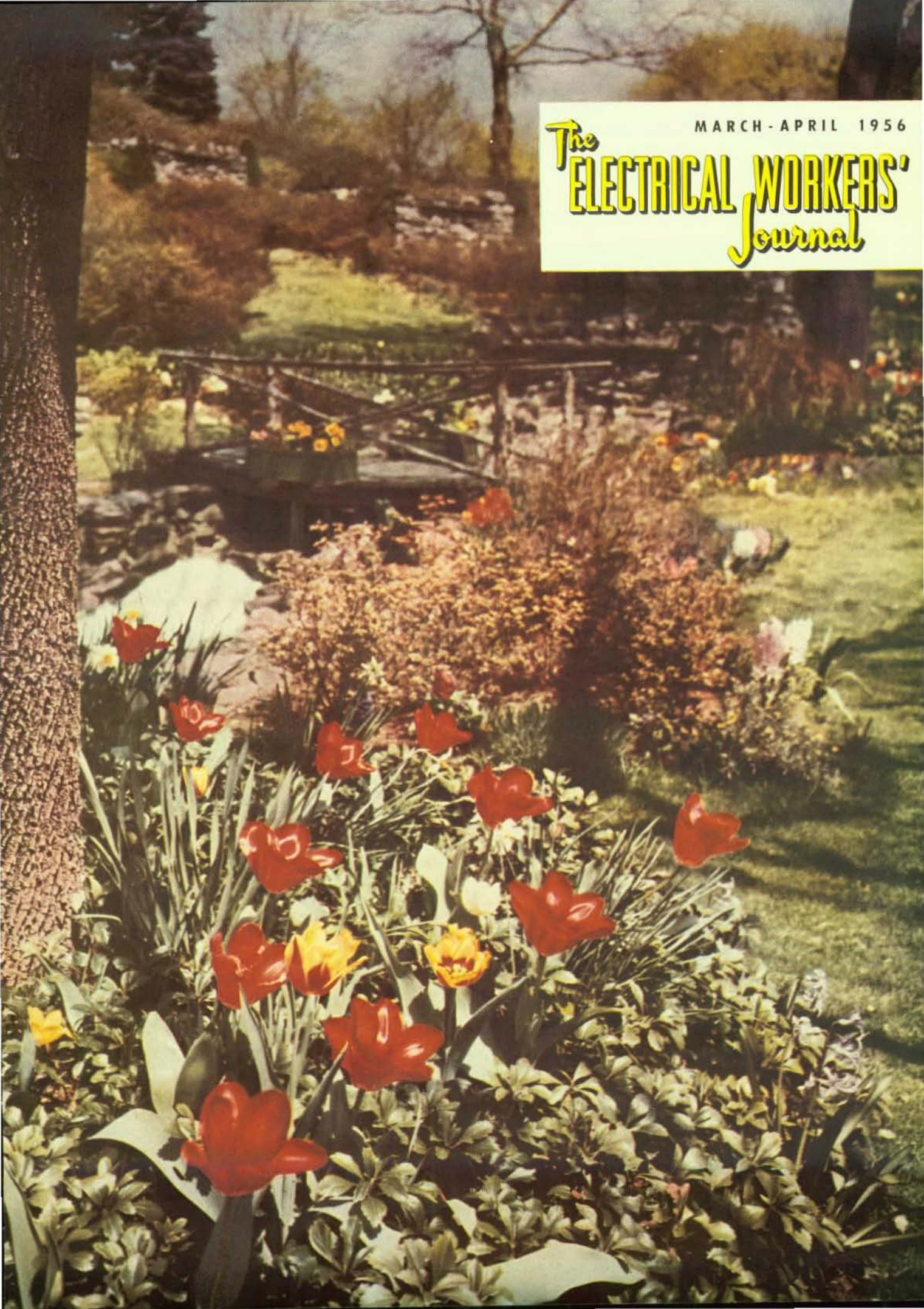


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# WORDS OF WISDOM

Often in the course of a year, this page in your *Journal* is reserved for comments and observations of wise men of another day.

This year, 1956, marks the 65th anniversary of our founding and we are urging every member of our Brotherhood to help to organize the unorganized. You, our members, are our best organizers. Our founder and first president, Henry Miller, was of that same opinion.

We bring you here an excerpt from a communication he wrote to the membership way back in 1893. It is as fresh and appropriate when applied to our efforts today as it was then:

It is impossible to send an organizer to every place, and I believe it entirely unnecessary. I would remind the brethren of the fact that each one of them is an organizer of the Brotherhood. Wherever you may be, by all means try to get your fellow workmen to join the organization.

Always recollect that by aiding the Brotherhood you aid yourselves. To some of our high-toned unions I would say, come down a peg. Do not run away with the idea that your city or union is supreme. Only in unity is there strength. This does not mean a single city or state but the world if possible.





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An over-all scene of the annual legislative conference of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO which convened in the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D. C. in March with over 2500 attending.

**E**ARLY in March 2500 delegates from 46 states convened in Washington, D. C. for the second annual legislative conference held by the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO.

Some 150 Electrical Workers played a part in making this conference a success.

The conference, as its name implies, was held for the sole purpose of seeking ways and means of getting favorable action on bills of importance to organized labor. Part of the time set for the four-day meeting was devoted to informative speeches and discussion on various acts which are already law, and on proposed legislation, and the balance was set aside to allow the delegates attending the conference to go over to Capitol Hill and call on their Senators and Representatives, to let them know just how certain

legislation affects jobs in the building field, and as constituents to urge proper action.

AFL-CIO President Meany key-noted the spirit of the conference in his address when he said:

"There are men on Capitol Hill, who today embrace the idea that we would be better off without trade unions, that trade unions could be destroyed and the country would remain prosperous."

Meany said that when these men fight to destroy organized labor they are really fighting to

destroy the prosperity of the nation because "it is obvious that if you destroyed the trade union movement, you couldn't have the purchasing power under which we produce the great amount of goods that makes our high living standards possible."

He told the delegates that, in pushing for amendments to extend the prevailing wage provisions of the Bacon-Davis Act, they were "not seeking favoritism."

"The basic principle of this legislation is that public money

At the IBEW luncheon on the second day of the conference, these members occupied one table: From left, clockwise, Roland Mills and Harry Bexley, Atlanta Local 613; Arnold Kennedy, Atlanta Local 84; Jack Brown, Warren (Ohio) Local 573; O. L. Kerth, Paducah (Kentucky) Local 816; Tom Murray, Chicago Local 134; Harry Van Arsdale and Howard McSpedon, New York Local 3.





## LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

# Meets in Washington

should be expended to advance the standards of life rather than to pull them down. When the building trades seek enforcement of this principle they are simply saying, 'We want standards of living to advance.'" Meany declared.

The Taft-Hartley law was the No. 1 target of the Conference. A number of speakers including AFL-CIO President Meany, Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, Senator Patrick McNamara of Michigan and our own General Counsel Louis Sherman, blasted T-H as an unfair law with no defense for its particularly unjust Section 14-b which provides that when state laws on the union shop are more anti-union than the Federal law, they shall take precedence.

### Second Prime Goal

Second prime goal of the Legislative meet was revision of the 25-year-old Bacon-Davis Act to extend prevailing wage coverage to all Federally-assisted projects and to broaden the scope of "prevailing wages" to include fringe benefits and put hours of work and overtime rates on a prevailing basis to eliminate unfair bidding advantages on the part of unscrupulous contractors.

Richard Gray, President of the Building Trades Department, emphasized in his address, the fact that the conference was legislative and not political in nature. He charged the Chamber of Commerce, National Association of Manufacturers, Farm Bureau and Associated General Contractors with "attempting to weaken and destroy the building trades unions."

During the course of the Legis-  
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President George Meany of the AFL-CIO warned of those in Congress who believe the country would be better off without any organized labor.

Below: Those attending meet called on legislators. Here M. J. Counihan, right, B. M. of L. U. 508, Savannah, Ga., confers with Senator Walter George of Georgia. At left is W. A. Getti, president of the Savannah painters' local.

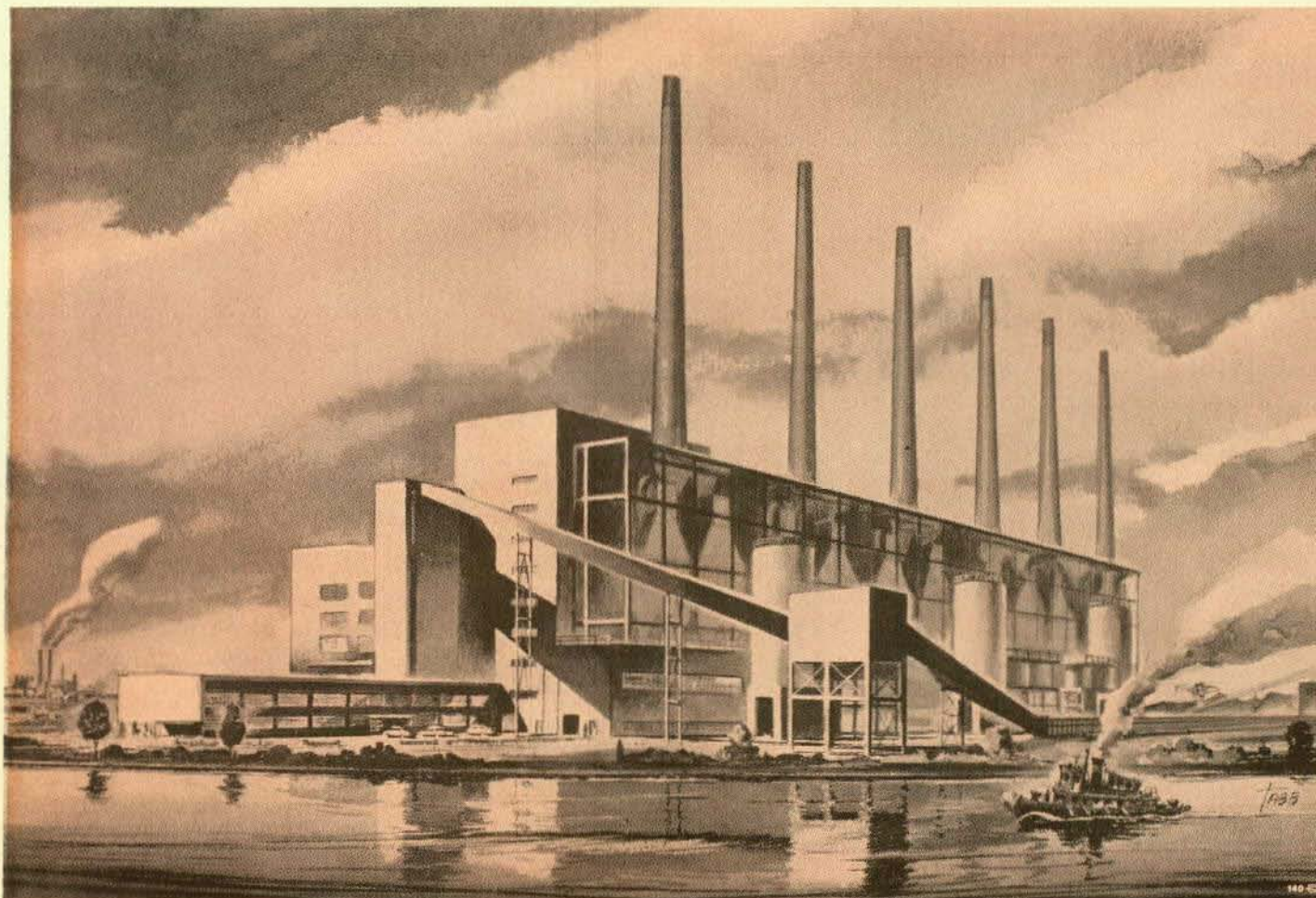


Our General Counsel, Louis Sherman, was a speaker during course of meet.

The Department's President, Richard Gray, pictured addressing conclave.







This is an architect's rendering of how the multi-unit River Rouge Power Plant of the future will appear. The plant's first generator has already been placed in operation. It is the most powerful of its kind now in use. Two more of the Detroit Edison generators will be installed by this time next year.

## WORLD'S MOST POWERFUL GENERATOR

**N**EWs on generation of power is interesting reading to all Electrical Workers, whose work hinges in one way or another on power generated for and consumed by the public.

Statistics were issued recently which stated that a new production record of 546,404,320,000 kwh was chalked up in 1955, a gain of 15.8 percent over the former record figure set in 1954.

News on how and where such power is generated is of particular interest to our thousands of utility workers employed in power plants all over the country.

Here are some notes on the most powerful steam turbine generator in use anywhere in the world. It began operation a little over a month ago at Detroit Edison's new River Rouge Power Plant.

Starting up of the plant's first

generator increased electric power supply in Southeastern Michigan by 260,000 kilowatts. This is equivalent to about 350,000 horsepower, enough electrical energy to take care of the entire light and power needs of 400,000 people.

The additional power furnished by the new generator goes into a "pool" fed by all six of Detroit Edison's plants—Trenton Channel, Delray, Corners Creek, St. Clair and Marysville, plus the new River Rouge station. This "power pool," now totaling 2,795,000 kilowatts or nearly three and three-quarters million horsepower, can be drawn upon anywhere in the Southeastern Michigan territory served by the company.

Detroit Edison's River Rouge Power Plant is considered to be one of the biggest, most modern and most efficient steam-electric generating stations in the world. The great size of the plant is a basic feature of its design for greater



productivity. Big turbine-generators produce power more economical than smaller ones, and this one at River Rouge, at 400,000 horsepower, is the biggest machine of its kind ever built. Here a kilowatt hour of electricity can be produced from less than three-quarters of a pound of coal, about half the amount of fuel required 20 years ago.

Readers may be interested in some of the construction highlights concerning this plant.

The plant was begun in November 1953 on a 130-acre site on the Detroit River front at the mouth of the Rouge.

Approximately 3,000 steel casings (hollow 12 inch corrugated tubes) were driven down 90 feet to hardpan and then filled with concrete to support the plant's initial three generating units.

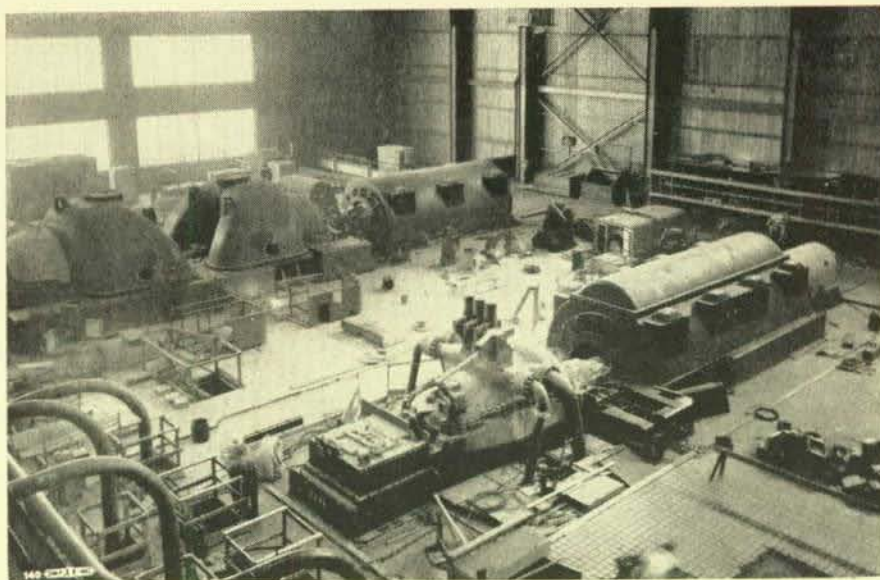
Sixty thousand cubic yards of concrete (enough to lay an 8-foot-wide driveway for 65 miles) went into the substructure of the station.

Superstructure of the plant contains 14,000 tons of structural steel, which forms the framework.

Three stacks which reach 40 stories into the air rise from each of the plant's initial boiler-generator units.

