Arthur Gorman was presented with what could be the first 70-year pin in the 82-year history of the IBEW.

The presentation took place in Oakland, California at Local 1245's Advisory Council meeting on November 4, 1972. International Representative Vern Breuillot, representing 9th District Vice President W. L. Vinson, made the award and congratulated Brother Gorman on being possibly the first 70-year member of the Brotherhood. Mr. Breuillot told the gathering that he had done some research and "as near as he could tell," Brother Gorman was the first to receive a 70-year pin.

Brother Gorman is very proud of the fact that he is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. We in the Brotherhood plan on pulling up stakes in the near future.

Arthur Gorman was born in Ontario, Canada, on July 18, 1880. He was one of 13 children in the Gorman family. His family moved to Michigan in April of 1881. Art and four of his brothers eventually became linemen, so you can see that the Gormans raised quite a healthy breed of boys.

Art and one of his brothers were sworn into Local 335 of the IBEW in Missouri in February of 1902. Brother Gorman worked in many parts of the United States and Canada during his career as a lineman, but the largest percentage of his working life was spent in the Alameda and Oakland area in California. He has lived in Alameda since 1935 and doesn’t plan on pulling up stakes in the near future.

As you can well imagine, Art has many interesting stories to tell about his work history. He was in charge of a crew doing some of the electrical work on the Bay Bridge when it was being built. He also did some of the electrical work in one of Henry Kaiser’s shipyards and he tells of the morning that Kaiser came up to him and said: "I don’t know one end of a ship from the other, but I can sure build them."

Art retired on October 1, 1945, and since that time he has been enjoying his retirement. Every time Art receives a 5-year anniversary pin from the IBEW, he tells us that he will see us in five years for the next one. This time, when asked if he would be back in five years, he said "I hope not."

You will note by the makeup of this issue that there are a number of activities being carried on by the different groups in our organization that spell out the objects of our organization that spell out the objects of our organization.
Editorial

The elections are over. The result means disappointments for some and joy for others. The outcome was decided through our form of democracy. Our belief in this system says that collectively we have made the right decisions.

The Democrats made some gains in the California State Assembly while losing control of the State Senate. There are many issues, such as tax reform, school financing, ecology, etc., on which this newly constructed body will have to make decisions. This Legislature should learn a lesson from the vote on the ballot measures. Two of these ballot measures which passed came about by way of the initiative petition on issues which have been hashed over and over by the Senate and the Assembly. No action had been taken by elected representatives, so the people took matters into their own hands. This, I know, is not due to the way these measures are drafted but much time will be spent on court tests of their true meaning. This will mean costs and more delays in court proceedings.

Each candidate has taken positions on the issues and those who were elected were judged by these stands. They are in office by reason of the vote of the electorate, not as the elite, but as servants of the needs of people.

The major complaints about politicians is that they seem to “forget” their campaign promises. Most of the promises are made honestly but get lost or modified in or by the system.

BE THEIR CONSCIENCE!! Remind them of the promises they made and what your needs and opinions are. They usually only have to contend with a few outspoken constituents between elections. If we become their daily conscience as vocal voters from their district, we can get results.

It has all been said before: people have been urged, cajoled and coaxed into making a year-round effort to the political scene, but all that seems to happen is more and more apathy. Have you ever heard this one? “I can’t do anything—those crooks will do whatever they want anyway.” The majority of the people in politics are basically honest. The attitude people have about politicians is not a healthy one. Our system of government has worked and it can still work if we make it do so.

We are headed for rough times unless we make an effort within the present system. No matter what decisions the new Legislature makes, you are involved one way or another—which you like it or not—let them know how you feel.

EXERCISE YOUR CITIZENSHIP!

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schedules or realignment of work procedures. There will always be dissatisfaction on this issue regardless of what may be worked out. On the other hand, we see more and more of the service industry expanding hours and this is particularly true in grocery and merchandise sales. It seems that we will have to work these problems out on a case by case basis.

Beyond these issues, of course, we face the daily problem of individual grievances and the delays involved in settling, which is probably the most aggravating and the most difficult answer.

Despite these dissatisfaction, we find understanding by most of the difficulties faced in finding the solutions. When we air these problems as friends and in brotherhood at the social functions on a one-to-one basis, there is more communication and better discussions of the basis for the feelings of dissatisfaction or desires and less need for defensive argument.

I know that social functions will not solve all of our problems nor serve as a substitute for the other activities which we must perform. They do, at least from my point of view, give me a better picture of the needs and the personal views of individuals without the bias of mass thinking, which happens at many of our meetings.

