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Due to some "development" difficulties we only wound up with this somewhat blurred photo of International Representative Vern Breuillot congratulating Art Gorman on receiving his 70-year pin.

First IBEW 70-Year Pin?

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 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 ship yards 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."

Brother Gorman is very proud of the fact that he is a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. We in the Brotherhood are proud of the fact that he has been a member for over 70 years and we salute him for his service to our organization.

CCHPA lists "deficient" hospitals

Urging all members and affiliates to "avoid these facilities, under every circumstance," the California Council for Health Plan Alternatives notified nearly every union and labor council in the State this week of 12 private and four county hospitals deemed "deficient" and possibly unsafe for use.

The unprecedented list followed by days the testimony of CCHPA's Executive Director, Thomas G. Moore, Jr., before the State Senate Committee on Health and Welfare chaired by Senator Anthony C. Beilenson (Dem. L.A.).

In his testimony, Moore listed "abhorrent" and "gross" conditions existing in California hospitals and called on the California Medical Association which surveys the quality of care offered in the hospitals, to make public the names of those institutions which fail to meet its standards.

Under new state law, hospitals are required to be approved by either the CMA or the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals in order to receive MediCal reimbursement.

Dr. Glenn Pope of Sacramento, Chairman of the Committee of Health Facilities for the CMA, testified that 25 percent of the hospitals fail to meet standards on the first visit. "Some never pass," he said.

"But," he added, "the CMA cannot reveal the names of the hospitals." "So, what happens?" asked Moore. "Nothing. The CMA surveys hospitals, declares some of them unacceptable, then conceals the information so it cannot be acted upon by consumers," he answered. "The CMA will not take action against the hospitals, will not exercise sanctions to freeze them out professionally or economically. They simply let things slide," he said.

"The public is entitled to know which hospitals were dropped and why," declared Moore. "If they are not fit to receive MediCal reimbursement, should they receive any patients at all?" he asked. "How can I warn my members to stay out of the hospitals when I can't learn their names?"

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YOUR Business Manager's COLUMN THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD

L. L. MITCHELL

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 brotherhood. The parties, the dances and the dinners all help to build fraternity and allow people to get better acquainted.

I have been pleased to see the number of these activities grow and would like to see more of them. I especially enjoy participating in the service award dinners and listening to the stories of those who helped to form the organization and who stuck by it through thick and thin despite the ability to leave the ranks if they so desired. It is particularly pleasing to see the pride of those receiving their pins and their faith in the Union.

As I travel around to the various gatherings, I hear many ideas as to what the goals of the Union should be. Each person has his own views relating to money, but there are two particular issues which seem to be common to all.

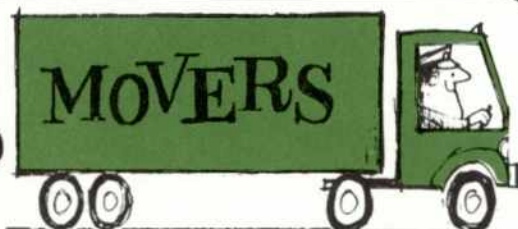
Young and old alike are deeply concerned over the benefit programs and particularly with the development of a retirement plan which will provide more pension benefits at an earlier retirement age. I have been asked many times about a "point system" for deter-

mining retirement capability, and there is real confusion over what a "point system" is. Normally, this is a formula of applying points to age and service which would, when equal to a given number of points, make a person eligible for retirement. This would enable a person to gain a pension without any reduction of benefits for retiring before age 65. The difficulty in all this is that no two people have the same idea as to what the money benefits should be nor what it might cost to make it work. In any event, the message is loud and clear that most of our members want earlier retirement and they expect the benefit to be enough for them to enjoy their leisure and to be able to maintain a good standard of living.

The other issue is one of work hours. This has been a bone of contention for some time among the service employees and the expansion of schedules of days and hours, other than Monday through Friday and the normal 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours, to other classifications has increased the dissatisfaction. Although most recognize the nature of the business we are involved in, they believe that adequate coverage of service and operating needs can be met by more satisfactory

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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. There is no question that due to the way these measures are drafted 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 ones to serve 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, coaxed and cajoled into making a year-round effort in 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 the other—whether you like it or not. Let them know how you feel.

EXERCISE YOUR CITIZENSHIP!

YOUR Business Manager's COLUMN THE SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD

L. L. MITCHELL

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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 grievance cases and the delay involved in settling, which is probably the most aggravating and the most difficult answer.

Despite these dissatisfactions, 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 for the capabilities of our people on limited budgets to put on some of the best social events I've ever attended.

