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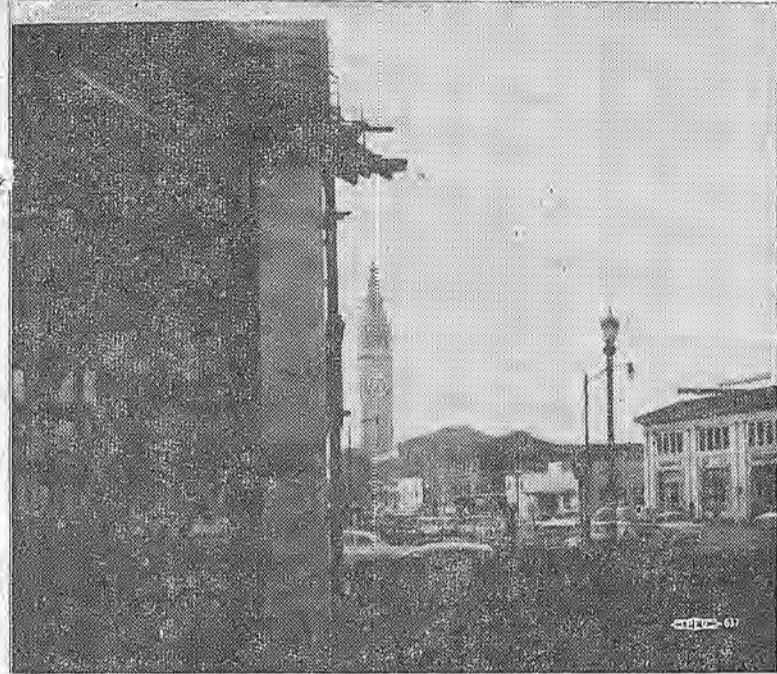
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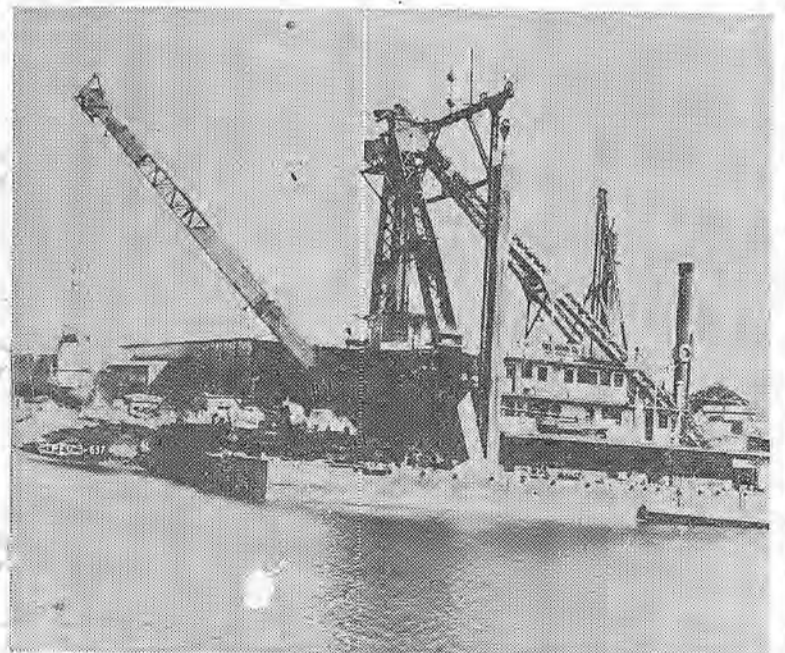
SEPTEMBER, 1956



TO SOAR OR DIP? TRAIL'S END.—Zooming right up to the waterfront and stopping with thunderous silence is the Bay freeway network. Here at the Embarcadero it has run heading into a hot civic controversy, so it stands patiently while the city fathers decide its fate—whether it shall be fish or fowl, to fly or to dive in front of the hallowed Ferry Building. Opponents to the state's plan say it will kill the waterfront with a giant, ugly, oil-stained concrete barrier. They want it curved or go underground. The state says it will add many millions in cost to go underground. Real estate speculators are tying into the controversy. Meanwhile, the big job awaits public decision.



POWER FOR PEOPLE in central California will flow from generators turned by water to come through this Addit No. 2 of the Poe Project being constructed for PG&E in the Feather River Canyon about 35 miles east of Oroville. Members of Operating Engineers Local No. 3, employees of the joint venture of Utah Bates & Rogers construction companies, shown on train at addit mouth are (left) Motorman Jiggs Jamison and brakeman Ray Watkins. (Les Collett photo.)



WAR VETERAN DREDGE CONVERTS.—Keeping up with the times and giving itself new, more efficient motive power is the big veteran dredge Holland, shown here at the Guntert and Zimmerman yard in Stockton, where it is being converted from steam to Diesel. The Holland was built in 1912 in Craig Shipyards in Long Beach. She worked during the war on Midway, Wake, Pearl Harbor, Canton Island, and Johnson Island, and she'll be around for many years to come. She is now operated by the Olympian Dredging Co. (Note big "O" on her stack). Photo by Brother Sigm Wilson, a dredge leverman.

Construction Industry Stays in High Gear For the Final Fall Push

With one eye on the sky, the construction industry of the Western Slope is buckling down to the final fall push under one of the busiest schedules seen in this region in many years. It is a race to beat the rains, in every district from Muddy Pass in the Rockies to the Redwood slopes of Mendocino County.

As autumn leaves turn to brilliant colors in the mountains of Utah, the Pacific shore bathes in warm fall days, and the western sky wafts in speckled clouds to hint of more, there is dust on the horizon as men and machines team up in giant strides at roads, buildings, and dams to make the West more livable for its ever-growing family of humans.

All districts of Local 3 this month report the same—a heavy work load. Some even venture a forecast—"it'll hold up for two or three months until the rains come." Others don't want to talk about weather, except that it's a bit cooler and more pleasant for work. But the entire industry is weather conscious as September moves into October, and it is really humping to get those jobs in shape.

(In the Bay Area you can now dial WE6-1212 for recorded weather forecasts changed hourly.)

And probably more weather conscious than any are the contractors working on flood control projects, of which there are many as a result of last year's unprecedented, \$500 million flood damage. These jobs have a bit more spark and push in them than any of the others—"we don't want to get caught again!" is the feeling.

Considering the vast number of men and pieces of equipment involved, there is a terrific amount of energy, skill and money going into the thousands of jobs now underway in Local 3 territory.

It is during these months of heavy schedules when accidents happen, when violations of the agreement occur on the jobs, and when men drift around without letting the union office know of their whereabouts. Bro. Victor Swanson, local union manager, urges all members to keep these thoughts in mind in the days and weeks ahead.

A look at this month's business representative reports from the various district offices, gives us a picture something like this:

Salt Lake City: Dam jobs finishing, starting. Fall in the air. Too many crowding in for reclamation projects in eastern section
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NO DUES! NO UNION!

By VICTOR S. SWANSON, Local Union Manager

What an amazing but acutely significant title! However, that's exactly what it amounts to in our world of today! Drain the blood from your body and you die; drain the dues from your union and it dies.

Some may ask; "How come?" Our American way of life is so complicated for everyone and everything in it that anyone who hopes to thrive can never do so standing alone. The old slogan: "In Union there is strength" was never more intensely true than it is now.

THE BOSSES PAY HEAVY DUES

Look around you and check the most successful business groups, the most successful workers' groups and what do you find? They are united and solidly organized to protect and assure their continued success and welfare.

And what keeps all of them alive and going? Dues!! Yes, the National Association of Manufacturers, the American Contractors' Association, the Bankers, the Lawyers, the Doctors and all such other combines maintain an existence entirely on the individual contributions of their respective members. In other words, they pay dues! And without dues, and very heavy dues at that, they would fold over-night.

The very same thing holds true for your Union. Shut off its dues and you shut off its life! That is not, in the least extreme reasoning. True it may not happen all at once, but right here is the nub of this all important question. Cancer does not kill outright; it is the slow unnoticed growth of cancer that does the trick. Neglect in the matter of paying dues may not hurt your Union at first, but, like cancer, if this neglect spreads it gradually destroys the effectiveness of your local and can cause its failure.

BREAD AND BUTTER RETURNS

Looking at dues in another light—Dues actually mean everything your Union brings you in wages, hours and conditions, plus the multitude of fringe benefits including vacations, sick leave, welfare benefits and pensions.

If you do not believe this, then where did all of these benefits originate? Did the boss, out of the goodness of his heart, give them to you?

You have these unique economic and social benefits because of your Union. Your Union functions on your dues. Cut out your dues and what happens? You weaken its effectiveness and destroy your own economic and social welfare. Never have working men paid so little (dues) for so much good!

The average Union member cannot possibly comprehend what goes into the running of his Local. It must be expert in the field of economics, sociology, insurance, hospitalization and pensions. Then with all of these are the attendant legal factors.

OUR ENEMIES KNOW IMPORTANCE OF DUES

Also, your Union is up against city ordinances, county regulations, and state and national laws. To protect you your Union must maintain a staff of experts to keep an eye on all of these branches of your government; and there is only one way in which this tremendous job can be done—from the union dues you pay.

Don't forget that the enemies of Organized Labor are ever alert and at work devising ways and means to destroy your Union. Further, it is vital for you to know that the one thing these people are trying hardest to abolish is, as they call it, "union tribute." Why? Because they know that if they can stop the payment of union dues they can cut the life line of unionism all over America.

Your dues mean your union's life!

Your dues mean your home, the well being of your family, the security of your job. Yes, your very life!

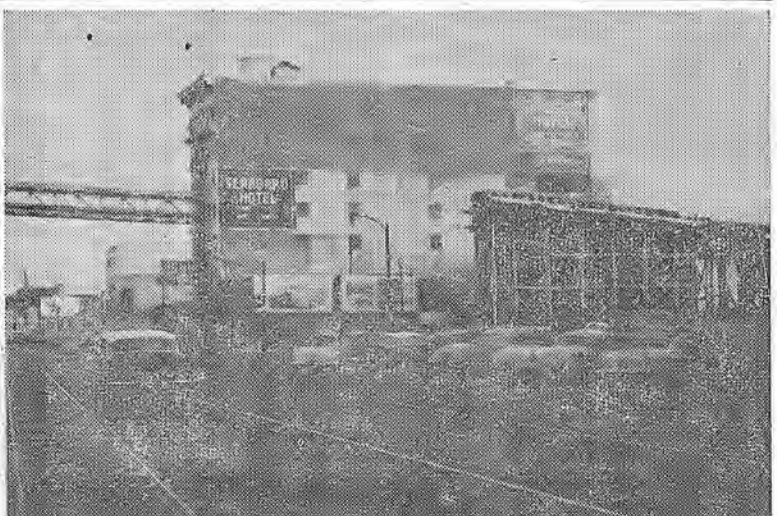
So, pay your dues, pay them promptly, and thus protect your greatest boon: A REAL, HIGH-CLASS AMERICAN STANDARD OF LIVING!

IN MEMORIAM

- STUART GILLICK
August 25, 1956, Vallejo, Calif.
- C. BARTLETT
August 15, 1956, Cotati, Calif.
- HOWARD WOOD
August 15, 1956, Paso Robles, Calif.
- DALE YOUNG
August 20, 1956, Wheatland, Calif.
- IRVING JORDAN
August 21, 1956, Redding, Calif.
- RALPH LARSON
September 6, 1956, Quincy, Calif.
- CARL E. JOHNSON
Sept. 6, 1956, Sacramento, Calif.

Service Withdrawals

- LEE ROY BOWLES
- JAMES R. FIRANZI
- RALPH A. CARR
- JAMES C. ROSS
- JOHN ZELLER



READY TO ROLL into the historic Embarcadero but awaiting civic decision is this stub end of the freeway running into the picture from its junction and crisscross of Bay Bridge, in background. Meanwhile, labor awaits the green light on this big job. (Staff photos.)

CITY BY THE GOLDEN GATE-- FREEWAYS, BUILDING SPARK S.F.

By PAT CLANCY and HARRY METZ, Business Representatives

A new \$115,000,000 freeway system down the Peninsula, utilizing Skyline Blvd., will be given top priority in this area as a result of Congressional approval of the 51 billion dollar Federal Highway Bill. Division of Highway Engineers outlined another top priority freeway—a 9.2 mile stretch linking up the projected Western-Park Presidio Freeways, from the South City limits across Golden Gate Park, once the current controversy over the Western Freeway is settled.

The bid for the underground exhibit hall at Civic Center was awarded to Theo. Meyers & Sons, and they started getting underway around the first of Sept.

The Market St. extension, which was awarded to M & K Corp., for 2½ million dollars, started about September 1.

At LaGuna Honda Home there is quite a little activity there at present; Prodanovich, Inc., Rothchild-Raffin & Weirich and Erben-trous & Summers are busy making roads, parking areas, service buildings, etc.

Fay Improvement Co. just completed their Airport job, but they are working here and there around this area.

Chas. Harney is busy working on Fort Funston, the PG&E sub-station by Hunter's Point and the Russia Street sewer job.

Piombo Const. Co. is progressing nicely on the Sunset Reservoir and the new Balboa Reservoir will be underway soon.

Pacific Pavements is working at Westwood Park and at Bay View School.

Anderson-Kerber are making pretty good progress on their Fort Funston job; they will be winding that up shortly.

Guy F. Atkinson has connected their fill job from Candlestick Point to Sierra Point

Utah Const. Co., in South San Francisco, is coming right along, as expected, with quite a few of the boys working on that job.

Fay Improvement got the bid for \$235,248, for the reconstruction of Lake Street, between 6th Avenue and 28th Avenue.

M & K Corp. was awarded a

sewer job from Stewart and Market to Howard Street.

O. C. Jones is still working on the U. C. Hospital job.

Barrett Const. Co. is building an annex to the St. Francis Hospital on Bush St.

McGuire & Hester are working on a sewer line at the State College

July, like June, has proven to be a busy month—we sincerely hope these months to come will be as good.

Survey Notes—

TIGHT MONEY HITS BUILDING

By AL BORDMAN and BILL MINAHAN, Bus. Reps.

By the time this paper reaches your hands, all members working for Civil Engineering & Land Survey firms should be receiving the new pay rate. All employees of these firms, regardless of their past pay rate, should have received a boost of 15 cents per hour, with the exception of the Field Assistant—Class I, (Head Chainman) who should have received a 27 cent increase. These rates were effective August 7, 1956. Any member who has not received the increase should notify his business representative immediately. Failure to report will subject the member working below scale to disciplinary action by the union.

According to the terms of the agreement, no head chainman shall be reduced to rate of rear chainman, regardless. No survey party shall be made up of two rear chainman or one instrument man and one rear chainman. Any violation of these working rules should be reported immediately.

According to the Engineering News-Record, only the lawyer is of less importance to the community than the engineer. In the opinion of 806 persons responding to a poll conducted by the Washington State Education Assn., armed at determining the public's attitude toward teachers and schools, the survey showed 59% rating teachers as "most important to the community," ahead of clergymen, public officials, engineers and lawyers in that order. Engineers and teachers were ranked on a par as having the "least prestige."

Which proves the point—if you do not have brains and guts enough to organize and fight for wages and working conditions, no one, regardless of your lofty estimate of yourself, will have any respect for you.

Apparently the development of new subdivisions has been curtail-

Engineers of All Classifications Very Busy in Peninsula District

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

Employment for members of Local No. 3 has now reached an all time high in the San Mateo Area, and the Peak of employment has not been reached for the season, due to fact that many new jobs are being awarded and new work is being started daily.