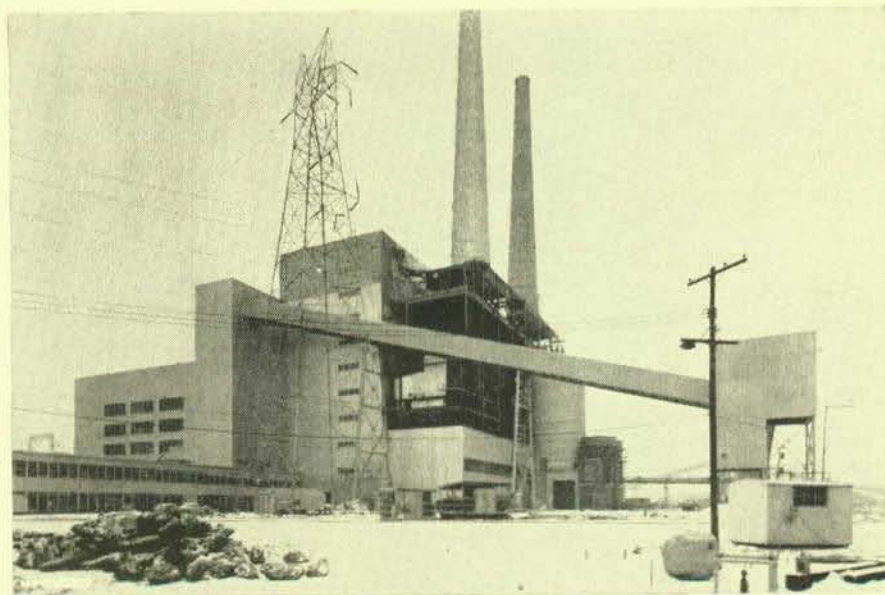
The plant is designed on the unit system of one boiler for one turbine-generator section. The Number One and Two boilers are 150 feet—about 15 stories—high. Built by Babcock and Wilcox and Combustion Engineering, respectively, the boilers will produce one and three-quarters million pounds of steam per hour at a pressure of 2,000 pounds per square inch and a temperature of 1,050 degrees Fahrenheit. The Number Three boiler, manufactured by Foster-Wheeler, will be somewhat larger.

Some 1800 building and mechanical craftsmen including a large number of our own IBEW members, principally from L. U. 58, were employed on this job. Many more, members of Locals 17 and 1325, are employed by Detroit Edison in the generating and distributing of power.



Above: The high- and low-pressure units of the 1,375-ton generator being installed. A kw hour of current will be derived from only 7/10 pound of coal fed the boiler.

Below: An exterior view of present stage of construction on the Detroit Edison River Rouge plant. The first of an initial three generators has already been put into operation.



## Legislative Conference

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lative meet which was held at the Sheraton Park Hotel in the Nation's Capital, a luncheon was held for all IBEW delegates to the Conference. This gave our IBEW members a chance to meet with President Freeman, Secretary Keenan and other Brotherhood Representatives and discuss certain phases of the conference

of particular concern to Electrical Workers.

On their return home, all delegates were urged to alert their local union membership to write their Congressmen and Senators urging that they keep in mind the legislative program of the Building Trades Department, particularly in obtaining Davis-Bacon wage provisions in both the multi-billion dollar Highway Program and the billion-dollar School Construction Program—measures pending before Congress.



# EDITORIAL

By GORDON M. FREEMAN, *Editor*

## ***About the New Russian Policy***

Many times in the past few years, articles have appeared here on the editorial pages of the JOURNAL expressing hope and even faith, that some day the Russian people would recognize communism for the vicious force that it is, and somehow, some way, have the strength to throw off its shackles.

However, the new policy, and the new "de-Stalinized" Russia, is not the goal we have been looking for. The new regime would like the world to believe that the tyrant is dead, his wicked crimes have been denounced and therefore can never recur. They would like those of the Russian people who have become skeptical and all the free nations of the world, to believe, that a new era of peace and freedom is about to descend on the Soviet Union.

This is just more Communist propaganda and those in our Government who claim that the recent Soviet Union Communist Party Congress reflects a weakening of Soviet strength, are just giving way to wishful thinking.

The Soviet Union is still a dictatorship and whether it is a one-man dictatorship or a dictatorship of a few "collective" leaders, makes no difference.

While people are listening to Georgi Malenkov and reading what he has to say about the corruption of Soviet life under Stalin, there are still, fortunately, people who remember that he was one of Stalin's henchmen and a perpetrator of his bloody crimes, now being condemned.

When tens of millions of men and women are no longer condemned to the wretched living death of slave labor; when Stalin's closest collaborators are also called to account for their part in his crimes; when free speech and free press and free institutions are permitted in the Soviet Union—then and only then will thinking people believe there has been a fundamental change in Russia.

However, the situation is not without its signs of hope. If one idol is proved to have feet of clay, it may not be too long before a confused and enraged people seek out the feet of clay in all dictators, and find the courage and the strength to topple them from power.

## ***Our Rail Workers***

This month on our editorial pages, we pay tribute to a sizable portion of our membership, in a branch that has been a part of our Brotherhood since its inception, those engaged in electrical work on the railroads.

A news article appearing in our JOURNAL this month, summarizes briefly the AFL-CIO Railroad

Shop Workers Convention, the first held since 1951. At this convention President Michael Fox (who incidentally is an IBEW member) reviewed the long list of steady gains made by railroad workers since 1951 but deplored the loss of nearly 100,000 jobs in the industry.

There are some railroad workers who have all but disappeared—the asbestos worker for example, and the man who lined the fire boxes with brick, the pipe liner, the water pumper and the steel tank men, even the boiler maker, have nearly faded out of the railroad picture.

On the other hand, we of the Electrical Workers have been more fortunate. As we have mentioned many times before, the electrical industry is only in its infancy. This applies to every segment of that industry. With the transition of engines from steam to diesel, with more intricate systems of switches and controls, with improvements in lighting, heating, cooling and communications on trains, the work of our members on the railroads has increased.

We have had more than a 20 percent growth in railroad membership since 1951.

The IBEW has been able to maintain and improve its position on the railroads, only by the willingness and determination on the part of the railroad members to protect their jurisdiction and train themselves to meet the demands for new skills and talents brought about by automation.

While we are deeply concerned for our Brother workers in the other non-operating unions who have been less fortunate than we in the past four years, and pledge our efforts to do all we can to help them to keep the number of jobs on the railroads stable, we also congratulate our own rail members on their vigilance and progress. We urge them to continue to study and train for the opportunities still ahead.

## ***About Votes***

It has been proved beyond doubt that campaigns change votes. Even the most famous of pollsters, George Gallup, who for years stood firm on the theory that political campaigns do not change votes—that people have their minds made up—backtracked after 1948.

Readers may remember that the Gallup poll of 1948 gave President Truman 36 percent of the votes against Governor Dewey. The Crossley poll gave him 39 percent and Fortune Magazine's poll, a mere 31 percent. But Truman won the election!

Campaigns are important—national, state, city. And they take money. Those who are out to get the



votes to favor big business interests have plenty of funds for their campaigns.

Those who are in favor of all the people, the little as well as the big, haven't much to fight with.

It is up to us, whose jobs, security, way of life, are at stake, to do what we can to provide the funds to wage our own campaign.

COPE needs dollars and needs them desperately to help the friends of labor in this election year. We believe all our members can afford to give a dollar. They can't afford not to.

A note appeared recently in a bulletin from COPE which stated that 200 members of Local 497, Wenatchee, Washington, voluntarily contributed \$1,796.54 to the Committee on Political Education. That's an average of nearly \$9 per member.

Electrical Workers have always led the way in their support for organized labor's political arm. It's another year, an election year, with new and vital needs. Let's help meet those needs today!

## ***Progress In Education***

It has been most gratifying and encouraging to note in our contacts with our local unions, the progress that is being made in our education and training programs. In a living, growing dynamic industry like ours, with the opportunities which are coming our way every day, it will be nothing less than tragic if we are not prepared to grasp them.

While sympathizing deeply with fellow unionists and even Brother and Sister members who are being hurt by automation, we cannot disregard the fact that it, with its emphasis on electricity, is a boon to many of our Electrical Workers. More and more of our members are realizing this and preparing themselves for it.

Automation is here to stay, there is nothing we can do about it, except take the proper means at the bargaining table to cushion its effects. Meanwhile somebody has to build the parts, service, install and run the machines that make automation possible.

We noted in an editorial in the *New York Times* recently, that despite the advertisements of industrial corporations, in which they practically plead for technically trained men to fill positions, there just aren't enough to go around. In Russia, the number of skilled technical workers has doubled in three years, while our own ratio decreased almost 30 percent.

It's not only good economic sense, it's patriotic to acquire all the skill and training possible today.

## ***Looking Ahead***

We read a significant quote by Governor Adlai Stevenson recently. He said in part: "There has never been a time when Americans were wholly satisfied. We are a people who have lived by our faith in greater tomorrows. In the march of our history we have learned that there can be no turning back and no standing still. Growth is the very order of our existence in America. We could survive, I think, almost anything except stagnation."

That is a most significant statement as it applies to our country and its people. I think it applies even more specifically to organized labor and its members.

The principal reason why standards of living are higher and progress is greater in the United States than in any other country in the world, stems chiefly we believe, from the aims, ideals, and determination of the union members of America. They fought, little by little, for a fairer share of the goods and services they produced, often at great sacrifice. And as one plateau was reached, they pushed on to another and then another, never satisfied, and pulling all workers up the ladder to better living with them.

And while they reached out for security and a better way of life, they also reached out for more and more members, knowing that only in solidarity is there strength.

Today, the need for union growth, for organizing the unorganized, for holding firm to what we have acquired through the years, is perhaps more pressing than it has been since the dark "open-shop" days following World War I. The Taft-Hartley Law, the "Right-to-Work" laws and other vicious anti-labor legislation existing in all stages in many of our states, make the need for union strength even more imperative.

Thus we urge, with all our strength, that our local unions go out and organize. Bring in every member you can now, so that each one will stand with us, fighting alongside us for greater gains and security, rather than standing outside the fold, a cut-rate threat to our jobs, wages and conditions.

## ***The Case for the ILO***

The International Labor Organization is one of the oldest special agencies of the United Nations. Recently it has come in for some severe and unjust criticism in some sectors, the criticism even reaching the proportions of a demand that the United States withdraw from the ILO.

The ILO was established at the close of World War I. As a body it has always been dominated by the most worthy and humane ambitions. It has brought representatives of Government, employers and employees together, to discuss problems of common concern on an international level. It has never had power to enforce recommendations but it has wielded a mighty influence for the common good.

The current criticism of the ILO stems from the charge that the organization is dominated by the Soviet Union and may be used by the Communists to further their own evil work.

Let's look at the facts. Votes of the Communists at the annual ILO Conference represent a ratio of about 1 to 39. That's hardly domination *now*. *But* if we "pick up our marbles" and go home, leaving the field clear, that ratio is certainly going to change.

The ILO was set up to represent the whole world of labor. It was set up to promote justice and a better life for all working people. It has done a good job for nearly 40 years. It merits our support, our leadership and our strength.



LABOR'S

# Big Show

**T**HE biggest labor-management show in the world is to be held this year in Seattle, Washington from April 20 to 25. Seattle's Civic Auditorium is housing the AFL-CIO Union Industries Show of 1956.

Over 150,000 feet of floor space will be crowded with exhibits and demonstrations jointly sponsored by unions and their union employers.

The show is always a fascinating one with many "live" exhibits (Bakers bake, Barbers cut hair, etc. etc.) and hundreds of give-away souvenirs and valuable prizes. We urge all our local union members who live anywhere near Seattle to come to the big trade fair.

This year for the first time since 1950, the IBEW is participating. We have rented three booths and plan an interesting exhibit of union-made electrical goods, plus "live" demonstrations of cable-splicing and neon tube bending. Locals 46 and 77 of Seattle are cooperating with the International Office in arranging exhibits and helping to set up our display. There are two additional features of the IBEW exhibit that should prove interesting to all visitors. One of these is the display pictured on this page, of the world's largest light bulb—75,000 watts, mounted next to the smallest—a tiny bulb used in surgical instruments.

The other feature is our own give-away program. Each night of the show a valuable electrical appliance will be raffled—an electric stove, washer, drier, refrigerator, dishwasher and on the final night of the show, a color television set.

We plan to have other smaller prizes and in addition there will be balloons for the children, and special souvenirs for IBEW members visiting our booth.

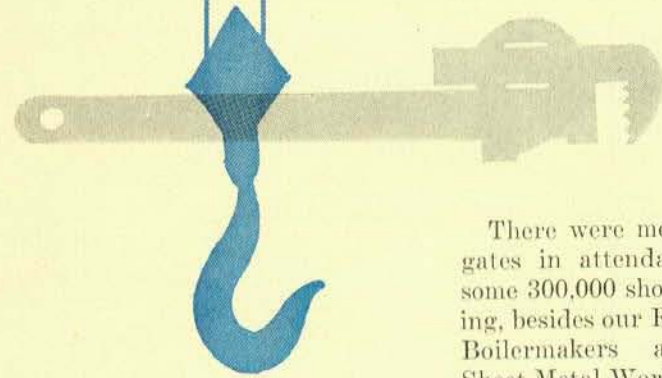
The aim of the Union Industries Show, organized and directed by the Union Label and Service Trades Department, AFL-CIO, is to promote increased patronage of union goods and services.

We shall be looking forward to welcoming many IBEW members at the Seattle show.





# RAILROAD SHOP WORKERS HOLD CONVENTION



**T**HE week of March 5 was the time, the Morrison Hotel in Chicago was the place, of the Eleventh Convention of the Railway Employees Department, AFL-CIO.

There were more than 400 delegates in attendance, representing some 300,000 shop workers, including, besides our Electrical Workers, Boilermakers and Blacksmiths, Sheet Metal Workers, Railway Car-men, Firemen and Oilers and Machinists.

The meetings were conducted by Department President Michael Fox who is an IBEW member and who

was reelected to office by unanimous vote.

IBEW Vice President J. J. Duffy, a member of the Department's Executive Council was present at the meeting and led many of the conference discussions.

One of the most pressing problems tackled by the delegates was that of technological unemployment.

President Mike Fox, after reviewing a long list of steady gains made since the department's last convention in 1951 (union shops; paid holidays; medical and surgical care paid for by the railroads; gen-

The more than 400 delegates to convention are shown below.





eral wage increases) also gave a picture of the other side of the ledger. This showed a loss of nearly 100,000 jobs in the industry.

These job losses were traceable, it was indicated, to the indiscriminate suspension, by many carriers, of maintenance of equipment programs "whenever revenues decline." This results—a resolution asserted—in the layoff of thousands of shopmen. The resolution also scored the "farming out," through contracts with "outside" industries, of shopcraft work which could be performed on the railroads' properties. This carrier practice, the resolution declared, has been "both wasteful and inefficient and has caused serious hardship among the workers involved."

President Fox in his address asked the delegates to give serious thought to those "who have given their lives to the industry and who are out of work, too old to find a job and too young to retire."

Action taken at the convention called for a stabilization of employment agreement; a substantial wage increase; a shorter workweek without a reduction in weekly earnings; "dependent coverage" and life insurance at no cost to the employee; and liberalization of free transportation rights.

Other convention action included a unanimous vote giving the shopcrafts' "full and unqualified support" to legislation, now before Congress, providing for what the convention stressed was a "badly

needed" 15 percent increase in Railroad Retirement Act Benefits.

AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer William Schnitzler and other speakers to the convention emphasized the need for more political action by railroad labor and labor generally.

Secretary Schnitzler scored "the deliberate attempt of the present Administration to dump into the lap of the states, responsibility for human welfare programs.

This policy has led to little or no improvement in unemployment and workmen's compensation programs, the step-up in the drive to adopt misnamed "right-to-work" laws and attempts to ban political activity by unions at the state level.



The delegation representing local unions of the IBEW played a prominent part at the 11th convention of the Railway Employees. It is pictured here before joining the entire group.



IBEW Vice President Duffy (right) confers with Department President Michael Fox.

## Princess



Jan Irwin

As your JOURNAL went to press it was Cherry Blossom time in Washington, D. C., with the annual festival in full swing. Members of the IBEW will be pleased to know that the Cherry Blossom Princess for the State of Oregon is Miss Janice Irwin, daughter of Fred B. Irwin of L. U. 125, Portland, and new International Treasurer of our Brotherhood.

Miss Irwin is 22 years old. She attended the Universities of Colorado and Maryland and majored in foreign affairs. During summer vacations she worked in our International Office. She is now employed as a secretary in the Interior Department in the Geological Survey division.

Miss Irwin was selected to represent the State of Oregon by the Oregon State Society of the Nation's Capital.





## KNOW YOUR INTERNATIONAL STAFF



**LOUIS P. MARCIANTE**  
*I.E.C. Member*

Louis P. Marciante is a member of L. U. 269 Trenton, New Jersey, having been initiated into that local April 19, 1917.

He served as president and business manager of his local and also a period as an International Representative, before his election to the International Executive Council in 1946.

In addition to his Brotherhood office, Brother Marciante has been president of the New Jersey State Federation of Labor since 1934.



**CHARLES J. FOEHN**  
*I.E.C. Member*

Charles J. Foehn, who has been Executive Council Member for the Seventh District since 1942, was initiated into L. U. 6 of San Francisco May 23, 1923. After serving his local as recording secretary and on the Examining and Executive Boards, he was elected business manager and financial secretary.

In addition to his Brotherhood duties, Brother Foehn is a Commissioner of the Board of Education and served 4 years on the San Francisco Housing Authority.



**WALTER E. REIF**  
*Second District*

Brother Walter E. Reif is a member of L. U. 1294, Hartford, Connecticut. He has been an IBEW member since February 1940. Originally Brother Reif was initiated into L. U. 1230 of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

He served his local as financial secretary, president and business manager before assignment to the International staff in April 1952. Brother Reif's principal work is in the radio, TV and recording field.