"Deficient" Hospitals named

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On the day following Moore's public urging, State Director of Health Care Services Dwight Geduldig announced a partial list of California hospitals which had failed to meet the state standards and which were facing withdrawal of their right to receive MediCal patients.

This list was then forwarded by the CCHPA to all its members, which includes nearly every union in the state, with the warning: "If a physician wishes to place any of your members or any of your members' families in one of these hospitals, you should, in the interest of safety, insist on another hospital."

The list included the following California hospitals: Simi Valley Doctors Hospital, Simi Valley; West Side Community Hospital, Newman; Dos Palos Hospital, Dos Palos; Magnolia Hospital, Long Beach; Pioneer Memorial Hospital, Escalon; Center Medical Hospital, Kentfield; Valley West General Hospital, Los Gatos; Broadway General Hospital, Anaheim; Belvedere Hospital, Los Angeles; Pioneer Hospital, Bakersfield; El Monte Intercommunity Hospital, El Monte; Rone Hospital, Santa Rosa; Tehama General Hospital, Red Bluff; King's General Hospital, Hanford; Solano County Hospital, Fairfield; Imperial General Hospital, El Centro.

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IBEW Rep Passes



GEORGE MULKEY SR.

George Mulkey, Sr., International Representative, passed away on October 2, 1972 after a long illness.

George was born in Colorado on June 18, 1900. He joined the I.B.E.W. in Los Angeles as a member of Local 18 on May 14, 1925. He later became Business Manager of Local 77 in Seattle, Washington, prior to going on the International Staff on November 1, 1938.

He was active in organizing utility and construction workers and was a key figure in the formation of Local 1245. His knowledge and vigor made him an invaluable aide to the neophyte local, and his counsel was sought on numerous occasions as our Local grew from its small beginning to its current size.

Brother Mulkey over the past 25 years spent most of his time on the road doing lobbying and organizing work for the IBEW in six states—California, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and the Hawaiian Islands.

Until his fatal illness, George's energies had no bounds. His life and efforts were bound to the cause of labor, and particularly to the I.B.E.W. His skill as a lobbyist and his knowledge of the issues made him a potent advocate of labor in legislative matters on the West Coast. We in 1245 will sorely miss his activities in Sacramento where he has been most helpful to us in

providing access to legislators and assisting on issues such as public agency bargaining and safety laws.

We can only offer our condolences to his wife and hope that she may take some comfort in the fact that the contributions which George made and the locals he organized in his 48 years of giving to the Brotherhood will stand as a tribute to his memory.

Tri-Dam Negotiations Completed

The members of Local 1245 employed by the Tri-Dam project ratified the new Memorandum of Understanding at a special meeting on Oct. 25, 1972.

The settlement has a 2-year term and provides for a 6% increase retroactive to Sept. 1, 1972, with an additional 6% increase effective June 1, 1973.

The following improvements were made in other areas:

- Hours and Overtime**
Shift premium will be applicable to day employees when working second and third shifts (formerly only applied to shift employees).
- Sick Leave**
Sick leave will be paid from first day of absence due to illness (formerly first day of absence was not paid).
- Vacation**
Three weeks vacation after attaining 8 years of continuous service (formerly 10 years).
- Benefit Program**
 - CPS High Option Health Plan will be provided at no increased premium to employee.
 - CPS Dental care plan will be provided with Project paying employee's premiums. Employee will pay dependents' premiums.

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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 is now guarding you against unsafe products. For several years or 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 (1) decides 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 a 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 representative 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 dan-

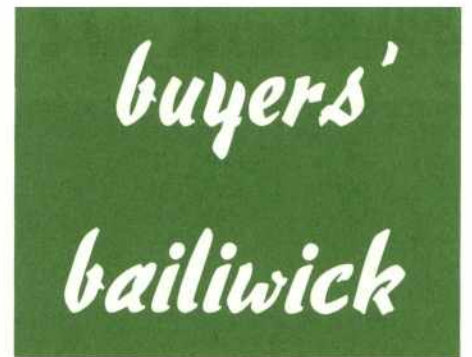
gerously weakened in the final law related to setting the actual standards. The new Commission will not be allowed to go ahead and set a standard if it accepts an offer by an industry association or other outside organization to develop a standard. The Commission, however, can go ahead with its own research 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-



derwriters 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.

—Minibikes (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.

—Hazardous toys (which Congressman Moss feels have not been sufficiently policed.)

