lengths the telephone company will go to carry a message in an emergency:

Brother Ralph McKenzie was working high in the Sierra Nevada Mountains for Bechtel Corp. who are constructing the Vermillion Dam, fully 50 miles from the nearest telephone and at an elevation of 9,500 feet. The local office of the Operating Engineers here in Stockton was notified by local hospital that his wife was received in a serious condition and that it was necessary to notify her husband immediately.

We received this message a little after 4:00 p.m. and immediately contacted the local long distance operator who in return placed a call to Fresno and that office contacted their mobile unit high in the mountains and connected one of our representatives with Master Mechanic Doughty whose pick-up was equipped with a receiver and who agreed to carry the message to Brother McKenzie, miles away.

He evidently did so immediately because Brother McKenzie arrived here in Stockton shortly after midnight after a rough trip from the job-site in the dead of night, and was at his wife's bedside to comfort her in her trial.

Brothers, your local will help in time of need, and what is more you can count on it when you leave hearth and home.

Woman (to bank teller)—If we could only use the \$2000 in my savings accounts to buy a new car we wouldn't have to pay any financing charges.

Teller—Then why don't you?

Woman—Because my husband would ask how I saved so much money. If I told him, it would spoil his fun. When he began playing the horses, I offered to place the bets for him. Instead, I took them myself. When his horse won I paid him off, and when he lost I put the money in my savings account.

# What's Doing in the Oakland Area

## August Is Banner Month; 563 Clearances Issued

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, L. L. LAUX, L. SOLARI and J. RILEY, Business Representatives

August has again been a banner month for the Oakland office, as far as the numbers of men cleared to various jobs is concerned. There have been a total of 563 clearances issued; however, some of the jobs to which the men have been cleared have been of short duration.

As this is the time of year when it becomes necessary to re-negotiate the various agreements we have been extremely busy. Up to the present time agreements have been renewed and approved by the members employed by the following firms: Baxter Pole Yard, Howard Terminal, Peterson Tractor, Buran Equipment, Bay Cities Equipment, Bay Equipment and Merrill-Brose. It has also been necessary to renew the agreements with the various independent contractors working in this area.

## Getting Around The Jobs

The McGuire & Hester field office located at 34th and Hanna streets is the operation center for the \$1-million outfall storm drainage system, with appurtenances extending from 34th and Helen streets to its confluence in San Francisco Bay on the Oakland shoreline. This drainage system is being effected through single six-foot and ten-foot and double six by ten concrete culverts. Bro. W. Chapman is the superintendent

of the project, and is being assisted by Bro. Fred Leeke, shovel operator; Bro. E. Dunn, crane operator; and R. L. Selvidge and Harry Burke, oilers. The present working force of nine men will be augmented as the work progresses. M&K have moved in on the water pumping station being built in connection with this outfall storm drainage system. This station, which will be located at 34th and Cypress streets, will keep the water from overflowing on Cypress Street when it is completed. Bro. Joe Britt is running a Northwest and Fred Biven is doing the oiling on this job.

About 40 per cent of the work on the sanitary sewer being built by Kevry Construction Co. in San Pablo is now complete, with 10 members of Local 3 still hard at work on this project.

The M. Miller Co. has a contract with the East Bay Municipal Utility District for the installation of 12,800 feet of water line, the Upper San Leandro Supply, to pro-

vide additional water for the San Leandro-Hayward area. Work on this new project, which is one of the larger pipeline jobs in the area, was begun August 11, with 300 calendar working days scheduled, completion of the job being planned for May 30, 1954.

The pipe being laid is 36 inches in diameter and 31.6 feet long. On Miller's payroll are Bro. Frank B. Oelschlaeger, master mechanic; Bros. Leon Walden and Charles Russell on truck cranes, Francis Hendricks on a loader, Fred Asavis and George Shultz doing the oiling, Frank Stimac on the grease truck and James Doyal as mechanic.

Stone & Webster's job on the new synthetic phenol plant is moving right along. Approximately 55 per cent of the work on the new plant is now complete, with 95 working days yet to go.

Six of the members are busy at Golden Gate Fields getting the track and equipment ready for the coming horse races to be run there. Bro. Glen Meskimen is track superintendent, with Bro. Ted Mirendette as master mechanic.

J. R. Armstrong has moved in on the dirt job at Yard Two in Richmond, where a new steel fabricating yard will be constructed for Judson-Pacific Murphy and Peter Kiewit. All the steel fabrication for the Richmond-San Rafael bridge will be handled at the new yard. At present Armstrong has two jeeps and one dozer on this job site, with additional men to be added as the work progresses. Ben C. Gerwick, Inc. was awarded the contract for construction of a timber wharf for the new steel yard. Barges for transporting the steel to the bridge job site will be docked at this wharf.

Swinerton & Walberg have a government contract for remodeling of a defense foundry at Pittsburg. This foundry, which was operated by Columbia Steel during World War II and the Korean conflict, was used for casting tank frames. Four engineers are currently engaged in remodeling the foundry and putting it in "moth balls" for future use.

Silva Brothers were awarded a \$210,000 contract for resurfacing 11 miles of road in Castro Valley. The work starts at Seven Hills Road and includes the secondary roads throughout the surrounding hills. The following men will be kept busy on various phases of the work until the middle of November: Bro. Dean Follette, foreman; Bros. Clarence Poscano, R. Davies, E. Hill and Virgil Campagna on blades; Bros. John Frances, R. Muggach and L. Wixon on dozers, and Bro. A. Davies on a roller.

Leutholtz Crane Service has purchased another new 20-ton P&H truck crane. This crane is Model 255A and cost approximately \$35,000. Bro. Harold France operates one of Leutholtz's rigs, and Irv Leutholtz, with Bros. Homer Cates and N. C. Clay, do the oiling on these rigs.

Rio Vista Crane Service had some tough luck recently when their crane was dunked in the slough. Charles Brown, owner, had Brother Foy's derrick barge fish the crane off the river bottom. Apparently the ferry boat just wasn't built to handle truck cranes.

Stolte Inc. was awarded a \$165,000 contract for construction of a sanitary sewer system and sewage pumping station to be located at the Oakland Army Base. This plant will connect the Oakland Army Base sewer with the East Bay MUD sewage disposal plant. Approximately 6,500 lineal feet of treated clay pipe measuring 15 inches to 21 inches in diameter, and 1,500 feet of 8-inch cast iron sewer pipe will be laid.

The pumping station will be 18 feet by 26 feet, the underground depth being 25 feet. Bro. Bill Cole is superintendent of this job, and

## Giant Pile-Driving Rig



Shown above, in action off Pt. Richmond driving pile for the Richmond-San Rafael bridge, is one of the two giant pile-driving rigs specially built for this Ben C. Gerwick - Peter Kiewit joint venture.

The two rigs, known as the Pacific Giant and the Pacific Titan, were constructed in less than 90 days at the Ben C. Gerwick field shop in Oakland.

The rigs are mounted on barges 35 feet wide by 110 feet long. The towers on the rigs are 80 feet high, and the leads are 120 feet long. They also have 120 feet of submarine leads, capable of driving piling 80 feet beneath the surface of the water.

The largest hammer ever used on the West Coast, the S-10 McKeirnan-Terry hammer, is used on these pile-drivers. The longest piling to be driven so far was 195 feet long, and weighed nine tons. Through the week of August 31st, these two rigs had driven 90 pilings. A total of 5065 pilings are called for on the entire job.

is assisted by Bro. Paul Craig on the trencher; Herb Goehring, Sam Scoville and Homer Pipher on the pumps; Van Vil Raney operating a loader; Craig Mort on a crane; Arthur Sandoval on the well points, and E. A. Sander and Joe Le Brun doing the oiling.

Cecil Moore has the contract for an outfall ditch for the City of Hayward's disposal plant. The ditch is to start at the foot of Depot Road and will be two miles long. Bros. Earl Brown, R. C. Stanley, Clarence Smith, John Phillips, N. Tiefenthaler, Robert Findley, Sam Dawson and Paul Gustin will be kept busy on this project for the next two months.

Following the present business trend of rapid expansion to the southern Alameda County area, Clements & Co. and Clements Construction Co., Hayward construction firms, are now busily engaged in centralizing their local facilities in the enterville area.

Now under construction at 210 Sequoia Road, Centerville, is a new office building, 55 by 75 feet; a new shop building, 40 by 120 feet; a service station, 32 by 80 feet, and a new paint shop. An innovation in the new shop is radiant heating in the concrete slab floor. Al Hill, Clements Construction's shop superintendent, will supervise 10 to 14 Operating Engineers of Local 3 in the new quarters. Present plans call for occupancy of the buildings about Oct. 1 of this year.

Nearby are Clements & Co.'s production facilities, which include a 5,000-pound standard hot plant, a 3,000-pound standard hot plant, and a 4,000-pound plant producing

cement-treated base, emulsion-treated base, and slurried crusher run base. In addition are bunkers for crushed rock screenings and tank facilities for emulsified asphalt and road oils.

Bill Dawson, a member of Local 3 since 1946 and an employee of Clements & Co. since 1943, is the plant engineer, ably assisted by Charles Piper, weighmaster; Herman Koeppe and Jack Morgan, firemen; Ole Terwillagher and Lewis Smith, batchmen; Jake Bachman, oiler; and Buss Stein, catskinner. In addition, Bill is supervising the installation of a new hopper and conveyor system for feeding mineral aggregate to a locomotive crane soon to be installed to feed the plant tunnels. Glen Dennett, Ed Schuldt and Neils Pearson are presently working on the new conveyor system.

It is anticipated that the improved method of feeding the various plants and other plant improvements now under way, or contemplated in the near future, will greatly increase production, which during the last fiscal year hit 100,000 tons of plant mix and 50,000 tons of assorted base products.

Clements & Co. is a partnership consisting of Ernest L. Clements and Ronald D. Coats. On April 1, 1953, a new corporation, Clements Construction Co., was formed to handle the construction activities previously performed by Clements & Co. It is owned and operated by Bob Coats, president; George Young, vice president; Norrie Stavert, secretary, and Johnny Paselk, treasurer.

In addition to numerous local jobs now in progress, Clements (Continued on Page Seven)

## News About The Brothers

One of the best hunting yarns being told around the Oakland Hall during the past month came from Brother Frank Rose, who was lucky enough to get a Brown Bear while hunting near Lake Pillsbury in upper Lake County. Frank is having a rug made out of the hide and is having the meat frozen. When we tried to get Frank to put his name on the Out-of-Work list, he stalled for time, finally admitting that he had another hunting expedition to get out of his system—this time a wild boar in Lake County.

Bro. Jerry Marion reports that while he saw thousands of hunters on his first hunting trip, the deer were mighty scarce around Lake County. Jerry had better luck with the fishing though, coming home with quite a lot of Black Bass. Cat-skinner Eugene Vierra bagged a deer opening day while hunting near Pt. Reyes Station. While picking up a clearance to a new job, Bro. Johnny Johnson admitted that he was somewhat tired after a week-end of hunting in Lake County, which resulted in no deer, but lots of fun!

Bro. Bill J. Aveningo Jr. deposited his Service Withdrawal during August, after two years with the Marine Corps, one year of which was spent in front-line duty in Korea. Bill seemed to be mighty glad to be home, and to trade in his Marine uniform on an Engineer's khakis.

A flying visit to the Oakland office was made by Bro. Curly Onyett, who for the past few years has been building houses in Tacoma, Washington. Up to the present time Bro. Onyett has built nine houses, with three yet to go. When the last of the three is completed Bro. Onyett will return to California to make his home in the bay area.

Bro. O. H. "Oney" Haney, one of the real old-timers in the Engineers Union has now decided to take it easy for a while. "Oney," who was initiated by Local 159 in Eureka in October 1903 is particularly well known among those members who follow the Pile-Driving game, in this area. It is always a pleasure to see "Oney" when he drops by at the office, or to visit him on a job, for he always has a kind word for all his fellow workers. We are just wondering how long the "Rocking Chair" will appeal to him, and we have an idea that he may be coming in every once in a while to pick up a clearance for a few days work.

