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Advisory Council Meets

The Advisory Council meeting began at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 7, 1976, in Concord, California.

The morning session consisted of reports from the Advisory Council members on such subjects as: ways to improve Unit meeting attendance, safety problems, political action in their respective areas.

A film was shown which was a portion of a "60 minute" broadcast that was on T.V. last Fall. The film dealt with the substance Kepone and the effect it had on workers in the manufacturing plant.

The film set the stage for Dave Reese's safety report and his request that the membership watch for new chemicals used on the job and the importance of reporting this to the union.

The afternoon session opened with new business and the council voted to give the negotiating committee a vote of confidence.

The afternoon session continued with a report from the PG&E negotiating committee. They reported on the status of negotiations at that time and encouraged comments and questions from the Advisory Council

members which would reflect the attitudes and desires of the membership.

The first day's session closed with further discussion on safety, including the question of safety working in a nuclear power plant.

The second day of the council meeting began with a report from L.L. Mitchell, Business Manager-Financial Secretary of Local 1245. He reported on the effect of the **Political Reform Act** of 1974 and how it limits discussion of Proposition 13, the Nuclear Power Initiative and what reports would be necessary if we did use the council meeting as a forum to discuss and promote a position on the initiative.

Brother Mitchell also reported on the Inter Union Gas Workers Conference and his trip to Russia as a representative and member of a Labor-Cultural exchange group from the Bay Area.

The Business Manager reported on the status of the elimination of employee rates and the Local's activity in that area.

Other items of general interest were discussed and the meeting ended at approximately 12:30 p.m.



This photo shows some of the people in attendance at the February Advisory Council Meeting. See page two for more photos.

YOUR *Business Manager's* COLUMN UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS

L. L. MITCHELL

Unemployment figures have recently shown a decline, but there is no reason for rejoicing. The most optimistic projections for unemployment show that those without jobs will stay at 7% or better for some time to come.

The main problem is the structure of the unemployment figures which remain unchanged despite the lowered figure. 1.6 million of those not working have been out of work more than 27 weeks which is still close to record figures in this category.

One quarter of the labor force is 24 years of age or under, but they account for nearly 50% of those unemployed, and teenage unemployment is four times that of those over 24. This group is growing in spite of a lower national unemployment figure.

Government employment which has provided three out of four newly created jobs in the last ten years is being lowered as cities and states cut back on payroll and are reducing jobs rather than creating new ones.

National unemployment figures show a decline from 7.8% to 7.6%, but California figures show 986,000 unemployed in California last month - 17% higher than a year ago. With 10% of the nation's population, California has 13% of the unemployed.

The San Francisco-Oakland area unemployment rate stands at 11.2% - up from 9% a year ago. Los Angeles County shows a more steady situation, but is at 9.9% unemployed, which is about the state's average for 1975.

The present administration in Washington has blatantly ignored the unemployment situation and is relying on business growth to solve the problem. Business growth, however, is not meeting the slack, let alone creating new jobs. It would then ap-

pear that those optimistic figures on future unemployment are truly blue sky projections.

We are not opposing the idea of stimulating business but the failure to deal with unemployment and the efforts to maintain a balanced budget at the expense of unemployed people is certainly not in keeping with the pledge of the United States Constitution. Neither is it a tribute to the free private enterprise system. We cannot believe that such a system can survive with a situation which continues at the rate of unemployment beyond the normal figure for transitory job seekers.

Unemployment is one of our major problems, but with a work force as large as that of the United States, the unemployed are not visible because they are spread out. They only become visible when incidents such as that when we recently saw some 34,000 people massed to file applications for 2,300 jobs at the Marriot Park project near Santa Clara. The traffic jams resulting from these job seekers blocked a six lane freeway some two miles on each side of the off-ramp to the park.

If we placed these 986,000 unemployed Californians in one area where they could be seen daily as we go to work (those of us who are fortunate enough to be employed), we might forget statistics and remember that the articles we read on unemployment are about people and not merely numbers in a table. We might then start looking more closely at the political atmosphere and tell our legislators to get off their duffs and not let one man, through a veto process, stymie the efforts of our Congress on public backed measures which would create jobs for our unemployed.

PG&E wage offer out for vote

The negotiations with PG&E have resulted in an offer of settlement from the company. The offer consisted of an 8.2% general wage increase; the freezing of most starting rates in both the physical and clerical agreements and the restructuring of the clerk D and C classifications.

Union's negotiating committee has recommended a no vote on the package offered by the company.

The ballot committee will meet on March 9 and begin the task of certifying the ballots and then taking the tally.

The results will be reported in the March issue of the Utility Reporter.

