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Vote New Security Law; Knowland Rider Is Blasted

By P. E. VANDEWARK
Assistant Local Union Manager

The new Social Security bill which passed the House and Senate recently, will mean more dollars in the employees' pockets on Retirement.

There are two kinds of Social Security benefits: (1) Retirement (pension) payments for employees who leave work at the age of 65 or over. 2) Insurance payments to survivors of insured employees. The new law provides broader coverage which means that many employees who were not previously covered by Social Security will now be able to retire on reaching 65. The benefits under the law have also been increased so that a retired worker and his wife who is 65 or over may receive benefits up to \$120 per month. The previous maximum benefit was \$84 per month.

ON AVERAGE WAGE

Benefits the worker will receive are based on the "average monthly wage" at jobs covered by Social Security. "Covered" jobs are jobs where deductions were made from

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Big Crowd Greet Mrs. Roosevelt at S.F. Luncheon Rally

A crowd of more than 1000 persons filled the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco to overflowing on Tuesday, Sept. 12, to meet and greet the very popular United Nations worker, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, at a Democratic luncheon rally.

Labor, including a number of Engineer representatives, attended in force. The event was ballyhooed by the daily press as a campaign push for her governor-candidate son, James, but Mrs. Roosevelt

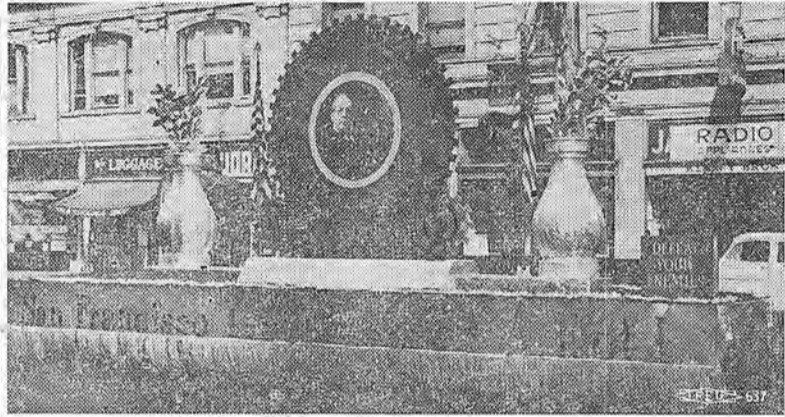


ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

didn't mention him or politics. She spoke chiefly of her work with the United Nations, James and Helen Douglas, U. S. Senator candidate, were introduced but did not speak.

She said that distrust was mutual between Russian and American U. N. delegates. She said they continually point to our failures as a Democracy, some of them admittedly true. She said the best remedy for this is for us to apply the Bill of Rights to every phase of

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SAM GOMPERS FLOAT, honoring the founder and first president of the AFL, is shown above as it appeared in the big San Francisco Labor Day parade. More than 100,000 persons witnessed the colorful turnout in which 50,000 AFL members marched.

Record Set on New Homes

Each month this year, Home Builders have broken records for comparable months of previous years. By the end of July, new housing activity was 54% above last January-July volume.

Of the 839,000 new units started, the Public Housing Authorities managed to get 13,100 under way—a fall-off from the same period in 1949 when 25,800 were started. It would appear that the 810,000 units to be built in six years under the public housing bill enacted in June, 1949, is off to a slow start.

U.S. Construction Rate Booms During August

Washington, D. C.—Further expansion of residential building and highway construction work boosted total construction activity by another 3 per cent in August, the Construction Division of the U. S. Department of Commerce and the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. The total value of new construction put in place during August set a new all-time monthly record exceeding \$2.7 billion.

OK Sacramento Canals

Congress on Sept. 13 voted to authorize construction of a \$65 million irrigation system for the Sacramento Valley. Main arteries will be a large canal on each side of the valley, carrying water from Shasta reservoir. However, Congress has not yet approved the money, and the Korean war is expected to delay money and work.



S. J. Key	August 14, 1950
E. H. Allen	August 17, 1950
Joseph R. Tonelli	August 24, 1950
Harvey Grant	August 30, 1950
C. H. Potter	September 4, 1950
Walter E. Beard	September 5, 1950
Irvine Collins	September 5, 1950
K. M. Herriford	September 7, 1950
Wm. F. Haynes	September 11, 1950

Cooperation Is Key to Safety

TO ALL LOCAL UNIONS

Greetings:

The success of your local union is based on cooperation.

1—Cooperation between workers in your craft.

2—Cooperating with the workers of other crafts.

3—Cooperating with the employers and their associations.

Through cooperating with the various groups of your industry and the affiliated group of International Organizations, the things we enjoy today have been made possible.

Another form of cooperation, labor-management cooperation for safety, can do much to insure your enjoyment of the benefits you have gained.

The enclosed bulletin, No. 121, which sets forth the principles under which successful cooperation in accident prevention can be achieved, has been jointly developed by representatives of management and labor serving under the banner of the President's Conference for Industrial Safety.

Please read this bulletin at your regular meeting. It is short and clearly outlines a contribution each can make, management, the union and the individual.

With kindest regards, I am
Fraternally yours,
WM. E. MALONEY,
General President.

Cal. Unions in Major Gains

(State Fed. Release)

Membership growth and improved contract provisions for California trade unionists are graphically shown in the State Department of Industrial Relations annual report "Union Labor in California 1949" recently released.

The 2373 unions responding to the questionnaire reported a membership of 1,201,000, compared with the 2164 locals with 1,040,000 members reporting in 1948.

The report also presents in detail information on contract provisions on vacations, holidays and sick leave.

Vacation allowances in union agreements were more liberal in 1949 than in previous years. Ninety per cent of all agreements showed paid vacations! 66 per cent showed paid holidays and 19 per cent paid sick leave.

Our own advice: When in the company of a loud-talking gent, who insists upon talking, let him talk.

Rush Huge Program of Jobs in West

What is undoubtedly the biggest program of construction ever witnessed in the West is now underway in all districts of Local 3's three-state jurisdiction, with greatest concentration of efforts emanating from the major metropolitan centers of California.

Big contractors working out of Bay Area headquarters and those located in the chief valley cities and Reno, Salt Lake and Ogden, are engaged in a speed-up program of work that has practically drained the supply of qualified engineers and cleaned up the out-of-work lists in nearly every branch office of the union.

Three major factors are responsible: (1) the hurry to complete before war demands may slow up construction; (2) September is the annual peak month, and (3) private and public needs are beginning to catch up with the West's historic post-war growth in population.

Reports submitted to Local 3 by business agents in the field, for publication in this issue of the Engineers' News, tell the story. This issue contains one of the longest and most complete set of reports published in the News in recent years, all of them alive with the construction feats of the thousands of skilled IUOE members in this region.

"We are happy to see our members so busy, because jobs bring paychecks, and wages bring the comforts of life to our members and their families," commented Bro. Victor Swanson, business manager of Local 3.

"Reports indicate that the present boom will continue well into the winter months, thus assuring us of better than usual work prospects during the slack period. However, Engineers are much in demand for war jobs, and with the present defense program shaping up, the need for our members will likely continue high during the year ahead.

"With the increased amount of moving around that our members do during such times as these, we would like to issue a reminder to be sure to report any change of address to the union office, either to one of the branch offices or to the main office. It is important to both the member and the union that correct addresses be on file, and it will greatly help us in keeping IUOE members on all of the jobs opening up."

Big Realtor Lobby Is Pushing Housing Initiative, Prop. 10

The well-planned and lavishly financed attack on public housing in California—Proposition 10 on the November ballot—follows the tactics worked out long in advance by the national real estate lobby in Washington.

This attack is in no sense a movement originating with the voters of California. For that reason, organized labor, all veterans organizations and other friends of public housing have done well to

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NLRB CHAIRMAN PAUL HERZOG (right) is sworn in for his second five-year term by Judge Chas. Fahy of U. S. Appeals Court. Everybody turned out for the occasion to honor Herzog, except NLRB General Counsel Robt. N. Denham, anti-labor "czar" who has resigned at the request of President Truman. —(LPA)

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS

UNION DIRECTORY IS PRINTED IN THIS ISSUE. A Directory showing the officers, location and phone number of each office, in addition to the Business Representatives working out of the various offices and their home phone numbers, is carried in this issue of the Engineers News. Members will find it convenient to cut out this Directory and keep it with them for reference.

TECHNICAL ENGINEERS, LOCAL NO. 3-E MEETING will be held in the Union offices at 1444 Webster Street, Oakland, California, at 8 p.m. Friday, September 22nd, 1950.

DUE AND PAYABLE!! Death assessment (Burial Expense Fund), \$5.00; Good Standing Fund, \$1.00. These assessments are for the protection of you, and your family . . . See that you are in benefit!

AMERICAN LABOR WILL FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND PEACE

By MAURICE J. TOBIN, Secretary of Labor

Labor Day, 1950, has a special significance. It comes at a time when the United States has accepted the challenge of totalitarianism by going to the defense of the people of South Korea and all other peoples menaced by Communist aggression. Organized labor has thrown itself into this struggle with all its soul and might.

Labor is free and can be free only in a democracy. American labor realizes that there can be no freedom for workers in Communist-dominated countries. Free workers understand that they owe it to themselves and their handcuffed brothers under totalitarian rule to join unreservedly in the fight to set workers free in every part of the world.



Americans are lovers of peace. They have shown a spirit of international fellowship which has gone beyond faith to works. Our actions have brought relief and hope to the stricken and oppressed of other lands. Our actions have made up the protector of helpless men and women everywhere.

We do not like persecution and tyranny. We won our release from oppression many years ago. We cherish the rights of a freedom-loving people. We have never hesitated to help others enjoy the same privileges.

That is why we have gone to the rescue of the South Koreans. We have taken a solemn obligation to help protect a country whose independence had been recognized by the United Nations.

The United States has swung into action to preserve freedom and peace for the oppressed people of the world. Labor unions have their own great role to play in this struggle for the right of peoples to enjoy the blessings of democracy.

Labor is rising to the height of this great argument in the centennial year of the birth of Samuel Gompers, who dedicated his life to championing the rights of workers here and abroad. Labor leaders of today are moved by the same vision. The trade-union movement which has known so much injustice and misery is vigilant not only in its own behalf but for the protection of others who face the brutal arrogance of communism in this unhappy world.

Labor marches with all other lovers of freedom and right to halt Communist aggression, wherever and whenever it raises its hideous head.

Denham Probe Urged At ITU Convention

Washington (LPA)—The Senate should investigate the policies of the National Labor Relations Board and its counsel, Robert N. Denham, Senator Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) told the 92nd convention of the International Typographical Union (AFL) Aug. 23. Much of the convention was devoted to analysis by union attorneys of Denham's tactics used against the ITU.

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It is better to bind your children to you by respect and gentleness, than by fear.—Terence.

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Labor Will Fight For Freedom, Says AFL Leader

Philadelphia (LPA)—While the freedom of any nation is being trampled on, American trade unionists will not stand by, asserted James A. Brownlow, president of the AFL Metal Trades Department. He spoke at ceremonies at which several destroyers were turned over to the French navy. The vessels were built by AFL workers at Pacific Coast yards.

"We insist upon the right to live our own lives, free from interference and restraint from any other nation," Brownlow said, "and we demand those same rights for the people of other nations."

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ANALYZES CRAFT UNITS

Washington.—Benjamin Rathbun, Jr., writing in the Yale Law Journal on "The Taft-Hartley Act and Craft Unit Bargaining," asserts that the National Labor Relations Board's job of "serving as referee in craft cases remains one of its most vexing tasks."

Hawaii—NAVY JOBS TAKE SLACK IN ISLANDS

By J. K. WAIWAIOLÉ
Business Representative, Local 3

Navy projects locally and forward area will ease lack of work in private construction for the Hawaiian area.

Three local private contractors and two from the West Coast have been given the O.K. to new Navy cost-plus-fixed-fee contract.

Most of the work is to be done on Kwajalein, the rest on Oahu and Hawaii.

The projects considered the most needed now are included in a supplementary public work appropriation bill approved by the House Appropriations Committee early this month.

The others are still before the Military Appropriations Committee as this is written.

The projects and their status:
(1) \$1,058,500 for aviation gasoline storage facilities at Barber's Point Naval Air Station; civilian contractors; awaiting House action.

(2) \$2,070,000 for power and water distillation plants on Kwajalein; civilian contractors; awaiting House action.

(3) \$400,000 for a water supply system on Kwajalein; civilian contractors; awaiting House action.

(4) \$108,000 for a sewage system on Kwajalein; civilian contractors; awaiting House action.

(5) \$2,180,000 for barracks, mess and galley facilities on Kwajalein; civilian contractors; in subcommittee.

(6) \$527,000 for a communications control link on Oahu; Navy construction; awaiting House action.

(7) \$200,000 for a naval communication station at Haiku, Hawaii; Navy construction; awaiting House action.

(8) \$1,075,000 to complete the Pearl Harbor Naval Base water supply system; Navy construction already in progress; in subcommittee.

In addition to these projects, officials are awaiting action by the Secretary of the Navy to authorize drawing of plans for construction of two housing projects on Oahu.

They would replace and expand present quonset facilities with 1,100 housing units in the Pearl Harbor area and 435 units at Barber's Point.

The units would be built and operated by private contractors under Federal Housing Authority underwriting.

The Hawaiian Branch will, no doubt, feel a great loss when Byrne Organization, Inc. curtails its activities here, on Kwajalein and Majuro sometime the latter part of October. We are in hopes, however, that they will be retained on other work here in this area.

Although the new contractors taking over the Navy contract will include three of the biggest local contractors and labeled anti-union, we are also delighted to have knowledge that the other two contractors to work under the new Navy contract have worked with and through unions on the mainland and on work in other parts of the world.

We will, no doubt, look to them for satisfactory working agreements in our area.

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The daughter was concerned about the amount of money her boy friend was spending on her each time he took her out.

"Mother," she said, "what is the best way to stop Tom from spending too much money on me?"

"Marry him!"

Report of last meeting

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

A synopsis of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 5 read and by motion approved as read.

A synopsis of the Executive Board Minutes of August 16 and of August 30 read and the acts and recommendations of the Board were by motion approved as read.

Cards of thanks were received from Mrs. Jeanette Lanthier and Mrs. Bert Swain and family. All were received and filed.

The following Brothers were reported ill: Ted A. Swarat, Thomas J. Davis, Earl O. Hagle, Carl F. Wild, Leigh S. Chambers, Paul C. Russo, Chester Wilcox, Ivor R. Martin, Mike Poleage, Walter L. Sherman, Thomas Cowen, Robert Woodden, Byron J. Reynolds, Albert S. Counter M. S. Sandy, Owen George, Robert R. Rein, Thomas L. Williams, Dale Passmore, Everett Huff, Darrell I. Wimmer, Bobby Halliburton, George Starns.

The following Brothers were reported deceased: E. H. Allen, Harvey Grant, Edgar Wm. Hatcher, Fred Hughes, S. J. Key, Herbert A. Lanthier, Joseph R. Tonelli.

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

Under the Good of the Order, Brother Foss gave a report of his experiences during his trip to Alaska. His remarks were well received by the membership.

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

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

Big Realty Lobby Is Pushing Housing Initiative Prop. 10

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oppose Proposition 10 from the start.

In opposing it, they have the strong support of both candidates for Governor as well as the state platforms of both major political parties. A bi-partisan Committee for Representative Government has already been formed, with State Senator Chris N. Jespersen of Atascadero as chairman, to coordinate the statewide forces determined to defeat this misleading proposal.

