Local 1245 Shop Stewards Rescue Three Youths

Two Shop Stewards employed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation in Tracy are credited with saving the lives of three residents of Modesto, California, by pulling them from their car that had crashed upside down in six feet of water.

Bill Peitz and Jack Patterson were returning home from a Local 1245 Shop Stewards’ Meeting which was held in Sacramento for all Shop Stewards in Region 11 of U.S.B.R. when they performed the rescue. Carl Schleiss, John Beatty, Clayton Anderson and Jack Nottingham were also in attendance at the meeting and accompanied Jack and Bill back to Tracy.

Bill Peitz and Jack Patterson dived into the overflow pool of the Cosumnes River near Galt and rescued Doca Heiny, 23, and her 12-year-old nephews, Ronald and Dennis Heiny, from the sinking car. The other four Stewards assisted in the rescue when Bill and Jack pulled the “three” from their car.

The carload of Stewards was traveling south on Highway 99 at approximately 5:30 p.m., April 17, when they noticed a car ahead of them, which was pulling an empty horse trailer, go out of control over the embankment and land upside down in an overflow pool of the Cosumnes River.

Bill Peitz

Jack Patterson

Jack Nottingham, who was driving, stopped the car while Patterson and Peitz tore off their coats and shirts before jumping into the water.

Bill Peitz recalls seeing the girl and one of the boys in the back seat screaming and clawing at the window of the two-door car. An air pocket was holding the upside down vehicle at window level when Peitz pulled the right door open. The car immediately began to sink. The boy in the right front seat was in his seat belt and his seat belt was released as he was pulled out from under the water.

Then they reached into the back seat and grabbed the other boy and driver and pulled them out from under the water.

The California Highway Patrol estimated that the occupants were under water approximately 10 seconds. They also noted that none of the windows in the vehicle were broken and that the driver’s side door was jammed. It is their opinion that with the boy hanging upside down in his seat belt in the right front, it would have been impossible for anyone to have exited the vehicle without outside assistance; therefore, the quick actions by Patterson and Peitz saved the lives of the three occupants.

The accident happened when the driver fell asleep at the wheel. (Another reminder for all of us to pull off the road when we feel ourselves getting drowsy.)

The girl and the boys suffered only cuts and abrasions. The Stewards put the wet trio in their car to keep them warm until the California Highway Patrol arrived.

“They thanked us repeatedly and shook our hands over and over again. I think they thought they were goners until we came along,” Peitz said.

Jack Patterson and Bill Peitz are being recommended for the I.B.E.W. Life Saving Awards by Business Manager L. L. Mitchell.

Competitive Scholarship Contest

EDITOR’S NOTE: We are repeating the information on the Scholarship Contest to remind our members to encourage their children to participate.

The purpose of this contest is to provide a grant in aid for scholarships to college, thereby making financial assistance available toward the attainment of a higher education.

The Executive Board of Local 1248, IBEW, has announced the third annual competitive scholarship contest.

The Scholarship Grant will be made only to that candidate who intends to enroll in any college certified by the State Department of Education and accredited by the local Accrediting Association.

Applications may be secured by addressing the Recording Secretary of Local Union 1248 or by calling the Union Office or by using the form printed in the Utility Reporter.

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The Women Members of Local 1245

Ever since it's beginning some 30 years ago, Local 1245's women members have played a great part in the building of our union.

Women have served in offices, on our Advisory Council, on our negotiating committees, on our grievance committees, as stewards and as chairpersons of our staff.

There has never been any question as to the policy of Local 1245 regarding equal job opportunities. Every effort has been made to provide equal opportunity for both men and women members. The policy is stated in the Constitution and By-Laws as follows:

"The Women's Liberation Movement in the building of our union."

The policy of Local 1245 is to provide equal job opportunities for women.

The "Women's Liberation Movement" is one of the most significant and important developments in the history of our union. It is a movement for the recognition of women's rights and the establishment of equal job opportunities for women. The "Women's Liberation Movement" is a result of the efforts of women to achieve equal opportunities in the workplace. The goals of the movement are to achieve equal pay, equal protection, and equal job opportunities for women.

The "Women's Liberation Movement" has been successful in its efforts to achieve equal opportunities for women. The movement has achieved significant gains for women in the workplace, including equal pay, equal protection, and equal job opportunities. The movement has been successful in changing the attitudes of employers and providing women with the opportunity to compete on a par with men.

