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Gov. Knight Lauds Labor's Part in Industry's Growth

Within the next ten years the public and private new construction requirements of California will total approximately \$47 billion, and a great part of this sum will go into wages and salaries.

With this glimpse into the future, Governor Goodwin J. Knight addressed more than 2,000 delegates to the 52nd annual convention of the California State Federation of Labor at Santa Barbara August 23.

Pointing out that 150,000 new jobs must be created every year for newcomers to California, Governor Knight said that more payrolls will be needed to meet the needs of the population.

"We must attract more industry here," declared the Governor. "We need more than a billion and a half each year in new, private capital. We have a superior labor force. Now we must sell industrialists throughout the country on the advantages of using it."

Governor Knight told the AFL labor delegates that he will soon form a committee to study ways and means of solving this problem.

NEW INDUSTRY

"I will ask business and labor to participate, to join in a co-operative selling job so that California may become a magnet for new industry," the Governor said.

He complimented the California State Federation of Labor for the progress it has made.

"Leafing through the record of years," said Governor Knight, "it is difficult to recall the enactment of any major type of legislation beneficial to the people of California."

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Break Ground for Eureka Engineers Bldg.



Samuel Yorty, U.S. Senator candidate, and Mayor Geo. C. Jacobs of Eureka, helped Local 3 officers break ground at Eureka on Sept. 7 for the new Engineer's office building at Broadway and Henderson streets. Shown above at ceremonies are, left to right: Mayor Jacobs, Yorty, A. R. McCaffrey, Sheriff Al Nichols, State Federation Vice-pres. Albin Gruhn, State Labor Commissioner Frank Lawrence, and Marshall Swanson.

Morse Assails T-H As Unworkable

Washington.—Sen. Wayne Morse (Ore., Ind.) believes there are three vital defects in Taft-Hartley which must be amended if the law is to be intelligently administered.

In a speech before the National Press Club, Morse listed these as follows:

1. Amendment of the injunction procedures which now discriminate against labor.
2. Elimination of state power over labor-management relations.
3. Clarification of the restrictive secondary boycott provisions.

To Break the Richmond Bottleneck!

GOV. KNIGHT ANNOUNCES BIDS ON HUGE BAY OUTLET JOB

Governor Goodwin J. Knight said last week he was gratified to learn from the Department of Public Works that bids are being advertised for construction of nearly five miles of six-lane freeway on a new route for the Contra Costa County portion of U.S. 40.

The state highway budget carries an allocation of \$6,000,000 for the work, the largest budgeted amount for a single project in Northern California highway history with the exception of the

S.F.-Oakland Bay Bridge. Bids will be opened October 20.

Bids are asked for grading, paving and structures on 4.8 miles of full freeway from Santa Clara Street about 0.2 mile southerly from Jefferson Avenue to south of County Road 24 to take U.S. 40 traffic off a portion of crowded San Pablo Avenue now carrying an average traffic volume of over 35,000 vehicles daily.

In addition to the work now advertised, a \$355,000 contract is nearly completed for two structures on the freeway route, one an overhead crossing of the Santa Fe railway tracks at 47th Street in Richmond and the other a crossing of San Pablo Creek near the north city limits of San Pablo. The railroad overhead will provide two 36-foot roadways separated with a 12-foot median strip. San Pablo Creek will be crossed on a 530-foot-long reinforced concrete

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gineers will join in the campaign, helping substantially towards achievement of the AFL election goals.

Support of Governor Knight for re-election, of Samuel Yorty as the state's next junior U.S. senator, and for a score or more of first-rank congressional candidates, is the official AFL objective on Nov. 2.

Present trend of our legislators is away from labor's basic interest, and therefore we must make use of the only personal weapon at our disposal—the ballot—to correct this situation. Such is the consensus of the AFL conventions.

Date for registration has passed, and it now remains for each and every AFL member to become a committee of one—the foot soldiers of democracy—to see that his family, his friends, neighbors, and fellow workers demonstrate their American citizenship on Nov. 2 by casting their ballot!

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IN MEMORIAM

- EMIL KALLEN
Bingham Canyon, U...Aug. 9, '54
- W. O. WILSON
Yuba City.....Aug. 10, 1954
- B. G. WELLS
Stockton.....Aug. 11, 1954
- HARRISON SHAW
Fresno.....Aug. 14, 1954
- R. C. POTTER
Fresno.....Aug. 22, 1954
- R. M. HARRIS
Sacramento.....Sept. 2, 1954
- L. A. PRICE
Reno.....Sept. 4, 1954
- WM. HENRY HARRIS
Marysville.....Sept. 6, 1954



RICHMOND BOTTLENECK — Bids are being advertised for work on this \$6 million, six-lane freeway to break the notorious Bay Bowl Bottleneck through the Richmond area and open up Highway 40 to a

clear run across the foothills to the Carquinez Bridge. This will be the largest single project in state highway history.

SPECIAL MEETINGS TO VOTE ON THE NEW REVISED BY-LAWS!

The next special meetings to vote on the new revised by-laws for Local Union No. 3 will be held as follows:

EUREKA—On Friday, October 8th, 1954 at 8:30 p.m., LABOR TEMPLE, Eureka, California.

REDDING—On Saturday, October 9th, 1954 at 8 p.m., Engineers Building, 1054 Tehama St., Redding, Calif.

MARYSVILLE—On Sunday, October 10th, 1954 at 8 p.m., Engineers Building, 1010 Eye Street, Marysville, California.



BY-LAWS TURNOUT — Good numbers of Local 3 members are showing up at special meetings for consideration and vote on the newly revised by-laws. Oakland members made an outstanding showing, with more than 500 members present, as shown in

the above photos. The pictures, taken by Bro. Jim Jennings, show two sections of the auditorium. Other by-law meetings scheduled are listed in the special notice on this page.

CHANGES IN SOCIAL SECURITY LAW ARE EXPLAINED

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Major changes in the Social Security law became effective with the signature of President Eisenhower September 1, 1954. Charles H. Shreve, manager of the San Francisco District Office will discuss in this issue those features of the new law which have immediate importance. Later issues will outline other modifications in the Social Security law.)

- Q. What changes in the Social Security law become effective immediately?
- A. There are two principal provisions effective immediately:
 - 1) Automatic increase in the amount of payments to those who have already qualified for Social Security benefits.
 - 2) Monthly payments become possible for survivors of wage earners who died before September 1, 1950, who were not insured at time of death, but who did have six quarters of work under Social Security when they died.
- Q. When will the increased amount be paid?
- A. People now getting old-age retirement insurance payments will have their monthly checks increased beginning with the check to be mailed early in October.
- Q. What action is necessary to secure the increase in payments?
- A. None. The increase will be handled automatically.
- Q. How much of an increase will there be?
- A. The minimum payments of \$25 to a retired worker has been raised to \$30 and the old maximum payment of \$85 has gone up to \$98.50. This means an increase in payments to retired workers of \$5 or more a month. The tables below illustrate sample cases:

A. Yes, the survivors may be eligible if the worker had six quarters of credit under Social Security—that is about a year and a half—before he died—and the survivor meets the usual requirements.

Q. Why weren't payments made at the time he or she died?

A. People who died prior to September 1, 1950 needed more than six quarters to be insured. In fact, those who died in July or August 1950 generally needed 27 quarters. This change in the law provides that payments may be made to eligible survivors from September of this year—if the worker had as few as six calendar quarters under Social Security.

Q. What must be done by a survivor to establish eligibility?

A. The survivor must file an application with the nearest Social Security office.

Do you have a question about your Social Security? Engineers News has asked Mr. Charles H. Shreve, manager of the San Francisco office of the Social Security Administration to answer your questions. Mail your letters to Engineers News, 474 Valencia Street, San Francisco 3, California. Each letter submitted will receive a personal reply from Mr. Shreve, even though it is not used in this column. Published questions will not be identified by your name.

JOBS GOOD IN REDDING

By E. A. HESTER
Business Representative

Conditions of work in this area are above normal for this period of the year. We have a large number of brothers on the payroll, and the best part of it all is the fact that there is no one out of work at this writing. In fact, we have a few jobs that we are not able to fill.

Peter Kiewit & Son are still under way on a job in Lassen County and one in Siskiyou County. They are badly in need of some blade men.

Brother Wm. Pressly has started M. W. Brown's job near Minersville and everything seems to be off to a good start.

Our big news in this area is the advertising for bids on the Red Bluff and Corning canal, which will be Sept. 17, 1954.

Walsh Construction Co. has rearranged the crew and they are now under way with the concrete; laid off a few but we still have about 80 men working on that job. W. B. Jones, with two shovels and some cats, is busy on the river change at the power house.

Frederick & Watson are making fairly good headway on their freeway out of Project City, and I believe by the time you read this they will have our parking lot and driveway paved as the boys are out there now getting things ready.

Eaton & Smith are still showing much activity; the Beegum job should wind up within five or six weeks, but the job at Dorris will take the balance of the year if they don't get caught in the snow.

Around Red Bluff, C. V. Kenworthy, Rice Bros., and Fredrick & Watson are keeping a lot of our engineers busy.

Donald F. Graves of San Jose was awarded a 12-mile stretch of resurfacing between Tulelake and Stronghold.

Teichert's spread has just about finished their stretch of freeway out of Dunsuir. This is the third

Bids Asked on New Freeway Job In Contra Costa

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crete arch culvert providing a waterway area 20 feet wide and 19 feet high.

Starting on the existing highway at Santa Clara Street, the freeway construction project will extend through Richmond, a portion of El Cerrito, and San Pablo and will swing around the Rollingwood and Willart subdivisions to the south of County Road 24 near the Standard Oil Co. tank farm.

From the beginning of the project to Roosevelt Avenue, the freeway will run just west of and parallel to San Pablo Avenue. At Roosevelt Avenue the alignment curves across San Pablo Avenue, which will be spanned with a box girder structure and connected to the freeway with traffic interchange ramps, and extends to Key Boulevard.

Westerly of San Pablo Avenue the freeway will be elevated, and easterly of San Pablo Avenue it will be depressed until the crossing of San Pablo Creek. In addition to the San Pablo Avenue and railway separation structures, grade separations will be provided at Potrero Avenue, Cutting Boulevard, Macdonald Avenue and Barrett Avenue where local traffic may pass under the freeway and also have access to and from the freeway on interchange ramps.

Through the area of the depressed freeway, Solano Avenue, McBryde Avenue and San Pablo Dam Road will have overcrossing structures for local traffic which will also have access to and from the freeway on interchange ramps. After leaving San Pablo Creek the freeway crosses above County Road 20, which will be slightly realigned.

With completion of construction, the portion of the freeway from Santa Clara Street to the interchange at San Pablo Avenue will be opened to through traffic and the portion easterly of San Pablo Avenue to County Road 20 opened to local traffic. Opening of the entire project to through traffic will depend on the availability of future state highway funds for construction of the necessary link to connect the new freeway with the existing highway northeasterly between Hercules and Rodeo.

year they have been working on this project and Adolph Bauer has done a good job in keeping the Local 3 boys satisfied there.

Ukropina & Tom Polich have started their new bridge across Dogwood Creek. This bridge is to be about 600 feet long and 150 feet high. Brother Bert Lopus was the first engineer on the job.

With deep regret felt in our heart, many of you will remember William H. Fales. He joined Local 59 back in the early '20s, worked for Granfield & Carlin on the relocation of the railroad and highway and many other jobs in the district. He had been out on withdrawal for the last 10 years, logging out of Hayfork, owning and operating his own truck. Bill was a good union man. William Fales passed away August 27 of a brain tumor. Our heartfelt sympathy to his little boy, Billy, and to his wife in their hour of sorrow.

GREAT BLUNDERS are often made, like large ropes, of a multitude of fibers.—Victor Hugo.

Joy's recollection is no longer joy, while sorrow's memory is sorrow still.—Byron.

THE WORLD'S highest suspension bridge spans the Arkansas River 1053 feet above the riverbed, says the National Geographic Society.

Automobile storage batteries evaporate more water in warm weather than in cool and therefore should be checked more frequently in summer.

Report of Last Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m., President Clancy presiding. Roll call showed all officers present.

MINUTES

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 7 was read and by motion approved as read.

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

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of September 8 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Minutes of the Special Meetings held in Oakland, Sacramento, San Jose and Fresno were read, and by motion approved as read.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Cahill Brothers, Inc., thanking the business agents and members for help and cooperation they received on the Hamm Brewery job. Received and filed.

Cards of thanks were received from the family of Russell C. Potter; the Clark Freeland family; Mrs. W. Orville Wilson and family; Mr. and Mrs. L. Menefee; Mrs. Vera Kates, Mrs. Lois Simon and family, and Bill Kates and family. Received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Leroy Bryant, John Brady, August Bokelman, M. Crianca, Ray Coughlin, Don Elliott, Jacob P. Fehr, Raymond Fields, Owen Fly, Ralph Gilbreath, Alvin J. Harding, Elmer Heenan, Wm. Hoffman, Claude Logan, Chas. L. Lankford, Shirley McCall, E. M. McGreevy, James McAllister, Robert W. Matlock; Michael Miller, Robert L. Patterson, J. A. Pettit, Hester Timms, Ernest E. Yancy, Wm. J. Yates, Calisto Zavier.

The following members were reported deceased: B. G. Wells, Emil Kallen, W. O. Wilson, Harrison Shaw, R. C. Potter, R. M. Harris, L. A. Price, Wm Henry Harris. The membership stood one minute in silence in respect to our deceased Brothers.

Bro. John J. McDonald, Third International Vice-President, offered best wishes and felicitations for General President, William E. Maloney. His remarks were well received by the membership.

TRIAL VERN LEE FINCH

Bro. Vern Lee Finch failed to appear before the Union for trial and his trial was carried on in his absence in accordance with the Constitution. Brother Casebolt testified he had worked behind a picket line. A vote of the membership was taken and Brother Finch was declared guilty by unanimous vote. President Clancy stated he would take the case under advisement and announce the penalty at the next meeting.

REVISION OF THE BY-LAWS

The matter of the revision of the By-Laws was brought to the floor. Manager Victor Swanson explained the reason for the revision of the By-Laws, after which it was regularly moved and seconded that the membership concur in the report of the Committee on the revision of the By-Laws. Motion carried with 101 yes and 1 no.

Bro. Ed Park, State Labor Commissioner, gave a short talk on the duties of his position. His remarks were well received by the membership.

The Business Agents gave their reports which were accepted as given. Report of the General Secretary-Treasurer was read by President Clancy. There being no further business to come before the meeting, it adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
C. F. MATHEWS
Recording Secretary

Gov. Knight Lauds Labor's Part

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nia in which the American Federation of Labor has not had an active part. Labor has won for our society, present and future, a free public school system, the homestead law, and the regulation of hours of labor, child labor legislation, and many other giant steps of American progress.

Governor Knight declared that California was the first state in the nation to pay hospital benefits under disability insurance, and was one of the first states to enact an eight-hour law for women.

SENIOR CITIZENS

He said that "no law discriminating against business, against labor, against agriculture, or any part of our population will ever meet with my approval."

"As long as I am your Governor," he said, "I shall never approve a law designed to punish labor or to discriminate against labor. . . . When I speak of laws that discriminate against labor, I mean, among others, such legislation as the so-called 'right to work' bill, and the so-called 'hot cargo' or 'secondary boycott' bill. I have said this before and I repeat here and now, I will oppose such legislation, and if either of them is approved by the Legislature, I will veto it."

Governor Knight said that a major task facing all of us is that of "providing sufficient income for our senior citizens to enable them to spend their remaining years in security and dignity."

"We must do this on a sound and enduring basis so that their modest incomes will not be jeopardized by demagogues who would ruin a safe-and-sane system with will-o'-the-wisp programs possessing temporary allure but long range pitfalls," he continued.