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 of 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 brings the total number of paid holidays to nine.
2. The seniority necessary to earn 20 days vacation was reduced from 15 years down to 12 years.
3. Employees approaching retirement will be allowed to accumu-

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.

The negotiating committee consisted of John M. Poulson, John M. Rodgers, Jr., and Bus. Rep. Charles P. Robinson.

Ad Council Photos



ABOVE: This photo shows Bus. Mgr. Mitchell reporting to the Advisory Council on the activities of his office.

BELOW: Lee Thomas, President of Local 1245, is shown chairing the Advisory Council meeting.



THE LEAVES OF GOD

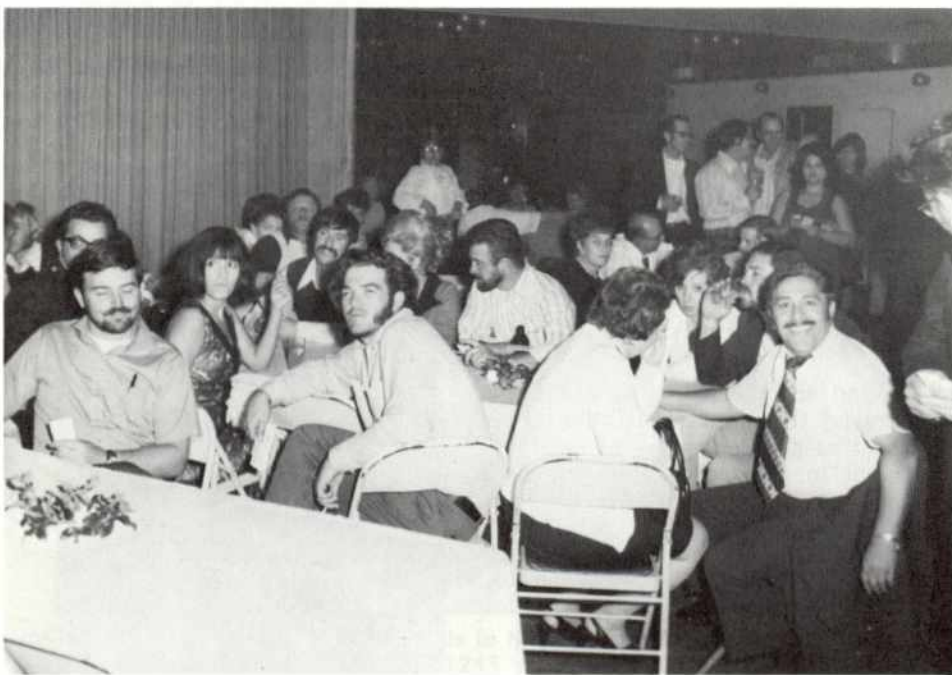
The leaves that God created,
so delicately,
Will never fall asunder;
they will turn
As the image of God turns,
slowly
Through ageless years.
The branches that God shaped,
so distinctively,
Will never die unnoticed;
they will inherit
The sorrow and the pain,
after
The leaves are gone.
The trunk that God gave,
so lovingly,
Will never disintegrate undignified;
it will remain years after, decaying
To remind God's image in man
of the pain
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.



“The Spirit of th

Editor's Note: On pages four, five, six, and seven of this issue, you will find a collection of photos from the East Bay Dinner Dance. The photos show the spirit of the event and the people who made it possible. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the members of Local 1245. The event is a success because of the efforts of all who participated. It is a great day for everyone involved. The photos show the spirit of the event and the people who made it possible. It is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the members of Local 1245. The event is a success because of the efforts of all who participated. It is a great day for everyone involved.



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ep up the good work.
, we will not run photo captions.



San Jose Dance



This photo shows dance chairman Jim McAully as he reads off number to give away one of many free door prizes.



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 to enjoy 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.



Photos above and below show most of the participants of Drum Division service award dinner.



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?



Shown above from left to right are Bill Peitz, Hank Lucas, John Beatty and Les Pingree, preparing the pig for burial.



The Tracy party didn't just happen, it took a great deal of work and preparation and shown above from left to right is the committee that made it happen: John Beatty and daughter, Jack Patterson, Les Pingree, Bill Peitz, Hank Lucas, Bill Miller and Barry Brownson.

San Francisco Division Service Awards



This photo shows L. L. Mitchell, Bus. Mgr., presenting Bus. Rep. Frank Quadros with his 20-year pin and Bus. Rep. Shirley Storey looking on.



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



Shown above are 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.



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 Conwell and Willie Stewart looking on.



This photo shows more "Council" members and guests.

