Advisory Council Meets

President Thomas called the meeting to order on Saturday, February 2, at 9:10 a.m. at the Concord Inn in Concord, Calif. Executive Board member Jack Graves gave the invocation.

The Advisory Council members made reports on their respective areas. Business Representative Dave Reese reported on the lack of accident reports being turned in and on how political appointments affect safety. He also reported on certain “load busting” tools not working properly. See page eight under the Will You Be Next? headline; dateline Feb. 20. Brother Reese and the Advisory Council members reported on various lost time accidents.

Business Manager L. L. Mitchell reported on various negotiations with the many employer groups whose employees Local 1245 represents. He reported on the proposed agreement between the E.E.O.C. and the Detroit Edison Co. and Georgia Light and Power case. He reported on various other duties of his office.


Various other items of business were discussed.

Local 1245 Nominates all Officers, Advisory Council Members and International Convention Delegates this April

Nominations for all Local 1245 Officers will be open at the April Unit Meetings in accordance with the Local Bylaws. Article III of the Bylaws provides for the April nomination of Local Union President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Business Manager, Financial Secretary, Southern Area Executive Board Member, Central Area Executive Board Member, Northern Area Executive Board Member and the At Large Executive Board Member who covers members employed by P.G.&E. General Construction, Tree Trimming Companies, and in Outside Construction.

In addition to the above named Constitutional Officers, nominations may also be held for Advisory Council Members and delegates to the International Convention which will be held in Kansas City, Missouri this fall.

Article III sets up the procedure for nominating candidates. (The following excerpt is from Article III; its specific language is controlling.)

Section 6 (a) provides that nominations shall be made under a special order of business at 8:30 p.m. at your April Unit Meeting.

Section 11 provides that nominees shall have been members in good standing for two years prior to April 1, 1974. A nominee should not have his name recorded in the minutes as a candidate if he knows he does not qualify.

Section 12 provides that a member, in order to qualify as a candidate, must be in attendance at the Unit Meeting at which he is nominated. The only exception to this is if the member notifies the Local Union’s Recording Secretary in writing, on or before April 1st, 1974, that he will run for a specific office if nominated.

Section 13 provides that a member shall not accept nomination for more than one Local Union Office, unless it is a combined office under the Bylaws.

You have a duty to encourage able members to be candidates for office, keeping in mind the Officers you elect will guide Local 1245 for the next three years.

Attend your April Unit Meeting at the locations listed on pages 4, 5 and 7 and participate in this important function of your Union.

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L. L. MITCHELL

We, in the administration of Local 1245, are kept busy trying to predict those problems which we will face next in the “zoo-like” world we live in. Planning future programs is a pure guessing game as rules change in an increasingly complex economic and social life.

New laws, court decisions, and revised orders by governmental agencies dictate what we can or cannot do and often when it can be done. These unpredictable areas of change dissipate much of our effort as we try to comply with one decree only to have it changed in mid-stream.

Some problems have been experienced in gaining ratifications of bargaining settlements in our smaller employers, but to date the Staff and negotiators have been able to redo rejected packages into acceptable settlements. The Staff and these committees deserve much credit for their efforts.

Despite these difficulties and restrictions, we are making progress. We are finding increased membership interest in our negotiations with P.G.&E. Meeting attendance is rising and this is great. We have been urging this for some time. We need sustained participation throughout the year as well as the period during negotiations, however, if all are to be fully informed. Without trying to dampen the spirit or the participation, I would like to point out that this influx of people at meetings does pose problems which must be borne in mind. I hope that all will give them
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due consideration and consider the difficulty this can pose for a Unit Chairman.

Many of our members are not familiar with regular procedures under which meetings are legally conducted, and many now attending may have never attended a Union meeting before. In such meetings, usually very informal, participation is light and rules are not observed and many of our new attendees become impatient when they are told they must wait until a certain period in the meeting to raise a point or ask a question. They believe it silly to be told they are "out of order" when they know they have a valid question. 

