

construction news sources. The \$750,000,000 total through August compares to \$417,000,000 for the pre-war year of 1939.

Other information brought out in the report prepared under the direction of B. B. Stanbery:

Los Angeles County and nine San Francisco Bay area counties noted 95 per cent of the total of private residential building awards. Most of the private non-residential contracts were also concentrated in the two metropolitan areas.

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS

Public works contracts amounted to \$200,000; of which \$106,000 was for federal construction projects. State, county and city agencies accounted for awards valued at \$94,000,000.

A total of 408 contracts was awarded for new factories or industrial plant expansions and 356 were in nine counties. Los Angeles County led with 273 and Alameda was second with 35. The area breakdown showed the following reported totals: Southern California, \$384,589,000; San Fran-

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Garrott Sees "The Hasty Heart" At San Jose Auditorium

By HAL GARROTT

cisco Bay, \$200,920,000; San Joaquin Valley, \$52,814,000; Sacramento Valley, \$17,153,000; others, \$9,403,000. The city of Los Angeles led with \$312,661,000. San Francisco was second with \$60,349,000 and San Mateo third with \$41,930,493.

Workers engaged in construction total 185,000.

WISCONSIN STALEMATE

MEDFORD, Wis. (U.P.) — Clyde Holms, timber cruiser, was treed by a bear. After an hour the bear went away. Holms went away too, in the other direction.

Because the Monterey Peninsula hasn't any Civic Auditorium, I had to go to Santa Cruz or San Jose to see the New York success "The Hasty Heart." My hotel room and tickets had been reserved weeks in advance. At last I was standing in the queue in the San Jose Civic Auditorium. When it came my turn at the box office, Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous left their work and greeted me with, "How's Carmel." Before I could answer Dene went on—"When you get your Civic Auditorium, Hazel and I can bring you all the attractions we put on here—" (They showed me a printed list including about 20 world famous events, plays, operas, ballets, symphonies, solo-

"Yes," said Hazel, "and we'll make Monterey Peninsula our headquarters, and spend most of our time there."

I suspect the girls are pretty homesick for their charming studio and garden on Dolores street.

NO HOKUM

John Patrick's comedy, "The Hasty Heart" is a play without hokum. It is not just frivolous entertainment. It is an experience an adult audience can take to heart. The playwright has chosen a difficult task. The piece is set in the most boring spot on earth. A hospital ward for convalescent soldiers. Mr. Patrick has penalized himself further by avoiding such usual trappings of drama as sex, cocktails, mother love, a success story, physical danger, murder, and there is practically no action.

One of the six patients is a Scotchman. You may have read about Scotchmen from Boswell and Johnson, through Jimmy Barrie to the present day. Still you must see this play to understand what a real dour Scotchman is like.

"BORN TO THE PART"

There is 'thrift in material' things. But the man's horror of waste extends to thoughts, emotions, words, even breath. A deep suspicion bred in the school of hard knocks, causes him to suspect some crafty design beneath every kind word or act of courtesy. He spurns friendship because it imposes an obligation. But his pride bursts into flame at the first sign of pity for him. Oddly, he has a hangover from early Scotch Churchmen. His views are the only ones that are right. They must be right because they are Scotch. He refuses to listen to others. His shell cracks a bit in the end. Keen lines and

of the property.

E. H. HEATH.

Monterey Peninsula Herald:

After having spent over five years of my life in the armed forces of the United States during World War II, in an effort to destroy dictatorship and uphold democracy, I returned to civilian life with the feeling of a job well done. Then I spent over \$1,200, a lot of time and effort in a supposedly free and democratic election, trying to be the people's choice for sheriff of Monterey County. Now I find all this evidently a farce or humbug, the county supervisors appoint the man of their choice and now we are told to "retain" him as sheriff because he is already in office. A man that a majority of the people did not vote for.

I WANT MY MONEY BACK.

Furthermore, I spent over five years in our armed forces DURING WAR, even though I had a wife, five children, and a key job in an essential industry. As a war veteran I protest the misleading advertising this appointed sheriff uses, by claiming "five years Army service" at this time, yet he DID NOT SERVE DURING EITHER WAR.

NICHOLAS R. GEE,
Salinas, Calif.

(Editor's Note: Sheriff Jack McCoy, to whom Mr. Gee refers above, enlisted in the United States Army in 1919 and served for five years, until 1924.)

Carmel, Calif.
Oct. 14, 1946

Editor, The Herald:

Dear Sir:

I read in the letter box a letter written by Ex-Sgt. Akira Iwamura—also I have read the arguments for Proposition 15, coming before the voters next month.

I do not know Jack B. Tenny nor Hugh M. Burns but being a native Californian I know their kind.

I would say to them, why stop at only taking all their possessions from these Nisei veterans? If we are going in for the same sort of thing as Nazi versus Jew, or Pole why not take off the Purple Hearts, destroy citations and put a yellow band on their sleeves, or better yet a tattoo mark on their arms?

To quote the late General Stillwell, "the higher a monkey climbs a pole, the more you can see of his backside." Maybe Mr. Tenny, Burns and their colleagues should sort of start to slide down. They don't look like good Americans from what we see of them up there.

And now, Ex-Sgt. Iwamura and your brother Cecil, we can't foresee what Nov. 5th will bring, but any veteran who ate the same food, slept in the same mud, went through the same hell and the parents who watched them go and waited for them to come back, will I believe, determine that in Cali-

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