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I am writing my report while attending Pipeliners Local Union 798 Steward School. It has been a very rewarding time spent at the school. Being able to see and talk to friends is such a pleasure.

Speakers at this year's Steward School included Brothers Jim Moss and David Barnett from the UA. It was David's first Steward School as director of the UA Pipeline Department, and he has already started working hard to further the pipeline industry.

Business Manager Danny Hendrix did a great job overseeing and directing the school, answering all questions pertaining to the contract and our Locals' main issues. The Retirement Banquet for our Brothers with 50-plus-years in the Local was, as it is each year, moving and enjoyable for all.

Norma Hendrix and The Ladies of 798, once again, provided women's activities and an auction, which was a tremendous success. It was appreciated by all in attendance.

It's starting to look promising for opportunities for employment in the West this year. The contractors are bidding on several projects that should be starting in July/August. These projects are smaller jobs but should employ a number of 798 members.

I have also been talking with a number of non-union contractors about signing the agreement. If, and when they do sign the agreement, we have to do our part and work hard to show them they have made the correct decision to join ranks with Local 798 members. I have no doubt when a contractor sees our quality of work and commitment to safety, they will see they made the right choice.

With the work season in full swing, please be careful in the field. If I can help you, please do not hesitate to call.

New Pre-Jobs:

Michels:

-Colorado Springs, CO. Blanket Maintenance. Steward: Chris Jost. Welder Foreman: Dennis Stiles. 90% Integrity Scale. Working 5-8s.

Snelson:

-Henderson, CO. Blanket Maintenance. Steward: Brian Gilly. Welder Foreman: Jimmy Hendricks. 90% High Integrity Scale. Working 5-8s.