**RUSSELL H. OLSON**  
*Fourth District*

Initiated into L. U. 1359 of Chicago in January 1945, Brother Russell Olson was treasurer, then acting business manager of his local, prior to his assignment as an International Representative. That appointment was made in September 1952 and Brother Olson has been assigned to the Fourth District with his principal work in utilities ever since. He is married and the father of a son and two daughters.



**JOHN C. HOOD**  
*Sixth District*

Brother John Hood is a member of L. U. 1806, Cicero, Illinois. He has been an International Representative since November 1952, working principally in manufacturing. Brother Hood is married, has a grown daughter, and one five years old, and a 16-year-old son.

*We continue our photos and brief biographical sketches on our International Officers and Representatives.*



**V. L. BREUILLOT**  
*Ninth District*

Initiated in L. U. 100, Fresno, California, in May 1942, Brother Breuillot now has his card in L. U. 1245, San Francisco. He has served as an International Representative since September 1948, servicing and organizing construction, utility, maintenance and Civil Service groups.

A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Brother Breuillot has a proud IBEW heritage as five in his family are also members.



**ABOUT**

# Presidents

**WHO CHOSE TO RUN**



**P**RESIDENT Eisenhower has joined a long list of his predecessors in the White House who have sought reelection. For 20 of our past presidents have also made bids for a second term. However, not all of them have been successful.

Though space does not permit a review of all past presidential candidates for reelection, we thought our readers would be interested in recalling something of these past campaigns.

Back in the year 1800 there was the nip and tuck election involving John Adams (Federalist running for a second term), Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr. This tight election was thrown into the House of Representatives where the deadlock was not broken until the 56th ballot, February 17, 1801, which made Jefferson President.

(Incidentally a result of this tied election was addition of the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution providing that the Elec-



The most famous non-running president was the taciturn Calvin Coolidge who, in announcing that he was not available for a second term, said only: "I do not choose to run."

toral College vote separately for President and Vice President.)

Jefferson returned for a second term in 1804 on a landslide of 162 electoral votes. Then in 1808, following Washington's precedent, he declined to seek a third term.

An interesting sidelight, by the

way, on the campaigns of the 1800's is the fact that coonskin caps were popular headgear of candidates. Thomas Jefferson is said to have worn one, but fur side in.

A few years later, James Monroe, one-time Secretary of State to President Madison, had the unique experience of throwing his hat in an uncontested ring when in 1820 he ran for reelection. The Federalist party had ceased to exist, and Monroe, unopposed, carried all electoral votes of the 24 states but one. It is said this one vote was not cast for him so that George Washington would remain the only President ever elected unanimously by the Electoral College.

In 1828 John Quincy Adams lost his chance for reelection, being defeated by Andrew Jackson who rode in to the White House on a triumphal two-thirds majority of 178 electoral votes to Adams' 83. This was a vindication of Jackson who four years earlier had been nosed out at the wire by Adams after the election had been thrown into the House of Representatives.

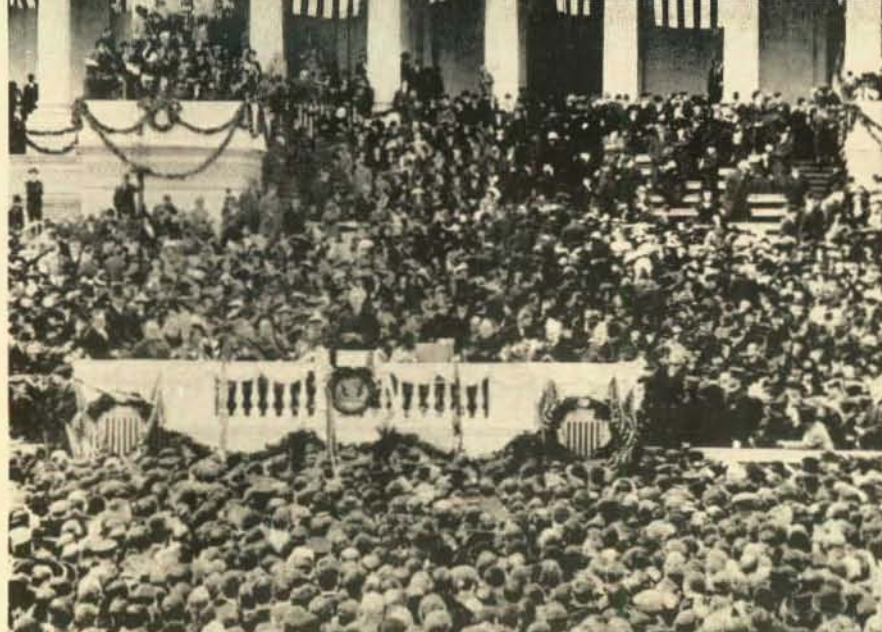
Andrew Jackson chose to run again in 1832, the year national conventions replaced "king caucus;" won the Democratic nomination and then defeated Henry Clay who opposed him.

When dapper Martin Van Buren attempted to win a second term for himself, the Whig party turned out for a rollicking campaign of songs

When William McKinley ran for a second term he did so in "front porch" campaign, making 214 talks. His efforts successfully returned him to office.







and parades to put William Henry Harrison in the White House, though he was fated to live but one short month after his inauguration. Harrison's campaigners, it is interesting to note, were the first to use ribbons, badges and campaign song books.

Colorful parades and processions and free barbecues were popular with campaigners of the 1860's. And those who supported Lincoln for a second term in 1864 were no exceptions, parading by torchlight and singing the rousing but not lyrical "Abraham the Great and General Grant his mate." Honest Abe carried 22 of the 25 northern states participating in this election.

Later in the 19th century, when Grover Cleveland in 1888 was running for reelection on the Democratic ticket, he was outdistanced by the Republican nominee, Benjamin Harrison, grandson of William Henry Harrison, in a campaign much like the "log cabin and hard cider" battle waged by his grandfather in 1840. However, Cleveland made a come-back in 1892, winning an overwhelming victory over Harrison.

"Silver tongued" William Jennings Bryan and Adlai E. Stevenson, one-time Vice President under Cleveland, were not able to keep William McKinley from securing a second term in the White House in 1900 after he promised the nation

Only Franklin D. Roosevelt has ever been elected three times. He is here addressing Democratic convention in 1932. Twenty-second amendment now in effect prohibits future third terms.

a Republican "full dinner pail." Teddy Roosevelt acceded to the Presidency when McKinley was assassinated, and won the post of Chief Executive in his own right in 1904. Turning up again as a candidate in 1912, the vigorous Teddy, running on a Progressive ticket, lost out to Woodrow Wilson. Four years later President Wilson made good his bid for reelection with the slogan "he kept us out of war."

A few years later a nation which had "kept cool with Coolidge," heard him announce in 1928 that he did not "choose to run." The Republicans then turned to Herbert Hoover as their candidate. Although Hoover could defeat the "Happy Warrior," Al Smith, in 1928, he could not make good his try for a second term. The lean "dinner pails" which had resulted from the crash of 1929, proved Hoover's downfall in 1932 and brought Franklin Roosevelt into the Presidential chair.

Many of us remember that when FDR ran for his second term against the Republican combina-

This was the scene when Woodrow Wilson took the oath of office a second time. He won re-election on the campaign theme "he kept us out of war." Twenty past presidents have made a try for second terms but not all of them have been successful in efforts.

tion of Alfred Landon and Frank Knox, he carried every state except Maine and Vermont. This was in spite of such Republican props as Landon shopping bags which listed the rise in prices from 1933 to 1936 for such items as eggs which had skyrocketed from 27 to 36 cents per dozen. (In this contest FDR polled 27,750,000 votes, the largest popular vote of any candidate in the history of our nation.)

In more recent times we remember how Harry Truman who had finished out Roosevelt's fourth term, whistle-stopped across the country in the vigorous 1948 campaign to win his place in the White House on his own. And we remember that he, like Coolidge, declined to run again, even though the 22nd Amendment which had been ratified during his term of office, and which limited Presidential tenure of office to a possible 10-year span, did not affect him.

Over the years, 33 men have sat in the White House as Chief Executive, and of this number, as we have said, 20 past presidents have carried on campaigns for reelection.

Once again this November, when bands are stilled and speeches hushed, and coonskin hats and campaign buttons put away, the people of America will have their say at the polls. They will be in a position once again to choose to return a Chief Executive to the White House as they have done many times, or make a citizen, one of themselves, President of the United States.





# With the Ladies



## It's That Time Again

**Y**ES, girls, it's that time of year again, the wonderful resurrection season of the year, when old Mother Nature comes out of hiding, throws off the gray mantle of winter and dons the gay green robes of spring.

So with that bit of introduction, what say we think about a bit of resurrection in our own lives.

First off, what about doing something about changing our own appearance, and like every growing plant, blooming flower, furred animal or radiant bird, putting our best foot forward for spring.

Take a good look in the mirror. What has winter done to you? Has the dry indoors and lack of exercise made your complexion flaky, muddy, dry looking? Get busy today to remedy that situation. There are lots of wonderful cosmetic aids on the market you may use to give yourself a facial, but you can do it all by yourself with a simple kitchen aid if you want to. White of egg spread over your face and neck, allowed to dry and washed off with lots of cold water will do the trick. So will a paste of cornmeal, applied in the same way.

Do invest in a jar of face cream with plenty of oil or lanolin, though, to put freshness into your skin. And



if you can, invest in some new make-up—the pink tones are lovely this spring and will do wonders for your morale.

### Starting at the Top

Next take a look at the "crowning glory." Is it that or does it look more like your second-best rag mop? Get

busy with brush and shampoo and a rinse if you need one.

And if a permanent is indicated, you couldn't find a better season.

Now, is your mirror full length? If so, take a look and be honest. Has the long winter with those cozy nights of television and those irresistible little snacks, done terrible things to your figure? Get with it girls! A 10-day diet can whittle off five to 10 pounds and a month can put you in trim again.

Next step—the wardrobe closet. It's spring and don't you dare step out again in one shabby, winter-worn dress. Now I know you probably can't afford a whole new wardrobe—what working gal or worker's wife can, BUT you can do something with what you have.

Go over everything you own. Right now, pack away the heavy clothes you won't need again till next winter and give your spring and summer clothes a chance to breathe.

Scrub out the closet and use cologne in the water to give it a nice, fresh, flowery smell.

Then clean and press and mend your clothes. If there are white touches, wash them really white. Then



*We only ask for sunshine,  
We did not want the rain;  
But see the flowers that spring  
from showers  
All up and down the plain—  
We beg the gods for laughter,  
We shrink; we dread the tears;  
But grief's redress is happiness  
Alternate through the years.*

HELEN WHITNEY





see what you can do by way of getting a few "fresheners." A new collar or bow or a bunch of spring flowers can do wonders for brightening a last year's dress or suit.

And speaking of flowers—I have an old black hat I doctor up to fit whatever I wear. I have several flowers—roses in different colors, a small bunch of field flowers, even a little bunch of cherries—my hat is perfectly plain. I pin a flower at the edge of the brim to set off my costume and feel quite festive and I've even been accused of having 3 new hats this spring.

My old beige suit takes on a fresh look when set off by the copper rose on my hat. My old lavender and black print takes on a new air when overshadowed by a big pink rose on the brim. And even my old winter black gabardine looks less drab when I add a bunch of cherries to the same old bonnet.

Well ladies, there are a few notes about adopting spring and resurrection onto the outer you.

What about the inner you? Seems that spring is the time to bring out the best in everyone.

Animals mate in the spring, birds build their nests. It's the perfect time to take stock of our own home life and strive to make it happier.

Make your home a cheerful place this spring with fresh curtains and spring flowers. Make your meals pretty and appetizing. But first and foremost, take the warmth, the gentleness, the love of spring into your own heart and let it pour forth again to all you meet.

New Years has always been the traditional day for making resolutions. I think Easter would be a better day for a rebirth of our ideals and ambitions and our resolutions for good.

The Good Lord knows it isn't easy to be cheerful and patient in these days and times—but we can try. And it's amazing how friendliness, cheerfulness and goodwill brush off on others and make them change too.

Just for this spring, let's all develop what has been termed in recent years, "the power of positive thinking." Instead of thinking things are bad, life is against you, your luck has all left you—reverse the process. As each new day dawns, think, this may be the best day of my life and then set out to make it so. If it doesn't turn out to be—you've lost nothing and one thing we'll guarantee—it was a better day than it would have been—had you started it in pessimism and gloom.

That's all for now girls. Happy spring! See you next month!

## Cooking-Chinese Style

Last month, in answer to a request, we ran the know-how on some of the most popular Italian recipes. This month we respond to another request and give you some authentic Chinese recipes. Grocery stores in the Chinese section of your city will be able to support you with ingredients.

### SWEET AND SOUR PORK (Tiem-Shoon Gee-Yoke)

½ tsp. seasoning powder	1 cup sugar
1 tsp. light soy sauce	1 cup vinegar
2 tbs. sherry wine	1 cup sweet pickle (plain or mixed) cut in 1 inch pieces
½ tsp. fresh ginger, crushed	2 large green peppers, cut in strips
1½ lbs. fresh raw pork, cut in 1 inch cubes	1 large tomato, cut in 8 or 10 wedges
3 eggs, beaten	1 cup canned pineapple, cut in cubes
½ cup flour	
3 tbs. cornstarch	
1 tsp. heavy soy sauce	
1 cup water	

Mix seasoning powder, light soy sauce, sherry wine and ginger together. Soak the cubed pork in this mixture for at least 10 minutes.

Beat eggs, flour and 2 tbs. of the cornstarch together until smooth paste is formed. Remove pork and dip in this batter and then fry in hot peanut oil until golden brown.

Mix remaining tbs. of cornstarch with heavy soy sauce and add ½ cup water. Stir well.

Pour 1 cup water in hot skillet, add sugar and vinegar and cook till sugar is dissolved. Then add pickle, peppers, tomato and pineapple and cook 2 minutes. Add the cornstarch—soy sauce mixture and stir-fry for 2 minutes.

Add fried pork and stir-fry until gravy thickens and is smooth. (Serves 3.)

### PORK FRIED RICE (Gee-Yoke Chow Fan)

6 tbs. peanut oil	2 tsp. seasoning powder
1½ tsp. salt	4 tsp. light soy sauce
2 eggs, well beaten	10 cups cold cooked rice
2 cups diced cooked pork (chicken, or other meat may be substituted)	1 cup fresh scallions, chopped fine
2 cups bean sprouts	2 tsp. heavy soy sauce
1 cup onions, chopped fine	½ tsp. pepper

Put peanut oil in hot skillet. Add the salt and stir. Add eggs and fry 1 minute or until firm. Then add meat, bean sprouts, onions, seasoning powder and soy sauce. Mix well and fry 2 minutes. Add rice and chopped scallions. Fry and keep stirring for 4 minutes. Add heavy soy sauce and pepper and mix well. (Serves 6.)

### PORK CHOP SUEY (Gee Dep Suey)

(This is a basic recipe, may be served over crisp noodles as chow mein.)

1 tbs. peanut oil	1 tsp. light soy sauce
1 tsp. salt	2 tbs. sherry wine
1 clove garlic, crushed	Few drops of sesame oil
1 cup raw lean pork, cut in thin slivers	½ cup soup stock
1 cup Chinese cabbage, sliced thin	1 tbs. cornstarch
1 cup celery, sliced thin	1 tsp. seasoning powder
3 cups bean sprouts	1 tsp. sugar
1 cup onion, sliced thin	1 tsp. heavy soy sauce
	Dash of pepper

Mix light soy sauce, sherry wine and sesame oil together and add 1 tbs. water. Stir well. Mix cornstarch, seasoning powder, sugar, heavy soy sauce and pepper with ½ cup water. Stir well. These should be ready before you begin to cook.

Put peanut oil in a hot skillet and add the salt and garlic. Add the pork and stir-fry for 2 minutes. Then add the cabbage, celery, bean sprouts and onion. Stir-fry 2 more minutes. Then add the soy sauce-wine mixture. Stir thoroughly—about 1 minute. Add the soup stock, cover and cook 3 minutes.

Then add cornstarch-seasoning mixture. Stir thoroughly until gravy thickens and is smooth. (Serves 2.)





## WHO DID THAT?

**M**UCH of all history is, unhappily, associated with war. Some of the actions of these wars live always in man's memory while those responsible for them may be forgotten. Sometimes heroic men are long remembered though we forget precisely what their deeds were.

Here's a chance to test your memory of men and deeds by playing a short game of "Who did that?"

You can score yourself Excellent for 9 or 10 correct answers; Very Good for 8 correct; Good for 6 or 7 correct and Fair for 5 correct.

1. Who led an army of infantry, cavalry and elephants across the Alps into Italy during the Second Punic War?

2. Who met heroic death with his band of 300 Spartans defending the pass of Thermopylae against a great Persian invasion?

3. Who crossed the Rubicon back in 49 B.C. and in three months became master of all Italy?

4. Who was the British hero who led his ships to victory at Trafalgar, after first reminding his men, "England expects that every man will do his duty"?