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But Gretchen, You Could At Least Add the Water to the Soup

By Sidney Margolius, Consumer Expert for Utility Reporter

At an international conference on processed foods two years ago, a Swiss economist reported that one of the problems manufacturers had to overcome was "the Gretchen complex." This is the guilt feeling of some housewives that they are not fulfilling their family duty when they buy canned soups instead of doing their own cooking like the pioneers did.

One of the hastily-hired dried-soup manufacturer now is using some clever TV commercials to reassert any guilt-feeling housewives. No doubt you have seen these commercials. They show robust youngsters calling into the house, "Mom, is it soup yet?" The announcer then says, "We only supply the ingredients, you do the cooking." Mama is shown intently stirring a pot and peering and sniffing at it as though she really were cooking soup instead of pretend-cooking a dried soup mixture.

This TV mother at least added the water. The recently introduced canned soups with water already added apparently are intended to solve one of the least-difficult cooking chores yet discovered, that of adding water to condensed or dried soup.

In a recent survey, we found the price equally watered, especially since you get very little of the key ingredients, like the turkey in turkey soup.

A can of condensed Turkey Noodle Soup costs you 18 cents. A can of Great American Tasty Turkey Noodle costs you 25 cents. Draining the liquid from both, we found the prewarmed soup had about 6½ ounces of solids, mostly noodles and rice. These included two small chunks and some slivers, bits and pieces. (Our TV wife, who with Elaine Jeness, my research assistant, twizzered out the two small chunks and remaining slivers, and bits of turkey, wants you to know that they gave the manufacturer the benefit of the doubt. The total turkey they could rescue weighed half an ounce.

The cheaper condensed soup had 5 and ¼ ounces of solids, including three-eighths of an ounce of turkey.

Now Campbell's is competing, both with itself and Heinz, with its own prewarmed Chunky Soups. The Chunky Turkey variety with a 5½ cent tag for 18 and ¼ ounces, exactly three times the price of Campbell's Turkey Soup, had just 10½ ounces of solids, including 1½ ounces of turkey. The other solids were rather nice looking vegetables and potatoes, plus some flavorings and the caramel coloring that you find in so many processed foods.

The prewarmed soups have drawn fire from some of our readers. One man wrote to Heinz reporting on his own comparison of the company's "don't dilute" Cream of Mushroom Soup with a can of Heinz Condensed Cream of Mushroom. He pays 25 cents for the already-diluted soup he got 14 and ¼ ounces. For the 15 cents he paid for the condensed soup, he got 21 and 3/4 ounces. ("I found the ingredients and the taste virtually identical," he told the manufacturer. "I believe you are either selling the water in the Great American Soups at the One-hundred-fifty-dollar-a-bottle rate or the price for Cream of Mushroom Soup by 250 per cent merely by changing the package.

In our previous report on condensed soups, we pointed out that you can't judge the food value by the price. Some of the lower-price soups provide more protein for the money. Some give Gretchen's children very little.

You get the most protein for your money from a single serving of Pratt's Split Pea with Ham, bean with Bacon, Green Pea, Hot Dog Bean, and Vegetable Beef.

Canned Turkey Noodle soup has about the same protein value for less money than Chicken & Stars. (Anybody who can make noodles into a different shape they want extra pay for it.) Vegetables are a fairly valuable type. It has only moderate nutrition but is priced low.

The so-called "cream" and tomato soups are not good value from the protein point of view because they usually are low in protein. (We stress protein so much because this is the expensive nutrient in foods.)

Frozen soups cost about twice as much as canned and serve no real purpose since the canned are even quicker.

Packaged convenience foods with small convenience but large prices are proliferating like weeds. A pancake mix that comes with a paper cup shaker costs three times as much as conventional mixes, New York State extension home economists observed. Refrigerated rolls and biscuits packaged in tubs cost four times as much for those with a little dried onion and additional oils and spices for the plain ones. The U.S. Agriculture Department's Food and Home Notes pointed out. Many ready-made spaghetti sauces and salad dressings have appeared on the market. At least one spaghetti sauce has water as its leading ingredient. The prepared French dressings can be made at home at one-half to one-third the cost in about three minutes, notes cook book author Cell Dyer.