EASTERN SPECULATORS

Under the pretext of referring all decisions on public housing to a slow and costly general election, the Eastern speculators who are directing this attack hope to kill public housing altogether. They have made this clear in the 50-page manual distributed by the National Association of Home Builders for the avowed purpose of striking at local housing projects "on the community level." Their plan of action in California has already been well rehearsed in Houston, Milwaukee, Seattle and Portland, Oregon, where they have been successful in subverting the will of local elected representative bodies on questions of low-rent housing.

Here in California they were able to get their deliberately confusing proposal on the ballot by "popular petition"—in this case by hiring a professional petition-circulating firm to round up the required number of signatures at 12½ cents a signature. That's how popular the petition was.

HAVE BIG FUNDS

But the money these well-heeled lobbyists spent in getting Proposition 10 on the ballot is only a drop in the bucket compared to what they will spend in the last few weeks before the November election, in their campaign of smear and confusion to mislead the voters. They know that, if they can force public-housing decisions to a popular vote, they can draw on their unlimited funds to shout down the friends of local housing projects and prevent a democratic decision by the sheer force of paid publicity.

And their proposal is more far-reaching than they would have us believe. The Attorney General's office has already warned that Proposition 10 would severely hamper any war effort, and would affect many other public undertakings, such as the construction of almshouses and county poor farms; county protective homes for non-delinquent juveniles; convalescent homes for the poor and indigent sick; state-operated homes

A distinguished visitor at a lunatic asylum went to the telephone and found difficulty in getting his connection. Exasperated, he shouted to the operator:

"Look here, girl, do you know who I am?"

"No," came the reply, "but I know where you are."

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He who has health, has hope; and he who has hope has everything.—Arabian Proverb.

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Tony, the office janitor, had been working at his job for several years when he surprised his employers by asking for a vacation.

"We can't get along very well without you," joked the boss. "You don't need a vacation. You'll only blow in your money and come back broke."

"I like to have a vacation," persisted Tony. "I get married, and I kinda like to be there."

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Defeat is only for those who accept it.

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Overheard on a bus: "You never kiss me anymore. Why can't you be like the man next door?"

for the blind and deaf, and veterans homes for the needy. Governor Warren has branded it as a "road-block" to civilian defense, and James Roosevelt has reminded us that it would end public housing in California.

The lobbyists' campaign will be vicious in the extreme. But behind their smooth and plausible arguments in favor of general elections on public housing projects, it is well to remember that the man who is master-minding their attack from Washington is Herbert U. Nelson, the \$25,000-a-year executive vice president of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

This is the same Herb Nelson who made headlines across the country last April with the statement: "I do not believe in democracy. I think it stinks."

WE HAVE THE VOTES

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San Rafael— NORTHBAY BOYS ARE EATING DIRT ON MANY NEW JOBS

By H. O. "HEINIE" FOSS
Business Representative, Local 3

Brother J. E. Nelson, doing business as Johnson & Nelson are now located in their new office quarters . . . 718A San Anselmo Avenue, Ongaro Building, San Anselmo, telephone . . . San Rafael 2126.

McGouran Grading & Excavating of San Anselmo on their Corte Madera spread are busy digging away about "three" yards every day with another eight hundred thousand yards to go . . . a twelve-engineer spread and all of them eatin' dirt . . .

Brother Karl Elze doing business as Karl's Heavy Maintenance "On the Spot Repairs" of 185 Woodland Avenue, San Rafael, telephone San Rafael 289-W . . . nibbling away.

Parish Brothers are right busy on their Tennessee Valley dirt moving job where Brother Ray DeWitt is usher and doing one whale of a good job . . .

Brown-Ely and E. A. Forde Co., are finishing up the joint-venture "D" Street, San Rafael . . . also finishing on the Alberts' Recreation Field job, San Rafael . . . closing in on the Schultz tract and waiting to do the paving on the Marin County Hospital project in Greenbrae . . . Congratulations to young "Bill" Forde on his marriage . . .

Brother Johnny Brodnanski, one of the old "nut-busters" going into business with a partner as the Empire Gas Company in the refueling and hauling of gas tanks . . . he can be reached at Santa Rosa 3728-W . . .

Jim Ferrar, Occidental contractor . . . can be reached at Occidental 2678 . . . keeping several of the Brother busy and reporting he is "snowed under" at present with contracts . . . sounds good!!!!

LANDLEVELER BUSY

Paul Straub, Petaluma landleveling contractor, as busy as the proverbial bee, keeping members busy all year 'round . . . with "Duke" Winsor, "Slush-Bucket" Lindley and "Nut-Buster" Bill Jennings . . .

N. P. Van Valkenberg, Sacramento, busy on the Santa Rosa sewer line project with Brother Don Keithly as pusher . . . on schedule, too . . . also working with full crew on the Marin Municipal Water District Pipe Line job in Marin County where Brother Ernie Warner is also doing a good job . . .

Brother Ben Blecha visited the office after a completed contract in the Pacific . . . advised that Brother Joe "Shoeless" Jackson was called to Los Angeles on the recent death of his father . . . our sympathy to Joe and his family . . . Brother "Sandy" Feild . . . still making with "New Year's Eve" and planning on another foreign contract . . . pretty good shovel runner . . .

Brother Alvin Krueger recently purchased a ranch near Middletown but plans on retaining his No. 3 membership . . . Good Luck, Al, to you on this venture . . .

For the many inquiries regarding the present whereabouts of Brother Lowell L. (Ollie) Oldaker . . . he is bustin' nuts for the Siri outfit at Ukiah . . . maybe another Convention coming up . . .

Brother John Claridy, the "Chinchilla King" still working on the little animals . . . anybody interested in buying a \$50,000 coat, contact John at Santa Rosa 1021-J . . . maybe he will be back pulling lever a little later in the season . . .

Brother Bobo, of Bobo's Garage, Ignacio, the proud father of a little lady and busin' out all over . . . still keeping his No. 3 crews happy . . .

The DeVilbiss Company spread working near California City where "Whitey" Miller is superintendent moving plenty of dirt and going right along on schedule . . . natch' with their good crew, they should.

Brother Howard "Scarbelly" Ad-dington now in the fish and hoisery business . . . especially cat fish wrapped in dirty white socks . . .

OUTFALL SEWER
California Steel Products Company are working their crane crew

in on the Napa-Imola project . . . also working in on the Mill Valley outfall job where Brother Sam Fritter is pusher and doing a good job . . .

Brother Larry Meyers Novato resident, still at San Quentin but as a civilian . . . says "there should be more No. 3 operators on the job, instead of the San Quentin resident" . . .

Barrett & Hilp are busy on their San Anselmo sewer-siphon job where Brother Vern Dresser is pusher . . . in there with their Buck-eye with Brothers Lloyd Guthrie operating and Elmer Hughes oiling . . .

San Francisco Bridge Company with their dredge "San Pedro" have been in on the San Rafael Creek cleaning up and expecting to be finished as this come off the press . . . planning on moving into Rio Vista to work on re-alignment of sloughs for the Sacramento after repairing their dredge "Hines" . . . figuring on widening the channel to 120' in this area . . . with the following part of their crew: Captain Rossebo; lever men are Erick Salenius, Harry Hansen and Vince Baldee; mates: Paul Zink, Joe Turner, T. Thrulove, Vern Judd and E. Hitcher; their engineers are W. E. Yenter, R. Davidson, J. Carpenter and their fireman are O. Jensen, R. B. Talbot, and E. E. Yenter.

Our best wishes for a quick and complete recovery to the Brothers reporting in as ill: Brother Don Cook, working for Tony Syar at Crescent City, was severely injured when the roller turned over; Brother Russell Pyle confined to the South San Francisco Hospital with an injured back; Brother Sam Marzell in a shovel accident and possible amputation of three fingers; Brother Rufus Adams now up and around after a fractured ankle . . .

Piombo Brothers are on the finishing end of their Sear-Point Vallejo road project . . . nice smooth job with Brother Bill Pierce, pusher, as usual . . . Jensen & Pitts of San Rafael, with Brother Fred (Mr. Five-by-Five) Jensen all over the area . . . every place you look, one of their crews is working . . .

HAMILTON FIELD
Lowrie Paving on the Hamilton Field runway rehabilitation project are working long hours and "eight" days . . . off to a slow start but now going in high gear with Lou Callahan, superintendent.

Concrete Maintenance and Paving also working on the Hamilton Field project with their rooters and their brooms . . .

T. E. Connolly Company on the Novato Dam project where Earl Walsch is superintendent, now double shifting with Brother Johnny Hinote, pusher on the morning shift and Brother Bill Steart, pusher on the second shift . . . plenty of dirt here . . .

Effective September 7, 1950 the Fairfield-Suisun Air Base is now within the jurisdiction of the San Rafael office . . .

Your business representative appreciates, that with the need for blood for our fighting boys in the Korean crisis that many members will be donating blood for this great cause, however, I would like to direct attention to the fact that plans are now in progress for the establishment of a blood bank in the North Bay area . . . and this blood bank of the Engineers is not restricted to members only donating . . . your wives, or any member of your family may contribute . . . and by the same token, may also receive benefits from the Engi-

neers blood bank in the event of their needs . . . there will be more about this in the October issue of the Engineers News . . .

Harold Smith, popular St. Helena contract, was low on the \$113,194.00 contract for the approximately two miles of highway improvement northwest of State Route 8, south east of Petaluma.

Haas & Rotchschild were awarded the \$630,000 general contract on the Yountville Veterans Home . . .

A. G. Raisch were awarded the \$30,000 mile and a half improvement easterly from 101 highway to San Pedro Road, Marin County.

W. C. Railling of Woodland was awarded the \$14,000 street improvement in Vacaville . . .

OTHER JOBS LET

There were various other contracts let since the last issue of this Engineers' News, such as box culverts in Solano County; ferry ramp in Solano County; bridge widening in Napa; retaining wall in Tiburon, Marin County, etc., etc.

Your business representative would like to thank all the members who were so kind to inquire regarding the condition of Mrs. Foss, recently confined to the Crescent City Hospital on our return trip from Alaska, where the old spotted fever bug got her . . . I am very happy to say she is now almost "in the pink" again and gaining every day . . . it is a slow process recovering but she is doing fine . . . as for the Pelican . . . I had a bout with "ole-man 'neumonia" and while he got a nibble, I got a few bites in and beat him, and as you know made the trip to Alaska . . . your many cards are very much appreciated and I take this opportunity to thank you all as it is impossible for me to reply to each one individually . . . and, Thanks again, Brothers . . .

Lies About America

Washington.—Sen. Wayne Morse (R., Ore.) called on the House lobby investigating committee to unmask the anti-labor Reader's Digest.

He charged that the magazine is deliberately spreading malicious falsehoods about American institutions and American officials.

Sen. Morse charged a conspiracy by utilities to smear as subversive, un-American and socialistic, the federal power, navigation and reclamation projects, and said:

"If our nation's most widely circulated magazine can deliberately spread malicious falsehoods about our American institutions and our American officials it is giving aid and comfort to the enemies of our democratic way of life."

One of the nation's largest coal mines, the Robena, near Greensboro, Pa., produced more than three and a quarter million tons of coal or twice the total production of the entire state of Maryland.

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By AL BOARDMAN, Business Representative

Of vital interest to Local No. 3-E members is the good news that our sister Local 12-D of the Operating Engineers won an outstanding victory in the Los Angeles area. The signing of a master agreement covering from 600 to 800 men employed by firms operating under the Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association, major employing group in this field.

The contract, signed Aug. 3, provides standard wage scales of \$1.65 to \$2.56 per hour for the various classifications from apprentice to chief-of-party. It also provides for mileage pay, limiting of apprentices, increased scale for work performed on water, and other gains for employees of the 15 firms involved.

This contract compares favorably with the contract signed by Local 3 with the Bay Area Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors Association on Aug. 1. We wish to work as closely as possible with our sister local and to congratulate its officers and members on their success. Carl Harcrow, business agent for Local 12-D, has been the leader in the movement and deserves much credit for its success.

Your business agent has been busy putting the new contract into effect and much ground has been, and is to be covered. The hiring hall clause must be enforced and any firm hiring men off the street should be reported to your union. This is your contract—see that your employers live up to it.

Much of the grain handled mechanically in harvesting, cleaning and storage is unfit for use as seed because of bruises or cracked seed coats.

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What's doing in the Oakland office

By AL CLEM, T. D. BRYSON, F. A. LAWRENCE, LOUIS SOLARI, Business Representatives

This is one time that we really enjoy sending in our portion of the news report, for while we still have a few men out of work, generally speaking, the Brothers have been going to work fairly good during the past month. A number of them have been called to the service by their 'Uncle,' and others have been going to work in the different areas of Local 3.

Although there are some Crane Operators, Compressor men, and Oilers on the out-of-work list, we are still short of blade men and mechanics, particularly in the equipment dealers shops.

The Charles Harney Company has the contract for construction of standing aprons, loading platforms, and taxi ways, on the Oakland Municipal Airport. There is one half mile of imported fill and 22,000 yards of concrete surfacing to be done. A Noble batching plant has been erected on the job site and the aggregates are being trucked in from the Niles area. This outfit worked on the airport in 1944, in a joint venture with Piazza and Huntley and then, as now, 'Tiny' Purser was Superintendent of the operation. There will be approximately ten engineers employed at the peak of operations under the direction of Gordon Johnson, foreman. 'Tiny' says they have a three hundred day limit on the job, but feel reasonably sure of finishing up well ahead of schedule.

Things are still very quiet out at the Livermore Air Base, where the new Atomic plant is to be erected. Dinwiddie has a small contract in operation, but so far no major hiring has been done.

Clements and Company have the following brothers working on their \$160,000 job in Alvarado: Bill Peters, blade operator; Ed Henry, cat; Harry Chaffee, roller; and O. E. Elliott, foreman.

During the past month we spent considerable time in Niles negotiating a new agreement for the employees of the Pacific States Steel Corporation, who are members of Local No. 3. While we were unable to secure everything that the fellows requested, we feel that, all in all, we were able to get a fairly good deal for them. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the members for their cooperation in this matter.

800 TON DAILY

There is considerable activity out around John McCosker's at the present time, with approximately 15 Engineers on the payroll. Nine of the fellows are working in the company's sand and gravel plant in El Sobrante. This plant which handles 800 tons of material daily is turning out crusher run, base rock and sand for various jobs in the locality, including material for the City of San Pablo, and for the Key System job in Berkeley. They also have a contract to furnish 15,000 tons of base rock for the new Walter T. Helms Junior high school in San Pablo. Two shifts are being run on the cats, but the remainder of the plant is on a one shift basis, under the supervision of Brother Henry Burch.

They also have a contract to supply 5000 yards of rock, and to handle the grading work in California Steel Building's job at the new Fortier Transportation plant in San Pablo. Another good sized job consists of removal of 60,000 yards of mud on the Gerwick Pollock sewage disposal job at the Army Base in Oakland, and they are furnishing 20,000 yards of sand to be used in backfilling around the installation. They are also bringing in 10,000 yards of dry concrete mix to be used in the construction of the treatment plant. It is interesting to note, that dry mix must be used on this operation as the chemicals used in the sewage treatment make it impossible to use ordinary cement, and certain material must be added to the dry mix to make it capable of withstanding the chemical action. Aside from these jobs, the company has various other grading and general construction jobs going and it is expected that most of the boys on their payroll

er, and Bro. Bill T. Malcolm as the loader operator.

DUBLIN FREEWAY

Fredrickson and Watson's State Freeway job, between Dublin and Livermore, is well under way, with about two weeks more of hauling of fill material and have just moved in another 80 N.W. shovel. In about two weeks they will start on 190,000 tons of select material and topping. They have the structures for the bridges, and the culvert abutments will be completed by the end of this week. As soon as they have some of the select material down, they will start in behind with steel header boards for laying pavement. Members employed on this job are as follows: Carl Foss, General Superintendent; L. J. Bosley, general foreman; George Dupree, foreman; Oscar Crossland, N.W. operator; 'Hank' Railing, shovel operator; Jack Landon, oiler; Wm. Hayden, greaser; Al Crum, blade; Wm. 'Slim' Berry, blade; Paul Tate, jeep; Jess Culp, roller; Tony Manus, cat; E. Bechtold, cat; Lewis Bowman, mech.; Barney Costello, tech. engr.; and Bill Squibb, tech. engr.