After being laid up for an entire year Bro. "Snuffy" Layman is back on Stolte's payroll. Snuffy lost an arm last July while operating a trenching machine for Stolte, at the Alameda Naval Air Base. We all want to wish Ralph lots of good luck!

Bro. Paul Godfrey, formerly employed by Winton Jones, is now in business for himself. Paul and his partner Harry Neely have a new cat-loader, trucks, and other equipment for making fills and excavating. The telephone number of the new business is LA. 8-8565.

Some interesting information regarding Bro. John E. "Red" Moore, who has been working for K.T.A.M. Engineering Co. for several months, reached us recently. Red's primary duty is the training of Burmese in the operation and repair of Cats, Turnapuls, and other types of heavy equipment. The Burmese are being trained in anticipation of the construction of a highway to be built between the Mingladon Airport and Rangoon. Mrs. Moore, who has spent the past ten months with her husband in Burma, tells us that Red is planning to come home in October.

Another member who has taken off for work far afield is Bro. Jack Turentine, who worked last for P. & Z. Drilling Co., and has now signed an 18 month contract with Holmes & Narver on a government project on Eniwetok, in the Marshall Islands.

One of our old-time crane operators, Bro. Al Buchanan, returned recently from a three week's vacation trip, during which Al and his wife covered 3,600 miles, and visited with three sisters whom they had not seen for 26 years. The Buchanan's trip took them through Idaho, Washington, and Wyoming, with a visit to Yellowstone National Park being one of the highlights of their trip.

Bro. Theodore Nelson and his wife have also just returned from three weeks spent in the Mother-Lode country, and are now looking forward to the new home they are to have in Concord.

# Local 39 CAN'T GET ENOUGH MEN AT REDDING

## REPORT FROM OAKLAND

By FRANK O. BRANTLEY, Business Representative

It is my desire to keep all members as well informed as possible on all matters pertaining to the progress and problems of our Union. From time to time I hope to bring to your attention some of the problems your Business Representative is confronted with in negotiating pay increases and working conditions. At this time I will mention two specific points that may help us as an individual and also help our Union:

1. Education in the field of our craft is of vital importance. So often we are reminded by the employer that some of our engineers are limited in the performance of duty, due to lack of knowledge. It may surprise you to know that we actually have journeymen engineers working with refrigeration equipment who have been unable to state the freezing temperature of water, let alone relative humidity.

It is true that the craft of Stationary Engineering covers many subjects, in fact, as such, we are supposed to have a working knowledge of all building trades' craftsmen—to be especially well versed on steam, refrigeration and electricity. Books are not too expensive, since this is our means of livelihood, and it is a known fact that the better we know our work, the more interesting it becomes and the demand for our services becomes greater and consequently, we can obtain better pay.

2. Cleanliness of our workshop is a touchy subject but, I believe, it is of much more importance than is commonly realized. First of all, we should be concerned because our job is our second home and, of course, we all keep our homes clean—we don't throw cigarette butts on the floor at home and we keep our automobiles clean and in readiness.

Dirty wiping material, oil cans, paint buckets and brushes, cartons and so many other things create, in addition to "unsightly messes," a fire hazard—and, believe me, the boss reminds the Business Representative of these facts when he asks for more money for the man in the engine room—so much for this.

During the month of August the following contracts were completed: Bakers' Club, Pacific Oxygen, Consumers Yeast.

Contracts now in negotiation include:

Laundries, Vacu-Dry Company, Holly Meat Company, National Biscuit Company, University of California, Buildings.

In closing, I will re-state that I know there must be some of you who have a problem—not yet solved—but please keep our office informed and we will do our best!

## REPORT FROM FRESNO

By R. E. MCCARTHY Business Representative

As I sat down to write an article for the news report, I thought to myself this is surely a short month—it doesn't seem more than two weeks since I last went through this struggle, and to my amazement it has only been two weeks, I am willing this on the 15th instead of the 30th due to the fact that I am going on vacation Monday and getting all of my work caught up ahead of time, in other words working nite and day to get caught up so I can take two weeks off to come back and work nite and day to get caught up again?

I understand that the trout grow to a tremendous size up in Idaho so out of curiosity I will follow the fish story up and see if it is truth or fiction.

Last month I began a story of my visits to the Fresno district, and so I shall carry on from there. First off, Brother Campbell is back home, but when Brother Fitch and myself visited him at his home he was bemoaning the fact

By E. A. HESTER Business Representative

The Cascade Wonderland is really booming; I would say it is as busy as any other territory in Local 3. Our out-of-work list is completely exhausted and has been for several weeks. So far we have been able to place every man that comes this way. In fact, we have had many calls for men whom we have been unable to supply due to the large amount of activity throughout the whole district, particularly blade men and oilers.

There is a great deal of work going on, on the Klamath River and in the vicinity of Yreka. But most of this work will be finished in the very near future. However, there will be some work which will carry on through the winter.

Peter Kewitt & Son expect to finish their 11 miles of resurfacing out of Susanville before the snow flies.

Clements Co. of Oakland has three jobs in this district which will wind up in about six weeks.

McCluskey Construction Co. has begun work on the bridge job at Dunsuir. A. Teichert & Son, who are on the same project, are going full speed ahead with a large force of our engineers. If they finish this year it will be late fall.

Walsh Construction Co. of Big Bend is still breaking records on their tunnel project out there. Supt. Les "Hay-wire" Huntington has about 100 of our engineers under his command. Field Marshal Jess Hoops is also on this project, looking after the power house.

Brothers, the work situation looks good in this part of the state. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation has advertised for an access road to a diversion dam site to be built three miles south of Red Bluff. This is in preparation for a \$74-million job of diversion dam, canals and laterals. We expect to see a lot of this work under way before the end of 1953.

We are holding checks for R. M. Hinkle and H. J. Cammon.

### NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

"Do you know that you are expected to tell the court the truth?" the judge said to the defendant. "Yes, sir," was the reply. "And do you also know what will happen if you do not tell the truth?" asked the judge. "Wal, I ain't certain about that, Judge, but my lawyer says that we'll probably win the case."

that he would have to return to the hospital for further treatment. Knowing Mark as I do, I would say that it was a good looking blonde nurse.

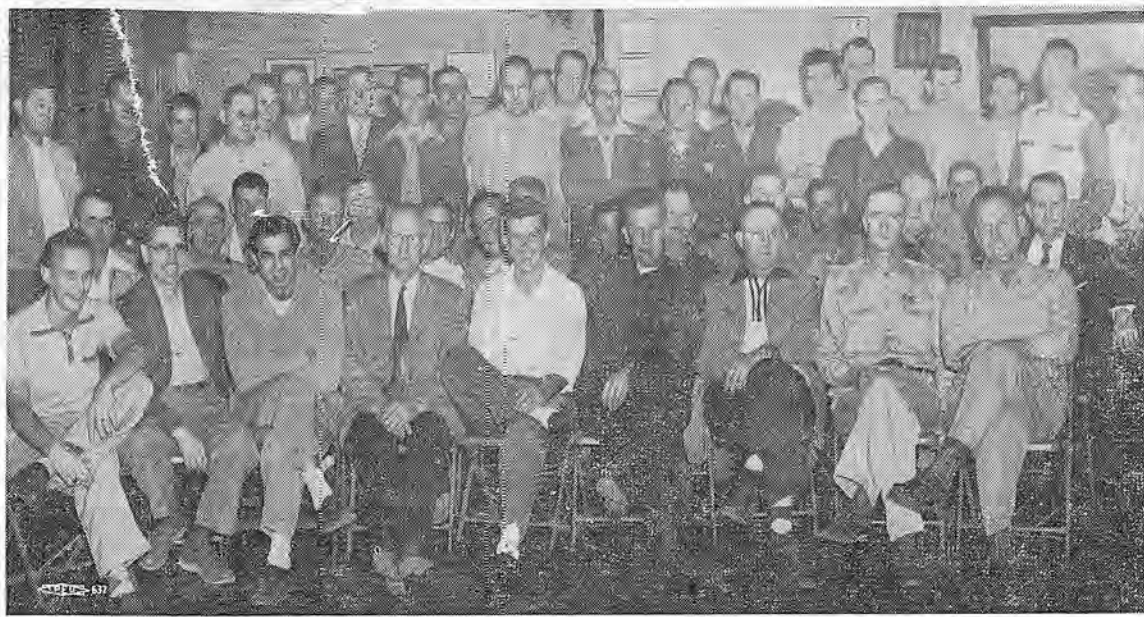
On one of my visits to the plants in Fresno I found the Dodge Laundry and believe me fellows it was an accident, I was driving down Broadway and there it was. Brothers John Thormain, Bill Rivera and Ed. Keppler hold down this fort. Everyone was happy. Went to see the Manager Mr. John Borasi, whom I used to know in Stockton when he was managing the Exclusive Laundry. First remark was that it had been peaceful up to that moment, but knowing Johnnie as long as I have, his remarks don't bother me. On the way back to the Fresno office, I spotted the Valley Industrial Laundry. Went in to see if we had an engineer here at this plant, found Brother Victor Ciccarelli in charge.

Visited the Danish Creamery in Fresno, one of the Watch Engineers Brother Weiner Johnson on shift offered to show me around the rest of the plant. I was introduced to Brother George Wilson, Chief Engineer, Brother E. G. Bonner, Brother C. S. Campbell, Brother John Gimbari and Brother Manuel Jorge.

We will move out of town and take a trip down the valley in the next issue.

Don't miss the next issue of "McCarthy Rides Again."

Gop-Big Biz is stealing the U.S.—back your union!



THEY LIKED THE AGREEMENT. Shown above is a group of Local 3 members, representing part of the membership employed by the Oakland area Equipment Dealers, who met in the Oakland office of Local 3 recently to approve the new Equipment Dealers Agreement which became effective September 1.

# August Banner Month in Oakland

(Continued from Page Five)

Construction Co. has jobs going in Modoc, Siskiyou, Madera and Tehama counties, and at the present time employs a total of approximately 64 members of Operating Engineers Local 3. Year around, about 34 Operating Engineers are employed by the company.

The E. T. Haas Co. was awarded the contract for the underground work preparatory to construction of the Orinda Corners overpass. The contract for the Orinda Freeway will be let Sept. 9, and will be approximately a \$2-million job. Gordon Orr is superintendent for E. T. Haas on their phase of the work. Bro. Cal Relyea is operating Haas's new 22-B backhoe, with Dan Maher doing the oiling.

Earl L. Moore & Co. will erect two bridges in Concord, one being on Gregory Lane, the other on Golf Links Road. Bro. Moore is operating one of his shovels, with Leslie Langford on the other shovel and a cat, and Karl Schenwald doing the oiling. This company will also do the underground work on the Heather Acres housing project in Concord.

McCammon & Wunderlich have 30 days more work laying crusher run on their road job, with the completion of the job to be reached in 60 more days. Brothers N. G. Hamnes and Sam Martinelli are the foremen on this job.

The work is well under way on Lee Construction Co.'s excavating job on the North Livermore Highway, with four Local 3 men on Lee's payroll.

One of the open hearth furnaces at Pacific States Steel in Niles has been shut down for approximately two weeks, but it is anticipated that this furnace will again be going full blast in about one more week. The rest of the mill is running at full capacity, with approximately 65 Local 3 men employed.

At a meeting held Saturday, Aug. 22nd at the mill, Bro. Al Wentworth, who has been head steward for a number of years, tendered his resignation. Bro. Wentworth has always done an excellent job, and we were sorry to have his resignation, but can understand his wanting to turn over his duties to someone else. Bro. Clyde Connely is the new head steward at the mill, and will be ably assisted by Brothers Everett Price, Troy Taylor and Spike Marlin.

John Carstensen's men are just about ready to start laying blacktop on the Hop-yard Road, Pleasanton.

Bro. Eddie Park, State Labor Commissioner, gave a very interesting and instructive talk to the members of the Alameda Building Trades Council, in Oakland, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 1st.