I assure everyone the democratic right to speak on issues as they come to the floor and on which the person reporting cannot give definite answers.

Due to this misunderstanding, some in our membership are indicating that negotiations are bogged down and that the Union is about to reach an impasse. This is not true. Each meeting between the parties produces greater understanding even though they may not be resolved at that point. It is true that progress is slow and difficult when issues long in dispute are finally decided. Particularly difficult are those issues which have to do with joint activities on matters pertaining to labor management relations, safety, etc., where these have been considered by management to be decisions they wish to make without Union involvement by contractual right. One million, one hundred and one thousand, five hundred and ninety-one.

Your committee has not yet found the solution to all the issues raised in our proposals, and maybe they will not be able to do so this round of bargaining. However, they are still trying to find a definite solution and are still discussing the problems.

In closing, I ask you to remember that your Chairman is here to keep order and to conduct a fair meeting under the rules given to him. Remember too, that those making negotiations reports are on record and in fact agreed upon by that point and are not to debate or negotiate with the members over the issues. The negotiations between Union and Company are progressing and the issues in dispute are being reduced. The result of these activities, whatever they may produce, will be voted on by the members. In the meantime, your committee is still working to develop the best package it can by the use of persuasion. On the principal issues it appears we are making progress and tentative offers by the Company will provide gains which would equal those of any committee of prior years. It is our hope that we will be able to negotiate a fair settlement ready for the member vote in the near future. Whether the membership sees it as an acceptable offer will be decided by the process of a secret ballot. This has been the method for determining a final settlement of general negotiations and a fundamental basis of our operations.

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Homesteading

Editor's Note: As part of the retainer with our law firm they have submitted an article on a subject relevant to the homesteading. The intent of the article is to provide general information and education on this subject and we recommend that you see an attorney for more specific information if you contemplate homesteading your property.

Society's belief that the family unit is the basic social unit and should therefore be favored by its laws is reflected in the enactment of homestead legislation in nearly every state in the Union. Homestead laws are generally designed to prevent home mortgages for the home. The homeowner's "improvement" and the "rapacity of his creditors."

In California the right to homestead is guaranteed by the State Constitution and the "How's and what's" of homesteading are contained in the California Civil Code. Article 6 of the Code provides that any individual who has lived in the house at least six months may have his market value up to $5,000.00 in value of a property declared and recorded homestead will be protected against attachment by creditors.

WHAT PROPERTY MAY BE HOMESTEADED?

Under California law only the family residence may be homesteaded so as to become exempt from attachment for debts by creditors. Property used for any other purpose will not qualify as a homestead. Prior to 1970 the statutes defined the property which was subject to homesteading as the "dwelling house" together with "out-buildings and the land on which these are situated." Since 1970 "dwelling house" has been defined by statute to include condominiums, cooperatives and community apartments. An entire apartment building or condominium property if only one of the units is the residence of the owner. The house, condominium or apartment may be situated on land owned by the homeowner or held under long-term lease of 30 years or more.

There is no limitation on the homestead property which is held whether it be community property, quasi community property, the separate property of a husband; however certain restrictions, are placed on property held in joint tenancy or as tenants in common with or out of the separate property of each of the parties.

The main requirement is that the property you claim as the homestead be your residence. WHEN MAY YOU HOMESTEAD YOUR HOME?

A residence may be homesteaded at anytime, even if done for the purpose of hindering or delaying creditors. A homestead may be validly declared and the protection against creditors attachments secured after the homesteader has some involvement and creditors have filed suit against him so long as the declaration of homestead has been made before a judgment is filed.

WHAT PROTECTION IS AFFORDED BY HOMESTEADING?

Generally, homesteaded property is exempted from forced sale to satisfy debts owing to creditors whose claims or liens have not been reduced to a court judgment before your declaration of homestead is filed.

Creditors such as your mortgagee or deed of trust holder are not creditors who are barred from causing a forced sale of your home. Nor will homesteading bar foreclosure against your home of materialmen or mechanics liens for labor and materials used in its construction or repair. Unless the creditor seeking to collect a debt from you is one of these types of creditors he cannot collect a debt out of the amount realized from a forced sale of your home unless the value of your interest in the house is more than $20,000.00.