The contract for grading and surfacing the grounds of the Harry Ellis Jr. High School in Richmond, was awarded to Ferrabee and Kennedy, for approximately \$9380, job will employ three Engineers.

Fay Wills has a small job of 12,000 yards of soft easy mucking for the Dick Miller Yacht Harbor at Antioch. This project will be an addition to his docks, which will make room for 40 more private boats.

The J. R. Armstrong Company has a job between Rodeo and Pinole, with Orinda Paving Company doing the grading. Working on the job at this time are 2 jeeps, 1 dozer, a small D-4, 1 loader, and a small boom cat which is being used to lay pipe. They have 1 truck crane on the job, but it is not in use at this time. This job consists of widening the four lane highway, making the lanes 12 feet wide.

Little upsurge of work on the S.U.H.B. contract in Tracy. They are building a fish screen and pilot intake canal, which is being put in on a temporary basis to study the effect on fish and also on the salt water which comes in. This section will eventually tie in with the cross channel at Walnut Grove and will be the connecting link between the canal and river. There are approximately one half dozen men employed on the job.

McGuire and Hester have a considerable amount of work on their job at the Stege Sanitary District, in El Cerrito, where they are laying sewer pipe. They have approximately 10 Engineers employed on this job and anticipate its being completed some time in November. This firm also has a similar job in Hayward, at the Oro Loma Sanitary District, employing at the present time 12 Engineers.

What the Brothers Are Doing

During the past month several of the Brothers who have been laid up have been able to get back into the harness, and many more are well on the way to recovery. Among them are Brother Johnny Johnson, who is feeling so much better that he has taken a job operating a crane at the Army Port. Brother Leotis Parker, who has been off work for a year, following a serious injury to his back when a crane overturned, is active again and very happy about it. Brother Jack Reasor's scars are pretty well healed and his ribs are knit together again following an auto accident of last March, while Brother Nick Backovich continues to look fat and healthy since his release from the sanitarium. Brother Cliff Jorgen-

son is out of the hospital—came through his back operation with flying colors and Brother Don Pogue, dropped us a card recently to let us know that he too has been much better lately and has gone to work out of one of the other offices. Brother C. C. Smith hasn't been doing so well, however. Following an accident in which a boulder all but removed his heel, he has been hospitalized a couple of times, and is still having to look forward to considerable skin grafting and bone work. Over in the Vet's Hospital on 14th and Harrison, Brother B. J. Feliz is still doing bed duty following a lung operation, and he was joined not long ago by Brother Byron J. Reynolds of Reno, who was brought in for a check-up. Brother J. W. Clark was seriously hurt recently when a steel casing fell on him, crushing his shoulder and collarbone. At this time we do not have too much information on his condition, but wish he and all the rest of the sick boys a speedy recovery.

Brother Bob Allgood, who has been with Parr Terminal for some time is leaving that outfit for a move South. He has accepted a job as Foreman at Kaisers Gypsum Plant in Long Beach, and will be going down there in the near future. During the war, Bob worked in Kaiser's Yards Two and Three and is well known and liked by many of the Brothers in this area. We are sure they will all want to join us in wishing Bob the best of luck in his new undertaking.

Received a card from Brother Henry Machado, who is working in Ingeyogala, E. P. Ceylon. Has been on the job and that the natives are rare people. That's just fine, Brother Hank, but keep your eyes peeled, as we'd hate to have them make a well done Engineer out of you!

Cecil Alexander, who has been in charge of construction for the Rheem outfit for some time, has branched out for himself and is doing business under the name of the Alexander Construction Company. He seems to be getting off to a flying start and we wish him the best of luck.

GOLDEN WEDDING

Brother Jack Boyd celebrated his 50th 'Golden' wedding anniversary recently, and states that he is now going to devote all of his time perfecting his invention, which is a mechanical pipe cleaner. We believe that Jack, being one of the old timers in Local 3, and many years a member of Local 59, richly deserves a rest, and hope he is successful in perfecting his invention.

Brother Frank Booth is back from the San Jose area, and is now working for McGuire and Hester.

Brother Ernest Lemos, a former Leaderman at Moore Dry Dock, has returned to this area to work, after spending two years in Canada, where he was operating a two yard N.W., on a gold mining job, for the J. V. Rice Company.

The best of luck to Brother Archie Farnsworth and Brother Ray Hubbard, who have set up a compressor rental and excavating business at 2990 Castro Valley Blvd., Hayward, Phone LUcerne 2-3412.

We deeply regret the passing of two of the Brothers during the past month:

Brother Fred Hughes who passed away, on August 10th. Fred had been ill for quite awhile and had to discontinue his work for some time. He, being an 'old timer' of Local 3 and a former member of Local 59, was one of the few to hold an "Honorary Life Membership Card," in Local 3. We sincerely offer our condolences to his widow, Mrs. Etta V. Hughes.

We also wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Brother Ken Herriford, who passed away on

September 6th after a lengthy illness.

DREDGE NEWS

The Olympian Dredging Company has four dredges working at the present time. The 'Monarch' is working at Georgianna Slough, which is about a 30 day job. The 'Neptune' is working on a job for the Army Engineers, at Sacramento, which is also approximately a 30 day job, the 'Palmer' will be working at Sacramento in about two weeks, and the 'Golden Gate' has returned to Rio Vista.

San Francisco Bridge Company informs us that it is preparing for its work on the first section of the Sacramento deep water channel near Rio Vista. The subcontractor, H. Earl Parker, is doing levee set back and other related work on this job.

Ukiah—

RECORD RUSH OF WORK IN UKIAH AREA

By A. R. McCAFFERY
Business Representative, Local 3
Employment in the Ukiah area is at its peak. Never before has there been so much activity in construction work. Ordinarily, at this time of the year, the contractors who are working in the area do their best to complete all projects before the rains.

With the able brothers doing the task, M & K Corp., of San Francisco, have a one million dollar job at Point Arena. This job is supposed to be completed in 90 days. The brothers will really get a workout on this job.

Tony Syer started two highway jobs. One is located in Willits, and the other in Middletown. We are short of operators on blades and tournapulls on these jobs.

Berman and Rich started their job on the Willits-Fort Bragg Road. They have three dozers opening up getting ready for the cans and jeeps coming off of the Hopland job.

There is also a large project contemplated in Middletown. Between \$700,000 and \$800,000 is allotted for this job, which is to start in the near future.

If I do not visit you every week like I have in the past, have a little patience, and I will get there sooner or later, or if there is something wrong, please call the office.

AFL Teachers Elect

Detroit (LPA)—John Ecklund was re-elected union president and Arthur Elder was elected vice president for his 13th consecutive term at the convention of the American Federation of Teachers here. Others named to the executive council were Selma Borchardt, James Fitzpatrick, Jessie Baxter, Veronica Hill, Mary Cadigan, Paul Preisler, Kathleen McGuire, Cecile Oliver, Etta Greenberg, Mary Wheeler, Edwin Ross, John Fewkes, Ann Maloney and Irving Fullington.

Charge Committee With Blame for Subverting Schools

Minneapolis (LPA)—The Committee for Constitutional Government is one of nine national organizations seeking to make propaganda centers of the public school system. So charged H. B. Bruner, city school superintendent. He called the nine groups "enemies in our midst." The CCG is regarded as the top anti-labor, anti-Fair Deal lobby and propaganda organization.

Marysville—

Valley Engineers Sweat Out A Record 26-Day Heat Wave

By WM. C. WAACK and LES COLLETT, Business Representatives, Local 3

After one of the longest sieges of hot weather in the history of the Valley—26 days with 19 of them above 100 degrees—the country begins to feel that it might be fit to live in. Any number of operators will tell you their job was the hottest and I believe them all. 120, where the job is and no shade was not the exception. Salt pills and ice water helps a little—but still many of the brothers couldn't take it.

W. H. Darrough and his sons, Jimmy and Jack, are back in town. Pop got over a flu spell; sold the prunes. Jimmy wound up the Bear Valley job, and Jack has been herding three land leveling spreads in the Marysville area.

Rice Brothers are assembling a rock plant at Oroville, with Joe Caldwell as the super. They are taking some bad curves out of 99E between Marysville and Oroville—a lot of men at work, with Bill Covington running this crew. This is also a resurfacing job. Over three miles of the Oroville-Quincy road is also undergoing a face lifting. Where's "Red" Covington?

SPREAD OVER VALLEY

Parker and his gang are spread out from one end of the great valley to the other—and every job fighting time. Perry Parker is running the big levee job at Meridian; Wayne Morris at Georgiana Slough; Slim Ault at Rio Vista and Charlie Roe at Butte Creek. The land leveling has been set aside until these levee jobs are far enough advanced to be secure in event of early rains—it can happen! So damned much equipment on the Rio Vista job that on the 7th two jeeps banged into each other—like hard-top racers. Crane boom comes swinging—no boom—no leads—what the hell—it all happens on the job.

Piombo—Phil Dunne—Charlie Lloyd—Butte Creek—Mickey O'Callahan—all on the same job—rigs in the timber and out—working until the water comes. The finest duck, pheasant and dove country in the West—not a house for miles—but try and get in. We shall see—could make the "buck-et" again for trespassing, but what the heck, it might be worth it.

No men out of work and a few calls each day for various type operators. Nice to be able to tell

the contractors that in the next day or two we may be able to get a hand.

Nice to work with Clark and Park on a Natomas beef. Feels good to see the cars lined up on the highway at the break of dawn—ready to stand solid—ready for the word—a good gang of gold dredge men. Not to be sold short on a showdown. Nice company to negotiate with—Cy Thomas, Gallagher, etc. Rough, but when it's over, it's done to the satisfaction of all hands.

Bernie Richter drops in, always with the smile of the cat that ate the canary. Bernie is the one to watch, regardless—jobs (I watch him everywhere); well, he's going to build a new sawmill and roads for Diamond Match. Can't tell where you'll find him next.

THE HUNTERS BRAG

Yuba Consolidated and the Chico Boat—Biggs Boats are still on continuous operation. The Callahan boat is down. George Baker of Gold Hill went to work for Parker, also Al Baker of Yuba to the same firm. Donnie Monahan is going about town bragging of some sort of record he holds—haven't got the lowdown on it yet. And then the dove hunters at Hammonton—who always get the limit, but no one ever sees them. And Darnielle, the hunter deluxe, sitting under a stunted walnut tree waiting for them to come in. If you're ever in the shops, take a look at the big scoop they use (to shovel out the feathers) only when hunting. And then drop in to see Frick and Elmer and anyone else of Hammonton in that rendezvous back of the store.

From the shops—young Bob Coleman and Dick Dutton, son of Charlie, both to the Air Corps; Bill Sliger to the Marines; Jim Mascarrello to the Navy, and Wendell Gockler to the Infantry. They tap the gold dredges heavy.

Saw Lester Rice's truck crane coming out of Wheatland—Ray Rice and Reinie Wolfsons Jack and Bill Rice on other units scattered up and down the highway. This firm has added a fleet of 10-yard dumps—available to the trade—a good outfit to do business with. Biasotti still on the Camptonville job that will go 'til the snow comes.

And, by the time this gets to press, Les Collett will be back from his vacation.

Long Illness Fatal To J. C. Fitzgerald, Former Supervisor

J. C. Fitzgerald, 63, former supervisor of Operating Engineers Local 12, succumbed August 31 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Stockton following a long confinement by illness.

He had been very active in Local 12 from its inception up to July, 1949, when illness confined him to his home near Jackson, Calif. During the following months his condition did not improve, and he lapsed into a coma August 29 from which he did not recover.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Genevieve Fitzgerald; a brother, Lester, of Stockton; a daughter, Mrs. C. A. Kirk, of Stockton; and two sister in Massachusetts.

Reno—

ROAD, STRIP JOBS MOVE IN NEVADA

By H. L. "CURLY" SPENCE Business Representative, Local 3

The Silver State Construction Company, better known as Andy Drumm, has its highway job between Oasis, Nevada, and Silver Zone Pass nearing the finish line. The grading is finished and most of the gravel is on. Now comes the Hot Stuff. And then we'll be starting on the twenty-nine mile highway job. Andy Drumm was low bidder on fifteen miles east of Magnuson's ranch on Highway 50 to Boone Springs, Nevada. It's a long job, but Drumm's just the boy that likes the long tough jobs and he finishes them up in short order. But he should with a good bunch of Engineers from Local Union No. 3 such as: Ross Bell, J. Milton Giles, Charles "Kid" Melendy, Al Montrose, William "Bill" Caton, Warren Vaughn and Joseph J. Montrose as grade foreman.

Dodge Construction Incorporated is well along with its highway job between Eureka, Nevada, and Palisade, Nevada, with the following Brothers on the job: Warren Whitehead, Henry "Curly" Smingler, Harold Johnson, W. "Tex" Rodgers, Bud Jacobsen, J. G. Harrison, and Charles E. "Gene" Shoffner. Dodge's highway job at Orvada, Nevada, is off to a good start with Brother Bud Bell on the cat. Mr. McKay is in charge of the job.

Isbell Construction Company is off to a good start on the stripping job at Kimberley, Nevada, with Brothers Frank Bernd, A. C. Blair, George Dory, George Laughton, M. G. McCollum and C. D. Riley as foreman. The following Brothers are in the shop: M. H. Boggs, Bert Curtis, O. L. Lee, Mike Mirch, Bill Morrissey, Glenn Munson, R. W. Pulshiper, Ed Weiser, B. W. Willard, Thos. Allingham, F. L. Bernd, Jack Colvin, Iryl Cue, Claude Dahl, Marion Diullo, Reuben Esquibel, and Dan Salaz.

There is the shovel crew with L. C. Conyers, W. Nelson, M. J. Pulshiper, J. C. Tognarelli, Henry Tonn, Harvey Hill, Ward Manley, Roy Cazier, Edward DiSanza, Richard Joseph, Silas W. Sloan, Arthur Stowe, Wm. McQueen, and D. J. Woodworth. Brothers on the cats are: W. H. Arvin, Earl Bales, W. Bedal, Charles Dory, E. H. Drolinger, Frank Gandolfo, Clarence Hansen, G. E. Johnson, Ellis Jordan, David Lawrence, John Montgomery, Lee Pilcher, Bert Roark, J. S. Howe, and Matt Greve.

In the churn drill crew are: Milton Bradley, H. Cobb, V. L. Eardley, Fred Farnsworth, Harold Farnsworth, H. A. Mathis, L. Ox-borrow, James A. Wakeling, I. Bustos, J. N. Bianchi, Thos. Farnsworth, James Niman, Bill Petersen, Sam Poulakidas, and David Fielding. Also on the job are Orville Winn, Lewis Brazzanovich, Don DiSanza, Pete Gambo, and Fredrick Ricci. Now that's a fine group of men, believe me.

Isbell's job at Tuscarora, Nevada, is about finished. Some of the Brothers will go to the Kimberley job and the rest of the crew will come back to good old Reno.

STREET WORK MOVES

Isbell's street work around Reno and Sparks, Nevada, is coming along in fine shape with Brothers Bill Boegle and Ray Barber on the Northwest shovel in Reno, and Brothers Jimmie Obester and Roy Obster in Sparks on a Northwest shovel. The following are in the hot plant crew at the East Second Street plant: Carl Hector, U. McCold, Frank Shay, Herman Petersen, Albert J. Calvin, and Victor Lambert on the dozer feeding the plant. Brothers James F. Lambert and "Skinny" Bill Sherwin are taking care of sreading the gravel on the Sparks job for Isbell. Bill on a rubber-tired tractor, has finally got on a rig that he really likes.