Beyond this, I have always enjoyed myself at these functions and have gained great respect for the abilities of our people on limited budgets to put on some of the best social events I’ve ever attended.

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YOUR Business Manager’s COLUMN

THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD

L. L. MITCHELL

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Product Safety Law Enacted
But Don’t Let Down Guard
By Sidney Margolius, Consumer Expert for Utility Reporter

After six years of argument, investigation and recitals of accidents caused by hazardous products, a National Consumer Product Safety law has finally been enacted. The new law provides for an independent commission with authority to enforce safety standards for the design and performance of many household products. An investigation by the temporary National Commission on Product Safety had recommended such an agency after finding that many of the 20 million accidents each year associated with consumer products were due to their faulty or inadequate design.

But don’t be lulled into thinking that Uncle Sam is now guarding you against unsafe products. For several years more, if not forever, you will still need to scrutinize the potential hazards of many of the products you buy and use, from children’s toys to power tools. It will be months before the new Commission is operating and even longer before it decisions what groups of products need safety standards; (2) gives the industries involved a chance to set adequate standards themselves; and (3) develops its own mandatory standards if the industries involved don’t.

Rep. John Moss, chairman of the House subcommittee that worked out the final bill, called it a milestone, and it really is. This is the first time the federal government has undertaken to establish standards for non-food items on a broad scale.

From my experience as one of the former product safety commissioners, I know that the new law has weaknesses. The provision for insuring the safety of new products is weak. The law says that the new commission “may” prescribe procedures so that manufacturers of any new consumer product which has an capacity for injury should notify the Commission before marketing it. That “may” should have been “shall.” The requirement was watered down from the original more farsighted proposal.

This section may prove to be an Achilles heel since many safety hazards are associated with new products. The industry representatives on the original Product Safety Commission had stubbornly resisted greater protection for consumers from hazards of untested new products. Most of the other Commissioners were too inexperienced in actual merchandise to realize the hazards.

Another provision that was dangerously weakened in the final law related to setting the actual standards. The new Commission will not be allowed to go ahead and set a standard if it accepts an offer by an industry association or other organization to develop a standard. The Commission, however, can go ahead with its own research on the particular problem while waiting for submission of a standard, Michael R. Lemov, counsel to Congressman Moss, points out.

A third potential weakness is that Congress defanged the provision for criminal penalties. The criminal provision is effective only “after notice.” In effect, an erring manufacturer or seller is given one free bite.

In the final analysis, much of the effectiveness of the new law is going to depend on the expertise and determination of the people the President appoints to the Commission.

Congressman Moss named a number of high-priority items that should be considered for action as soon as the new Commission is established. This list gives you clues as to what products you should especially buy and use with care:

— Unvented gas heaters.
— Aluminum house wiring (Un-}

derswriters Laboratories found the fire potential of such wiring seven times greater than that of copper; all for the sake of saving perhaps $25-$30 in wiring a new house.)
— Rotary lawn mowers.
— Mini-bikes (there already are over 1½ million in use. They have been criticized for poor handling qualities because of their short wheelbase and small tires, inadequate brakes, and low profile which makes it hard for car drivers to see them.)
— Especially-hazardous ordinary bikes.
— Architectural glass not tempered to make it less hazardous if shattered.

I would also suggest watching out for hazards associated with snow blowers; fire extinguishers with carbon tetrachloride still in many homes and work places even though no longer manufactured; power tools and saws, and aerosol products.

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Sacramento Transit Authority & Local 1245

Negotiations between Local 1245 and the Transit Authority in the City of Sacramento were ratified on Sept. 20, 1972. The two-year agreement is retroactive back to September 16, 1972. The settlement resulted in a 6.2 general increase for both years plus improvements:

1. The addition of a Birthday Holiday.
2. The seniority necessary to earn paid holidays to nine.
3. Employees approaching retirement age will be allowed to accumulate late two years vacation to be paid or used at time of retirement.
4. Increased the family sick leave provision to a total of five days and include brother and sister in the list describing immediate family.
5. Employees who do not take the full amount of sick leave allowed may accumulate any unused portion for each of the 11 years preceding; an increase of 24 days.
6. Insurance-Dental Plan — employer to pay full cost of premium for employee but nothing for dependents. The Authority will also pick up any increase in premiums for medical, dental, and life insurance during term of agreement.
7. Second shift employees will be allowed to “punch out” for 30 minutes and leave the property to eat lunch during their eight hour shift.
8. All jobs will be bid jobs.