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North Bay Happenings

By Corb Wheeler

We are sorry to hear that Brother Bob Kendall is in the hospital again. Hope you get well soon, Bob!

Brother Rich Camarri is still on disability but we hope to see him back before long.

Brother Steve Partee was in an accident while working for P.G.&E. I am happy to be able to report that he is well. I understand he has told the Company that his doctor told him he has been hurt bad and should go to Hawaii for two weeks with all expenses paid. Good luck!

Brother Dave Cartwright of Storer Cable T.V., Inc. has been recommended to serve in the coming negotiations. He'll do a good job.

Brothers Larry Schuber and Neil Bickerton of Sohner Tree Service, Inc. have performed in a superior manner on the negotiating committee. They have given numerous hours of their own time to effectively represent their Brothers. They are indeed a credit to themselves and I.B.E.W., Local 1245.

Brother Lou Gomes of Ukiah has resigned after serving many years as a Shop Steward and in different offices in his Local Unit. He feels that it is time to step aside and let a younger Brother step in. Thank you, Lou, for your untiring devotion to I.B.E.W.,

Local 1245.

It was good to see Brother Stanton Sleeper at the Advisory Council Meeting. He has been truly an excellent representative of North Bay. He not only attends Advisory Council Meetings but also attends Shop Stewards Schools and is a member of the Solano Central Labor Council. Thank you, Stan.

Brothers Marshall Proschold and Charley Schiff were in attendance at the Advisory Council Meeting presenting the views of the membership in North Bay. Job well done.

We would like to welcome Brother Sam Foster back to Petaluma. He, beyond his control, temporarily served in another yard.

I would like to commend Juan Dominguez, Judy O'Brien, Marshall Proschold, and Ken Nata on their performances during the past year on the North Bay Grievance Committee. They obtained better working conditions for many members throughout the Division through their tireless efforts. Many thanks from myself, the membership, and I.B.E.W., Local 1245. Five hundred ninety five thousand, six hundred and seventy three.



Shown above are more of the Advisory Council participants.



L. L. Mitchell, Business Manager, is shown reporting on his activities to the Advisory Council.


NOTICE

The rules regarding the membership card number appearing in the Utility Reporter have been changed.

In January we had no winner, consequently the new rules provide that we will print two membership card numbers in the February issue of the Utility Reporter.


For each month there is no winner an additional card number will appear. No numbers will be printed two months in a row.

The numbers will be hidden in the usual manner. Good hunting!



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Political Involvement

Printed on pages three, four and five are maps outlining the Assembly, State Senatorial and Congressional Districts. Along with the maps are the names of those who represent you. The names appear adjacent to their respective district numbers. Also listed on each page is the address you should use when writing to your representative.

The purpose of printing these maps is to make you aware of who your political representative is, if you didn't already know, and to urge you to make **your** attitudes and desires known to them.

If you are unhappy about something, or if you have some ideas towards changing or improving existing laws, let them know what it is you expect. We have a "representative" form of government which supposedly reflects the attitudes of the majority of the citizenry. This form of government cannot continue to succeed if it does not represent the people and it cannot represent the people if they don't vote or if they don't tell the right person their ideas or areas of dissatisfaction.

You've heard or seen the above rhetoric time and time again, but as the percentage of voter participation continues to drop year after year, it becomes increasingly important that we start listening and doing.

1976 is an important political year. The people will elect someone to the position of President of the United States and the direction this country takes for the next four years will be determined in large part by this one man.

If you are not registered to vote we strongly urge you to do so immediately. If you are registered, then we urge you to assume a more active role in the political process.