"NOT A DEBT"

The Governor said that California has more elderly people on its rolls than in all of Minnesota, Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico combined.

"Those states," the Governor declared, "have a total of 251,000, all together, whereas California alone has 291,000 senior citizens for whom it is providing old age assistance."

Referring to the recent adjustment in unemployment insurance benefits whereby a jobless person now receives up to \$30 weekly, Governor Knight said:

"It was my privilege to include this increase in the agenda for the last session of the Legislature. . . . The payment is not a debt; it is the right of the worker who qualifies for it under the law. For that reason I have insisted and shall insist that unemployed workers must not be penalized nor badgered nor harassed. For that reason I insist on humane and just interpretation of the unemployment insurance law. The integrity and honesty of the unemployed worker must be respected."

Summer lunch: Make cheese sandwiches and then grill them in butter in a skillet until golden-brown; serve them with sliced tomatoes that have been marinated in a mixture of brown sugar, cider vinegar, salt and pepper.

Be sure to give consideration to garment design when you select a high-polish cotton for wear these hot days, because they can be very, very warm.

Attend Union Meetings!

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RENO ROUND-UP—

Anaconda Pact Is Completed

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

The Labor Agreement with the Anaconda Copper Mining Company operations at Yerington, Nevada, between the Nevada Industrial Council, A. F. of L., with the following A. F. of L. Unions participating, Teamsters Local Union No. 533, Reno, Nevada, of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America, Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 of the International Union

of Operating Engineers, Hodcarriers, Construction and General Laborers Local Union 169, Reno, Nevada, of the International Hodcarriers, Building and Construction Laborers of America and the Electrical Workers Local Union 401, Reno, Nevada, of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, has been signed with lowest classifications receiving four and one-half cents (\$.04½) raise and on up to the highest classifications receiving five and one-half cents (\$.05½) raise. An increase from four cents (\$.04) to five cents (\$.05) differential on the P.M. shift was received and from eight cents (\$.08) to ten cents (\$.10) differential was received on the Graveyard Shift. There were some new classifications added to the new Agreement which included the Mill Operation.

The Membership of the Nevada Industrial Council, AFL voted by a secret ballot to accept the changes and the wage increase by a vote of four to one. I want to thank the Brothers for their cooperation, especially the Local Negotiating Committee who came in off their jobs and spent some long weary hours in the Negotiation Meetings and at the special called meetings to help get the Agreement agreed to with the Anaconda Copper Mining Company officials and their Attorney along with the Officers of the Nevada Industrial Council, AFL. I think the Local Committee did a fine job for the Brothers getting the Agreement signed without any work stoppage, just a few HOT arguments. I hope that the Members will get in and pitch and get the Anaconda Copper Mining Company at Yerington, 100% Union. I will say that Mr. A. E. Millar, who signed the Agreement for Anaconda Copper, expects the Union and everyone else to live up to the Agreement, so Fellows, let's get going and go Union at Anaconda Copper Mining Company.

The Brothers in the Great Silver State of Nevada, busy on Highway and Construction work, have received a well deserved raise. The Agreement between the Nevada Chapter of the Associated General Contractors and the Operating Engineers Local Union 3, has been agreed to. A seven and one-half (\$.07½) cents raise was received on all classifications and the following is now in effect as of August 9, 1954, in the Local 3 jurisdiction:

"A" Frame Boom Truck Operator	2.725
Air Compressor Operator	2.425
Apprentice Engineer — including Fireman, Oiler Equipment, Watchman, Greaser	2.305
Asphalt or Crushing Plant Engineer	2.725
Asphalt or Concrete Screenshot Operator	2.425
Asphalt Plant Fireman	2.545
Asphalt Road Mixing Machine or Pug Mill Operator	2.775
Boring Machine Operator—excluding pneumatic or equipment of similar capacity	2.805
Box Man or Mixer Box Operator, Concrete or Asphalt Plant	2.545
Concrete Mixer Operator—Skip Type	2.575
Concrete Mixer Operator—Paving Type and Mobile Mixer	2.825
Concrete Pump or Pumpcrete Gun Operator	2.575
Dinky Operator	2.575
Drilling Machinery Operator, including Water Wells	2.865
Elevating Grader Operator	2.865

Generating Plant Engineer	2.525
Heavy Duty Repairman	2.725
Heavy Duty Repairman	2.725
Heavy Duty Repairman Helper	2.305
Highline Cableway Operator	2.865
Highline Cableway Signaller	2.865
Locomotive Engineer	2.865
Material Hoist Operator	2.645
Material Hoist — Double Drum	2.795
Material Loader or Conveyor Operator	2.425
Mechanical Tamper & Finisher Operator, Concrete or Asphalt	2.725
Motor Patrol Operator	2.865
Motorman, Haulage Motor	2.645
Oskosh or DW 10 Operator	2.865
Pavement Breaker, Emsco Type	2.645
Pile Driver Operator	2.955
LeTourneau Pulls, Terra Cobras, LaPlant Choate and Similar types of equipment	2.865
Pump Operators	2.425
Road Oil Mixing Machine Operator	2.775
Roller Operator	2.645
Ross Carrier Driver	2.575
Skip Loader Operator — Wheel Type	2.575
Stationary Pipe Wrapping & Cleaning Machine Operator	2.725
Surface Heater & Planer Operator	2.775
Tow Blade or Grader Operator	2.575
Tractor Hi-Lift Shovel Operator to 1½ cu. yd.	2.725
Tractor Hi-Lift Shovel Operator over 1½ cu. yd.	2.955
Tractor Operator — Bulldozer, Tamper, Scraper or Drag Type Shovel or Boom Attachments	2.725
Tractor Operator—Scraper or Drag Type Shovel Tandem	3.135
Train Handlers — other than Engine Crew	2.305
Traveling Pipe Wrapping & Cleaning Machine Operator	2.955
Trenching Machine Operator — all sizes	2.805
Universal Equipment Operators—Shovels, Dragline Derrick, Derrick Barge, Clamshell, Crane or Mucking Machine	2.955

As of August 9, 1954, Foremen shall be paid not less than \$1.75 per hour more than the hourly rate of the highest classification over which he has supervision.

Isbell Construction Company's job at the Reno Airport is going along in flying shape. Raymond Concrete and Pile drove all the Piles and moved back to California. However, the gravel plant is really crushing rock for the runways. Brother Clarence "Bill" Boegle sure is flying around that gravel plant. Parish Brothers from Benecia in sunny California have subbed the concrete runways from Isbell Construction Company. Bro. Mike Saporetti is the Super on the job, and I am sure it will be a good Union job. They should be moving in any day now. Dinwiddie Construction Company is still busy on the buildings at the airport. All in all, this job seems to be running along in fine shape and on time. The Biggest Little City in the World, Reno, Nevada, is really going to have an airport to be proud of.

Around about Reno we find some familiar faces: P. W. Burge, the Grading Contractor, seems to be keeping his equipment busy. We can find Brother V. McCoid just any old time out running the equipment. Think that lad has

really found a home. And we sure miss Bro. Victor "the Groaner" Lambert. He has Burge's Blade over in Elko, Nev., but seems so happy in his work, that he won't even come in the office. Hey Vic, you don't have to have a "beef," you could just come in to visit.

Brother Howard Johnston is still keeping the Geo. E. Miller outfit running in Reno. That's a mighty fine Superintendent, and the Brothers sure like to work for HIM when they go out for Miller, Bro. Frank "Jack" Jakowatz can still be found on the Miller payroll. He's on the 22B Bucyrus Backhoe digging footings at the Reno Airport, and has that talented able oiler, Brother Harry Hayes right alongside him.

Brother Al Mabrier is still the man around Martin Iron Works. Whenever you see the Big, Blue Linkbelt Truck Crane start down the street with its sixty (60) foot boom waving in the breeze and the little twenty (20) foot jib tagging along behind, it's a safe bet you'll find Brother Al at the controls and Brother Henry "Hank" Schultz, his Oiler, herding the little deal through traffic. Saw them the other day pouring concrete on a new building beside the new Granada Theater on First Street in Reno. Al was working and Hank was holding up some barriers around the building. This is one crew that our friend Herman of Martin Iron Works doesn't have to worry about. They get the jobs done.

Brother Reggie Field is still taking care of things at the Lagrange Construction Company. Brother John Lagrange thinks he is OK, and so do we. Brother Lagrange is keeping his rigs busy around town.

Also, while breezing around our fair City, you can find the two busiest Engineers in town. They have what one might call a position. I went by the Riverside and there was Bro. Owen Goodwin contributing his bit to the extension that Bishop, Younger and Bradley are building on the Riverside Hotel. Bro. Goodwin was dozing in the sun, one of the best Hoist Men in town, and right up the street, at Harolds Club, we can find the other Brother with a, did we say job????? Bro. Roy Tucker busy running the Hoist on that extension work. Seems to me that our town is growing, and two fine Brothers helping.

George E. Miller Construction is moving right along on his street job in the Capital of Nevada, Carson City, with Robert Forrester moving dirt for him with his two Electric Pulls. The Hot Plant should be pouring out material soon and I expect to see some of the boys from the Gibbons and Reed Plant out there. Time is getting short but I think that they will get the oil down before bad weather sets in. Miller should have no worries now because Brother Lou Gates and Brother "Delicate" Bud Jacobsen are working for him, and with these two on the job, it can't go wrong.

Wells Cargo's job at Lake Tahoe is going full steam, with Gene Smalling, busy as the Boss Man. Brother Ray Walmsley is definitely the "wheel." He's the Compressor Man and that's the job. Oh well, Brother Ray was the first one up there and you know the old saying about the early bird and the worm. Brother O. J. Tolliday is on the Dozer and there is a fine Skinner. Brother Pat McCormick is on one of the Northwest 25 Shovels with Bro. Tom Giomi hopping at the oiling whenever the man says Frog. Bro. Don Gowins left the Wells job at Peterson Station near Austin and ended right back with Wells as the Head Greaser. This is a fine job, up in the vacationland of the High Sierras, the Bathing Beauties, the tall snow-capped mountains, the Bathing Beauties, the blue, blue lake (temperature, ice but still liquid). It's tough to be working but the Brothers are managing to get the job of widening and resurfacing Highway 28 from the Junction of Highway 50 to the State line, right around the edge of the lake, finished up in fine style.

Clement Construction have opened up on their job at Truckee, California, after having some difficulty with the Hot Plant, and are keeping a number of the Brothers on the payroll. Brother Virgil Williams is the Fireman up there and Donald Frazier, the Foreman, says

STOCKTON BUSY ON NEW GLASS PLANT

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

We are happy to report that our out-of-work list here in Stockton is at an all time low, with just a few men at this time unemployed. From all the indications it should remain this way until the rains come.

The little town of Ione in Amador County is coming into the spotlight with the Gladding-McBean and Owens-Illinois

Glass Co., spending in the neighborhood of two million dollars to process silica sand which is used to make glass. This expenditure includes railroad spurs, stripping and settling basins which are completed, and two buildings which are under construction at this time.

Also in Ione at the Preston School is Rothchild, Raffin & Wierick making good progress on their building contracts and a new dormitory contract was just let on this same job with Geo. W. Reed of Sacramento being the successful bidder at \$328,913. Two more contractors that have jobs near Ione are Nomellini Const. with a county

that he is just the man he needs for the job. Brother James Kennedy, that "Cowboy Jimmy," has gone on the job to roll out the wrinkles for Clement, Brother Don Eckert is on the Woods Mixer, Otis Williams on the Blade, Frank Evans is on the laydown machine with Brother Jake Johnson, his Screed Man, Melvin F. Sears, Wilner L. Blair, Leo Bachman, Fred Hughes, Edgar W. Schultdt, Ralph Garcia are the crew at the plant. This is a good crew, and they all pitch in and work in harmony. Everybody gets along and the job will be done in good time.

The Utah Construction tunnel job at Chilcoot, Calif., is going along on good footing again, and the brothers are hard at it. We have a new face on the job, belonging to Brother Tommy, the Eck, the concrete mixer operator. I don't know if Brother Eck can keep up with the concrete and his foreign correspondence from the Russian Zone of Germany. I wonder how SHE got his address. P. S.: How about Portland? TEE HEE!!!

Mineral Materials, at Lovelock, Nev., seem to be showing a little life. Their super, Brother Joe Better, is busy getting a few things ironed out and he has able assistance, with Bro. Leo Sebbas as HDRM getting the Northwest in shape. Let's hope they get started again—we can use a few more mine jobs. They always look good when the snow begins to fly.

Bro. Carson Frazzini and the Pyramid Construction Co. from Reno have started work down in Local 12's area near Bridgeport, Calif., at Sonora Junction and Highway 395, and are keeping some of their regular Local 3 men busy. Bro. George "Whitey" Cate has condescended to go down and run the blade. So, Brother Carson, "just have no fear, Whitey's here." Seriously though, you have the best. Bros. Menseñ Henry and Fred Martin are busy on the Cats. And, lo and behold, Bro. Jack "the Breakfast Food Kid" Kellogg has shown up again, busy on a dozer—and with a brand new wife. Congratulations, Jack, and to you too, Mrs. Kellogg. It took a long time for someone finally to catch up with that "Gentleman Jack," the bachelor. And by the way, just a tip: he can cook. Bro. Ed Gnadig is busy keeping all the rigs running. Scott, Stecker and Croft have the gravel work down in this area with Brother Fazzini and have rented Sauer & Margrave's crusher, with Bro. Bob Wigle busy keeping the crusher going and Bro. George Weigel right beside him. Wigle and Weigel—that's a crew. Bro. Don Peterson is doing the electric welding. Best of luck to you fellows, and hurry back to Local 3's area.

It is with a feeling of great loss that I must report that Bro. Lloyd A. Price has passed away. Brother Price was a member of Engineers 3 for some time. He has been a fine member and a master of his trade as heavy duty repairman. We have all lost a brother and a friend.

road job and Clarence Baker who will be working at the glass plant.

Clyde Wood & Sons should have their Jackson job completed by the time this is published.

The Guy F. Atkinson Co. job on Cherry Valley dam is progressing at the rate of a foot and a half lift a day. The DW 20's are hauling approximately fifteen thousand yards a day. The first D 9 Cat in the area arrived on the job on Sept. 10th with all the skimmers wanting to have a crack at it.

Slough Const. Co. on the cleaning out of Little John Creek and making good progress with eleven draglines on the job and two TD 24's with logging winches.

George France Co. are crushing out a three-month order of limestone in their Columbia quarry—Bro. Victor Stubbs is keeping the job in order.

The Ball & Simpson job on Highway 108 (Sonora Pass), is progressing nicely but the brothers are keeping a nervous eye on the weather. It can start raining any time now at 7000 feet elevation.

Beerman & Jones are managing to keep a few of the brothers busy with a few small jobs in the Sonora district.

M. J. Ruddy have their grade finished through San Andreas and should be placing rock by the time this goes to press.

Peninsula Pipe Lines will finish with the water lines in San Andreas by the 18th and will be moving to San Jose.

Valley Engineering are installing sanitary sewer lines in San Andreas; they have two Cleveland ditchers and a ripper on this job.

Al Downer is on the Oakdale sewer job with his Parsons, has about another month to go.

We had a nice turnout at our Sept. 2nd meeting with the Calaveras Cement Co. employees. Thanks, brothers, I hope there will be a lot more of you show up at our next regular meeting Oct. 7th, 7:30 p.m.