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



The Safety Scene

The first one he's lost

by Ken Lohre

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

Erv 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 Erv 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. Humbert, 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."

Erv 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. Erv 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."

Erv 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

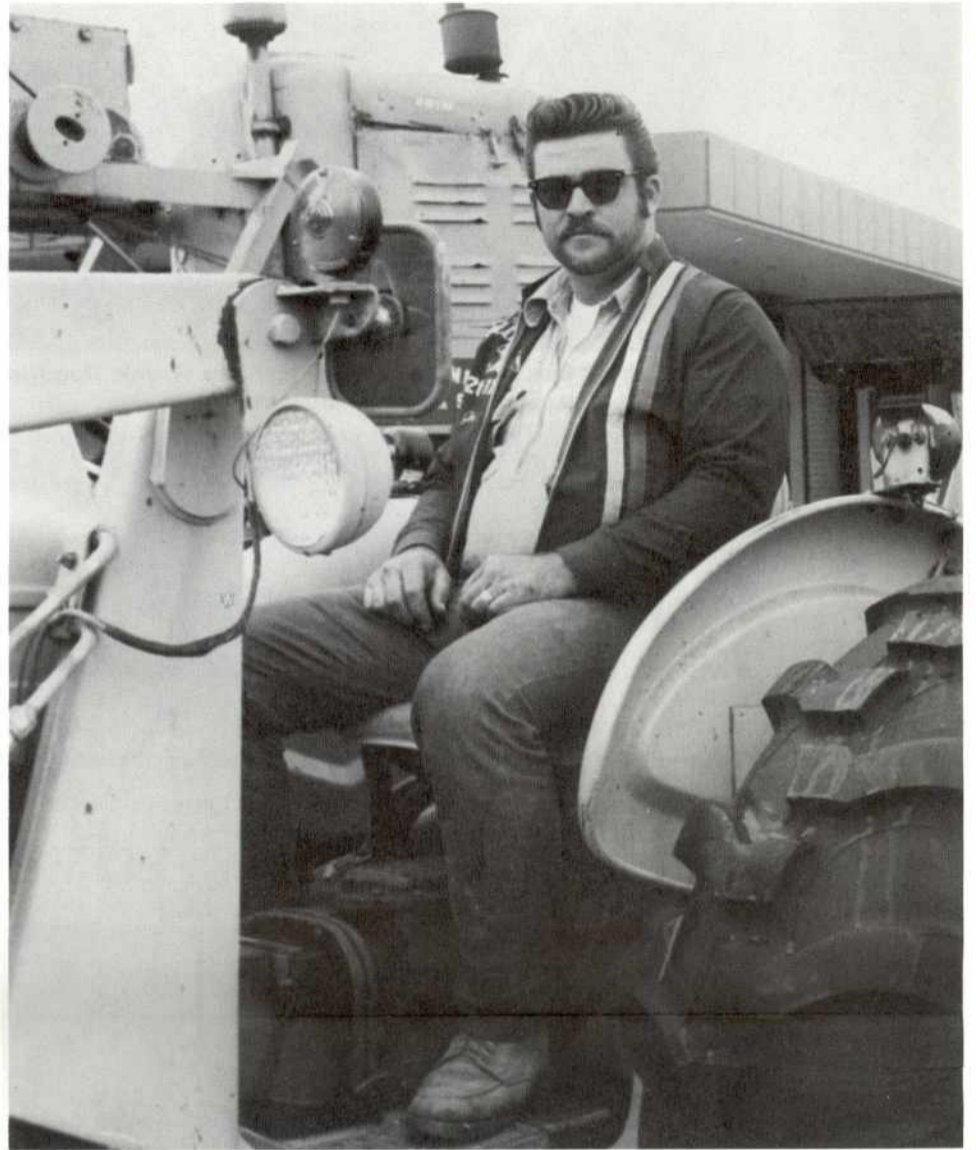
Brothers Charles S. Martin, Line Working Foreman Walter G. Plett, Lineman, William H. Smith, Groundman, and Mike E. Cooper, Helper, all members of a Yerington, Nevada, Line Crew on the Sierra Pacific Power Company property, are credited with being responsible for saving the life of their fellow crew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

On July 20, 1972, 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 Dale Dunn.



This photo shows Erv Joseph, PG&E Equipment Operator, posing for us on a back hoe. He was asked to remove his hard hat for the photo.

P&GE Troublemaker Saves fire victim

Brother Victor Donchenko, a PG&E Troublemaker 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 Distinguished Service Award, presented to him by San Francisco



VICTOR DONCHENKO

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.