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PG&E Merges With Coast Counties G&E

The filling by PG&E of a certificaterequest for approval of the merger of the State of California corporate bodies of the California Gas and Electric Company has been

The only noticeable change taking place is a substitution of PG&E signs on offices and equipment and the disappearance of the names and symbols of the Coast companies.

A total of 131,351 gas, electric, and steam service customers in California are now customers of the new PG&E and Coast Companies having been consolidated.

We recommend Graves.

The UTILITARI REPORTER pointed out a few months ago that labor endorsements for political candidates are worthless unless they stem directly from the rank and file membership of the union.

We further believe that fewer than 200 delegates to the California Labor's League for Political Education convention held August 28 cannot authorize an endorsement for Goodwin Knight and Harold Powers which will have any meaning for the more than 800,000 members of the AFL membership in our state - they are a minority vote.

In the final analysis the union member — just like any other citizen — will vote for the candidate whom he believes will best represent him. This is as it should be.

It is true that union members with a desire from their elected representatives as to the background and record of candidates for public office. Local 4254 published detailed information on nearly 200 candidates in the May issue, as a guide to the members.

In this year's campaign we have Republican incumbent, Governor Goodwin Knight and Democratic Nominee Richard P. Graves. Neither man has any legislative voting record which can be accurately used as a measurement stick.

Knight, during his seven years as Lieutenant Governor appeared to be running for the office of the Governor, which he now holds due to the appointment of Earl Warren as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Knight's performance during the brief 1954 session of the State Legislature leaves much to be desired. Nearly all the serious bills were killed by the objections of the State Senate. Knight preferred to spend "rainy day" funds and other savings rather than actually to use the money for services and not higher praise for the electrical in the Industry.

Bill Morrison has also served on the Cost Negotiation Committee and has helped to bargain for maximum wage and inequity adjustments.

Bill has won a reputation as an enterprising, efficient and incorruptible shop steward. He has won the respect and confidence of both his members and his fellow workers for the good work he has done in the interests of the membership.

He has remained silent on all of the serious problems of our community. He has served through two San Francisco Strike, during seven years as Lieut. Governor and one as Governor — he has had ample time to acquaint himself with the problems — and yet he was silent. A word to the wise, Richard Graves; on the other hand, is a new-comer to the ranks of office seekers. He is, however, no newcomer to the labor movement. For seven years as Assistant Secretary to the League of California Cities — a non-profit, nonprofit organization of city and county officials — he has taught Governmental Administration at the University of California and achieved outstanding recognition for this work.

Mr. Graves has proven himself a strong man — one who is unafraid to speak his mind on all issues confronting us. This he has consistently done, even at the expense of stepping on some political toes — and alienating some would-be supporters who wished to exact, later on, their pound of flesh.

His political speeches have been distinguished by their clarity, their candor and their reasonableness — qualities which are lacking too few on both sides of the campaign issue.

We believe that California has need of a chief executive who will be strong yet fair-minded, and who will dedicate himself to a positive program of preserving and improving the quality of life for which this country was founded.

In this age, with American ideals and the dignity of the individual the American Federation of Labor has played a conceivably role. From national leadership to local union, its members have fought against religious and racial prejudice, against discrimination. They have realized that dignity, weakness the foundations of democracy and that

organized labor can flourish only under a free democratic way of life.

One of the latest evidences of that continuing struggle to uphold civil rights — and it comes appropriately close to Labor Day — is the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court banning segregation in the public schools of the nation.

The resolution, passed at the recent convention of the AFL, calls for strenuous opposition to a statute or constitutional amendment now before the Georgia electorate calling for abolition of the public school system as a means of circumventing the Brown v. Board of Education decision. It praises the "magnificent service" rendered by the public schools of the state and points out that the amendment "stands for the most undesirable, the most un-American, the most un-American in a stand that gives added meaning to Labor Day, 1954, as compared to most of today's releases.

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The office of the District At-

al, but the vigilance and fervor of the Official District Attorney go far to re-establish a political climate which is better for and not void of the healthful development of political Democracy within the county.

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Round and About

Executive Board Member HOW, A. H. H. reports that the Washington State Joint Council has reported with results of an organizational meeting recently held.

Following a discussion of the present and future position of the union, 100 per cent of the witnesses in attendance signed up with Local 919.

The new members were formally initiated at the next meeting of the council and received their pinning in attendance and congratulation. The following are the signers: Misses and Avs. Bob. M. V., and W. T. R.

Hunting Time Again

First report from the local for the week and a Half was turned in by a Local 2NE mem- ber that was turned over by Brother RITCHEY, of the Montgomery County Unit. The boys got a fine big bear in the county near the Colorado Bridges.