All Members, Note: Oct. 6 Blood Donors Day in San Mateo

Brothers, We wish again to call to your attention the importance of blood donations for the Engineers Blood Bank. Members of our Union and their families are desperately in need of blood for the sick and injured.

The San Mateo Building Trades have set aside a special day, Saturday, October 6, 1956, for blood donations, at the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank, 1791 El Camino Real, Burlingame. We urge each of you to visit the Blood Bank on this day and donate blood for the Engineers Blood Bank.

Aid Older Wkrs.

Washington Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell is making half a million dollars available to aid the states in efforts to find jobs for older workers. The money will be used to hire specialists in each State employment security central office and in local employment offices serving about 70 of the major cities in the U.S.

ed by the "tight" money market created by the present Administration in Washington, D. C.

Heavy engineering projects that were so abundant during the past two years have either been completed or are about to be completed and we do not know of any new ones scheduled for the immediate future in the East Bay Area.

Our members are working on the following construction jobs: Bechtel Corp. at Sunol; Bechtel Corp. at Avon; DuPont job at Antioch; Union Oil Co. job at Richmond and Rodeo; Match Bros. and Sundt at Travis Air Base; Tri-Dam project at Strawberry and Oakley; Coyote Dam at Ukiah; Diamond Match Co. job at Red Bluff; Bechtel Corp. on Feather River job; Wishon Dam at Fresno and McIntire & Quires pipe-line survey at Concord, Patterson and Coalinga.

The next meeting of Technical Engineers, Local 3E, will be held Friday, Sept. 28, 1956 at 8:00 p.m., at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco.

Women's styles may change but their designs remain the same.

Report of Last Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present with exception of Conductor Collett, who was excused. Brother Spence was appointed to act as Conductor.

A Synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 4 read and by motion approved as read.

A Synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of September 5 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read, with exception of that motion relating to increase in death benefits, which was referred to New Business.

Cards of thanks were received from Dorothy Young and daughters; Mrs. Anna Beth and family. Received and filed.

Letter of thanks from Mrs. Clara Simmons for the helpfulness and blood donations given Brother Fred Simmons during his illness. Received and filed.

The case of Brother Robert Roliecheck, who was tried at our last meeting, was brought up for final action. President Clancy stated that Brother Roliecheck would be fined \$250.00

The Trustees Report was read. It was regularly moved and seconded that the Trustees Report be accepted as read, Carried.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Lloyd Bauer, Oscar Crossland, J. A. Crutchfield, Edmund Cornett, E. H. Durkee, F. C. Edwards, Ejnar H. Hansen, L. L. Heriman, Frank Joseph, Leonard Jeffries, Paul Kulich, Dennis Miller, Paul M. Melton, Fred L. Monotoya, Sidney J. Olsen, John W. Suiter, Leo Seibert, Verne Schmutzler, Pete Vagadori, Herschel Wilson, Keith Ward, John W. Walker, Frank W. Wilson, Edward Walker, Charles B. English

The following Brothers were reported deceased: James J. Beth, Robert Christensen, John Holloway, Stuart Gillick, Fred Carl Simmons, Howard Wood, C. Bartlett, Dale Young, Irving Jordan, Ralph Larson, Carl E. Johnson. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

The Business Agents gave their reports which were accepted as given.

NEW BUSINESS

The Executive Board's recommendation that the death benefit be increased from \$500.00 to \$750.00 was discussed. It was regularly moved and seconded that the death benefit be increased to \$750.00, effective October 1, 1956. Carried.

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

Brother Lowell Nelson gave a short talk in regard to the resignation of Brother Victor Swanson as Vice-President of the California State Federation of Labor. His remarks were well received.

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

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

Carpenter Pete says an old-timer is one who remembers when a worker did his own withholding on take-home pay.

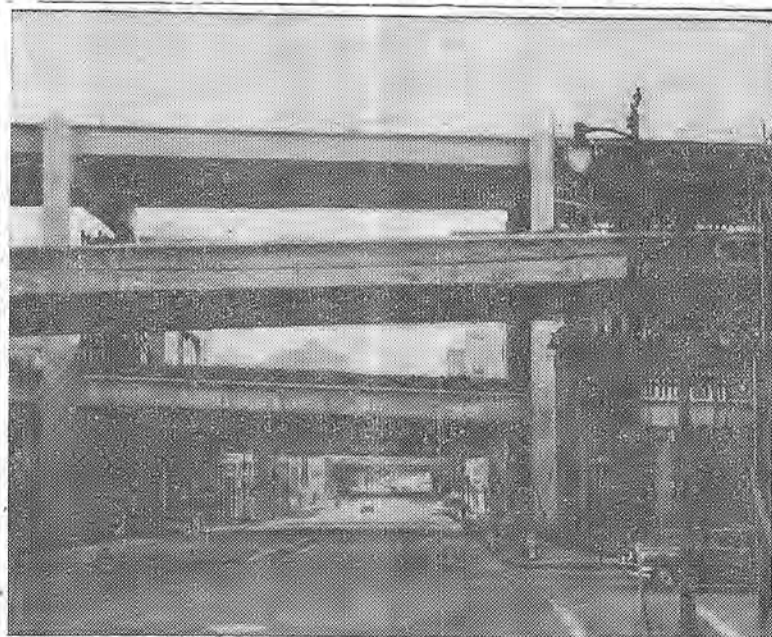
A low neck always attracts more attention than a high forehead.

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Navy Mechanic Job

The Navy has announced an examination to fill the position of Diesel Engine Mechanic, \$2.23 per hour, at Naval and Marine Corps activities in or near Oakland, Alameda, Treasure Island, Richmond, Moffett Field, Tiburon, San Bruno, and San Francisco, the Twelfth Naval District Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners is accepting applications for these positions until further notice. A list of eligibles will be established from which vacancies will be filled as they occur. Appointments will be on a Career-Conditional basis.

"Hey, Bill, you know that car you sold me last week?"
"Yes, what about it?"
"Nothing, except will you repeat all the things you said about it then? I'm getting discouraged."



FOUR-STORY FREEWAY—So complex is the Bay Freeway net as it joins the Bay Bridge and Embarcadero Freeway near S. F. waterfront that one may find himself going to New York instead of Los Angeles. This view, looking toward Market St. on Fremont, at Folsom, shows the various levels finished at this point. The highest one crosses bridge approaches at left and swings down to the Embarcadero at right.

Jud Harrison of San Ardo has moved into Skylonda, on the State Highway slide job. Foreman Brother Bill Smith, with operators Brothers Stubblefield, Westfall and Dayton are now working at this location.

Superintendent Brother Bode and Foreman Brother Agard, with a crew of cat, blade and rubber tire operators consisting of Brothers Surface, Kirkpatrick, Smets, Little, Matlock and Bosworth, as well as Shovel Operator Brother Rasmussen and oiler Chuck Chisum, Heavy Duty Mechanic Brother Kashka and Blade Operator Brother Barnes, are progressing as well as can be expected on the County Highway Project at La Honda, for the Stecker & Scott Contracting Co.

Malfitano & Son Co. of Pittsburg, are now finishing their job on Highway No. 1 at Tunitas Creek. The grading is practically finished and the drainage system has been installed. Preparations are now underway to pave the Roadway.

The Tecon Trousdale Co., Lowrie Paving Co., L. C. Smith Co., Guy F. Atkinson Co., Associated Construction & Engineering Co., and many other contractors, are all very active on the large Mills Estate Project. A large crew of operating engineers will be employed for a long period of time on this project.

Macco, Morrison & Knudson Co. have moved some cats and a blade to the International Airport, where they have a fill job on which will be erected an Aeroplane Hanger. Brother "Dutch" Bowles is in charge of this work and Brothers Bell and Aregger have been cleared as operators to this job.

SUBDIVISIONS

The Farm Hill subdivision being developed by the Oddstad Homes Co., at Redwood City, is the scene of great activity. The McCammon & Wunderlich Co. have a large crew of engineers on the grading and installation of the underground utilities. Bragato Paving Co. has a crew paving the streets, and Wm. Wilder with several engineers is doing the landscaping and grading around the houses. This project provides employment for a great many members of Local No. 3.

At Belmont, the Piombo Construction Co. are busy on excavation work for the extension of Carlmont High School. This firm have also started on their contract on Polhemus Road. Brother Rich Piombo is in charge of this work.

All of the Local Contractors consisting of the Bragato Paving Co., L. C. Smith, Charles Berger, Bauman Bros., Douglas & Woodhouse, J. O. Archibald, Fisk Firenze and McLean, Owen McCue, Fred Sperry and many others too numerous to mention, are operating at full capacity on the many street paving and grading jobs, underground installations and building erection projects at all points in San Mateo County, which creates prosperity for our worthy brothers.

The many Asphalt Plants, Rock Plants and Building Material Yards throughout the area are enjoying a thriving business, which creates prosperity and continued employment for our worthy brothers.

- Hobo—a road's scholar.
- Diploma—the man who fixes the pipes.
- Bedbug—an undercover agent.
- Smile—a thing of immense face value.
- Deliver—a vital organ of the body.
- Waltz—anything belonging to Walt.

Northbay Districts Are Busy On a Variety of Projects

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

SCREAMING FOR BLOOD . . . Our Blood Bank to this date is completely depleted. Perhaps you don't know, but you or your family, up to the age of 60, can contribute to this worthy cause, and how do you know, perhaps you or yours may need blood. It costs you nothing, it's not even painful to make this donation. Just takes a few minutes of your time. Contact this office for an appointment. **But Brothers . . . it may cost you or yours, like hell to buy this.** You may need it some time. Give this some thought.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Peterson Tractor & Equipment Co. is inaugurating a daily parts delivery service to Marin County. They have chosen as delivery point the warehouse of Marin Storage & Trucking Company in San Rafael. Orders received at the San Leandro Store any day except Friday or Saturday will be delivered the following morning. Orders received Friday or Saturday will be delivered the following Monday morning. L. R. Evans is General Parts Manager and George W. Chipman, Industrial Sales; Residence phone: Novato, TWInbrook 2-9070, S.F. Office phone YUkon 6-6300, San Leandro phone: SWEetwood 8-5600.

ATTENTION BROTHERS: During the past month, members passing away and the unfortunate part of it is that their assessment 6 not paid at the time of their death, making them ineligible for the Death Benefit paid by Local 3. It is very important that you keep your assessments up. We wish to remind you again that assessment 7 will be due October 1, 1956. Contract awarded to Charles Harney at cost of \$504,578 . . . Forbes Station Overhead . . . 9 miles to be graded and surfaced with plant mix surfacing on cement treated base and an overhead structure to be constructed . . . Bro. Joe Stockton is Super . . . Brothers on this job are: Doc Needham, Foreman; Roy Glenisky, Dozer; Mack Lee, Dozer-Tamper; E. J. Whitfield and Oscar Gaylor on the jeeps; Walt Meadows on D9 Dozer; Ernest Ryd, Operator on D.L., and Geo. Dickinson, Oiler on the D.L. As this goes to press, Bro. Stockton informs he expects to double the crew in less than two weeks. W. H. Darrough & Sons—contract awarded, amount of \$238,996. This job is located on Lakeville Road, about 10 miles south of Petaluma. Brother Geo. S. Williams is Project Manager and a foreman is to be selected later. The job got started this week with a crane and M.P. excavating, widening out culverts. Brother J. S. Krantz for three years in Morocco has returned to the States, and at present is employed as Mechanic for Granite Construction . . . Bro. Krantz brings best wishes from a few of Local 3 brothers working in Morocco. Namely, Bill Huffstutter, Ernest "Tex" Wilson and Tom Dick. Brothers Stewart Thompson and Steve Liswood are in the general excavating business, and at the present have a T.D. 24 and D8 Dozer-Can. Marin Equipment is moving along at an even pace . . . Deysher & Monson-Welding & Machine Shop, Brother G. J. Scheurmann is owner, does work for paving. Dirt contractors and all types of welding and machine shop work. His shop is located at 640 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. in San Anselmo. He is very pleased with the reception he is getting on work from contractors . . . Bro. Scheurmann is on call night and day. E. T. Haas have a pipeline crew working at Corte Madera digging and laying water mains at a cost of \$25,605. There are four of our Brother members doing the work on the equipment. Granite Construction have excavating completed on their job at Hamilton Air Base, consisting of extending the present flight runway three hundred feet and three strips of 2,000 feet on the warmup and taxi apron. Gene Richards, Inc. have the

concrete pavings sub from Granite and are about 50 per cent completed.

NAPA, MONTICELLO AREAS

Schutt Construction is general contractor for clearing in the Monticello area. There are 17,000 acres of clearing in this area. Schutt has 5,500 acres, and they have 35 per cent complete. Sub-contractor H & M Construction has 6,500 acres to clear. They have 30 per cent completed. King & Richter have 5,000 acres to clear and they have 25 per cent completed. Completion of this clearing will be around Feb., 1957, if the winter holds out. There are 43 Engineers on the clearing. Johnson, Drake & Piper Construction are completing their hospital job in Vacaville, expecting to be out the end of November, 1956. They have kept throughout the past year six Engineers on their payroll. A. Teichert & Son are winding up their canal job in Winters. They are averaging 700 feet of concrete per day. At this rate they will wind up this job about Sept. 28, 1956. On their payroll are 40 Engineers. Peter Kiewit & Parish Bros. job at Montecello Dam where they are pouring 9,000 yards of concrete, hope to complete the job in February, 1957. Average Engineers on the job throughout the past two years, 33.

VALLEJO DISTRICT
In the Vallejo area, Moe Sand Company on the waterfront at the foot of Chestnut Street still supplying sand for Stockton Const. Co. and several other companies in the Vallejo district. Bro. August Madeiros operating the Clam and Bro. Bill Davis oiling. E. A. Forde will complete the east half of Couch St. by the 15th of September. Then they will start grading the west half. Bro. Jim Melton doing a fine job on supervision. Stockton Construction still battling their underground drainage in the Vallejo area and fighting city traffic. Brother Dewey Marquess and his partner, Bro. Sutton have rented a Crane, Back-Hoe and D6 Dozer to Stockton, to push the pipe laying and beat the rains. If anyone is interested in renting a Back-Hoe Dragline, Clam or D6 Dozer, these brothers have nice equipment and can be contacted in this area at present. Frederickson, Watson & Ransom will have 75% of their dirt moved by the time this goes to press. Bro. Mike Schumacher had better watch that slope. There was a slight bump showing in one! Ben C. Gerwick still driving piling on Mare Island. Petetz Pipe still laying water main. Alex Robertson Co. also with pipe laying job on the Island. Rothschild, Raffin & Weirick still plugging along on their buildings on the Island, but hate expense of Oilers and Compressor men. Mr. Baughan hobbling around with a broken foot that hasn't completely healed yet, and is grouchy as hell! Wants a dime every time his phone is used. How about this? Match Bros. & Sundt, our number one clean job with nine 20's really moving dirt. This job is keeping Bro. Ed McCreath busy blading haul road and keeping out of those dirt-hungry 20 Skinners' way. Bro. Ed Morris and Bro. Jack Match all smiles. Brother Ross Maynard has been added to Match's foreman staff. We want to welcome Ross back in our Local. To Members in Vallejo Area . . . We have received a communication from the Solano County Bldg. & Construction Trades Council calling to our attention the need of assistance and voluntary help in the erection of a Boy Scout Ad-

REDDING HAS GOOD JOB PROSPECTS

By E. A. HESTER & J. B. JENNINGS, Bus. Reps.