5. Who was the young American captain caught behind British lines and sentenced to hang as a spy that showed his glowing patriotism by saying, "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country"?

6. Who was the "Iron Duke" that led the force which crushed Napoleon's power forever at Waterloo?

7. In the fight for Texas independence, who was the hero of San Jacinto, defeating a force of 1600 Mexicans with only 800 men?

8. Who led 276 soldiers of the United States Seventh Cavalry to their brave last stand in the Battle of the Little Big Horn?

9. Who served as a colonel in the Rough Riders, which he had organized, and led in a famous charge up San Juan Hill during the Spanish-American War? (A few years later he became President of the United States.)

10. Who sent back the famous answer "Aw, nuts," to a formal German surrender demand during the battle of Bastogne in World War II?

(Answers on page 88)

### Combined Issue Cuts Our Journal Cost

Because of economy measures, in order to keep our JOURNAL within its budget of 10 cents per month per member, we have found it necessary in the past three years to run one combined issue of our JOURNAL annually. We are making this issue, March-April, the combined JOURNAL for this year. All material for "Local Lines" and all "In Memoriams" sent in by our correspondents for the March or April issue, have been published in this JOURNAL.

In addition to helping us meet our JOURNAL budget, we hope to be able to mail you your JOURNAL on better schedule by running this combined issue early in the year.

We hope to mail the May issue of the JOURNAL to you about the first of May and all subsequent issues on approximately the first of the month.

Once more we should like to express our sincere appreciation to our correspondents, local union officers and readers who help us make our magazine one which we hope is worthwhile.

Many thanks too, for your fine letters of encouragement.

### Freeman Addresses Army Command School



Recently International President Freeman was a guest speaker at the Command Management School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. In attendance were 54 post commanders, staff officers and civilian officials, including three major generals and four brigadier generals. President Freeman's subject was "Labor-Management Relations." The group was a most interested and cooperative one. It is an encouraging and gratifying sign when the "top brass" of the military invites a labor leader to present the true views and policies of organized labor for their information. Pictured above are, left: Gen. P. L. Freeman, Gen. B. L. Milburn, President Freeman and Gen. R. W. Ward.



## Remember! You've got to be registered to vote! Make that deadline!

STATE	PRIMARY	RUN-OFF	FINAL REGISTRATION DATE		CIVILIAN ABSENTEE VOTING
			PRIMARY	GENERAL ELECTION	
Alabama	May 1	May 29	April 20	October 26	No
Arizona	September 11		July 6	October 1	Yes
Arkansas	Preference: July 31 General: August 14		No registration. Voter must have current poll tax receipt.		Yes
California	June 5		April 12	September 13	Yes
Colorado	September 11		August 27	October 22	Yes
Connecticut	New primary law. (D) September 5 (R) September 7			Statewide registration days: September 29 and October 13	Yes
Delaware	No direct primary.		July 11	Statewide: October 6 and 20	Yes
Florida	May 8	May 29	April 7	October 6	Yes
Georgia	September 12		May 5	May 5	Yes
Idaho	August 14		August 11	November 3	Yes
Illinois	April 10		March 12	October 8	Yes
Indiana	May 8		April 10	October 8	Yes
Iowa	June 4		Des Moines: May 25	Des Moines: October 27 Elsewhere: November 3	Yes
Kansas	August 7		Kansas City, Topeka, Wichita: July 17		October 16 Yes
			Elsewhere:		
			July 27	October 26	
Kentucky	August 4		June 6	September 8	Yes
Louisiana	July 31	September 4	June 30	October 6	No
Maine	June 18 General Election: September 10		Dates vary.		Yes
Maryland	May 7		Dates vary.		No
Massachusetts	September 18		August 17	October 5	Yes
Michigan	August 7		July 9	October 8	Yes
Minnesota	September 11		August 21	October 16	Yes
Mississippi	August 28	September 18	July 6	July 6	Yes
Missouri	August 7		Varies throughout State.		Yes
Montana	June 5		April 20	September 20	Yes
Nebraska	May 15		Lincoln and Omaha:		Yes
			May 4	October 26	
Nevada	September 4		August 4	October 6	Yes
New Hampshire	September 11		Varies in towns.		Yes
			Cities: September 1	Cities: October 27	
New Jersey	April 17		March 8	September 27	Yes
New Mexico	May 8		April 9	October 8	No
New York	June 5		Registration for 1955 General Election makes one eligible for 1956 primary. Exact dates in October for General Election to be set by 1956 Legislature.		Yes
North Carolina	May 26	June 23	May 12	October 27	Yes
North Dakota	June 26		No state-wide registration.		Yes
Ohio	May 8		March 28	September 26	Yes
Oklahoma	July 3	July 24	June 22	October 26	Yes
Oregon	May 18		April 17	October 6	Yes
Pennsylvania	April 24		March 5	September 17	No
Rhode Island	(R) September 17 (D) September 26		July 19	September 7	Yes
South Carolina	June 12	June 26	May 12	October 6	No
South Dakota	June 5		May 19	October 29	Yes
Tennessee	August 2		Counties over 25,000:		Yes
			July 13	October 17	
			Counties under 25,000:		
			July 23	October 27	
Texas	July 28	August 25	No registration. Voter must have current poll tax receipt or exemption certificate.		Yes
Utah	September 11		August 7, 21 and 28	October 9, 16, 30 and 31	Yes
Vermont	September 11		Consult Board of Authority of place of residence for dates.		Yes
Virginia	July 10		June 9	October 6	Yes
Washington	September 11		August 16	October 5	Yes
West Virginia	May 8		April 7	October 6	Yes
Wisconsin	September 11		August 29	October 24	Yes
Wyoming	August 21		By mail: August 5 In person: August 21		Yes

The foregoing information is subject to changes made in special or 1956 sessions of state legislatures.  
Source: Voters Bureau, Democratic National Committee.





# EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

*Minutes and Report of the International Executive Council  
Regular Meeting Beginning March 5, 1956*

Council members present: Paulsen, Marciante, McMillian, Scholtz, Broach, Carle, Foehn and Patterson. Caffrey could not attend because of undergoing a recent operation.

The Council's last minutes and report were approved.

We examined and filed the auditor's reports.

## PLACED ON RETIREMENT

Alfred Shackelford, International Representative, was placed on the disability list April 1, 1954. He now requests that he be transferred to the retirement list. This was granted—effective April 1, 1956—in accord with Article III, Section 11, paragraph (2) of our Constitution.

## INTERNATIONAL CHARGE

Our Constitution—Article IV, Section 3, paragraph (9)—empowers the International President to take charge of the affairs of any Local Union when this is necessary to protect or advance the interest of its members or the I.B.E.W.

If the President or his representative has not adjusted the Local Union's affairs within six months, the entire case must be referred to the Executive Council.

President Freeman referred to us the case of Local Union 271 of Wichita, Kansas. After reviewing this case the Council decided that International charge (or supervision) of its affairs shall continue until further notice.

## CASE OF F. M. VARNEY, JR.

He belongs to mixed Local Union 637 of Roanoke, Virginia. Its Trial Board found him guilty of violating Article XXVII, Section 2, paragraphs (8), (9) and (10) of the I.B.E.W. Constitution. These provisions read:

"(8) Creating or attempting to create dissatisfaction or dissension among any of the members or among L. U.'s of the I.B.E.W."

"(9) Working in the interest of any organization or cause which is detrimental to, or opposed to, the I.B.E.W.

"(10) Slandering or otherwise wronging a member of the I.B.E.W. by any wilful act or acts."

Varney was assessed \$175.00. He appealed to Vice President Blankenship who held a hearing in the case. Blankenship dismissed two of the charges—of violating paragraphs (8) and (9) quoted above. However, he upheld the Trial Board in finding Varney guilty of violating paragraph (10) quoted above. He also upheld the assessment of \$175.00.

Upon appealing to President Freeman, the assessment was reduced to \$75.00. The President held that since two of the charges were dismissed, the original amount of the assessment should not remain.

Varney now appeals to this Executive Council. Upon reviewing this case, we find no reason to grant the appeal—and it is denied.

## CASE OF RICHARD J. BRENNAN

Brennan belongs to Utility Local Union 1339 of Buffalo, New York. He appealed to Vice President Liggett to have a grievance reopened. He filed the grievance in 1948—two years after he returned from military service. Liggett denied the appeal. Brennan then appealed to President Freeman whose decision stated:

"1. You filed your grievance January 26, 1948 and failed to follow the grievance procedure outlined in the collective bargaining agreement.

"2. Your case was heard, investigated and dismissed by the Department of Labor, Division of Veterans' Re-employment Rights.

"3. The International Representative assigned to hold the hearing in your case, found your claim to be without merit."

In his appeal to this Executive Council, Brennan complains that a copy of the job seniority roster in his department was not supplied to him. He wants us to obtain this for him. Upon studying the record in this case we find that such seniority roster would not change the facts.

We also find Brennan's claim to be without merit. And we deny the appeal.



### CASE OF LOCAL UNION 561

This Railroad Local Union—of Montreal, Quebec, Canada—appeals a case involving the seniority listing of J. Boyle.

The Local Union claims this member is not entitled to the seniority—given him by the Railroad General Chairman—which dates back to April 1, 1947. Instead, the Local contends he is entitled only to seniority beginning with May of 1955.

A review of this case clearly shows that Boyle was placed on the wrong seniority list by mistake. Because of this, when others had the opportunity to accept the April 1, 1947 seniority date, Boyle did not.

The Railroad General Chairman ruled that Boyle should be given the April 1, 1947 date because he could have chosen this date if the opportunity had been given him.

The General Chairman's decision was approved by Vice President Duffy, in charge of railroad matters. The case was appealed to President Freeman. He too saw the justice in the decisions already rendered. The Local Union now appeals to this Executive Council.

Upon studying this case we find no reason whatever for granting the appeal. We find the decisions rendered were just and fair. So we deny the appeal.

### CASE OF WILLIAM LAMMERT

This member is on withdrawal card. He lost his continuous standing in 1947 by an arrearage in his dues payment. This affected his pension and death benefit rights.

The files show that after Lammert last wrote the International Office about restoring his standing, he waited over one year before appealing to this Council.

However, we could not consider this appeal because it is long beyond the time limit (30 days) set in our Constitution.

### CASE OF WILLIAM WOELLER

Woeller belongs to Inside Local Union 363 of Spring Valley, New York. Its Trial Board found him guilty of violating the following bylaws:

"Article VI, Section 4: The Business Manager shall issue all working cards."

"Article XIV, Section 5: The handling of jobs for unemployed members shall be under the full supervision and direction of the Business Manager's office. He shall devise such means as he considers practical and fair in distributing available jobs to such members—if they are qualified to do the work. Members violating any rule or plan established shall be penalized by the Executive Board."

Woeller was assessed \$135.00. He appealed to Vice President Liggett who had an investigation conducted. After this Liggett denied the appeal. President Freeman upheld Liggett.

Now Woeller appeals to this Council. He was specifically charged with being unemployed and returning to work without clearing through the Business Manager's office. The record indicates there is a uniform application of this rule in the Local Union.

When working for an out-of-town contractor, having no agreement with the Local Union, any transfer or periods of unemployment should be reported. This practice is general throughout the I.B.E.W. jurisdiction.

However, some members insist on every "democratic right" regardless of the welfare of other members, and threaten civil court action at the drop of a hat. The Local Union, by democratic action, established rules governing unemployed members. These rules are simple.

The record indicates the Business Manager has applied those rules uniformly. There is nothing to show that any individual has been denied the right to work. Nor that he has been denied the right to work for a specific employer. We find that the Local Union has asked only that the rules, adopted by the membership, be lived up to.

We deny the appeal.

(The foregoing is a digest of the detailed decision mailed to William Woeller.)

### CASE OF A. D. LEE

Lee belongs to Railroad Local Union 889 of Los Angeles, California. Its Trial Board found him guilty of violating Article XXVII, Section 2, paragraphs (2) and (8) of the I.B.E.W. Constitution.

Lee was assessed \$300.00. Vice President Duffy denied his appeal. President Freeman sustained Duffy. Lee now appeals to this Council.

The Local Railroad Chairman wrote this letter to the railroad Master Mechanic:

"Dear Sir: May 31, 1955

In regard to Electricians in Los Angeles who ride Special trains or who relieve train riders on vacations, or who are ill.

Until additional men are put on train riding to reduce the hours worked from 228 hours per month to a more reasonable hours in line with work at home point, these Electricians will claim time under Rule 10 of Schedule of Rules, for all relief work.

Signed: Dean E. Watson  
Local Chairman."

### All Agreed

All furloughed train riders in Los Angeles agreed to abide by the above letter. Lee, with full knowledge of this letter, volunteered to go relief train riding.



Lee's action destroyed the attempt to better conditions because others were forced to return to riding to protect their seniority which they would have otherwise lost.

The files in this case clearly show that Lee is guilty as charged. And we so find. He violated some of the fundamental rules and principles of unionism—also our Constitution. We deny his appeal.

### PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY

President Freeman and Secretary Keenan discussed several matters with us.

President Freeman reported his appointment of committees to adjust jurisdiction differences with the Carpenters, Machinists and Engineers. Also that an amendment to the existing I.B.E.W.-Iron Workers agreement—providing for notice of cancellation by either party, with a written interpretation of the agreement—had been negotiated.

The agreement with the Iron Workers provides that approval must be given by the Executive Council of each organization. So we approved the amendment and the written interpretation.

We also approved certain payments for legal defense, from the Defense Fund, as provided for in Article XI, Section 2 of our Constitution.

### Transfer of Funds

The amendment to Article II of our Constitution—adopted by the membership last July—provides that whenever the Convention Fund exceeds \$1,250,000 the excess may be transferred to the General Fund by the Executive Council.

Therefore, we authorized Secretary Keenan to automatically make such transfer from time to time.

Secretary Keenan reported that the beneficiaries of 2,213 deceased members had received our death benefits for the year 1955. He also reported that 7,118 members were receiving the I.B.E.W. pension February 29, 1956. There were 6,476 more members eligible for the pension as of that date. But these have not yet taken their pension.

The International Secretary also reported on the investment of I.B.E.W. funds.

### PENSIONS APPROVED

The Executive Council approved the following pension applications:

Card In The I.O.	Formerly of L. U.
Tassi, Albert	6
Lawson, Raymond O.	9
Difley, Charles M.	18
Kreidt, August E.	18
Wood, William E.	35
Emley, John	38
Gunn, Percy H.	39
Mayers, Colin	40
Potts, Charles R.	40
Nordstrom, Edward	46

Card In The I.O.	Formerly of L. U.
Horwath, Charles	52
Simms, John W.	52
Hughes, Lambert B.	58
Schleppe, Arthur M.	58
Lowry, Robert W.	76
Hartzell, Charles R.	77
Kramer, Martin	77
Veit, Joseph B.	77
VonSeggern, William	102
Dowling, John S.	103
Cassassa, Louis	104
Bales, Elmer W.	125
Lenton, Howard	134
Thomas, C. W.	151
Briggs, Orin S.	163
Vincent, Chester P.	180
DeBow, Earl E.	245
Lennon, Albert J.	296
Rhinehart, E. A.	311
Somerville, Byron	348
Simmons, M. L.	446
Trager, H. Allan	458
Starkey, W. R.	481
Herron, I. R.	540
Snodgrass, Ira S.	569
Doherty, Eugene	629
Calhoun, James M.	671
Backman, Oscar G.	697
Miskowicz, Frank	713
Evrard, James A.	735
Jones, John R.	748
Butt, Melvin	785
Smith, Francis M.	837
Storey, Albert L.	837
Brown, Fred U.	889
Moorman, Arthur L.	896
Bresina, Thomas J.	953
Kruger, Walter E.	1147
Berrigan, Thomas W.	1249
Hufford, Daniel C.	1393

### Membership in L. U.

Coates, Harry C.	1
Finke, J. Herman	1
Lehmkuhl, John J.	1
Meyer, John A.	1
Ramsey, Loomis A.	1
Royer, Walter D.	1
Hennessey, James T.	2
Burkhardt, George H.	3
Carlson, Otto	3
Cole, Clarence R.	3
Dawson, Edgar S.	3
DeVita, Louis A.	3
Grossman, Perry O.	3
Hall, Myron B.	3
Harte, Joseph A.	3
Hoppe, Edward O.	3
Keegan, James	3
Randolph, Robert	3
Rogers, Thomas G.	3
Ruppert, Fred W.	3
VanDerveer, D. W.	3
Waldinger, Henry	3
Weiner, Benjamin	3
Barnes, Robert A.	5
McCullough, William D.	5
O'Kain, Joseph J.	5
White, Myron P.	5
Alexander, Elias C.	6
Belasco, Dave	6
Dinelli, Joseph	6