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THE LEAVES OF GOD

The leaves that God created, so delicately,
Will never fall asunder;
As the image of God turns, slowly
Through ageless years.
The branches that God shaped, so distinctively,
Will never die unnoticed;
The trunk that God gave,
So lovingly,
Will never disintegrate undignified;
The leaves that God created, so lovingly,
They will turn yellow;
To remind God’s image in man of the pain
It will remain years after, decaying
Of all living things.

by Jeanine Owen
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East Bay Dinner Dance

This photo shows Kathy Hill, Dance Chairwoman, presenting door prize to Mickey Harrington, Recording Secretary of Local 1245, with Margaret Johnson looking on.

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and seven you will find many photos. They all have one thing in common – enjoy themselves. When Local insts into organizing a social function and best of its kind and surpass up the good work.

, we will not run photo captions.

This photo shows dance chairman Jim McAully as he reads off number to give away one of many free door prizes.
**Tracy Unit Holds 2nd Annual Pig Feed**

Shown above are some of the participants of Tracy Unit's 2nd Annual Pig Feed. They are watching the boys as they start to dig up the pig! The pig is buried in a pit of hot coals some 24 hours before it is to be served. A good time was had by all, and the pig, which was donated by Les Pingree, was delicious.

Would you believe that all of the kids in this photo were in this Model A at the same time and given a ride by Local 1245 Vice President C. P. “Red” Henneberry?

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**Drum Division Service Awards**

Saturday, October 21 was somewhat of a momentous occasion for many of the more senior members working for P.G.&E. in the Auburn—Grass Valley area.

Festivities commenced with a no host cocktail hour between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. This provided ample opportunity for many to renew old acquaintances and in cases of new arrivals to the area, a chance to make new friends.

The Basque Family Style seven course dinner was catered by the Auburn Hotel and was said to be most enjoyable. After dinner, Business Representative Ed Fortier introduced some of the honored guests which included: President Leland Thomas Jr., Business Manager L. L. Mitchell, Executive Board Member (Northern Area) Tom Conwell, Jr., and the Recording Secretary for the Local, Mickey Harrington.

President Thomas presented William Stewart with a Scroll and Pin and congratulated him for his length of service in the Union. He also wished Bill a long and happy retirement. There were six members in attendance who were eligible to receive Thirty Year Awards who were then asked to come forward to receive their pins and accept the thanks of the membership. This was followed by awards to those with Twenty-Five Years of service. The majority of those in attendance fell into this category. After presenting the Twenty Year service awards President Thomas thanked those in attendance on behalf of the Local.

Business Manager L. L. Mitchell also thanked those in attendance and recalled some of the conditions that existed when this Union was born. I am sure that some of the memories are still vivid to many who were "On the Line" when this organization was struggling for survival. If it had not been for the efforts and support of many of these people, the organizational infant of those days would not have been able to go on to become one of the largest Utility Locals in the world. Seven-hundred and sixty-five thousand, three hundred and fifty-five.

The members of Drum Division have many reasons to be proud of the accomplishments brought about by their endeavors. Over 50% of these members have been in the Local over twenty years. Many of these people will be retiring and enjoying some of the fruits of their labors. I am sure that those who will be coming up will pick up the ball and continue to strive for the equity and dignity which insures that the working man takes his proper place in this society.
San Francisco Division Service Awards


The recipients of 20 and 25 year pins are shown above in this group shot.

San Francisco Division Service Awards

This photo shows some of the participants after they had finished their dinner.

This photo shows more participants of the San Francisco "Pin" Dinner.

Local 1245 Advisory Council meets

"Business as Usual" could well be the caption for this picture of Local 1245's Advisory Council at their last meeting in Oakland.

This is another view of Ad Council members and guests at the November 4, 1972, Ad Council meeting.

William Duarte,
from Unit 3541, City of Roseville, could have won $50.00 if he had noticed his Union membership card number in the October issue of the Utility Reporter. This month's number is as well hidden as it was last month. Don't miss out, read your Utility Reporter.

LOOK FOR YOUR CARD NUMBER

Terry Erickson, newly sworn-in Ad Council member for Stockton Division, is shown being congratulated by President Lee Thomas with L. L. Mitchell, Jim Lydon, Jack Graves, Tom Connell and Willie Stewart looking on.
The Safety Scene

The first one he's lost
by Ken Lohre

A personal interview with Brother Ery Joseph resulted in the following story:

Ery Joseph, equipment operator for PG&E, and his Foreman, Hank Elverton, were involved in a life-saving effort on August 29, 1972. They were on their way to a job site at approximately 8:30 a.m. when they stopped for a red light at the intersection of Market and Willow Pass in Concord, California. They were going to make a right turn at this intersection when Ery saw a man jump out of a truck and start running toward a car. "I jumped out to see what was wrong and this guy ran up to a car and appeared to start trying to give heart massage through a window. I ran over and pushed the guy out of the way, opened the car door, and checked the victim for life signs. He had none, so I checked his throat for obstructions and layed him out on the seat and started giving mouth-to-mouth and heart massage. Hank Elverton arrived and took over the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and I continued the heart massage."