In spite of the fact that a few of our major highway projects are nearing completion, the work situation in and around the Redding area still holds good, with a few new jobs popping up here and there. With the weather still in our favor, work should be fairly steady for at least another two or three months. Then—of course—'Ole Man Weather takes over for awhile.

J. W. Briggs, of Ben, Oregon, has a week or ten days left on his job at Happy Camp. However, he has been awarded another large timber access road job by the Bureau of Public Roads. The job is situated about 20 miles north of Redding. We expect to see a lot of activity out there this winter as the total yardage on the project consists of nearly a million yards, two hundred thousand of which are rock.

Barry J. Richards of P.O. Box 187, Studio City, California, was the low bidder on the Bureau of Reclamation Headquarters Project for the Trinity River Hydro-Electric Central Valley Project. He submitted a low bid of one million, five hundred and seventy-six thousand, four hundred and fifty-eight dollars. We also expect to see plenty of action in this particular area this winter as the Transocean Engineering Corporation, of Hayward, California, was low on the bids to the Bureau of Reclamation, for the access roads leading to the project. There is a lot of rock on this job also. There are over a million yards to take care of here too. Transocean was also successful bidder on a bridge job at Big Bar, in Trinity County. Their bid was \$138,550.

TUNNEL JOB

Gates and Fox have had a little difficulty on their tunnel job at Minersville. They've had some very bad ground to contend with. Now the situation is facing up in

ministration building and headquarters in the area. The Council recommends members of organized labor voluntarily do all they can to assist in the erection of the building. However, the stand the Council has taken regarding a community hospital enterprise in Fairfield wherein donated labor is being requested by a group promoting this, action the Bldg. Trades Council has taken on this request for volunteer labor is that their policy does not permit them giving consent to a donated labor status in favor of the project known as the Fairfield Community Hospital, and the Council finds they must draw the line on those projects which are called community projects, but when finished will be a revenue bearing venture . . . Those of a community nature which basically religious and others where no revenue is realized for services rendered. Our best wishes to the following members reported on the sick list: Brother Leonard Jeffries reported ill at Mercy Hospital in Sacramento; Brother Bill Castner at U. C. Hospital, Bro. George Droppo, Project Manager for Ball & Simpson in Sonoma Hospital already back on job at this writing. Bro. Ray Ransore hospitalized at San Rafael General, now convalescing, and doing fine from last reports . . . Bro. Art Cereda, broken toe; Bro. John Tessar with broken leg, at Marin Hospital. Our congratulations to Brother James Ashton on the birth of a baby girl August 22, weighing in at 8 lbs., 2 oz. Bro. Ashton is foreman for Granite Construction. Brother Martin Sondergard just dropped in to say hello . . . Bro. Sondergard is suffering from arthritis, now living in Los Angeles—proudly carrying a year card. Bro. E. E. McElroy dropped in to pay year's dues, and to say hello . . . It's always a pleasure to see him.

"Look — A Joke Is A Joke —"



BIG HAWAII AIRPORT JOB

By J. K. WAIWAIOLE Business Representative

The Hawaii Aeronautics commission yesterday unanimously approved the master plan for a \$12½ million conversion of Honolulu airport into a jet age facility that will be one of the finest in the world by 1959.

Work is expected to be started in February of next year and will take about two years to complete.

Kaiser has just started its new hotel job of 250 rooms that will cost around \$5,000,000. He will try to finish this 14 story building in 6 months. He also contemplates bringing in color TV to the islands.

Bids for the Capehart Housing projects will be opened this week and advanced notices show many

very good shape and they will soon be driving tunnel.

Peter Kiewit Sons' Company have completed the preliminary work on the Mt. Shasta road job and are now going full steam ahead with a full crew. They are making good progress on the job at Fort Jones also.

Clements Construction Company of Centerville are doing a lot of road and paving work in this same district.

Things are still booming on that fifteen million dollar Diamond Project at Red Bluff.

Stolte, Inc., of Oakland, will probably finish their stint on the Corning Canal before the bad weather takes over.

Piombo Construction Co. and Guy F. Atkinson Co. have started the paving on their road jobs north of Redding.

Fredrickson and Watson Construction Co. were the successful bidders on a Country Road job, south of Redding. They have already started to work.

W. B. Jones is keeping a few of our brothers busy.

Somers and Stacy, of Klamath Falls, Oregon, was granted a two mile extension on their job at Calahan, California, in Siskiyou County.

Congratulations to Brother and Mrs. George Bowen who are the proud parents of a dainty new baby girl.

We are sorry to have to report that one of our good old-time Brothers (one of the Jordan Brothers) recently passed away. May we extend our deepest sympathy to his widow, Mrs. Irving Jordan.

The work situation in this district continues to grow and the future looks very, very encouraging.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to A. J. Peters & Son, 534 Stockton Ave., San Jose, \$37,139, for const. of storm sewer in Foxworthy Ave. from Quinto Way to Ross Creek; from Plummer Ave. to Cherry Ave. Branham Lane from Harwood Rd. to Ross Creek, city of San Jose.

mainland ventures will try also for the jobs.

Magoon Brothers, Ltd., has bought 2,129 acres of prime farm land near Marysville, Calif. for a total price of more than a million dollars. They also have large real estate holdings here in the islands. It also adds the company to a growing list of local firms with extensive mainland holdings. Others include Capital Investment Co., with a \$4 million chunk of residential property in the San Francisco Bay Area, and Castle & Cooke and Heleman Co., with their purchase of the Black Hawk Ranch in Contra Costa County for \$1,250,000.

Reports of high grade adumina found on the island of Kauai by a mining engineer of the Reynolds Metal Co. and a spokesman of Kaiser Aluminum is causing quite a stir in local circles that Governor King has issued a statement inviting mining firms to get permits to inspect territorial lands. Permission has already been granted the two companies above by American Factors, agents for Grove Farm and Lihue Plantation of Kauai, to take borings on plantation property.

NEW HOUSING

The Honolulu Redevelopment Agency members launched a move to acquire 51 acres of Bishop Estate land in Kapalama for a 1,500-unit multi-story auxiliary housing site. Cost of acquiring the land will be about \$2,832,000. After acquiring the land, the agency will hold a public sale, and release it to private developers.

E. E. Black Ltd., has been given the go-ahead to start work immediately at the site of Waikiki Development Co.'s International Market Place and Village. Completion of the first phase of the \$1 million project, a South Pacific halau, is scheduled for January.

Paul Trousdale and John Murchison, representing the major interests in the development company, and company officers, architects and planners made the announcement plans on construction yesterday.

Permanente at Honolulu is prepared with a brand new pump for its cement plant on Mid-way Island to supply the big Navy construction project. They will also be in readiness for their Guam setup early next year. We have added a couple of new hands at the local plant to learn the routine.

No new hires for Eniwetok at this time, although a few of our brothers are still on the job.

VALLEJO Contract awarded to Stolte Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$81,850, for const. sewer relocation, along U.S. Hwy. 40, city of Vallejo, SOLANO COUNTY.

PETALUMA, Contract awarded to Manuel Amaral, 16 Nob Hill Terr., Petaluma, \$16,181, for impvts. to Bridge St., city of Petaluma.

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

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

The month of August was another ringer month for the Brothers in the East Bay. We cleared in excess of 100 men more than were cleared in July, which is in itself an indication that work is holding up good. The Industrial work seems to be slacking off some. The dirt moving jobs we are glad to say are still on the up grade. We sincerely hope that this condition will continue for some time to come.

We would again at this time like to take the opportunity to thank those Brothers who so conscientiously reported the violation of the agreement on the various jobs on which they are employed. For only in this way, by the splendid cooperation, can we hope to hold and retain the gains that we have been able to make over the past years. So remember, Brothers, if you see what you think is a violation of an agreement on a job where you are employed, if possible don't hesitate to call TW 3-2120. And if you are unable to do that on work-hours, contact the Agent who is covering the area where you are employed, at his home.

Ben C. Gerwick built a new 300 ft. dock for Crown Zellerbach in Antioch. The dock caught fire and was destroyed. Gerwick was called back to rebuild the dock. It was rebuilt in record time. Brother Leroy McCarthy was operator on the scow driver and Brother Clark Stowe, fireman. Brother Jack Clark, operated a Clyde crane on a barge and Brother Ray Talbot as fireman. Brother Joe Magnusson was deck engineer. With these brothers it's no wonder the job was completed in record time.

Ransome Company is doing the paving for the new Crown-Zellerbach Co. paper mill, which is being built in Antioch. Brother Phillip Perrin is the blade operator. Brother Jay Parks as roller operator and Brother Archie Roberts also a roller operator.

George Ferrabee is doing the grading and paving on the Pleasant Hill Elementary school at Pleasant Hill. Approximately 200 tons of black top is being used. Brother Earl Womble is the blade operator and Brother Bill Newsome is the roller operator.

Frank Beach is putting sewer and water lines in for a new housing unit that Andrews & McGah will build. There will be 88 new homes in this project. The homes will be at the end of Diablo Rd. near the Diablo Country Club in Danville. Frank Garcia is the Foreman and Brother Chuck Day operator of the trencher. Brother Bill Kovich as oiler and Brother Larry Graham, Hoe operator and Al Orman, oiler.

Lee Immel was low bidder and awarded the contract from the Division of Highways, Sacramento for \$134,610. This job involves 1.5 miles of existing road bed to be widened by grading and placing imported sub-base mixing on cement treated base. The job is between Broadway Tunnel and 4 mile west of Orinda. Brother Bob Enge is Foreman, Brother Russell Bates as blade operator, Brother Frankie L. Brown, DW10 operator, Brother William Clark, D8 Dozer, Brother Dave Houck, Blade operator, Brother Gene Creasy, roller operator, Brother Mack Terripen, DW10 operator, Brother Ned Batt another D8 operator and Brother Ray Ferdig as Superintendent.

Al Urricelqui is excavating on Stamm Drive in Antioch. This is a new sub-division which Plumbligh Development will build 70 new homes. 180,000 yds of dirt is to be moved. There will be no time limit on this job. Brother Corkey Watts is Foreman on this job. Brothers Lloyd Lyman and Bob Chris are the DW10 operators. Brother Al Borves, D6 dozer operator and Brother Ernie Koefer, Everett Galvin, and Dick Beasley on the D8 dozers. On Euene Alves rigs Brothers I. V. Hampton, D. L. Flynt on the DW10's. On the Al Pereira rigs there is Brother M. J. Duffinger, T. D. 16 dozer, Brother John Selveira, D8 dozer and Brother Fred Pereira, DW10 operator.

McGuire & Hester was awarded \$101,113 contract in Contra Costa for construction of a sanitary trunk sewer line. It was started at Mayette on Meadow Lane to Oak Grove

ing and paving around the new Santa Rita school and the Pleasanton school in Pleasanton. They are using approximately five engineers on blades, rollers and loaders. Brother Spence Roberts is pushing these jobs.

Paris Bros. are doing a flood control job from 155th Avenue to 169th Avenue. They are using 8,000 ft. of 51 inch R.C.P. and 1200 ft. reinforced box 5 ft. by 10 ft. They are working on 2,000 ft. of open canal and are having problems with property owners. They are keeping 10 operators and oilers busy on back hoers, cats and side-booms. Fred Paris is project manager with Brother King Kestalupe as Foreman.

Ball & Simpson opened up their Castro Valley Freeway the 22nd of August at 11:00 a.m. Andy Webster, Jay Bostick and Dick Vaile were Supt. on this job. This was one of the cleanest jobs completed in some time. Clements did a nice job on black top.

ONE BUSY SHIPYARD

Pacific Coast Engineering yard in Alameda is enjoying a very busy year having just launched a new combination oil and bulk cargo barge for the Crowley Co. The barge is equipped with three unit cranes to handle deck cargo and below deck is tanker facilities. The yard is about ready to launch a new tug for the Crowley Co. Other work ready to go consists of more barges, tugs, over-head cranes and a ferry boat.

Moore Drydock Co. is busy in their Oakland yard while work in the Alameda yard is slow.

The Dredgers in the Bay Area, both suction and clamshell, are keeping a good many of the brothers busy and the future looks pretty good.

The Equipment Dealers shops are working at an all time high in the Oakland area. The Operating Engineers Union has completed negotiations on the agreement with equipment dealers which consisted of a raise in pay as well as increased welfare benefits. The proposed changes in the agreement were unanimously approved at a well attended special call meeting by the members of the Union employees by the various dealers in the East Bay. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those who attended this meeting, for the interest they show in the Union by taking time off to do so.

The Todd yard in Alameda has slowed down considerably in the past few weeks.

G. M. C. Construction have started the Fremont Shopping Center job. Hayward Rock Company is employing three engineers on blade and comp. equipment for doing the dirt work.

McCammon & Wunderlich now have their two electric Cedar Rapids crushers going in the old Cayota Hill Quarry off of Marsh Rd. outside of Alvarado. They will keep four operators and two oilers busy on this job.

Williams & Burroughs have started laying rock on the roads around the Niki site. McCammon & Wunderlich is furnishing 30,000 tons of crusher run for this job. Brother M. R. Hunter is blade operator.

MORE HOMES

McCammon & Wunderlich's job on the Oddstad Homes Tract at Skyline Blvd. and Redwood Rd. is shaping out nicely. The major portion of the excavating is completed on number one and two tracts. Brother Cal Barnett is supervising the underground installations, such as sewers and water lines. Independent Construction Co. is doing the paving on both tracts. For the buyers who are interested in a panoramic view, this is the ideal spot. There is very little to obstruct a full view of all the area

from Richmond to Hayward and across the bay to San Francisco.

Williams & Burroughs have started construction on the new Holy Names School and Church at 39th Ave. and Foothill Blvd, Oakland.

Brother Hank Fernandez, who was with Independent Construction Company, is now in business for himself. He is doing business under the firm name of F. & F. Grading Company located at 2101 Davis Street, San Leandro.

Lee J. Immel have a paving job of about 18,000 tons of plant mix on Hwy 50 and numerous other roads over Alameda County. Brother Gordon Campbell is pushing this job.

Vincent Rodrigues has started a job on Foothill Blvd. for EBMUD. They are using 20,000 ft. of 36 in. by 48 in. steel pipe. He is employing seven men for this job.

C. J. Woods will have moved 110,000 yards of dirt in Bevelecau Tract, Decoto by the time this is in print. They are using ten operators and one grade checker. This job is being handled by Brother Elmer Dufforth. The average on this job is about 8,000 yards per day.

Prodanovich completed the Lake Chabot Rd. and station job in Castro Valley. This was a pipe line job. They had approximately 10,000 feet of 12-inch water line with six engineers on ditchers, loaders, and cranes. They have also completed jobs in various small tracts in the Castro Valley area.

Clements Construction have really been busy this year with their Hot plant located in Centerville. So far this year they have made over 150,000 tons of black top, which has been laid throughout Alameda County. This plant is capable of putting out over 3,000 tons a day. Brother W. A. Dawson is the plant Superintendent and the following Brothers help him keep the plant rolling. Don Coats, J. Bachman, O. Terwilliger, C. Williams, R. Gallegas, David Coats, Edgar Schuldt, Victor Johnson and P. R. Clinkenbeard. Besides keeping the plant operating, they are busy building the equipment and sections for two new plants now being constructed in California. These boys just recently designed, built and added a pickup item of bottom hoppers on long hauls.