	Membership in L. U.		Membership in L. U.
Doyle, James	6	Lorentz, William N.	122
Scherff, Henry W.	8	Hutton, R. L.	124
Bell, Edward P.	9	Furbush, Lynn	125
Koehn, Fred W.	9	Copas, Joseph H.	129
Prindeville, Frank J.	9	Ameye, Edmond	134
Sanders, Walter J.	9	Beckman, William H.	134
Sunderman, Louis H.	9	County, Alfred J.	134
Duears, Clement H.	11	Derby, Frank S.	134
Hovey, Donald C.	11	Fischer, Clemens E.	134
Hay, Frank M.	11	Foley, James F.	134
Kleinberg, Abe	11	Gundberg, Throwald	134
Marrone, Joseph S.	11	Hankel, Charles B.	134
Bigelow, William	18	Holton, Thomas J.	134
Cain, B. G.	18	Hruby, John L.	134
Dlugosh, F. E.	18	Jensen, James P.	134
Hanks, John M.	18	Kohlmeyer, Frederick L.	134
Roberts, Charles F.	18	Lawrence H.	134
Sears, William T.	18	Ledwith, James	134
Andersen, John M.	22	Madigan, Jeramiah	134
Franz, Isidor C.	28	Mador, Fenelon P.	134
Gladfelter, William	28	Mitchell, Ralph A.	134
Kenker, Vernon M.	28	McRae, Thomas	134
Reinhardt, Franz, J.	31	O'Meara, Michael C.	134
Jerome, Ernest	34	Rouse, Douglas N.	134
Lorentz, William	34	Slott, Harry	134
McLaren, Donald	34	Thomson, Henry E.	134
Perry, Grant A.	34	Troike, Edward F.	134
Hartman, Joseph C.	38	Zetek, Edward	134
O'Neil, Patrick J.	38	Ellis, Joe L.	136
Stentz, Fred D.	38	Gilbert, G. R.	136
Bertram, Walter M.	40	Keyser, Earl W.	141
Banasik, Stanley	41	Meagle, Edward W.	141
McCarthy, Joseph	41	Swope, Morgan D.	143
Ruth, Edward	41	Moses, Edward	145
Morelan, C. L.	46	Kilps, Ben C.	159
Woods, Edwin J.	46	McBride, G. E.	180
Pettingell, George	48	Widener, Harvey	180
Thompson, Ivan E.	48	Roscoe, Maurice P.	184
Beavers, Edward J.	52	Saul, Russell	193
Eager, Charles	52	Lake, Earl B.	195
Denison, William E.	58	Bach, Davis C.	211
Flarity, Channing	58	Koehler, Edgar L.	211
Kahler, Charles	58	Lynch, Chester K.	211
Metcalf, Charles B.	58	Paxson, William W.	211
Parks, Archie	58	Kennedy, George W.	212
Platte, Arnold	58	Goldney, Joseph	213
Ponkey, Albert	58	Babineau, Frederick J.	214
Rebels, John W.	58	Lynch, Austin J.	214
Wolf, Albert	58	Gatenby, Crawford L.	224
Janelli, Sam	59	Clegg, Walter L.	224
Archer, Eunice L.	69	Edmond, John	292
Gansen, Michael C.	76	Barricklow, Ernest E.	309
Bailey, Clarence M.	77	Boskamp, B. H. Sr.	309
Fogerty, John S.	77	Nevels, Rufus M.	309
Hoffman, Felix B.	77	Chamberlin, F. A.	311
Lammers, E. H.	77	Sears, Walter G.	311
Osborne, Joseph B.	77	Feser, Albert L.	324
Sarich, Steve	77	Kitley, Frank H.	339
Thompson, O. P.	77	Howard, Wilfred W.	349
Poock, Elmer H.	82	Leggett, LeRoy A.	352
Cooley, William S.	84	Gracey, Thomas P.	353
Daniell, A. G.	84	Sturup, Carl	353
Davis, Percy E.	84	Brown, W. M.	357
McGinnis, John N. Sr.	84	Broad, Harry	367
Dooley, Joseph P.	98	Schwegman, Joseph H.	369
Henson, Charles J.	98	Dayton, Mortimer	397
Schulz, Paul A.	98	Smith, Leo E.	405
Waltz, Harry H.	98	Cobb, Charles	409
Hine, William H.	102	Shannon, James	409
Fagerstrom, A. Edward	103	Boroff, E. R.	411
Kelley, Frank L.	103	Lackey, George R.	426
Luby, Fred J.	103	Pullman, Walter J.	429
Queeney, John F.	103	Jensen, Hans	430
Boyle, John J.	104	Keeton, George J.	459



**Membership  
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Sheridan, John T. ....	459
Neal, Rey .....	465
Nickless, Joseph .....	471
Janssen, Frank A. ....	477
Corder, Lee L. ....	479
Baldwin, Roy .....	481
Hemphill, Noral R. ....	481
Michael, W. E. ....	481
Bauer, George P. ....	494
Meritz, Walter .....	494
Moehring, Roman .....	494
Schneider, Edward W. ....	494
Schweitzer, Leonard .....	494
Withrow, Henry G. ....	494
Hadsall, John S. ....	499
Ruckel, LeRoy .....	501
Hill, James W. ....	508
Remmes, Joseph T. ....	522
Seiber, Ray O. ....	539
Giles, John C. ....	558
Twomey, R. M. ....	558
Thompson, P. D. ....	561
Fraser, John R. ....	567
Croston, George .....	569
Kennedy, Kenneth B. ....	569
Hickox, Charles S. ....	574
LeFeure, Alphonse A. ....	574
Weaver, Charles L. ....	587
Greene, David W. ....	589
Kehres, Elmer .....	595
Richardson, R. R. ....	595
Sequine, George B. ....	595
Havens, Edward M. ....	609
Clay, Newton P. ....	611
Lambert, N. A. ....	617
Morrison, Charles H. ....	617
Poloncic, Frank .....	618
Turner, John E. ....	618
Melanson, William P. ....	629
Hentze, Robert .....	631
Frith, Lewis A. ....	637
Smith, Joseph G. ....	640
Elkey, Arthur J. ....	649
William, E. ....	656
Bogart, John .....	660
Yersin, Anton .....	663
Nagel, Charles H. ....	665
Kessel, Herman W. ....	681
Wigton, J. Albert .....	694
Davis, Lawrence H. ....	697
Golubiewski, Thomas .....	713
Potter, A. V. ....	716
Sorenson, Einer .....	729
Davis, Cleveland A. ....	734
Krug, Anton B. ....	748
Bright, Leon E. ....	765
Bowen, Dee W. ....	800
Sutton, Duncan .....	814
Wallace, Albert .....	817
Blakley, Ernest .....	837
English, James R. ....	837
Secor, Walter E. ....	859
Ruhl, Charles A. ....	865
Bonar, D. A. ....	889
Hudspeth, Lee .....	889
Johnston, Elgin T. ....	889
Smith, I. E. ....	896
Watson, Joe .....	1002
Galec, Joseph .....	1091
Hicks, Wade F. ....	1141
Knott, George .....	1392
Storey, Charles .....	1392
Hamilton, Raymer C. ....	1831
Wright, Paul E. ....	1831

**BIRTH DATES CORRECTED**

Acceptable evidence was submitted to the Council and corrections have been made in the International records of the birth dates of the following members:

	<b>Membership in L. U.</b>
Frank, Benjamin .....	3
James, Frank .....	3
Platton, Ben .....	3
Totten, John J. ....	3
Currie, Philip .....	25
Greaney, William .....	25
LaTart, Oliver A. ....	43
Hathaway, Earl R. ....	51
Mosby, D. C. ....	53
Casey, Pat W. ....	77
Eller, Steve C. ....	84
Schenek, James E. ....	125
Wehner, Herman .....	125
Pedersen, Ludwig .....	214
Meeker, George W. ....	278
Zabel, Harry E. ....	292
Hoskins, P. D. ....	409
Albers, Leo .....	522
Pritchard, John J. ....	684
Boutet, Philip .....	713
Gibson, Jack .....	723
Kindred, Robert D. ....	760
Cadden, David .....	886
Rowe, Gustave C. ....	1245
Byrd, William .....	Card in I.O.
Leachman, Guy F. ....	Card in I.O.
Seymour, Otto B. ....	Card in I.O.
Davenport, Wm. J. ....	Card in I.O.
Krone, William C. ....	Card in I.O.
Spilman, Sierra S. ....	Card in I.O.
Miller, Fred G. ....	Card in I.O.
Tait, Joseph H. ....	Card in I.O.
Wiley, Jake F. ....	Card in I.O.
Benton, William B. ....	Card in I.O.
Connolly, Patrick .....	Card in I.O.
Erickson, William E. ....	Card in I.O.

**BIRTH DATES NOT CHANGED**

Requests for changes in birth dates in the International records of the following members were denied:

	<b>Membership in L. U.</b>
Mandolas, Andrew .....	77
Andrews, Gordon C. ....	84
Murphy, Walter J. ....	84
Sieber, Dewey L. ....	193
Wiegand, Hugo R. ....	Card in I.O.

The records will be changed—to show a different date from what was originally given—when acceptable evidence is submitted to the Council.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The Executive Council adjourned late Thursday, March 8, 1956.

Our next regular meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. Monday, June 18, 1956.

H. H. BROACH,  
*Secretary of  
Executive Council*



## Local's Aid to Stricken Families

L. U. 1 ST. LOUIS, MO.—Instead of our usual Christmas party for the membership, Local No. 1 this year applied the money for direct relief to members and their families who suffered misfortunes. Thousands of dollars that had been used for entertainment and toys at the party were used to bring happiness and cheer to those whose Christmas would not have been so bright.

At the last district progress meetings held throughout the Brotherhood, our new International President Gordon Freeman stressed in his talks that local unions must start a vigorous campaign to secure electrical repair work being done in its jurisdiction. Local No. 1 has had this campaign in progress for some time and this work has been profitable to some of the smaller contractors who have volunteered to equip trucks with tools and equipment to specialize in this branch of electrical work.

One of the big factors in this work is getting qualified electricians to do the work cheaply enough so that the contractor can sell the service to homeowners, who are "do-it-yourself" conditioned these days. There has been no reduction of wage scale for this type of work, but we have made

# Local Lines

## NEWS FROM THE LOCALS

an all-out effort in cooperation with the power company, the contractor and dealers to secure this work for our membership. Newspaper, radio and television advertisements have been used effectively in the campaign.

Let's not fool ourselves! This kind of work is essential to the welfare of any local union, and Local No. 1 at this time is in the process of educating men in the efficient handling of the repair work.

Another class of membership vital to every local union is the electrical supply house workers. They consist of every person who handles electrical supplies of any nature, including stock men, packers and city counter salesmen. Local No. 1 has the majority of the electrical supply houses in St. Louis organized and has contracts with management covering persons employed in this type of work in our jurisdiction. Again, our motto is

"Electrical work for the electrical worker."

Back in 1904 St. Louis celebrated the Louisiana Purchase centennial with a world's fair—the largest and most spectacular fair ever produced and built in that era. Civic minded citizens have been trying for several years to promote another fair for St. Louis, but have been hampered by inadequate space, transportation problems, and insufficient finances. But in lieu of a fair, St. Louis is planning an annual "Exposition of Progress." The promotion committees are on the job, and have obtained financing and arranged for a site on which to hold the exposition. At this time there are not many details available, but we look forward to a nice sized electrical job each year on this project.

March 9 through 11th were gala days for the air minded citizens of St. Louis and for others who fly in

## St. Louis Airport Construction



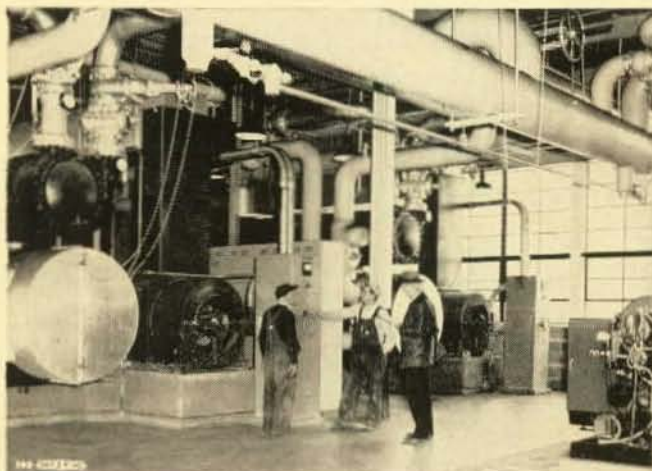
This is a view of the new St. Louis Municipal air terminal building just completed and dedicated March 9th, 10th and 11th. This view shows three sections of the proposed six section building the only one of its kind in the world today. This building is composed of arches supported only on its four corners with all sides built of glass. Covered ramps lead to plane loading gates. The building also has a 700 ft. covered observation deck for spectators. At the far end of the field is the big McDonnell jet plane factory. McDonnell manufactures the famous Navy Voodoo jet fighter planes. They also employ Local 1 members in this plant.



## At Work on New Airport



The picture at left shows the type of landing light in use at the St. Louis Municipal air field. This light can be controlled by the control tower and can be adjusted for intensity and projection by means of a variable voltage transformer to regulate the brightness of the light, and for height of beam by a reversible three phase motor in each light. From left is the manufacturer's representative of the Lines Material Co. who manufactures this light, your press secretary, and Oscar Temme, foreman on the air port job for the city lighting department. The installation of all field work such as landing lights, taxi lights, all transformer vaults primary and secondary cables, the setting and erecting of all street lighting poles in the parking areas and the necessary under ground wires in and around the new terminal, plus the construction work around the old terminal are being done by city electricians. Here at right is Wireman Andy Wamhoff making a connection for a taxi strip guide light. Oscar Temme, foreman, stops in for the benefit of the photographer.



Two 500 ton air conditioner units will be in operation this summer to insure the comfort of the air traveler passing through St. Louis. These units, seen at left, located in the power house several city blocks away from the air terminal building, will be maintained by city employed electricians around the clock. At this time only two shifts are in operation. From left: Henry Timpe, Wm. Brunner and Oscar Temme, foreman, all veteran wiremen members of Local 1. The electrical portion of the electronic controls of the giant-boilers will be serviced by members of Local 1. Here are two of these boilers being checked by city electricians after being turned over by the electrical contractor. This is a rainy day job for Wm. Brunner and Henry Timpe.

and out of the city. On those days the new St. Louis Air Terminal building was dedicated and open house was held.

Construction of this great new building was started in 1953 after several years of planning in which the city floated bond issues and acquired land for additional runways and taxiways. The 100,000 people who toured the buildings during the three-day open house were amazed at the simplicity of design and the ease of movement through the spacious interiors.

The location of the Air Terminal building is just 15 miles due west of downtown St. Louis. There are parking facilities for 1500 automobiles, with the lots completely paved and lighted by double-arm mercury lights. A small parking fee will be charged for choice "close-up" parking, but all other parking is free. There is also space for an additional 2000 cars for future expansion.

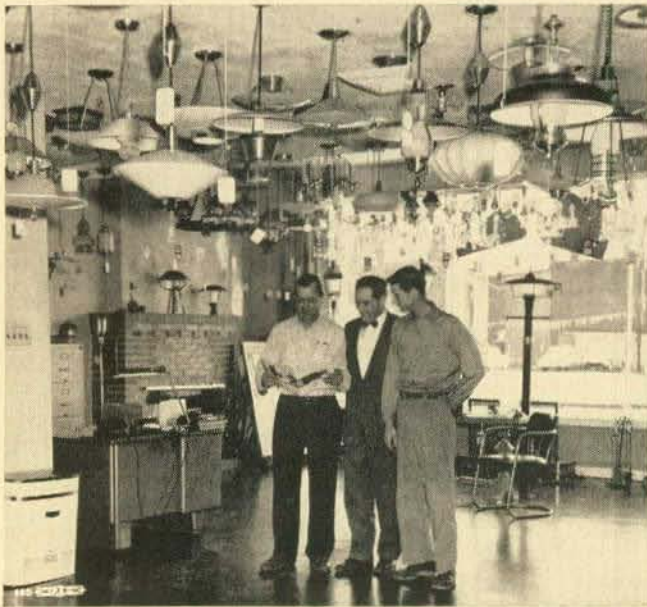
The St. Louis Municipal Airport had its start in 1922 when St. Louis was offered the opportunity to play

host to the National Air Races. The city, however, had no airfield, so several civic minded citizens purchased a 10-acre field which was suitable for takeoffs and landings. The airport was named Lambert St. Louis Municipal Airport after Major Albert Bond Lambert, one of the early balloonists of our city.

In 1928, Major Lambert sold the field to the city, and St. Louis began an expansion program. Today it has about 1500 acres entirely enclosed by chain link fencing. The runways are



## Local 1 Contracts Supply Houses



At left is a view of the fixture display room of the United Electric Supply Co., one of the oldest supply houses in the business. The late C. E. Vail, Sr., back in 1938 saw the advantages of moving from the crowded downtown area to a location affording ample parking space for contractors' trucks that come in to pick up their material for rush jobs. These I.B.E.W. union-made fixtures are now being sold by I.B.E.W. union salesmen. Left, Francis Bader, city counter salesman, showing the firm's fixture catalogue to Al. Siepman of Local 1 and Leonard Wallrath, shop steward. Wallrath is the receiving clerk, United Elec. At right we have a gathering of dignitaries of the Brown Electrical Supply Co., who dropped in for a visit to the city counter. From left: Al. Siepman, business representative of Local 1 who organized the supply houses; Pat Mahoney, city counter sales and shop steward; Al. Wildt, secretary-treasurer of the Brown Co.; N. S. Brown, President; A. H. Brown, vice president; P. L. Lessard, vice president and general sales manager; Wilbur Hensler, city sales, and Homer Collier, an order filler.