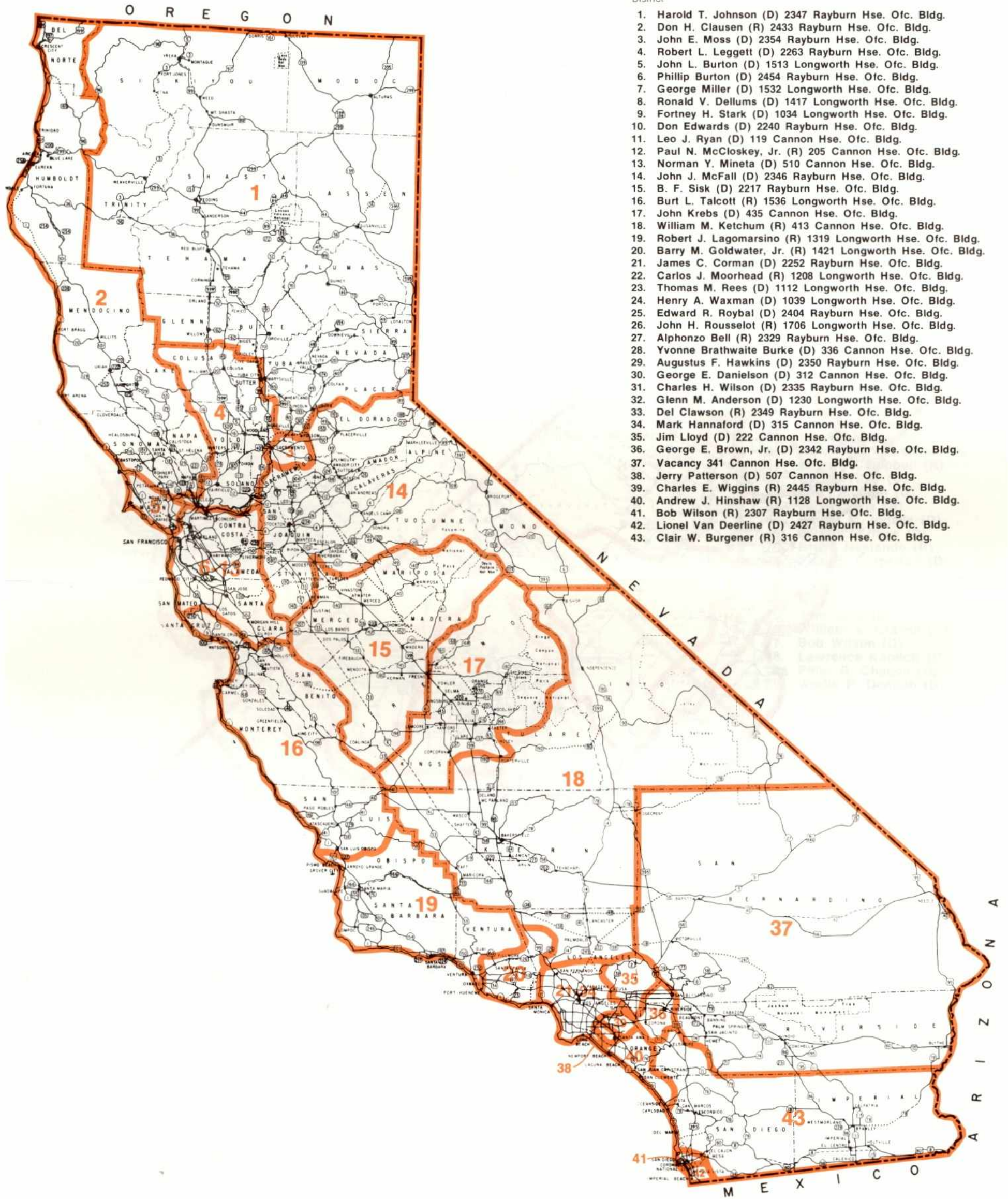
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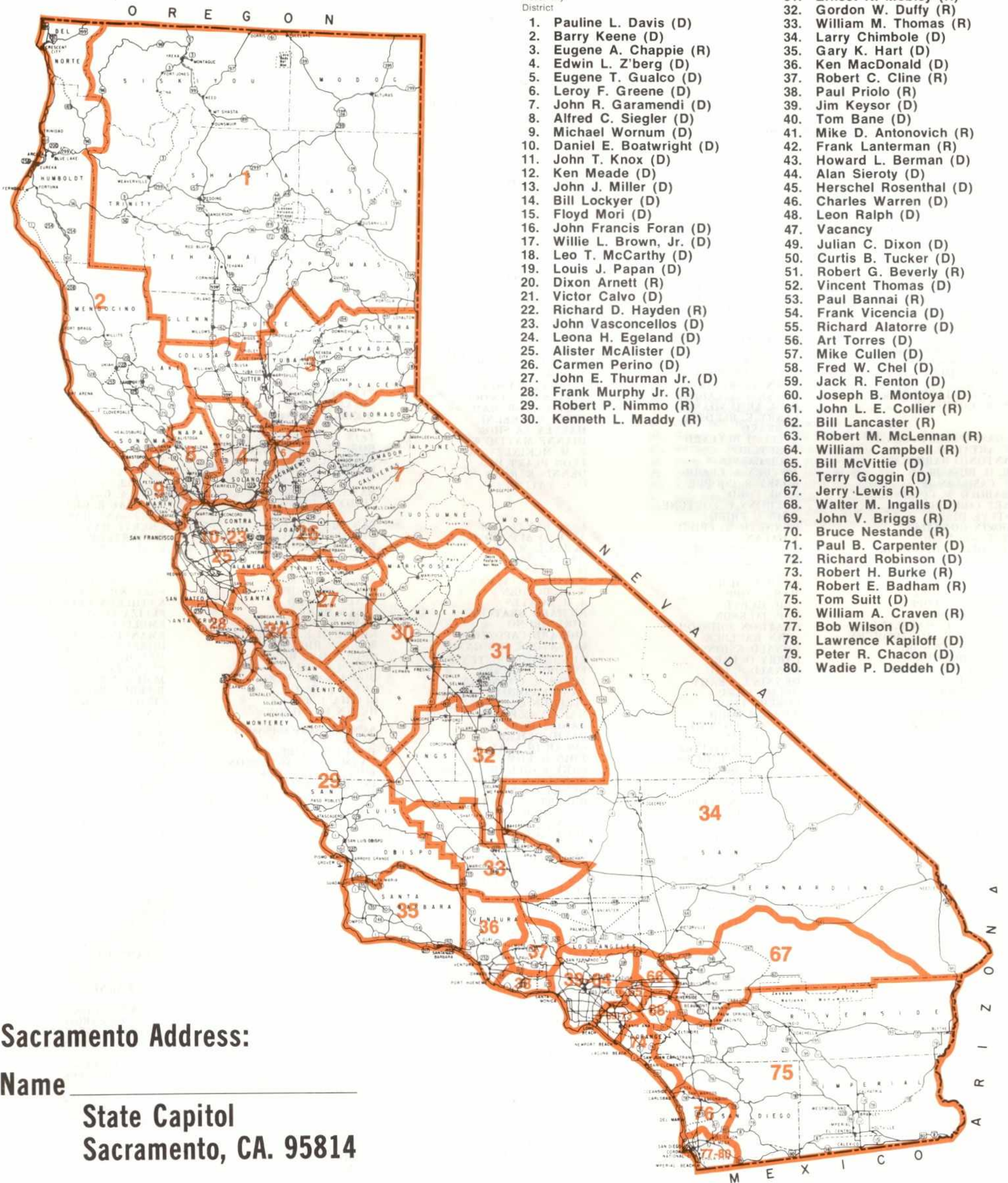
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The Safety Scene