Silva Bros. is doing a street job on Grant Street in San Lorenzo. The street will be 8,700 feet long and consists of 11,000 yards of excavation. They will use 13,000 tons of crusher run and 8,000 tons of plant mix. Five men are being used on this particular job using blades, loader and dozers. L. C. Jensen is doing the pipe work on this job and numerous other tracts. Altogether they are keeping ten Engineers busy on approximately ten tracts throughout the area.

News About The Brothers

Brother Tom Ferguson was in the hospital and had an operation, but he is now at home. I know Tom would like the Brothers to drop by and say "Hello" and move a mountain or two. We're all looking forward to seeing you back real soon and pulling levers again. Tom's address is: 1126 Macauley Street, Antioch.

Brother Leonard Mattingly lost two fingers of his right hand, and badly mangled the third finger while working an electric lawn mower on Labor Day. He was in Brookside Hospital in Richmond for several days but is home now. We're sorry to hear about this Leonard and hope you're back with us soon.

Brother Don Farnum is going to the Antioch Hospital for a check up. Tell the Doctors to hurry, so

U.S. DISABILITY PAY NOW AT 50

Recent amendments made in the social security law are of vital importance to almost every person now living in the United States and its possessions.

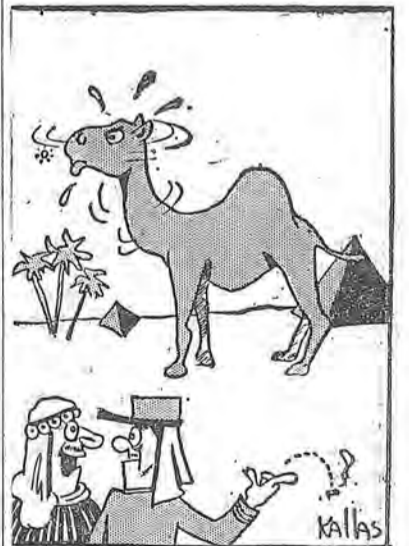
One of the most significant changes made by the amendments was the provision for payment of disability benefits beginning at age 50 to workers who are totally disabled for substantial gainful work of any kind. Under the new law, they can get monthly disability payments beginning with July, 1957. No applications can be accepted by social security offices before October 1, 1956.

To qualify for disability insurance payments, a worker must meet requirements prescribed by the law on the total amount of work to his credit under social security and on the amount to his credit in the 10-year period and the 3-year period before he was disabled. The definition of disability is the same as the one which has been in the law as one of the requirements for a disability freeze since 1954. The payments can be made only to a worker who has a disability which prevents him from engaging in any substantial gainful activity. The disability must have lasted at least 6 months, and must be expected to continue indefinitely.

To prevent duplication, the amount of any disability payment will be reduced if the beneficiary is receiving disability benefits from another Federal agency or under a State or Federal workmen's compensation law.

Applicants for disability benefits will be referred to State vocational rehabilitation agencies to be considered for services which may help them return to work. Disability insurance payments will be withheld if the applicant refuses without good cause to accept rehabilitation services offered by the State agency.

To meet the cost of these benefits, an increase in the social security tax will go into effect January 1, 1957. The amount of the increase is 1/4 of one percent each for employee and employer, and 1/2 of one percent for self-employed people, on the first \$42,000 of earnings in a year.



"He's sore since he saw his picture on a non-union pack of cigarettes!"

you can get back with us to the old "grind."

Brother H. D. Jones broke his ankle while on a Ben C. Gerwick job. He is hopping around with stainless steel in his ankle. Brother Jones has been on crutches for about six weeks, but should be fine by the end of September. He formerly worked in Sumatra.

We are losing one of our Brothers. Lon Mitchell is taking a Withdrawal card from Local 3. He has been a member with us for about nine years, and is now moving to Ukiah.

San Jose Area Jobs Are Holding Up Well

By A. J. HOPE, H. T. PETERSEN and A. R. McCAFFREY, Business Representatives

With new jobs being let every week the Brothers in the San Jose area have enjoyed a very busy summer. All of the local Contractors have a huge back log of work to be completed, which will keep the Brothers busy until the winter rains set in.

Good progress is being shown on the I.B.M. job located on the Monterey Highway just south of San Jose. Several Contractors are employed on this project at the present time; namely, Haas & Haynie, under the supervision of Brother Johnson, Carl Swenson Co., Ed Keeble and A. J. Peters. Atwater Underground Construction Company are working on the sewer line near this same project.

A. J. Raisch were the low bidders on a \$37,190 contract for the reconstruction of West San Carlos Street, between the Via-duct and Race Street. This firm is also busy on several Sub-Divisions in the county.

A. J. Peters have recently been awarded two contracts for Storm Sewers, one contract for \$48,977 for the construction of storm sewer in San Jose; the other for \$37,139 for sewer line near Campbell.

Piazza Paving Company are making good progress on their Freeway job in San Jose under the supervision of Brother Moody. This firm has also been awarded a Freeway job in Los Gatos adjoining the Freeway now under construction by the L. C. Smith Company.

P & E Construction were low bidders on two good sized sewer jobs in this vicinity. One for \$72,519, the other for \$91,272 for the construction of storm sewers in the eastern foothills of San Jose.

Walsh and Laine have about one month's work left to complete their work on the San Jose Disposal Plant located in Alviso.

PALO ALTO AREA

The Fay Improvement Company and McGuire & Hester Company are both well started on two of several storm drain contracts to be started in the near future. These flood control projects are expected to extend well into the winter months.

Ransome Company are just finishing their Stanford underground work and William & Burrows will soon finish their work on the dormitories.

Charles Harney submitted low bids to the Division of Highways on two sections of the Bayshore Freeway in Palo Alto.

L. C. Smith Company received a half million plus job for the widening of Middlefield Road in Palo Alto area.

Both of the Lockheed plans are proceeding on schedule and the Goodenough Company have started work on the Hewlett-Packard plant.

Fredrickson-Watson have started work on their Moffet Field job and have two drag-lines and several cats at work. This project is under the supervision of Brother Strickland, whose cooperation in getting admittance for the Business Representatives on the job site has been greatly appreciated. This firm has also opened up a quarry east of Milpitas.

SOUTHERN SECTION

Piombo Construction are working 5 tens on the Uvas Dam west of Morgan Hill. Kenworthy & Patterson of Stockton have their string of cats also on this project.

Mid-Western, Johnson & Dixon are making good progress on their pipe-line job near Gilroy. They have completed the dozer work on the north end and have moved 5 dozers over to the east end of their job east of Hollister. George Renz has been busy on street work and various other jobs in Gilroy and Morgan Hill. Granite Construction Company are just about ready to pave their highway job on the Balsa Road. Buttler & Fox have finished their highway job at San Miguel Canyon Road and have moved back to Salinas.

Tomco Equipment Company of Salinas were the low bidders on a river repair job north of Salinas. McGuire and Hester are making good progress on the outfall sewer job in Salinas. At the present time they are using a Drag-line, Bachoe, Dozer, Side-boom and Blade on this job. Granite Construction are busy on several jobs around Salinas. Wilder & Jones of Seaside have started two new sewer

DISCRIMINATION—

Labor Helps Drive to Crack 'Age Barrier' for Oldsters

By JIM CARTER

Washington

Life can seem too long for unemployed folks over 45 years old who can't crash the "age barrier" established by most employers in favor of younger workers.

Many firms have put so much stress on hiring young people, and have done it so long, that it has become almost automatic to avoid hiring new workers over 40 years of age. As a result, the unemployment older worker finds the doors of job opportunities sealed against him. It is a disheartening and growing problem.

From the test tubes of medical science has come an ever increasing margin of life-expectancy, stretching our lifespan from an average of 47 years in 1900 to 60 years today. But the concept of the years of economic productivity, has not kept pace. Too many capable older workers are being tossed on the scrap heap . . . too old to work, too young to retire.

OLD FOLKS INCREASE

A primary element of the problem is a lack of adequate planning on social, economic, and cultural levels to meet the needs of our rapidly mounting population of older people. Back in 1900, only four per cent of the nation's population was 65 years old; today it has doubled to more than eight per cent; and by 1980 will rise to ten or fifteen per cent of an estimated population of 225 million.

Added to that group of senior citizens, are the 35 million people between 40 and 60 years old. While the U.S. population has more than doubled since 1900, the over 45 group has more than tripled.

Of course not all of them are job seekers, but the proportion of unemployed people over 40 has risen steadily, thus making it more difficult for older workers to find jobs in an almost non-existent market. That problem is attracting a growing interest in many quarters.

STURDY DISCRIMINATION

The U.S. Department of Labor will soon make a comprehensive study of hiring policies and the work potential of older workers. Several of the largest employment agencies are conducting surveys among employers in an effort to seek an upward revision of the "age barrier" and several state in-

er jobs, one in Salinas and the other in Carmel.

Diani Construction are finishing up on their grading job at Soledad. Volpi Brothers are still busy on their paving job at King City. Jess Harrison has some of his equipment working in the oil fields. This firm was recently awarded a highway in San Mateo County.

Ed Keeble is making good progress on his levee job at Watsonville. Los Gatos Construction have finished their section of work on this project.

Granite Construction have finished their highway job at Santa Cruz but have several other jobs in this area. Los Gatos Construction are working on their highway job at Boulder Creek.

PERSONALS

We wish to take this opportunity to extend our sympathy to the family of Brother Harold W. Holt, who was killed last Thursday night at Permanente. Brother Harold Holt was operating a jeep on the night shift.

We would like to remind the Brothers who are paying the 4th quarter dues that the 7th assessment of \$6.00 is to be paid at this time. This assessment is your Burial Insurance and Good Standing Fund.

Industrial commissions have announced studies planned or underway.

The major hope for gaining more job opportunities is through education of employers to the abilities and experience which older workers offer, although, some observers feel, the problem must eventually be considered by Congress, as a national problem requiring legislative action.

Labor organizations are showing an increasing interest in the problems of older workers, particularly the effect that company-financed pensions have in barring older workers from getting a new job. Many firms say that higher premium rates for an older worker runs the cost of pension programs too high, making it prohibitive to hire older workers.

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract to Douglass & Woodhouse, P.O. Box 908, Redwood City, \$21,750 for improvements to sub-div.—Woodside Terr. No. 7, Redwood City, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to Teichert & Son, 103 N. "E" St., Stockton, \$25,340 for reconstruct. 8th St. from Bieghle St. easterly .68 mi. Pock Lane, city of Stockton.

BERKELEY, Contract awarded to Judson, Pacific-Murphy & Peter Kiewits' Sons, 4300 East Shore hwy. Emeryville, \$32,006 for maintenance Facilities, Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, CONTRA COSTA and MARIN COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, P.O. Box 928, Sacramento, \$225,411 for improvements of ways, drives and streets in South Land Park Hills Unit No. 8, Sacramento.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, P.O. Box 928, Sacramento, \$107,448 for improvements to ways, drives & sts. in Golf Course Terr. Unit No. 20, Sacramento.

PROGRESS IN THE REDWOODS ON WATER, INDUSTRY JOBS

By K. A. "KEN" BROOKS and DANNY "O" DEES, Bus. Reps.

Brothers since everyone is working in the Redwood country, let's look at some of the things to come. Maybe we should say we hope the people of Humboldt will see fit to bring industry to their county and boost the economy to the position it so rightfully deserves.

The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District voted to call a \$12 million bond election Sept. 25 to finance development of an industrial and domestic water supply on the Mad river at Ruth.

The decision was made on the basis of a financial report submitted to the board by Schwabacher and Company of San Francisco, indication that pulp mills attracted here will tend to lower the county and school tax rates when they are added to the assessment rolls.

Ruth was selected as the most economical damsite by \$3 million according to figures of Bechtel corporation engineers. The \$12 million will finance an earthfill dam at Ruth, a diversion dam at Essex, and a pipeline from Essex to Fairhaven on the Samoa peninsula. Immediately after the calling of the election, directors hired Bechtel corporation to complete foundation and soil investigation before the rainy season.

If the bond issue passes, construction of the dam will begin in March, 1957 and will be finished in November of that year. The dam would fill during the winter of 1957-58 for delivery of water in July, 1958.

A tax reduction will be possible because a single pulp mill will be assessed in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000.

An initial sale of 20 million gallons per day (MGD) to a pulp plant and 3MGD to the city of Eureka. Directors are now negotiating with the Simpson-Fiberboard interests for sale of at least that much water. It is understood that there are three potential clients for the water. It is also generally expected that Fiberboard-Simpson will double its water usage and its production in about five years, making further tax reduction possible.

Figures show that tax rates during the first five years of operation of the dam would be down 1c in Arcata and down 16c in Eureka on the basis of Simpson-Fiberboard's water demands alone.

If other companies decided not to locate here and if Simpson-Fiberboard then decided never to expand its facility, the Eureka High School District tax rate would then return to its present level for the next 35 years, and taxes in the Arcata High School District would be increased 15c.

Such figures were proposed as the worst possible tax situation

which could possibly develop in the district.

HUMBOLDT PLANT TO OPERATE SOON

The Humboldt Bay Power Plant, 15th electric generating plant built by PG&E since the end of the World War II, will be placed in operation soon.

Located on Buhne Point, four miles south of Eureka, it will fill a vital role in the expanding industrial and domestic needs of Humboldt County.

The first of two 50,000 kilowatt units will go into operation this fall. A second unit of the same size is under construction and will be in operation by the fall of 1958.

The new plant will become the 72nd electric generating plant on the PG&E system and the eight steam facility built by the company since V-J Day.

It will feature a rapid load pick-up to meet peak demands. Construction work by the Bechtel Corporation has been under way for two years.

Fresh water is obtained from wells drilled on the 114-acre site. To operate the plant's condensers, salt water will be "borrowed" from Humboldt Bay at the rate of 56,000 gallons a minute, or about 80,000,000 gallons a day. However, only 50,000 gallons will be in the plant cooling system of each unit at one time.

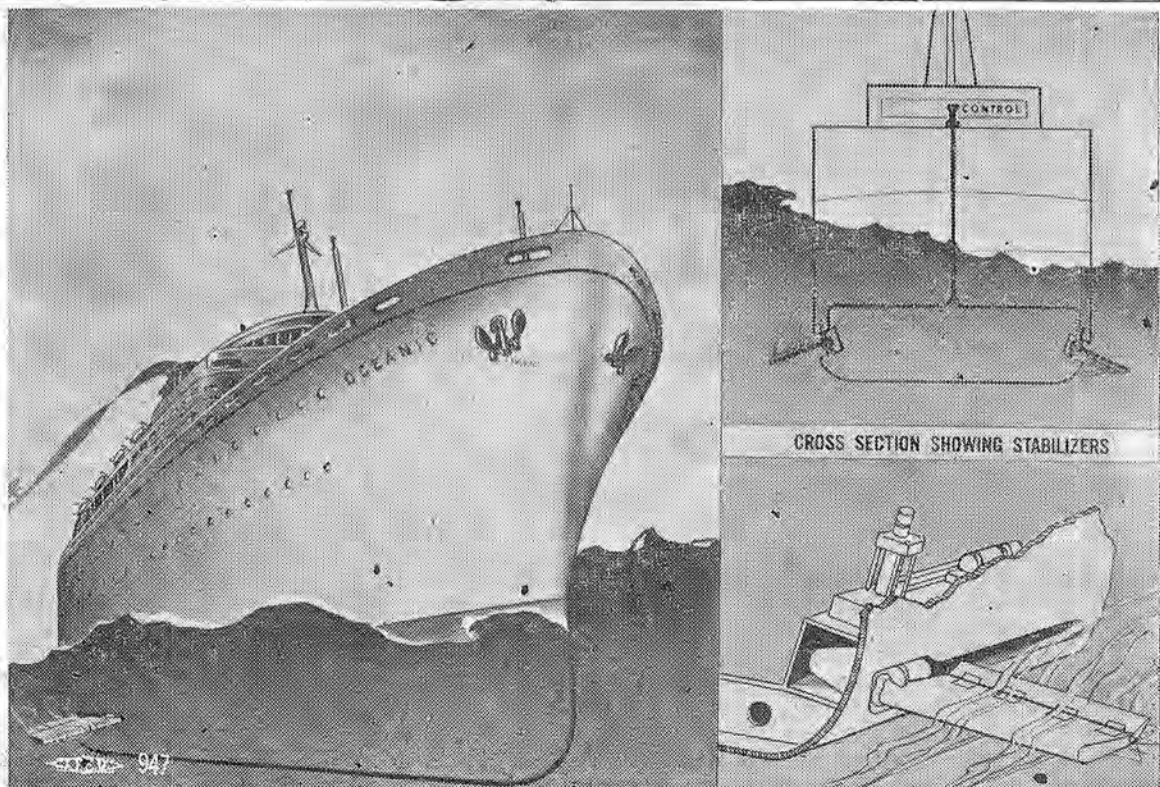
A fuel oil supply line will extend from the Olson Wharf, three-fourths of a mile from the plant. From the former point, ocean-going tankers will deliver oil to storage tanks.