The victim, a veterinarian named Dr. Humberg, started breathing again as a result of their efforts, but he never regained consciousness. The victim was vomiting during the mouth-to-mouth and also when the ambulance arrived. At this point in the interview, Brother Joseph said "You probably won't print my opinion about the ambulance drivers, but I thought they were terrible. It seems to me that they ought to have more training. The victim was vomiting when they arrived and one of the attendants came up and slapped an oxygen mask over his mouth. I told him to take it off because the victim's mouth would fill up and he would suffocate. The man was breathing at the time. They just don't seem to know what they are doing."

Ery Joseph stated that this was the fourth time he has used his life saving training and "this man was the first one I've lost." The man died later in the hospital. Ery went on to say that: "All of us guys kid about the first aid training we get during safety meetings, but it is really a great thing. You never know when something is going to happen and when you have the training you just seem to react automatically."

Ery Joseph and Hank Elverton are to be congratulated for their attempts to save the life of a fellow human being. Brother Joseph is being recommended for the IBEW Life Saving Award by Bus. Mgr. L. L. Mitchell.

Four Sierra Pacific Line Crew members recommended for IBEW Life Saving Award

Brothers Charles S. Martin, Line Working Foreman Walter G. Plett, Lineman, William H. Smith, Groundman, and Mike E. Cooper, Helper, all members of a Yerington, Nevada, Line Crew on the Sierra Pacific Power Company Line, are credited with being responsible for saving the life of their fellow crew member, Brother Dale Dunn, Lineman.

On July 29, 1973, the crew was engaged in work in the area of Smith Valley, some 22 miles from Yerington, Nevada. At approximately 10:25 a.m., Brother Dunn came in contact with an energized 23 KV line while working on a 45-foot pole. The crew heard the arc and stated all they could see was a ball of fire at the top of the pole. Brother Dunn was knocked unconscious and started spiraling down the pole with his "scare" strap still fastened. His strap caught on a knot about six feet from the ground, stopping his fall. Brother Dunn was hanging upside down at this point with his clothes on fire. He was removed from the pole by his fellow crew members and stretched out on the ground.

Working as a team they stripped and cut off the flaming clothing and gloves, then placed him in position to open his air passage and check for foreign objects in his mouth. At this point Brother Dunn showed no signs of life, with no heart beat and a cessation of breathing. Brother Cooper rushed to the truck and radioed for help, which had to come from Smith Valley, some three miles away. He rushed back with coats and blankets to where the victim was lying. During this period Brother Plett had been administering mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while Brother Martin applied cardiac massage. At this point Brother Dunn began gasping for air, and started to struggle. Shortly thereafter his breathing returned to normal and the crew stood watch after covering Brother Dunn to keep him warm.

The ambulance arrived some 22 minutes after the call was received, and Brother Dunn was on his way to the hospital.

Bus. Mgr. Mitchell has recommended the four above named members be granted the IBEW Life Saving Award for the quick thinking, immediate reporting of the accident and the team work displayed by these men which no doubt saved the life of Brother Dunn.

P&GE Troubleman saves fire victim

Brother Victor Donchenko, a PG&E Troubleman in San Francisco, was credited with saving the life of San Francisco resident Michael McAllister in September of 1971.

Donchenko, a Union member since December of 1961, was driving to a routine trouble call when he spotted smoke and flames coming from a two-story residence and saw a man hanging from the second floor window. Brother Donchenko quickly radioed the dispatcher for help and then took the ladder from his "trouble-rig" to help him reach McAllister. He then carried him through heavy smoke to safety. The victim was "almost unconscious" and Brother Donchenko's quick thinking prevented any permanent injury to McAllister and the call to the fire department avoided further damage to the house.

Victor Donchenko has received "the Community Radio Watch Distinquished Service Award, presented to him by San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto. He also received PG&E's Silver Medal Britton Award.

Brother Donchenko is being recommended by Business Manager Mitchell for the IBEW Life Saving Award. We congratulate Victor Donchenko on his heroic act and on the courage he displayed.