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A devoted husband, grieving over his wife's death, had a tombstone put over her grave with the inscription: "The light of my life has gone out." But time got to doing its healing and after several years he decided to remarry. In a dilemma, he asked his minister if it would be proper to have the inscription removed.

"Why bother?" asked the clergyman, smiling. "Why not just add another line: 'But I have struck another match?'"

Drive right and keep to the right.

A parrot lived in the bar of an upstate New York inn, and was accustomed to note the rush of business every Saturday night.

One Saturday it left its cage to explore the neighborhood, and was eventually found in a field surrounded by crows, who were busily depriving it of its feathers.

When the rescue party arrived, the parrot was heard ejaculating: "One at a time, gentlemen, if you please. One at a time; you'll all be served."

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By C. C. FITCH

It has come to my attention that there are stationary engineers who are talented along other lines. One in particular is Brother Robert R. Blecha of Oakland. I am certain the membership will be interested in hearing of the achievements of Brother Blecha and Brother George A. Redding, a member of the Tool and Diemakers Local No. 1176.

The "Oakland Acorn Express," pictured above, operating on the Oakland Narrow Gauge Railroad, was built by Brothers Blecha and Redding. There is nothing equal to it anywhere else in this Nation.

The project required two years of tedious labor, which started at the drafting board, laying out the design. Then came the pattern work which was made at the pattern shops by professional pattern makers. The patterns were then sent to the foundries for casting. The car wheels, for instance, are made from special chilled iron, and the driving wheels for the engine are made of Meehanite, a hard and durable type of cast iron. The same is true of the cylinder sleeves and various other parts.

CLOSE TOLERANCE

The castings were then laid out and machined to predetermined tolerances. Most of the machining required very close tolerances, since the train is ball or roller bearing throughout.

The boiler on the engine was made in a boiler shop to A.S.M.E. standards and after being x-rayed and tested, was given a locomotive stamp and code number. The operating pressure is 150 pounds per

square inch, although it was coded for 175 pounds. The boiler is rated at 10 h.p., but the engine will develop 60 h.p. and 500 r.p.m. The engine is known as the Pacific Type or 4-6-2 and was designed after the Southern Pacific's San Francisco "Daylight." The gauge is 16 inches, or approximately one-quarter scale.

The locomotive has nearly all the accessories and parts that the large locomotives have, including air brakes, air pumps, water injectors, safety valve, whistle, a sander for greasy or wet rails, and a pressure oiling system. It is oil fired, with a steam atomizer, which makes a clean fire, without soot or smoke.

32-INCH CARS

The cars are 32 inches wide, each having six double seats. A total of 36 adults can be seated in the three coaches. Two more coaches will be added in the near future to accommodate the large week-end crowds.

The track layout was set up so that two steep grades would make the engine have a real pull in order that the exhaust could be heard plainly. Both grades are over two per cent.

The modern railroad station was designed and built by the Oakland Park Department, as well as the tunnel, which is used to store the train. It is our understanding that the entire park will be landscaped and made into a children's playground by the Oakland Park Department. The present owners and builders operate the train as a concessionaire, under the Oakland Park Department, and are known as the Model Engineering Company of San Leandro.

The Oakland Acorn Express, not only a great achievement, is of real interest to adults from a mechanical standpoint, and the pleasure and delight of the children.

Two Local 3 Men Killed in Blast

Two members of Engineers Local 3 were killed and 10 others were injured August 29 in an electrical blast that occurred in the compressor room of the Calaveras Cement Co., east of Stockton, first major accident at the plant in 25 years. The accident was caused by a short circuit in the switch panel.

Bros. Harvey Grant, 20, of San Andreas, and Frederick M. Wuddell, 29, of Mokelumne Hill, died the next day from severe burns. Treated for second and third degree burns were Bros. Frank Grant, 55, chief electrician and father of Harvey; Evan Hall, 43, mill foreman; Renaldo Cuneo, 49, finish miller; Ed Bacigalupi, 57, shift foreman; Henry Zumwalt 39; Ben West, 45; and Charles Green.

Early in the evening of the occurrence, plant men noticed an inexplicable drop in power on the line from the large battery of oil switches where a 60,000-volt line is stepped down by transformers to 2,300 volts for plant use. PG&E made a check but found a normal load coming into the plant. Plant men began checking for the trouble when one of the oil switches ignited and there was a deafening explosion.

Laval Davis, 25, and Fred McCoy, 47, machinists, seated by the door of the room in front of the panel, were knocked down, but the flames passed over them and they were unhurt. They beat out the flames on the clothing of the other men as they came out. Eight doctors were summoned from nearby towns to treat the injured. Manuel Ramirez, 39, rushed from another part of the plant when the blast occurred and was badly burned while doing heroic rescue work.

Report from Sacramento

By A. R. OUGHTON
Business Representative, Local 39

Contracts concluded for the month of August: Air Reduction Sales, Sacramento Ice and Cold Storage, California Oxygen Company, America Ice Company, Yuba City Refrigeration Company at Yuba City, Sacramento Office Buildings. Contracts still being negotiated: The Y.M.C.A. building, Sacramento, Reno Rendering Works at Reno, Nevada, Crescent Creamery at Reno, Nevada. Organizing: The Reno Brewery Company, Reno, Nevada.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Trip up the Valley: Called up Number 3 office in Marysville. Called at Yuba City Refrigeration Company, Yuba City; the A. D. Atterbury Company, Yuba City; Golden State Company, Gridley; Golden Crust Bakery Chico; Pet Milk Company, Orland; The Alta-California Dairies, Willows.

Trip to Weimar Joint Sanatorium, Weimar: Signed up one new Engineer.

CALLED TO THE COLORS

Brother Richard Garey of the Made-Rite Sausage Company has been called back into the Marine Corps for active service, and Brother R. P. Fitzgerald of American Ice Company informed me that he has his notice to report to the Army 4th Division.

Had 15 meetings on contract negotiations, 3 meetings with engineers on contracts.

I noticed Brother Frank Cordoza is back on the job in Sacramento District.

Brother Max Blum is back on the job for the Medico-Dental Building after several months' illness. On the sick list we still have

Brother Stewart McDonald and Joseph Howard. Also this office was notified that Brother Tom Douglas suffered a heart attack and will have an indefinite stay in bed.

Made 97 plant calls, signed up 5 new Engineers. Gave temporary work to 6 Engineers from the Bay area, Fresno and Stockton.

One Engineer out of work.

The next regular meeting will be held the first Thursday in October, October 5, 1950.

Be seeing you around.

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THE WRONG APPROVAL

A Washington matron once boasted she could make President Coolidge talk. Cornering him at a dinner she sought to make good her boast.

"Oh, Mr. President," she said, trying to disarm him with frankness, "I have made a bet that I can make you say at least three words."

"You lose," Coolidge replied.

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Two sweet old ladies were comparing notes: "And so you are troubled with constipation, too," said one, "and what do you take?" "Oh!" replied the other, "I just usually takes me knitting."

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Report From Stockton

By R. E. McCARTHY
Representative, Local 39

Being on vacation for the first two weeks of the month I managed to get a little rest from the general pests that I have to associate with. Mildred and myself had a wonderful vacation, the only trouble was that it was too short, but you know how it is, you have to get back so that the old checks roll in undisturbed.

I no sooner got back with the new car and drove in front of the boiler room at the Stanislaus County Hospital, than I got insulted; came out of the boiler room to find a sign plastered on my windshield offering my brand new car for sale at the price of \$1. Can you imagine friends like that? Oh, well, it's a long road that has no turning, and my chance will come unexpectedly, so beware, you purveyors of untruths.

Received quite a shock on Sept. 1, 1950. I was informed that Brother J. C. Fitzgerald had passed away. To many of the newcomers of the I.U. of O.E. the

name doesn't mean much, but to old timers it means the loss of a friend who gave all to the building of the Operating Engineers Union in the Southern part of the state.

To cite the activities of Brother Fitzgerald in the Labor movement would take reams of paper. With the loss of Jack I personally feel the loss of a friend not only in labor but as a good friend who was always ready and willing to lend a hand in any endeavor you may be following. It's hard to describe your feelings on paper, fellows. May we just hope that he will rest in peace.

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Daily report of awards for construction

AUGUST 15, 1950

REDWOOD CITY, Contract was awarded to Peter Sorensen, P. O. Box 790, Redwood City, \$334,795 for pave & sewer friendly Acres, under 1911 Act.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Fred T. Fahey, 1874-25th Avenue, San Francisco, \$2,672 for laying 8" cast iron mains in Mendosa Avenue, E. of 10th under S. F. WD 551.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) HHWS 228: To J. N. Pitcher Co., 7108 Mission Street, Daly City, \$18,720 for expl. drilling & trench excavation.

(2) MRR 339: to Ira H. Larsen Co., 645 Park, San Francisco, \$49,213 for West Portal Substation.

(3) Airport 123: To Carrico & Guarter, 365 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, \$177,400, lgt. contr. bldg.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Pav. Co., P. O. Box 1178, San Jose, \$880,000 for asph. conc. pave on Pine Ave. adjac. to Kirkland Villa, Unit No. 4, Tract No. 678.

BURLINGAME, Contract awarded to Sperry & McCue, 1444 Benito Avenue, Burlingame, \$1,947 for surf. three off-street parking lots, on Market Street Railroad right-of-way at North Lane, South of Broadway, and North of Broadway, with single sealcoat of bituminous paint binder & gravel.

NILES, Contract awarded to Barrett & Hilp, 918 Harrison St., San Francisco, \$218,311 for const. sew. disposal plant. ALAMEDA COUNTY.

AUGUST 16, 1950

MENLO PARK, Contract awarded to M. J. Lynch, 2251 Revers Avenue, S. F. & Robt. B. McNair, 3745 Rhoda Avenue, Oakland, \$222,961 for intercepting sewers.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Fredrickson & Watson Const. Co., 873-31st Avenue, Oakland, \$819,127 for 1.14 mi. const. portion of State Hwy. Route 227, between 2.1 mi. north of Broadway Terrace and Bruns Drive, Oakland, including grade-separation strucs., etc., at Broadway Terrace and Temescal Park Roadway.

STOCKTON, Contract awarded to Pascoe Construction Company, 389 N. East End Avenue, Pomona, \$11,244 for const. two farm buildings at Stockton State Hospital.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Lord & Bishop, P. O. Box 812, Sacramento, \$20,546 for reconst. bridge on McKenzie Road, 2 mi. E. of Twin Cities, near Arno Road, SACRAMENTO COUNTY.

SANTA ROSA, Contract awarded to Robert M. Rapp Co., 705 Bennett Avenue, Santa Rosa, \$3,553 for const. water main ext. No. 1 in Sherwood Forest Subdiv., suburban Santa Rosa.

RENO, NEVADA, Contracts awarded as follows:

(1) Const. storm drain, etc., S. Virginia St.: to John B. Powers Co., P. O. Box 1487, Reno, Nevada, \$5,353.

(2) Const. storm drain, etc., Sierra Street: to John B. Powers Co., P. O. Box 1487, Reno, Nevada, \$4,133.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Sherratt Co., 1231-13th Avenue, Oakland, \$7,720 for sew., Alvarado Road & R-W, incl. Claremont Knolls Tract.

SUNNYVALE, Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., 175 So. Montgomery Street, San Jose, \$19,382 for grade, pave, etc. Fuller Tract & adjac. territory, under R. I. 1047.

AUGUST 17, 1950

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846-37th St., Sacramento, \$22,992 for clear, grade, drain, & pave for new Pops Yard, Sacramento.

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to N. P. Van Valkenburgh, P. O. Box 1192, Sacramento, \$101,112 for inst. 24,000 lft. 24" welded steel pipeline from Bon Temple Lake to Mill Valley (Sections B, C & D of Southern Marin Pipeline).

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$226,035 for 3.6 mi. grade, surf, etc., betw. Silver Lake & Alpine Co., Line in Amador County, Calif.

JACKSON, Contract awarded to Elliott's Electric Service, Box 144, Sonora, \$6,272 for const. runway & Taxiway Lighting, etc., at County Airport.

AUGUST 18, 1950

TULARE, Contract awarded to W. M. Lyles Co., P. O. Box 495, Avenal, \$11,839 for const. storm drains in College & other Streets, TULARE.

RICHMOND, Contract awarded to Ferrabee & Kennedy, 2507 Woolsey St., Berkeley, \$5,630 for grade & surf., reconst. conc. slab & apply screenings Harry Ellis Jr. High School, Richmond.

RICHMOND, contract awarded to Samuel Hubbard Company \$32,450 for grading & paving Mira Vista School, Richmond.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., P. O. Box 1118, Sacramento, \$244,156 for const. storm sewers in Tallac Village & Fruitvale Manor, Sacramento.

HANFORD, Contract awarded to Stewart & Nuss, Box 886, Fresno, \$59,000 for const. 4 tennis courts, walks, access road, and handball courts, for Hanford High School, Hanford.

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to A. G. Raisch Co., Box 458, San Rafael, \$27,854 for 1.5 mi. widen & plantmix surf. on por. of San Pedro Road betw. hwy. 101 & Mabry Rd., Marin County.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to Leo F. Piazza Paving Co., \$22,840 for plantmix surf. Saratoga Ave., betw. Fruitvale Ave. & Saratoga, Sunnyvale Road.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, Contract awarded to Gibbons & Reed, 259 W. 3rd So., Salt Lake City, Utah for const. Road mix bitum. surf. road 0.754 mi., 15th East to Wasatch Blvd., SALT LAKE CO., Utah.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Dodge Const. Inc., Fallon, Nevada, \$39,240 for 3.939 mi. resurf. por. of State Hwy. betw. 11 mi. & 15 mi. N. of Orovada, HUMBOLDT CO., Nevada.

AUGUST 21, 1950

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Oilfields Trucking & Phoenix Const., Co., P. O. Box 906, Bakersfield, \$27,900 for produce & stockpile medium screenings, betw. Conway Summit & Topaz Lake, MONO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Oilfields Trucking & Phoenix Const. Co., P. O. Box 906, Bakersfield, \$112,450 for 4.8 mi. grade and plantmix surf. on exist. pave. & imported base matl. & apply bit. surf. treat to portions of shoulders, betw. East City Limits of Dinuba & Orosi, TULARE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Harold Smith, 1427 Kearney St., St. Helena, \$113,193, for 1.8 mi. grade & surf. with crusher run base on imported sub-base matl. & apply Class "B-Double" seal coat & penetration treatment, betw. 1.8 mi. & 3.6 mile Northwest of State Route 8, Loc. 8 mi. southeast of Petaluma, SONOMA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to United Concrete Pipe Corp., Box 425, Baldwin Park, \$66,876 for 5.4 mi. widen exist. pavement with untreated rock base borders, place plant-mix surf. on exist. pavement & new base & apply pone treatment to shoulders, betw. Modesto & 5.4 mi. Westerly in STANISLAUS COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to J. R. Armstrong, Box 16, El Cerrito, \$89,237 for 3.2 mi. widen rdbd. with imp. base matl. & cr. run base & plantmix surf. on Byron Rd., betw. Rt. 175 & 1.6 mi. S. E. Byron, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Clements & Co., P. O. Box 277, Hayward, \$159,852, for 2.8 mi. const. grades roadbed, place import. sub-base matl. & crusher run base & surf. with plantmix surf., betw. Alvarado & 3 mi. S. E. (portions) ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Rice Bros., Inc., P. O. Box 1489, Marysville, \$129,542, for 3.3 mi. grade & plantmix surf. on cr. run base, betw. Oroville & Oroville-Quincy Hwy. at Ward Blvd., BUTTE COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded

ed to Charles MacClosky Co., 112 Market St., S. F. & Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$105,188, for const. re inf. conc. slab bridge acr. Yolo Causeway Off-Ramp, 4 mi. W. of Sacramento, YOLO COUNTY.