For example, if you were involved in an automobile accident and you had no insurance, a personal injury judgment against you could not be satisfied by requiring you to sell your home if your equity is $20,000.00 or less. However, if at the time of execution on that judgment your home's market value was $40,000.00 and your mortgage only $10,000.00, the judgment creditor could force the sale of the home to get at the $10,000.00 excess value and above the $20,000.00 homestead and the $10,000.00 mortgage value.

DO YOU WANT TO HOMESTEAD YOUR HOME?

There is no homestead protection unless the person claiming a property as a homestead makes a declaration of homestead and that declaration is recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the county where your home is located. The declaration of homestead is merely a written notarized statement containing:

1. The name of the person making the declaration and that the person is the head of the family.
2. The declaration is signed by the person and his spouse.
3. A description of the property (this can be obtained from your deed).
4. An estimate of the actual cash value of the property.

The information presented here has been simplified a great deal. In the event you wish to homestead your property you should consult an attorney for more specific information.

Louis J. Padilla

Could have won $50.00 if he had noticed his Union membership card number in the January 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.
March Buying Calendar: Readers protest hikes on present stocks

By Sidney Margolius, Consumer Expert for Utility Reporter


This new upsurge in food prices is rapidly becoming even more of a disaster to vacationers than last year’s runaway hikes. Then, the increases were mainly on meat and produce. Now, many other fresh and processed foods are involved, from tuna fish to corn flakes.

One bright spot in the cost of living picture is that clothing prices have gone up much less this year than the cost of living in general—about 4½% compared to 9% for total expenses. This is a help with Easter coming. Shoe prices also have stabilized as the result of a decrease in the price of leather after a dramatic upsurge last year.

Another help, in view of the mishandling of gasoline supplies—largely due to rationing by price—is that public transportation costs have held steady this year, up less than 2%, or about one-third the rate of car expenses. Too, lumber prices actually have dropped, as discussed below.

Judging from their letters, middle-income families are especially rate over prices of products made by retailers even on old stock which they took in at lower prices. The complaints are justified. In a survey with sample of examples of products, some with as many as five price stickers pasted over each other, there is no doubt that stores are accentuating the inflation by taking advantage of it to make additional profits on inventory, even on goods they have had for months.

Here are just a few of the many examples in the stores:

River brand rice, two-pound box:

Stickers: 35, 45, 51, 53 and 59 cents.

Cracker meal, four stickers: 35, 41, 45, 47 and 49 cents.

Hamberger Helper, four stickers:

59, 61, 63 and 65 cents.

Frozen shrimp, four stickers:

31, 39, 41, 59 and 65 cents.

Hamburger Helper, four stickers:

59, 61, 63 and 65 cents.

Other examples we found or reporters read:

Goodman noodles have gone up 37 cents; Stuf ‘n Such, 49 to 55 cents; granola-type cereal, $1.19 to $1.69; heat-and-eat dinner, 50 to 69.

MARCH SALES: March is not a big sale month. But among the important items on which you can find 30% or more drop in prices are broccoli, carrots, fruit, smoothies, and some alcoholic beverages.

LUMBER PRICES: Price tags on lumber, millwork and other wood products are dropping after actually doubling in price in six years. Trade reports estimate that wholesale prices of framing lumber and plywood have come down about 30 per cent since last summer.

Here are some commercial and home owners who have cut their costs in the past months. They have gone from fire, hurricane, flood, vandalism and similar sudden events, and even photos to show the extent of damage. In the case of mame, you should be able to show when it was discovered; for example, by citing where and when you reported the loss to the authorities.

The Job-Education Deduction

"Are my husband's expenses for his advanced technical course deductible? His employer pays part of his costs at the evening session of the state university."