Bro. Freeman Haas, owner of Richmond Crane Service, claims his Shield-Bantam Crane is the only rig of its type on the Pacific Coast. The rig is equipped with a 3/4-yard Backhoe attachment, a clamshell, 45 feet of crane boom, a 1/2-yard concrete bucket and a 3/4-yard drag bucket. Anyone needing such work done, can contact Bro.

Haas at 571 El Centro Road, El Sobrante.

## Dredger News

Work continues in the dredging line at practically the same level as reported last month. A few new jobs have started which have absorbed the surplus dredgemen.

We were glad to hear that Bro. Knox Anderson, who is working as chief engineer for Hydraulic Dredging Co. in South America, is really enjoying life south of the border. Hydraulic has a sub-contract from Morrison-Knudson for a dredging job near Sao Paulo, Brazil. We understand that Bro. Kenneth Avery is also on this job, and that other Local 3 men may be sent down later.

An accident befell Bro. Geo. Johnson while working as foreman on Pacific Bridge's derrick barge at Treasure Island. The closing cable broke and hung up in the point sheaves on the boom, and as Johnson was attempting to free the cable it came loose and whacked him over the head, cutting him considerably, and necessitating his being hospitalized for a few days.

The San Francisco Bridge Co. have finished their job at Pt. Molate and have moved the dredge Hinds to their Belaire yard, where they are using most of the crew on repair work. They also finished at Moss Landing with the dredge Pronto, and have moved it into the Belaire yard. S. F. Bridge Co.'s dridge The Beaver, which has come up recently from San Diego, is now working at Point Magoo, with most of the former crew of the Pronto now working on this dredge.

Olympian Dredging Co. has started on their Sacramento job with the dredge Palmer and are going strong. We were able to furnish the key-men for this dredge; however, the company was forced to pick up a few natives around Sac-

ramento for the levee work. They have put their large clamshell dredge Neptune working on the Webb Tract, strengthening levees.

Olympian Dredging also had a job for the dredge The Monarch on the Hastings Tract, but just about when they were ready to start they were informed by the Army Engineers that Washington had cancelled all appropriations for levee maintenance. This cancellation will probably affect other clamshell work in the Delta area.

The Leslie Salt Co. is still going strong on their salt development work both in the Napa Basin area and the South Bay, keeping both of their dredges, The Edwards and The Mallard, busy. They have also leased a clamshell rig from Associated, one from Ed Lippstreu, and one from Standard Dredging Co.

Shellmaker, Inc., has one of their small suction dredges working out of Loomis, Calif., for the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. cleaning out one of their reservoirs. Shellmaker also has another small rig working out of Oroville. This company employs 12 of our members.

Associated Dredging Co. has their small suction dredge working three shifts at Avon, cleaning out sludge ponds for the Associated Oil Co. They have not started their dredging job at San Mateo, as some preliminary clamshell work was necessary before the suction dredge could get started. Their clamshell dredge, The Curlew, which was to be used for this, suffered a mishap when the boom was dropped, requiring the building of a completely new stick. No other clamshell was available for the digging of the channel.

The California Dredging Co. has been up around Colusa and Meridian doing maintenance work on the Sacramento River. The last reports we had from them was that they were on their way down the river, and had a job to do in the vicinity of the Brack Tract near Walnut Grove.

## Construction Awards

AUGUST 11, 1953

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to John Burman & Son, 2750 Harrison Ave., Eureka, \$50,521 for 1.1 mi. grade, imp. base matl. placed and Cl. B dbl. seal coat applied, on Elk Valley Road near Crescent City betw. St. Rt. 1 and Howland Hill Road, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, contract awarded to Jack B. Parson Const. Co., Smithfield, Utah, \$299,142 for 5.257 mi. const. 3-in. plant-mix bitum. seurf. road and one 27.76-ft. span conc. struc. on U.S. 191 betw. Malad River and 2 1/2 mi. north of Plymouth, BOX ELDER COUNTY.

WINTERS, contract awarded to Peter Kiewit Sons' Co., 442 Post St., San Francisco, and Parish Bros., P. O. Box 6, Benicia, \$7,628,991 for const. Monticello Dam, Solano proj. to be located on Putah Creek at jct. of YOLO, SOLANO and NAPA COUNTIES, approx. 30 mi. west of Sacramento.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 1535 S. 10th St., San Jose, \$58,079 for const. 100 ft. steel girder bridge on Montague

Road 1 mi. west of Bayshore Hwy., betw. San Jose-Alviso Road and Santa Clara-Alviso Road, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

VISALIA, contract awarded to Fred Fredenburg, 9061 E. Garibaldi, Temple City, \$15,372 for const. 2 reinf. conc. slab bridges acsr. Porter Slough, about 9 and 14 mi. NW of Porterville, TULARE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded for the following:

(1) PLUMAS CO.—To M. W. Brown & Hertel, Box 222, Redding, \$194,810 for const. steel plate girder bridge, etc. at Indian Creek, near Jct. SR No. 21 and 83.

(2) YOLO CO.—To W. C. Railing, P. O. Box 651, Woodland, \$102,508 for widen bridges, etc., betw. 9.3 mi. S. of Rumsey and 7.8 mi. W. of Esparto.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873 8-st Ave., Oakland, \$158,091 for 7 mi. surf. betw. 1.4 mi. E. of Jct. Rt. 3 and Ellenwood Creek, TEHAMA COUNTY.

Hear Edwards, tell friends!

# Utah News Roundup

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

Well, Brothers, again we have come to an understanding with the Associated General Contractors on our new agreement. These new agreements should be available to the membership within a week or two.

Work in this area during the past month has been at its peak. All our members have been working and we have had a few openings that we were unable to fill. But with a few of these jobs finishing up now, we are getting some men in.

W. W. Clyde is working in high gear on the Becks Springs job. We are still a little mixed up about how it is going to look when finished. It's one of those over and under pass jobs. We are anxious to see the outcome.

Strong Company is still working on the Silver Creek job and encountering plenty of rock and tough going. They have had just a skeleton crew for the past few weeks, but expect the machines back from the Wyoming job as soon as the snows come, and up there at Jackson Hole that will be soon.

Reynolds is about finished at Mirror Lake, but K. C. and Miya Bros. are just getting started on their job. From the looks of the size of the rocks there, they will be there for some time to come.

Work in the Uintah Basin is finishing up fast. Peter Kiewit has finished the grade work and have the gravel about all crushed.

Jensen & Reed are finishing up fast and getting ready to start the St. George job. It isn't a big job but should keep some of the brothers busy well into the winter.

Work at Dugway has been very slow all year, but has promises of getting started.

P. E. McKee Company will start their job about September 8, and we have promise of about two million dollars more to be bid about November 1.

There are two small housing projects going—one at Tod Park and one at Desert Chemical.

Clyde & Jacobsen at T.O.D. are covering Igloos at last getting more machines in and should use some more men for awhile.

There are a lot of rumors flying about the Garfield-Dike work. At present we do not have any official word on it as yet; but we are glad to see any action on this job.

## NORTHERN AREA

The work and weather have held out good the past month and everyone is getting in full time. The work prospects continue to look bright; however, with fall just around the corner and several of the jobs nearing the time limit date, everyone is anxious to keep a full work schedule.

The majority of the State Highway work has already been awarded for the year in this area and the completion of these jobs this work season will depend entirely upon the weather.

At this time it looks as though there is little chance that any more work on the Bureau of Reclamation's Weber Basin project will get started before spring of 1954. The Bureau is doing some preliminary work on the Weber River in preparation for future contracts.

The Utah Construction Co. is making good progress on the Gateway Tunnel, having passed the halfway mark a few days ago. Utah also has a small crew working on the Portal Site at the east end of tunnel.

Wilkinson Bros. Co. have been awarded the contract for a road and bridge job at Croyden, Utah, and will move part of the equipment and crew from Laketown Canyon to Croyden in the near future.

Waterfall Construction Co. have four crews busy on main line extension and gas services for the Mountain Fuel Supply Co. At the present time they expect to have all of the connections made in time for winter use. This company has kept busy with both crushers and their Ready Mix plant on local work in Ogden. They have also been awarded a contract for 15 miles of curb, gutter and sidewalk in Bountiful.

Engineers Limited Pipe Co. have

several crews working on gas services and also have a spread on a 25-mile section of take up and reclaim pipe work on a gas line from Wyoming to Salt Lake.

The excavating and grading of the Chalk Creek road east of Coalville, being done by Sorenson & Brimhall Co., is more than half completed. The rock on this job has not been nearly as tough as expected.

Hilton & Carr, the General Contractor, is getting ready to pour the deck and guard rail on the Emory Overpass. K. C. Construction Co. has completed their sub-contract for the fill on the approaches and N. P. Mettome is erecting the steel and driving the pile on this job.

L. T. Johnson Co. has started on the Plain City to Hooper road and bridge job to be completed this year.

Frank Barben Co. has kept four dozers and a dragline busy cleaning the Weber River west of Ogden.

Morrison-Knudson Co. has several machines working on the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way in Weber Canyon.

Chytraus Brothers have contracts for expansion program on schools at Farmington and Layton.

M. Morrin & Sons Co. have a rig busy on their school job in Ogden and another rig working for the Bureau of Reclamation.

This is about the extent of additional work not listed in past news and should keep most of the fellows busy for some time.

## SOUTHERN UTAH

With the chill mornings of late comes the thought that we are nearing the lean period of our work season. Such a thought at this time might seem a little premature, but we natives have learned to respect the speed with which winter falls upon us.

The work has been holding out well in the southern section with us having to solicit help from our brothers in the north, which we enjoy doing very much.

Spanish Fork Canyon is still the spot of activity here, and W. W. Clyde's job still a pain to the motoring public. As we explained before, this job's proximity to the railroad right of way and highway has made it a real toughie. The road has been closed for six hours at a time, when a blast brings down more rock than is figured on, and the traffic that has lined up on both sides of the plug is endless. You can imagine the static from the vacationers when they are asked to sit in the hot and dusty canyon for hours at a time. Everyone concerned will be happy when this job is finished.

Thorn's job is moving along nicely with the hot plant fully manned and starting the lay down. They should be through here before too late.

At the power house site at Castlegate, Consolidated Western had the columns standing before the M-K crew had left. This job is starting to roll now, and we look for it to employ several of our members throughout the winter.

Whiting & Haymond are building lots of grade in Salina Canyon. These contractors were awarded the contract for the Washington County road job, which will keep their boys busy most of the winter. We are hoping for more jobs of this sort and in this location for the winter months.

L. A. Young Construction Co. have the chips on their Salina to Scipio road job, and have it accepted by the State. They are now concentrating their efforts on their Vermillion job. They are working two shovel crews, and have added two DW-21s to their fleet of pulls. These 21s seem to have the ap-

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR CONSTRUCTION, LANG CO., SAND & GRAVEL, IRON ORE MINES, VITRO CHEMICAL CO., AND KENNECOTT COPPER

Cedar City Iron Mines: Friday, September 25, 8:00 p.m., El Escalante Hotel.

Kennecott Copper Corp.: Will call by mail. (Meeting will be held at Civic Center, Bingham)

Vitro Chemical Company: Tuesday, October 13, 8:00 p.m., Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Lang Company: All called meetings.

Thursday, October 8, 8:00 p.m.; Sand, Gravel & Construction members, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Friday, October 9, 8:00 p.m.; Sand, Gravel & Construction members, Labor Temple, 165 West 1st North, Provo.

Friday October 16, 8:00 p.m.; Sand, Gravel & Construction members, Labor Temple, Ogden.

## SCHEDULE OF STATE ROAD MEETINGS

Beaver, Thursday, September 24, 8:00 p.m.

Roosevelt, Thursday, October 1, 8:00 p.m., Commercial Club.

Price Thursday, October 8, 8:00 p.m., City Hall.

proval of most of the men who operate them. This is a good job and we hope it will keep our men busy late into the season.

R. H. Fulton Co. should have their line from Cleer Creek covered within the month.

During the last month a Utah State Federation of Labor convention was held in Provo and attended by the representatives of our union. We found it very interesting and enjoyed associating with the fine group of people.