HANFORD, Contract awarded to Oppenheim & King Const. Co., Box 1902, Fresno, \$285,792 for constructing two new shop buildings, Hanford High School, Hanford, Calif., KINGS COUNTY.

AUGUST 22, 1950

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to P. & J. Artukovich, P. O. Box 785, Port Chicago, \$148,205 for const. vitra. salt-glazed sanit. sewers & appurts. in South Willow Glen Annex Dist. No. 5, San Jose.

SANTA CLARA, Contract was awarded to Oakland Sewer Const., Co., 9915 Walnut St., Oakland, \$21,119, for const. storm sewers, Old Mission Park, Santa Clara Orchards, Sunnybrae & Claravale Subdivs., from Honestead Rd to Benton St., on Benton to San Thomase Aquinas Creek.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Fred T. Fahey, 1874 25th Ave., S. F., \$8,340 for laying 12" mains in Bayshore Indus. Develop. Area.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to J. R. Armstrong, Box 216, El Cerrito, \$107,098 for 2.1 mi. grade and plantmix surf. portions road betw. Monument & Concord, in CONTRA COSTA CO., Calif.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento & C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$117,361 for 1.6 mi. place cement treat. sub-base & cement treat. base, & plantmix surf. betw. N. & S. City Limits of Willits, in MENDOCINO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad San Mateo, \$18,559 for traf. sig. sys. & hwy. lgt. and channeliz at Bayshore Hwy. & E. Hillsdale Blvd., SAN MATEO COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Thomas Rigging Co., 1505-52nd St., Oakland, \$1,189 for const. alts. to bridge acr. Tolay Creek, 0.1 mi. east of Jct. of Rt. 8 & 208, SONOMA COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento & C. M. Syar, Box 1431, Vallejo, \$84,362 for remov. exist. bridge & const. new reinf. conc. bridge (slab type) & Gr. & pltmx. surf. Bridge approaches at Hunter Creek, 2.4 mi. of Klamath, DEL NORTE CO.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Harold Smith, 1427 Kearney St., St. Helena, \$17,879, for 0.0 mi. adjust curbs, gutters and drain. facils. & place plantmix surf. on exist pavement, on Lincoln Rd., betw. Napa River & Foothill Blvd., in Calistoga, NAPA COUNTY.

AUGUST 23, 1950

VACAVILLE, Calif., Contract awarded to W. C. Railing, P. O. Box 651 Woodland, \$13,793, for impr. Davis St., betw. Main Street and State Highway.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Fay Improvement Co., Phelan Bldg., S. F. \$3,399 for drain & pave inter. Peru Ave., Valmar Terrace & Moscow Street.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Bernal Const., Co., 2124 Anza St., S. F., \$2,929 for asph. conc. surf., Harkness Ave., betw. Rutland & Sparta.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Claude Zanders, 875-57th St., Sacramento \$7,505 for lace double seal coat on East Levee Road & other roads.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S. F. \$46,261 for drain and pave Golden Gate Heights No. 4, San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Bernal Const., 2124 Anza St., S. F., \$6,454 for asph. conc. surf. Harness Ave., betw. Alder & Rutland.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts were awarded to A. Teichert & Son, 1846-37th St., Sacramento: (A) \$12,365 armor top El Centro Road & others. (B) \$9,090 Place double seal coat, Kost & other roads. (C) \$14,182 place armor top, Ione Road & other roads.

(D) \$36,807 place armor top Sherman Island & other roads.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Claude E. Zanders, 875-57th St., Sacramento, \$5,283, place dbl. seal coat on Cottage Way & others. \$5,502 double seal coat, Chicago Ave., & other roads. \$5,062 dbl. seal coat, Strawberry Lane, 27th Ave., Sacramento.

FRESNO, Contract was awarded to Pacific Coast Builders, 2530-18th St., S. F. \$842,823 for const. physical educ. facils. General Work at Fresno State Colleke.

PLANADA, Contract awarded to Spears Construction Company, P. O. Box 1124, Modesto, \$209,900 for construction school bldg.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Mercer-Fraser & Mercer Gas Co., Inc., 2nd & Commercial Sts., Eureka \$109,910 for const. bridge & approaches at Salt River, 3 mi. S. W. of Fernbridge, HUMBOLDT COUNTY.

MARYSVILLE, Contract awarded to Ben C. Gerwick, Inc., 112 Market St., S. F. \$10,395 for reapiir bridge across Putah Creek, 5 mi. N. of Dixon, Calif.

WATSONVILLE, Contract was awarded to Pisano Bros., 1700 Moorpark Ave., San Jose \$21,408 for const. vitr. sewers in E. Lake St., Dolores, et al, a cash job.

SALINAS, Contract awarded to Granite Const., Co., Box 900, Watsonville \$15,360 for Grade & Pave Katherine Avenue from E. Line of So. Main St., East.

AUGUST 24, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to J. M. Purcell Const., Co., 1411 Los Molinos Way, Sacto. \$14,850 for 30 acres clearing (3.892 mi.), Carson Pass, Eldorado Natl. Forest, AMADOR & ELDORADO COUNTIES.

AUGUST 25, 1950

RED BLUFF, Contract awarded to Geo. Augusta, P. O. Box 1545, Salinas, \$25,751 for Const. Bank Protection closure, Antelope Creek, along Sacramento River near Red Bluff.

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Eureka— NICE WEATHER, MUCH WORK NOW IN THE REDWOOD EMPIRE

By OTTO E. NEVER
Business Representative, Local 3

This report from the Redwood Empire is written in a cool, agreeable climate with no smoke, no heat and no hot air. This has been one of the best seasons we have ever had; although the season started slow, it has turned into a six-day week on practically all jobs and in some cases, two shifts.

We dispatched some jeep operators and a blade operator to Parker-Schram at Brookings, Ore., for six days, ten hours. This is in Local 701's territory but they asked us to fill the order.

N. M. Ball is still on six days, eight hours, but is back on a single shift basis. We had trouble furnishing sufficient members on this job during the double shift period. The job is at Smith River, Del Norte County. Contract should be completed on time or before the rains come. J. R. Tout Co. is way ahead of its time schedule on culvert and bridge work on this job. We expect the surfacing will be one of the first bids called for next season.

Marlin Tryon has moved his Cedar Rapids crusher to Hiouchi. He will no doubt move back to Fort Dick shortly. We need an operator for this rig; pretty steady work.

TWO-SHIFT JETTY

Macco-M&K Co. has two shifts on the jetty and every once in a while break out with a new order for more and higher concrete for the jetty. The job will no doubt carry on till heavy weather sets in.

Healy & Tibbetts are doing the piledriving for Dutton Lumber Co.'s dock at Crescent City. So far they have hit only sand. It was expected that most of the driving would be through rock.

Osborne & Wheelon are putting up Crowley's tank farm and pipe lines. We do not know how long this job will take, but it only takes a couple of the brothers to man the job at present. Most of the work is being done by pipefitters and boiler-makers.

We also understand another tank form is to be built by a Portland outfit.

The Crescent City area is having a boom that would make that phoney Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce turn green with envy.

C. M. Syar was low bidder on the bridge at Hunter Creek and has already started work on it. It seems like Tony is going to be a fixture at Klamath.

ARMY RADAR JOB

M&K and MacDonald, Young & Nelson were successful bidders on the U.S. Army radar station at Requa. Job is estimated to cost about \$700,000 and has a time limit of 150 days. If it starts raining on this job, the time will stretch out like a used girdle.

Mercer Fraser will be one with their surfacing work at Orick by Sept. 15 and intend moving their equipment to the job at Hydesville. Their plant at Essex has been going pretty steady and indications are that they will have several patch jobs around the mills during the winter.

Fred J. Maurer & Son have several dirt moving jobs going at present and are putting in considerable overtime.

Bro. Louis Conner has most of his rigs working at Redwood Summit.

Burman Bros. are finishing up their dirt moving job for Mercer Fraser on the Hydesville-Fortuna job. They expect to be finished and on their job in Mendocino County by Sept. 20.

Bro. Tom Hull has taken the tower off the Court House and from his own admission expects to make some money on the job.

Baldwin-Straub are still busy and we can't figure out when they are working on water pipe or filtration plant.

We don't know what politician has kicked up a stink, but there are more sewage disposal plants being built than Carter has pills. It could be the Supervisors who have caused the smell.

HUMBOLDT GODS

In our attempt to bring the County's road and garage em-

ployees' wages and conditions up to a living standard, we have learned a lot of things about a Board of Supervisors' power. We can only say at this time that we thought there was only one God, but alas, we seem to have been wrong. There appear to be five, all in Humboldt County. We will tell you more about them and their lucrative paradise in a later issue.

Bro. Don L. Cook, roller operator for C. M. Syar, is making a fair recovery after having a roller turn over on him. He is at Seaside Hospital in Crescent City and will probably be there for another six or seven weeks.

Bro. R. W. "Windy" Wedemeyer tells me that the C. B. & I. Co. job on the Eureka water tower is almost done. He has been doing double duty as hoist operator and sidewalk superintendent.

Bro. William Goetz and his wife went East to pick up a new Buick.

Bro. Pat Furnish is still operating a truck crane for Dolly Varden Lumber Co. He's even getting chummy with Bohannon, the "old man" himself. Pat has got him trained to buy the drinks.

Bro. Jim Atkins is running crane and working in the shop at Sound Lumber Co.

We completed a new agreement with Art Ford Logging Co. which gives the brothers a year-around job and two weeks of vacation at Christmas. Pay scale stays at about 5c over Hammond's. Any further increase in the lumber industry will automatically be applied to Ford's pay scale.

SEVEN STAGES OF MAN

1—Milk. 2—Milk, vegetables. 3—milk, ice cream sodas and candy. 4—Steak, coke, French fries, ham and eggs. 5—Pate de foie gras, frogs' legs, Caviar Poulet Royale, hors d'oeuvres, omelette surprise, crepes suzettes, scotch, wine, champagne. 6—Milk and crackers. 7—milk.



HAWAII HERE WE COME— CIO has announced it will start a new organizing drive in Hawaii, where Harry Bridges' Int's Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union has many members. ILWU has been ousted from CIO for following the Commie line. If Brunette Carol Varga is any sample, that's one organizing drive the boys should really enjoy. —(LPA)

Peninsula District— PENINSULA BUSY ON A BIG PROGRAM

By CHET ELLIOTT
and HARRY METZ
Business Representatives, Local 3

Many members of Local 3 are employed on all types of heavy construction work in this area, including highways, bridges, airports, subdivisions, and street work.

The Henry Doelger Co., at Colma, is operating with a crew of 45 operators and heavy duty mechanics. Bros. Ray Witmer and Ed Marliane are acting as foremen in the field and Bro. Harry Porter as shop foreman. This project is constantly expanding and more engineers are added to the payroll regularly.

The Skyline Quarry is back in full operation again by the original owner, Mr. F. H. Brown. An asphalt plant has been added to the operations, which along with the crushing plant, provides work for many engineers.

AIRPORT NEARLY DONE

The Morrison-Knudsen Co., at the San Francisco Airport, is well along with its present contract. This work is under the efficient supervision of Supt. Bro. "Buck" Hope, assisted by foremen Bros. Wally Phipps, Dougherty, De Vere and others. The job has provided work for many members of Local 3 but is on the decline now, and there will be layoffs from time to time until completion.

At Colma, Bro. Floyd Watson is operating his cats on a two-shift schedule on the Stoneson Co. real estate development project. Bro. Watson is to be commended for his cooperation during the shortage of cat operators for his patience with some of the new men.

NO BABY ENGINEERS

The Peter Sorenson Co. of Redwood City is progressing very well with its school job on Middelfield Road. Bro. Al Litton, who is supervising this work, has just become the father of a baby girl. This new addition to the family gives Al a total of three girls. It doesn't appear that Bro. Litton is doing much to increase the future membership of Local 3.

Several contractors are keeping many members of Local 3 employed on the Shoreview real estate development fill job, including Bragato Paving Co., Y. C. Smith, Chas. Berger, "Buzz" Haskins and the Newbridge Realty Co.

Barrett & Hilp have several projects under way in this area, including the housing job at East Palo Alto, a sewage disposal plant at San Carlos, and a large apartment building at San Mateo.

Housing projects on the peninsula are too numerous to mention individually. United Concrete Pipe Co. has started its tunnel job behind Stanford University. This job at present employs three members. United's job at Hassler's Health Farm has a spread of pulls and a hoe working. Bill Mason is superintendent on this job.

FORM NEW DISTRICT

Eugene Alves' job at Menlo Park is coming along very well. They also have a resurfacing job on the Half Moon Bay coast.

Pope & Westbrook's job at Half Moon Bay has been halted temporarily while the concrete culverts are placed in the fills.

Ted Pares has a small street job at Redwood City, composed mostly of ditch digging. John McKenzie has a shoulder replacement job at Los Altos, also in the same tract. J. McFadden is building some new streets for a housing project.

A new district has been formed, covering from Belmont to include the Permanente plant, Santa Cruz, and up the coast to Half Moon Bay. A more detailed report on activities in this area will be covered in our next issue. Permanent is expanding their cement plant by building a new kiln. Operations in the aluminum foil plant are also to be expanded to include three full shifts.

Stockton— NEW SKI LIFT AT DODGE RIDGE; 2 ARE KILLED AT CALAVERAS

By ED DORAN and GLENN DOBYNS,
Business Representatives, Local 3

George France, Inc. is moving into Dodge Ridge with equipment for the construction of the newest ski resort to be opened to all winter sports fans near Pinecrest this winter. The area will accommodate 2500 skiers.

Work is progressing rapidly on the steel towers for the 3600-foot chair lift and engines will be installed for two double rope tows. The two rope tows, 1000 feet and 450 feet long, respectively, will be powered by 100 horsepower gas engines. The lift will have a vertical rise of 980 feet and will have a 27-ton concrete counterweight at the top to keep the cables taut.

Six hundred skiers per hour can be carried to the top of the hill on this lift and the ski runs are from 3600 feet to five miles in length. The lift requires seven and a half minutes to make the trip to the top.

It is anticipated that the lift should be in operation with the first good December snowfall.

CUT EBBETTS CURVES

Motorists who use the Ebbetts Pass highway late this fall will find an entirely new alignment. The curves which have marked much of the route to the Calaveras Big Trees Park will be missing. M. J. Ruddy of Modesto has the contract, approximately \$270,000, with John Delphia of Patterson sub-contracting all dirt.

Carson Pass motorists will find a detour of about 1000 feet around a portion of the construction on State Highway 88, being done by Hardrock Johnston. The detour will be in effect for about the next two months.

Harms Brothers has a contract and is working on the highway starting at Carson Summit, 8100 feet elevation. They have a shovel and five cats on the job. All they expect to get done this year is the clearing. Snow should fly in about 60 days.

TEST PILES AT TRACY

Preliminary ground clearing and grading operations on the \$12 million California Vocational Institute are well under way today as work on the project enters its third week. Test piles are now being driven and test bores have been made to analyze soil structures on the former Army site six miles east of Tracy, near Mossdale. Excavation for three of the buildings is already completed.

The soil is such that structures must be supported by foundation pilings. Weights will be suspended by the piles to determine their strength, according to the contractors.

All buildings will be of cement and steel construction to comply with state earthquake laws applying to school buildings.

The new California Youth Authority institution, to be completed by May, 1952, will replace the maximum security installation at Lancaster which now houses about 500 youthful offenders.