Humboldt's eventual 100,000 kilowatt capacity will bring to more than 3,000,000 kilowatts the amount of new power generating capacity built by PG&E since the World War II. The new capacity alone is nearly twice as great as that which served the 46-county service area during the war.

SANTA CRUZ, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, of Watsonville, \$23,416 for road to be reshaped, surf. bit, primed & then sealed, approx. 1.8 N'ly from Hames Rd. to Redwood Rd. along Brown Valley Rd., SANTA CRUZ CO.

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SUN BRUNO, Contract awarded to Judson-Pacific Murphy, 4300 Eastshore Hwy., Emeryville, \$59,285, for const. Nort Gantry Crane Runway Extens., Ways I, Mare Island Naval Shipyard, Vallejo.



SMOOTH SAILING?—That's what these "Gyro-fin stabilizers" are guaranteed to produce, cutting the roll of a ship as much as 80 per cent. Above picture shows detail on installation of the 72-ton hydraulically-powered fins below the waterline and operated push-button from the bridge. The costly fins are in general use on European ships, but few have been installed in this country. First such installation on

this coast is being made on the two Mariner-class cargo ships being converted at cost of \$27 million at Portland's WISCO yard for Matson to use on the Australia run. The new Mariposa will have her maiden voyage on Oct. 26 and the Monterey on Jan. 8. Coast shipyards continue in a slump in general, as the present administration hands all ship work out to eastern shipyards.

Utah News Roundup

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

Utah Constr. Co. is very rapidly finishing up the earth work on the Wanship Dam, after nearly two and one half years. This job has seen many operators come and go, but all in all turned out to be a real good job, both moneywise and workwise. We are a little sad to see it come to an end. After the fill is in, there still remains a few weeks of riprap work and of course the tunnel work must be finished after the water is shut off, sometime early in October. Operating Engineers have been employed on this job in numbers of 100 or more and as this layoff comes, some new work will have to be let in order to absorb these men. The fact that Utah Constr. Co. expects to move some of the machines and operators onto other jobs, such as Pine View Dam in Ogden Canyon, makes the picture look a little brighter.

In Parleys Canyon on U.S. 40, the new road is practically complete, and soon will be open for traffic again after being closed for a year. Gibbons & Read Co., finished the last of their asphalt two weeks ago. It should all be cleaned up and moved out by the time this article reaches you.

Peter Kiewit Sons' have only a couple of weeks left on their job. Originally the plans were for Kiewit to complete the grade work this year, along with paving down to Stillman Bridge, but they have been ahead of schedule all summer and the asphalt crew of J. B. Parsons is right behind the grade crew, so they should have the entire job completed and moved off by the deadline of Oct. 15, 1956. They are taking no chances on paying the penalty of \$700 per day to be levied after that date.

In any event we will all be happy to see the new road open for use after a year of inconvenience. The long wait was well worth it as this is one of the best stretches of canyon road in the state.

We were all pleased at the new policy of the State Road Commission in handling these tough projects. Wherever possible the traffic is re-routed, giving the contractors a chance to do a better job.

Engineers Ltd., are well on their way with the 80-mile section of pipeline from Bonanza to Grand Junction, Colo. About 50 per cent of this work will be on the Utah side of the state line, the remainder in Colorado. Work was started on the Bonanza or Vernal end of this line and the company expects to be completely over the high mountain pass before the winter sets in. At present there are about 20 Operating Engineers on the job.

L. A. Young and Vernal Sand & Gravel jointly are working on another section of the Vernal to Manila highway and expect to complete same this year. They have one new D-9, two DW-21's, a patrol and cats on the job at present and more equipment coming. Activity in this area is really picking up since approval of the Flaming Gorge Dam.

The Bureau of Reclamation along with other private outfits have some equipment in this area, pioneering access roads to actual Damsite. By next spring we should experience quite a boom in this corner of the state.

Several more jobs to be bid this fall, will be another section of the Whiterocks road in the Indian country of the Utah Basin. This is a Bureau of Public Roads project and adjoins the section L. A. Young put in, in 1955.

The plant mix Bituminous surface on the Mirror Lake Road, will be bid Sept. 5, 1956. Previous surfacing on this road has been done by Road Mix up to present end of pavement, but from this point on, due to higher elevation, must be done by hot plant mix. This is something new in road building in these higher country jobs where rain and cool weather make it almost impossible to do a good job by roadmix.

Southern Section

The feeling of fall is in the air, and is stirring some unrest in the Operating Engineers. Some are seeking a place to set in for the inevitable winter season. The outlook for winter work is more favorable as the time nears.

At a conference recently, L. F. Wylie, a construction engineer for the Bureau of Reclamation, had this to say: "please notify your people that housing and facilities at Kanab are deplorable. A great influx of would-be construction workers have moved in and there is no work to be had." A very small amount of the construction phase will be located in Utah. A diversion tunnel 2,600 feet long, with a diameter of 46 feet, is one of two that will spill water around the construction site. The contract for this, the only part of the project coming into Local 3 will be let Sept. 11, 1956. Mr. Wylie estimates that when power from this giant project starts to surge through the power lines, between 300 and 400 million dollars will have been spent on the construction.

The Utah State Road Commission recently announced a one and one-half million dollar construction program for the Kanab-Glen Canyon Damsite road. This program is to get rolling late this fall. Some work has been done on this road recently, but the problem of blow sand makes surfacing necessary. Of the \$1½ million, about \$900,000 will go for gravel and oiling and \$600,000 for ironing out trouble spots.

The Texas Oil Co. and the New Jersey Zinc Co. have extended their joint venture to include the Happy Jack Uranium Mine. Isbell Const. Co. is contemplating a road job from the mine to the uranium processing mill now under construction at Mexican Hat, Utah, by Stearns Rogers Co. The length of this road is 41 miles of completely new alignment. Work on an air strip 8 miles north of Mexican Hat is to get under way as soon as possible. This airport job along with the road and an open pit stripping job at the mine is being considered by the Company. We have had a pre job conference with Isbell Co., and find them quite cooperative. If these jobs go and it's almost certain they will, they will afford a lot of winter work.

I am hoping that everyone is registered to vote in the coming election. If you have any doubts about how to vote on the state level, please contact your nearest union office, and ask questions. L. C. Romney is our choice for Governor, give him your support.

Bingham Canyon

At the moment there is so much uncertainty regarding the Steel Workers' settlement or possibility of strike at the Garfield Smelter, and, or, the Garfield Refinery, that it makes it difficult to analyze the work situation in the Bingham area. Morrison, Knudsen are making good headway on their road job at Carr Fork, the Isbell crew are still at it full swing, but no new contract yet. The work at Kennecott Mine is going about normal, and with a steel settlement at the aforementioned properties, Bingham Canyon should be a very active area for the next couple of years or so. Bids are opened and are being studied for the new tunnel job, and the award will probably be made in the next few days.

Another fatality occurred in the Shovel Department, when a large waste slide, starting at "S" level and continuing to "O" level, buried a shovel, partly buried a train of waste cars and killed the operator, Brother Alma G. Page.

The slide was about 250 feet wide, and contained an estimated 100,000 yards of muck. The area has been well known as a fault slide area for a number of years and we are of the opinion that if a little more than ordinary caution had been used, this sad experience

Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lang Co., Sand and Gravel, Iron Mines, Vitro Uranium Corp., and Kennecott Copper Corp., and State Road

Construction, Sand and Gravel Membership, 2nd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Construction and Sand and Gravel Membership, 3rd Tuesday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West 1st North, Provo, Utah, 8 p.m.
Construction and Sand and Gravel Membership Meeting, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah, at 8 p.m.
Vitro Uranium Membership meetings will be called meetings.
Lang Company Membership meetings will be called meetings.
Kennecott Copper Corp., Tuesday, September 25, 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. Bingham Civic Center.
Cedar Iron Mills Membership meetings will be called.
State Road, will be called meetings.

may have been averted, a more experienced operator would probably have stayed away at the time, Brother Page backed away but went back in. We can't over-emphasize the warning and advice to you operators, if you don't feel that the bank is safe, back away and stay away until some measures have been taken to put the bank in safe condition. While some level foremen don't seem to agree to this procedure, the Union and top Company Officials—from Mine Superintendent on up to Mr. Pett, are in mutual accord on the matter, we have spent many hours of discussion in an effort to do everything possible to make the working conditions as safe as possible, and they have said consistently that the operator is the judge in these cases. We take this means to extend our deepest regrets and sympathy to Brother Page's surviving loved ones.

After a very long siege of negotiations and a ten-day strike at Vitro Uranium Co.'s Plant, a settlement was reached on Aug. 30, and tranquility reigns again. The settlement was for a two-year agreement with about 28 cents in a package and will bring our brothers rates there very close to standard with Kennecott and some others whom they have lagged behind over the past three years.

Our Brothers at the Cedar Iron Mines have suffered loss of time as a result of the Steel Strike. We do however give full credit to Supt. Ed DeMoss and Ollie Hole for keeping as many of the boys busy as long as they possibly could. Another bad feature about the deal was the Health and Welfare premiums which had to be dug up by a number of members, due to the fact that they lost time during two months. The contract with Blue Shield and Blue Cross provides that the member is covered during the month in which he may be laid off, and is not covered until the first of the month following re-employment.

We ran into a number of ex Cedar Mine boys on construction jobs around the area and they make kindly inquiries about their buddies who are still working at the mines.

STATE ROAD—We had a nice chat with Commissioner Vance a few days ago and as a result feel that he is going to work along with us on the same basis that Harley did, he appears to have genuine concern for the welfare of the workers and in fact took the time and effort this morning at 8 a.m. to go to a shed and have a member put back to work and straighten out a mess which has been created there by a couple of those overbearing officious pipsqueaks, who seem to think that they are running the State Road and also the Governor's office. In time we believe we can knock the props out from under that kind where ever they are in the State. Keep us supplied with your support.

Northern Area

The work in and around Ogden is still holding up fairly well, even though a number of clearances have been issued this past few days, there are a few men on the out-of-work list due to the curtailed operation of the 2nd shift on a couple of the jobs. Several of the jobs that have been bid this past month are in the process of

being started and should require a number of additional Engineers within the near future.

Lee Moulding is moving in on the road relocation and shore protection work near Huntsville for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Waterfall Construction Co. expects to have a full crew on the North Ogden sewer job by the 20th of September.

Klopfer Construction Co. has started on the water distribution system job for the Weber Basin Water Conservancy District in S. Ogden and Riverdale, and is keeping his regular crew busy.

The bids on the Roy City Sewer and Water Improvement Work are under consideration at this writing and we hope work will soon be under way.

Waterfall Construction Co. has subbed the excavation and grading on the Ogden City street repair work to Wheelwright Construction Co. and expect to do the curb, gutter, sidewalk and surfacing them-

Unusual Osslo Sentence Threatens Labor Movement State Fed. Council Says

The Executive Council of State Federation of Labor is up in arms about the sentence imposed last week on Max Osslo, state federation vice president and a member of the State Board of Education.

An unusual probationary provision which the Executive Council calls a "direct attack on labor" was tacked on to a \$1500 fine and six months in jail. During a 10 year probationary period, Osslo is "prohibited in any way from being associated as an official with any labor organization or assisting in any negotiations of any kind."

This, the Council said, is a "cruel and unreasonable penalty" which can be applied to labor leaders as a class, and no one else. The long-time Los Angeles labor leader was one of eight men sentenced in San Diego after conviction of conspiracy and assault during a Retail Clerks-Butchers jurisdictional dispute last year.

An official statement issued by the State Federation's leading body declared: "Vice President Osslo's life to date has been dedicated not only to the betterment of the working conditions of the workingman but also has been devoted to the social responsibility of civic betterment as evidenced by his election to and acceptance of responsible offices not only in the labor union movement at local, state and national levels, but similarly in civic organizations and state bodies.

"In spite of his accomplishments and life work," the council continued, "it appears self-evident to the Executive Council that the punishment imposed in this case was not designed to punish any individual based upon the seriousness of the offense and the necessity for rehabilitation, but instead was aimed specifically at removing from active leadership a competent, responsible and effective union leader in hopes that by thus depriving labor of such leadership

the movement generally will be weakened."

"The Executive Board considers this type of sentencing to a direct attack upon labor because if it can be permitted to prevail in this case it is but a small step to adapt this procedure to any labor leader in the State of California."

"Labor leaders," the statement continued, "will have applied to them as a class a cruel and unreasonable penalty applied to no one else regardless of the desires of their members, even to the extent of being prohibited from assisting without pay in negotiating any improvement for them."

"In pledging our full support to Vice President Osslo," the State Fed Council declared, "we therefore take this occasion to alert the trade union movement to the real significance of the sentence imposed on Brother Osslo.

"To demonstrate the statewide importance of this proceeding the Executive Council has instructed its general counsel to act as one of the attorneys of record in handling the appeal.



MEANY DECLARES LABOR'S POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE. — Appearing before the platform committee of the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, AFL-CIO President George Meany warned that his organization is politically independent. He demanded that both major parties live up to their campaign promises.

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The Lester N. Johnson Co., and W. A. Smith Co. have several Engineers busy on the excavation and replacement of ballast on the trackage at the Utah General Depot.

Associated Refrigeration Co. have started work on the Ice Manufacturing plant for the Pacific Fruit Express Co.

The Hilton and Carr Construction Co has contracted some additional excavating and building on the Marquardt Ram Jet Factory.

A contract has been awarded to build a transmission line to the proposed site of the new Thiokol Chemical Co. plant, west of Co. mine.

There are several other jobs that are underway that will require additional men within the next few weeks, and along with the work that is scheduled to be bid within the next couple of months, the situation continues to appear good.

WOODLAND, Contract awarded to Lascasella Conc. Pipe Co., R 1, Box 332, Yuba City, \$31,847 for const. storm sewer, city of Woodland, YOLO COUNTY.

BELMONT, Contract awarded to Pisano Bros., 1800 DeLa Cruz Blvd., Santa Clara, \$99,970 for const. sani. sewers & pump sta., San Juan Sewer Dist., city of Belmont.