Construction Awards

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Hart & Hynding, Inc., 389 Clementina St., S.F., \$15,715 for const. of std. gauge railroad track from exist. Port Dist. Belt Railroad approx. 1390 ft. running along line of Farmers' River Growers Cooperative, West Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Herman Lawson Co., 465 Tehama St., S.F., \$11,493 for const. S.E. sewage plant additions and betterments and install two new boilers.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Carl N. Swenson, P.O. Box 558, San Jose, \$353,477 for 0.3 mi. RC box girder brdge. and box culv. and detour brdg. and approaches, const. at Main St., town of Los Gatos, SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Bickmore-Harper, Inc. and Contractors' Equip. Rental, P.O. Box 463, Santa Maria, \$88,844 for 67.2 mi. seal coat app. to existing surf. at various locations, SANTA BARBARA, SOLANO, and MONTEREY COUNTIES.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Paul E. Woolf, 2203 No. Fruit Ave., Fresno, \$14,495 for abt. 2.7 mi. rdwy. tr. with bit. surf. tr. and seal coat app., betw. Pan Toll Jct. and West Peak, Mt. Tamalpais State Park, MARIN COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$48,717 for 26.1 mi. seal coat app. to exist. surf. at var. loc. in SANTA CLARA, SANTA CRUZ, and SAN MATEO COUNTIES.

Housing, Pipelines Keep San Jose Busy

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

We have no big projects to mention, Brothers, but we can say at this writing that we have nearly everybody off the out-of-work list and we do hope that this situation will continue. We have about thirty Subdivisions going in the county and naturally this entails much street work, such as paving, excavating, underground work and sewers. Some of our

local contractors on ditch work have informed us that they have enough work at this time to keep them going for a year without acquiring another job, so that sounds good but let us not forget that winter is not too far away.

We have no word yet as to when the Los Gatos Freeway will come up for bid, however we expect it to arrive any time now, since Carl Swenson has started operations on their big bridge job, which is the first unit to be let on this job. Operations have started on the extension of the spillway on Lexington Dam, which is necessary for the safety of the highway. Dan Caputo is the general contractor on this job and has moved in two or three pieces of equipment for excavating, etc.

Marvin & Roberts are still making good progress on their stripping job at Permanente, but the going is starting to get pretty rough; some of the brothers say that it is too rough now.

Elmer Freethy is making good progress on the main trunk line on El Camino Real between Mt. View and Sunnyvale and is in hopes of completing same in the next two months.

Sanitary District Nos. 2, 3 and 5 are coming along nicely with their improvement program and Kevry Construction Company, who is the prime contractor, are doing

their utmost to complete the projects before the winter rains set in.

A. J. Peters are still carrying about 25 Engineers on their payroll for their several jobs in and around this area. This firm, as we mentioned in our last issue of the Engineers News, recently acquired a nice job near San Luis Obispo and have moved many of their men south with them, plus much of their equipment. They expect to be fully occupied for the next six or seven months in that area.

Raymond Concrete Pile are just about complete with their pile job on Rosa and Hedding Streets and expect to move to Los Gatos very shortly.

J. McFadden & Sons of Palo Alto were the low bidders in several jobs under \$40,000 in and around this locality and it appears that they too will keep about 15 or 20 of the brothers busy until the rains put a period to their plans.

P & E Construction were the low bidders on a nice trunk line sewer for District 3, from Tully Road to Center on Monterey Road, for the sum of approximately \$70,000 and expect to start work on this project very shortly. This firm has about seven jobs in operation at this time.

The City of Sunnyvale just recently let a nice underground job to Vince Rodrigues of Hayward

to the tune of approximately \$60,000 and expect completion some time about November the 15th, unless they run into too much difficulty.

J. C. Bateman has several jobs in and around this locale plus his two pits in full operation and carrying about 25 Engineers on his payroll; same applies to A. J. Raisch, who has about 14 jobs or contracts underway, most of them are on subdivisions or street work.

Piazza Paving, O. V. Freeman, Sondgroth Bros., Bahr & Ledoyen, Coast Grading, Santa Clara Paving, George Renz and many smaller contractors all have from three to ten jobs in operation and things look pretty good for the next few weeks, so guess that this sums it up quite well for the present.

SOUTHERN TERRITORY

Work in the Southern Territory has remained about the same for the past two months; many of the jobs have been completed but several new contracts have been let and work has already begun on these. Granite Construction were the low bidders on a \$526,041 sewer contract for the city of Watsonville; they have completed their subdivision in Santa Cruz but have about four months left to complete their stripping job here. Roberson Brothers were awarded a small street work and paving contract for the City of Santa Cruz. Healy-Tibbets have about three weeks left to complete their sewer job for this city.

Work around Watsonville and Monterey has been very quiet except for the sand plants and a little activity at Fort Ord. Work has been more plentiful around Salinas, where several fair-sized projects are in operation. E. J. Donahue were the lucky bidders on a \$33,674 paving contract for the City of Salinas. Granite Construction have three subdivisions in this area and are doing the paving work on two more, which will be complete in about three weeks. John Delphia's project on the freeway is rapidly coming to a close and they are now moving some of their equipment to Paso Robles, where they have another job. Gordon Ball is still busy pouring the concrete on the overpasses on this freeway. Brothers Butler & Fox, well-known contractors in this area, have been awarded two smaller contracts, one for the prison at Soledad and the other for the City of Hollister. Bickmore-Harper, Inc., of Santa Maria, were the lucky bidders on 67 miles of seal coat in Monterey County for approximately \$88,844.

Engineers Limited have completed their 27 miles of 34-inch pipeline and are repairing their equipment at the Hollister Airport. They have sent five cats and a digger to Rio Vista and six side-booms to Morro Bay. Buzz Hart, another of our well-known brothers and contractors, is still fully occupied on his subdivision in this vicinity. Radtke is still busy building and paying in the Forest Service Yard, and Willard's is furnishing the concrete for these two jobs.

The Chesbro Dam at Morgan Hill at this time has not seen fit to put on the second shift. They are having difficulty obtaining a solid formation but have started grouting. They hope to put on the second shift in the very near future.

PERSONALS

We are happy to learn that Jerry Bolden, who was very severely injured in an accident while riding his motorcycle, is recovering rapidly but it will be some time before he will be able to go back to work. We enjoyed hearing from Brother "Shorty" Kashka, who is still working in Pennsylvania. He says that they are working seven days a week, 12 hours a day at the present time. He wishes to be remembered to his many friends in this locality.

BROTHERS, PLEASE WEAR YOUR UNION BUTTONS IN PLAIN SIGHT.

ing and installing a sprinkler irrigation system at Imola State Hospital. We have one engineer on the job digging trenches for the irrigation system.

Gordon Chase has taken over the Barboni job at the end of Irwin Street—too much rock. Grading and paving Cedar Street, in San Anselmo. Has subdivision in Vallejo, keeping busy. Looking Barstow way for probable winter employment for the boys.

Brother Fred "Calamity Boy" Jensen has now taken on new CAD, also still supporting the Regal Pale. Don't know how he does it.

Congratulations to Brother Bob Theron on his recent marriage. Bob is oiling on the Gradall on Atkinson's spread.

Brother Johnnie Meloni, super at Basalt-McNeers, and his wife returned recently from a flying trip to Canada. Says he left little U.S. \$ behind.

Young & Engelke had 30,000 yards to move on their Linwood subdivision, Novato way. Young & Engelke have office in Healdsburg. Roddy Zanolini, jeep; Ernest Valdez on cat, Lloyd Newgen running one of the first 15s in this area, Albie Briant on cat, Rolla Patrick on cat. Future plan for 3,000 homes in this tract. Lang Realty is the developer.

Pacific Bridge starting their job on the Richardson Bay bridge. This should be a long job.

Brother Jim Daley, super for Atkinson's Waldo job, in back shop for a few days. We hear rag stuck or somethin'. Should be back on the job as this goes to press, riding on a DW-21 inner tube for comfort. Hope it's a smooth go. This job on Waldo is nearing its end. They're a happy bunch; it's been a good job. Like to see same management in this district any time.

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SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to M. W. Brown, P.O. Box 827, Redding, \$67,371, for 1.9 mi. grade & drain facis, installed betw. Costa Ranch & 1.9 mi. E., about 8 mi. N.E. of Weaverville, TRINITY COUNTY.

North Bay Area Is Still Busy

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

Stevens, Stolte Inc., and Burke & Gallagher got rollin' on their job at Monticello Dam. \$1,663,846 . . . lots of rock. . . This road to tie into the Parish job and extend fourteen miles west. Bob Kenning, super., Forest Thorpe, assistant, and Bill Diehl, office manager. There are about twenty engineers on the job at present.

Peter Kiewit & Son and Parish Brothers' joint venture at the dam is at a standstill right now pending new specks for the keyway. Prospects aren't very promising at present for Kiewit to do very much this year.

Parish Brothers are putting the finishing touches on their road job above the dam and are ready to sell the project to the Government.

Gates & Fox holed through on Sept. 3 . . . doing the diversion tunnel for the dam.

A. B. Siri have started their job 2.1 miles east of the Sonoma line, cost \$378,742. All the clearing and excavation for the bridge structures has been completed. As this goes to press most of the equipment will be on the job. Brother Tom Rich is the ramrod. Rains will catch 'em sure.

Geo. Slinsen moved in on the Leslie Salt job at Dutton's Landing. To move 100,000 cubic yards for the new salt beds.

Brother Jim Briggs, super for Delphia, found long lost pocket book. Some people could fall in and come out with a new Tux. Brother H. Rosse, pusher, has been sent to job south. San Quentin job should be done as this comes off the press. Good outfit, hope they get more work in the area.

Marin Gravel, believe it or not, started on rock production the first of the month. Promises hot stuff October 10. Brother Louis Paysee, master; Bros. Reilla and Milton Gamboni on spread; Brother H. C. Phillips is foreman.

Campbell Const. with Archibald spread selling out to Uncle and are headed for Angel Island. Brother Bill Ballani herding a lot of old-timers.

Brother Bob Libchitz, senior operator for Gordon Chase, passing out cigars. It's a girl. As the old moulder said, "Easy when the pattern is before you."

Novak . . . Novato way opens more subdivisions than we can keep track of. Several members employed. Brother Clementine is foreman on the job.

Watkins & Sibbald of San Anselmo received a \$24,789 contract for soil preparation, planting, seed-

MARYSVILLE WORK HOLDS UP WELL

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

The work load around Marysville is still pretty good with highways and levee work being in the majority; as it most usually is. H. Earl Parker Co. are nearly through on the Feather River levee above Gridley. Bros. Ernie Mayfield and Sid Murray are the two shifters there with pulls and cats in their spreads. This same company has cats scattered up and down the Sacramento River from above Knights Landing to

Meridian on both sides of the river. Herman Kiel, Curt Dedmon, Earl Forderhase and Geo. Williams are in charge. The cats are quite a bit out front of the draglines and Mr. Parker informed me that it would take some juggling to keep them going until the rains.

The Baldwin Contracting Co. hit three jobs in one day, two in this district. One of them is near Richvale, Calif.—2.7 miles resurfacing for \$83,195.70, and the other near Oroville for \$53,000. This company is just getting started on the 40-mile road to Sacramento and Bro. Walt Boatwright is in charge there. They are also completing the road job near Robinson Corners. Bro. Bert Bengston is foreman there. With several small paving jobs on the various schools in the area and their gravel plant going full blast, they keep a good crew busy. They also bought Bro. Bill Talley a new AC-21, and is he happy about it!

Hallwood Sand & Gravel keep their crusher going full time also, and we have a few members out there on a steady job. Ditto with Yuba River Sand Co. Brown-Ely and W. H. Darrough & Sons are doing very well on their road job at Oswald, re-locating Highway 24 through some nice peach orchards. Richter Bros. of Oroville have every piece of equipment busy on the Oroville Wye job and have been putting in some long hours trying to get the grade ready so U.P.K. Co. can start their paving.

Baun Const. Co. of Fresno are doing O.K. on both their jobs; one is on Highway 20 between Colusa and Williams, the other from Maxwell to Willows on 99W. A. A. Edmondson of Butte City is subbing the concrete bridges from Baun and just started as of this writing. Butte Creek Rock Co. have a good crew working and they are doing the paving and street work on the Berressa Housing Project in Willows. The W. H. O'Hair Co. are about ready to put the gravel on their road job at Stanfield Hill. Carl M. Halvorson Co. of Portland, Oregon, are just getting moved in on the Spring Garden job above Quincy, which was for \$633,000. We have had a meeting with this company and they have joined the A.G.C. and will go along on our agreement. They have called us for a few men already. The P.G.&E. Co. have not announced the successful bidder on the access road job at Jarboe Gap as yet, but we expect to get this information any day.

NEW WORK

Bids were rejected by Yuba College district for paving. Baldwin Contr. Co. were low at \$9,217.

Baldwin Contr. Co. was low bidder on a small sewer job in Chico for \$5549.80.

Baldwin Contr. Co. was low bidder on seal coating 3.6 miles near Oregon Hill for Yuba County for \$4,209.00.

Baldwin Contr. Co. was low bid-

der on repairs to the 5th Street bridge in Marysville for \$25,396.

James B. Allen of San Carlos, Calif., was low bidder on a bridge just east of Lake Almanor in Plumas County for \$47,000.

M. K. Corp. of San Francisco are starting the Armory at East Quincy for \$107,700. The Oaks Gravel Co. of Redding will pour the concrete and Lasswell Sand & Gravel will furnish the aggregate.

Lord & Bishop are driving piling on Mawson Bridge in Sutter Co.

G. S. Herrington of Auburn was low and successful bidder on Daguerre Point Dam—now working.

L. F. D'Artenay Co. of San Rafael was low bidder on Harry L. Englebright Dam near Smartville in Yuba County.

Word has been received that bids will be submitted on the freeway job of Marysville to Olivehurst, on September 25th.

PERSONAL NOTES

During the past month, Bro. Orville Wilson of the Baldwin Contr. Co., an operator, was called by death from our midst. We of Local 3 extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

—LES COLLETT.

INDUSTRIAL REPORT

NATOMAS COMPANY

Announcement of the next meeting schedule: The next meeting of your unit will be held as follows: Monday, October 4, 1954, in the Veterans Hall, Folsom, at the following times:

10:00 a.m. for the members working nights.

7:30 p.m. for the other members.

During the past year considerable dissension was caused by the Company abolishing the use of Shoremen Helpers on part of the dredges, claiming there was no work for them. Your representative protested this, on the grounds that the work was too dangerous for one man to be doing alone and that the company had agreed, verbally, to make no such changes without first consulting the Union, which we claimed had not been done.

This question took up a lot of time during the past year and during the negotiations and the result was a compromise, which while probably not entirely satisfactory to either, at least met the main objections of both parties. This compromise was the adoption of Rule 3, of "Appendix A", Classifications and Wage Rates.

It is admitted that this rule is somewhat vague and for that reason it was felt necessary to interpret this rule to cover specific cases. We have been in the process of working out such an interpretation since before the agreement was approved by the membership in a special called meeting and it was a tentative draft of this interpretation.

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Warning to Unemployed Members

Members becoming unemployed are advised to:

1. Immediately register unemployed at your Union office.
2. Immediately register unemployed at the nearest Employment Office, and inform them that you are a member of Local 3.
3. Do not take a clerk's advice as to whether or not you are eligible for unemployment insurance. The Department will send you a determination.
4. If you are ruled ineligible, immediately within a 10-day period, file an appeal. If you need help contact your representative and he will help you, but don't wait longer than the 10-day period or you may lose your appeal, no matter how legitimate, because it is not timely.
5. Always consult your Union when in doubt how to proceed because we can save you, in many cases, unnecessary delay or from being wrongly penalized.
6. Remember unemployment insurance is not charity, it is yours as a right, provided you left your last employment under proper and legal circumstances and are able, available, and legitimately seeking work.

What's Doing in the Oakland Area

By AL CLEM, L. SOLARI, L. L. LAUX, J. RILEY and B. BARR, Business Representatives

We would like to take this opportunity, in behalf of the Officers and Business Representatives in this area, to thank each and everyone of the more than 500 members, both individually and collectively, for the fine co-operation and attentiveness exemplified by your attendance at the special meeting on August 31st at the Labor Temple, Oakland, held to act upon the recommendations of your Executive Board to amend the present By-Laws. We feel that the fact that the recommendation was carried by such an overwhelming majority is an indication of the membership's confidence in its Executive Board, and it goes without saying that this is very gratifying to all the members of the board.