Johnson, Drake and Piper, Inc., of Oakland are the contractors.

TRAGEDY AT CALAVERAS

On Tuesday night, August 29th, at 9:30 an explosion and flash fire, apparently from a short circuit in the switch panel, brought death to Bro. Harvey Grant and Bro. Max Wudell and second and third degree burns to Bros. Renaldo Cuneo, Ed Bacigalupi, Henry Zum-

LAUD TRUMAN'S STAND

Detroit (LPA)—The 600 delegates to the American Federation of Teachers' convention here gave their overwhelming support to President Truman's stand on the Korean situation. They adopted a resolution commending him "for his prompt and courageous decision to fulfill our assigned and accepted responsibility to the United Nations."

walt and Manuel Ramirez. Bro. Ramirez risked his life and was badly burned in his efforts to save the injured. Members send their sympathy to these men and their families.

Utah Construction Company's Bear River Tunnel and Walsh Construction Company Tunnel on Bear River near Jackson will not get under way before next spring. Utah Construction Company has a few operators on pioneer rigs on the job but work will probably have to stop soon as snow and bad weather will start nearly any time.

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Plant & install. mchy. & equip. in Bldg. Loc. East of High St. on access road to East Shore Freeway, ALAMEDA COUNTY.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Elmer J. Freethy, 1432 Kearney St., El Cerrito, \$89,955, for const. 3,000,000 gal. prestressed reinf. conc. reservoir & Appurts., ALAMEDA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Walsh Const. Co., 785 Market St., S. F. for const. 13,600 ft. pressure tunnel, Bear River Proj., on the Mokelumme River, AMADOR COUNTY.

SAN RAFAEL, Contract awarded to V. Maggiora, 7 Harrison St., Sausalito, \$14,488 for const. reinf. conc. retaining wall on S. side of Paradise Drive, Tiburon, betw. Mar East St. & The Tower, MARIN COUNTY.

REDWOOD CITY, Contract was awarded to Frank Smith, P. O. Box 726, San Mateo, \$80,328 for site grading at North Area School Grounds on the Burdette Property in Belmont.

BERKELEY, Contract awarded to Piombo Const. Co., 1571 Turk St., S. F., \$70,075 for const. service road on S. F. Campus, Univ. of California.

BERKELEY, Contract awarded to J. H. Fitzmaurice, 2857 Hannah St., Oakland, \$37,069, for Grade & Pave betw. Bevatron area in aridation Lab. Hill Area, Berkeley Campus.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Lee J. Immel, P. O. Box 175, San Pablo, \$9,125, for const. new roadway & install. new service piping at Claremount Reservoir, Berkeley, California.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846 37th St., Sacramento, \$13,585 for improv. playground David Lubin School.

AUGUST 29, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, Contracts awarded for const. San Joaquin Pipeline No. 2, Section A, under HHWS No. 230: SECT. A1 (Concrete Pipe) to United Concrete Pipe Corp., Box 425, Baldwin Park, Calif. \$1,674,018. SECT. A2 (Steel Pipe) to P. & J. Artukovich Inc., 13305 S. San Pedro St., Los Angeles, \$1,663,710.

OAKLAND, Contract awarded to Gallagher & Burk, Inc., 344 High St., Oakland, \$385,880, for grade & pave 14th Ave., betw. East 14th Street & East 30th. Street, Oakland.

VISALIA, Contract awarded to L. C. Clark, 422 Park Ave., Visalia, \$20,025, for const. 3 reinf. conc. slab bridges, acr. Alta Canal & Sand Creek, 1.5 mi. N. E. of Orosi, & acr. Sand Creek, 6 mi. N. E. of Orosi, TULARE COUNTY.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to A. J. Raisch Paving Co., 900 W. San Carlos, San Jose, \$34,665, for surf. San Antonio & Willow Sts., & Bascom, Bird, & Lincoln Ave., A gas tax job.

STOCKTON, Calif., Contract was awarded to R. Goold & Son, P. O. Box 190, Stockton, \$27,866, for const. storm sewers in Stockton Acres (Portions).

BURLINGAME, Contracts were awarded (A) L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$5,463 for resurf. Carolan Ave., betw. Oak Grove & North Lane. (B) Sperry & McCue, 1444 Benito Ave., Burlingame, \$10,356 for resurf. California Drive, betw. Broadway & Mills Creek.

REDDING, Contract awarded to D. B. & G. E. Stutsman, 1543 California, Redding, \$40,201 for const. addnl. Water Mains.

BURLINGAME, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$9,336 for pave half of California Drive, betw. Rosedale & Dufferin Roads.

AUGUST 30, 1950

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Harms Bros., 5261 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, \$44,228 for 3.435 mi. grad, surf. etc., Tahoe-Brockway, Tahoe Natl. Forest, PLACER COUNTY.

MILLBRAE, Contract awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$1,915 for const. storm sewer in Santa Barbara Avenue.

REDDING, Contract awarded to D. B. & G. E. Stutsman, 1543 Cali-

fornia St., Redding \$40,171 for const. addnl. water mains.

TRACY, Contract awarded to H. H. Henning, 1751 Berkeley Ave., Stockton, \$492,000 for classrooms, etc., Holly Drive.

RIPON, Contract awarded to M. J. Ruddy & Son, 922 "J" St., Modesto, \$26,038 for paving certain streets.

CHESTER, Contract awarded to Geo. E. Miller, Box 1728, Reno, Nevada, \$45,142 for const. sewage treatment plant, pumping units, etc.

FRIANT, Contract awarded to Ted F. Baun, 324 Princeton, Fresno, \$23,580, for const. canal road surf., Friant-Kern Canal, Near Orange Cove, Calif.

CHESTER, Contract awarded to John B. Powers, P. O. Box 1487, Reno, Nevada, \$131,122 for const. sewage collection system, force main, lift sta., & treatment plant.

AUGUST 31, 1950

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Munn & Perkins, P. O. Box 1092, Modesto, \$128,902, for 3.5 mi. widen & pltmx. surf. on cem. tr. base, betw. Santa Clara Co. Line & 3.5 mi. east, MERCED COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to George Pollock Company, Forum Bldg., Sacramento, \$126,821 for const. pile foundations for garage bldg., Dept. of Finance, Sacramento.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1950

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Silver State Construction Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$126,650 for 0.652 mile const. secondary highway system on Boynton Lane, from Mill St. to Glendale Road, and a reinf. conc. bridge, in WASHOE COUNTY, Nevada.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Silver State Construction Company, Fallon, Nev., \$473,122 for 28.903 mi. grade, drain, & roadmix surf. from 15 mi. north of Magnuson's Ranch to 1.5 mi. north of Boone Springs, WHITE PINE & ELKO COUNTIES.

SAN JOSE, Contract awarded to A. J. Peters & Son, P. O. Box 632, San Jose 4, Calif., \$79,175, for const. unit 7 trunk sewer from Campbell to Saratoga.

SAN ANSELMO, Contract was awarded to James I. Barnes, 299 Kansas Street, San Francisco, \$1,803,708 for const. a high school.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Volpa Brothers, 233 Nielsen, Fresno, \$102,009, for 5 mi. grade & bitum. surf. treatment on Jayne Ave., betw. Sacramento Ave. & Glenn Ave., FRESNO COUNTY.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to H. W. Ruby, 2815 Northrup Ave., Sacramento, \$106,546 for const. two bridges at Mill Creek & McCarty Creek, 11.5 & 18.1 mi. west of Corning; widen existing bridge at Willow Creek, 16.9 mi. West of Corning, & 1.0 mi. grade & roadmix sur. approaches of three bridges, TEHAMA COUNTY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry St., S. F., \$21,649 for reconst. Church St., 20th to 22nd & Noe St., 20th to 21st Sts., S. F.

CARSON CITY, Nevada Contract awarded to Isbell Construction Company, P. O. Box 2351, Reno, Nevada, \$243,322 for 7.631 mi. resurf. streets in Reno & Sparks, WASHOE COUNTY.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1950

REDWOOD CITY, Contract was awarded to L. C. Smith, 1st & Railroad, San Mateo, \$23,173 for asph. conc. surf. on Harding, Sapphire & St. Francis Streets.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Kleinsmid Const. Co. & Frank Goodrick, 37 Sparks St., Bakersfield, \$130,442 for const. access road, South Fork to Mather, sections "A & B".

NAPA, Contract awarded to Slinsen Const. Co., P. O. Box 551, Napa, \$9,181 for widen 1st. Street Bridge, Street Proj. 26. A gas tax job.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts were awarded as follows: (A) Const. Unit 1, Presbury Trestle; To Lord & Bishop, P. O. Box 512, Sacramento, \$23,925.

(B) Const. Marysville Road Bridge; To P. F. Bender, 1012 Del Paso Blvd., North Sacramento, \$7,252.

MONTEREY, Contract awarded to Granite Construction Co., Box 900, Watsonville, \$13,848 for 132-

900 sq. ft. const. 2" asph. conc. pav. on Lily Street, et al.

CHICO, Contract awarded to Irrigation Construction Co., P. O. Box 510, Chico, \$10,948 for const. storm drains on por. of Wall Street, betw. Broadway & Salem, & on West 8th Street.

LATHROP, Contract awarded to S. C. Giles & Co., Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$77,830 for const. offices & rehabl. warehouse, Sharpe General Depot.

LATHROP, Contract awarded to S. M. McGaw, Elks Bldg., Stockton, \$19,830 for const. pav. area for truck turnabout at Sharpe Gen. Depot.

SACRAMENTO, Contract awarded to Rand Construction Co., P. O. Box 1339, Bakersfield, \$23,666 for 16.5 mi. apply prime coat & roadmix surf. (portions) & apply seal coat, betw. North Davis Creek School & Oregon State Line, MODOC COUNTY.

TALMAGE, Contract awarded to Tyson & Watters, Inc., P. O. Box 1914, Sacramento, \$103,576 for roadwork at Mendocino State Hospital.

YUBA CITY, Contract awarded to Claude E. Zanders, 875th Street, Sacramento, \$6,232 for 7.5 mi. seal coat road in SUTTER COUNTY.

BROWNS VALLEY, Contract awarded to G. S. Herrington, Box 708, Auburn, \$45,990 for const. Daguerrre Point Dam Fishways, on Yuba River, near Browns Valley, YUBA COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Silver State Construction Co., Fallon, Nev. \$126,650 for 0.652 mi. const. secondary hwy. sys. on Boynton Lane, from Mill St. to Glendale Road & a reinf. conc. bridge, WASHOE COUNTY.

CARSON CITY, NEVADA, Contract awarded to Silver State Construction Co., Fallon, Nevada, \$473,122 for 28.903 mi. grade, drain & roadmix surf. from 15 mi. north of Magnuson's Ranch to 1.5 mi. north of Boone Springs, WHITE PINE & ELKO COUNTIES.

REDWOOD CITY, Contract was awarded to Harvey E. Conner, P. O. Box 1012, Redwood City, \$88,514 for const. storm sewers, water lines, fire protection sys. & santa. sewers, etc. at North Area school grounds on Burdette property, in Belmont.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts were awarded as follows:

(A) WATT AVE.-Pltmx. surf.: To A. Teichert & Son, Inc., 1846—37th Avenue, Sacramento, \$17,100.

(B) GREENBACK LANE-Pltmx. surf.: To J. R. Reeves, P. O. Box 1072, Sacramento, \$25,947.

(C) LOS ROBLES AVE. & NOGALES ST.-Pltmx. surf.: To Brighton Sand & Gravel, P. O. Box 2604, Sacramento, \$17,320.

(D) FRANKLIN BLVD.-Pltmx. resurf.: To Brighton Sand & Gravel, P. O. Box 2604, Sacramento, \$20,339.

SACRAMENTO, Contracts were awarded as follows:

(1) FOLSOM-AUBURN ROAD: To McGillivray Construction Co., P.O. Box 873, Sacramento, \$194,772 for 6.8 mi. grade, surf. & strucs, from aa point 1.25 mi. N. of Folsom-Orangeville Road, north, to connect with Folsom-Auburn Road.

(2) SOUTH LAND PARK TERRACE 3: To J. R. Reeves, P. O. Box 1072, Sacramento, \$55,064, for asph. conc. pave.

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JACKSON, Contract awarded to Joseph Vicini, P. O. Box 206, Placerville, \$6,645 for grade & bitum. surf. Hoffman, Walnut & Summit Streets.

LOS GATOS, Contract awarded to Pisano Brothers, 1700 Moorpark Avenue, San Jose, \$10,382 (Alt. "A") for const. vitr. trunk sewers.

CARMEL, Contract awarded to Manuel Smith, Rt. 1 Box 352, Winton, \$181,424 for const. sanit. sewers & force main (Sched. A.), Carmel-Mesa Proj. No. 49-2.

SAN MATEO, Contract awarded to C. Norman Peterson, 2832—9th Street, Berkeley, \$13,950 for furnish & install two sewage pumps with motors, & a new welded steel manifold & appurtenances at Main Sewage Pumping Plant.

FAIRFIELD, Contract awarded to E. E. Lowell, P. O. Box 148, Vallejo, \$16,985 for construction of

Vote New Security Law; Knowland Rider Is Blasted

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the workers wages for Social Security. The monthly benefits payments are payable to the worker after reaching 65 when he quits work in covered jobs, to his wife after she reaches 65, and to the worker's unmarried children under 18.

In addition to retirement benefits, the law provides survivors' insurance. This means that the worker's survivors will receive monthly payments in the event of his death, regardless of whether the death occurs before or after retirement, and regardless of his age at the time of death. The survivors who are eligible are:

SURVIVORS COVERED

1—Children (including adopted children and stepchildren in most cases) until they reach 18.

2—The widow, regardless of age, will receive a monthly benefit if she is caring for a child entitled to benefits. If the survivor is a widower and over 65 he will receive benefits for the care of a child under 18, if he was his wife's dependent.

3—The widow without a child in her care receives monthly payments when she reaches the age of 65, providing she has not remarried. The same benefits go to a widower if he was a dependent of his wife at the time she died.

4—Dependent parents, if the worker left neither widow or widower nor children who might ever become entitled to monthly payments. The parents may receive monthly payments when they reach the age of 65 if they were supported by the worker at the time of his death.

HOW TO FIGURE BENEFITS

1—Figure the average monthly wage.

If the worker doesn't expect to retire before July 1, 1952 he has two choices in figuring his average monthly wage. He can use whichever one gives him the higher average wage.

(a) He can start from scratch on January 1, 1951 and figure his average monthly wage from that date until the time he retires at 65 or later.

(b) He can go back to January 1, 1937, when the original Social Security law became effective, or to whatever date after that time he became 22 years old and take his average monthly wage from that point until the time he retires at 65 or later.

For example:
Average monthly wage \$100—\$200—\$300; Retirement benefits (depending on how many dependents) from \$50 to \$80—\$65 to \$150—\$80 to \$150; Survivors benefits, \$75 to \$80—\$97 to \$146—\$120 to \$150.

Also lump sum payments are provided in case of death.

If you have no way of figuring what you earned in earlier years, drop a postcard to: Social Security Administration, Candler Building, Baltimore, Maryland. Ask for a

box culvert on Solano Avenue, near Vallejo.

SEPTEMBER 8, 1950

PIEDMONT, Contract awarded to Independent Construction Co., 741—50th Avenue, Oakland, \$12,395 for surf. Highland Way, under Proj. No. 43. A gas tax job.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Eaton & Smith, 715 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, \$36,750 for site preparation for Project No. 17, Silver Avenue Elementary School.

SAN FRANCISCO, Contract was awarded to Chas. L. Harney, Inc., 575 Berry Street, San Francisco, \$137,771 for construction of improvement to Phelan Beach Recreation Area.