Alcalde Valley members hold a divisional meeting last month with members in attendance from Mon- terey, San Luis, King City and Salinas units. Conducted in Salinas, the meeting was presided over by President MIDDLEBROOK and Secretary COGS A ESTA. Following the busi- ness which is usual with meetings of this kind, there was given and refreshments were served, Bus. Rep. GERRY MORGAN reports that the program was the whole game.

Macolmon Case Ruling

BiO. N. McKEE, Public Policy Committee member for the Department of Agriculture, who has been sta- tioned in the Sacramento District, celebrated marriage with his bride, Miss Helen L. Bland, last week. Both were members of the Moose Hall on the Union's West Side. Bus. Rep. PAUL DYEING, Greenvale, Ca. was present at the meeting held over the admission in the case of Gilders vs. Misses of Unit Chairman DALLA. PEDROJO, who was out, with the help of his Creek crew in organizing work, We understand the crew did get the job matched in this to help at the beans, though!

STOCKTON vs. ORGANIZING

Bus. Rep CHARLES MASSIE re- ported that only 227 workers are employed in the entire stocktongk union remain to be organized into Local 21. Clerical organizing, too, is moving right along with new members signing up each week. Attendance at all stockton union meetings called for con- tract ratification was very good. The gainfully employed members expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the gains in wages and conditions.

Humphrey for 18 years.

Bro. DONOVAN PAUL HUM- PHREY, Caterer's Powerhouse Operator passed away at work on August 16th, according to word received from Dulux Bus. Rep. ROY MURPHY.

Bus. Rep. HUMPHREY was working for Pa. OR for 18 years. He had served at Los Salle, Caterester, Doa, and Chico Substation.

Our deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mary, mother, Mr. Mable, brother, Marion (a member of Local 899), and sister, Mrs. Doris Graves.

From our Alameda Unit comes word that Mr. C. E. Ross, COOK, long a most active member of the union, is dead but an earl- ier date. Mr. Ross was a veteran of the JBF, a former President of the Me- chanics Committee, Albu- querque Council Central Labor Un- ion, has been a member of the board for many years, and is a prominent member of the local council.

Our Alameda Unit comes a word from Mr. M. A. Wilson, who has been a member of the Local 899 for many years. He is the President of the Local and is a member of the executive committee of the local council.

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"For the employee's right to freedom of religious expression, the employer who engages in censurable activity, and who acts in bad faith, the board has now announced that it will deny its act and will not apply the law at all in the workship. It is now on the record that the bill has been previously applied." at a later date.

Mr. Stevenson in looking to the fu- ture

As a result, he said that it is necessary for every man to work for the welfare of the community as a whole.

"The welfare of the community as a whole, he said, is the only way to solve the problem of unemployment. It is not enough to look for help in the past, but the future must be considered."

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During the last 10 years, since Eisenhower was elected, has been the time when there has been a real depression in the country. Since then, there has been a great deal of unemployment, and it is now the time to look for help from the future."
Santa Barbara
Delegate Reports on Calif. AFL Convention

By FRANCES E. GOSS
East Bay Division

This short report is one of the highlights of the 52nd Convention of the California State Conference of the AFL. As one of Local 1245's delegates, I was able to talk with several distinguished speakers. These included President Knight, Secretary of Labor James Mitchell, and Walter Gordon, chairman of the Adult Authority. Mr. Gordon's short but interesting speech included a reminder to employers that the government is trying to place paroled convicts in jobs which will help them to become good citizens again. He also talked about his work helping the Adult Authority to find such jobs.

On Thursday, a fire truck stood on a place protesting the appointment of Mrs. Norman Chandler, who is the anti-labor L. A. TIMES, to the Board of Regents of the University of California.

One of the most important oc-
casions was the Labor Day cere-
day. In the early morning, I had been invited to the San Francisco Art Center to look at some of the new art. It was quite impressive, and I enjoyed the opportunity to see some of the works by young artists. Overall, it was a wonderful day, and I hope everyone had the chance to participate and enjoy the festivities.

The delegates returned to the hotel for the final session of the convention, and we had the opportunity to discuss what we had learned and what we could do to continue to make progress in the future.

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to the thousands of workers and local union leaders who contributed to the success of this convention. I believe that we accomplished a lot, and I am confident that we will continue to build on this foundation in the future.

Sincerely,
[Signature]

Recording Secy. Honored at Int'l Convention

GRACE E. BAKER, the chartering Secretary of Local 20-22-77, was honored at the recent International Convention of the AFL-CIO.

From a field of 14 candidates, Grace was awarded the title of Recording Secretary at the annual convention of the AFL-CIO in Chicago.

In addition to being presented to Grace, the convention also awarded a lovely engraved BROWN plate, engraved with the name of the convention.

The Queen of the Hall was Rosemary Wightman, who was presented with a diamond ring.

The delegation from Local 1245 was hosted by the Office of the President of the California AFL-CIO.

A smile is a curve that can change Gladness into joy.