Some of the low-calorie salad dressings even have water as their leading ingredient. Gretchen could add that, too.

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San Francisco, San Jose and General Office Shop Stewards Meet Jointly

The joint meeting of the three Divisions was held on March 5, 1971. Shown above from left to right are: Mert Walters, Asst. Bus. Mgr., then Bus. Mgr. Ronald T. Weakley, W. L. Vinson, 9th District Vice President, I.B.E.W., Ron Fields, President of Local 1245, Frank Quadros, Bus. Rep. and Nancy Keane, Attorney from the Local's Law Firm.

The above photo shows W. L. Vinson, 9th District Vice-President, I.B.E.W., as he explains the relationship between the International Office and Local 1245.

This photo shows Ron Weakley at what turned out to be his last Shop Stewards meeting as Business Manager of Local 1245. He was unaware of his appointment to the U.S. Dept. of Labor at this time.

As you can see from this photo, there were many Stewards who gave up a Friday night to attend this meeting. It was a good opportunity for the people to meet and discuss each other's problems, relative to the Agreement.

This is another view of the joint Shop Stewards meeting which was held in San Mateo, Calif. Time was allotted to discuss some of the problems at the end of the meeting.

NORTH BAY STEWARDS MEET IN SANTA ROSA

Corbett Wheeler, Bus. Rep., left, and Larry Foss, Asst. Bus. Mgr., are shown answering questions at a Shop Stewards meeting in February of this year. Larry explained the vacation provisions of the new contract.

This photo shows Corbett Wheeler, Business Representative, standing, discussing the duties of Shop Stewards and he outlined certain procedures that he wanted the Stewards to follow.
Sitting at the front table, from left to right, are: Henry House, Nick Archuletto and Bob Landry. You might find someone else you know in this photo.

This photo shows a number of the North Bay Shop Stewards as they listen to Business Representative Corbett Wheeler. They were commended for their activity as Shop Stewards.

The number of North Bay Stewards in this photo prohibits listing each one of them individually, but we do thank them for participating in the meeting and as Stewards.

East Bay Stewards Meet in Walnut Creek

Business Manager L. L. Mitchell, left, is shown with Business Representative Veodis Stamps, at the recent East Bay Shop Stewards Meeting.

Darrel Mitchell, left, and Don Pelot are shown taking notes at the East Bay Stewards Meeting, which was held in Walnut Creek.

Sitting at the front table, from left to right, are: Henry House, Nick Archuletto and Bob Landry. You might find someone else you know in this photo.

This photo shows the balance of those in attendance at the East Bay Stewards Meeting. These men represent many different classifications and Headquarters throughout the East Bay Division.
Consumer Price Index Info

Effective with the release of the January 1971 data the base reference period for the Bureau's Consumer Price Indexes has been changed. With the exception of Anchorage, Alaska, the base reference period for all of the Bureau's consumer price indexes is changed to 1967=100. The reference base for Anchorage is changed to October 1967=100. The U.S. Office of Management and Budget established the new reference base for use by all Federal agencies in line with a long-standing policy that index bases be updated periodically. In practice this has occurred about every ten years.

Rebasin an index does not alter the percentage changes between one time and another, except for occasional minor rounding differences. The percentage change in the U.S. "all items" Consumer Price Index between December 1969 and December 1970, for example, is the same under the 1957-59=100 base and the 1967-100 base.

To assist users, the Bureau will continue to provide the "all items" indexes on the previous base.

Index Date: 1967-100 Base
March 1971 119.8
February 1971 119.4
January 1971 119.2
December 1970 119.1
November 1970 118.5
October 1970 118.1
September 1970 117.5
August 1970 116.9
July 1970 116.7
June 1970 116.3
May 1970 115.7
April 1970 115.2

Wage increases on P.G.&E. will be based on the Consumer Price Index 1957-59=100 base period. The above chart shows the change in the last year.

Below shows the P.G.&E. agreement on wages for July 1, 1971.

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The foregoing index numbers are based on 1957-1959=100, "New Series," as revised January, 1964. The C.P.I. 57-59=100 would have to increase 1.8 index points in the months of April and May in order to receive a 6 1/2% increase.

Below is a chart showing the percentage change between July 1970 and March 1971.

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We Get Letters

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an excerpt from a letter by former Business Manager Ronald T. Weakley, to the Executive Board.