CAMP ROBERTS, Contract was awarded to Robert McCarthy Co., 1050 Kirkham St., San Francisco, \$264,239 for rehabilitation of the Station Hospital at Camp Roberts.

LATHROP, Contract awarded to Utah Construction Co., 1 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, \$297,285 for rehabilitation of railroad at Sharpe General Depot.

statement of the wages that have been credited to your account to date. Be sure to include: Social Security number, the date of birth name exactly as it appears on your Social Security card and present address along with your signature.

President Truman signed this bill which is now law. At the time of signing he issued a strong statement against the Knowland Amendment (this amendment was submitted by Senator Knowland, Republican of California) which is a hindrance rather than a help to the workmen. The President stated in his protest that he hoped Congress would come to its senses and rescind its action on the Amendment later.

SHELLEY TELLS FACTS ON KNOWLAND RIDER

The following letter was received from Rep. John Shelley, telling how the Knowland amendment was pushed through:

August 31, 1950

Operating Engineers Local 3
474 Valencia St.,
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

You are no doubt aware that President Truman signed H. R. 6000 the new Social Security Bill, containing the so-called "Knowland Amendment," on August 28. The conference report on the bill had previously passed the House on August 16 and the Senate on August 17.

In view of the damaging effects to Labor which may result from the Knowland amendment becoming law, I wish to review for you the history of the legislation. The House passed H. R. 6000 on October 5, 1949, in a form which liberalized social security benefits without including any provisions similar to the Knowland amendment. The Senate Finance Committee held hearings on the bill after House passage. During the course of the hearings the Committee refused to consider Senator Knowland's proposals on the ground that they could not properly be included. The Senate began consideration of H. R. 6000 on June 20. Senator Knowland introduced his amendment from the floor after only ten minutes of debate, of which 2 1/2 minutes were allotted to the opposition, the amendment was accepted. No hearings were held on the proposals at any time. The bill was passed by the Senate on that same date and was sent to conference. Despite the best efforts of myself and other Congressmen and Senators opposed to the amendment, the conference committee voted to retain it in H. R. 6000. When the conference report reached the floor of the House on August 16, it was planned to introduce a motion to recommit the bill with instructions to the conferees to reject the Knowland amendment. However, because of the parliamentary situation existing, such a motion could not be introduced. A vote of 188 to 186, on a parliamentary motion, denied opponents of the Knowland amendment that opportunity. The 188 Congressmen who voted for that motion were responsible for keeping the Knowland amendment in the bill. I voted, along with other liberal Congressmen, against the motion. As a result of this action by the House and subsequent Senate passage, the bill, including the Knowland amendment, was sent to the President.

It is true that during the conference on H. R. 6000 it was agreed that a subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee would be set up to consider the entire problem of Federal control over state unemployment insurance laws and their administration. We thus have a peculiar situation in which we legislated before hearing the facts. As you know, once a law is on the books, it becomes very difficult to remove it. For that reason, too much cannot be expected from the subcommittee's work in the way of relief from the harm which the provisions of the Knowland amendment make possible.

I would appreciate very much your publishing this information using my letter if you wish, in the paper in order that this important matter be brought to the attention of as many Labor people as possible.

Sincerely yours,
Jack Shelley, M.C.

San Jose—

Kaiser Foil Goes Triple Shift; Permanente Starts New Kiln

By M. G. "Mickey" MURPHY, JOE RILEY, C. L. CASEBOLT
Business Representatives, Local 3

Ground has been broken on the Permanente Cement Company's huge expansion program which we mentioned in our last article. This program consists of adding another kiln to its present battery which will greatly increase production of the much-needed cement. At present the company has about five "cats" and three shovels in operation and about 14 engineers employed. This job is being done by Kaiser Engineers, Inc., and Mr. Von Scott, who was here 10 years ago on the original construction of Permanente, is back again in the capacity of construction superintendent or project manager.

We must also mention one of our newest and fastest-growing industries, the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemicals Co., which is now running triple-shift in producing foil. Local 3 has about 70 engineers employed in the foil plant alone. Believe us, this is quite an industry and should be seen to be appreciated.

ARTUKOVICH AND S. RADOS HAVE COSTLY MISHAP

A costly mishap occurred a few days ago on San Francisco's 72-inch water line (Artukovich and S. Rados have the contract). A steel bulkhead gave way on a section of line which was being tested by water. The steel bulkhead (which was welded to the inside of the pipe) was torn loose by the tremendous pressure, permitting about three million gallons of water to escape like a torrent into the other section which was already in place and bulkheaded. The water pouring into this trench floated the already placed pipe above the surface of the ground—about two to five feet out of place. The pipe which was displaced by this mishap amounted to approximately 2,000 feet. We are sorry for the company's tough luck and extend our sympathy. It looks like Bros. Dick Beebe, Cliff Pelland and John Sadowski and a few more of our members will have more work than they bargained for on this job, as all this work will have to be done over again.

More bad news: Crow Bros. have laid off their swing shift on the Anderson Dam and, brothers, it doesn't look as if they will put it back on again in the immediate future. Kind of looks like Crow Bros. got too fast with the earth fill and got ahead of the rock—hence the layoff. Work on this dam, the Austrian Dam and the Los Gatos-Santa Cruz Highway is being rushed ahead to try to beat the heavy rains which might come at anytime now. Some of the sewer work is winding up. (There's still plenty in progress, however.) Also a couple of highways, but it seems as if we manage to get the boys out somewhere as we have practically no out-of-work list at this writing.

NEW WORK STARTING AND IN THE OFFING

Six miles of widening and surfacing on El Camino Real between Palo Alto and Sunnyvale is one of our most recent projects to start. The contractor is Frank Marks of Tracy and the superintendent is Bro. Si Ribisi. . . . Bond and Rushing of Stockton grabbed off a nice little dam job over near Boulder Creek—about 90,000 yards, but at present are not in full swing. . . . Then we have Artukovich Bros., who nabbed a nice little sewer job here on Meridian and Dry Creek Road—around \$160,000. . . . Leo Piazza was lucky bidder on the Municipal Airport job, consisting of improvements on runway, widening, and taxiway, to the extent of approximately \$170,000. This firm has about \$350,000 worth of work in and around town.

Vincenz Bros., of Salinas, have moved in on the Airport with their cobras and cats and expect to have the job pretty well under control within the next three or four weeks. . . . Basich Bros., of Los Angeles, have moved in on their \$125,000 ditch job in east San Jose. There is approximately three or four months' work on this job. At present we have five

engineers employed. Bro. Louis G. Zavvas, Jr. is general superintendent. . . . Ground was broken recently on the Pacific Electric Mfg. Corp.'s new manufacturing plant in Santa Clara. . . . J. C. Dorfman has started work on his new piece of sewer work. . . . A. J. Peters grabbed off another nice underground job in District 4, to the extent of about \$180,000. . . . Carl N. Swensen nailed a good school job for over \$1,000,000 which, plus his armory job on North First St., gives him quite a little work. . . . Ted Bares is kinda winding up on his underground work. . . . Stockton Construction Co. is making pretty good headway on its 36-inch line off Bayshore since they moved in more equipment. . . . John Pestano of San Leandro is making pretty fair progress on his sewer job and hoping to finish before the heavy rains set in. . . . E. J. Warner Co. of Stockton is going right ahead on its seven miles of highway north of Santa Cruz and hopes to finish by the first of 1951. This is a \$102,000 project. . . . Clements & Co. are making an effort to finish the job on Pacheco Pass before the rains. No doubt they will accomplish this as they have a crew of oldtimers working for them.

We have a considerable amount of new work to come up down South, also, in the near future—and some already started. There's Camp Ord, where Granite is well represented. Then there's that well-known spot, Camp Roberts, which is being reactivated by the Army. At present they are painting, doing plumbing and electrical work, and roofing. The parade ground also is being enlarged. This is the spot which is known to so many and loved by so few. . . . Then we have more airport improvements at Monterey, plus some work for the Navy—even the Monterey Presidio. And we have schools ALL OVER—plus the subdivisions and new industries which are just rolling in, not only in San Jose, but in Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas and Monterey.

NEWS ABOUT THE BROTHERS

Sorry to have to report that Bro. Joe Doolin is now confined to the San Jose Hospital suffering from a respiratory disorder. We are afraid he will be there for quite a little while. . . . Bro. William "Bill" Stubbe, an old-time shovel runner, is convalescing at his home in Marysville after spending some time in Wheeler Hospital at Gilroy. Bro. Bill was stricken while in the middle of his shift and rushed to the hospital where an emergency operation was performed to save his life. Bill was employed by the Guy F. Atkinson Co. on the Anderson Dam. . . . Bro. Henry Marshall of Watsonville is the proud father of a new baby girl, Cynthia Ann. . . . Bro. Mike Sigretto, who put in so much time on a Tugger at Moss Landing, has returned from a trip to Jersey City and is happy to be back home again. . . . Bro. Gould, who was injured recently while employed on the Austrian Dam, has just returned to work. . . . Bro. Thos. Patton has just received his call from Uncle Sam to report back to the Marine Corps. Pat has been on reserve. . . . Bro. W. C. Ruggles, an old-timer with Borchers Bros., also received his call back to the Navy. . . . Bro. George E. Wiley has been called into the Army. . . . Bro. Alfred Silva, of Ditz Bros., was called back to duty at Moffett Field. . . . Yet another to get a summons from Uncle Sam is Bro. C. V. Deardorff. He's going into the Army. We trust this "little incident" in Korea will soon come to a happy conclusion and we will

Redding—

JOBS RUSH REPORTED IN SHASTA AREA

By E. A. HESTER
Business Representative, Local 3

Jobs—Good Jobs! Are still on the upward climb. New contracts are coming up, and millions of dollars are being appropriated for new work. Shasta county alone, is spending more than one and one-half million dollars on their county roads.

Final approval has been submitted by the Northern California Hospital Committee for the construction of a new million-dollar tuberculosis hospital. This hospital will be situated near Redding. Preliminary work has started. The Central State Construction Company of 593 Market St., San Francisco, were the successful bidders.

The U. S. Engineers are handing out more bids for flood control work near Red Bluff. George Agusta, P. O. Box 1545, Salinas, California, was awarded the first unit. However, this is a small job. His bid was \$22,951.15.

G. E. Miller of 111 Morrill Avenue, Reno, Nevada, was the successful bidder on the Sewer Disposal Plant at Chester, California. His bid was \$125,483.85.

GOOD WINTER AHEAD

It seems that we are going to have plenty of work in the district for the brothers this winter. Bids will be open September 27th on a good size highway and bridge job at Hatched Creek. This is situated between Burney and Redding on Highway 299. There will be about 300,000 yards of muck to be moved, besides the construction of a fair-sized bridge. Also bids will be open on a small county highway job near French Gulch September 10th. And September 20th bids will be open on about 13 miles of highway work between Grasshopper Valley and Hayden Hill Road, Lassen County.

The B. & R. Construction Company is winding up its work on the new Junior College on schedule, and the college will open September 18. This is something "great" that has been created for Northern California.

The Malfitane Road job, out of Susanville, is about 90 per cent completed. Other projects throughout the northern part of the state are coming along according to schedule. Generally speaking, everything is going along fine in this district. Everyone seems to be happy and working. We might add that it has been a tough summer. More than 60 days now, the thermometer has not dropped below 100 degrees.

In closing this report I wish to add that Brother Gerald L. Duryee has been called to the service. He is to report September 20. He is also the first brother to be called to the Armed Forces from this district. We wish him good luck and hope some day, soon, he will return to his job.

have our boys back with us again, soon. . . . Bro. Don Wheeler, known to so many in this area, is going to town on that new 10B Bucyrus. Don also purchased a nice ditching machine recently. . . . Sorry to report that Bro. Hillman Nankivel, who is in the contracting business, has been on the sick list lately. At this writing he is convalescing at home and hopes to be out, soon. . . . Bro. T. E. Blausner met with an accident on the job which resulted in the loss of an eye. Sorry to have to report so much illness and our best wishes go out to all of the brothers for a speedy recovery.

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At a Scotch boarding house a guest was sawing away at the sinewy knee-joint of a roast chicken leg. At last, waving an arm toward a bottle of sauce on the table, near the landlady's elbow, he said:

"Pass the liniment, please, Mrs. McPherson. This seagull has rheumatism."

Fresno—

Big Rigs Pushing Big Inch Pipeline in the South Valley

H. T. PETERSEN and LYNN MOORE,
Business Representatives, Local 3

The Bechtel, Price, Conyes Company now have practically all their equipment working on the Big Inch Pipe Line within the territory of Local Union No. 3. There are approximately 12 side booms; 4 shovels; 2 trenching machines; 1 truck crane; 10 cats and other incidental equipment working on the job mostly around the clock. It is a revelation to watch the progress that is being made from day to day, however the job will slow down when they hit the rough country west of Mendota.

Volpa Bros. have a highway job east of Coalinga and have sublet the dirt to Gerald Brewster of Avenal. Things in general in the Avenal Coalinga district are in good condition with most of the oilfield contractors busy, mostly on development work.

On the West Side, Delta Mendota Canal, the United Concrete Pipe and Vinnell Company have just received a new 5-yard Manitowok, which will be going to work within the next few days. This company is still having trouble with a very serious water problem. They have also started work on their sections of the Newman Wasteway and are moving in a Model 1055 P.H. for this job.

Morrison Knudsen & Hasler are still away ahead of schedule and the brothers working there are beginning to enjoy some overtime. This job should be completed in November.

BUILDING IS BOOMING

In the Merced area, Leonard Co. have started to produce rock at their new plant on the Merced River. This same firm is also erecting a hatch plant and hot plant in Merced and will be competitive to the River Rock Co. located there, however there seems to be plenty of construction work scheduled so that both plants should be kept busy.

Building construction throughout the district is booming, with all the building contractors busy on subdivision or industrial buildings, which is of course keeping a number of brothers away.

Guy F. Atkinson Co., with Dan Morrison as general superintendent, Cornell as assistant superintendent and Brothers Cliff Jasper and Dave Christian taking care of grade are making good progress on their two highway jobs between Madera and Merced.

Rice Bros. of Marysville are making good progress on the Yosemite Road Highway job and we understand most of their present

crew will leave with this company for their job up North.

Oilfield Trucking Company of Bakersfield submitted low bid to the Highway Department and have moved in on five miles of road near Dinuba.

Ball Simpson & Irving and Bondiman-McCain are still working on their mountain jobs, which they expect to complete before the snow flies.

PINE FLAT DAM

The Pine Flat Dam project is beginning to show signs of increased activity with the erection of the plants taking place at this time. The company's schedule still calls for pouring operations on the dam to begin in November. Whether they will be able to meet this schedule, however, is still a question.

Bechtel Co.-M & K job at Power House No. 4 is proceeding at a good pace, the tunnel will be holed through in approximately three weeks and the dam should be topped out by the latter part of November. However, work will still continue on the Power House construction and other incidental work.

Bechtel Co. have started construction on some housing units at Power House No. 3 site and also have a crew doing pioneer work in the back country at Vermillion Valley.

The United Concrete Pipe Company at Tulare have started delivery of pipe and it looks as though this plant will be busy for quite a long period.

Concrete Conduit Company of Colton have also started work on their contract laying pipe for the Bureau of Reclamation.

Macco Construction Co. and Stone and Webster are coming through from the South on a new power line setup for the Southern California Edison Company and will be busy on this job for the next few months.

The next regular meeting of Local No. 3 in this area will be held Thursday, September 28th, 8 p.m., at 631 Kearney, Fresno, California.

San Francisco

"The City" Is Booming With Jobs; Foresee a Good Winter

By PAT CLANCY and RUSSELL SWANSON,
Business Representatives, Local 3

We are very happy to report that the work situation in S.F. is still on the upswing and the out of work list is practically nil. We expect that work this year will be a lot different from last year, and it looks quite possible that the summer work will go right on through the winter months.