Puzzled by health and safety?

ACROSS

3. The part of the body that breathes for you.
4. A pesticide banned except for emergency use in the U.S.
6. Part of HEW; they are responsible for research under OSHA; prepare criteria documents.
8. Some miners still owe their soul to the company
10. Your organ of sight, it can be injured by such things as flying objects, ultraviolet radiation and acids.
12. Threshold Limit Value.
13. Caustic Soda.
14. Noise can damage this part of your body.
15. Parts per million.
16. The for violating OSHA standards is a citation or fine.
19. The California Occupational Safety and Health Act.
23. The cause of occupational hearing loss.
24. Exposure to many chemicals in the workplace can make you
25. The of meeting standards

is often given as an excuse for not correcting unsafe or unhealthy work conditions.

28. Supersonic Transportation.
29. Benzidine is an example of a that causes bladder cancer.
30. Most of the carbon monoxide in our air is emitted by the
31. You must a trench correctly before it is safe.
33. A beverage made from malt that may help you unwind after a day's work.

DOWN

1. To control exposure to noise the company should out the noise instead of relying on personal protective equipment.
2. The Steelworkers are one group fighting the standard proposed by OSHA.
3. A heavy metal that affects the brain.
4. Composed of small particles produced by grinding, sawing, mining, etc.

5. Exposure to irritating gases or vapors may cause your eyes to
7. High temperatures can cause stress.
9. This puzzle is about the diseases of
11. resins are used in adhesives and can cause skin irritation.
12. Harmful, dangerous, poisonous.
16. Polyvinyl chloride and polystyrene are examples of
17. A metal that causes cancer — 5 cents.
18. A commonly used solvent; it is in the same chemical family as benzene.

20. A substance that causes cancer, byproduct of zinc, copper, and lead smelting.
21. Noise is considered a factor.
22. May cause mesothelioma and lung cancer.
26. The Federal Health and Safety Law.
27. The URW has a cents/hour agreement with some of the nation's manufacturers such as Goodyear to provide money for health and safety studies.
32. Presbycusis is the natural loss of hearing as you grow

See page 2 for answers.