200 feet wide and made of 14-inch concrete. It was necessary to remove 4½ million cubic yards of dirt to provide a level field.

The new building has over 69,000 square feet available for general use and another 56,000 square feet for concessions. Over 90 percent of this space is sold.

The new building, designed by a St. Louis firm of architects, features an unusual design of a three-dome vaulted roof, supported only on its four corners. This roof weighs over two million pounds, and it required over three months to build just the traveling roof form. This form has been preserved and stored for future expansion of the building.

The building is 412 feet long and is constructed so that it can be expanded to 824 feet. It was originally estimated that this present construction would handle traffic until 1960, but air travel has increased to the degree that the city is looking toward expansion in 1957.

The building contains a modern kitchen to service more than 2000 meals a day to the various airlines, and has numerous dining rooms and snack bars throughout the building. A modern baggage handling system enables passengers to claim their baggage within two minutes after deplaneing. A 700-foot spectator deck provides a full view of the operating



This is the packing room gang of the Glasco Electric Supply Co., one of the oldest of the electric jobbing houses in St. Louis, and one of the first to sign a contract with Local 1. From left: Al. Siepman, Local 1 business representative; Les. Kresyman; George Cibulha; Harold Noble; Edward Novach; Frank Hartman, Jr.; Arthur Stumpf; Warren Wisseher; Anthony Freund; Carl Cox, and Herman Heimsoth.

field, and guests may also enjoy refreshments there in the warm weather.

Of direct interest to the readers of the JOURNAL is the part played by A.F. of L. union labor in the construction of this great Air Terminal Building.

It was built entirely by 100 percent union labor. Several St. Louis electrical contractors were involved in the work, which cost about six million dollars—with no Federal funds in-

involved. Another two million dollars was spent outside of the building for taxi-ways, and parking facilities—including the lighting of these areas. The electrical work on this portion of the project was done directly by city employed electricians. The completed building will be maintained by city-employed electricians who also will service the 1,000-ton air conditioning plant and the electronic heating controls.

The Municipal Airport is operated



under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Utilities of the City of St. Louis, with Conway B. Briscoe as director. David Leigh is the Airport Manager, and Oscar Temme, a member of Local 1, chief electrician.

FRANK KAUFFMAN, P. S.

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## Graduation Exercises Staged at Columbia

L. U. 3, NEW YORK, N. Y.—On January 19, 1956, Local Union No. 3 held the 16th Annual Graduation of its apprentices. The graduation exercises were held at Columbia University, McMillin Academic Theatre.

Labor and management joined to congratulate the graduates. The parents, members of Local No. 3, and officers heard Dr. Harry J. Carman, Dean Emeritus of Columbia University and Educational Advisor to the Joint Industry Board deliver an in-

spiring and informative talk. The warm personality of Dean Carman is the outgrowth of a democratic philosophy which has made our friend and mentor the great educator he is.

It is a pleasure to report that we have concluded our negotiations with the Staten Island Edison Company. For the first time Local No. 3's negotiating team and the Utility Workers' Union's negotiating committee sat down together across the table from the Edison management. This cooperation, made possible by the AFL-CIO merger, brought splendid results—wage increases ranging from 15 cents to 44 cents an hour, and averaging 25½ cents. The new top wage for employes represented by Local No. 3 will be \$131.40 a week.

John J. Kapp headed the Local No. 3 negotiating team, and was assisted by attorney John F. O'Donnell.

Patrick McGrath, Regional Director of the Utility Workers Union and Business Manager of Local 1-2,

headed the Utility Workers' negotiating committee.

Our members of the Staten Island Edison "L" Division acclaimed and unanimously ratified the new agreement Thursday, January 26, 1956.

A group of our "D" Division members who repair and service air-conditioners, ranges, washing machines and other electrical appliances concluded their negotiations under the leadership of Business Representative Nat Chadwick. They were successful in winning a 15 cent-an-hour wage increase. In addition to that, they negotiated a \$2.00 a day annuity plan which will start functioning April 1, 1956. These members of the "D" Division are also entitled to the benefits supervised by the Joint Industry Board.

Members of our "H" Division employed by the American District Telegraph Company in the construction, maintenance and operating departments, concluded their agreement. The new agreement provides for a 7 cent wage boost for 100 men now on the progressive scale; 10 cents per hour for 138 of our members at the top of the scale; 12 cents per hour for 35 supervisors and inspectors; 15 cents per hour for 8 foremen and district inspectors. The new agreement also provides an increase in car allowance and improvements in the benefit program.

The negotiations in our fixture industry have not as yet been concluded. This agreement expired December 31, 1956 and had to be extended by mutual agreement, with the understanding that anything finally agreed to would be retroactive to January 1, 1956.

The January 1956 issue of the *Readers Digest* has printed the story of Local Union No. 3 in five fact-packed pages and concluded that it is "an impeccably honest, democratic union."

The 4,500 word article by roving editor Lester Velie, after months of research and interviews, says in part:

"The union and the employers fashioned a grass-roots system. The members had pensions, free dental care, medical check-ups years before the rise of welfare funds and fringe benefits. They were the first building tradesmen to get paid vacations."

"With the acceptance by the employers of Local 3's idea of annuities, the union rounded out a storm-shelter which makes the New York electrician the most protected wage earner in the nation."

One of the happiest events in the life of Local Union No. 3 took place this month when our "E" Switchboard Division voted to undertake the construction of a housing project to be named after the late William A. Hogan, our revered pioneer, Treasurer and International Treasurer. Now we can be sure that the name and mem-

## Increase Man Hours

# Modern Living Demands MODERN WIRING...

MODERNIZE THE WIRING  
IN YOUR HOME

# NOW...

During the lower-cost,  
off-season period.



## SAVE MONEY...WIRE IT RIGHT!

Today's present electrical needs, plus the constantly growing family of dozens of work-saving appliances, makes it absolutely essential that your home have a MODERN 100 AMPERE SERVICE. Our experienced IBEW Wiremen stand ready to bring you the convenience, you rate quickly, neatly and for less than you expect.

Be Sure: Call a Licensed Contractor

**INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD  
OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS**



This is a copy of the advertisement that was sponsored by Local 1 in their effort to increase man hours by trying to get home owners and small business houses to modernize their properties. This a joint venture by Local 1, N.E.C.A., the Union Electric Co. and the Public Utilities Co. In St. Louis city and St. Louis county it has developed into an all-out effort to show the public the need for modernizing their homes and business buildings. These advertisements appear in the Sunday editions of the local newspapers in the building section and are changed in each issue. They are bringing results.



## Last Word in Industrial Lighting



Ultra-modern is the word for the huge new Technical Center of the Owens-Corning Glass Co., wired by members of Local 8, Toledo, Ohio.

ory of William A. Hogan will be known and heard for a long time.

The "E" Switchboard Division has already begun looking for sites in New York City for the construction of a building to contain 400 apartments. It is being aided in its search by the United Housing Foundation, with which Local 3 is affiliated.

At a recent membership meeting, New York City's Fire Commissioner Edward F. Cavanagh pointed out that more than 40 percent of the fire alarms in the year are due to electrical fires arising from defective wiring and outmoded circuits.

The Fire Commissioner said, "We are coming to the day when we will have to take more drastic steps to compel the conversion of outmoded equipment and circuits which are not adapted to the electrical equipment now in use."

The Fire Commissioner also warned that "We must prevent the mounting toll of electrical fires in New York City and we must stop using circuits which are heating up and burning through walls, suffocating people and creating disaster."

Facing our Construction Division is one of the most important problems we have had before us in the last 65 years—the award of a major electrical contract by the United States Government to a non-union contractor. For days and days, our journeymen, several thousand of them, have been demonstrating outside the General Post Office building, across the street from Pennsylvania Station, in protest against this \$943,000 award by the General Services Administration.

Our officials have been meeting with various government representatives to make clear that we cannot sit by idly and permit this attack upon our hard-won gains to go unopposed.

Our Assistant Business Manager Albert J. Mackie declared: "The refusal of the General Services Administration to recognize that benefit programs should be considered no differently from wages is a direct threat



to the gains which we have won over recent years."

"Continuation of this Federal policy would endanger wages and working conditions of every union member in the country because it favors a non-union contractor and employer against a decent employer."

Recently we honored 12 pension members of our "N" Division employed by the Holmes Burglar Alarm Company from 24 to 44 years.

We were also happy in the last month to welcome the cooperation of United States Attorney Paul Williams, who is President of the Manhattan Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Williams met with our employers to discuss their participation in setting up Boy Scout troops. Mr. Williams congratulated Business Manager Van Arsdale, an Executive Board member of the Manhattan Council, as well as employers, for their cooperation with the Boy Scouts.

ARMAND D'ANGELO, P. S.

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### Apprentice Program Assures Future Service

L. U. 6, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—Just imagine what living conditions

would be like if suddenly all our electricity were cut off! No electric lights to read by; no telephones; transportation disrupted; hospitals out of commission; and not even our pop-up toasters in operating order so that we could make toast for our morning breakfast.

No doubt, our first reaction would be to try to find an electrician, but obviously, there would not be a sufficient number to cope with a situation of such magnitude.

The electrical industry has a great many occupations connected with it. However, none is more important than the construction electrician (inside wiremen). These qualified technicians are on the job night and day, constructing, maintaining and servicing electrical equipment for industry and the general public to make certain that nothing like this will ever happen.

And why is this not likely to occur?

The BEST answer to this question is due to the fact that this industry has in both management and labor, men who are foresighted enough to realize the significance of having in operation a sound apprenticeship training program which will perpetuate the skills of their industry.

In our area, labor and management,



the California State Division of Apprenticeship Standards, and the San Francisco Public Schools are partners in this undertaking.

The men in San Francisco responsible for the operation and success of this training are the members of the Electrical Inside Wiremen's Joint Apprenticeship Committee, which includes for management, Warren Smith, chairman of the Smith Electric Co.; W. J. "Bill" Varley, executive manager of the Electrical Contractors Association; Fred Wider, owner of the Electrical Maintenance and Service Company; and for labor, Charles J. Foehn, secretary, and Ernest Ferrari and Joseph Clisham, all members of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 6.

Our electricians are vitally concerned with the apprenticeship program, providing up-to-date information on all phases of the electrical industry which is constantly changing. We keep our foremen and journeymen supplied with all the latest information on technological developments. We run journeymen classes in order that our men in the trade receive technical instruction on important changes in our industry.

Our apprentices are given the benefit of this knowledge. In addition to their on-the-job training, the apprentices attend the John O'Connell Trade and Technical Institute, receiving supplemental and related instruction from competent instructors certified by the State Department of Education and selected for their outstanding ability.

Many of our apprentices have outstanding records; many are foremen, some are superintendents and others became contractors.

For example, Warren Smith, who is chairman of our Joint Apprenticeship Committee, and is now a successful contractor operating the Smith Electric Company, started as an apprentice and received his state trade certificate as a result of completing his training.

This is what Warren says about his apprenticeship: "I started in my father's shop and after a short time the Joint Apprenticeship Committee transferred me to another contractor. Well, at first I thought I was being unduly discriminated against and did not know how I was ever going to survive, but as it turned out, this was the best thing that could have happened to me. I gained a vast amount of experience which was not possible had I remained in one shop.

"Today instructors in related and supplemental instruction now have not only the best text books but also the equipment which they can use for demonstration purposes for the students. Our journeymen and foremen are well qualified to see that the apprentices receive competent advice

and instruction while on the job. We have a strict rotation system in effect with our apprentices and they are transferred from one shop to another at specified intervals in order that they will receive all types of training in the electrical trade."

Ernie Ferrarri as Apprentice Co-ordinator is the man responsible for the rotation system.

Brother Ferrari says many outstanding electrical jobs have recently been completed here. The University of California Medical Center was one. This involves the technical installation of such equipment as the X-Ray radiological laboratory, heating and ventilating systems, operating room equipment and other various intricate work. The lives of people depend on the accuracy of the wiring in order that this equipment will function properly. A number of our apprentices were employed on this job.

Other jobs include the new traffic signals being installed on the San Francisco Bay Bridge. Incidentally, one of our former apprentices, Charles Terrill, Jr., is the foreman on this piece of complicated installation. Other contracts completed include the San Francisco International Airport and Hamms Brewery. Our Journeymen and apprentices can be proud of these accomplishments.

William J. "Bill" Varley, executive manager of the Electrical Contractors Association, is one of the most prominent management representatives associated with the apprenticeship program.

He is one of the original men who assisted in drafting the present apprenticeship law, the Shelley-Maloney Apprenticeship Law which was passed in 1939. He has been actively engaged in promoting the welfare of apprentices for a number of years.

Mr. Varley said recently, "Too long have we tolerated the attitude that a man should learn the hard way. We cannot explain away failure of employees to produce or to assume proper attitude by taking the position that no one told me when I learned my trade; therefore, why should I worry about how good my employees are or how much they know.

"Our apprenticeship program is designed to alleviate this condition. The key to craftsmanship today in our industry is apprentice training.

Joseph Clisham who has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 6 for 25 years, was the first class instructor of apprentices after the passage of the Shelley-Maloney Act. He is now a member of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee and co-ordinator of Trade and Industrial Education for the San Francisco Public Schools.

The inside wiremen have at present 90 apprentices in training. All are attending the John A. O'Connell Vocational and Technical Institute for

their supplemental and related instruction.

In a recent issue of the "Construction Review", an article stated that the electricians led all other building trades in 52 cities last year in the number of apprentices in training in proportion to the number of journeymen employed.

This is a very good indication that the electrical industry, both management and labor, is doing a good job in the training of apprentices to take their part as future journeymen in our expanding economy.

Our thanks to George Muldoon, of the California State Division of Apprenticeship Standards, for his cooperation in this article.

CHARLES J. FOEHN, B.M.

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## Atom Powered Plant Scheduled in Toledo

L. U. 8, TOLEDO, OHIO.—Editor: If you really want to know how fast the days in a month go by, then get yourself a job as press secretary. They really fly. Today's newspaper comes up with the news that the Atom Powered generating plant which we have mentioned in previous articles is finally going to be built on a plot of ground owned by Detroit Edison consisting of nearly 1,000 acres located at Laguna Beach about seven miles north of Monroe, Michigan. It is expected that ground will be turned over for this project early this coming summer. Cost has been estimated at various figures but most of these figures are way above 50 million dollars. Some 29 power companies are pooling their resources in the building of this plant. Our own Toledo Edison Company is one of associated companies.

Turning to thoughts of more things, the bowling tournament which is being held here in the early part of May is being well received judging by the way entries are coming in to the committee which is handling the affair. It is expected that it will be the largest ever held and plans are being made accordingly.

To the many baseball fans who enjoyed baseball as played at Swayne Field here in our city, it will come as a surprise that the old field is being dismantled in order to make way for a giant super market for the Kroger Stores. Another half-million dollar project got under way recently when work was started on a huge motel just outside of the city limits on the east side of town. This job got off to a sour start but our able business manager thinks that it will be straightened out before it gets too far along.

Shortly after the first of April, the old Propellor Plant which has been taken over by G.M. for an automatic



## Entertain Visiting Candidate

transmission plant for Chevrolet will start to re-model and we have hopes that this job will be the go-between other jobs due to break.

Just now, work in Toledo is in one of those tapering off stages. During the last five years we have been extremely fortunate in having more work than the members of our own Local could take care of, so we were in the position of extending a helping hand to Locals less fortunate. We hope that we will not have to ask them to reciprocate, but if that should come to pass we hope that they will try to treat us as we tried to treat them.

At last we have received some of the pictures of the huge Technical Center which was recently completed for the Owens-Illinois Glass company. This multi-million dollar building occupies practically the whole of a city block. The electrical work in its entirety was performed by the Romanoff Electric Company of this city. This firm which started out in a very small way in 1927 has become the largest in the city with every facility for the performance of any job from installing a single base plug to the entire electrical installation of huge factories. The enclosed pictures show some of the 1,775 fixtures of the latest type which were installed in this plant. Romanoff Electric have every reason to be proud of the work installed in this project which provided a huge amount of labor.

There are rumors floating around that unit number two of the Toledo Edison Company Bay Shore plant will get under way this spring. It is also rumored that a huge grain elevator of four or five million bushel capacity is to be built on the east side of the river in the vicinity of the Cherry Street bridge. The finest building of the Toledo Industrial Development Corporation is ready for occupancy. This building wasn't built for any one in particular but was built so that if any concern wished to locate here they would have facilities ready for them without a long wait to have one built. We are hoping that when next we meet in the columns of the best trade JOURNAL in the world we will have something of great interest to greet your eyes, until then so long from a constant booster for the greatest city on the Great Lakes.