While Pacific States Steel Mill at Niles is still shut down, we are doing our best to get the men affected by the shutdown out on various jobs, and it is our hope that in the not-too distant future the mill will be re-opened.

Work has held up very well during the month just past, with the greatest number of calls continuing to be for blade men and catskinners.

Malfitano & Sons, and R. I. Blackmore and Homer Flint, sub-contractors, have moved their equipment off the levees at Seven Mile Slough and Emmation Landing until such time as the tests have been completed by the U. S. Army Engineers, which are being made to determine the cause of the sinking and cracking of the levees. This trouble with the levees has resulted in the loss of some valuable agricultural property and also has damaged gas wells and some gas lines which cross Sherman and Twitchell Islands. Engineers Limited Pipeline Co. has moved several pieces of equipment into the area, are laying an emergency gas line consisting of 16,000 feet of 12 and 16-inch line across the islands to Rio Vista.

Lane and Pittard were awarded a sub-contract by the Herbert Ellis Co., the general contractor, to move 42,000 cubic yards of dirt for a "Nike" base in the Contra Costa hills. This base will be used to launch guided missiles. Bob Lane and Ed Pittard, who are both members of Local 3, are employing Bros. Jim Zumwalt, Judd Harrison, Jerry Cook and Ed Ellis on their terra-cobras and cats, with Bro. Melvin James doing the lube work on the equipment. In seven working days the two terra-cobras in use on the project have moved approximately 18,000 cubic yards of muck, with the dirt moving phase of the project to be completed in another three weeks. On this site three guided missile pits will be built, the pits to be approximately 20 feet deep. Also involved in this project is construction of seven barracks and a number of utility buildings. There will be about 90 service personnel stationed at this site when the project is completed.

Orinda Excavating Co. is doing the grading and filling on another section of the Holbrook Heights housing project in Concord. At the present time they have four jeeps and scrapers, two push cats, a ripper cat, two rollers and two blades in operation at this job site.

Williams & Burrows, who were the successful bidders for construction of the Administration Building and toll lanes for the new Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, have moved in a backhoe and a loader and are working on the excavating and grading work.

A contract for all the off-plot piping and for erection of a cooling tower was awarded to the H. K. Ferguson Co., the work being in conjunction with the high octane plant which Bechtel Corp. is to build for the Standard Oil Co. in Richmond. About 10 members of Local 3 will be kept busy on this project during the coming year. At present the following brothers are on Ferguson's payroll: Clarence "Heavy Duty" Hazelwood, master mechanic; Luther Gray, crane operator; Ed Wright, Pete Lambert, P. D. Kavanagh, Les Stoll, H. L. Klausman and O. B. Laws operating boom-cats, and J. T. Rice, operating compressors.

A sub-contractor who is current-

ly working on one phase of the additions to the facilities at the Union Oil Co. plant at Oleum, a project first mentioned in our May report, is the C. F. Braun Co. who have a contract for the engineering and for erection of the Uni-finer and platform unit. At the present time the foundations and piping are being completed, with plans calling for work to begin on erection of the main plant as soon as this first phase of the work is finished. C. F. Braun's contract is to be completed by the early part of February 1955. Of more than 260 employees in the various crafts on the project, 20 are Engineers. On Braun's payroll are Bros. Art Troutman, master mechanic; Ray Butterfield, utility operator; Jim Mars, mechanic; Ernest O'Banion, on a backhoe; E. E. Hutchison, on a skip-loader; Grover Warren and Cal Relyea, operating truck cranes; Glen Descans, operating a 50-ton Manitowoc; Bill Barrett running a handi-crane; Ken Person operating compressors; Charles Crabtree, J. H. Kelly, Lawrence Cooper and Hugh Rogan working as oilers, and Frank Relyea handling the grease truck. Five of our Technical Engineers also are being kept busy on the surveying phase, the men being Bros. Eugene Blome, Ronald Wyatt, Thomas Leimbach, Kenneth Eldridge and Clyde O. Douglas. Braun is transferring another 50-ton Manitowoc in on this job from the Associated Oil Co. job at Avon, this additional crane to be operated by Leonard Beck, whose oiler will be Ray Davies, Jr.

Work at Union Oil Co., Oleum, for Fluor Maintenance Corp. is returning to normal after a very busy summer during which a number of large units were repaired. The repair of each unit necessitated a shutdown for a period of two weeks. At the peak of the work season we had 44 members of Local 3 working on these shutdowns. This number has now decreased to 24, which is approximately the size of their year-round crew. Supervising these men are Bros. "Red" Ivey, general foreman, and Vern Hansen and Gale Lott, foremen. Several of the brothers took advantage of the slowing down of work to take short vacations for themselves. Bros. Elmer Powell, John Mayernick, James Huddleston and Vern Hansen spent their vacations at that good old sport—trout fishing! Fishing, however, appeared to be too strenuous a life for Bro. Alvin Bonner, who spent his vacation at Yosemite National Park, just loafing and sight-seeing.

Turrin & Sons were awarded a \$34,000 project for excavating for the foundations and for the paving work at the new Glenbrook Elementary School at Glenbrook Heights, Concord. Involved is excavation of 19,000 yards, with more than half of this amount finished at the present time.

The Leland Reservoir, on which a considerable number of our men have worked during the past year, now is completely covered by a roof made of new light-weight concrete fitted section, which will provide a dustproof and practically watertight cover. Local 3 was represented by two crane crews and

one fork-lift operator who were on the Payne Construction Co. payroll on the placing of the roof on the water storage basin.

Another firm, with a contract at Camp Parks, is the Cleverdon Construction Co. of Lafayette, whose contract calls for the reconstruction of streets in the hospital area. Working for Cleverdon is Bro. Cecil Alexander, operating a dozer and a digger. The Oscar Holmes Construction Co., whose work at Camp Parks was first reported in our July issue, now is employing 15 engineers.

On August 19 the V. Maggiora Co., of Sausalito, began work on a sewage separation unit for the City of Berkeley. The laying of pipe was started on Gilman Street and San Pablo Ave., continuing to Bayshore. This company moved a backhoe and a loader in on the job, which will not reach completion until about four months from now.

Four members of Local 3 are now employed by Duncanson-Harrelson on work on the Fruitvale Bridge between Oakland and Alameda, which has resulted in the bridge being closed for a period of more than three months. The Duncanson-Harrelson contract is for complete reconstruction of the right-of-way on both the Oakland and Alameda sides of the bridge.

Fredrickson Bros. were awarded a \$114,491 contract for shoulder excavation, and for the widening and repaving of 1.8 miles of highway work located half a mile south of Pleasanton. Work got under way on this project on August 16 and 12 engineers will be kept busy for the coming two months. Bro. Bill Rowland is the general superintendent on this job, Bob Noble is the plant superintendent, Ray Willis is foreman, Tony Maniz and Cliff Sawyer are operating blades, Jack Bowman and Francis Katarzy are operating the DW 10s, Bob Crawford is on a shovel, Walt Clay is operating a crusher, J. P. Bunch is the heavy duty repairman, Robert Carter is operating the roller, Woody Johnson is checking grade, and G. Goldie is doing the oiling.

Gallagher & Burke have a crew widening the street, putting in sidewalks, storm drains, sewers, and the water service on Park Blvd. between El Centro and Estates Drive in Oakland. Involved in the project is 20,000 cubic yards of roadway excavation. Bros. Bill Campbell and Cy Sesker are operating DW 15s, Joe Silveira is operating a push-cat, Paul Jones is on a sheepsfoot, and Frank McCiebold is operating a cat 12 blade. This gang will be held up about a week until the utilities are put in. There are several thousand tons of base rock to place and then later the asphalt paving to lay. Bro. Doug Fenchel is doing the pushing on this job.

Gallagher-Burke and Stolte were awarded the contract for a "Nike" launching platform to be constructed near Danville and have purchased four new DW 15s for the project. Two D-8 dozers which were rented from R. I. Blackmore are also in use at this site.

Marchio-Baker-Trewhett, a Sacramento firm, has started their grading and surfacing job on Vasco Road, south of Brentwood. Bro. Earl Baker is in charge of the work, and Bro. Paul Burt is piloting a brand-new Cat 12 blade.

Lee Construction Co. has broken ground on their new road reconstruction project located on East Street in Livermore, with six engineers on their payroll at this job site. This firm is also getting under way on a street reconstruction job on First Avenue, San Leandro.

Dredging work, after a prolonged period of inactivity, is finally beginning to show signs of being on the up-swing! Olympian Dred-

ging Co. continues to keep a crew busy in their Rio Vista yard, doing repair work. Bro. Gene Kiefer and his boys have the "W. E. Palmer" repainted and cleaned up and have made a number of improvements in the engine and tool rooms which promise greater efficiency and greater safety—and a more pleasant place in which to work. The "Palmer" will be moving to Mills Field soon. The "Holland" will be moving to the site of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge job in the near future.

Olympian Dredging Co.'s clamshell dredge, "The Monarch," is on a levee job at Sherman Island. The outlook for the future is fair, with a few jobs in sight.

Members at Hydraulic Dredging Co.'s yard in Rio Vista are keeping busy on repair work on "The Papoose" and will have her ready for the toll plaza job on the S. F.-Oakland Bridge in the near future. "The Papoose" will be moved to this project in about three weeks. In the meantime a crew of levee-hands will be kept busy on setting the pipeline.

News About The Brothers

Bro. Ray "Lefty" Bowers has what we believe is quite an unusual hobby for an operating engineer. "Lefty" is the captain and caller of a horsemen's club known as the "Boots and Jeans," whose specialty is square dancing while on horseback. This group, which is the only one of its type in the Bay Area, has in the past six years won 72 different trophies, six cash awards, and numerous ribbons in the various horse shows and rodeos in which they have participated. The "Boots and Jeans" group does eight different authentic dances on horseback, proving the authenticity of the dances by repeating them also on foot, in the customary manner. It is a very colorful spectacle, as the girls wear sunbonnets and divided skirts which measure 10 yards around, the men dress in western garb, and the horses are elaborately decorated. The next time any of you see a parade in this area, you may be fortunate enough to see "Boots and Jeans" in action!

Bro. Fran Walker has again shaken the dust of the Bay Area from his heels, having boarded a Transocean Airlines flight for Guam on August 20. This time Fran is to be joined by his wife and children, who are looking forward to the coming year which they will spend on this island. Fran is to be employed by Brown-Pacific-Maxim as a heavy duty operator on construction projects which will include new docks, roads, and houses. Guam will be old stuff to Fran, whose first look at this island was while he was a serviceman, at the time the island was taken from the Japanese. His second trip was in 1945, during which time he was employed as a construction worker. Bro. Fayette Walker, who is also a well-known member of Local 3, and Fran's father, tells us that he has already received a letter from his son telling him he arrived safely.

On the first day of September, Bro. Irving Foster, who usually follows the dredging line, started out on what sounds like a very fine vacation trip. The Fosters' destination is Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they will get a look at their first grandson, born last month. On their way back they hope to visit both Glacier and Yellowstone national parks.

While picking up a clearance to his most recent job, Bro. Neil Taylor told us he was looking forward to two expeditions into the back country—the first to be a three-day jaunt into the Marble Mountains in Siskiyou County over the Labor Day holiday, and then a longer deer hunting expedition on which he will be joined by his

son, an old stake-puncher of Local 3, starting Sept. 25.

Bro. R. H. Price, who has been a member of Local 3 since 1941, has decided to take his first job on home shores since September 1942. His most recent foreign job was a year's contract with Morrison-Knudsen in Turkey, where he was assistant superintendent on an earth-fill dam this firm was constructing for the Turkish Government. Just previous to this job, Bro. Price spent a year for the same firm on a similar project in Ceylon, and has also worked on two different jobs in Africa, and in Okinawa and the Philippines. He feels that Morrison-Knudsen is a very fine company to work for, as excellent food and very fine camps were provided wherever he was sent.

In talking with Bro. Sam Scoville recently, we learned that operating hoisting equipment is only one of his talents, having discovered that Sam was formerly a champion bronco-buster. In fact, in 1910 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sam was adjudged the champion bronco-buster of the United States. Sam admits that operating a hoist is tame compared to riding the hurricane deck of a bucking horse!

Bros. Bill McCullough and Arch Allison have teamed up and are making a bid for a place in the construction field. The new combine, which can be reached in Antioch, has a Cat 12 blade, a D-7 dozer, a Lorain dragline, a HD-5 loader, and a three-legged roller, and are equipped to do all types of excavating and paving.

Another brother who is in business for himself is Bro. Vern E. Phelps, who has 200 amp. gas driven Lincoln Welders for rent by the week or month, and can be reached at 6505 Blake St., El Cerrito; phone BEacon 2-2917.

Congratulations are in order to Bro. Sam De Malt, who was married to Martha Castgen on August 28 in Reno.

Bro. Bob Woods stopped by the hall recently with his four-year-old twin sons, to tell us that they now have another boy at their house; born August 3 and named Clifford Eugene.

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Construction Awards

AUGUST 20, 1954

MARYSVILLE, contract awarded to Lester L. Rice & Sons, 135 Summer, Yuba City, \$8,280 for grade and pltx. surf. etc. on frontage road in vicinity Flood Rd., about 0.6 mi. N. of Auburn, PLACER COUNTY.

MARYSVILLE, contract awarded to John G. Mehren, 1810 Ladeno Rd., Sacramento, \$7,462 for place pltx. surf. on untr. rock base and apply penetr. treat. to shoulders at three intersec. in and near Nevada City, NEVADA COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to E. T. Haas Co., Box 95, Belmont, \$17,150 for inst. of water lines in Escobar St. betw. Pine and Lafayette Sts., Martinez.

SHARP PARK, contract awarded to Oscar C. Holmes, P.O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$124,532 for const. sewage disposal proj.

SANTA CRUZ, contract awarded to Roberson Bros., 3132 Glen Canyon Rd., Santa Cruz, \$9,589 for grade and surf. with pltx. surf. over untr. rock base, parking areas at Natural Bridges Beach State Park, Santa Cruz, SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

YOUNTVILLE, contract awarded to Watkin & Sibbald, 6 Bridge St., San Anselmo, \$30,000, ground improvements at N. end of quadrangle, Veterans Home, Yountville.

VACAVILLE, contract awarded to Alex Robertson Co., P.O. Box 786, Walnut Creek, \$21,100 for const. effluent outfall sewer, Cal. Medium Facilities, Vacaville, Calif.

Utah News Roundup

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

Well, the leaves in the canyons are again changing color and autumn is upon us. For many of the members this has been a very short season. Of course the working season isn't over yet, but unless we have a long Indian summer many of the good brothers are going to be back drawing that "old rocking chair" money before you know it.

At present the work picture is at the seasonal peak. A lot of good jobs are going, but some are starting to finish up and there are no prospects in the immediate future for new work to be let. We are hoping some of the bigger jobs now going will continue through most of the winter, or at least leave something to start on early in the spring.

Fluor Corp.'s job at Standard Oil is one of which we speak. Although somewhat smaller than the last job the company did here in Utah (Phillips Petroleum), it still will employ a number of Local 3 men through most of the winter. The company plans to be at full swing about December 1 and will continue until completion of the job about April 1, 1955, which is the most critical time of the year here in Utah as far as work on construction is concerned. Our only regret is that the company can't use more Local 3 members on the project.