## STATE ROAD

Considerable confusion and bad feeling has resulted in a couple of districts due to the way the recent reduction in forces and the alleged increase in wages was handled.

Small consideration has been given to seniority in making the reduction, and we are meeting with Commissioner Corliessen, who indicates the lay-off should be done by seniority, in an endeavor to get the matter straightened out and the men who are entitled to stay back on the jobs. Unfortunately, some people have little use for the principle of seniority except when a situation affects them. That seems to be the case with the supervision in the two districts where we are encountering difficulty.

With all major industry recognizing and applying the principle of seniority, it surprises us that our public servants should have such a negative attitude against it.

We know someone is always going to be hurt when curtailments are made, but our observations in the past have been that the average man who is the youngest in point of seniority is willing to take it in the chin and acknowledge the other fellow's rights.

The past couple of months have been rough ones. The wage increase has been badly handled. Commitments were made to put in for additional increases by the districts which are behind in making the raises, but about that time the Board of Examiners put a freeze on all wage adjustments. However, on August 21 they took the freeze off, so more increases should be forthcoming soon.

The committee established to work out the details of our job security plans indicates it is not receiving too good cooperation in some places. We've tried to emphasize the value of this project to you. You can do yourself a lot of good if you'll help to promote the program.

On the personal side, we are saddened to report the untimely passing of our good friend and brother, Dan (Docky) Zagarich. Your representative has had an intimate acquaintance for about 20 years with "Doc" and will miss him very much. He leaves a fine young family, and our heartfelt sympathies go out to them. It was a pleasure to know him.

We also regret the sad incident which took the life of Jean Rogerson. While not a member of ours, he was very well liked in the crew. Our sympathies are extend-

ed also to Brother Tom Wall, whose patrol ran Jean down and caused his death.

## MINES & MILLS

### KENNECOTT COPPER CORP., BINGHAM MINES

Since early July, as frequently as the company had open time, we have been in negotiations with the company, working on your new agreement. Wage increases have been offered, which were reported at a joint meeting held with the Machinists and Electricians unions at the Civic Center Auditorium in Bingham on Aug. 31, 1953.

At that time considerable interest was evidenced by the membership present for us to try for a welfare plan to cover the employees' families. We had submitted for welfare in our original demands, and up to that time the company had shown no interest in that request. When we went back into negotiations on Sept. 1, we spent a full day discussing your requests for welfare and had the word of the company officials that they would go into the matter with their higher officials to find out if something could be worked out.

There seems to be the feeling in some quarters that we are only working in the interest of the Shovel Department. Well, let's get straight on this matter, brothers. Every group we represent is receiving equal consideration. Had we been interested only in the shovel department, we could have traded off some of the money offered for the other departments for more benefits for that department. Not one cent has been traded off. You can be assured that we shall continue to give all departments equal consideration, and we will not sell any group out to benefit any other group. When you have problems or grievances, take them to your steward or bring them to us and we promise you will get every consideration your problem deserves.

Come to meetings and let us know what your problems are.

In the future we shall hold our meetings at the Civic Center. There are plenty of accommodations there for any sized crowd—and a good, big parking lot.

We are happy to report on the progress Brother Alva Miller is making toward recovery from his recent serious illness and hope he is soon able to return to the job. We are also glad to be able to report that Brother Bert Thompson is recovered sufficiently from his recent serious illness to be able to return to work.

### UTAH CONSTRUCTION CO., CEDAR IRON MINES

The contract for the ensuing year was finally consummated and we will have copies made up in the near future and place them with the stewards and in available spots for your easy access.

In a year when the general tendency is expressed among employers for leveling off, we feel that the new agreement is pretty good in spite of the fact that a very

## Wholesale Prices Hit Year's High

Washington (LPA)—Wholesale prices rose 1.3 per cent between June and July to hit 110.9, high for the year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Aug. 11. Previous high was 110 in March. The figure means that it took \$1.11 to buy what \$1 bought in 1947-49. Farm products went up 2.6 per cent, processed foods 2.1 per cent, all other commodities only .8 per cent. Average wholesale prices dropped a tenth of one per cent in the week ended Aug. 11, BLS reported.

(In New York, Dun & Bradstreet reported wholesale food prices declined in the week ended Aug. 11 for the third straight week. The index was \$6.63, down 4 cents in a week, and the lowest figure since July 7. The index was .5 per cent under a year ago, and 1.7 per cent over pre-Korea.)

small number figure we didn't do quite well enough for their job.

Some details of the seniority plan have to be worked out between the Operating Engineers, Teamsters and Laborers unions. The company said it felt seniority was a union problem and they will put into effect whatever we come up with. The present procedure of applying for promotion will be continued, and as quick as we can meet and get some details worked out with the above-named unions, we will get the plan down to you.

Present indications are that it won't be long until Comstock gets into production. The new developments of Utah have proven a boon to the area this year and point to a good future in that industry at Cedar City.

In a short time we shall have held the election of stewards at Desert Mound and the Burk job and will notify you of the results.

If you brothers will keep in mind the fact that we want to give you top-notch representation, and if you will attend your meetings and express yourselves and cooperate with us, we know we can do you a good job and keep your problems down to a minimum.

### VITRO CHEMICAL CO.

We have had several grievance meetings with Mr. Hall, manager for the Vitro Chemical Co., trying to get an accurate interpretation of our agreement. During the past three months Vitro Chemical Co. has set up several new foremen, which has caused a considerable number of disputes and grievances at their plant. The biggest dispute that we have had at this plant is on seniority, which has been abused to no length in the past, but we have come to an understanding with the company that seniority and qualifications will no longer be abused.

At this time your representative would like to have the pleasure of thanking his stewards on the job for their great assistance in helping to solve the problems with the Vitro Chemical Co.

### UTAH SAND & GRAVEL

We have had many meetings with Mr. Knowlton of the Utah Sand & Gravel Co. in respect to the second shift. This company has been getting by for quite some time on working a full eight hours on their second shift. It is stated very clearly in our agreement that they shall only have to work seven and one-half hours on the second shift and shall receive eight hours pay.

It has been a big struggle with the company in order to make them see the light, but your union has now come out on top and the employees who were working on the second shift will receive back pay to the first of June on the half hour of overtime that they worked.

We hope that all members working in the sand and gravel industry will keep their business representative informed if this situation should occur in their plants, so that he may be able to take it up with the companies before it lingers too long, for it is much easier to handle a dispute or disputes when they are fresh off the grid-dle.

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California hunters and anglers who violated provisions of the Fish & Game Code in July paid fines of \$20,517 and spent 328 days in jail.

# San Rafael: Two Month Job Stretches to Two Years

By H. O. FOSS and FRANK LAWRENCE, Business Representatives

Espinosa-Garman spread pulled in here this spring for two months' job, guess they must do good work . . . stretched into two years now. Stay as long as you want, boys. We'll be here . . . Super C boys on the spread.

Brother John Flores, delegate to B.T. & M.C.L.C., now on Personnel Board of Marin County . . . appointed by Supervisor. . . Nice goin', John.

Brother John Cave has Mobil Service Station, 120 Sacramento St., Vacaville (old highway) in town across from Diamond Match. See John; he'll put wind in your tires and fill 'er up.

We hear Bro. Nelson is quite the deer hunter but he doesn't shoot where that dog points. . . Huh?

Gerwick in Petaluma yard nearly in stride . . . pre-casting for jobs all over Bay Area. Has several members busy.

Baldwin making good progress on sewer job in Fairfax.

We see that Brabo spread busy as usual down Mill Valley way.

I. J. Ely spread going like hell to beat the rains . . . 2 get you 5 he doesn't. Keeps picking new ones up all the time.

Simpson & Ball going two shifts . . . Petaluma way. No bitchin' . . . bailing and grading.

Amaral, Petaluma area, keeps spear busy . . . seems to get his share. King & Son, no idle time with pader . . . same area.

A. G. Raisch Co. busy with Petaluma streets and R. R. job, 101 So. Busy till rains hit. The great monstrosity . . . engineer's drunken dream . . . is now open. You need a guide. \$145,000 grade and pave Manor to Arequipa. Keeps Brothers busy.

Paul Vincillone keeps quite a spread busy. Funny operator . . . if no money he no work. His checks don't bounce. . . No growling there.

J. J. Ongaro with some happy operators, busy all over Marin County. Hangs around Belvedere good deal . . . must be where the \$ is.

E. A. Forde Co. more than they can do . . . just keep pitching and trying to get caught up.

Brown-Ely busy all over . . . doing good paving job on Tiburon Road.

Shaffer & Madsen busy but I got to catch 'em without the oiler. These Brothers keep busy. . . No gum beating.

Brother Yates Hammett taking over for Merz, Sausalito way.

Finally got Brother C. L. Yoder to take on a little shovel work.

Payne Const. Co. awarded approach trestle to Richmond S.R. bridge. Going to sub piling to Buff & Daugherty. To start last of September—\$176,000 . . . no dirt.

Atkinson job on Waldo approach should be rolling as this comes off the press. Sounds like a tin pants job . . . 4 million plus.

Parish-Kiewit joint venture on Monticello dam sounds same . . . work project to cover three counties.

Ghilotti Bros. busy . . . many small jobs. Fairfax curb and gutters and pavement, \$15,500.

McCammion & Wunderlick job at Bel Air grading and paving . . . has about two months' work . . . Brother Geo. Henderson running spread. Has Bro. Freddie Thomsen on roller.

Bro. Jas. Thornton picked one off . . . \$50,000 worth. Paving and grading.

Jensen & Pitts got good fill job at Corte Madera.

Delphia at Carson Dam—two shifts . . . saying nothing. Bailing muck and making good progress. Should catch all run off.

E. E. Lowell & Smith & Lenzi just completed Auto Race Track at north end of vallejo city limits on the old Napa-Vallejo road. It consists of two tracks in one . . . 1/4 and 3/8 of a mile. Held the first race on Sunday. Bro. Bill Poyser was the super. . . Bros. Calvin, Cordel, Al Fisher, Frank Brown, John Huntziker, Gordon O'Brien, Sam Hert, Elmer Hope, Floyd Webb and "shorty" Freeman, Tom Hanna on spread with his D-8 cat and dozer.

Geo. Slinsen working tooth and nail on Tuolumne Street in Stege tracts No. 1 and No. 2 to finish

grading and paving streets before rain ketch 'em. Geo. also has five private dams to build. Has another crew working at West Lincoln Park—subdivision in Napa . . . excavation for building sites, streets, curbs and gutters. In all there are about ten of our worthy brothers on his payroll.

Frederickson Bros. awarded road grading contract of \$241,496 at T.A.B. should be strung out as this comes off the press.

Parish Bros. making good headway on the runway job of widening and strengthening at T.A.B. About two-thirds of the first course of hot tuff down and Syar to lay the 2-inch topping.

Congratulations and best wishes in order for Brother Herman Botini. Had to go south for his gal. Says pockets don't jingle any more.

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# State Moves On Giant Dam Job at Oroville

State officials are moving ahead steadily on preliminary work pointing to actual start of construction in the not too distant future on the giant Feather River Project that will store and transmit water from this river and carry it southward to the more arid regions of the state, a billion-dollar job.

In a recent telecast covering the 1953 legislative session's work on water matters, Gov. Earl Warren spoke in detail of the project, which he said is the greatest undertaking of its kind ever attempted.

Construction of this project by the state, through its Water Project Authority, was authorized by the legislature in 1951. The last legislature appropriated an additional \$750,000 for continuation of studies necessary before work can be undertaken.

The Project, as now planned, includes these units: Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley, San Francisco Bay, and Southern California Units.

The Sacramento Valley Unit comprises the Oroville Dam, power plant, and after bay dam. The Oroville dam, creating 3 1/2-million acre feet of storage will be five miles above Oroville. It will be 710 feet high, with a crest length of 6,850 feet.

This unit would require relocation of 21 miles of Western Pacific railroad and state highway. A long, high bridge over West Branch of the river, costing \$5 million, will be needed.