To all of my friends at the Officer, Staff, Committee, Unit, Clerical and General Membership levels of our fine Union operation in Local 1245, let me say that here in Washington, D.C., Local 1245 is recognized as a model of union democracy, clean financial operation, positive collective bargaining procedures and progressive programs designed to elevate the dignity, economic welfare, security welfare, and general good of its vast membership.

Having spent over 30 years in its formation and in its progress as both an on-the-job active member and as a full-time Officer, I can say that those years gave me much happiness and provided me the necessary experience to perform a service function to all working people in the U.S.A. as an employee of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Keep up the good work!

Ron Weakley

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Legislative Activity

Local 1245 provides many services for its membership besides the usual negotiations and grievance handling. We are active at the legislative level and deal with many Labor Advocates, Mert Walters, Assistant Business Manager, L. L. Mitchell, Business Manager, with the assistance of Mert, keeps a watchful eye on every piece of legislation that is submitted in both the Assembly and Senate. If some bill would adversely affect the working man, our members, we do our best to see that the bill is either withdrawn or killed in committee. This is done by pointing out the drawbacks and pitfalls of the bill to the Assembly and Senate. The local stewards have indicated an "honest interest in the welfare of the working men and women in the State of California, and asking them to oppose a bad bill or support a good bill.

We represent some of the employees in the Department of Water Resources, State of California. Consequently, negotiations take on a different form and we must go to the Legislature through bills to secure certain benefits for our members. This year we have initiated action on the following bills:

A.B. 828—Porter and others
This bill would provide for the payment of time-and-a-half for overtime for employees in the Hydro-Electric and Technical Series in the Department of Water Resources.

A.B. 1438—Townsend
This bill would provide for special salary adjustments for employees in the Hydro-Electric and Technical Series in the Department of Water Resources.

Local 1245 submitted another bill which would affect all of our members in the publicly owned Gas and Electric Utilities. This bill was:

A.B. 1438—Townsend
This bill would place all publicly owned Gas and Electric Utilities under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission with respect to Safety.

In addition to the above noted bills, Local 1245 will be supporting other good legislation and fighting other "bad" bills.

Our Business Manager's View

A FIRST COLUMN

L. L. MITCHELL

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coal for pipeline distributions as an energy source.

The highlights of the meeting for me were the elections of Bob Ritter, an I.B.E.W. member from Northern Illinois Gas Company, to serve as the new Chairman of the Conference, and my selection as an I.B.E.W. Representative to the Steering Committee, which is composed of two Representatives from each International Union.

This next year will be a real challenge to our membership. Institutionally we are better off than we have ever been. Organizationally we are expanding and with patience our financial stability will be assured. However, in these days of tension and turmoil on the national and international level, we live with uncertainties; the outcome of which we cannot predict with any degree of accuracy.

Our organization has all the ingredients to move forward as an aggressive and responsible institution. The continued understanding, support and common sense on the part of the membership will be needed to make the necessary critical decisions which will determine the future of all of us. We must evaluate our financial position, consider the future of our members, and our Legislative Advocate is Mert Walters, Assistant Business Manager.

Educational programs must be provided to develop an understanding of the nature of these bills and the need for membership involvement in the political process.

In our own house, the stewards' education programs have been valuable and we have produced many capable people to handle problems at the local level. Here, also, we must improve the means of education and communication for the future. New programs created by changing work methods and budget squeezing created by tight money will cause more difficulties for the supervisory, who in turn is reading the contract with greater care and finding means of staying within his financial limits; all of which results in a need for our stewards to be better informed and better prepared to meet these matters.

It would seem one need is a brief orientation program for all newly appointed stewards to give them the proper background necessary to stimulate their interest in committees and our present stewards' conferences. These are basic to a future for Local 1245. More elaborate and substantial programs will be needed to realize our potential. Greater membership participation at the local level and increased meeting attendance with constructive proposals from our units will assist us in reaching these goals.
Safety Activity

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There were over 137,000 original surveys processed and over 250,000 unsafe conditions corrected.