AROUND THE JOBS

Ben C. Gerwick is quite active around S.F. at the present time. They have a million and a half job at pier 32 (Matson Line), a derrick at Station P at Hunters Point, a derrick at Fort Mason and a pile-driver at the foot of 16th St.

C. Harney is just finishing the concrete work on the freeway job. By the way, traffic is expected to be opened to the public somewhere around December. Harney also has two jobs on Jackson St. A sewer job near battery and a track removal job from Fillmore to Presidio Sts.

Devencenzi & Haskins are working on the excavation for a library on Taravel St.

Walsh-Pomeroy are going right along with the Sewage Disposal job on Jerrold and Phelps Sts.

Adjacent to the Walsh-Pomeroy job is McDonald, Young & Nelson

sewage disposal job which is fairly close to completion.

TUNNEL TO "DAYLIGHT"

M & K Corp is also working on the other end of the above mentioned project. Their job is in the North Point District. M & K Corp also are working on a war job between 8th and 1st Ave. on Cornwall St. Their Merced Tunnel job has about 400 feet to go before "daylighting." The fellows, no doubt, will start another pool this year just as they did on completion of their last project. Everybody on the job is eligible—all they have to do is kick in with so much and at the same time guess the exact time that the tunnel will be holed through.

M & K are going right along with the Broadway Tunnel, however it (continued on page 12)

Sacramento—

September High Spot for The Capital Area; Many Jobs Up

By E. P. PARK and H. S. CLARK
Business Representatives, Local 3

The month of September has the reputation of being the busiest of the season and from all appearances, this record is in no danger of being broken this year. Practically all the brothers are busy and the only ones on the out-of-work list are those who are changing jobs for one reason or another. They have a two-bit name for this in the reports we get on employment from various government agencies—"Frictional Unemployment" they call it, meaning those workers who are only out of work temporarily due to changing jobs, etc. At any rate, this so-called "Frictional Unemployment" isn't supposed to be too serious but over the years we have developed an intense dislike for any kind of unemployment, so try to get the brothers out as soon as possible. This hasn't been too difficult the past month or two.

H. Earl Parker's job at Rio Vista continues to afford employment to the greatest number of Engineers of any job in the area. Superintendent Brother Slim Alt is keeping a weather eye out towards the November 1st completion date. Brothers Sid Murray and Ernie Mayfield are doing a good job shifting on the cat spreads. Brothers Johnnie Brown and Al Parker are over the pulls. Brothers Wally Milhous, the "Master Nut Buster," and Ernie Poston are in charge of the draglines.

This company's job at Walnut Grove is tottering along on almost a one-cat basis with Brother Emil Selzie holding down the seat. Superintendent Brother Wayne Morse will open this job up again after completing the clearing.

USE NEW 24'S

Across the slough, A. Teichert's job is rolling along to the tune of several D-8's and a couple of those new 24's we have been hearing about. Brothers Stirling Pirtle and J. E. Disney, the operators, seem to think that they are o.k. Shifter Brother Jerry Cuneo is too busy to take time out to comment.

Brother Mike Hathman is still the big wheel on the Wennermark & Kern spread and is doing a good job. Brother Art Roof moved over to the Pollock spread when Brother Ted Cox took sick.

Lord & Bishop is making good progress on their bridge job at Walnut Grove with several floating rigs performing for the local citizenry who like to line the banks and watch this operation.

Around town, there are too many jobs to try and mention—sewers, subdivisions, buildings and what have you. We'll try to give you a breakdown on these next month.

MOUNTAIN JOBS

To the east, up in the mountains, the jobs remain about the same as reported last month. At Grass Valley, Ke-Ston Construction Co. is finishing their sewage disposal plant with M. J. Ruddy & Sons doing the fancy work on the road and around the plant. French Cottreau is in charge of terracing with one jeep and one cat on the job. This project should be finished by this publication. Ke-Ston Construction also has the Nevada City Disposal Plant which is just getting under way.

At Washington, California, Huntington Bros. is going along smoothly on their six miles of realignment and gravel job which is at Washington, near Nevada City. This project goes through the town of Washington and members on this job are Jack Morgan, Norman Harry, R. L. Adams, Andrew Foote, Ed Bridges, James Humphries, Marvin Reed, E. L. Resh, Norman Wissler, Virgil Church, John Pearl, Ward Moyer, Bennett Terry, H. S. Wright, Seldon Walker, Lucien, Fred and Dick Huntington. George Shults, Cyrus Rhoades and Howard Hilton are also on the job. They tell us that they will have this job completed by the time the snow flies, and it flies deep in this territory.

At Bear Valley, Richter & Darrough have finished with their Highway No. 20 job. M. J. Ruddy will have this road paved by the time this paper is out.

Fredrickson Bros., at Auburn, are getting along on Highway No. 40 hot-stuff paving job. This company has their hot plant set up on Bear River, down where it's cool on these hot days.

Joe Chevreux also has a project on Bear River. This company is furnishing aggregates for Fredrickson Bros. Chevreux also has a screening plant in this location with several members busy most of the time.

Brown & Brennan have finished their Foresthill road job. This job eliminated almost all the curves on this road.

At Foresthill, Clyde Woods is going along in full swing on the 19 miles of road oiling. This job starts at Foresthill and terminates at Mosquito Ridge. Members on this job are Larry Swenor, John Morgan, Fred Lewis, Jack Luckcuck, Ralph Riche, Elbert Peard, Eddie Violet, Jack Drone M. E. Read, Newell, Harry Oliver, Carsten Jensen. They tell us that this country is full of bear—an idea, "huh"?

Thomas Construction Co., at Lotus, is progressing rapidly with this bridge job with Brothers Ernie Brown, Cecil Brown and Bob Strickland doing the engineering work on this project.

PERSONAL MENTION

Brothers Bullard and Patrick now have a 304 Koreing with all attachments. Keep this in mind and call these boys at HI 7-1174 when anything turns up for a rig like this.

Brother Bob Hunt is still doing darn good jobs in the small excavating, paving and oiling line. Call him at HI 9-4703.

Brother Jack (Dolly) Gray had to show up for a physical at the request of Uncle Sam the other day. Jack did more than his little bit in our last effort over there, so he shouldn't feel too badly about not making the grade this time.

Brother Ray Austin, Sr., came down from Butte City last weekend and we took in the fair. Ray claims to be something of a judge of horse flesh, particularly race horses. Believe me, this is an illusion.

Our congratulations go to Brother and Mrs. Charles Walker who now have a potential Engineer in their family. He was born on August 23rd at the Sutter Maternity. Congratulations also to Brother and Mrs. Homer Kerr who beat the Walkers by a few days with a boy, too. He was born at Woodland on August 14th.

Misfortune has hit quite a few of the brothers or members of their families this past month in the way of sickness and accidents. We wish them quick recovery.

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go to the wife of Brother Parel Hull. She underwent an operation in the Mercy Hospital. These wishes also go to the wife of Brother Frank Hassett, who is confined in the Sutter Hospital, also recovering from an operation.

Wishes for speedy recoveries go to Brother Dennis Boune who was hurt when his car slipped off a jack, and to Brother Roy Smith who was hurt in an accident on a truck crane.

Ernie Nelson is another brother who was hurt by a job accident last month. Although up and working now, he is still making trips to the doc. Better luck in the future, Ernie.

Another old war horse, who has more than just a little experience in the construction field, was down for a week with aches and pains. Brother Don Johnson says it isn't old age. "Heck, I'm not quite 70 yet," he brags.

Brother Ted Cox, superintendent

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will be about 30 days before they start the actual cut of the tunnel with the shovel.

Eaton and Smith are still working in the yard at Ocean Ave. but from all reports they will be moving before very long. They have a lot of engineers busy at Staret & Ekins' Met. Housing job, also at US Hospital and at the Marine Hospital. All of their work on the above mentioned jobs is that of grading and paving.

HOUSING JOB

Dinwiddie, at Met. housing job, has put most of all the outside hoists out of operation and the brothers who have been running these hoists are no running the inside elevators.

Hyman-Michaels are doing all right for a number of our mechanics and it looks as though they will be busy for some time to come.

There are also a number of other contractors keeping a lot of engineers on the pay roll working on various street, building or excavating jobs in town.

PERSONAL TOUCH

Brother Gene Killen dropped into the office a few weeks ago after being in Arabia for the past year working with Bechtel. Good to see you back again Gene.

Brother "Chet" Mayhew more or less went on an extended vacation to Afghanistan for M & K. He said it wasn't what it was cracked up to be and is home again after being gone about three months. This time he expects to stay.

THANKS FOR BLOOD!

An incident came up the other day which should be brought to the attention of the brothers. As you all know, the engineers have an account at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank (Note—Maybe we should say "had" an account for the account is now down to nothing) which is for the use of members and their families. About a month ago Martin Sondergard was in the hospital and needed in all, three pints of blood which he received from the engineers account at the blood bank. He appreciated it and wishes to thank all of the brothers who donated for that is the time that money was most needed and he saved \$75.00, so brothers, please take the time and donate a pint of your blood in order to help someone in need.

ent on the Pollock job at Walnut Grove, another old timer, is laid up at the present time. Hope it isn't serious, Ted, and that you'll be back in the harness soon.

Brother Stirling Pirtle's wife has been ill for some time and we hope she is fast on the mend now.

Brother Ed McQuillan's little boy had the misfortune of having a finger in an accident the other day. Tough luck, fellow, but glad it wasn't worse.

Brother Alex Gray's little girl, injured by a hit and run driver the other day, is coming along o.k. now, but wouldn't we like to spend a few minutes with the guy who did it?

BLOOD BANK

The ladies, or rather a lady, came through and saved us from a complete blank this month. All kinds of thanks to Mrs. Gertrude Couch, our only donor this month. Let's try to redeem ourselves this coming month, fellows. You know, there has been more than eight gallons of blood go through this account in the comparatively short time that it has been established. Think of what this means in dollars and cents to the members of Local No. 3 in this area, not to mention that it may have saved a life or two.

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Mrs. Roosevelt at S.F. Luncheon Rally

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our life and down to the smallest villages. She said every individual voter is responsible for the actions of our elected representatives.

She said that Communism is something that people like to believe in when they are hungry and down and out. Communists tell other nationalities that the U. S. looks down on them, and this stirs hatred for our country, she said.

ROUND-UP OF NEWS FROM UTAH

By Renny Burroughs, C. R. Van Winkle, and Merlin Bowman, Business Representatives

Roadwork amounting to \$5,814,903 in Utah for the last fiscal year is employing its peak crews at present. Little additional hiring is expected on these crews for the balance of the year with our first storms hitting us at the present time.

The work to develop this fall and winter will be largely engineering projects headed by the following jobs:

Peter Kiewitt for Arcadia, Calif., took the reservoir at the end of the Deer Creek project in Parley's Canyon at Salt Lake for \$1,200,000, approximately, which consists of about 200,000 cubic yards of excavation and considerable crane work. Work on this project should start about Oct. 1.

McGraw Co. took the plant site preparation and footing work on the Geneva Steel Plant and American Bridge took the steel erection work on a \$20 million job at Provo. A blast furnace and three open hearth furnaces are to be constructed there later.

DUGWAY, 30 ENGINEERS

Morrison & Knudson have 30 Operating Engineers on their payroll at Dugway. Bids on extensive work on that project should be let by Oct. 1. How soon an expanded program will start there is still in doubt.

Occasional hiring and expanding work is found on the following jobs:

Leonard Construction Co. on their \$10,000,000 job at the AS&R Co. smelter at Garfield, where Consolidated Western Steel has the erection work.

The Jordan River Steam Plant, which has now added another unit in its contract to Bechtel Corp. and will total approximately \$18,000,000.

The Filtration Plant being constructed at the former Remington Arms plant at Salt Lake by the Parsons Co., where Chicago Bridge will be erecting the tanks.

The Cobalt Plant being erected at Lake Point by Utah Construction Co. for the Howe Sound Co. to process cobalt from the Blackbird Mines in Idaho.

Clearing of members continues steady but winter is at hand and a number of brothers have been scattering to warmer areas. Reports from brothers heading to California, New Mexico and Arizona have been that they were well received and found work plentiful to date.

We regularly expect about 600 members out of work in winter in Utah but this year the figure should be cut to about 400 due to the prevalence of projects that can work at least part time in the ice and snow.

Brothers, pay up your dues in advance, now, so that winter won't jeopardize your union card. By keeping your card in good standing in advance you may transfer or be in good standing on the out-of-work list at all times. Have your membership card in good standing in the spring and keep your union benefits available to you.

In closing the report on work we wish to submit an interesting report on the Utah State Federation of Labor convention, attended by Bro. C. R. Van Winkle, business representative of Operating Engineers Local 3 and also a vice president of the State Federation:

'Report on Convention of Utah Federation

I spent from Monday, Aug. 21, to Wednesday, Aug. 23, in Richfield, Utah, attending, as a representative of Operating Engineers' Local 3, the 47th annual convention of the Utah State Federation of Labor. This convention, which is the ninth that I have attended as your representative, while not the largest in attendance, was one of the most businesslike and attentive that I have been privileged to attend.

Promptly at 10 a.m. Monday, the convention opened and proceeded with dispatch under the chairmanship of President Latter, of Teamsters' Local 222, to the business of the convention. A number of

prominent citizens of the state, including the governor, several representatives of the national labor movement and the U.S. Dept. of Labor opened the convention by bringing messages and information of importance to our state labor movement.

Thirty-four resolutions were considered by the convention. A number of these were sponsored or co-sponsored by your delegate and dealt with matters of importance to the Operating Engineer or his fellow building tradesmen. One of those endorsed approved President Truman's stand in the Korean emergency and pledged labor's continued support to our President and Government. Another favored the removal of the lien law as a prerogative to receiving state old age assistance.

BUY RADIO STATION

Another approved the Executive Board's arrangements to purchase Radio Station KNAK. It is to be hoped that the membership will support this station, which, under the arrangements made, will eventually become the property of the State Federation of Labor and give labor a medium for getting labor's side of the story to the public. Another favored a state rent control law to control the gouging unpatriotic landlord. Several others endorsed amending the state laws to better control contractors doing public works for the state. These resolutions would protect the union contractor against the chiselers and assure the state that contractors bidding on public works such as roads, etc., are capable, honest contractors with the financial ability, experience, equipment, etc. to properly perform the work involved.

One of the most important resolutions adopted by the convention, in my opinion, was that endorsing the re-election of Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Congresswoman Reva Beck Bosone and Congressman Walter K. Granger because of their past unqualified support of labor's program in the Congress of the United States.

It is to be hoped that the membership will realize that this unanimous action was taken by the leaders and representatives of the local state labor movement, after a study of their records in Congress, and was not dictated, as our detractors are always claiming, by some mysterious force from "on high." It is also to be hoped that every member and the eligible members of their families are registered and will vote in the coming crucial elections Nov. 7. To do otherwise is to lose, by default, the many gains made by organized labor, and to surrender all future gains without even firing a shot.

I was honored by being appointed to the important Resolutions Committee and was re-elected, for the third consecutive time, vice president—without opposition. The officers of the State Federation were for the most part re-elected without opposition, the only contests being for president and two vice presidents. In the contest for president, President Latter was re-elected. This will mean that the State Federation will remain under the same leadership as last year, a year in which the Federation, in my opinion, was the most progressive and aggressive in the years that I have been privileged to watch its activities.

Cedar City was chosen as the next convention city.

Respectfully submitted,
C. R. VAN WINKLE.

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"So you met your wife at a dance; wasn't that romantic?"
"No... it was... embarrassing... I thought she was home minding the kids!"