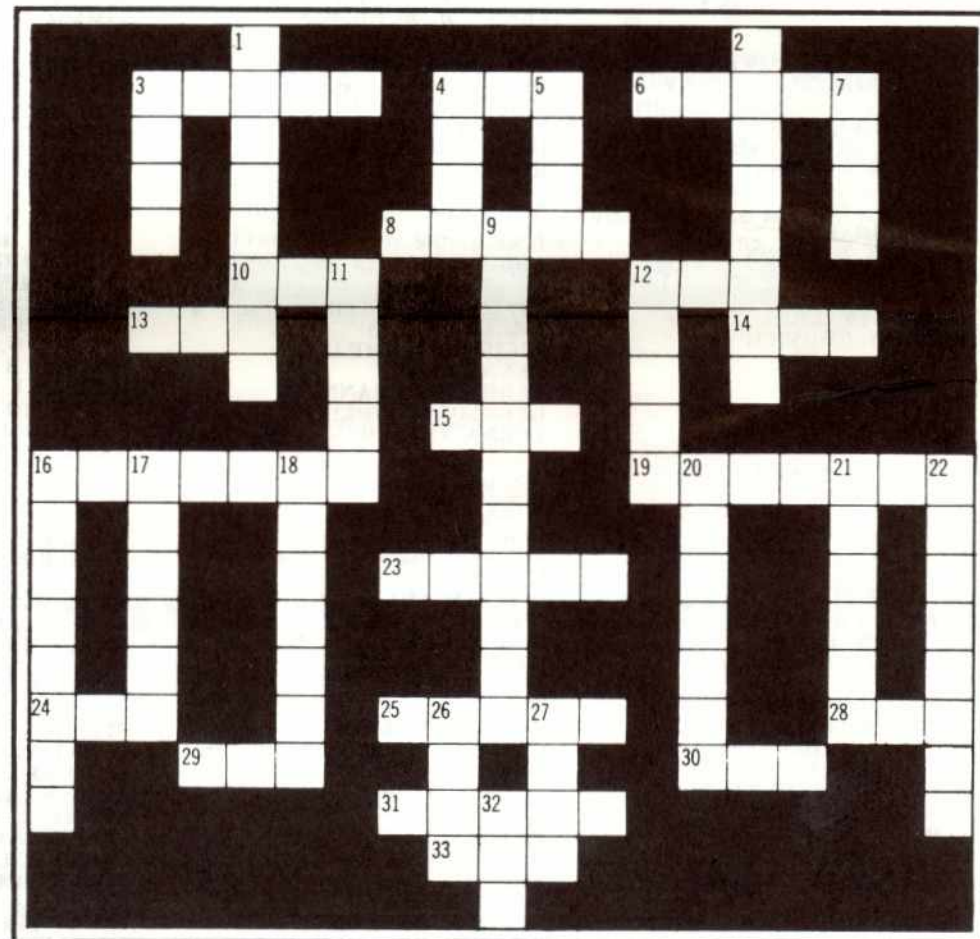
Standing L to R: Joe Duffy, Tom Steinle, Ben Shawnego, Employer Representatives; Frank Neal, Journeyman; Dave Reese, Bill Turner, Bob Harrison, Employee Representatives; Bill Brockmann, Training Director. Front Row Left to Right: Leonard Knecht, Mike Sirkel, Karl Truttman, Horace Smith, Jr., Richard Green, Jr., Journeymen.

APPRENTICES GRADUATED

On September 5, 1975, the Second Annual Completion Ceremony for the California-Nevada Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee was held at the Long Beach Elks Lodge.

Nine graduates were honored, representing three IBEW Local Unions - Local 1245, Local 47 and Local 357. The graduates had completed courses in Apprenticeship for the Journeyman Lineman classification in the outside line construction group of the Locals.

Certificates of graduation were presented by Business Managers L. L. Mitchell, Local 1245 and Mike Kelly, Local 47, and Representative Bob Harrison of Local 357. JATC Chairman Tom Steinle was the Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. Guest speakers included Pat Burke, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Apprenticeship; Joe Duffey, Manager of the Western Line Constructors Chapter, NECA; and Pat Burns, International Representative of the IBEW Ninth District Office. Three million, four hundred forty two thousand, five hundred and ninety.



SAFETY TIPS

Help! I'm choking

A person choking on food cannot speak or breathe and may even become panic-stricken and run from the room. Death can result.



Dr. Henry J. Heimlich, originator of the "Heimlich maneuver" for ejection of food lodged in the throat, recommends a universal signal be used by persons choking. By grasping his neck between thumb and index finger of one hand, a victim would signal to the people around him that he is choking. Then the emergency would not be mistaken for a heart attack, and appropriate action could be taken.

Child trap

A parent who uses a file cabinet or any type of storage with self-returning drawers for a toy chest may be asking for trouble. A reader of *Glamour* magazine wrote that her toddlers removed their toys from a file cabinet, climbed into the drawers and crouched down as the drawers rolled shut. She released them when she heard their muffled screams.

Family Safety