BILL CONWAY, R.S.

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## Entertain Stevenson On Western Swing

L. U. 11, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—During the past month Los Angeles has had the honor of entertaining (if that word can be used as a synonym for strenuous activity) two outstanding Americans. First, our beloved International Secretary Joe



Business Manager George O'Brien, Local 11, Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, chairman of the California State Democratic Committee, and Adlai Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate, share a hearty laugh at a reception for Mr. Stevenson by Southern California's labor movement.

Keenan, was with us for a very busy week-end, and then Adlai Stevenson, the next President of the United States, spent three days of running hither and yon in campaign activities. Joe attended our regular local union meeting to present a 50-year pin to Brother Don Hovey and in his presentation address painted the picture of the ups and downs of the labor movement in unforgettable words. Next evening he made one of the keynote speeches at a conference on "Automation" at Los Angeles State College, and on Saturday attended the Southern Joint Conference meeting, where he met the officers of all IBEW locals in Southern California. Outside of these appointments, he had nothing to do except cut a tape for a radio show, and appear on a television program.

Stevenson had about the same sort of schedule. His appearances included a "Tea for TV" party with about 750 Democratic women at the Beverly-Hilton Hotel, six or seven meetings with other Democratic groups, and, as a climax, a breakfast meeting with the Labor Advisory Committee of the various unions in Los Angeles at the Statler Hotel. This Labor Advisory group is the baby of the officers of Local Union 11. For too many years labor in Los Angeles has had little or nothing to say about political programming. This was not wholly the fault of the politicians. Labor just wasn't telling them what the working people had in mind. Business Manager O'Brien, and several of the other officers of our local union, persuaded Mrs. Elizabeth Snyder, Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, that

meetings between labor people and those who represent us in Sacramento and Washington would be good for both labor and labor's political friends. Persuading Mrs. Snyder was easy as she had some of the same ideas about labor participation as we have. She is the best chairman the Democrats have ever had in California.

Several building trades unions became interested in the project, and many unions of the CIO also came in. Now every two weeks, a breakfast meeting is held at which both labor and the office-holders—and candidates for office—get together and let their hair down. The plan is working excellently. When Adlai Stevenson came to town, he was invited to have a gabfest with the labor people. He accepted the invitation, and more than 300 representatives of labor had a very fine meeting with him. He, of course, has a lot of competition from Senator Kefauver, but practically all of Southern California's labor people are solidly behind him.

At our 1954 International Convention, it will be remembered, Business Manager O'Brien was on the guard of honor for Adlai, and when he came to Los Angeles, George naturally fell into the same spot.

Both Mr. Stevenson and our International Secretary emphasized the need for active participation of labor in politics, for identical reasons. They told us that, if labor gets busy on the political field, supports friendly candidates, and provides them with the necessary finances, we can prevent anti-labor legislation, and get some laws on the books that will



## Members Briefed on Vacation Increase



Members of Local 18 listen attentively to a talk by Los Angeles City Councilman Ernest E. Debs prior to the opening of our regular January meeting.



Business Manager E. P. Taylor of Local 18, and Los Angeles City Councilman Ernest E. Debs discuss the proposed increased vacation allowance for City employees.

help working people instead of wrecking their unions. Local Union 11 is sold on this. To prove it, our members have contributed more than \$4000 to the Committee on Political Education since the beginning of this very important election year. And we're going to keep up the contributions.

Unless some of the best signs are wrong, it looks as though we'll need some political friends. Business just isn't what it was. Republican "prosperity" is beginning to come apart at the seams. For the first time in years Local 11 has men on the bench, and from present indications it looks as though we're going to have them there for some time. We're in better shape than any local in Southern

California, but we're definitely not able to find work for all the members from the East who believe that Los Angeles is a place where everybody works overtime every day in the year.

JAMES LANCE, R.S.

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### Outlines Progress Of Detroit Local 17

L. U. 17, DETROIT, MICH.—Greetings fellow press secretaries and members of the I.B.E.W. I have not performed in this capacity in a number of years and since Brother Duke Otten made an excellent record of hitting the deadline each month, I promised, when recently appointed by

our President, to put Local 17 back in Local Lines.

We now have membership of about 2,400 covered by six separate labor agreements and with collective bargaining in the full vigor of its youth, still growing, expanding and changing so it no longer has the form it possessed yesterday. And in keeping with the increasing responsibility and controls we must fashion about our membership, we have moved out into some of these newer areas of better service to our membership. We have organized unit meetings which are supplementary to our regular meetings, each unit meeting quarterly for full discussion and debate on their unit area problems. The units are geographically located or of a separate labor agreement that will best serve the member on the job in a particular unit area. Through a periodic news letter, mailed to each member, our business manager makes a comprehensive report on all the organizing activities, union policy and the projection of that policy affecting future plans and commitments.

To move down the road of tomorrow I am afraid we will not be able to carry along the small, petty jealousies and blame the lack of our adjustment to society and organized labor, to some fellow worker who does not do for us what we will not do for ourselves. With this thought in mind, we have organized a course of study covering labor laws and collective bargaining, conducted by Professor Levinson of the University of Michigan. In looking ahead at the trade, the quotation "Study to show thyself approved—a workman who needs not to be ashamed", rather aptly fits into our program, for we are making arrangements for an apprentice training program in the theoretical aspects of the trade. With the increase of electrical apparatus and



controls, their adaptation and specifications call for greater technical savvy and know how. We think the local union can and will furnish this information. Our stewards are now also receiving formal instruction in the interpretation of agreements and in carrying out the hard, practical core of collective bargaining.

We are keenly aware, as I believe all other utilities locals are, that power groups, industry wide, in combination agree upon the wage rate they will pay, so it brings us face to face with area bargaining. We are thinking in terms of the sixth area progress meeting of last May. This power squeeze has opened up a fissure in our economy that, if exploited to its limits, could reduce our utility members to the economic status of peasantry. "The most important product of industry is what it does to the lives of those who work in it, and for its own safety it needs to contribute to making well balanced individuals whose social faculties are neither atrophied nor perverted."

We are also mindful like Harry Truman in his memoirs, "Year of Decision," that this is our year of decision. Does labor get a tax cut too? Who is on my side? What laws and programs help me to attain labor's goals, a rising economy under full employment and cultural opportunity for all?

ROBERT GUYOT, P.S.

### Capital's Membership Saddened by Two Deaths

L. U. 26, WASHINGTON, D. C.—After a two month lay-off of news, I am about ready to break forth into print again and tell everyone about this great big beautiful city of ours. We are saddened by the death of two of our brothers, Bill Pock and Ruben Roter. All the good Brothers of Local 26 will miss them. Bill Pock was one of the old timers, while Rube Roter was one of the newer members, and was just as widely known, because of his short cigars and ready wit.

The Cherry Blossom Parade will be coming up on April 4th and many organizations both fraternal and non-fraternal will be all decked out in many pretty colors while the city is filled with visiting guests to view the cherry blossoms. They are mighty pretty and they fill the surrounding community with an air of beauty. With the weather staying so cold, there may be a problem of getting the blossoms to come out on time.

Local 26 Bowling teams are holding their own and giving the competition some concern. Wonder which of the five teams will come out the highest? At every meeting there are a few who get together and discuss

this, while others get on the side and talk about matters pertaining to the local's business. There seems to be more discussion downstairs after the meeting, than during the whole meeting itself. But that is usually the way when men get together and feel free to talk. More work can be done at this bull session, than on the job. Sometimes powerhouses are put up overnight and then taken down again, just as quickly.

The new AFL-CIO building will be ready in the early part of April after some delay due to the merger of these two great labor organizations. This building will house the complete national staffs and departments as well as provide space for international unions. The cornerstone was laid by President Eisenhower and President Meany last April and was originally intended to house only the AFL, but the merger changed all that and alterations were made to hold the national staffs of both organizations.

FRANCIS J. O'NEILL, P.S.

### President J. M. Franz, L. U. 28, Succumbs

As the JOURNAL went to press, L. U. 28 notified us that their beloved President, John M. Franz had died. He has been a member since 1928. Details will

follow in the next letter from Press Secretary Hamill.

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### Donate Blood for Ailing Md. Member

L. U. 28, BALTIMORE, MD.—In these times when you hear so much about war, fighting and the struggling of the peoples of the world, it is most gratifying when you hear of someone coming to the aid of his fellow man. This fact is especially true when it takes place in an organization of which you are a member. Several weeks ago Brother Dennis Byrnes was in the hospital in need of blood. Brothers James Bradley and Charles Butturinni, both members of Local 760 but working out of Local 28 temporarily, each donated blood. We think that this sort of gesture, which so often goes unnoticed, should be brought to our attention and receive a vote of thanks.

Just a reminder Brothers, it is time to register for the primary elections. Members not registered to vote and those who are registered but who have changed addresses, are reminded to visit the registration office at the earliest opportunity. April 7th will be closing day for the registration for May 7th primary election. Visit

## PRESS SECRETARY *of the Month*



Harry F. ("Pete") Hamill

Our Press Secretary salute for this month goes to Baltimore, Maryland, and L. U. 28 where Brother "Pete" Hamill is doing a good job of reporting news of note from his local.

Brother Hamill began his electrical career in 1930 when he enrolled in Boys Vocational High School in Baltimore, studying the electrical course and graduating in June of '32.

Since those were depression days and jobs were at a premium, Brother Pete worked at odd jobs until No-

ember of '33 when he obtained a job with Sharp and Dohme of Philadelphia as a helper in the electrical department. When he left there in 1936, it was as a first class electrician.

Returning to Baltimore, Brother Hamill went to work for Bethlehem Steel Company. He made application for membership in the IBEW and was initiated into L. U. 1094 in August 1942.

He was serving as vice president of that local when it merged with L. U. 128.

Brother Hamill has served his local as a delegate to the Baltimore Federation of Labor. At present he is employed by the Harry A. Goldberg Company in Baltimore as an outside superintendent, and he is attending the electronics classes being conducted by L. U. 28.

Brother Hamill is married and the father of a 15-year-old daughter and a 13-year-old son. He says he's a "Do-Dad" on the Adult Committee of his daughter's Girl Scout Troop.

We are proud of Brother Hamill's activities on behalf of his union and his community and we urge him to continue his worthwhile journalistic efforts to "Local Lines."



the office of the supervisors of elections in the Court House Building.

The bowling league is still going strong. Here are the standings.

**IBEW Local 28**

	Won	Lost
VOLTS (Capt. Knell) . . . . .	42	27
LUMENS (Capt. Major) . . . . .	40	29
OHMS (Capt. King) . . . . .	39	30
HENRYS (Capt. Polley) . . . . .	38	31
AMPS (Capt. Beck) . . . . .	34	35
WATTS (Capt. Arnold) . . . . .	34	35
NEUTRONS (Capt. Schmidt) . . . . .	34	35
PHASE (Capt. Duhan) . . . . .	31	38
CYCLES (Capt. E. Kalb) . . . . .	30	39
ELECTRONS (Capt. Knoedler) . . . . .	23	46
HIGH GAME, Stadleman, 168; Reinhardt, 158.		

I have been press secretary for a year and a half, haven't had any comments on my reports from the members. I would welcome all or any bits of news or items you can forward to me through the business office. L. U. 28, IBEW, 1222 St. Paul Street, Baltimore 2, Md.

I regret to announce the sudden death on January 10th, 1956, of Brother Frank Meeder who for many years was an officer in Local 28.

Frank served for 23 years as secretary of the Baltimore Federation of Labor, retiring from office last April. He also had served on many of the federation's important committees. Frank's tireless and excellent work will long be remembered by the officers of Local 28 and the Baltimore Federation of Labor.

The attendance at our regular meetings for the past several months has been above average. Our business manager's reports have been of the utmost importance to the membership. It is to the advantage of each member to attend meetings.

Remember brothers this is election year and there will be a nomination of officers in May. Get out to the meetings. Your vote will be needed.

The members of Local Union 1208 are participating in a drive to get as many of our people as possible to write individual letters to their Senators and Congressmen for an outright repeal of the Taft-Hartley Law and a reenactment of the Wagner Act. We feel that seven years of the slave act is enough.

This is a vital year as it is an election year. We believe the psychological effect of having a large number of letters reach Washington at the same time will pack a tremendous wallop.

H. P. HAMILL, P.S.



**Establish Classes in Advanced Electronics**

L. U. 43, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Re-

cently, the business manager of Local 43 reported that the Air Force planned to install a large amount of electronic equipment at the local air field and that the installation of this equipment would require the services of 50 men for a period of two years or more. All of the equipment is to be furnished by the International Business Machine Corporation of Endicott, New York, and that, although he had written to their main offices requesting an interview with a representative of the company, no reply had been received to date.

Mr. Butler also stated that even though the company would acknowledge the right of this organization to man the job with members of the I.B.E.W., he would be unable to furnish the required number of electronic equipment installers from within the ranks of Local Union 43. He stressed the need for the establishment of a class of instruction in the field of electronics if the members of Local 43 wished to secure this work as well as other future installation of electronic equipment. President William Quigley appointed a committee, with Brother Edward Murphy as chairman, to study the possibility of securing instructional services through the local Board of Education. A postcard, with reply form attached, has been mailed to each member of the local with the request that he indicate his interest in attending such a course if it were established. On the basis of the replies received, the committee will then pursue the subject further.

All of this was prior to a startling statement that appeared in the local papers a few days ago, under United Press release, that told of the International Business Machine Corporation's plan to break up its \$250 million a year business in renting tabulating and electronic computers and make the machines available for sale for the first time in the history of the company. This action was in response to an anti-trust suit brought by the U. S. Department of Justice in which the IBM was charged with controlling 90 percent of the tabulating business in the United States.

The company also agreed to license its patents, service machines sold to others, and—what is of great importance to the members of the I.B.E.W., provide technical training for repairmen and engineers. Until now, the International Business Machine Corporation has refused to allow any but its own factory trained employees to install or service any of its tabulating machines—electronic or otherwise, some of which command the fabulous rental sum of \$500,000 yearly! Now, for the first time, outside technicians can and will be called in to install and service these complex machines. If the I.B.E.W. is to reap the benefits of this astounding change of com-

pany policy, immediate steps should be taken to establish courses of instruction in electronic equipment installation and to supplement this with follow up courses in the IBM factory school for those members of the I.B.E.W. who are far seeing enough to realize the benefits that will accrue to them through the acquisition of additional skills in this formerly closed field of work.

BILL NIGHT, P.S.



**Reviews 'Prosperity' In Election Year**

L. U. 46, SEATTLE, WASH.—At the present writing, officials of your local are busy preparing for upcoming contract negotiations in several branches of the trade. Hikes in pay scales for the oil burner boys and the maintenance men at American Can Company are to be among the first sought for this year.

It's Income Tax time again and what burns this writer up is that the "big boys" in the upper brackets continue to claim that if their giant corporations be allowed to continue on their merry way they will see that "lots of prosperity will trickle down to we ordinary working stiffs. In this political year that word "prosperity" is going to be kicked around quite a bit.

Where in the big headlines do you read that high wages and union working conditions help to keep purchasing power high? Where do you read about white collar payrolls going to keep somewhere in line with skilled workers? Sure we can buy new cars, TV sets and automatic washers when our wages are high and steady but do you ever find a group of employers who consider that this applies to them?

So this year of all years we should remember when we read the headlines just who puts them there and whose best interests they serve.

And speaking of election years, and we were, are you sure you and the missus are registered to vote, especially if you have moved recently. That accomplished, be sure the "little woman" understands that there are always among us anti-labor forces who would take away our hard won pay scales and working conditions.

Here in the State of Washington these forces with plenty of \$\$\$ behind them and a high sounding title in front of them have their "right to work" (for coolie wages) initiative on the November ballot. Lack of funds is labor's biggest hurdle in fighting these forces. Our opposition which has control of the big papers and magazines, can buy expensive TV time to influence the women's vote like they did in '52. So we must use all of our press facilities such as this



## Attend Detroit Sports Banquet



Sports celebrities and members of Local 58 Detroit, Mich., and their families attending the First Annual All Sports Banquet of the local.

JOURNAL and our own personal contacts to counteract a barrage of propaganda.

To help you explain these "right to work" laws to your friends and doubting "in-laws," here are excerpts from a talk by AFL-CIO President George Meany replying to remarks from the National Association of Manufacturers. The NAM calls for . . . "recognition, on the part of labor, of the right of every worker to join a union or refrain from joining a union if he chooses. There can be no quarrel with these rights for all citizens in a democracy nor in my opinion can there be any denying of the right of any persons to refuse to work for any reason under the sun that is sufficient for the individual involved. The latter right—the right not to work—receives no recognition whatsoever, in the prerequisite conditions for labor-management cooperation laid down by the spokesman for the NAM.