Gibbons & Reed has a large crew working at Dugway. This is another job that should work through most of the winter. The job consists of 240 miles of roads and grids, so it should furnish a lot of work for operators for some time to come. Due to the flat terrain of the country and the light cuts and fills to be made, a big part of the grade will be done with patrols. They have a full crew of top blade operators on the job, such as Lee Steffens, Glen Fillmore, Denton Parker, Ross Bell and Clyde Deen. Also on the job the company has one 80-D Northwest, one 25 Northwest, and several cats; also a crew of top-notch operators to man them. We feel very fortunate to have a fair company like Gibbons & Reed on the Dugway job to deal with due to the difficulty of policing the work. Under the supervision of Lee Bryner we don't anticipate any serious trouble.

Most of the contractors on the Salt Lake suburban sewer plan to work right through the winter. These jobs will keep quite a few members busy for a year at least.

Work on the Wanship Dam is progressing very well. Work was started on the diversion tunnel last week. Running on a three-shift basis, they should complete the project in about 60 to 90 days. In addition to all the other dirt moving machines on the job at present, they are putting together a 151 Marion electric dragline to do the excavating for the core of the dam. It should be in operation by the time this issue reaches you.

Work elsewhere in this area is going good at present. Bechtel Corp. is still working at Gadsby steam plant and will probably continue right through the winter. Several good State Road jobs are still going, but will be shut down through the cold, wet part of the winter.

At this time, brothers, we would like to urge you to attend your union meetings and participate in working out the problems that arise. We have some very important issues to come before the membership this fall. Come on out on the second Thursday of each month and take part. It's YOUR organization, too.

NORTHERN AREA

Several additional jobs have been bid this past month in Ogden and the surrounding area. The combined total is in excess of six million dollars.

Included in the list is the first phase of the expansion scheduled on Hill Air Force Base. Jacobsen Construction Co. of Salt Lake City submitted the low bid of \$2,360,370 for the construction of the new cleaning and painting hangar, to be completed by June 1955.

Morrison & Knudsen Co. of Boise, Idaho, was low bidder at \$1,948,812 for construction of the Gateway Canal, including siphons,

turnouts, and a structure for power plant headwork. This was the lowest of eight bids submitted and approximately \$48,000 below the Government's estimate.

The lowest of nine bids was entered by Davis & Butler Construction Co. of Salt Lake City for the \$721,652 water purification plant to be built in Ogden Canyon. Purpose of this unit is to increase the culinary water supply by purifying water from Pine View Reservoir.

M. Morrin & Sons Co. of Ogden submitted the low bid at \$22,416 for construction of the Sunset Elementary School.

The low bid of \$248,000 was entered by Jack Aikens Co. for the construction of an addition on the Plain City Elementary School.

Additional curb and gutter work and water line extensions will help to keep several members busy a few more months.

L. A. Young Construction Co. is starting on the new three-mile section of road from Cove to the Idaho line. Most of the men on this job transferred from the Duchesne job.

Reynolds Construction Co. has moved most of its hot plant and crew to Ogden to make and lay the asphalt for the streets being completed by Wheelwright.

Gibbons & Reed have completed the piers and abutments on the Wall Avenue bridge, with Bros. Joe Brown and Joe Jewell on the Model 70 Northwest.

Young & Smith are keeping a full crew busy on their Echo Canyon job. This company has a new 80 Northwest on order and has moved its 955 PH and two new D-8s to the excavating job on the aqueduct for United Concrete Pipe Co.

Morrison & Knudsen have another two weeks of work on their railroad overpass and yard work.

Wheelwright Construction Co. is keeping most of its equipment busy on numerous jobs in Ogden.

Other smaller but important jobs are keeping most of the brothers busy and we hope conditions continue to be favorable.

LANG COMPANY

During the last month or so we have had quite a few meetings with the Lang Company in regard to reclassification of a few of our members. At the last meeting with Ray Welling, personnel manager of the Lang Company, it was agreed that six of our members would be reclassified within the next few days if their recommendation can be put over to Frank Scheffner, manager. Outside of these problems everything seems to be going very well at these shops with plenty of work at the present time. We hope that this work will continue throughout the winter months so that the members of our organization can stay on the payroll and not have to take days off as they did the past winter.

VITRO URANIUM

During our last negotiations we entered a clause in our agreement which provides for a shop committee to meet with the Company twice a month at a designated date to work out any problems that may arise within the plant over a two-week period. This has worked out very successfully with plenty of added work for the shop steward, who is none other than Gordy Gillespie. We feel that this brother is doing an excellent job for the membership of all crafts and hope that we may continue

Schedule of Meetings for Construction, Lang Co., Sand & Gravel, Iron Ore Mines, Vitro Uranium Corporation, Kennecott Copper Co.

Construction, Sand & Gravel members, 2nd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 So. Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
Construction, Sand & Gravel members, 2nd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, 165 West First North, Provo, Utah.
Construction, Sand & Gravel members, 3rd Friday of each month, Labor Temple, Ogden, Utah.
Vitro Chemical Company, 3rd Thursday of each month, Engineers Hall, 1969 South Main Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Lang Company — All Called Meetings.
Cedar City Iron Mines — Thursday, September 30, 1954, 8:00 p.m., El Escalante Hotel, Cedar City, Utah.
Kennecott Copper Mines — Tuesday, September 28, 1954, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m., Civic Center, Bingham Canyon.

Schedule of State Road Meetings

State Road Meetings will all be Called Meetings.

to keep him as chief steward for the benefit of everyone concerned.

At this writing we are in negotiations for a wage increase with this company. Brother Merl Bowman is acting as chairman of the negotiating committee for the Utah Metal Trades Council. We hope the settlement reached with the Kennecott Copper Corporation will have some bearing on our wage negotiations with Vitro.

SAND & GRAVEL

At this writing we are still trying to organize several of our non-union sand and gravel companies so that it can be put on a more competitive basis for the companies and also for members of the Operating Engineers. We have met with a great deal of success in getting some of these plans to sit down and talk with us and have done a considerable amount of organizing among their employees. As you know, there have been several plants in the Utah area that, up to this date, have refused to even talk or discuss Union agreements. Many of them have been working underneath the Sand & Gravel wage scale which has made it very difficult for representatives of your Union to negotiate a living wage with the other fair companies.

CEDAR CITY NEWS

After several arduous sessions—at each of which we learned of the tough go the Company is having and the close margin of profit they're operating on at Cedar City—a five cent hourly increase was negotiated and a new agreement consummated. At special meetings held in Cedar City, the new agreement was in turn ratified by the membership. Several clauses in the agreement, which have been a source of considerable agreement and trouble in the past, have been clarified and all parties concerned we believe now understand the intent. Notorious Rule 14 has been changed and we believe now corresponds with the wishes of the membership.

We went after a Health and Welfare program again but were unsuccessful in convincing Utah Construction Co. to go for one. After our recent success with Kennecott Copper in the matter of Health and Welfare, and the way that most all other companies are accepting welfare, we feel that Utah Construction Company should start giving serious consideration to establishing a program at the Iron Mines. We'll be back and make another pitch next year.

Not much change at the Mines. Hopes are up among some of the officials of the Company for more stripping yardage. We hope it materializes. On the personal side we are unhappy to report that Bro. Frances E. Price and his dad, Edwin Price, have both found it necessary to leave the job; Edwin on account of illness and Francis on account of recurrence of his spinal injury. We wish them both a whole lot of luck toward speedy recovery.

BINGHAM COPPER

We are glad to report that the 15-day-old strike effected by Mine,

Mill & Smelter at the Bingham Copper Mines has ended and the brothers have returned to work. We could say quite a bit about the useless loss of time involved, but guess there's no use howling about spilled milk. The Health and Welfare program negotiated is a good one. The Operating Engineers, Machinists and Electricians spent many long hours with Mr. Norden and Mr. Richardson of Kennecott weighing plans and maneuvering to get the best plan possible and we sincerely believe that after you brothers find it necessary to use the plan you will agree with us. For a year such as 1954, we feel that the package deal negotiated is in line with the national trend. The membership, in meetings held at Bingham and Midvale on Sunday, August 29th, indicated they felt that way about the offer by unanimously accepting the proposition.

We have a few gnawing problems such as working two men on shovels in excess of the four hours agreed to (Hy Speed Nelson thinking it his special privilege to violate the agreement on this matter), sending the pump crews home when breakdowns occur, and some others. These are being discussed and we are hopeful of arriving at a definite understanding on them immediately. The best way to handle that 2-man shovel deal is to request the foreman to live by the agreement and refuse to operate after four hours. If compelled to do so, notify your steward and make a grievance of it.

STATE ROAD

After having spent the major part of the summer negotiating various agreements, we get to the point where we wonder how much good we have done. We have heard companies say they couldn't pay more wages, others say we can but we won't, and the State indicates they would like to but don't have the money to pay with. We do know they were forced to abandon several projects which they started in the Spring.

One thing which failed to develop in the State Road, which had been rumored very much around the State, was the cut-back to five days. The fact that we were able to maintain the sixth day puts you brothers in a much better position than most others, due to the fact that in most cases industry in general has gone back to the five-day week. This has resulted in an average cut of about 23% in wages. The small increases which have been negotiated therefore do little to offset the cut.

During the recent State Federation Convention a resolution was passed asking the coming legislature to pass a job security bill for State employees. With this additional effort we stand a good chance to get you some protective legislation. Stay in there and plug.

SOUTHERN SECTION

Operating Engineers from the southern section of Utah have eliminated one of the worst bottlenecks of the Utah portion of Highway No. 91 with the opening of the two-mile stretch of highway east of St. George. The new high-

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SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Paving Co., 900 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, \$7,977 for street improv. work.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., P.O. Box 1349, Fresno, \$121,000 for site development, paving and drainage at Fresno State College.

ORLAND, contract awarded to Norlie Const. Co., P.O. Box 716, Chico, \$30,462 for const. No. River Dam, Orland.

TULELAKE, contract awarded to Pat Barkely, 2870 Stevens Creek Rd., San Jose, \$30,340 for const. of sewer extension of city sewer system in Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair District.

LINDSAY, contract awarded to Cen-Vi-Ro Pile Corp., 8610 So. Atlantic Ave., South Gate, \$1,376,554 for const. earthwork, pipe lines, struts, incl. pumping plants, lats and sublats., units 2 and 3, Exeter Irrig. Dist., Friant-Kern Canal Distrib. Sys., nr. Exeter, TULARE COUNTY.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to R. A. Farish Co., 246 E. Miner St., Stockton, \$6,976 for const. storm sewer in San Joaquin St. betw. Oak and Poplar Sts. and in Poplar St. betw. San Joaquin and Hunter Sts., and in Hunter St. betw. Poplar and Acacia Sts.

way, which cost approximately \$400,000, features a 126-foot cut through the Red ridge and replaces the old highway tunnel. This job entailed the moving of some 280,000 yards of dirt and rock of which about 80,000 yards came from the big cut. The width of the hill at the base of the big cut is about 1000 feet, but it slopes so that at the top it is only about 100 feet wide. The huge cut itself is 210 feet wide at the top, 126 feet deep, tapering to 50 feet at the base of the roadway. It was estimated by the engineers that seven million gallons were used in compaction of the roadway.

A highway weigh station has been completed at the east end of the highway, where the electronically controlled scales in the state have been installed.

At this time of the year it is jobs in this locale that are interesting to us. The work on the above-mentioned job continued throughout last winter, without the loss of a single day due to weather. If the State Road Commission could be educated to let the jobs in this location for winter work, the operators especially would benefit.

We have now in the immediate vicinity of Provo a situation which might be referred to us the "Eattle of the Batch Plants". Recently there has been built, within gun shot you might say, two quite elaborate Batch Plants. These plants were started at about the same time and it looks as though they will be in operation at about the same time. Thorn Rock Products Company is the builder of the plant which is on the road that runs from Highway No. 91 to the north end of Geneva Steel Company. This company has built quite a reputation in the Ready Mix Concrete business and has expanded quite rapidly. This seems to have encouraged the builder of the second batch plant to his baptism into the rock products game. He is the builder of some very good roads in the state—none other than W. W. Clyde Company, whose plant is located just east of No. 2 gate at Geneva. It will be interesting to note the progress of these plants and the writer will do his best to keep you informed.

W. W. Clyde's spread, under the capable supervision of Brother Shelley Neilsen, is making good progress on the Cedar Breaks job. They are moving right along with the blade top and expect to be through this fall.

Work on the Air Force Cockpit ejection project is slated to start an early date. We haven't any detailed information at this moment but expect to have some immediately. Coleman Engineering Company of Los Angeles is prime contractor on the project which is to be built in the Virgin area.

MARYSVILLE NEWS

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pretation which was read at the above meeting.

This interpretation has yet to be worked out in final form and approved and regarding this it should be remembered that the best agreements are like whiskey, both are best if allowed to develop slowly. At present it provides for a Shore Man's Helper to be assigned to duty on the day shift on each dredge.

The helper may be assigned to care for the pumps on the day shifts, however, if there are more than one and they are separated by a substantial distance or are operated and require service on one or both of the other two shifts, pumpmen are to be used.

The reason this has been dealt with to some length is that some of the membership are laboring under a misunderstanding and think that this interpretation is a part of the agreement. Such, as you can see from the above, is not the case, however, any variation on the part of the Company from the above should be reported to your Union as we are sure a satisfactory adjustment can be worked out.

CONCRETE PIPE COMPANIES

The first of the joint meetings of the three crafts employed under the joint agreement with the Concrete Pipe Companies has been held and can be reported upon, while the second will have been held before this sees the light of day. The first meeting, held in Marysville, resulted in a very interesting meeting, at least to the representatives, and if the attitude of those present can be used as a criterion, also to the members. While the attendance wasn't what we expected, we are of the opinion that as time goes on and these meetings become more firmly scheduled in the minds of the membership, that the attendance will increase.

At the first meeting the new contract was thoroughly analyzed and explained. Included was a thorough discussion of the rights and responsibilities of the membership as well as that of management and we are of the opinion that those in attendance left with a much better understanding of the entire matter. Again we wish to say, even at the danger of being overly repetitious, that any decisions that have to be made must and will, of necessity, be made at these meetings.

The signing of these agreements in the Marysville area, has, we are happy to report, led to the signing of similar agreements in other areas covered by your Union and a much better competitive picture is bound to appear because of this.

FUTURE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next meeting of the Concrete Pipe units will be held in Marysville, October 13, 1954, at 7:30 p.m. in the Engineers Hall, 1010 "T" St.

YUBA CONSOLIDATED GOLD FIELDS

NEXT MEETING NOTICE: Your unit will meet on Monday, September 27, 1954, at the Engineers Hall, 1010 "T" St., Marysville, at the following times:

10:00 a.m. to give the night workers an opportunity to attend.

7:30 p.m. to give a similar opportunity to the day workers.

Human beings are funny it has been said and we guess that applies doubly to members of Local 3. Recently we attended a special called meeting of another unit of our Union during which the members present complained that there was no regular monthly meeting of their unit, while the members in those units that have regular meetings seldom bother about attending. Meetings, in the opinion of your representative, are important, not only to the membership but to the representative. That is, of course, if properly conducted and are not used simply for the purpose of creating dissension and confusion. With the proper attitude on the part of all, not only can the membership be kept fully and completely informed of the representative's activities, but the representative can also be kept

informed on what is going on, on the job and the thinking of the membership.

Matters, apparently, have been going along smoothly as far as we are concerned with the Company's operations, at least there haven't been any serious beefs called to our attention. We regret that we were unable to take a part in last month's "safety inspection", however, the press of other more important business called us out of town and we were unable to get back in time.

When we say more important, believe us when we say that in our opinion there is nothing more important than safety, however, we know the balance of the committee is very capable and could get along without us while we took care of other very important matters.

GLADDING, McBEAN COMPANY NEXT MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT: Lincoln Industrial Council Joint Board meeting, Tuesday, October 5, 1954, 4:15 p.m., office of Lincoln Industrial Council, Lincoln. General membership meeting, all members of the Council, Tuesday, October 12, 1954, 4:15 p.m., City Hall, Lincoln.