The San Joaquin Valley Unit will divert water from Sacramento river through a cross channel to westerly delta area, lifting it, and sending it down the west side, paralleling the present Delta-Mendota canal of the CVP but going higher (up to 1500 feet elevation) and going to Grapevine on the Ridge Route below Bakersfield, where the Southern California Unit would take it and raise it to 3,357 feet to two 10-mile tunnels through the Tehachapi mountains.

Thence the water will move to Antelope Valley, Palmdale, across Mojave Desert, through the coast mountains near San Bernardino and southward to a terminus at San Diego and the Tia Juana river, the end of a 600-mile trip.

San Francisco Bay Unit will take water from the San Joaquin canal and carry it into Livermore valley, thence to Bay Area points.

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Prompt action by survivors entitled to benefit payments under the Social Security Act will avoid loss of benefits. Contact your nearby social security office.

# Permanente Agreement Ratified; Ford Plant Booms San Jose

By M. G. ("Mickey") MURPHY and A. J. ("Buck") HOPE, Business Representatives

We have just concluded negotiating a new wage scale plus an improved Health & Welfare Plan for all employees covered by Permanente Cement and all Engineers. This agreement meets with the approval of the great majority, as it has been overwhelmingly ratified.

Effective July 1, 1953, the base rates for various classifications contained in the Master Agreement shall be increased 12 cents per hour, the amount of the current cost of living allowance as computed in accordance with the former agreement. The resultant base rates shall be further increased by 9 cents per hour, and working foreman differential shall be \$2.00 per day.

Subsection (B) of Article 4, dealing with the cost of living allowance, its computation and application shall no longer be operative. This, Brothers, does away with the Escalator Clause. The company has further agreed to increase to \$9.50 their monthly premium for the purpose of providing Hospital and Surgical Insurance for each employee and his dependents covered by said Agreement. So, Brothers, this is over for another year.

Now we have the Ford Plant going in full force, and this has done much to alleviate the unemployment in this section. At the present time we have about 11 different contractors on this project, namely J. Pomeroy, who has about \$9,000,000 major contract, Sub-Contractors, J. C. Bateman, A. J. Peters, Hasdorf & Nettles, Casey & Case, with six machines boring for the foundations, Los Gatos Construction still on the grading, L. D. Hart, hauling the 500,000 yards of fill, Van Valkenburg digging the water and sewer lines, Concrete Service erecting a new Noble Plant to supply the 54,000 yards of material which will be needed. Then there are Walberg & Swinerton of San Francisco, with a nice building project, and Cahill Bros. of San Francisco, also quite conspicuous on this job.

We also have about 35 Technical Engineers working on this project. No doubt by the time that this is off the press we will have several more contractors here.

Operations on the Freeway from San Jose to Warm Springs are going along at a good pace, but it looks doubtful if Granite Construction and Gordon Ball (who have the contract for laying 50,000 yards of concrete) will be far enough advanced to avoid winter interference if we have an early winter, so let us hope for a late one. Just for the information of some of this firm's Old Timers, (Gordon Ball, is in business practically himself and at present is making up his concrete crew for this job. They hope to start pouring material about the 14th of this month with their modern plant which is located at Warm Springs.

Hester & McQuire are making fair progress on their sewer line out of Milpitas; however they were slowed up to an extent due to marshy ground, but have advanced beyond that hazard at the present time. Manuel Smith, who is laying a connecting link for the Ford job is going right along and expect an early completion date.

P & E Construction are still running six and seven days per week, on their three underground jobs in Campbell and Willow Glen area after suffering a delay in their operations due to bad ground. P & K Construction Co. of Oakland, another competent underground firm have a nice job on Stevens Creek Road, which will take about two months to complete. Same can be said of the well known firm of Stolte, Inc., on their project and Pisano Brothers, who have a job near Saratoga and Campbell. Well, Brothers, we've given you enough chatter on the Highways, Bi-ways, Underground projects, the Ford Plant and the vicinity of San Jose, so let us head South.

## SANTA CRUZ & VICINITY

Operations on the Wrigley chewing gum plant are ahead of expectations. Dinwiddie is the prime contractor on this project. Brother Wendall Batt has the fill contract and Leo Cardwell has the structural division.

Coast Pipe Line Co. were the lucky bidders on the water supply

contract for the city of Santa Cruz. Work on this \$82,046 project is expected to start soon. Stolte Inc., were awarded a contract for \$56,835 for the construction on bridges and culverts near Boulder Creek. Granite Construction has completed their sewer job for the B & D Construction are busy on several other small jobs in this vicinity.

Ed Keeble has just started working on his job on Laguna Creek; at present he is using only one cat-loader and a drag-line, but Bro. John Matus will soon move in three D.W. 20's and two Cats. Archibald Co. was awarded a small job for the telephone company in Santa Cruz.

## WATSONVILLE

Work has started on three pipe lines being laid in this area. Joe Nunn has 9 miles of 10 inch pipe; Bob Reed has started work on 7-miles of 4 inch pipe and Pisano Bros. have 3 miles of pipeline for the Kaiser Plant at Moss Landing. Granite Construction were the low bidders on a \$74,230 Street and Road job for the city of Watsonville besides they have several other jobs in this vicinity. Baun Construction Co. and Brewster Co. have just about completed their grading job on Warner Hill.

## FORT ORD

This is one of the busiest spots in the Southern territory, with eleven contractors in this area, namely: Granite, Ed Keeble, Spencer Co., Pisano Bros., Ben Gerrick, Green & Mears, Valley Trenching Co., Del Webb, Scott's Plumbing, Stolte Inc. and Bud Wells.

## MONTEREY

Dinwiddie and Haas & Haney are progressing nicely on their work on the Navy School. Underground Construction have been busy on their telephone job. Granite have about three weeks left pouring on the Monterey Navy Airport Parking Area. Valley Trenching Co. have a couple of small jobs in this area.

## SALINAS

Keeble and Caputo are nearing completion on the excavation and sub grade on their Freeway job is Salinas. Brewster soon will be placing a period on their sub grade project on Old Coach Road; Ted Baun is hauling select material on this project. Granite Construction have started operations on their street paving contract for the city of Greenfield, and are moving in their hot plant from Paso Robles. This firm were also the lucky bidders on a \$98,836 contract for the City of Salinas on new improvements such as streets, curbs and gutters.

## HOLLISTER & GILROY

Engineers Limited expect to complete their 20 miles of 34 inch pipe line about September 20th. George Renz will soon begin work on a street resurfacing job for the city of Hollister. Wm. Radtke & Sons have been awarded a school improvement contract and will soon start work on this project. Gordon Ball have made good progress on their bridge job in this area; Raymond Concrete Pile have completed their work on this project and have moved their equipment to Salinas. The material on this job has been subbed to the B & D Construction.

## COYOTE

E. T. Haas has nearly completed their section on the Cross County Canal; Richards & Herringer still have many days of labor ahead of them on this project. Radtke and Lowrie Paving have made good progress on their underground Telephone Line job on the Monterey Highway from San Jose to Madrone.

## PERSONALS

Brother Jack McGuire, one of our "Old Timers" of Local 3 has just returned from 2 1/2 years in Afghanistan, where they completed the construction of two huge earth-fill dams. Jack says that he is happy to be home again. Received a nice long letter from Brother Joe Bowling, who is with the Fluor Corporation in Arabia; he says that it is very warm and that he does miss California, but plans to stay there for at least another year. Had a nice letter from Brother M. N. Marchal, on the Big Creek job. He says that it is a swell job, a long one, good money, fine chow, and damn good supervision. George Warren is the Super; "Big Mazoo" is also working here and many more of the San Jose boys. Brother Charles Keeney, who has been incapacitated with a virus for some time has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties at Moffett Field.

PLEASE REMEMBER, BROTHERS, TO GET YOUR WORK CLEARANCES BEFORE GOING TO WORK.

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# Catching Up With Backlog In Hawaii

By J. K. WAIWAIOLLE, Business Representative

Demolition crews have started tearing down old buildings at three sites in Waikiki to make way for the "Princess Kaiulani," "Waikiki Biltmore" and the "Reef" hotels. These projects will add 850 rooms when completed the latter part of 1954.

Centex Construction, general contractor for 364 units (Wherry Housing) at Puuloa-Kam highway, is finally ready to start their project with all work being sub-let to contractors comprising "Radford Terrace Ltd."

A California drug store chain will extend its operation to Honolulu soon with a self service store at Bishop & Hotel Sts., across from the Young Hotel. J. M. Long, president and principal owner, is in town making arrangements. This project is estimated to cost \$350,000. Mr. Long's nine other stores are in Oakland, Alameda, San Jose, Modesto, Fresno, Bakersfield and San Diego. He also operates the Crystal Palace Market in San Francisco.

Contractors Mid-Pac got another \$3,000,000 cost plus-fixed fee contract to continue work on Kwajalein! Although their Kaneohe Marine Station project is gradually being completed, they will now concentrate on Kwajalein and the Philippine Islands.

Pacific Construction Ltd. has been awarded the additional barracks work at Kaneohe Marine Station.

Hawaiian Dredging Co., Ltd., still gets jobs. Their latest is a half a million dollar laboratory construction at the Navy's Lualualei Ammunition Depot. They have just completed their Kamuela Airport job but continue on the following: Kalihi Housing, Hawaiian Electric Power Plant, Pearl City Heights subdivision, Wake Island (C.A.A.), Pier 2 shed, Keehi Lagoon and many smaller projects.

Members of the Hawaiian Branch did not march this Labor Day, but, instead gathered at a picnic in Ala Moana Park with their families.

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"That sailor I was with last night sure was a fast worker."

"What do you expect of a fleet man?"



# Daily report of awards for construction

Compiled by P. E. Vandewark  
and Harry Metz  
AUGUST 12, 1953

SALINAS, contracts awarded as follows to E. J. Donahue, 355 E. Market St., Salinas for:

- (1) Alisal school—resurf. basketball courts, \$1545.
- (2) Bardin school—blade and oil yard areas, \$329.
- (3) Sanborn school—pave interior court, \$1346.
- (4) Sanborn school, site grading, \$2238.

SAN FRANCISCO, contr. awarded to Wm. A. Smith Contracting Co., Box 1506, Oakland, \$36,300 for tracks and paving at the Cotton Warehouse, Islais Creek, near 3rd street.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Rapp Const. Co., 705 Bennett Ave., Santa Rosa, \$1,378,000 for const. of Herbert Jr. High school.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Malott & Peterson-Grundy, 2412 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$11,035 for puge and grade at 4 schools.

## AUGUST 13, 1953

MOUNTAIN VIEW, cont. awarded to Prodanovich & Rodrigues, 750-81st Ave., Oakland, \$83,332 for const. Stierlin Rd. Outfall Trunk Sewer.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, cont. awarded to Chas. J. Dorfman, 124 N. LaBrea, Los Angeles, \$45,345 for const. Terra Bella-Evandale trunk sewer in City of Mountain View.

MODESTO, contract awarded to Ke-Ston & Muny, 215 "C" St., Davis, \$164,300 for const. of Comminator-detritor struc. sludge digester, digester control house and appurtenances for the city of Modesto.

MODESTO, contract awarded to the following for resurf. streets (1) and apply wear coat at Modesto Jr. College (11) and resurface Park Area (11) at Downey high school.

(1) J. C. Greenwood, 304 Rowland Ave., Modesto, \$2,495.

(11) Geo. Reed, 430 Laurel St., Modesto, \$2,000.

(11) Bid rejected.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Coast Pipeline Contractors, 580 Bragato Rd., Belmont, \$74,781 for install two 5" pipelines in 9000 ft. common trench from 20th & N. "B" St. to 6th & "H" Sts., & const. fdn. pad for pump. plant.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., Box 1349, Fresno, \$25,951 for bitum. surf. treat. on various sts., Unit No. 5.

OAKLAND, contracts awarded

as follows:

(1) To J. Henry Harris, 2657-9th St., Berkeley, \$32,656 for grade & pave Lincoln Ave., betw. Sta. 60-50 & 63-50 adj. to Maiden Lane and drain. strucs. in Mountain Blvd.