Your husband can deduct the expenses of education if the education is necessary to maintain or improve the skills required for his present employment or trade but not to learn a new trade. He could not deduct for expenses of taking a course needed in his present work, even if it led to a promotion. He could not deduct for the costs of going to school to become, say, an accountant.

Medical Deduction

"We did not have a medical deduction last year. Could we take that year's expenses on this year's return?"

No—expenses are deductible only in the year paid.

Here is a checklist of some of the most important possible medical deductions:

You can deduct one-half of amounts you paid for health insurance up to $1,500. Over $1,500 cannot be included in your medical deduction if you have enough other medical expenses to itemize (over 10% of your adjusted gross income). As well as the usual doctor, dentist, nurse and hospital bills, other potential deductions include eye-glasses; hearing aids, x-rays and lab fees; transportation costs to get medical care; out-of-pocket costs such as mileage rate of 6 cents a mile plus parking and tolls; special equipment, even an airconditioner required for an ill person; support hose; braces; arch supports; orthopedic shoes, etc.

You can include expenditures for medicines over $1,000 per year as a deduction if they are given by a doctor or pharmacist, or for Medicare doctor bill insurance.

Interest Deduction

"What interest on debts can we deduct?"

Mortgage interest is wholly deductible. So are prepayment penalties and "points" paid to get a mortgage insured by FHA or VA. Interest you pay on loans, credit card plans, revolving charge accounts and installment plans also is fully deductible now. The full deduction is limited to the extent of your adjusted gross income.

STATUS OF P.G.&E. NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations between P.G.&E. and Local Union 1245 have continued during the past month. Tentative agreement has been reached in numerous areas, with substantial progress having been made in negotiations for two weeks. While some of the items tentatively agreed to have minimal, if any, cost impact, others will be of significant cost to the company. With this recent activity, your committee anticipates receiving a total offer of settlement in the near future.

All members employed by P.G.&E. are urged to attend their upcoming Unit meetings in order to keep themselves informed with respect to negotiations.

Questions readers often ask about taxes

By Sidney Margolius, Consumer Expert for Utility Reporter

Your tax return will be easier to do this year. Several of the traditional items requiring the most help are being eliminated, including the requirements to list medical payments or charitable contributions for which you have receipts.

Other items you will need to give details of your income and dividends paid to you, although, of course, you still have to include such income in your return.

The simplified returns should help reassure families that they really need not spend the sometimes erratic or low-grade help of commercial tax preparers. They have already been advertising very hard on TV and radio, including finance companies who prepare returns and offer to lend you the amount of the tax refund without waiting, but this will be a high-cost loan.

It helps to have documents such as appraisals and paid bills to prove the value of the property before and after, and even photos to show the extent of damage. In the case of theft, you should be able to show when it was discovered; for example, by citing where and when you reported the loss to the authorities.

The Casualty Deduction

"Is it true that casualty losses are deductible?"

You can deduct for nonreimbursed damage of over $100 to your home, boat, car or other possessions from fire, hurricane, flood, vandalism, collision (if your car is a total loss or if your own fault) or similar sudden event, and also theft. The loss is the difference in fair market value of the property before and after the damage.
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San Joaquin

1111 FRESNO
Beverly Park Club
Tuesday
Chairman:
7:30 p.m.
J. Wilburn
9 2 7 4

1112 BAKERSFIELD
Central Labor Council
Hall
Central Labor Council
Hall
Thursday
Chairman:
300 W. Jeffrey
7:30 p.m.
R. Foxx
14 11 9 13