WINTERS, Contract awarded to George Pollock Co., P.O. Box 903, Sacramento, \$799,892 for const. diversion dam & south canal, near Winters, Station 12-46.44 to Station 14-10.

THE NEVADA ROUND-UP—

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

Dear Brother Joe Miller, who has been my Oiler and Business Representative working out of the Reno, Nevada Office has moved back to his home town, Ely, Nevada, and has opened an office in the lobby of the Nevada Hotel in Ely. Joe will have a regular Ely, Nevada area which includes the eastern part of the Great State of Nevada and the western part of Utah. So Brothers, drop in and see Joe in Ely and give him a little support, and he will do you a good job as Business Agent, just as he has done while working out of the Reno office. Lots of luck Joe, in your new assignment.

We have signed the joint Agreement between the Laborers, Teamsters, and Engineers Unions and Consolidated Coppermines Corp. in Ely, Nevada. The final agreement wasn't what the Dear Brothers proposed to the Consolidated Coppermines. However, the final settlement was as good as some of the other Copper Industries settlements this year, and better in some cases. So actually, it was about average. The Brothers from the three Unions voted to accept the wage increase and the Agreement as a whole.

SIGN ANACONDA

We have signed the Agreement between the Anaconda Company at Yerington, Nevada, and the Laborers, Teamsters, Electricians and Engineers Unions, better known as the Nevada Industrial Council, ALL-CIO. The Negotiating Committee consisted of the following Brothers: Huff, Lawrence, Sloan, Ulrich, Wilson, Johnson, Bennie, Lichau, Hunt, Soukup, Malone, Dodd, Hughes, Glass, and Hume, with Business Agent Joe Miller as spokesman for the Committee. We did not get all the Brothers proposals to the Company, but the Committee did the best they could in obtaining the best wage increase and working conditions that could be had with the Company. I acted as Chairman of the Negotiating Committee, and the Committee worked hard hours on their own time. The Committee was a level-headed Committee, and the Brothers at the meeting accepted their recommendations in each and every case, even at the eleventh hour after the strike vote was taken, when the Committee recommended at the mass meeting to take the Company's offer. The Brothers voted to take the Committee's recommendation not to go on strike and to continue to remain on their jobs. Now the Agreement is signed, and I want to, as President of the Nevada Industrial Council, thank all the Committee and especially Brother Joe Miller for all the work they had to do to reach an agreement with Anaconda Company.

There has been an agreement signed with Isbell Construction Co. for all the stripping and mining operations in California, Nevada, and Utah. It is a one-year agreement with a \$12½-cent increase across the board for all classifications coming under the jurisdiction of the Operating Engineers Local Union 3.

Also, there has been an agreement reached with Dodge Construction, Inc. for the mining operations in the Great State of Nevada with a \$12½-cent increase across the board for all classifications.

LOVELOCK IRON MINES

Dodge Construction, Inc. has quite the crew working at their Iron Mine operations near Lovelock, Nevada. Brother Frankie Chisum and Brother T. C. "Alabama" Adams are on the shovels. Course the loading ramp crew is really the making of the Company. Brother Daniel "Bob" Ellis is the car mover, amp tender, and what have you. Brother M. D. Mello is the weigh master, and also, dishes out orders. Brother Ellis and all the truck drivers like a top sergeant in the walking Army. Fine crew working at the Dodge Iron Mine.

Isbell Construction Company has started to build a Golf Course near Reno, Nevada, (like may come by here). Brother Matt Greve is on Cat 9 pushing the Euclid scrapers. Brother Ed Smith is on a scraper with Dennis the Menace, Miller helping Ed. It will be quite the course when the brothers are finished.

Brother Bill Boegle, Isbell's Second Street Super, has reformed and gets a few things done around the outfit. Brother William "Skinner Bill" Sherwin has quite the job around the Second Street Pit. In fact, Skinner Bill is about the only one that does any work around the pit. Isbell's four lane highway job south of Reno, Nevada has the last two lanes just about ready for the hot stuff. Brother Bud Berg has done all the finish work on the job with a cat and can. Brother Cecil Jeakins and Brother Jimmy Crossman are the blade hurders on the job. Brother Clarence Wibel is the Grade Foreman, and believe me, that Wibel boy keeps things moving on that job. Brother James Johnson and his patching crew have more patching than ever before, but that's just the way Jimmy likes it. The Shay Brothers, namely Al and Frank, better known as Kenny, are hard at it on the street work around Reno and Sparks. Now those Shay fellows really get the job finished in short order.

Thayn Construction Company has moved in to Hawthorne, Nevada and most of the native Hawthorne Engineers are working for Thayn. However, down in Hawthorne, we also find that A&A Construction Company from "deep in the heart of Oklahoma," is causing everyone a headache, including the Navy!!!!

MARKLEEVILLE

Harms Brothers are hard at work on their highway job out of Markleeville, Calif., on Highway 4 and 89, under the able supervision of Jim Henry. Brother Dick Stone is foreman on this job and dirt, rocks, and the Brothers roll right along with Dick on the scene. Some of the Brothers up there at Markleeville, looking longingly at the fishing, etc., while moving dirt are Brothers Menson Henry, Arnold Odermatt and "Sgt" Corkill. Yes, I said the "Sgt." He finally decided to give some other contractor the benefit of his talents as a dirt mover besides A. D. Drumm. Brother Albert Calvin is on the scene, busy on a Cat pulling a Woods mixer. Things always go better when Calvin is there. He does a good job wherever he is and at whatever he is doing. Brother Manuel "Chief" Bender is the No. 1 Blademan on this road job, and believe me, the Chief is No. 1 on whatever job he's on. There's a blademan that's hard to beat. The Hunter Brothers, Mark and Vero are on the Northwest Dragline. They came over from Utah to work for Young and Smith, but Harms Brothers say Young and Smith's loss is their gain. Understand Bro. Ray Brody and his oiler, Bro. Forest James have moved in with Harms' shovel from the Likely, California job. Brother Joe Stevens is up there greasing and that's a job that's right down Joe's alley. He likes everything about the job, climate, location, and all, including the subsistence. This is a good job though and Jim Henry has a fine crew up there with him for Harms, each and every one of them.

Brother Duane Kearn is busy bossing Folsom's street paving job in Susanville, California. Brother Kearn sure has his problems, but he's getting the work done, and soon you'll be able to breeze through "Susantown" with nary a crack, hole, or bump in the streets to bother you. Course he isn't working alone. Brother James "Cowboy" Kennedy, "By Jingo" himself, is an old Iron Mike, making everything nice and smooth. The blademan is right there too, and I'd mention the Dear Brothers name, but I promised not to. One of these days he'll let me tell it, till then, he's just one of the well-known Brothers from around the State.

Brother Clifford Booth has recovered from the burns he received and is back on the Crane at the Holiday Hotel and the new Motel across the river, in Reno. He's mad at himself, he says, and I for one, bet he looks where he sets that next can of gas. Course Brother Booth hasn't lost all of his troubles. He's got his favorite oiler back with him. Brother Dan Milovich. Now, to some people we knew, that means trouble, but to

Cliff, all is right in the world again.

IN AND AROUND RENO

Brother Al Amer is keeping his equipment busy in and around Reno. Brother Harold "Pinapple" Lewis is helping out on the loader in between a few minor difficulties. Brother W. E. Monk is on the Blade. Poor Brother Amer, he says life was a whole lot simpler when all he had to do was cash his paycheck instead of making them out. Now he worries, he worries about regular time, time and a half, double time, and just plain time. If that isn't enough, he's got subsistence to worry about too. Its enough to make a man go back to work.

Well Brothers, a little activity seems to be in the future for the Silver State after three very slow weeks. Young and Smith seem to have everything in starting gear on their job over on Highway 23 from the junction of Highway 50 towards Gabbs. And finally, at long last, the Clear Creek job on Highway 50 out of Carson City, Nevada is advertised. Bids will be accepted on Sept. 27 and may the best man win. Over three million yards of dirt Brothers. We're all ready, let them roll.

Hope all you brothers turned out to vote in the primary. And DON'T FORGET, we've all got to be at the polls in this state on November 6. QUESTIONS No. 1 and 2, Vote YES: Let's repeal the "Right to Work" law and get rid of it once and for all. We're working men and let's get together and vote for what will benefit all of us. Vote to repeal the so-called "Right to Work" law. VOTE YES ON QUESTIONS NO. 1 AND 2.

SALINAS, Contract awarded to Lloyd Terrell, 221 Sequoia, Turlock, \$23,919, for const. of storm drains in Claremont Manor, city of Salinas, MONTEREY COUNTY.

HILLSBOROUGH, Contract awarded to Harris & Farnan, 2760 Fulton Ave., Sacto., 14,200 for grounds impvt. to West Hillsborough School, city of Hillsborough, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Claude L. Youngs, Rt. 6, Box 2150, Sacto., \$20,212, for const. of emerg. levee repairs along Nelson Slough near Nicolaus in Reclamation Dist. 803, SUTTER COUNTY.

900 DAYS ON COYOTE DAM

By GLENN L. DOBYNS, Bus. Rep.

If the "critical" section of the Rincon Trunk Sewer line is completed by November 15, the contractor will receive a \$7,500 bonus. The bonus might give the successful bidder "incentive" to complete the vital section in short order.

Bids will be opened the first week in September for the construction of the first section of the big East Santa Rosa sewer trunkline. Part of that initial section will go underneath Santa Rosa Creek, and must be constructed while the creek is at its driest.

The proposed construction contract will provide a 300-day time limit for the whole project.

A second bonus section will provide that the contractor will receive an extra \$50 per day for each day saved if he completes the whole job before the September 1, 1957 final completion deadline. The contract will provide penalties for failure to complete the job on time.

The Rincon Trunk is the third of five major sewer trunklines planned.

Two of those lines—the Cross-town Trunk and the North Trunk—are now under construction. The work is being done by N. P. Van Valkenburg Company. There are about 20 engineers employed on the project. The last two mentioned trunk lines should be completed in less than two months.

This is the kind of a job engineers dream about—long hours and those wonderful pay checks.

Lee Van Valkenburg is the project manager and working with him has indeed been a pleasure.

Construction of the Coyote Valley dam has been proceeding on schedule.

The Company is installing a new concrete hatch plant and they will start pouring concrete for the huge structure sometime this month.

Clearing of the dam site and the excavation has all been from the outlet and conduit channel so far. All excavated material has been placed in the fill area. Work is expected to slow down during this winter except for concrete work which will continue through the winter, employing about 25 or 30 men. Full-scale operation will resume again on April 1957.

According to the contract, the dam must be completed to its maximum height of about 160 feet

within 90 days, and the contractors have 1,095 days to finish the entire job, which places final completion around June, 1959.

The Guy F. Atkinson Company (doing business as the Willamette Iron and Steel Company of Portland) was also awarded a \$319,530 contract for construction of the three large steel gate units for the dam, which are scheduled for delivery by next February.

Six million cubic yards of earth and rock will go into the big earth-fill, along with 53,000 tons of concrete and 1,400 tons of steel. The concrete conduit will be 967 feet long and 12.5 feet in width.

The spillway, being constructed in Hayward Canyon at the south-east lakeshore, will have a crest width of 200 feet.

The dam is designed to be eventually increased to another 40 feet in height, which according to army engineers will raise reservoir capacity from 118,000 acre feet of water to 200,000 acre feet.

The following engineers are employed on the project as of the week ending September 9th.

Bros. F. W. Ryan, C. B. Schneider, D. R. Hanny, G. E. Ragsdale, A. J. Oliphant, S. N. MyBroome, J. A. Johnson, J. D. Sayer, W. T. Meyer, L. E. Day, J. F. Ross, G. S. Oien, R. E. Maginnis, A. B. Hammock, J. E. Edsall, L. C. Worthington, S. D. Maccabe, G. T. Tuso, F. W. Gambell, D. W. Lindberg, M. S. Sandy, H. G. Allen, P. E. Thomas, H. L. Myers, H. E. Walker, J. L. Blankeney, J. W. Spencer, J. W. Bailey, R. E. Wright, G. R. Wright, Sam Bryant, T. W. White, D. C. Johnson, W. A. Graunke, E. Y. Roper, J. E. Tuso, J. W. Patterson, T. J. Brawley, Dewey Stoddard and W. E. Phipps.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1956

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to Ghilotti Bros., 699 Francisco, San Rafael, \$14,251, for const. of a parking lot, 2nd & Lincoln Sts., city of San Rafael.

SANTA ROSA, Contract awarded to Rapp, Christensen & Foster, 705 Bennett, Santa Rosa, \$15,955, for const. sewer main with manholes, cleanouts & house laterals to be installed Siesta Lane & Rogers Ave., city of Santa Rosa.

SALINAS, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796 - 66th Ave., Oakland, \$64,750, for const. storm sewer in Clark St., city of Salinas.

Let's Take a Long, Hard Look



Daily report of awards for construction

CONSTRUCTION AWARDS (Compiled by P. E. VANDEWARK and R. F. SWANSON)

AUGUST 3, 1956
SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Granite Const., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$93,444, for abt. 55.3 mi. seal coat to be applied to exist. surf., various locas., **EL DORADO, PLACER, NEVADA AND SIERRA COUNTIES.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lew Jones Const., 1535 S. 10th St., San Jose, \$136,018, for const. retain. wall and a port. of exist. hwy. to be reconst. near Farwell Underpass bet. Niles and Sunol, **ALAMEDA COUNTY.**

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Atwater Underground Const., Calaveras Rd., Milpitas, \$74,447, for

const. sanitary sewers, city of San Jose, **SANTA CLARA COUNTY.**

AUGUST 7, 1956
FOLSOM, Contract awarded to Brighton San & Gravel Co., P.O. Box 1, Perkins, \$59,508, for surf. access roads & parking areas near Folsom, Folsom Dam, Right Abutment, **SACRAMENTO COUNTY.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Granite Const., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$23,393, for abt. .2 mi. to be graded & surf. between 5.4 mi. & 5.6 mi. E. Watsonville, **SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.**

YUBA CITY, Contract awarded to McGillvray Const. Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$323,765, for const. of 18 1/2 mi. of flood-damaged roads, at various locas., **SUTTER COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lew Jones & Leo Piazza Paving Co., 1535 So. 10th, San Jose, \$269,077, for abt. 0.6 mi. to be graded & surf. w/pltmix surf. on cem. tr. base, & 2 reinf. conc. bridges to be const. in Los Gatos betw. 5 Freeway & San Jose Ave.

AUGUST 8, 1956
WILLITS, Contract awarded to A. B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland, Santa Rosa, \$46,600, for imprvs. to various city streets in city of Willits, **MENDOCINO COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Chas L. Harney, 575 Berry St., S.F., \$504,578, for abt. .9 mi to be graded & surf. w/pltmix surf. on cem. tr. base & an overhead struc. to be const. bet. .5 mi. N. & .4 mi. S. of Forbes Station Overhead, **MARIN COUNTY.**

SALINAS, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$89,592, for const. curbs, gutter, sidewalks, street paving & storm sewer appurts, Monterey Park, **MONTEREY COUNTY.**

REDWOOD CITY, Contract awarded to Piombo Const., P.O.

Box 935, San Carlos, \$162,892, for realignment of county road (Polhemus Rd.)

AUGUST 9, 1956
SANTA CLARA, Contract awarded to Souza & McCue, P.O. Box 325, Yuba City, \$365,487, for const. of Unit D of Northside Summit. Interceptor Sewer, city of Santa Clara.