The best news to report this month and news that we are more than happy to pass on is the start of the recall of laid off men back to the plant. As this is written, 21 have been recalled and the Company reports more to follow. It is also good news to report that the Company states that the business outlook is good and that this upswing will probably prove more than just temporary.

During the past month there have been a number of grievances adjusted satisfactory to the membership. The job study of the three classifications is proceeding very well with all those involved showing an active cooperative interest. All the men involved, except one who was on shift, attended special meetings to consider the work content of the jobs, which proved very helpful.

It has been gradually drawn to our attention over the past 18 months, a condition that was hard for us to imagine or understand. That is that some of the members at the plant were afraid to attend meetings or to make complaints about violations of the agreement. We were, at first, reluctant to believe that such a condition could exist among American workers and refused to give credence to such reports. Now we are forced to believe that there is some substance to this and it dates back to the activities of the former union in the plant. That union apparently had pets who could do no wrong and for whom the union would make every effort in their behalf.

But any member who was not a pet who had the temerity to complain or criticize, no matter how legitimate, was in danger of being retaliated and discriminated against even to the point of causing his discharge. Such a condition is, of course, not conducive to a healthy, free trade union relationship and one that we wish to dispel.

So that every member may know, the following is the policy of this Union and has always been the policy of this Union:

We have no special friends or pets and neither do we have any enemies among the membership. Any member that keeps his membership in good standing in this Union will be given the full service and cooperation of this Union regardless of whether or not he had been critical in the past.

No member's confidence will be deliberately violated and constructive criticism will be welcomed as we claim no monopoly of knowledge, experience or ability and have no means of knowing if we are doing all right unless the membership tells us. When we speak of criticism, we of course, mean, as we said, constructive criticism along legitimate lines and not the indulgence in personalities.

So come to the meetings. Raise any objections, criticisms or questions under the proper order of business and you will be given courteous attention. If the matter can be explained, it will be, if an investigation is in order it will be

Fresno Starts Work on Big Freeway Project

By LYNN MOORE and JAMES MONROE, Business Representatives

Guy F. Atkinson Company have started the Freeway job on Highway 99 on the west side of Fresno, grading and paving. Sharp & Fellows doing part of the excavation and using the dirt as a fill on the site of the new California State Division of highways building. Also Vacco Company of Visalia doing part of the grading on the approaches to overpasses and streets on the freeway. Guy F. Atkinson are planning on using their own rubber

tired equipment on most of the excavation, which will probably be about the first of December.

Almost all of the local contractors are being kept busy with subdivision work, underground work and school job. Several new bids have been let on the Fresno State College; Gene Richards Paving, doing the curb and gutter work; Harris Construction, building a 2-story library building.

Granite Construction are finishing up their storm drain sewer job on First Street in Fresno. Long & Needham awarded contract of \$1,017,700.00 on addition of 3-story building on St. Agnes Hospital.

Trans Ocean Engineering Co. finishing up their fish hatchery job at Friant, and a new contract of \$261,000.00 has been awarded to Geo. W. Reed of Sacramento, for buildings, grading and paving.

Bechtel Company, at Vermillion Valley job, are still quite busy moving about 26,000 yards of dirt per day, two shifts, and about 3,000 yards rip rap. They have been short of DW-20 operators from time to time.

Eaton & Smith showing good progress on their rock job between Huntington and Shaver Lakes; doubtful if they will finish before the snow sets in.

Bureau of Public Roads are calling for bids September 16th for surfacing 16 miles on this job.

John Delphia are now getting started on their road job at Sequoia National Park; will not be able to get this finished this year due to the late start.

Cen-Vi-Ro Pipe Company were awarded the contract on the Friant Kern Canal Distribution out of Exeter. This company has not moved in as yet; may do so some time this month, as they have made arrangements for their office and yard site at Exeter.

Concrete Conduit Company and American Pipe & Construction still have about three weeks to a month left on their contracts with the Lloyd Company, who are laying pipe near Earlimart.

United Concrete Pipe getting underway on their new contract at the south edge of Tulare Co.

Volpa Bros. completed grading on the Hanford-Corcoran highway job and have their crusher and hot plant ready to start. Also have two smaller jobs in that area.

R. E. Maxwell Co. from Sonora have 0.9 miles grading and surfacing west of Mariposa.

M. J. Ruddy & Sons of Modesto were low bidders of \$218,134.45, grading and surfacing of 7.7 miles on Plainsburg Road west of Le Grande. They are moving in equipment and have their rock crusher set up at Bear Creek, just west of Granite's hot plant and crusher. Stolte Inc. going right along

made, and if an error has been made, it will be corrected. And even though we may not agree, we will not attempt any retaliation or discrimination against any member simply because we disagree.

The office of the Lincoln Industrial Council is open each Monday and Friday (except holidays) from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on other days by appointment. Also in the plant are two stewards and if you have any grievances or questions, bring them to the office or call them to the attention of the stewards. No confidences will be deliberately betrayed and every complaint will be promptly investigated and if found legitimate, corrected. That is a promise.

—C. R. VAN WINKLE

BERKELEY, contract awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S.F., \$609,479 for const. of separation structures, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, Richmond-San Rafael Bridge contract.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 4th St., Berkeley, \$9,291 for widening bridge at Dry Creek, in Woodside, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

with the job at Castle Air Force Base with River Rock Inc. doing the grading and paving. Stolte Inc. and River Rock are also building a motor pool at the base.

Granite Construction Co. still busy on subdivision and street work, finishing up on their shoulder work on Highway 140 out of Mariposa.

River Rock and Concrete Supply busy on many small jobs within the Merced area.

Ferry Bros. going along on their contract at Bear Creek Dam, through with the stripping and have started the fill on the dam. They tried working with a Sierra loader but not successful, therefore put on three draglines.

Manuel Smith has 30,000 feet of sewer line in the city of Planada. W. M. Lyles Co. working on a sewer job in Madera.

Stewart & Nuss, Inc., resurfacing a section of the Pole Line Road between Madera and Firebaugh. They have finished their resurfacing at the Dos Palos Y and Los Banos roads. They are now working in the town of Los Banos on a four-lane highway on Route 152. They have their hot plant set up near the job site and Frank Marks

has the rock crusher set up there too.

Gene Richards Paving Co. setting up their batch plant, crusher and screening plant on their freeway job about five miles west of Los Banos. Los Gatos Construction subbing the dirt work on this job and will be finished in about a week.

The Baldwin Construction Co. were low bidders of \$171,926 on five miles resurfacing on Cairns Avenue west of Strathmore.

L. B. Wells Co. awarded a contract of \$32,173 for widening, grading and paving on Mineral Avenue in Visalia.

We have received a letter from Tex Reynolds and asking us to convey his appreciation and thanks to the many brothers and friends for their assistance and kindness to him and his family during his most recent illness.

Brothers, may we again stress the dire need we have for blood in our Blood Bank. We have been able to help many of the brothers and their immediate families but if we do not donate we will not be able to help them in their time of need. Please, let's do something about this.

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THREE RIVERS, contract awarded to John Delphia, P.O. Box 313, Patterson, \$189,902 for reconstr. of Wolverton Rd. abt. 1.65 mi., Sequoia-Kings Canyon Natl. Parks.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8251 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$1,346,221 for const. four-story and penthouse Court House at 7th and I Sts., Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Assoc. Pipeline, Inc., P.O. Box 66, So. S. F., \$53,114 for lay 16-in. C.I. mains in Moraga St. and Quintara St. from 28th to 34th Ave., S. F.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to R. E. Maxwell, Jr., P.O. Box 574, Sonora, \$50,954 for abt. 0.9 mi. grade and surf. with pltx. surf. on cem. tr. base, on Bootjack Rd. from Mormon Bar to one mi. easterly, in MARIPOSA COUNTY.

ST. HELENA, contract awarded to John Cavaliere, P.O. Box 349, Calistoga, \$89,750 for erect and complete new City Hall and all appurts., loc. at Main and Pine Sts., city of St. Helena, in NAPA COUNTY.

GILROY, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$17,967 for resurf. on

Hanna and Rosanna Sts., in city of Gilroy.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Paul E. Wolf, 2203 N. Fruit Ave., Fresno, \$36,249 for const. of drainage facils. betw. Elk Valley Rd. and north city limits of Crescent City, DEL NORTE COUNTY.

RENO, NEV., contract awarded to Earl E. Games, 1380 Humboldt St., Reno, for site work at Anderson School site, Reno.

VISALIA, contract awarded to Guy L. Munson, 225 W. Tulare St., Dinuba, \$12,877 for const. one triple box culvert type bridge across Traver Canal abt. 1.75 mi. W. of city of Dinuba; one double box culvert across Wilson Ditch abt. 0.25 mi. So. of Dinuba, and one double box culvert across McClanahan Ditch abt. 11 mi. S.W. of city of Dinuba, TULARE COUNTY.

REDDING, contract awarded to Clements Const. Co., P.O. Box 667, Centerville, \$37,419 for placing Cl. B. double seal coat on County Hwy. between Sacramento River bridge at Balls Ferry and county road Rte. 8-E, at distance of approx. 8.51 mi., in SHASTA COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded to Douglass & Woodhouse, P.O. Box 908, Redwood City, \$6,026 for surf., curbs, gutter, sidewalks and driveways on Harding Ave., from Alameda de las Pulgas to a line 105 ft. S.W. of Topaz.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$13,673 for reconstr. Bradford Dr., Lake Way, Johnson Dr. and McGlothen Way in County Road group 0675, Parchester Village, near San Pablo, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Clements Const. Co., P.O. Box 667, Centerville, \$31,234 for grade, pave, curbs, gutters, etc. on pors. of streets at Fairmont Hospital, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

HANFORD, contract awarded to Volpa Bros., 233 Nielsen, Fresno, \$19,108 for resurf. 3.37 mi. on Kansas Ave. betw. AT&SF RR and Ten & One-Half Ave. and 3 mi. southerly, KINGS COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$12,990 for reconstr. on Tennant Ave., Pinole, betw. St. Hwy. and AT&SF RR underpass, Sta. 10100 to 22100, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SALINAS, contract awarded to E. J. Donahue, 355 E. Market St., Salinas, \$33,674 for const. of curb, gutter, sidewalks, street paving and storm sewers for Maple Manor street improvements.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Asta Const. Co., 33 N. Front St., Rio Vista, \$65,151 for reconstr. of Lone Tree Way betw. Empire Mine Rd. and Hillcrest Ave., near

Brentwood, in CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 4th St., Berkeley, \$11,512 for reconstr. of Glenside Circle, Walnut Lake, Evelyn Court, near Lafayette in CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$10,452 for reconstr. of El Sueno Ave., El Verano Ave., Las Vegas Ave., near Orinda, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

AUGUST 25, 1954

MONTEREY, contract awarded to W. E. Karstedt, 668 Morse St., San Jose, \$26,777 for clearing and site grading for Walter Colton Junior High School.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$61,864 for reconstr. of Gilman St. betw. 2nd St. and San Pablo Ave.

PATTERSON, contract awarded to H. Sykes, Box 626, Patterson, \$5,281 for seal coat, etc. on various streets in Patterson.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to James B. Allen, P.O. Box 212, San Carlos, \$119,437 for const. bridge across Hamilton Branch, abt. 0.5 mi. E. of Lake Almanor, PLUMAS COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to M&K Corp., 200 Financial Center Bldg., S. F., and Assoc. Pipeline, Inc., P.O. Box 66, So. S. F. (joint venture) for const. of pipelines at S. F. Intl. Airport between bulk storage tanks and satellite tank area, and between satellite tank area and concourse outlets.

MODESTO, contract awarded to Standard Materials, Inc., 1411 9th St., Modesto, \$9,462 for rough excavating and related work for the Modesto Irrig. Dist. office bldg. to be loc. on S.W. cor. of 11th and M Sts., Modesto.

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 225 19th Ave., San Mateo, \$26,217 for resurf. Santa Cruz Ave. betw. Johnson St. and San Mateo Dr., in city of Menlo Park.

MENLO PARK, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 225 19th Ave., San Mateo, \$42,124 for resurf. Middle Ave. betw. El Camino Real and Olive St., in city of Menlo Park.

ANGEL ISLAND, contract awarded to Campbell Const. & Equip. Co., 1150 Folsom St., S. F., \$559,331 for site grade, roadwork, bldgs., water supply, etc., at Angel Island site, S. F. Defense Area, MARIN COUNTY.

FOLSOM, contract awarded to Lentz Const. Co., 2416 Sutterville Rd., Sacramento, \$9,652 for const. Ashland lateral by-pass for new Hinkle Reservoir, RC intake struc. and timber walkway, near Folsom.

PORTERVILLE, contract awarded to Glanville Plumbing Co., 3231 Belle Terr., Bakersfield, for const. 15-in. sanitary sewer line in Oak 3rd, and Cleveland Sts., in city of Porterville, TULARE COUNTY.

ANTIOCH, contract awarded to G. Ferrabee, 2507 Woolsey St., Berkeley, \$30,416 for site development for Antioch Senior High School site, betw. H and L Sts., No. of 18th St. extended, Antioch, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SAN CARLOS, contract awarded to L. C. Smith Co., 225 19th Ave., San Mateo, \$9,556 for grade, pave, curbs, gutters, etc. on Howard Ave. and Cedar St., city of San Carlos.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Harris Const. Co., P.O. Box 109, Fresno, \$466,750 for const. two-story library bldg. at Fresno State College, Fresno.

IONE, contract awarded to Geo. W. Reed, 400 16th St., Sacramento, \$328,913 for const. two dormitories at Preston School of Industry, Ione, Calif.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lawrence Const. & Continental Const. Co., 3020 V St., Sacramento, \$257,000 for const. printing plant warehouse, Div. of Printing, Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Lowrie Paving Co., 1755 Evans Ave., S. F., \$85,413 for brick pav. replacement on Baker St. and others.

AUGUST 30, 1954

IONE, contract awarded to Payne Const. Co., 639 Louisiana St., Oakland, \$750,000 for const.

clay beneficiat. plant, Ione, AMADOR COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Fredrickson Bros., 1259 65th St., Emeryville, \$333,110 for 4.1 mi. grade and surf. with pltx. surf. on cem. tr. base and untr. rock base, and an RC slab bridge const. betw. 2.7 mi. and 6.7 mi. N. of Madison, in YOLO COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Olympian Dredging Co., 525 Market St., S. F., \$82,189 for 115,760 cy. dredge S. F. Airport channel and deposit matl. in disposal areas, S. and N. of channel.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520 4th St., Berkeley, \$19,035 for grade and pave at Univ. of Calif. Radiation Lab., Berkeley campus.

PALO ALTO, contract awarded to Jos. McFadden & Son, 3085 Bayshore, Palo Alto, for const. of approx. two mi. of two-lane road in connection with the Stanford Shopping Center.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to Ace Excavators, 1020 44th Ave., Oakland, \$84,275 for paving at school of Public Health & Cancer Research Lab., Berkeley campus.

VISALIA, contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., P.O. Box 495, Avenal, \$7,218 for const. of approx. 3,344 ft. of 15-in., 12-in. and 8-in. vit. clay pipe sewer line and appurts. in S.W. qtr. of Sec. 36-18-24 M.D. B. & M., which is within city limits of Visalia, Calif.

AUGUST 31, 1954

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Rand Const. Co., P.O. Box 1339, Bakersfield, \$68,042 for 63.1 mi. seal coat, various locations.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to J. Henry Harris, 2657 9th St., Berkeley, \$21,996 for seal coat app. var. locations.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Hydraulic Dredging Co., Ltd., 1221 Central Bank Bldg., Oakland, for one mi. sand fill embankment and riprap slope protection, vic. of S. F.-Oakland Bay Bridge toll plaza, in city of Oakland.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Clements Const. Co., P.O. Box 667, Centerville, \$10,855 for const. of 7 mi. asph. seal coat on Crow Canyon, Eden Township, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded to U.S. Pipe & Foundry Co., 681 Market St., S. F., \$9,733 for furn. 6,000 ft. 6-in. B&S cl. 150 cem.-lined, seal coated, centrif. cast, cast iron pipe.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Gene Richards, Inc., P.O. Box 1349, Fresno, \$14,092 for repl. tbr. bridge with RC box culv., widen appr., etc. at No. Fork of Kings River overflow, 6 mi. W. of Lemoore, KINGS COUNTY.