1113 MADERA
Malik's Lounge
Thursday
Chairman:
427 So. Gateway Dr.
7:30 p.m.
R. R. Dubois
7 4 2 6

1114 TAFT
Power Club
Tuesday
Chairman:
7:30 p.m.
R. Conners
12 9 7 11

1116 CORCORAN-Club Room
901 Chittonden
Thursday
Chairman:
7:30 p.m.
A. Williams
7 4 2 6

1117 WASCO
Power Club
Wednesday
Chairman:
7:00 p.m.
T. O. Caterlin
13 10 8 12

1118 CRANE VALLEY
Power House
Tuesday
Chairman:
7:30 p.m.
E. Prindiville
12 9 14 11

1119 BALCH POWER HOUSE
#2 Office
Thursday
Chairman:
6:30 p.m.
W. Arave
14 11 16 13

1120 SELMA
Masonic Lodge
Thursday
Chairman:
5:00 p.m.
R. Garcia
14 11 9 13

1121 COALINGA-POWER CLUB
Jayne &
Merced Ave.
Wednesday
Chairman:
7:00 p.m.
K. Glazebrook
6 3 1 5

1123 MERCED
Pine Cone Coffee Shop
Tuesday
Chairman:
7:30 p.m.
E. Nye
12 9 14 11

1122 LOS BANOS
Firemen's Hall
Wednesday
Chairman:
7:30 p.m.
R. Bryant
6 3 1 5

Coast Valleys

1211 SALINAS
American Legion Hall
Tuesday
Chairman:
14 W. Laurel Dr.
8:00 p.m.
J. Smith
5 9 7 4

1214 MOSS LANDING
Union Headquarters
10639 Merritt
8:00 p.m.
R. Erbe
7 11 9 6

1218 LOMPAC
514 South 1 St.
Monday
Chairman:
7:30 p.m.
W. Herrier
11 15 13 10

1217 PASO ROBLES
Elks Lodge
Tuesday
Chairman:
1420 Park St.
7:00 p.m.
G. Greer
12 16 14 11

1215 SAN LUIS OBISPO
Elks Lodge
Wednesday
Chairman:
222 Elk Lane
8:00 p.m.
J. Rebensdorf
13 17 15 12

Pipe Line

1311 BARSTOW
Jasper Park Recreation
Hall
Jasper Road,
Grandview
Thursday
Chairman:
4:45 p.m.
F. Niermeier
7 4 2 6

San Jose

1501 SAN JOSE CLERICAL
Santa Clara County
Blind Center
Thursday
Chairman:
101 N. Bascom
8:00 p.m.
D. Ikerd
7 4 2 6

1511 SAN JOSE
Santa Clara County
Blind Center
Wednesday
Chairman:
101 N. Bascom
8:00 p.m.
B. E. Keys
6 3 1 5

San Jose—Continued

1512 BERMONT
Good Shepherd
6:30 p.m.
J. Wilburn
9 2 7 4

1513 SANTA CRUZ
Arion Hall
230 Plymouth St.
8:00 p.m.
R. L. Thomson
12 9 14 11

1514 SAN JOSE AREA
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
Santa Clara County
Blind Center
Tuesday
Chairman:
101 N. Bascom
8:00 p.m.
J. Calder
5 2 7 4

East Bay

2311 OAKLAND
Edgewater Inn
Tuesday
Chairman:
455 Hegenberger Rd.
8:00 p.m.
F. Rodriguez
5 2 7 4

2312 EAST BAY AREA
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION
Edgewater-Hyatt
House
Wednesday
Chairman:
455 Hegenberger Rd.
5:30 p.m.
T. Dotter
13 10 8 12

