Charter Member
Alex Purmal
Successes Sept. 30

Member of Local 1245 held their final respects to Brother Alexander Purmal. He, a general union man included service to the State Service Committee, Organizer, Negotiations and elected official of our union. For the past year and one-half he had served as Area Board member, representing the Utility Line and General Construction Division.

Brother Purmal was born in Sacramento in 1915 and is a second generation of a family in that county, the family having moved to the north 40 years ago. Brother Purmal went to work as a funeral service worker in San Francisco. He re-entered the garage business and operated in addition to his funeral service work. Returning to farming, but found it a three-hour drive! The finest fishing and hunting still to be found in California is the Humboldt County area. Notwithstanding these distractions, the attendance at unit meetings is usually very good. Many of the members (pictured below) journeyed 40 or 50 miles to attend the unit meeting. An odd 10 or 15 miles in that county, on highways, roads, is often a two or three-hour drive.

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18. Don't be better at getting new members—let the ones who do all the other work do that, too.

EUREKA BEARS P.G.E. TERMS—Figure shown above is a group of members of our Eureka (Humboldt Division) and listening attentively to a discussion of the terms of the new P.G.E. contract. (See story elsewhere on this page.)

EXEC. BD. CERTIFIES VOTE ON APPROVING P.G.E. CONTRACT

The Union's Executive Board, meeting at Oakland on Sunday, September 27th, certified the unit vote on ratification of the new P.G.E. agreement, according to reports from all involved units. Total vote showed that the new agreement carried by better than 2 to 1.

The Board also approved full support of the strike of Carmen's local 129. The Key System Transit Lines and authorized a contribution of $250 in their strike old fund. Members of Local 1245, employed in the Electrical Maintenance Department of the transit company, had been forced back to work, after more than 60 days of resisting the Company's picket lines, by court action.

In attendance at the regular monthly meeting were: President Frank Gillieron, V.P. Cecil Davis, Secretary Grace Baker, Bus. Mgr. Mgr. Weakly, Central Area Members Mario Brooks and Northern Area Members Robert Glasgow. Exculuded were Southern Area Members Frank Brown and Outside Line and G.C. Member Alexander Purmal.

The Board also approved the following proposals:

Affiliations with the Humboldt County L.L.P.E. and Central Labor Council.

Contribution for members emclosed by Sierra Pacific Power for an additional 3 men to the Nevada State Federation of Labor to combat that state's "Right to Work" policy, which restricts new contract negotiations. Report all injuries.

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A great many members have requested that the editors establish a regular unit educational item. One of the most important rules to be observed in preparing such an item is an analysis of a section of the current literature. Preparations are now underway to fulfill these requests—and the feature in which these new contracts are printed is reserved for this purpose.

Meanwhile, many unit chairmen have pointed out that the most important rules to be observed in conducting a monthly meeting practice is the lengthy discussion or the floor of the meeting—when no motion has been made and seconded:

**CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

It has been again and again, and again, "THE BUSINESS OF A MEETING—BE MOTIONs!" And this is an excellent rule to follow. For example, the only way a member can take action on any item presented under the heading of "Union matters" is to put it in the form of a motion. The only way a member can vote on any motion is by voting for or against it. The only way a member can express his wishes or concerns is to put the matter in the form of a motion. The only way a member can ask, "Are you in agreement?" is to ask, "Are you in agreement?" and pass it by vote of the members. Matters of this nature should be referred to the chairman or to an official to be made.

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When a member wishes to bring any matter to the floor of the meeting for the attention of the unit, he should first move, "I move to call to order." If the motion is seconded, the matter will be referred to the chairman or to an official to be made.

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**UNION MEMBERS NOMINATED FOR P.S.E.A.'S CLERICAL BOARD**

Two of our outstanding union members have been nominated for positions on the P.S.E.A. They are Sister Grace M. Kelleher and Sister Grace M. Kelleher, Jr., of the San Jose Clerical Division, and Brother Ronald H. Chave, of the Oakland Physical Unit.

Sister Baker, a 25-year-employee of P.N. in Oakland, the San Joe Clerical Unit and has been a member of the unit for more than a year, is the nominee for the position of Vice President for the San Jose Section. Her previous P.S.E.A. work includes service on the Executive Board, the North Bay Section, and Education Committee. Her willingness to be nominated is well-known to all of the members with whom she has been associated with a long period of time. She is also known to be very well-qualified for the position of Vice President for the San Jose Section. Her willingness to be nominated is well-known to all of the members with whom she has been associated with a long period of time. She is also known to be very well-qualified for the position of Vice President for the San Jose Section.

**SUD SMUD Talks To Be Continued**

In view of the important benefit which the SUD provides for its members, the SUD has decided to continue its program of educating its members about the various benefits and services offered by the SUD. The SUD plans to hold a series of meetings at various locations in the area to educate its members about the benefits and services offered by the SUD.

**EXEC. Bd. Certifies PSE Contract**

Printing of new union agreements, which will be in current usage, in sufficient number to provide the members with copies of the agreements, to our entire membership.

Following a general discussion of the problems of union matters for ask or desired members, the Board will hold a special meeting at which such assistance must be considered as a basis for the decision. (See Article 15, Section 13 of the bylaws.) The Board, in its wisdom, will be delegated authority to make those exceptions in cases of possible hardship.

**RESEARCH and EDUCATION Corner**

By The Onlooker

A Bay Area daily newspaper reports that State Senator Arthur H. Brecher has tabled a new P.S.E.A. report on the status of the San Francisco Bay Area Bridge Authority (P.S.E.A.) which has raised several of the members’ concerns. The report states that the Authority’s plans are on hold while they await the results of the vote.

**PROFESSORS STRIKE CURB**

Sister Freda stands this special session to pass, with an unanimous vote. John Kelleher reports the status of the vote. It is determined that the vote is passed by all members present.

**POLITICS—AND POLITICIANS!**

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The average of the last week’s vote is 88%, with a range of 85% to 90%. The vote is passed by all members present.

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A review of events following the election reveals a number of interesting facts. First and foremost, political policy has not been changed greatly except that we are experiencing more difficulty with resistance to our support. Of all the bits, the most important is that a new generation of Americans is entering the political arena. This new generation is characterized by a strong desire for change and a willingness to challenge the status quo. The outcome of this new wave of political activity is uncertain, but it promises to bring about significant changes in our political landscape.

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November 1953 Meeting Schedules

Meetings are established for the members living or working in the specified areas. General construction members are requested to participate in the meeting activities of the unit nearest their work.

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