(2) To J. H. Fitzmaurice 2857 Hannah St., Oakland, \$5,996 for const. traffic island at intersec. of Market, West & 7th Sts., Oakland.

(3) To Paris Bros., 430-40th St., Oakland, \$3,515 for inst. reinf. conc. pipe conduit in Temescal Creek at intersec. of Thornhill Dr. and Woodhaven Way.

## AUGUST 14, 1953

OGDEN, UTAH, Contract recommended to Martindale & Blackett, Springville, Utah, \$15,330 for 0.581 mi. grade & surf. Utah Forest Hwy. Prop. 3-F, Alpine Scenic Hwy. in Wasatch National Forest, UTAH COUNTY.

ANTIOCH, contract awarded to The Pacific Co., 801 Cedar St., Berkeley, \$1,669,000 for const. a new high school, in the City of Antioch.

SAN FRANCISCO, cont. awarded to Bergquist Const. Co., Inc., 666 Mason St., San Francisco, \$5,828 for const. a bin-type retaining wall, Telegraph Hill.

SAN CARLOS, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Son, 1520 4th St., Berkeley, \$15,695 for pave playground at Tierra Linda school.

## AUGUST 17, 1953

TRAVIS, AFB, contract awarded to Henry Harris, 2657-9th street, Berkeley, \$77,554 for const. rail unloading facilities.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1931 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$69,716 for 0.4 mi. additional 2-lane roadbed grade & protec. embankment & reprop. to be const. at Alder Creek, 13.8 mi. northeast of Sacramento, SACRAMENTO CO.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to L. Nielson, 55 Camino Encinas, Orinda, \$303,867 for const. reinf. conc. slab & welded steel girder bridge & 0.9 mi. grade and surf. w/plantmix surf. on cem. tr. base, across Russian River 0.9 mi. E. of Uiah, MENDOCINO CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, cont. awarded to Chas. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., San Francisco (site development) for work at San Francisco State College, \$176,800.

VALLEJO, contract awarded to I. J. Ely Co., P. O. Box 834, Larkspur, \$28,980 for paving & resurfacing at five schools in district.

SAN FRANCISCO, cont. awarded to Pipelining, Inc., 4657 Fire-

stone Blvd., South Gate, \$341,198 for reline San Joaquin Pipeline No. 1, Coffee Road to San Joaquin River.

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to John Furrer, 204 El Camino, Millbrae, \$9,950 for const. 2nd lane betw. Chestnut and Eucalyptus Avenues.

SAN LEANDRO, contr. awarded to Clements Const. Co., P. O. Box 328, Hayward, \$39,390 for surf. & resurf. on various streets in City of San Leandro.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Atlas Pipe Co., 728 Laurel Drive, Walnut Creek, \$10,017 for const. sewer connection betw. Thos. P. Ryan school & existing main, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

BURLINGAME, contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., Box 95 Belmont, \$109,353 (Alternate Bid) for const. intercepting sewer, force main & sewage pumping plant improvements, north Broadway and north of R.R. tracks, and across Broadway & the Bayshore.

VISALIA, contract awarded to L. C. Clark, 422 Park St., Visalia, \$43,127 for const. 2 culverts and 1 bridge, 5 mi. south of Porterville, TULARE COUNTY.

## AUGUST 19, 1953

EUREKA, contract awarded to Peletz Co., 1236 Central Avenue, Santa Rosa, \$33,453 for const. 8" water line in Fairfield St., betw. Murray & Harris St.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to Oilfields Trucking Co., Box 751 Bakersfield, \$250,217 for 7.2 mi. grade & const. reinf. conc. bridge, betw. Kansas Ave. & 1 mi. W. of Corcoran, KINGS COUNTY.

LODI, Contr. awarded to Claude C. Wood Co., P. O. Box 599, Lodi, \$26,242 for pave So. Hutchins St., from Lodi Ave. to Kettleman Lane.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to Edward Keeble, Rt. 4, Box 64, San Jose, \$585,164 for 2.3 mi. grade & surf. w/plantmix surf. on untr. rock base & inst. hwy. lighting, on Skyline Blvd. betw. Edgemark Road & Alemany Blvd., in Daly City SAN MATEO COUNTY.

HOLLISTER, contr. awarded to George C. Renz, 555-5th St., Gilroy, \$13,998 for resurf. of Line St., bet. South & West Second Sts., Virginia Drive & an alley betw. West St. & Locust Ave.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Stewart & Nuss, Inc., P. O. Box 886, Fresno, \$34,342 for seal coat on 23 mi. of streets, Unit No. 4, City of Fresno.

MILL VALLEY, contract awarded to S & Q Const. Co., 48 S. Linden, South San Francisco, \$165,400 for const. intercept. sewers etc., convert treatment works at Belvedere Dr. & Tiburon Blvd. to pump. Sts. & const. force main.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Joe D. Miller, 2002 Monterey, Bakersfield, \$11,759 for const. sanitary sewer in Ramona Acres under RI 324-D.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to M & K Corp. and Frederickson & Watson Const. Co., 200 Financial Center Bldg., San Francisco, \$1,626,000 for const. 6-story all conc. office building at 801 Capitol Ave., Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, contr. awarded to John Burman & Son, 3022 G St., Eureka, \$53,710 for 2.9 miles grade, on Bull Creek-Honey Dew Road betw. 7.3 mi. & 10.1 mi. SWly of Bull Creek Flat State Park, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, contr. awarded to Coast Pipeline Contrs., 580 Bragato Rd., Belmont, \$13,649 for installation of 1,850 ft. 8" & 2,050 ft. 12" cast iron B & S pipe with lead joints & 8 inch fire hydrants.

EUREKA, contr. awarded to W. S. Selva, 1305 L St., Eureka, \$11,517 for flood damage repairs to Lower Price Creek Bridge.

EUREKA, contr. awarded to John Petersen, P.O. Box 22, Beatrice, \$14,435 const. wingwalls at bridge over North Fork of Mattole River in HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Barton Const. Co. & B & B Steel Erectors, 7708 Crest Avenue, Oakland, \$51,178 for const. struc. steel & reinf. conc. bridge across Sonoma Creek on Caliente Drive, 5 mi. N. of Sonoma, SONOMA COUNTY.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to Payne Const. Co., 689 Louisiana

Street, Oakland, \$176,730 for const. approx 800 ft. timber trestle w/ conc. deck, to connect present Ferry Trestle with permanent work now under way on bridge on Marin County approach to Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer Fracer Co. and Mercer Fraser Gas. Co., 2nd & Commercial Streets, Eureka, \$213,765 for 3.4 mi. surf. w/plantmix surf. on cem. treat. base, betw. Fields Landing & 0.5 mi. S. of South City Limits of Eureka, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Stewart Const. Co., 210 W. Wyoming Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada, \$29,893 for 0.264 mi. channeliz intersection, install traffic signals & lighting systems at Jct. U.S. 95 & Three Kids Mine Road, CLARK COUNTY NEVADA.

## AUGUST 25, 1953

RICHMOND, Contracts awarded as follows for work on various schools:

(1) To Oliver DeSilva, 2333 Eden Road, San Leandro, \$9,995 for 2 tennis courts, El Cerrito High School.

(2) To Oliver DeSilva, 2333 Eden Road, San Leandro, \$16,057 for 5 tennis courts, Richmond Union High School.

(3) Ariss-Knapp Co., 941-41st Street, Oakland, \$5,019 for grade, walks, etc., El Cerrito High School.

(4) R. H. Meyer, 14511 E. 14th St., San Leandro, \$2,970 for move & reloc. 2 bldgs. at El Cerrito High School.

(5) Oliver DeSilva, 2333 Eden Road, San Leandro, \$4,515 for widen running track, El Cerrito High School.

(6) Oliver DeSilva, 2333 Eden Road, San Leandro, \$1,152 for asphalt. Harry Ellis Jr. High School.

DUGWAY PROVING GROUND, Utah, contract awarded to Robert E. McKee, P.O. Box 1706, Santa Fe, N.M. \$639,700 for const. Chapel, Post Exchange, Gym & Swimming Pool, Theatre, at Dugway Proving Ground, Tooele, Utah.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Campbell Const. Co., 800 "R" St., Sacramento, \$380,947 for const. of the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Elementary School at Folsom Blvd., at 60th St., SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to A. G. Raisch Co., Box 458, San Rafael, \$144,866 for 1.1 mi. grade & surf. pors. betw. Fairfax & Tocaloma, MARIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to James H. McFarland, 101 Terra Street, San Francisco \$29,312 for repair exist. bridge, const. reinf. concrete bridge & grade & surf. approaches w/roadmix surf. at Wilson Creek 7 mi. N. of Klamath & at Jordan Creek 3.7 mi. N. Crescent City, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

VISALIA, contract awarded to Kaweah Const. Co., P.O. Box 1021, Visalia, \$15,809 for const. 2 reinf. conc. culvert across King Ditch on Road 48E, about 7 mi. SW of Visalia, & culv. 7 mi. SW of Dinuba, TULARE COUNTY.

BENICIA, contract awarded to Parish Bros., P.O. Box 1019, Benicia, \$20,466 for inst. road to test firing range.

FAIRFAX, contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., 629 Francisco Blvd., San Rafael, \$15,500 for improving former NWP RR right of way betw. Sir Francis Drake Blvd. & Broadway, & from Pacheco Ave. to Bank Street.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Guy F. Atkinson Company, 10 W. Orange Avenue, South San Francisco, \$7,162,800 (Alt C) for const. of dam embankment, Cherry Valley Dam, Cherry River Proj.

## AUGUST 26, 1953

OAKLAND, contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$15,573 for pave Mountain Blvd.

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Contract awarded to Ray Berkeley, Rt. 1 Box 1557, Sunnyvale, \$23,631 for const. Rock Ave.-Rengstorff Ave. clay pipe w/cem. joints, trunk sewer.

## AUGUST 27, 1953

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick Inc., 110 Market St., San Francisco, \$36,111 for const. a timber wharf at Richmond Yard No. 2, Richmond.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to J. R. Armstrong, 400 Central,

El Derrito, \$46,499 for grade & pave at Yard Area, Richmond.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Wells Cargo, Inc., D-4-C Rd & UPRR, Los Vegas, \$268,695 for 7.556 mi const. primary hwy. sys. on US No. 93-16 1/2 mi. N. to 24 mi. N. of Pioche, LINCOLN CANYON.

WATSONVILLE, contract awarded to Martinelli Const. Co., Inc., 1580 Folsom St. San Francisco \$77,874 for const. of Sunset Health Center Building.

SAN BRUNO, contract awarded to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., San Francisco, \$15,353 for widen & pave on Niles Ave. betw. Oak & Cedar.

SAN MATEO, contract awarded to Associated Engineers, Inc., 3606 El Camino Real Palo Alto, \$96,150 for const. of site utilities for the new Hillsdale High School.

SAN CARLOS, contract awarded to F. W. Smith, Inc., P.O. Box 726, San Mateo, \$37,386 for grade, pave, curbs & gutters on Greenwood Ave., Rockridge Road & Britton Avenue.

## AUGUST 28, 1953

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Hutchinson Co., 7360 Schmidt Lane, El Cerrito, \$21,639 for bank protection at 5 sites, on left bank of Sacramento River between Isleton & Walnut Grove.

TRAVIS, contract awarded to Bay Cities Const. Co., 215 Brush St., Oakland, \$88,800 for const. concrete igloos and access road at Travis Air Force Base.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to McGilivray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$56,884 for asphalt. conc. pave sidewalks, sewers, etc., in streets in La Hacienda Unit No. 3, SACRAMENTO CO.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Tom Hull, 390 Carson St., Eureka, \$49,868 for storm damage repair to Sweasey Dam.

## AUGUST 31 1953

DAVIS, contract awarded to Ace Excavators, 1020-44th, Oakland, \$19,042 for grade & pave at Home Economics Bldg., Berkeley.