2314 HAYWARD
Doric Hayward
Motor Hotel
Wednesday
Chairman:
23950 Mission Blvd.
8:00 p.m.
J. Obermeyer
13 10 8 12

2315 LIVERMORE
Eagles Hall
525 N. Livermore
Thursday
Chairman:
Ave.
7:30 p.m.
J. Donohue
7 4 2 6

2316 CONCORD
I.B.E.W. Hall
Pacheco
Thursday
Chairman:
8:00 p.m.
B. Wilson
14 11 16 13

2317 ANTIOCH
Antioch Women's Club
Tuesday
Chairman:
509 G St.
8:00 p.m.
B. Collins
12 9 14 11

2318 WALNUT CREEK CLERICAL
Union Headquarters
Wednesday
Chairman:
1218 Boulevard Way
5:15 p.m.
A. Prior
13 10 8 12

San Francisco

2401 SAN FRANCISCO CLERICAL
Sheraton Palace Hotel
Market &
New Montgomery
5:30 p.m.
F. S. Carrillo
13 10 8 12

2412 SAN FRANCISCO
War Memorial Center
6655 Mission St.
Wednesday
Chairman:
Daly City
7:30 p.m.
A. Zimmit
6 3 1 5

Stockton

2513 JACKSON
Carpenter Hall
Sutter Creek
Tuesday
Chairman:
½ M. S. Hwy. 49
7:00 p.m.
R. Goerlitz
5 2 7 4

2512 ANGELS CAMP
Veterans' Bldg.
Main St.
Wednesday
Chairman:
5:00 p.m.
T. Erickson
6 3 1 5

2511 STOCKTON
I.B.E.W. #591 Hall
427 W. Fremont
Thursday
Chairman:
7:00 p.m.
L. D. Johnson
7 4 2 6

2517 SONORA
O.O.F. Hall
Tuesday
Chairman:
7:30 p.m.
W. Algeo
12 9 14 11

2515 MODESTO
Sundial Lodge
Rm. 138
Wednesday
Chairman:
808 McHenry
7:30 p.m.
J. Simmons
13 10 8 12

2516 LODI
Senior Citizens Hall
Thursday
Chairman:
113 N. School St.
7:30 p.m.
A. J. Thurman
14 11 9 13

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STOCKTON—Continued
2514 TRACY
Eagles’ Hall
East Hwy. 50
Tuesday Chairman: J. Beatty
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 19 16 21 18

Humboldt
3111 EUREKA
Veterans’ Memorial
Bldg.
10th & H St.
Tuesday Chairman: K. H. Douglas
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 12 9 14 11

3112 GARBERVILLE-WEOTT
Veterans’ Hall
Conger & Locust
Thursday Chairman: W. P. Butrica
5:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 14 11 16 13

Shasta
3212 REDDING
Holiday Inn
1900 Hilltop Rd.
Tuesday Chairman: R. M. Hafner
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 5 2 7 4

3213 BURNEY
Weavener’s Hall
Tuesday Chairman: A. L. Wells
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 12 9 14 11

3211 RED BLUFF
Elks Lodge #1250
355 Gilmore Rd.
Wednesday Chairman: H. Iness
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 6 3 8 5

De Sabla
3412 QUINCY
P.G.&E. Service Center
Monday Chairman: O. Pierson
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 11 8 13 10

3417 PARADISE
Veterans’ Memorial
Bldg.
Skyway
Tuesday Chairman: G. E. Van Buren
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 12 9 14 11

3411 CHICO
Retail Clerks’ Hall
First & Sheridan Ave.
Wednesday Chairman: L. E. Tindall
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 13 10 15 12

Drum
3511 AUBURN
Denny’s Restaurant
Hwy. 80 North
Tuesday Chairman: C. D. Felkins
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 19 16 21 18

3513 GRASS VALLEY
Elks Hall
129½ Pine St.
Nevada City
Wednesday Chairman: J. Gregor
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 20 17 22 19

Colgate
3611 MARYSVILLE
Carpenters’ Hall
So. end of 2nd St.
Yuba City
Tuesday Chairman: A. Carrell
5:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 19 16 21 18

3613 OROVILLE
Eagles’ Hall
Meyers & Montgomery Sts.
Thursday Chairman: A. L. Baker
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 21 18 16 20

North Bay
3712 SANTA ROSA
Labor Center
1706 Corby Ave.
Santa Rosa Ave.
Off Ramp
Tuesday Chairman: C. R. Morgan
8:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 5 9 7 4

3714 UKIAH
Ukiah Grange
South State
Thursday Chairman: W. C. Teach
8:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 7 11 9 6

3716 NAPA
Napa Bowl
494 Soscol Ave.
Tuesday Chairman: R. M. Connelly
8:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 12 16 14 11

North Bay—Continued
3717 FORT BRAGG-PT. ARENA
Presbyterian Church
Pine & Main
Thursday Chairman: D. McDonell
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 14 18 16 13