There were: 41,000 special calls
8,600 incidents investigated
54 Area Safety Conferences
308 Safety speeches delivered
100,000 Safety bulletins distributed
540 Safety films loaned out, and
10,000 copies of the 15 page paper

"California Safety Newsletter" mailed out:

Along with the normal routine work of the Division, they have completed or are working on new Safety Orders in the following areas:

- Boom Stops
- Pressure Vessels
- Explosives
- Roll-over protection, seat belts for construction equipment
- Use of Helicopters in construction
- Electrical, High Voltage
- Tunnel safety

The following week, February 25th and 26th, Assistant Business Manager Mert Walters and Business Representative Dave Reese attended the informal hearings on the new proposed Safety and Health Regulations for construction.

This proposed Federal Safety Law, not to be confused with the new Occupational Safety and Health Act, has been in the mill for some time. The purpose of the hearings was for interested persons to attend and present their views, data or arguments concerning the proposal before the present officers. These hearings were held in New York City; Atlanta, Georgia; Chicago, Illinois; Dallas, Texas; Washington, D.C. and San Francisco.

Some of the groups represented at the hearings and speaking on the proposal were:

- Seattle Association of General Contractors
- Colorado Contractors’ Association
- Herrick Corporation—(Steel erection and fabrication)
- Southern California Contractors’ & Miners’ Trading Trust
- Washatch Electric Company—Las Vegas, Nevada
- Federal Highway Administration, Portland, Oregon
- California-Nevada Line Constructors
- Klein Company
- A. Tiechert & Son
- Northwest Associated Contractors
- Allis Chalmers
- Two-Block Products
- Hyster Corporation
- Southern California Gas Company
- National Electrical Contractors’ Association
- Pacific Gas & Electric Company

These are but a few of many to talk on the proposed law, but it will give you some idea of the vastness of effect when it becomes law.

In speaking on behalf of the members of Local 1245, Brother Walters commented on the inadequacy of the proposal. In a letter to the Director of the Bureau of Labor Standards in Washington, D.C., following the close of the hearings, Walters stated: "Other nominees is not so much with what this contains, but rather with what it does not contain." He continued, "The proposed contains ambiguities, contradictions of generally accepted safety standards and omissions of many generally accepted safety standards."

Throughout the three page letter, numerous examples were cited and recommendations made.

It will be some time before their committee will be able to get through all of the suggestions that no doubt were submitted, and return with some answer.

WOMEN MEMBERS

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women members carried the brunt of the strike and were the balance factor in our victory because they stood pat for the principles involved in the strike and they respected the laws of the union and the laws of the land as they marched the picket line to victory.

Some of our women members hold memberships going back to the early days of our union’s history.

Others have retired and still keep their association with Local 1245, which has made retired life much better as a result of long organized efforts to provide retirement benefits on an equal basis between men and women employees.

It is our hope that as the movement among women toward more economic and social equity grows stronger, that we shall find more women members becoming involved in the leadership and operation of Local 1245.

The only way to make human progress is to organize humans together, no matter whether they are men or women, in the quest for human dignity and the economic rewards which naturally follow.

To any men in our house who don’t want, there’s a new day coming and it is both long overdue and inevitable.

Let us revere our women-folk as we have always done, but let us also accept the fact that if we don’t believe in sex discrimination, it is our job to prove it.

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Local 1245 Continues Safety Activity

Watching over the safety of the some 14,000 members of Local 1245 is a prime interest of the leadership of this Union. As you might guess, it takes a great deal of time and expense just in policing the safety programs of the various employers our members work for. In some instances we are involved in the development of safety programs and rules, as is the case with the smaller employer groups.

What may not be realized by some is the effort put forth on safety at the State and Federal level by this Union.

Following is a brief resume of the activities of Local 1245 in this area so far this year.

On February 3rd and 4th in Los Angeles, Assistant Business Manager Mert Walters and Business Representative Dave Reese were in attendance at the informal hearing on the proposed High Voltage Electrical Safety Orders. These orders, when adopted, will be of general application throughout the State of California.

In opening the hearings, William C. Hem, Director, Department of Industrial Relations for the State of California, remarked on the amount of time and work that had gone into these proposals, dating back to 1964. He pointed out that, primarily, Advisory Committees were used for developing these proposed safety orders and that this informal hearing was held so all interested parties would have the opportunity to testify or challenge these proposals.