SMARTVILLE, contract awarded to L. F. d'Artenay Const. Co., 39 Mary St., San Rafael, \$18,185 for repairs to downstream face of dam and deflector wall, Harry L. Englebright Dam, near Smartville.

PETALUMA, contract awarded to Helwig Const. Co., P.O. Box 180, Sebastopol, and North Bay Const. Co., P.O. Box 167, Santa Rosa, \$12,494 for const. ash, cem, sewer main with neces. lateral connections and manholes, in Bodega Ave., Petaluma.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$24,588 for paving, curbs, gutters, etc. on Roosevelt Ave., from 9th to 10th.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., Rt. 1, Box 800, San Jose, for resurf. of Laurel St. betw. Polhemus and Emory Sts., in city of San Jose.

MARE ISLAND, contract awarded to Braun-Coats, Inc., 6200 Doyle St., Emeryville, \$64,419 for instl. new fresh water, salt water, steam and compressed air piping to replace and supplement exist. piping loc. in conc. pipe trench at Mare Island Naval Shipyd. berths 18 and 19, Vallejo.

HOLLISTER, contract awarded to Buttler & Fox, P.O. Box 91, Salinas, \$16,303 for resurf. Hawkins St. betw. Sally St. and Prospect Ave., and Sally St. betw. 3rd St. and Santa Ana Rd., in city of Hollister.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1954

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Barrett & Hilp, 913 Harrison St., S. F., \$15,000 for const. of Serra Dr. extension to meet Alta Mesa, in So. S. F.

OAKLAND, contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$125,810 for asph. conc. surf. on 7th St. and other streets.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Western Bldrs., 840 Sutter Ave., Palo Alto, \$16,419 for const. struc. steel Hazel Creek bridge, No. 183 abt. 40 mi. N. of Redding, Shasta-Trinity Natl. Forest, Inv.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, 3030 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, \$17,535 for paving, curbs, gutters, etc. on Esmond Ave. betw. 13th and 23rd Sts.

TULARE, contract awarded to Pinole Land Co., 1600 Belmont Ave., Fresno, \$44,841 for reconstr. of Tulare St. betw. West St. and E St., city of Tulare.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1954

PALO ALTO, contract awarded to N. A. Lamb, 23 El Caminito Ave., Campbell, \$254,923 for erect and const. Baywood Elem. School and appurt. facils., etc., located at a site in Univ. Village Subdiv., East Palo Alto, SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to A. J. Raich Co., 900 W. San Carlos St., San Jose, \$3,666 for improvement of por. of Foxworthy Ave. adj. to Kirk Elem. School.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Huettig-Schromm & Bennett, P.O. Box 798, Palo Alto, \$21,646 for turfing and sprinkler sys. at Gran. Lowell and Broadway elem. schls., \$13,464, and at Herbert Hoover Jr. High Sch., \$8,182.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to R. E. Maxwell, Jr., P.O. Box 574, Sonora, \$130,367 for 2.1 mi. grade and surf., betw. 6.3 mi. and 4.2 mi. W. of Mariposa, MARIPOSA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Donald F. Graves, 185 Cunningham Ave., San Jose, \$172,092 for 12 mi. surf. with pltx. surf. betw. "N" Canal and Oregon state line near Kandra RR station, MODOC COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville, \$13,527 for drainage improvements const. at nine loca. betw. N. city limits of Santa Cruz and San Mateo County line, in SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

FRESNO, contract awarded to G. O. Bateman, 4717 E. White Ave., Fresno, \$8,692 for 7975 ft. conc. curb for Channel 12 on N. Fresno St. betw. Dakota and Gettysburg Sts.

UKIAH, contract awarded to Kenneth Whited, 5816 Mendocino Ave., Oakland, \$14,469 for const. conc. bridge two mi. W. of Willits on Fort Bragg Rd., MENDOCINO COUNTY.

SAN ANDREAS, contract awarded to Souza Bros. and H. J. McCue, Colusa Hwy., Yuba City, \$116,555 for const. and rehab. of domestic and irrigation water sys. for West Point Improv. Dist.

ELDRIDGE, contract awarded to W. J. Kubon, 39-A Mary St., San Rafael, \$34,676 for remodel admin. bldg., Sonoma State Hosp., Eldridge.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Mercer, Fraser Co. and Mercer, Fraser Gas Co., 2nd and Commercial Sts., Eureka, \$95,965 for reinf. conc. bridge and timber bridge to be const. and 0.5 mi. roadway graded and paved with pltx. surf. on cem. tr. base and exist. surf., at Ryan Slough, 1.5 mi. E. of east city limits of Eureka, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Lawrence Const. Co., 3020 V St., Sacramento, \$79,223 for alts. and addns. to 2nd floor of Public Works Bldg., Div. of Highways, Sacramento.

FRESNO, contract awarded to Empire Steel Bldgs. Co., 2137 Mariann Ave., L. A., \$393,764 for agric. improv. program, Phase 11, at Fresno State College, Fresno.

CASTLE AFB, contract awarded to Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$617,685 for const. A. D. C. facils., consisting of conc. paving, alert apron taxiway, hangar, utils., roads, ditches, etc., at Castle Air Force Base, Merced.

BERKELEY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1540 4th St., Berkeley, \$26,540 for grounds improvement, Dept. of Health, Berkeley.

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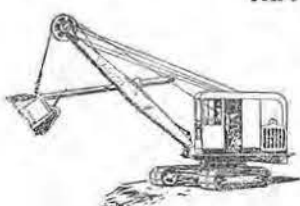
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Sacramento Winding Up Folsom Dam Job

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

The largest job in this district is gradually going into the completion stages. The Savin Corp., builders of Folsom Dam, are contemplating knocking off another shift within the next two weeks. When this happens our out-of-work list will take a rise, and considering the list at this date we should have plenty of help for the remainder of this year.

The builders of Nimbus Dam (Winston-Johnson) have been in the finishing stages for some time. Another sixty days will see this project turned over with about twelve engineers finishing this dam.

Gordon Pollock Co., low bidders on the fish hatchery immediately downstream from Nimbus Dam, have started the excavation for the structures. The Macco piledriver is driving piling at this time. Claude Wood has the dirt work on this project with Art Cronin doing the gaffing and Brothers Ed Walker, Roscoe Wise, Johnnie Ainsworth, Don Barreth, Ronnie Claire, Joe Landis and Doc Baccigalupi doing the operating on equipment. These Brothers on the main structures look forward to a winter job, barring high water.

McGillivray Const. Co. are progressing rapidly on their runway job at Mather Field. Another thirty days will see this project about finished. Also at Mather Field, A. Teichert & Son have the excavating and paving which is also on the way to completion. This company has several pieces of rental equipment on this field. Brothers Paul Massoni, Mel Preszler, Art Docktor, Vernon Rau, G. C. Lanford and Carl Houk are doing the operating.

Piombo Const. Co. have their Placerville freeway job out of the muck-moving phase at this time and with the completion of the structures and grade scheduled for this Fall, we should see traffic on this strip by winter. They were also low bidders on the Highway 40 job above Auburn, with a bid of \$623,000. This project is scheduled to start within the next two weeks. Rumors have it that they will only have a couple cats, a dragline and a labor crew for the clearing this Fall. According to that information it looks like spring before much activity here.

The J. B. Allen Co. have moved in with the equipment on their American River bridge job near Auburn. This is a \$206,000 project and should keep several engineers busy all winter. At this time Bro. Norman Wing operates the Keystone rig with Bro. Marvin Reed doing the oiling and Bro. Leonard Jenkins on the cat. Two or three more engineers will be placed on this job in the near future.

Fredrickson & Watson and the M-K Corp., builders of the Sly Park Dam, are on the way to the finish. Their progress map shows the middle of November as the "moving-out" date.

The Connolly tunnel job, located near Sly Park, is well on the way to completion. This project is a part of the Sly Park development and should be finished about the same time as the dam. The Brothers doing the operating here are Jerry McConell, Dan Rice, and Al Taffola on the mucker; Leo Gonyeau, Haskell Hall, and Burt Roach on the motor; Bruce Ayres, Lew Giffin, and Amos McCoy doing the wind pumping.

Engineering Constructors, Inc., doing the seven mile pipeline starting at Camino and connecting with the Connolly tunnel, are progressing rapidly at this writing. They have a fifty-foot right-of-way just about cleared all the way and about 40% of the pipe laid. This job will apparently lap over until next Spring.

The gravel plants in this area are still operating to capacity and it looks like several weeks to go for these Brothers.

The Fair Oaks Gravel plant, with Brother Ted (Panch) Schaublin doing the ramrodding, have had a good run this year and it looks like the Brothers will be here from now on, Brother Amos Smith, H. L. Prell, Bob Eichler, and Al Jones give Ted the assist.

Brother Roy Bell, who works for Western Traction Co. informs us that he has delivered two 600 compressors to the Continental Drilling Co. This company also has all types of air equipment for rent at any time. Brother Roy acts as top mechanical technician at this shop.

SPECIAL NOTICE

There will be a meeting in the Sacramento Labor Center, 2525 Stockton Blvd., on Monday, October 11th, 1954, at 8 P.M., in Hall No. 7 for the members in the Sacramento area.

HERE AND THERE WITH THE BROTHERS:

JOE BOUNE going into his own business; BOB DELZER trenching; BILL SWAN backfilling a pipeline; CHET YOUNGBLOOD working on swing; ART CRONIN bossing a cat spread; DOUG (Sharkey) SIMMONS in the hills; JOHN WUNSCHEL drilling 6" holes; STEVE STEPHENSON watching greasers; BERT ATKINSON rolling hot stuff; BENNIE LOVETT holding a full house; GEORGE FRAZIER finishing runways; PETE CONNOR pushing rock; BEN SHINN clearing a right-of-way; CARL CLARK going to Shingle Springs; WES KEMNA taking a trip; NORMAN WING changing a boom; MARVIN REED helping; LEONARD JENKINS working in American River; BOB HALL working in a quarry; VERN

CANTRALL watching a plant; BEN HUTCHESON having coffee; HAROLD FITZGERALD picking up his mail; RAY ZANINI loading boulders; LES WRIGHT finishing grade; IVAN MCGARVEY rolling; BLACKIE BLACKBURN loading shale; JOHN MACMURDO working on drills; FRED CAMPBELL plant engineer; RED WOODS overhauling a D8; LOUIS BERINTI heading for Nimbus; PAT CROSSWELL coming to town; OTTO VAN GORDER attending the Sacramento meeting; JOHN HARTMAN likewise; DICK WISE using his car telephone; WAYNE HEDMAN drilling a water well; CHARLES LAMMA working in a cemetery; JACK WINGATE blading shoulders; JACK HUTCHESON feeding a hot plant; MEL WISSLER heading north; PAUL BEAR wheeling a DW-20; DAN DOYLE running a grout pump; BILL RICKMAN riding a bucket; LEO GERHART & DON OVERTON working "two-inch" time.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Brother & Mrs. Spike Gagle and family for the loss of their son in an auto accident in the early part of August; also, to the relatives of

Brother R. M. Harris who was killed on Sept. 2 in a freak accident at Folsom Dam.

Best wishes for speedy and complete recoveries go to Chuck Taylor who suffered an appendicitis attack; Mrs. S. P. Pirtle, who is in the hospital; Mike Sheehan, who is in the Woodland Hospital; and Walt Gavrilko, who has been in the Sutter Hospital with a back injury.

Congratulations to Bro. & Mrs. LeRoy Bennett on the birth of their baby girl born in August.

ALWAYS remember to observe all safety regulations while on the job. Never try to save a moment or a step by taking hazardous means to do so!

This office is open every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. for your convenience.

CHESTER, contract awarded to H. B. Folsom, P. O. Box 722, Westwood, \$10,250 for mixed in place surfacing Chester Airport runway, Chester, Calif.

ALAMEDA, contract awarded to David L. Trade, 1565 E. St., Hayward, \$7,498 for const. of Nautilus St. sanitary sewer in vicinity of Alaska Packers in city of Alameda, Calif.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Watkin & Sibbald, 6 Bridge St., San Anselmo, \$19,500 for turf and sprinkler systems at College Park, Burnett and Wilson schools.

EUREKA, contract awarded to Tom Hull, 930 Carson St., Eureka, \$12,596 for const. of Gibson Ave. sanitary sewer in city of Eureka.

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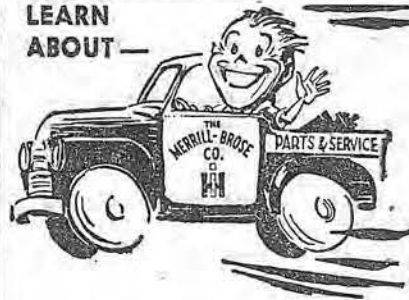
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Construction Awards

AUGUST 13, 1954

MERCED, contract awarded as follows: (1) 24,000 sq. ft. bitum. AC, Herbert Hoover School — to Concrete Supply Co. P.O. Box 778, Merced; (2) 2,400 sq. ft. bit. AC, Chas. Wright School — to Granite Const. Co., P.O. Box 900, Watsonville.

SAUSALITO, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Son, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, \$17,501, for const. approx. 350 ft. of 35-ft. wide bituminous surf. across road, Marinship, Sausalito, MARIN COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, contracts awarded as follows for site clearing, grade, etc., S.F. Defense Areas: (1) S.F.-25-C & L, CONTRA COSTA CO. — To Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, and Stolte, Inc., 8451 San Leandro St., Oakland, \$468,23; (2) SF-09-C&L, CONTRA COSTA CO.—to Herbert E. Ellis, P.O. Box 146, Sta. A., Berkeley, \$469,956; (3) SF-89-C&L S.F. COUNTY — to MacDonald Engineering Co. of Calif., 885 Bryant St., S.F., \$305,537.

AUGUST 16, 1954

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., Rt. 1, Box 800, San Jose, \$26,805, for const. of 2 addnl. traffic lanes on Stevens Creek Rd. betw. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. and Stelling Rd., SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SAN LEANDRO, contract awarded to Lee Const. Co., 1575 Lake Chabot Rd., San Leandro, \$85,848, for reconst. 1st Ave. & Merced St., San Leandro.

SAN PABLO, contract awarded to Aguiar Bros., 1716 Broadway, San Pablo, \$39,552, for reconst. Broadway, San Pablo Ave. & 11th St., San Pablo, Calif.

STOCKTON, contract awarded to S. M. McGaw Co., Inc., 307 Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$8,948, for improvement of El Dorado St., from Hazelton Ave. to Scotts Ave.

VISALIA, contract awarded to L. B. Wells Const. Co., P.O. Box 287, Visalia, \$32,173, for widen, grade & pace Bridge St. from Mineral King Ave. to Tulare Ave. About 9.50 miles in length.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to J. H. McCosker, Inc., 1501 Eastshore Hiway, Berkeley, \$25,999 for const. of an 8"x4" RC box culvert at S. 8th St., & Wright Ave.