3715 LAKEPORT
Fire House
445 Main St.
Tuesday Chairman: J. Williamson
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 19 23 21 18

3711 MARIN COUNTY
Sams
209 Third St.
San Rafael
Wednesday Chairman: A. Simontachi
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 20 24 22 19

Sacramento
3811 SACRAMENTO
Dante Club
2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Tuesday Chairman: J. Enzler
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 5 2 7 4

3813 PLACERVILLE
Eagle’s Hall
5820 Coloma St.
Tuesday Chairman: A. W. Schneider
5:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 19 16 21 18

3814 WOODLAND
American Legion Hall
Bush St.
Tuesday Chairman: D. Hutchison
8:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 12 9 14 11

3815 DAVIS
El Rancho Motel
1029 W.
Capitol Ave.
Wednesday Chairman: C. Waugh
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 13 10 8 12

3812 VACAVILLE
Chamber of Commerce
400 Monte Vista St.
Thursday Chairman: F. Poe
7:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 14 11 9 13

Irrigation Districts
1122 MERCED IRRIGATION DIST.
Pine Cone Coffee
Shop
2000 E. Chilis
Wednesday Chairman: W. McMurry
8:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 13 10 15 12

2518 TURLOCK-OAKDALE
IRRIGATION DISTRICTS
State Savings
316 W. “F” St.
Oakdale
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 19 21

3119 DIVINE GARDENS MOTEI
Room 101-C
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 16 18

Public Agencies
1411 CITY OF SANTA CLARA
Santa Clara County
Blind Center
101 N. Bascom
Thursday Chairman: C. A. Davison
8:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 14 11 9 13

2211 OAKLAND GENERAL
Edgewater-Hyatt
House
455 Hegenberger Rd.
Thursday Chairman: H. Dederman
8:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 14 11 9 13

3011 SACRAMENTO REGIONAL
TRANSIT DISTRICT
S.R.T.D. Shop
Wednesday Chairman: R. L. Sinor
4:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 13 10 8 12

3911 SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL
UTILITY DISTRICT
Dante Club
2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Wednesday Chairman: W. C. Teach
8:00 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 6 3 1 5

4411 DAVEY TREE—SACRAMENTO
I.B.E.W. Hall
4321 East Bonanza Rd.
Tuesday Chairman: C. A. Davison
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 19 23 21 18

4412 DAVEY TREE—SAN DIEGO
I.B.E.W. Hall
215 West
San Diego
7:30 p.m.
Mar. Apr. May June 18 22 20 17

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HELP! WE NEED SOME ADDRESSES

EDITOR'S NOTE: Listed below are the names of our members for whom we have no address. We are asking you to look for your division or employer group and then check to see if you find someone you know. If you find a familiar name, please contact the person and tell them to send us his or her address and please include the name of their Social Security number.

It is very important that we have a current address on all of the members so that when we send out urgent notices or ballots, each member will receive the necessary information. Communications with the membership is an area in which we are trying to make improvements, but we must have your address as a start.

We suggest that everyone in each headquarters post this list of names on union's side of the bulletin board.

If you know of a person's address, but can't contact them to have them send in their new address, please send us the address yourself.
Attend your Local 1245, IBEW Unit Meetings!

### Sierra Pacific

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### General Construction

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Will You Be Next?

February 12, 1973

An Electric Department employee sustained five broken ribs and a bruised left lung as a result of falling approximately thirty-five feet from a pole to the ground.

The accident occurred when he attempted to “belt-off” at the work level and missed the "D" ring with his safety strap.

February 15, 1973

In order to give you the full picture on this accident, we have to back up two days prior to this date and report on the chain of events leading up the accident.

On February 13, at 5:30 p.m., two Troublemens were dispatched to a substation north of a city along the coastal region of the State. Upon arrival, they found one of the 12 KV circuits was “locked-out.” At about this same time a report came over the radio that the line was down on this circuit approximately two miles south of the substation. One of the Troublemens went to the location to clear the line (cut the jumpers), restoring the circuit to normal.