In regard to the interested parties, following are a few of the groups represented there:
- Pasadena Water & Power
- City of Anaheim
- National Electrical Manufacturer’s Association
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- San Diego Gas and Electric
- Southern California Edison
- Square “D” Company
- Standard Oil of California
- Kaiser Steel
- Burbank Public Service
- Westinghouse
- Shell Oil
- Department of Water and Power
- Assistant Business Manager Walters not only spoke on behalf of the members of Local 1245, but as was decided at a previous meeting of the involved Unions, he acted as the Spokesman for Local Unions Nos. 18 and 47 in Los Angeles and Local Union No. 465 in San Diego.

Following the hearings on the 126 page proposal, Brother Walters stated, “These proposals represent a substantial step forward,” but noted that some improvements were suggested and some technical issues raised. He also pointed out that these orders are a pioneering effort since no governmental jurisdiction in the United States has such a comprehensive set of orders in the field of high voltage safety regulations.

Upon completion of the hearings, the Industrial Safety Board took the testimony under advisement and will publish its conclusions at a later date. Ultimately the orders will be filed under the Code of Administrative Procedure, which will give them the force of law in California.

On February 18th and 19th, Local 1245 Executive Board Member James Fountain, Safety Advisory Committee member James “Bud” Gray and Business Representative Dave Reese attended the annual Governor’s Industrial Safety Conference in Los Angeles.

The G.I.S.C. is made up of both Labor and Management representatives working together in various sections.

They meet throughout the year to discuss safety problems facing the workman in California and also to prepare programs and presentations for this event.

The Sections participating in this 21st annual event were:
- Agriculture
- Construction
- Governmental Agencies
- Manufacturing
- Mineral Industries
- Research and Education
- Trades and Services
- Transportation, Communications and Utilities.

In reference to this last group, Business Representative Reese is a member of the Northern Committee, Ron Weakly served as Co-chairman prior to his resignation as Business Manager of Local 1245.

Throughout the two day meeting, safety representatives and engineers from all over the country were in attendance to listen to the numerous safety talks and view the various demonstrations. This year there were 39 separate programs scheduled among the eight Sections which averaged approximately 11/2 hours in length and ran concurrently.

In his opening remarks, Jack F. Hatton, Chief of the Division of Industrial Safety, commented on the activities of the D.I.S. during the previous year.

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Lemos Brothers Honored

The P.G.&E. Company presented to Richard K. Lemos and Jack A. Lemos the John A. Britton award citations for distinguished service at West End Villa in San Rafael on April 13, 1971. They are both members of Local 1245.

Since 1927 when the John A. Britton awards were initiated, 197 awards have been made. It was the first time that Mr. Randall, Ukiah District Manager, had been able to make this award in his P.G.&E. career. In attendance at the luncheon besides the recipients and their wives were Mr. Foster, Mr. Randall, Mr. Peterko, Mr. Kasso, Mr. Baum, and Mr. Hoorn.

Citing from the plaques given, the awards were given for: “Acting quickly in an emergency, Richard Kenneth Lemos and his brother, Jack Arthur Lemos, also an employee, rescued and administered first aid to two badly injured victims of an automobile accident on October 6, 1969. Their effective efforts greatly reduced the pain and suffering of the victims and contributed to saving their lives.”

Richard Lemos was returning home from work when he witnessed a collision of two cars at the intersection of Highway 1 and Main Street, Mendocino, and stopped at once to assist the occupants. The sound of the crash was also heard by Jack Lemos, who was working in his garden nearby. He also went to their aid. One of the vehicles caught fire. The driver, Mrs. Laura Unash, age 77, was pinned unconscious and bleeding profusely.

Together the Lemos brothers forced open the door of Mrs. Unash’s vehicle and directed bystanders to extinguish the fire while they extricated her. They then removed Miss Withers from her demolished vehicle, administered first aid are credited with having controlled critical bleeding of both victims, possibly saving their lives.

In recognition of their part in the distinguished public service described, this Citation under terms of the John A. Britton award is presented to Richard Kenneth Lemos and Jack Arthur Lemos.”

Both of the Lemos brothers commended the P.G.&E. Company for their very excellent program of first aid and attributed this training for their success in this encounter. They also reported on the well-being of both victims of this accident to date.

This photo shows Richard K. Lemos, left, and his brother, Jack A. Lemos, recipients of PGE’s John A. Britton Award. The brothers are both Lineman in Fort Bragg and are also being recommended for the I.B.E.W. Life Saving Award.