OAKLAND, concrete award to Prodanovich & Krzich, 750-81st Avenue, Oakland, \$60,785 for inst. approx. 7,700 ft. of 12" cast iron & asbestos-cement water mains & appurts, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

VACAVILLE, contract awarded to Nomellini Const. Co., P.O. Box 1177, Stockton, \$184,000 for const. sewage disposal & water supply, at Calif. Medical Facility, Vacaville.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Lew Jones Const. Co., 1535 S. 10th St., San Jose, \$12,182 for const. corr. metal culvert on San Felipe Road near Metcalf Road in SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, contract awarded to Wells Cargo, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada, \$268,695 for 7.556 mi. const. primary hwy. system of U.S. 93, 16 1/2 mi. N. to 24 mi. N. of Pioche, LINCOLN COUNTY.

## SEPTEMBER 1, 1953

STOCKTON, contract awarded to S. M. McGaw Co., 307 Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$12,995 for resurf. Harding Way between Madison & Center Sts.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Barton Const. Co., 7708 Crest Avenue, Oakland, \$20,238 for repair exist. timber trestle pier at Seaciff Beach State Park, 8 mi. E. of Santa Cruz, SANTA CRUZ CO. ...OROVILLE, contract awarded to Butte Creek Rock Co., P.O. Box 512, Chico, \$11,350 for surfacing Cohasset Road near Cohasset, BUTTE COUNTY.

RENO, contract awarded to Geo. E. Miller, Box 1728, Reno, \$34,373 for roadmix certain streets, place reclaimed asphalt pavement on streets, & resurf. sts. etc.

SONORA, contract awarded to Beerman & Jones, Sonora, \$18,731 for widening bridges on Barrett & Dodge St., widen Stewart St. betw. Williams & Gold Sts. & strengthen Lyons St. at jct. of Terract Ave.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Avenue, San Pablo, \$74,396 for reconstr. Barrett Ave. betw. 7th Street & SP Right-of-way.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to M. Malfitano & Son, P.O. Box 750, Pittsburg, \$42,722 for reconstr. 6,486 ft. of Coventry Rd., Cowell Rd. Grove Way & Davis Ave. & const. channel cha. for Galindo Creek adj. to Cowell Road.

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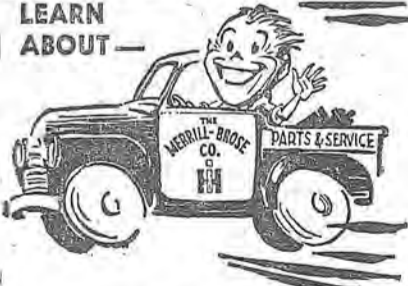
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# Peninsula Has 4-Year Job In Mills Estate Development

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

According to information obtained at a pre-job conference meeting between your representative and Mr. John Vasos, the very efficient General Manager, and Brother Jim Campbell, Superintendent, for the Trousdale Construction Co., the bids for the moving of two million yards of earth and the clearing of the eleven hundred acre tract of land are now being advertised. The entire earth-moving activities are to be confined to the Mills property, which extends on the west to Skyline Boulevard and projects out into San Francisco Bay on the eastern boundary. The water from three large lakes located on the properties will be used to get the proper compaction on the filled area, which will be between the El Camino Highway and San Francisco Bay.

The material for the fill is to be excavated from the higher levels adjacent to Skyline Boulevard. This four-year development program, which will employ many members of Local 3, will include the construction of a large commercial area along each side of El Camino Highway, extending to the Southern Pacific Railroad, where modern garden-type markets, motels, and the rambling type of office structures will be erected.

The area east of the Southern Pacific tracks will be devoted to the building of modest homes and the area west of El Camino will be devoted to building of the larger type of homes on one acre or larger plots of ground.

The Guy F. Atkinson Co. of South San Francisco, after a long delay caused by the obtaining of the permit to build an overpass over the Southern Pacific tracks, is now in position to start erection of the structure. According to information in this office, the actual construction on their large fill job will start in about three weeks.

The two large 5-foot pipelines being installed by M&K Corp. and Peter Sorensen Co., respectively, are progressing as well as can be expected and each firm now has a large crew of Engineers employed.

The Sterling Building Co. has started construction of the first unit of 150 homes of their proposed 3,000-home development at Pedro Valley. However, according to contractor Jos. Brady, the bulk of the earth moving will not be started until the first of the year.

## Field Survey—

### Ford Job is Biggest Deal For Tech Men

By A. G. BOARDMAN  
Business Representatives

The Ford plant at Milpitas is currently our largest single job. We have in excess of 25 men working there, most of them for the Pomeroy Construction Co., under the skilled supervision of Bro. Geo. Devaney, Pomeroy's field engineer.

Bros. Bob Browning and Bob Boles are assisting Devaney as party chiefs. Bros. Art Standish, Bill Walden, Phil Brown and Fred Gomez are some of the transitmen. Bro. Don White is laying out the utilities, assisted by Bro. Johnny Proto.

The membership certificates for the Welfare Fund, which some of the members have asked about, are being prepared now and will be sent out soon. However, the records in the office determine whether a member is covered or not, and not the certificates. The certificates are not necessary to obtain medical insurance and members need only fill out the pink-colored applications for compensation under the Welfare Plan.

The next Technical Engineer's meeting will be held Friday, Sept. 25, 1953, at 8:00 p.m., at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, Calif.

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Mrs. 'Igins: "That Mrs. Briggs was boastin' as 'ow she comes from a fine family. An' you've come a good way, I says, pleasant like."

At the present time foreman Brother John Brady has a crew of Operating Engineers engaged in installation of the underground construction.

E. T. Haas Co. of Belmont was the successful bidder on the sewage pumping plant and pipeline job for the City of Burlingame. Supt. Brother McCreath plans to begin construction on this project immediately after the Labor Day holiday.

Brother Howard Marks and Dick Rush of the Rush Construction Co. have completed erection of their rock crushing plant at Rockaway Beach on the former E. B. Stone properties, and the plant is now in production under supervision of foreman Brother Phil Blay, with the assistance of brother operators Mayfield, Benton, Muccia, Bradford, Culwell and Morrow. This plant will provide steady employment for several worthy brothers.

Supt. Brother Barney Bell, along with foremen Brothers Kinney, Stockton, Hall and general foreman Brother Red Russell, have Piombo Construction Co.'s large highway project at Third Avenue,

San Mateo, about 80 per cent completed and are now engaged in laying blacktop on the cloverleaf and outer highways, and laying concrete treated base for the sub grade with a new type of machine known as the Seaman Travel Plant, which seems to be doing a very efficient job.

The storm drains now being installed across the present Bayshore Highway have created a terrific hazard which this firm has been subjected to a great deal of expense and trouble to overcome. While visiting this project, your representative contacted operators and mechanics Brothers Shepherd, Hars, Ryman, Jepsen, Buck, Jones, Fick, Burger, Sutherland, Bell and Bradfield, who were happily engaged in their work.

All of the local contractors in this area, including L. C. Smith, Bragato Paving Co., Douglas & Woodhouse, Bauman Brothers and many other, have been successful in obtaining contracts for street paving, grading and real estate development work during the past month which have resulted in additional employment for members of Local 3.

# Fresno Reports Fast Pace On Vermillion Valley Dam

By H. T. BETERSEN and LYNN MOORE, Business Representatives

Work in the Fresno area is proceeding at a pretty steady pace in the last month. Although we have had quite a bit of turnover and some of the Brothers drifting in from the north, our out-of-work list has been held to a minimum.

The Bechtel Co. job at Vermillion Valley is proceeding at a fast pace and reports from the job are that the company

has placed approximately 900,000 cubic yards of dam embankment already this season. Considering that the dam site itself had to be prepared and coring and other incidental work done, the boys are really making progress.

We have also been informed that there is but a slight chance of the Mammoth Pool project being started this year. However this job is definitely set up to start early in '54.

On other mountain jobs previously reported, Bud Trask is now running Eaton & Smith's job at Shaver Heights and also looking after Highway 180 job at Squaw Valley. Hess Construction Co. is making fair progress but probably will not complete their Bureau of Public Roads contract this year.

Clements & Co. have moved into Rock Creek to surface 13 miles of timber access roads running east from Rock Creek through Chicquita Creek Basin country.

Peterson Co. of Richmond are still busy with their bridge and approach jobs at Cedar Grove and will be completed this fall.

In the south end of the district Oilfield Construction Co. have started grading on 7 miles of new alignment highway between Corcoran and Hanford.

United Concrete Pipe Co. are busy manufacturing pipe at their Tulare plant for 68 miles of their laying contract in the Earlimart area.

We have been informed that American Pipe & Construction Co. will do the manufacturing of pipe for a second unit of this job, approximately 58 miles in the same general area.

Guy F. Atkinson Co. are still busy on their Tulare Freeway job and Frederickson & Kassler have started work on the Visalia Y overpass.

In the Fresno District, Stewart & Nuss; Gene Richards Paving Co. and Petroleum Sales & Construction, respectively, have several small paving jobs in progress. Stolte & Midstate, a joint venture,

have started pouring concrete on \$1,200,000 hospital addition on Ventura Avenue.

W. M. Lyles Co., Kovick Bros. and Valley Trenching Co. each have several small ditching jobs in progress within the area.

In the northern end of the district Union Steel Co. of Los Angeles have moved in to set iron for the large hanger at Castle Air Force Base. This job should be good for approximately 4 months.

Macal Improvement Co. have just completed grading on the aprons for the hanger. Concrete Supply Co. and River Rock Co. have a highway resurfacing job just north of Merced and are making good progress. The same firms are busy making aggregate and supplying ready mix throughout that area. They expect to start their hot plant around the 10th of September.

Granite Construction have started their subdivision job and have completed the installation of a batch plant, they are also moving a hot plant to be set up on Bear Creek just east of Merced.

M. J. B. Construction of Stockton who have the underground work for the above mentioned subdivision are making good progress on that portion of the job. In Madera county Volpa Bros. are getting ready to pave approximately 5 miles of his Los Banos highway contract.

Stolte & Pacific have just about completed grading operations on their Bureau of Reclamation canal contract but will be working for some time on structures. H. Earl Parker Co. are busy on the second section of their Bureau of Reclamation contract and have practically completed the first section.

John Delphia Co. have moved in to surface roads in the Millerton Lake Recreation area. Bro. Bill Kimble is pushing the job.

There are many small contracts in progress throughout the entire district, and all gravel pits are busy. We are looking forward to a rather late work season.

# Construction Awards

MODESTO, Contract awarded to Standard Materials, Inc., 1411 9th St., Modesto, \$13,112 for const. curbs and gutters at County Center No. 3.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Stanley H. Koller, 1694 Pomona St., Crockett, \$249,249 for const. pipe conduits & sewers from Wood St. to San Pablo Ave. & to 36th St. in portions of 34th St., Fitzgerald, Peralta, Harlan, State Hwy., Rt. 5 & San Pablo Ave.

MILL VALLEY, contract awarded to Jas T. Thornton, 111 Tamal Vista Drive, San Rafael, \$43,855 (\$19,082—Homestead School; \$24,773—Alto School) for pave at the above schools.

LOS GATOS, contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., Rt. 1, Box 800, San Jose, \$15,343 for paving proj. 53.1, on Olive & San Mateo Aves., et al.

LOS GATOS, contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 Stockton Ave., Santa Clara, \$23,672 for const. sanitary sewer Project No. 53-2.

REDDING, contract awarded to Browne & Krull, 1057 Cotter Way, Hayward, \$48,365 for 4.25 mi. grade & pave County Hwy. betw. Glenburn & approx. 7.5 mi. W. of Whipple's Corner, SHASTA CO.

REDDING, contract awarded to Ransome Co., 4030 Hollister St.,

Emeryville, \$20,980 for 4.18 mi. surf.w/double seal coat, County Hwy. approx. 1.5 mi. E. of Stillwater Creek & County Rd. 11-D at Bella Vista, SHASTA COUNTY.