REDWOOD CITY, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 225 - 19th Ave., San Mateo, \$114,000, for const. of a driveway & parking lot, San Mateo County Hospital.

AUGUST 10, 1956
SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Gene Richards Inc., P.O. Box 1349, Fresno, \$189,998, for const. of emerg. stone protection, left bank Sacto River & left bank Feather River, **SUTTER COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Bragato Paving Co., 500 Bragato Rd., Belmont, \$40,232, for abt. 11.1 mi. open graded plant mix surf. & seal coat to be applied to exist. surf., at various locas., **ALAMEDA, MARIN, SAN MATEO, SANTA CLARA & CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Howard B. Folsom, Westwood, \$60,261, for abt. 52 mi. seal coats to be applied to exist. surf., at various locas., **BUTTE, PLACER & YOLO COUNTIES.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Kendon Paving Co., Walnut Creek, \$21,979, for abt. 9.5 mi. penetration treatment to be applied to exist. roadbed at various locas., **HUMBOLDT & TRINITY COUNTIES.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to O. K. Mitty & Son, 15905 So. Broadway Garden, for about 4.7 mi. to be graded & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base & exist. surf. betw. 1.5 mi. E. of Oakdale & 2.5 mi. E. of Wamble Rd., **STANISLAUS COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Rice Bros., P.O. Box 480, Lodi, \$81,144, for abt. 3.5 mi. to be surf. w/pltmix surf. on exist. pave. and seal coat to be applied, betw. Strawberry and Bumble Bee, **TUOLUMNE COUNTY.**

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, P.O. Box 95, Belmont, \$25,605, for const water lines, vicinity of Corte Madera Intersection, **MARIN COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Stanfield & Moody, 405 E. Rose, Stockton, \$19,675, for const. a dike & shoulders, slopes, ditches & chain link fence to be reconst., betw. East Stockton underpass & Mormon Slough, **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.**

AUGUST 13, 1956
SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to M & K Corp., 519 Calif. St., S.F., \$17,400, for const. collection sewers, North Point Collecting Sewers, Sect. B-1, in Stuart St. from Market St. to Howard St., city of S.F.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Karpan Trenching Co. P.O. Box 114, Perkins, \$21,710, for const. of a storm sewer, New city corporation yard, city of Sacramento.

AUGUST 15, 1956
PALO ALTO, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$474,222, for improvements to city streets, city of Palo Alto, **SANTA CLARA COUNTY.**

MARTINEZ, Contract awarded to O. C. Jones, 1520 - 4th St., Berkeley, \$15,583, for resurf. portions of county roads—Stratford Rd. & North Arlington Blvd. **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.**

CONCORD, Contract awarded to MGM Const., P.O. Box 1056, Concord, \$18,954, for const. of sani. sewers & appurts. consist. of 8 in. V.C. sewer pipe for the extension of exist. trunk sewer. Oakmead Dr. across the State Hwy., & Sacramento Northern RR, to the Intersection of Cowell Rd. & Galindo St.

SALINAS, Contract awarded to Wilder & Jones, Box CC, Seaside, \$113,296, for const. of sani. sewer, intercepting & outfall sewer sys., University Diversion, city of Salinas.

VISALIA, Contract awarded to Pola Const., P.O. Box 911, Visalia, \$42,990, for const. of reinf. conc. slab bridges on pile piers & abut.; & a reinf. conc. rigid frame bridge

on pile footings, abt. 4 mi. N. of Exeter.

RICHMOND, Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 1355 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$48,682, for const. of road, surfacing, walks, curbs, etc.—Griffen Ave. from Owens St. to S. 32nd St. from Griffen Ave. to Seaver Ave. & Seaver Ave. from S. 32nd St. to S. 34th St. S. 34th St. from Seaver Ave. to Meeker Ave., city of Richmond, **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.**

AUGUST 16, 1956
SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to P & E Const., 1620 S. 7th St., San Jose, \$224,532, for const. water dist. sys., Los Altos, **SANTA CLARA COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to L. C. Parkison, P.O. Box 310, Butte City, \$46,260, for exploration work at Hogan Dam site on Calaveras River near Valley Springs, **CALAVERAS COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P.O. Box 928, Sacto., \$89,469, for impovts. of Mormon Island Road, from Folsom City limits to 1.3 mi. NE, **SACRAMENTO CO.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Brighton San & Gravel Co., P.O. Box 1, Perkins, \$14,650, for const. of impts. to various streets in Dewey Gardens sub-div., **SACRAMENTO COUNTY.**

AUGUST 17, 1956
SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. B. Siri, 1357 Cleveland, Santa Rosa, \$339,754, for reconst. of abt. 2.3 mi. of roadbed on Rt. 1 bet. Orick & 6.1 mi. E. of Patricks Creek Bridge on Rt. 46 bet. Klamath & .5 mi. E'ly.; & on Rt. 71 at Smith River Overflow Bridge, **HUMBOLDT & DEL NORTE COUNTIES.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy & Son, Rt. 6, Box 1419-A, Modesto, \$55,174 for abt. .5 mi. to be graded & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base, bet. 1.1 mi. E. of Woods Creek & Jacksonville, **TUOLUMNE COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy & Son, Rt. 6, Box 1419-A, Modesto, \$112,217 for abt. 2-1 mi. roadbed to be graded & paved with pltmix surf. betw. South Dos Palos & Dos Palos, **MERCED COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lange Bros., Box 66, Lakeport, \$54,280, for abt. .4 mi. storm damaged portions of hwy. to be restored, **LAKE & MENDOCINO COUNTIES.**

FRESNO, Contract awarded to Dallas Wilson Inc., P.O. Box 848, Fresno, \$41,621, for const. of water works sys., city of Friant, **FRESNO COUNTY.**

TRANQUILITY Contract awarded to Robert Jolly Const., 4564 E. Tyler St., Fresno, \$29,840, for athletic field impvts. at Tranquility Union High School, **FRESNO COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Rett Co., 2249 Fulton Ave., W. Sacto., \$107,185, for repair 3 conc. box culverts across Long Valley Creek, **LASSEN COUNTY.**

AUGUST 30, 1956
SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to W. H. Darrough & Sons, P.O. Box 392, Yuba City, \$238,996, for abt. 3.3 mi. to be graded & paved w/pltmix surf., on Lakeville

Rd. abt. 10 mi. S of Petaluma bet. State Rt. 8 & NW of State Rt. 8, **SONOMA COUNTY.**

EL CERRITO, Contract awarded to E. J. Tobin, 100 Carleton Berkeley, \$33,852, for const. sewers in Asses. Dist. No. 13 **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.**

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Hancock Const., P.O. Box 756, Lafayette, \$307,800, for grading, paving sewer & water sys. & underground fuel storage tanks Maintenance Station at Gibson, **SHASTA COUNTY.**

AUGUST 21, 1956
SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Ward Constr., 2604 W. 101 St., Inglewood, & G. S. Herrington, P.O. Box 708, Auburn, for inste. ew main water supply pipe line & new dis. pipe lines, Fair Oaks Irrigation Dist., Fair Oaks.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to T. Teichert & Son, 103 N.E. St., Stockton, \$40,394, for reconst. Atherton Rd. from Empire Bridge W'ly. .17 mi. to Venice Ferry c. Empire tract **SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY.**

DIABLO, Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$59,495, for reconst. all roads in assess. dist. Diablo, **CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.**

SALINAS, Contract awarded to Granite Const., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$11,179 for seal coat, various county roads, Carmel Woods & Seaside Area, **MONTEREY COUNTY.**

AUGUST 22, 1956
REDDING, Contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson, 873-81st St., Oakland, \$58,556, for abt. 2.258 mi. to be imp., graded & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base over Rts. 105-A & 56-A, betw. Oak Grove & Wyndam Lane, **SHASTA COUNTY.**

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to S. M. McGaw, 307 Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$13,356, for const. trunk line sani. sewers in Sherwood Manor, city of Stockton.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to McGuire & Hester, 796-66th Ave., Oakland, \$17,100, for const. 6,000 c.y. embankment mat. for reshape city road, 16th Ave. Drainage Ditch betw. Norfolk St. to Kehoe St., city of San Mateo.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza, 800 Downer Ave., San Jose, \$14,254, for improvements to McKee Road, city of San Jose.

NAPA, Contract awarded to Sliensen Const. Co., 2255 Silverado Trail, Napa, \$17,898, for reconst. of major city streets—Main St. from 3rd to 4th & Brown St. from 1st to 4th, city of Napa.

REDWOOD CITY, Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, P.O. Box 95, Belmont, \$182,485, for const. sewer & water lines in Jefferson Ave., Highland Ave., area, Redwood City.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Krull & Pacheaco, 21542 Bridge Cr., Hayward, \$28,983, for const. pipeline impvts. betw. Hwy. 17

Pacific Railroad, S. of Irvington, **BERKELEY, Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$26,399, for reconst. city street—Channing Way, city of Berkeley.**

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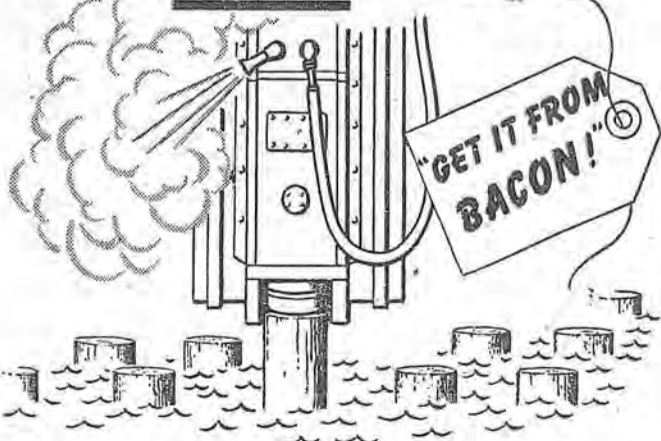
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MONSTER IN THE STREETS.—That's what this long boom backhoe Northwest 80 looks like with the toy automobiles behind it. It is the Rados storm drain job on Carson-Cabrillo Ave., Torrance, Bro. E. W. Traver, operator, and Bob Welch, oiler. (Photo by J. M. Gatewood.)

PURCHASING POWER KEY TO PROSPERITY, AFL-CIO HOLD

Washington
The buying power of wages and salaries must increase continually if the country is to prosper, the AFL-CIO Labor's Economic Review emphasizes in a restatement of organized labor's views on the elements of a healthy national economy.

The current issue of the AFL-CIO Dept. of Research's publication stresses that rising real incomes are essential if workers are to share in the benefits of improved productive efficiency and the mass consumption base is to be maintained.

"Goods are produced for sale," it explains. "When production outpaces sales, goods pile up on store shelves and in warehouses, production schedules are cut back, and workers are laid off."

The Review recalls that the average non-government worker produced 85 per cent more in goods and services in one hour than he

did in 1929—thanks to the development of labor skills, improved machines, better raw materials and more efficient flow of work. The rise in output per manhour tended to cut unit production costs.

"If business holds most of these benefits for itself," it observes, "the lion's share will go only to business in the form of booming profits, as in the 1920s."

"Failure by business to share the fruits of industrial progress with other groups creates economic distortions—excessively high profits and insufficient buying power—that are followed by production cutbacks and unemployment, as in the depression of the 1930s."

"From the viewpoint of economic good sense, the benefits of the economy's rising productivity should be shared by workers, consumers and business. In that way the entire nation can share."

DIVIDENDS SOARING TO NEW RECORD HEIGHTS

Washington
Cash dividends by corporations issuing public reports are still soaring with dividends in July of this year amounting to \$732 million as compared with \$669 million July of a year ago.

On the basis of the first seven months, this year shows dividend payments 15 per cent higher than during the first seven months of 1955.

Despite the shutdown in automobiles, where more than 200,000 are out of work, the industry continued high dividends, paying out \$367.4 millions during the first seven months of the year as compared with \$248.9 during the similar 1955 period.

The sharpest advance over July 1955 occurred in manufacturing, where dividend payments were up 15 per cent. Marked gains were registered by most of the durable-goods industries, particularly iron and steel, automobiles, and non-ferrous metals. Among the non-durables, the textiles, chemicals, and food groups recorded substantial gains.

July dividends in the communi-

cations and mining industries rose faster than the all-industry average, while smaller relative gains were reported for most of the other nonmanufacturing groups.

Dividend payments reported for the first seven months of 1956, at \$6.1 billion, were up 15 per cent from the same period of last year. Manufacturing disbursements rose almost 20 per cent while non-manufacturing dividends were up about 11 per cent.

The Women Folk Look At Congress

By ESTHER MURRAY and MARGARET THORNBURGH

Let's take a look at the record! The 84th Congress (1955-56) recently adjourned with about a 50-50 score. Many of the bills we hoped to have passed never even reached the House or Senate.

On the other hand, some worthwhile legislation was passed which will be of great benefit to the working men and women.

Foremost, and of particular interest to our women, was the increased coverage of the Social Security law, which lowered the retirement age for women workers, widows and wives from 65 to 62, provided disability benefits at age 50, and extended aid for disabled children beyond the age of 18.

A new minimum wage law raises the minimum from 75 cents to \$1. Although we consider it still inadequate, at least it's a step in the right direction.

On the not-so-good side, we find a weak housing bill providing for 35,000 public housing units a year for the next two years. This is 115,000 units lower than the original Senate-passed bill and 25,000 less than that proposed in the House bill.

Of utmost importance to us was the shameful tug-of-war which defeated the school construction program.

Nothing was done on Taft-Hartley adjustments, although many promises were made to remove its many inequities, so we continue under this infamous Act.

So—the picture is clear—we must continue our efforts to elect the kind of men and women to our national legislature who will look out for our interests, that of the working men and women of America!

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., S.F. \$273,972 for construction a prestressed conc. girder bridge & approaches across Yuba River at Simpson Lane, abt. ½ mi. E. of Maysville, YUBA COUNTY.

On being asked his father's occupation, the little boy said: "He cleans out the bank."

"That's nice son," was the reply, "and is he janitor or president?"

Construction Awards

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., P.O. Box 935, San Carlos, for excav. & embankment for the Balboa Reservoir, city of San Francisco.

AUGUST 23, 1956

BERKELEY, Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 13555 San Pablo for impvts. to Durant Ave., city of Berkeley.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Prodanovich, Inc., 750-81st Ave., Oakland, \$81,755, for const. of sewers in Foothill Blvd., Clifford Ave., Dingly St., over Marsh St., Snowden Ave., Cameron Ave., certain easements & rights of ways, etc., Park Highland Tract, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

MONTEREY, Contract awarded to Wilder & Jones, Inc., 1525 Fremont Est., Seaside, \$13,579, for const. of sani. sewers, Wharf No. 2, Monterey.

CHICO, Contract awarded to Butte Creek Rock, P.O. Box 512, Chico, \$11,898, for impvmts. to State Hwy. Rt. 3, BUTTE COUNTY.