MARTINEZ, contract awarded to Marchio-Baker-Trewhitt Co., Rt. 1, Box 1386, Antioch, \$43,337, for surf. Vasco Rd., 8 mi. So. of Brentwood, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

VISALIA, contract awarded to Guy L. Munson Co., 275 Tulare St., Dinuba, \$10,652, for const. a rigid frame type bridge across Sand Creek about 1/2 mi. S.E. of town of Orosi, TULARE COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., Rt. 1, Box 800, San Jose, \$26,805 for const. of 2 addl. traffic lanes on Stevens Creek Rd. betw. Saratoga-Sunnyvale Rd. & Stelling Rd. in SANTA CLARA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to James B. Allen, Box 212, San Carlos, \$206,828, for const. bridge & approaches across North Fork of American River betw. S.H.R. No. 65 and 0.44 mi. east about 3 mi. N.E. of Auburn, PLACER COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Arthur B. Siri, Inc., 1357 Cleveland, Santa Rosa, \$378,742 for 2.7 mi. grade & surf. w/pltmix surf. on untr. rock base & exist. paving & R.C. bridge const. betw. 2.1 mi. E. of Sonoma Line & 2.2 mi. E. of Carneros School, NAPA COUNTY.

AUGUST 17, 1954

SACRAMENTO, contract awarded to Ukropina-Polich-Kral & John R. Ukropina, P.O. Box 105, San Gabriel, \$737,020 for const. RC open spandrel arch & slab bridge, across Dog Creek, abt. 27.5 mi. N. of North city limits of Redding, SHASTA COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, contract awarded to O. C. Jones & Sons, 1520-4th St., Berkeley, for surf. Alameda de las Pulgas betw. Roosevelt Ave. & Goodwin Ave.

AUGUST 18, 1954

KINGS BEACH, contract awarded to Faulkner & Antonson, Inc., Kings Beach, Calif., \$10,365 for const. of sanitary sewers in the district.

SANTA ROSA, contract awarded to Peletz Co., 1236 Central Ave., Santa Rosa, \$17,863 for const. of C. I. water main on Mendocino Ave. from Carr to Ridgway in city of Santa Rosa.

SAN FRANCISCO, contract awarded to Pacific Bridge Co., 256 Montgomery St., S.F., \$22,378 for const. Soquel Bridge No. 22, Sierra Natl. Forest, Road No. 0404, approx. 56 mi. N.E. of Fresno.

ROSS, Contract awarded to Brown-Ely Co., P.O. Box 1474, Corte Madera, \$17,509, for const. of Laurel Grove Ave. betw. Walters Rd. & Winding Way in city of Ross.

VALLEJO, contract awarded to Basalt Rock Co., P.O. Box 538, Napa, \$10,000, for resurf. Maple Ave. betw. Springs Rd. & Georgia St., Vallejo.

NOVATO, contract awarded to Baldwin Contracting Co., Inc., 46 Louise St., San Rafael, \$15,253 for modification of spillway to Novato Creek Dam.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, contract awarded to W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, Utah, \$469,499, for const. of concrete & steel overpass over the RR at Becks Hot Springs, SALT LAKE CO.

WORK HITS PEAK IN SAN FRANCISCO

By PAUL EDGEcombe and PAT CLANCY, Business Representatives

Most recent of the major proposed projects to get the approval of the Board of Supervisors is the street widening of Portola Drive and Upper Market Street, extending from Castro Street to St. Francis circle. This project has been in the making for the last 20 years, the delay being from objections by property owners. It is estimated to cost \$3,500,000. This will be another street job that will furnish employment for many members.

Another widening job was just recently started at the approach of the Golden Gate bridge extending to Funston Avenue. Lowrie Paving Company has crews clearing the right of way and doing the excavating.

Activity on the section of the freeway that was awarded to Guy F. Atkinson should be under way within the next couple of weeks. Mechanics and engineers have been unloading and erecting a new 88 B shovel for use in the pit. On other individual contracts, sections of the freeway being constructed by Keeble, Harney, Eaton & Smith are progressing very well.

Dirt moving on the subdivisions is still operating at the peak, with a few of these jobs working overtime hours.

Building construction has kept a level in San Francisco this summer with sufficient new jobs arising to supplement completed ones.

At the Equitable Life Insurance project Dinwiddie Construction Co. has started raising wall forms above the first floor and are pouring concrete. The Consolidated Steel Co. have their derricks hanging iron on the 17th floor now. While on the job a person can observe more working activity going on and twice as many "sidewalk superintendents." Since Raymond finished driving the long steel piling this building has certainly sprouted out of the ground.

McDonald and Young and Nelson are getting under way with the footings for construction of the new Pacific Mutual Insurance building located on the corner of Kearny and California streets.

Wrecking crews are starting to tear down the buildings that lie in the path of the new Embarcadero overhead freeway. No bids have been asked for on construction.

At the large P.C.A. Brisbane quarry, the demand for rock has been great, therefore, the plant has been running at full tilt.

Judson Pacific Murphy Co. will complete their re-bracing job on the Golden Gate Bridge, and probably will be moving out this week.

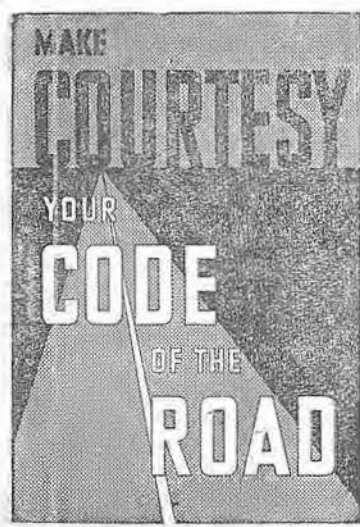
For a short distance on 27th Avenue, Fay Improvement Co. is laying a larger sewer line to accommodate this area. They also are renewing the sewer on Seaciff.

As you can see from this report, with the numerous operations going on, many of our members are kept quite busy. At the same time we have a few hoisting engineers and compressor men on the out-of-work list.

Service Withdrawal Cards

Ronald V. Guptill
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Attend Union Meetings!



OVERSEAS JOBS SLOW

By RUSS SWANSON

There have been a number of letters and also telephone calls this past month regarding overseas employment. In the past few months there has been very little to report regarding this and from the looks of things it is hard to say just when there will be any openings.

Mr. Kincade of Morrison-Knudsen was contacted the other day and he certainly didn't have much encouragement to offer. He informed us that most all of the foreign work was being done by the natives of the countries where the work is being performed. About the only people sent from this country are those employees classed as supervisors and they in turn instruct the natives how to operate the various types of equipment. It is understood that it takes a greater number of hours and also a greater number of men to complete a job but the wages are lower and the foreign governments are interested in keeping unemployment down in their countries so that is more or less an order from the governments.

It is a great deal different in this country for the fact that we have so many qualified workers and also contractors who can do the work. It is natural, should things be reversed, that our government would do the same thing—requiring that all of the citizens of our country perform the work before employing people from out of the country. Mr. Kincade informed us that things should pick up in the near future but at present everything is more or less at a standstill and only old employees who have had a number of years experience on out-of-country jobs would have any chance at all of going to work overseas.

On contacting most all of the contractors who have foreign jobs, we find that the same answer prevails, but should things pick up they would at that time notify us and give us every chance to send them operators or supervisors for work out of the country. At such time as we have any information regarding foreign work it will be printed in this paper.

I also want to thank the brothers who have called or sent letters and want to urge some of the fellows who at present are working on the foreign fronts to drop a line and we will do our best to put the information in the paper so as to inform the rest of the brothers of conditions and whereabouts of the jobs.

Skip Paulson was in the office and informed us that he is now on a three-month leave from the Liberia Mining Co., which is working in Monrovia, Africa. He has been working for this contractor for the past two years and before that was working for Atlas Construction in French Morocco. He is now superintendent for Liberia Mining Co. and expects to go back and complete another two-year contract. He states that there are practically no new jobs available there and doesn't expect any new hires for some time to come.

An interesting thing which Skip told us about is the wage scale for native help. The catskinner receives 16c an hour, the teamster 8c an hour, and the laborer only 4c. I don't think we have to say any more on this subject except that the meals they eat there must be something!!!

Skip told us of a number of Local 3 members working on the same job and it is pleasing to hear about them for they are some of

SURVEY MEN IN PROGRESS

By AL BOARDMAN
Business Representative

The past month has been a busy one for your representative. Many long standing accounts have been settled and several far reaching decisions made. The first and most important event was the decision of the engineering firm of Mark Thomas & Company to break away from the Associated Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors of Santa Clara County and sign a contract with Operating Engineers Local No. 3. He was followed in this lead by the engineering firms of Chas. Coburn, Raymond W. Fisher, Leo W. Ruth, Mackay & Samps, & Mission Engineers. In the meantime, the Association voted not to represent its members in collective bargaining with any labor organization. This action brings to a close the collective bargaining relationship between the Association and the Union.

It might pay for this column to review the history of that relationship so that the members might better understand the forces opposed to labor unions and collective bargaining.

The first meeting between the Association and the Union was held July 24, 1951 and was the first of many meetings culminating in the signing of a contract in October of that year. This came about only after the Building Trades Council of Santa Clara County intervened and threatened economic action. This contract and its wage increases had to be improved by the Wage Stabilization Board. This was not accomplished until July of 1952. Again in 1953 a contract was negotiated but this time the Association, after agreeing to sign, refused to do so and attempted to set up a National Labor Relations Board Election with a company union known as the Bay Area Group of Professional Employees.

The N.L.R.B. refused to take jurisdiction and in the spring of 1954 the Building Trades granted the Union Strike Sanction and Building Trades pickets struck four subdivisions in Santa Clara County, shutting down all construction. The Association was granted a temporary injunction by the Superior Court but when the hearing was held the court dismissed the request that the injunction be made permanent. In the strike that followed the Association surrendered. A contract was signed and the new wage scale put into effect.

When the contract was reopened in August of 1954 the Association refused to sign the master agreement until an election was held, claiming that the Professional Employees represented their employees. At this the real estate developers rebelled and under the recurring pressure the Association fell apart and the civil engineering firms began to sign contracts. Thus, after four years of struggle, the union and labor won a singular victory over a bitter and die-hard enemy.

Another victory was the signing of a contract by the Monterey Surveying Service of Salinas, California.

The next meeting of the 3E's will be held Friday, September 24th, at 8:00 p.m. at 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, Calif.

the oldtimers of Local 3. Bill McQuire, Harry Hanson, Bud Bynun, John Gilmore, Hank Flynn, John Bass, Lawrence Zinley and many others are working on this project. At this time I would like to say hello, fellows, from all of us here in the States, and wish you a successful stay and also wish that your good health stays with you.

Thanks a lot, Skip, for coming in to the office and giving us this report, and we also want to wish you the same as we have wished for the other brothers.

Paddling in the backyard pool is great fun for the moppets when they have inflatable plastic toys such as tot-size fireboats that toot and squirt, Indian canoes, and animated alligators. Such plastic toys are built to take rough use, abrasive sand, harsh sunlight, grease and suntan oils.

Business Is Booming on Peninsula; Award Contract on Airport Fill Job

By CHET ELLIOTT, Business Representative

During the past month employment for members of Local No. 3 has increased to a great extent in the Peninsula District and a great many Brothers have been cleared to the large highway, street, grading and paving, underground and building projects in this area.

NOYO HARBOR JOB STARTS

By GLENN L. DOBYNS
Business Representative

Morrison Construction Co. and Ted Schwartz Co. have started working on the Noyo Harbor project. They are pioneering a road into a rock quarry and work on the harbor will start as soon as enough rock is available.

The need for expanded facilities at Noyo is emphasized by the changing character of the fishing industry on the northern California coast. Formerly the activities of the harbor centered mainly on its own fleet, consisting of boats that fished in local waters and returned to their home port every night.

Noyo Harbor mooring space is inadequate for the present 400 commercial boats now using the harbor as a market place for their fish. The albacore run which is expected to start within the next few weeks will bring more boats to the area, and that the sports boat docks which are doing a record business presents a space problem, both in the harbor and in the channel.

It is estimated that out-of-town fishermen and their families spend about \$7,000 a day in the area.

RACE TRACK

The Sonoma County Supervisors have voted to award a contract for converting the two county fairgrounds racetracks into a single, wider and level track. The job will be done by Arthur B. Siri, Inc. The new track will be a six and one-half furlong oval, with a mile and sixteenth chute, and will be 80 feet wide. The existing tracks are a mile and three-quarters of a mile around, and one is 42 feet wide, the other 43 feet. One has a gradual five-foot rise at the south turn.

The Arthur B. Siri Co. is very busy working in and around Santa Rosa on various jobs consisting of road extensions and construction of curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Transocean Construction Co., on the Middletown job, has been a paradise for heavy-duty mechanics. The equipment is in a deplorable condition as most of it has shipped in from overseas.

Mercer-Fraser Co., on the Ridge-wood Summit, has completed the concrete treated base. Granite Construction Co. expects to start laying the plantmix this week.

Young & Engelke have moved their equipment in on Claude C. Woods' job at Gualala. The box culvert took longer than they had anticipated and consequently the boys are working long hours to make up for the time lost.

Huntington Bros. have completed grading on the six-mile stretch of the Boonville road. While working they had a tremendous slide which kept two dozers busy for a week. E. A. Ford has all the base rock laid on this job and oiling operations will start next week.

Huntington Bros. have moved their equipment to the 10-mile bridge out of Fort Bragg. This job should be completed within the next two weeks.

Peletz Company of Santa Rosa was low bidder for water mains on Mendocino Ave. from Carr to Ridgeway. This firm also has a crew working in Ukiah on gas and water mains.

Bishop-Younger-Bradley Co. of San Francisco was awarded the contract for construction of a dam at Cedar Creek Experimental Station, which is 20 miles north of Laytonville, for the Department of Fish and Game.

Contemplation of jobs: Replacement of two bridges and the straightening of a short section of

The Macco Construction Co. of Clearwater were the successful bidders on the one million yard fill job at the San Francisco Airport for the United Airlines. According to information your representative received at a pre-job conference with Mr. O. H. Tucker, Brother Kenny Hayes will be in full charge of this work and Bro. Dutch Bowles will act as his assistant. Brothers House and Watson have been cleared as cat operators, Brothers Edwards and Ott as heavy duty mechanics, and Brothers Butler and Norris are the shovel crew.

The contract for the street paving and underground work on Units Three and Four at the Mills Estate in Burlingame has been awarded to the Lowrie Paving Co. of San Francisco for three-fourths of a million dollars, which is only a small part of the large program planned for this huge project. This firm is very busy in this area; at the present time they are operating several construction jobs and a rock crushing plant and an asphalt plant which creates employment for many members of Local No. 3.

The Piombo Construction Company are operating at top speed on their freeway project at Belmont, trying to finish as much as possible before the rains start. This firm has purchased a large tract of land near the San Carlos Airport and are erecting an office building and shop at this location which is to be the general headquarters for their operations.

Brother J. O. Archibald's operations have expanded so rapidly it has become necessary for him to move into larger quarters and this Brother has a large building office and yard on Chestnut Street in Redwood City.

At Half Moon Bay the L. C. Smith Co. are rapidly completing their State Highway Project and are now hauling the imported select borrow and making the sub-grade. This enterprising firm has continuously grown from year to year and now employ over one hundred operating Engineers.

Due to the large volume of work in this district, all of the local building and construction contractors, including E. T. Haas Co., Robert McKee, Swinerton and Walberg, Rothchild, Raffin and Weirick, Oscar Holmes, Douglass and Woodhouse, Bauman Brothers, Fred Sperry and many others, are operating at full capacity, which makes the worthy Brothers of Local No. 3 very happy.

the Coast Highway near Elk, north of Point Arena in Mendocino County. A routing for nine-tenths of a mile of the highway where it crosses Bonee Gulch and Greenwood Creek to provide approaches for the proposed new crossings and to straighten out several curves, including a right-angle curve at the top of the bluff south of Greenwood Creek. The new route follows the general course of the existing highway but is for the most part slightly to the east. It also is shorter.

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4. Change to clean, lively suds as soon as soiled suds die down.
5. Drain dishes and rinse with hot, hot water; then only glasses and silverware will need to be wiped dry.

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