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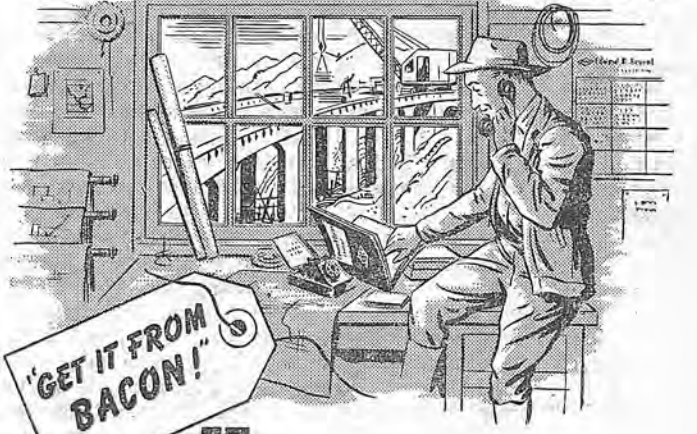
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# Many Small Jobs Keep Marysville Bros. Working

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

It is always good to report everyone working in the district and that is exactly the situation prevailing in this district at this writing. Although there are no real big jobs in the area it seems there are enough small jobs to keep the slack out of the hoist line or what is better known as the out-of-work list.

Rice Bros. have completed their job on Highway 20 in Yuba City, but have several small jobs going on around town and they are doing the grading and paving on the parking lot on our new Engineers' Building and paving on Camp Beale Air Base. Also their gravel plants in the Hollywood District are going full blast.

H. Earl Parker has a few rigs on land leveling around the district and a good crew of mechanics in the shop.

R. G. Andrews, of Modesto, has five rigs on the Willows Wildlife Refuge with Brother O. O. Darrow in charge.

Between Willows and Glenn, Calif., the State is doing some road work on a rental basis and the following firms have operators on this job: A. A. Edmunston, W. H. O'Hair Co., Wright Bros., Contractors, Rentals, Inc., and John Meken Co.

The MK & Co., Inc., are still lining the Hendrichs tunnel at Sterling City with about 60 days to go yet and we have a crew of 11 operators on this job.

The Utah Co. at Kiddie, Calif., have made very good progress on their tunnel lining job for the Western Pacific R. R. Co.

MK Co., Inc., on the Greenville, Calif., tunnel day lighting job ran into rock which was unexpected and Bro. Bob Overman, grade foreman, told your correspondent they had to import some powder for blasting.

The Yount Sand & Gravel Co. at Quincy signed an agreement with this union after a three-day hassle.

The Condish Co. are doing OK at the bridge on Duck Creek.

The J. P. Breen Co. moved out on the job at Quincy and are now over on the Quincy-Laporte Road.

Brown & Hertel won't do any work on the bridge at Indian Creek until spring as far as our Engineers are concerned.

The Bos Const. Co. has two bridges in the Quincy-Taylorville area and had a Lester L. Rice rented to do the piledriving.

Lester L. Rice & Sons have also had a small road job at Wheatland, Calif.

The Butte Creek Rock Co. of Chico has a crew or two on the outside with Bro. Rudy Clay at the Princeton School and Bro. Bud Brown at the Chico State College with the regular crew at the gravel plant and shops.

Rice Bros. are making the road look better now on the Oroville-Chico job and Bro. A. Verduyzen in charge and running an A-1 job as usual.

Richter Bros. are going ahead with the sub-grade on the same job with Bros. Bob Meriam and Vic Stromer in charge.

Hollywood Sand and Gravel at Marysville have quite a rush on at this writing too.

Irrigation Const. Co. has had a few days ditching on the Thermalito School.

Modern Builders, low bidders on alteration job—Chico High School, \$39,279.

Luther Elementary School taking bids for class rooms and kindergarten at Live Oak, September 4, 1953.

Playground—Thermalito Elementary School, low bidder, R. O. Young, Yuba City, Amount, \$3100.

Jay Bailey Const. Co., low bidder on Butte County Rice Growers at Richvale for \$124,550—work has started.

Work on the main road through the town of Paradise to come up soon, will be in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

## NEWS OF OUR BROTHERS

Bro. Del Caswell is the owner of the Associated Station opposite the courthouse in Oroville. Roy Kingsey writes from Alaska—said he would be home by September.

Miss Shirley Poore, daughter of Bro. Walter Poore, lost her life in

organized some years ago, and had taken a very active interest all through the years in his union's affairs. He was a native Californian, and would have been 65 on Nov. 29, when he was planning to retire.

Burial services were conducted in the Hutchinson Colonial Chapel, Marysville, and interment was at the Sierra View Memorial Lawn. He was in good standing both in the International Union Benefit Fund, and the Local Union Burial Fund.

Brother Campbell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Minnie Campbell, and we take this means of extending to her the heartfelt sympathy of the officers and members of Operating Engineers' Local Union No. 3.

## GLADDING, McBEAN COMPANY

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS:** Joint Board meeting, Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1953, at 4:15 p.m., in the Lincoln Industrial Council Office, Lincoln. General Membership meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 1953, at 4:15 p.m. in the City Hall, Lincoln.

Your representatives at the plant are doing their level best to adjust every complaint to the liking of the members, when we feel that the members are right under the agreement. We admit frankly that we don't win every argument; after all, the company quite often has very good and justified reasons for its actions, but we do adjust the majority of them in favor of the members.

The agreement provides that the company and the union may grant members the privilege of working during their vacations. Until recently the business representatives acted upon these requests. Hereafter such requests must be addressed in writing to the Joint Board, and the Joint Board alone is empowered to grant such requests. This is by action of the last meeting, which took the stand that such requests were only to be granted for very pertinent personal reasons.

The Labor-Management Committee, which meets each third Tuesday at the plant, is more than proving its worth. Here we meet in an informal atmosphere, and many a grievance has been nipped in the bud before it happened. It has also been the source of settling amicably a lot of grievances and establishing general joint policy that has prevented such grievances from recurring.

If you have anything on your chest that you think needs airing, report it to your business representative or committeeman; we will investigate the matter, and if it is a proper subject and supported by evidence, it will be raised at one of these meetings and may result in the improvement of conditions for either yourself, your brothers, or both.

The company has informed us that a new cooperative policy has been adopted in conjunction with the International Correspondence Schools. This is simply that the company will pay 75 per cent of the cost of any course you take and complete that has any connection with the clay industry.

The way this works, you choose your course, your monthly payments can be arranged on a check-off basis, and when you successfully complete it the company refunds you 75 per cent of the cost. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Mr. Radovich, personnel director, or one of the representatives. Here may be the opportunity you have been waiting for to improve your education at a very small cost to you, through a very good correspondence school.

## THE NATOMAS COMPANY

**Information Regarding the Next Meetings:** The next meetings of your unit will be held Tuesday, Oct. 6, 1953, at the Meeting Hall, Natoma. As usual, the meetings will convene at 10 a.m. for the night workers, and 7 p.m. for the day workers.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THE NEXT MEETING:** As some complaint has been noted regarding the place of meeting, you are hereby officially informed that at the next meeting of your unit, this matter will be a special order of business. If you have any objection to the present meeting place you are advised to be present so that you



can make your views known, and the matter can be settled by majority vote.

Some difficulties are being experienced with the seniority list, especially have a few cases occurred regarding the original hiring date. Primary reason this has arisen is the claim on the part of the company that some members who worked for the company prior to the "close-down order" did not report back to work when first called back. If you have any doubt about your case, please report it immediately.

Your attention is drawn to the following: In those cases that arise in the future where a member does not work during the payroll period in which dues are deducted, the company will be billed the next month for two months dues. This will be done so that every member will be kept in good standing.

A letter was sent to some of the members recently informing them that they were in arrears and out of benefits because, due to the above circumstances, dues for a month or more was missed sometime in the past. Some replies have been received stating that the member was sick or injured.

You are informed that you cannot skip a month's dues because you had no earnings from the company. Dues must be paid for every month. If off because of illness or accident, be sure to notify the Marysville office, and you will be informed as to the manner in which your dues will be taken care of, provided you follow the instructions given.

**Personal Notes:** Brother Hardie T. Christenberry, oiler on Dredge No. 1, passed away Aug. 17 at the Roseville District Hospital. Brother Christenberry had been hospitalized for ulcers Aug. 3, had been operated upon twice and was up walking around Saturday, Aug. 15 and expecting to go home, when he had a relapse and passed away Monday.

The funeral was held at the Lambert Funeral Home in Roseville on Wednesday, Aug. 19. Interment was at Fair Oaks Cemetery. He was in good standing in the International Benefit Fund. Brother Christenberry was a native of Oklahoma, aged 51. He is survived by his wife, four sons, a step-daughter, two sisters and three brothers. The officers and members of the Operating Engineers extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Christenberry and his family.

Just a few notes about our insurance plan. Brother Kenneth Ellis's wife, who was injured seriously July 5, has received over \$700 in insurance payments to date. Brother Jes. Bilyeu, who is seriously ill in the Mercy Hospital, is not only receiving hospital and medical benefits, but is also receiving the weekly disability payments, it is reported. Another brother received over \$300 for an operation on his daughter. Brother Christenberry's family received the \$1,500 life insurance. And there are other cases; all of which simply shows that our plan pays.

A word of advice to all our members: One of our brothers who died recently had been divorced and had remarried, but put off to the time of his death changing his beneficiary. In his case everything was arranged amicably, and his insurance went to his present wife and family. But if everyone had not been cooperative a situation could have developed that might have cost his family his insurance. So be sure to keep your beneficiary correctly named, as you wish it, on your insurance. It is up to you to name your beneficiary, and unless there is strong

# 'Good Home Does Much for a Union,' Says Bro. Park

(Continued from Page One)

their fellow building tradesmen.

The building of a home demonstrates stability of habit and purposes. This is true for the individual man, and it is true for the organized trade union. It shows a commendable spirit of community-mindedness also, an attitude of cooperation in building up the community for common benefit and advancement.

The Operating Engineers have attained an enviable reputation for home-building. They have constructed fine buildings in many cities here in the West, and they have come to be regarded as leaders in the effort to provide our trade unions with respectable, useful homes.

A good home does as much for a trade union as it does for the individual, and the Engineers, bringing with them a constructive attitude into a community such as Marysville, will find that attitude honored and increased by their having built this commendable addition to the city's building picture.

The long record of achievement of Operating Engineers Local 3 lies significantly behind an accomplishment such as this building. From the several smaller unions grew the amalgamated Local 3 which has gone on, under some of the West's most capable union leadership, to become the largest unit in the International Union and one of the largest, strongest, and most respected AFL unions west of the Mississippi.

This is no accident. It is the result of a happy combination of the world's best team-workers, the construction stiffs, plus a union leadership that carries this democratic team attitude into the operation of the union itself. No one better exemplifies this type of union leadership than does Brother Victor Swanson, business manager of Local 3.

It was natural and inevitable, therefore, that this union home should come into being here in Marysville, key city in the prosperous, rapidly growing north-valley region.

And we are very happy to be here at the time of this building's dedication, because it carries with it so much significance and is so distinctly a milestone or monument to the richer, better manifestations of human cooperation.

As I read again the inscription on the dedication plaque:

"This building erected by the membership of Local Union No. 3 and dedicated to the American, democratic way of life."

We cannot adequately tell in words the full meaning of this occasion since it is backed up by countless deeds by good men—actions which speak so much louder and more eloquently than words. A maximum of effort and a minimum of talk—that is a rule which motivates the construction industry, the Operating Engineers, and one which made possible this building.

So with that thought, with a minimum of words and a maximum of rich, good feeling inspired by this occasion, we wish to conclude this dedicatory statement and to express the collective wish that this building may have a long history of happy, constructive gatherings of people and good-will as it provides an important service to the people of Marysville and the north valley region.

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## Over 1 Million Children Now Getting SS Benefits

Over 1,000,000 children now are getting monthly Social Security insurance payments. The million-dollar mark for child beneficiaries in the nation was passed in July.

As of the end of July, about \$31 million was being paid monthly to child beneficiaries.

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