AUGUST 24, 1956

MILLBRAE, Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, P.O. Box 95, Belmont, \$49,858, for const. of pump station & water lines, Millbrae Meadows Substation, Millbrae.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Fresno Paving Co., 2727 Simpson, Fresno, \$12,450, for emergency levee repairs, South Levee Cache Creek, settling basin West levee of Yolo Bypass upstream 1.5 mi., YOLO COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to P & E Const. Co., 1620 S. 7th St., San Jose, \$72,519, for const. of storm drainage sys., East Hill Section, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN ANSELMO, Contract awarded to E. T. Haas, P.O. Box 95, Belmont, \$34,924, for laying reinf. conc. pressure pipe & const. diversion struc. & brush trap, Laurel & Tamalpais, city of San Anselmo.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Osborne Bowie Engineering Const., 382 "G" St., Crescent City, \$19,995, for abt. 1.1 mi. to be surf. w/pltmix surf. on exist base, Elk Valley Rd., betw. State Rt. 1 & Howland Hill Rd., DEL NORTE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, 575 Berry St., S.F., \$24,231, for grade, clear, place redrock base mat., asph. conc. surf. bit. berms surf, drainage & ditches & drainage facil., Fort Funston, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Transocean Engr., 7807 Russell City Rd., Hayward, \$138,550, const. of bridge over Trinity River at the north end of Corral Bottom Rr. at Big Bar, TRINITY COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Thomas Const. Co., 4665 E. Hedges, Fresno, \$30,058, for const. bridge over Morrison Creek at Florin Rd., SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

AUGUST 27, 1956

WALNUT CREEK, Contract awarded to Domingues Balanco, 350 Hathaway Ave., San Lorenzo, \$15,843, for const. of sewer impvts. in Rancho San Ramon Heights, Danville, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

PLEASANTON, Contract awarded to Norman Engineers, 3434 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Lafayette, \$28,454, for const. portion of Neal St., Pleasanton, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Blake Bros., P.O. Box 1002, Richmond, \$57,306, for const. levee repairs, at 3 locas. along Sacto. River, miles 8.6 & 49.5, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

AUGUST 28, 1956

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract awarded to Morrison Const. Co., 1231 Oxford, Berkeley, \$13,220, for grade & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base & riprap embank. protection & drain. facil. to be const., near San Ramon High School, near Danville, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Joe Chevreaux, P.O. Box 65, Sta. A, Auburn, \$27,981, for abt. .16 mi. a 2-lane hwy. to be const.

by grade & surf. w/pltmix surf. on imp. base mat., betw. .2 mi. W & .6 mi. East of city limits of Auburn, PLACER COUNTY.

AUGUST 29, 1956

REDWOOD CITY, Contract to Bauman Bros. 699 Industrial Rd., San Carlos, \$16,504, for imp. Hilltop Dr., city of Redwood, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to John H. McCosker, 1501 East Shore Hwy., Berkeley, \$169,543, for construction of imp. to pipelines between Laurel Ave. & Juniper St. & Line J. betw. Juniper & the vicinity of Pine St. in Castro Valley, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, Contract to Oakland Sewer Const. Co., 9915 Walnut St., Oakland, \$13,602 for const. of relief sani. sewer, Virginia Ave. betw. Popular & Hampton, Redwood City, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

AUGUST 31, 1956

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Jesse H. Harrison, P.O. Box 315, San Ardo, \$89,713 for abt. 0.2 mi. of 2-lane rdway to be const. by grade & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base & drain. facil. to be installed on Skyline Blvd. 1.4 mi. N. of Skylonda, SAN MATEO CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$23,803, for slip-out to be excav. & rdbd. to be reconst. with loc. borrow & surface. w/pltmix surf. on untr. base. 1.9 mi of Boulder Creek, SANTA CRUZ CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract was awarded to Krull & Pacheco & Close Bldg. Supply, P. O. Box 39, Hayward, \$826,651 for abt. 1.2 mi. to be graded and paved w-pltmix surf. on cem. tr. base & a reinf. bridge to be widened betw. Russell Way and Lower Rd., ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract to The Fay Improvement Co., 101 Carolina St., S.F., \$235,248 for reconstruction Lake St. betw. 6th Ave. & 28 Ave., city of San Francisco.

Eye Farm Drive

Washington

When the AFL-CIO executive committee meets at the International Ladies Garment Workers' recreation retreat, Unity House, at the end of August, the question of an all-out drive to organize agricultural workers will be a top item on the agenda.

The National Agricultural Workers Union requested AFL-CIO President George Meany to bring the question before the council and Meany has agreed.

One aspect of the NAWU's proposal is that the union, which was chartered by the AFL 20 years ago, is willing to fit its present organization into any structure that will have the support of the AFL-CIO. This would include merging with a larger union working under the direction of a joint committee.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract to Wilder & Jones, Box CC, Carmel \$55,349 for const. of trunk line sewers & laterals w-appurts., Carmel Hills Project, MONTEREY CO.

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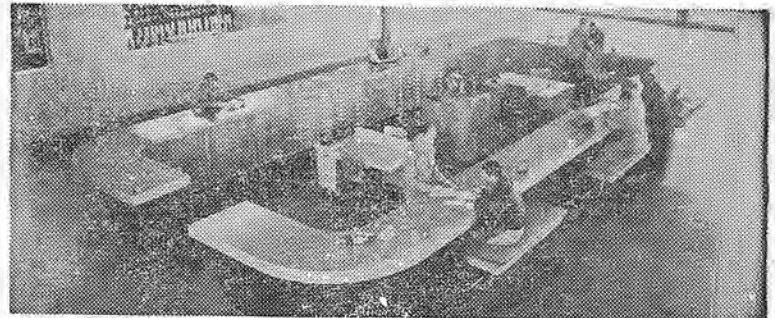
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WE WOULDN'T—Natalie Wood's next film is to be "The Girl He Left Behind," which, begging their pardon, he shouldn't and we wouldn't. Natalie is shown here vacationing.



NEW SAN JOSE CITY HALL.—Above view shows Engineers and others at work on five-foot concrete slab to be foundation of \$2 million new city hall for San Jose. Cranes handle concrete ladles. Carl N. Swenson Co. is general contractor. The new building will replace the red brick and vine-covered building that has been a landmark for 75 years.

Fresno Freeways and Dams Keep 'Em Busy

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

Work continues to hold up well in the area covered by the Fresno office. Work on the several Freeway projects in this area has picked up some since last month. The Gene Richards Company having completed most of their structures and are again moving dirt on their section of the Freeway running through Fresno and will soon be preparing the final grade. The C. K. Moseman Co. on the final link of the Freeway will be held up on their grading until they finish the structures.

The Frederickson & Kasler Co. have caught up with the dirt moving at their road job out of Chowchilla and have moved their gear and euc spreads to their new job at Goshen. This works out very nicely for the Brothers, between the two jobs they will be busy for some time.

The Gordon H. Ball Co. having just about completed their job near Pixley have moved two cats to the Ball, Phillips and Weisberg, joint venture, job at Atwater. This section of freeway will bypass the City of Atwater. There will be two overpasses over the S.P.R.R. and a clover leaf at the entrance to Castle Field Air Base. This job will be slow getting started due to the large amount of clearing and relocating of existing facilities. This company also has 5 miles of freeway south on Highway 99 and have about one month more of grading and then will start concrete operations.

Westbrook-M&K are moving right along on their paving job at Castle Field Air Base. The River Rock Co. at Merced is furnishing all the aggregate for Westbrook-M&K and also for the new Atwater Freeway. This will keep the rock plants in that area busy for some time.

The M. J. Ruddy Co. have completed paving several streets in Merced and are now busy on a grading and paving job near Dos Palos.

The McIntire & Quiros are moving right along on their survey job for the Union Oil Company with several survey parties working out of Coalinga and Los Banos.

IN MOUNTAIN AREA

Activity in the Mountain Area: The Morrison Walsh & Perini project, after a slow start this spring, are showing some progress now. At the Courtwright Dam site they have completed the diversion tunnel and are starting the construction of the Dam proper. At the Wishon Dam they are moving right along on the fill, after having had several slow ups and due to the quarry. They have a small crew busy at Balch Power House preparing for installation of an additional penstock.

The Stevens Trucking Co. have completed their road surfacing job from Wishon to Courtwright Dam and have moved to the lower road where they will surface road mix from the old Fish Hatchery to Balch Camp. The H. Earl Parker Co. have several rigs on their Stump Springs Road job near Big

New Construction

- MODESTO, plans completed, Jr. College science bldg., \$650,000.
- REDWOOD CITY, plans up, new high school, \$1,790,000.
- RICHMOND HARBOR, dredging, awarded, S.F. Bridge Co., \$740,000.
- CUPERTINO, bids due, school bldg., \$810,000.
- FRESNO, award, Californian hotel expansion, \$1,100,000, Harris Const. Co.
- EXETER, high school school addn., \$513,900, Elmer Pederson, Fresno.
- LOS ANGELES, Calabasas freeway, Fredericksen & Kasler, \$3,400,000.
- SAN MATEO, S.F. Airport, United maintenance base, M & K Corp., \$628,000.
- SANTA CLARA, bids due Oct. 3, nursing wing, County Hospital, \$4,300,000.
- FRESNO, bids due Oct. 3, highway, \$1,250,000.

New Provisions of Social Security Law

Cash social security benefits for disabled workers at age 50, benefits for children 18 or over who were disabled before they reached 18, and monthly benefits for women at age 62 instead of 65 were added to the nation's old age and survivors insurance program recently, when the 1956 social security amendments were signed into law by President Eisenhower.

Other new provisions bring under the law new groups of professional people, more farm owners and operators, and some American citizens who work abroad for foreign subsidiaries of American corporations.

Under the amended law, working women, the wives of men receiving old-age insurance payments, and the widows of insured workers can start getting monthly benefits at age 62. The dependent mother of an insured worker who dies leaving no spouse or child eligible for benefits may also get benefits at 62.

Working women and wives who apply before age 65 will receive benefits at reduced rates, on a sliding scale. Benefits for widows and dependent mothers of insured deceased workers at age 62 will not be reduced.

Payments for women who are already 62 and who qualify under the amendments can begin with the November benefit checks, due in December or in a short time thereafter. Application must be made for these benefits; however, there will be no loss of benefits to women first eligible in November 1956 who apply before December 1957.

In a future issue, the new provision providing cash disability payments at age 50 under certain conditions will be presented in detail.

All Districts Are Now in High Gear

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—no work there yet, is the warning.

Reno: Mining in high gear, all districts, also highways, and gambling facilities to take care of California spenders.

Redding: Good outlook, 2 or 3 months; moving right along on power jobs, Shasta road, industrial plants.

Redwood Empire: First rains already, but they just settled the duck. All are busy like heck on water, industry, housing, highways.

Marysville: Load stays heavy, power in the mountains, levees in the valleys. Gonna beat that rain!

Ukiah: Coyote Dam has about 900 days to go, now clearing site.

Northbay: Busy like cats on a variety of jobs.

Sacramento: All departments on full schedule, from double-decking downtown parking lots to major jobs on outlying highways.

Stockton: Those three dams moving fast. Highway 50 job. Good work load.

Fresno: Load stays good, in both valleys and mountain areas.

San Jose: A big backlog will keep us jumping right up to the

STOCKTON MOVES ON THE TRI DAMS

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The work load in the Stockton area is still holding up with enough new jobs starting to keep the members busy who have completed old jobs, with very little waiting time between them.

The Tri Dam projects are making good progress on all phases, the most important being the final placement of concrete for the dam plug at Donnell's. The power tunnel still has approximately 7,250 feet to go before they hole through, plus the concrete lining where the ground is bad. This should carry most of the tunnel crews into the spring of next year.

Wixson & Crowe, who have the clearing contract above Donnell's Dam, have about 80 per cent of the reservoir site cleared at this time. Brother George Nelson, who narrowly missed a clearing job in the Great Beyond when a boom fell on his tin hat and drove him about a foot into the ground, is now back on the job pushing after spending several weeks in the hospital with back injuries and a broken ankle.

Fred Teubert, the clearing contractor on Beardsley Dam, has felled all the timber except that which would interfere with the Pickering Lumber Company railroad operations and is ahead of schedule on his job.

Tulloch Dam has reached the concrete pouring stage with good progress being reported. John Gist Company of Sacramento have the contract to raise Goodwin Dam, which is about a mile downstream from Tulloch and is to be raised seven feet higher to provide an after bay for Tulloch Dam.

Rice Brothers are setting up their new Madsen hot plant on Beardsley Dam access to supply plant mix for their road job between Strawberry and the Tri Dam turnoff. Bro. Red Covington, an old timer in the construction field is pushing the work.

Harms Bros. and Gladney have another month or so on their railroad relocation job for Pickering Lumber Co. Brother Ernest Frost, another old timer, is in charge of this job is on sandy soil and should provide a little winter work for the local brothers. Teichert is now pouring concrete on Highway 99 at Turner Station, having finished the slab on the north portion of Highway 99 at Mariposa Road.

On MJB's Highway 99 job north of Lodi, one slab is poured the length of the job—so it won't be long until that stretch will be finished. Lord and Bishop are installing the bridges and structures for the overpasses on this job.

W. M. Lyles Company of Stockton was the successful bidder on the water supply job at Twain Harte.

Mi-Wuk Village, Inc., keeps two

rainfall.
San Mateo: All classifications busy here; peak not yet reached.
Hawaii: A new jet airport for the islands, big hotels starting.
San Francisco: Peak work load in the City with freeway, street, and building jobs moving along.

members of this local busy in their mountain home building program.

We are happy to announce that Lyman Alexander, an engineering firm that headquarters at Mi-Wuk village have signed an agreement with this union and should any of our union contractors in and around Tuolumne County need engineering work, Brother Lyman is the man that can do it.

Rice Brothers of Lodi are well along on the widening and surfacing of Hammer Lane and have one of our old timers, Bro. Charlie Lloyd, running the job. Many of the brothers will recall having worked with Charlie on Shasta Dam from 1938 through 1940. He was foreman for H. Earl Parker on the Santa Fe Switch Yards in Stockton in 1941, foreman for Lester Rice in and around Marysville for several years and was superintendent for Darrough & Sons on the Marysville Freeway (Highway 20) in 1949. During the Yuba City flood of last winter, he was in there pitching with a lot of the other brothers, doing what he could to protect life and property. It is members like Brother Lloyd that make a Local 3 Business Representative's life a little more pleasant.

The new Agriculture Agreements are out and by this time, all the contractors that are engaged in this business have been notified of the rate changes which are as follows:

	per hour
Foreman	\$3.00
Dragline	2.90
LeTourneau or similar equipment	2.90
Trenching machines	2.80
Tractor Operators	2.75
Heavy Duty Mechanics	2.75
Oilers and Greasers	2.35
Field Grade Setting	2.35

Dredgeman Succumbs

Local 3 members were saddened to learn of the death of Brother John Holloway, well known dredge operator. Bro. Holloway succumbed to heart trouble at Rio Vista recently. His many friends mourn his early passing.

September 4, 1956

OAKDALE, Contract awarded as follows: Sched. I—Leroy E. Allison, Box 197, Twain Harte, \$59,946. Sched. II & IV—Craft & Galbraith, 2442 Maxwell Ave., Oakdale, \$38,600 & \$7,500 for clearing of reservoir sites: Tulloch & Goodwin Reservoir sites on Stanislaus River, STANISLAUS & SAN JOAQUIN COUNTIES.

September 5, 1956

SANTA ROSA, Contract awarded to Keston & Muni, 215 'C' St., Davis, \$288,455, for const. of sewage treat. plant. Two wells and two pumping plants, south of Santa Rosa along Redwood Hyw. SONOMA COUNTY.



HIGH AND MIGHTY—on wings of concrete, autoists in the near future will soar up from the Embarcadero onto the complex Bay Freeway network, swinging high over the Bay Bridge approaches at this point between First and Second Street. Pre-stress, new staging methods, and construction skills are pushing this big job along in fine shape. (Staff photos.)