A line crew was then dispatched to the location of the downed line to make the necessary repairs. The line was a double three phase circuit of #2 solid copper conductor, with a transposition in the line at the location where the line went down. The crew worked most of the night to no avail, due to the contrary wind, mud and because the work location was on the side of a hill and they were unable to get their truck near the work site.

The following day, February 14, 1973, another crew was called to return to the headquarters. At this time, approximately 2:00 p.m., the General Foreman and Subforeman of this crew of his intention to replace the six conductors with three 397 M.C.M. aluminum conductors. The General Foreman, two Field Foremen and the Subforeman discussed for over an hour the problem of the transposition and the inability to get their equipment to the work site.

After this discussion, the Foreman and his crew, along with one of the Field Foremen, went out to the job site to plan for the next day’s work and to lay out the new conductors on the ground.

Around 4:30 p.m. the General Foreman arrived at the job site and he, along with the Foreman and Field Foreman, discussed the job to be done for another forty minutes.

A double-line crew of five men met with a Field Foreman and a four man crew from another headquarters. There followed a twenty minute tailboarding with all hands taking part in the discussion. Following this the double crews left to lay out the new conductors. The Foreman who was on the project from the start of the problem took the double deadend “tramp” pole. This pole was “guyed” four ways. As soon as the tension was let off on the conductors, both the crews entered the bell-hole. Approximately two minutes after all the strain had been removed from the pole, one of the preform guys grips at the anchor snapped. The pole started over, then stopped, then broke approximately seventeen feet above the ground. He struck the ground first on his right heel, then on his right hand, and then his back. He sustained a broken heel, two fractures to his right hand wrist, and compressed fractures of the fifth vertebrae.

Avoiding Earnest Mayhem—key to office survival

The National Safety Council reports that within the office environment lurks a master of terror and disruption disguised as a model of corporate efficiency.

His name is Earnest Mayhem and he can be found in nearly every organization unwittingly causing pain and injury to co-workers. He is capable of turning the normally placid office scene into something resembling a Viet Nam jungle bristling with pungi sticks and land mines. And when all is said and done, Mayhem does not understand why some people are so accident prone, because he never gets hurt. If we follow him through a typical day, though, perhaps we can understand why.

In Earnest’s haste to get to work in the morning, he spins the revolving doors like a top—trapping or crushing his unwary or less agile prey from behind. Next, he runs down the hall and around a blind corner, scattering hapless bodies in his wake. Inside the elevator, he closes the doors, forcing stragglers into a squeeze play with unreasonable mechanical forces.

When he gets off the elevator, he races to his desk, leaving the drinking fountain to quench his thirst and splash a small pool of water on the floor around the fountains. He then bursts through the office door as if shot from a gun, heedless that there may be someone else on the other side.

At his desk, Earnest proceeds to slice the paper clip bowl with tacks, razor blades, and other assorted objects so that he will have everything right in hand—and so will petty pilferers! Plugging in the coffee pot, however, is a difficult task, since his desk is some distance from the nearest wall outlet. But he solves this problem with his usual ingenuity by stretching the cord across the aisle, thereby subjecting an unwary co-worker to a rapid, detailed examination of the floor—with scalding hot water as a possible added attraction.

Then he warms the coffee, moves to the filing cabinets where he pulls out the bottom drawer and removes some important reports. Realizing that this is an awkward and inefficient location, however, he begins to load his materials into a nearby empty cabinet. The next person to pull out either of these drawers will probably get the top-heavy cabinet right on top of himself. Meanwhile, Mayhem returns to his desk, leaving the first file cabinet bottom drawer open so he has quick, easy access to his materials (and so someone can trip over it).

Earnest’s next journey is to the paper cutter where he leaves the cutting arm upright and ready for use. When he returns to his desk, he spreads his papers out in the middle of the desk so he can find everything easily.

Then he sits down at his typewriter to the corner of the desk where the carriage protrudes out into the aisle so that he can snare a passerby who will bring it crashing down upon his foot.

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