"There can be no doubt whatsoever as to the real purpose behind the position assumed by the NAM as a defender and champion of the rights of workers—both organized and unorganized. The studied omission of any reference of the right of a worker not to work where conditions of work are unacceptable to him can be taken as an indication that there is no present disposition on the part of the NAM to desist in its campaign to weaken and eventually destroy the trade union movement by the enactment of so-called 'right-to-work' laws aimed at the destruction of union security.

"It is my deep belief that, alongside their expressed position on the rights of workers to join or not to join a union, management should give equal recognition to the right of the

union worker who actively contributes to the advancement of labor standards under which he works—through collective bargaining, to refuse to work alongside the man who will not join the union—who not only refused to share the burden of safeguarding his work standards but also refused to accept any responsibility for discharging the obligations assumed by his fellow workers under the contract agreed to as a result of collective bargaining. . . ."

There it is fellows, one very good reason why we fight these labor-haters. Persuade your friends to study the issues and they, too, will know how to vote right when the time comes.

"KNUTE" MALLET, P. S.

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### Detroit Local Stages All Sport's Banquet

L. U. 58, DETROIT, MICH.—A noteworthy social event related to the sports activities of Local 58, in many respects unique as it was held for the first time, was the All Sports Banquet held on November 7, 1955.

The membership of Local 58 sponsors an extensive sports activities program, particularly in golf, baseball, and bowling. The All Sports Banquet indicated recognition to those participants who were outstanding in their field of endeavor.

Certainly the winners deserve recognition, particularly in an intensely competitive society where each individual strives for social and economic recognition. Let one not overlook, however, that the over-all success of this activity does not begin nor end with the winners.

Contributing to the smooth function of our sports activity is the open handed generosity of the rank and file member. The membership of Local 58 has consistently opened its purse to furnish financial support.

Then again there are those contributing tireless effort and personal time to provide more explicit coordination to these activities. Example of this type of service is that of our athletic director Clarence "Hap" Ehrler. Hap does an outstanding job scheduling seasonal golf tournaments and acting as president of our 20-team bowling league. Another fine example is set by Bob O'Toole, manager of our baseball team. His job of selecting and managing our baseball team includes playing in two fast leagues and keeping the playing personnel on their toes during practice sessions.

JOHN MASER, P. S.

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### Dallas Group Sponsors Apprentice Banquet

L. U. 59, DALLAS, TEXAS—Friday evening, December 9, 1955, 14 young members of Local Union No. 59, who had completed their apprenticeship during the past year, were honored at a dinner sponsored by the Dallas Joint Electrical Apprenticeship and Training Committee. In attendance at this Seventh Annual Ceremony were officers of Local Union No. 59 and the Northeast Texas Chapter, N.E.C.A., school and public officials, instructors and many others connected with and interested in apprenticeship and training.

Lawrence Martin, chapter manager and secretary of the joint committee, served as toastmaster for the occasion and presented the principal speaker



## Honor Detroit Local's Athletes



When Local 58, Detroit, Mich., staged its All Sport's Banquet these members were the honored guests. This baseball team represents Local 58 in two top notch leagues during the season. Top row: Landa, Lis, Blackmore, Stone, McCabe, Buranskas, Decender, McLellan, Burke, and Archer. Bottom row: Nault, Austin, Riolo, O'Toole (manager), Rushford (coach), Cholakian, and DeLock.



Golfers of Local 58 who managed top honors in their respective division during the competition held in 1955 are: Yale, Radloff, Nicoll, and Gent. At right: the Power Factor team, winner of the Local 58, 20-team bowling league for the 1954-55 season: Maser, Macko, Bunetta (captain), Krippendorf, and Grove.



Electronics No. 1, representing Local 58 in the annual IBEW bowling tournament in 1955, won this tournament for the second time. Left to right: Ostrow, Milam, Jamieson, Birnie (captain), and Trecziak.

of the evening, County Judge W. L. Sterrett, who made a very interesting and inspiring talk.

Cleve H. Culpepper, state director, Bureau of Apprenticeship, presented certificates of completion from the United States Department of Labor.

Jim L. McClure, a local contractor, who is a member of the national committee and also a very active member of the local committee, presented certificates from the National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee. Among those receiving completion certificates was Mr. McClure's son, Jack L. McClure.

The entire affair was indeed a success both giving to the apprentices and those connected with the training program proper recognition for their efforts, and reminding us of the necessity and value of our continued efforts to maintain a good training program for both apprentices and journeymen.

We look forward to an improved and expanded program in the years



to come, whereby the electrical worker, the contractor, and the public will benefit.

L. E. DARSEY, B. M.

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## Old-Timers' Party Of Butte Local 65

L. U. 65, BUTTE, MONT.—Enclosed is a picture taken at our Old Timers party when we presented various pins to members.

The picture enclosed represents 100 years of unionism between two men. Each received a 50-year pin.

To the left Brother C. Hornet is being congratulated by International Representative S. E. Thompson.

On the right Brother J. Crawford is being congratulated by Vice President Lee Anderson.

RUSSELL WILLIAMS, R. S.

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## Promote Interest in Labor Day Parade

L. U. 67, QUINCY, ILL.—Brother Rudy Lubbering retired from the trade several months ago and is now receiving his pension from the I.B.E.W. As he was press secretary and figured he wouldn't be in contact with news of the local, he asked to be relieved of the job. Rudy, I know that my best efforts won't compare with your articles, and I am sure that when I say, "Thanks, Rudy, for a job well done," I am voicing the thought of the entire membership.

In one of the past issues of the JOURNAL on the editorial page, I noticed an article on the lack of interest in the Labor Day parades. Quincy, Illinois, for the past two years, hasn't

had a parade. I am sure that we will start again this year. A committee has been appointed and I believe our business manager is on this committee.

A committee has been appointed to negotiate changes in our working agreement and an increase in our wage scale. Brothers Paul Heine, W. W. (Peach) Hartzell, A. C. Johnson, and Charles Snyder, our business manager, are on this committee.

Work in our jurisdiction is rather spotty at present but I believe that all of the Brothers at home are working—not all of them full time—but if work that has been figured and let, gets started, it will take up all of the slack.

The new Senior High School, St. James and St. Johns parochial grade schools, the addition to the Methodist Sunset Home for the aged and the new Good Samaritan Home for the aged have shown satisfactory progress but have gone rather slowly due to the weather. The new Motorola plant seems to be going along better than expected the way I get it, as progress is ahead of material.

Brother Stratton was in the shop and said he was feeling good, and he looks well but it will be awhile before he can go back to work. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Strat, and hope to see you back at work soon.

I had hoped to have a few pictures for this issue but didn't get them so will try and have them for the next time. I don't seem to be much of a news hound so until I can get the hang of this job you will have to excuse me while I am learning what to write about and how to write it.

B. F. HECKLE, P. S.

## Complete Cleveland Electric Car Line

L. U. 71, CLEVELAND, OHIO—Several months ago we completed 13½ miles of double track electric car line, of course on private right of way, 18 minutes of running time from end to end, with a dozen or so stops to pick up passengers. The line runs each way from the center of the city. Loading platforms are level with the door of the cars, which are air-conditioned and most modern and up to date, with one or more coupled together.

This job lasted about 30 months and was under the able supervision of Lineman Luther Liggett. There were only a few days' stoppage of work—that was against laborers' union regarding bonding of rails. The IBEW won out in most of the work—300,000 feet underground control cable, 425,000 feet of aerial control cable, 120,000 feet of power feed cable aerial, 130,000 feet of ¾ and 5/16 messenger wire, 44 signal transformers located on the ground, 15 switchheater icing units, 57 electric track switches, 187 automatic transformer stops between rails, 25 relay houses and 230 signals, mostly on iron poles with a few on ground.

Poles and transformers were painted by journeymen. All digging for wires and concrete pole bases was done by the I.B.E.W. with the exception of one man from the laborer's union for about three months.

Of course, trolley or catenary was done by regular men of the publicly-owned utility. The writer was steward on most of the job, especially at the last.

## New Local 59 Journeymen



These fourteen young men, members of Local 59, Dallas, Texas, received their apprentice certificates in December. From left to right, they are, first row: Herbert H. Hicks, Eugene D. Roy, Clois E. Johnson, Gilbert Stroud, James A. Baggett, Pat H. Almquist, James W. Reed, and Jack L. McClure. Second row: Charles J. Buckholt, Billy J. Dawson, Grayson D. Stillwell, Thomas H. Hill, Jr., C. V. Berkenbile, and Gene E. Buck.



## Honored in Montana



This scene, in which two veteran members of Local 65, Butte, Mont., receive their 50-year pins, is fully described in the local's letter.

I'll close by saying we must fight for our work because it seems most other trades want to do it. "Where electricity goes, we go."

HERMAN DEROLPH, *President.*

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### Spokane Retiree After Forty Years

L. U. 73, SPOKANE, WASH.— Brother Francis J. Burns retired on October 11, 1954, leaving a record in Local Union 73 of service that is a hard one to beat. With over 40 years in the I.B.E.W., Brother Bob, as most of us knew him, was not just another "card packer." He kept his ticket a long time, and was known as an active union man long before the union shops were common. We in Local Union 73 were happy to present Bob with his well-earned 40-year I.B.E.W. membership pin, although it means the loss of another of our dwindling list of oldest members in this old local.

It wouldn't be much exaggeration to say that if Local Union 73 or better yet, all I.B.E.W. locals had but 20 per cent of their membership as union-conscious and helpful as Bob, we would have the best and strongest trade in all organized labor.

"Bob" Burns has served the local faithfully on many occasions, often as an elected delegate to Federation meetings or conventions and on numerous committees. He served on the Executive Board for 10 years, and is one of our past presidents. Although Burns was the Eastern Washington State Electrical Inspector for many years, he remained active in the local union. Enough praise and thanks can not be said to Brother "Bob" Burns for his sincere efforts over the years for the good of his local union.

Although retired from the trade now, Brother "Bob" is always ready to back his Local and the I.B.E.W.

Thanks, Bob.

"SLIM" WRIGHT, P. S.

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### Establish Provision For Promotion Fund

L. U. 100, FRESNO, CALIF.— Another month has galloped by while we were "fixing the fence." How do they do it so fast? Torrential rains have caused much damage, and slowed up construction, keeping men on the bench in all trades, as well as ours.

This is the time of the year when some of the boys squirm on the bench and say "Who's doin' this to me?" However, in a couple of months spring will come, followed by summer and full employment, and we'll all be "Brothers" again.

Our new agreement provides a fund from 2 per cent of gross wages for an advertising and promotion fund. This will make more and better business for all concerned. Plasterers

### Retiree



Brother Francis J. Burns, recently retired from Local 73, Spokane, Wash.

and plumbers have had theirs in operation for some time.

We are hopeful that the city fathers will okay the proposed county ordinance ending substandard construction in the suburbs.

The State Electrical Association meets in Fresno February 18th to consider problems in this area.

Our president, Brother Lloyd Myers (also president of Building Trades), goes to Washington in March to assist in labor's legislative program.

Now that we have affiliated again with the Jurisdictional Awards Board it looks like the laborers will get their "ditches" back.

We are writing our Congressmen against deleting the Davis-Bacon Act from public contracts. This act guarantees the "prevailing wage" on all public works jobs. Big contractors and others are trying to kill it, and the present Administration seems to be helping them.

We are having a Democratic convention here on February 4th and 5th. We're looking forward to seeing and hearing the presidential candidates.

An out of town "efficiency" firm is trying to reorganize the city employees "downward." They seem to want to kill Civil Service, and "simplify" labor classifications so that when a skilled mechanic runs into a slack time he can go and help the girls "wash dishes." That's about all the news.

Won't some guy please

Fall through the floor,

Slip on a rock,

Or rob a store?

Do what he's doin'

But do more

To make news for this column!

R. P. (FLASH) GORDON, P. S.

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### Problems Posed By Our Changing World

L. U. 107, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.— In all probability no generation has been so subjected to change as that which we are living in at present. The electrical industry of which we are a part is constantly meeting new requirements and improving on all past methods. Automation is now the big change and the results achieved by this procedure may mean a lot more production requiring less personnel. For these many years man has been a slave to the machine. Now all man will have to do is watch the machine slave. All this in our generation.

Progress cannot be stopped because man's determination is geared to this ever changing world. The needs of yesterday are not adequate for the needs today. Basically we are rooted in the past and directed by the pres-



ent to explore the unknown future. The great problem today is, can human nature meet these changes? It must be said that our very existence depends upon our ability to adapt ourselves to changes or be lost in a tumult of confusion. Mental institutions are full of humans who have been crushed under the heel of a complex society.

As science forges ahead running rough shod over human reason and comprehension, it is little wonder that man is turning to an Infinite Wisdom to guide and sustain him through the maze of everyday problems created by change.

Along local lines, I wish to mention the passing of Brother William Rickling. For two years Bill was confined to his home, getting about in a wheel chair. I cannot say enough about the loving care he received from his wife, Etta. The entire local mourns his loss and we have draped our charter in his memory.

The Ways and Means Committee are taking an active part in the planning of our future union home. The financing of this project got its first boost when the local, after two meetings, voted on the motion to place an assessment of one dollar a month upon each member. The financial secretary will turn all monies collected over to the treasurer of the Building Fund, Brother Marvin Briggs. This is the first constructive step taken thus far to secure our own meeting place. Let's all get behind the Building Committee in their efforts which are deserving of our whole hearted support.

LLOYD R. BLOOMBERG, P.S.

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### Cites Danger of "Do-It-Yourself"

L. U. 110, ST. PAUL, MINN.—Broth-

er Thomas Paul Duffy, retired member of Local No. 110 had the enclosed article published in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and we thought it might be published in the *JOURNAL*.

If more people could read articles of this type, there would be fewer electrocutions and less "Do It Yourself" projects.

#### Don't Be Electrocuted

"Sir: In recent days the press has reported the death of a child in St. Paul by electrocution. This child touched the metal case of a TV or radio set with one hand and a heat radiator with the other with instant death resulting.

"That heat radiator is practically a live wire; it is charged with negative electricity because it is connected with the earth by its water pipes and furnace. The entire earth is charged with negative electricity, that is why the positive electricity of the lightning strikes for the negative electricity of the earth. They have an intense affinity for each other. That is, all the electricity in your home is harnessed lightning and very dangerous. The entire earth and everything connected with it—radiator, bathtubs, wash bowls, water faucets, cement floors, water pipes, the ironwork of buildings—all are charged with negative electricity from the earth; also kitchen sinks and gas and electric ranges.

"They call the wiring in your home about 115 volts, low voltage. That term is very misleading and dangerous. It is low only in comparison with the much higher voltages used in power transmissions. The wiring in your home is doubly dangerous if not used properly; beware of it!

"That child would not have died if the metal case of that radio or TV set had been properly grounded—that is, a separate wire connecting it to the earth or ground through the water

pipng, grounded conduit or other means. All electric appliances with exposed metal parts such as toasters, washing machines and all other laundry appliances, electric shavers, fans, lathes, electric portable tools, all motors—everything electric that has exposed metal parts—all are deadly dangerous if not properly grounded with a separate wire. The ground wire allows the deadly current to flow harmlessly to the ground in the event of any fault in the wiring of the appliances.

"In a recent year 52 people were killed in Minnesota by ungrounded electric apparatus, four of whom were electricians. If an electrician with many years experience gets electrocuted, what chance has an amateur got—not much!

"That should be a tip for you do-it-yourself fans; you are taking awful chances. You are also breaking the laws of your city and state. It is a misdemeanor for anyone to do any electric wiring even in his own home, without an electrician's license. You are not only risking your life and property, but it is a big question if you are not jeopardizing your insurance by reason of actually breaking the law.

"Electricity is deadly dangerous if not properly used. That is not the fault of the power company; almost every home is full of electric appliances with exposed metal parts. When using them, keep clear of grounded objects such as I have listed, and many more.

"Better still, call your electrical dealer, contractor or electrician, your power company, city or state electrical inspectors—they will be glad to help you. For a little money you can make your home electrically safe. That is better than a funeral of your loved ones."

Local Union 110's Electrical Work-

## Lay Plans for Negotiations



The Executive Board and the Policy Committee of Local 111, Denver, Colo., met recently to discuss their impending negotiations with the Public Service Co. Their names are given in their press secretary's letter.



ers' Credit Union held its annual meeting on Saturday, January 21st at the Union meeting Hall.

Richard Faragher and Harry McGoan were re-elected to the Board of Directors; James Curran, George Klein and Carl Noyes to the Credit Committee; John Entrup, Austin Eddy and Henry Millette to the Supervisory Committee; Raymond Kloos, president; John Franklin, treasurer and John Tako are the other directors.

A 3 percent dividend was paid on all shares. The following is a comparison for 1955 and 1954:

	Dec. 1954	Dec. 1955
Loans .....	\$29,730.66	\$113,200.56
Shares .....	40,363.03	132,831.44
Membership ..	246	435
Reserves .....	217.25	1,041.36
Undivided		
Earnings ..	242.33	1,247.00

One of the reasons for the continued rapid growth is the voluntary payroll withholding plan negotiated by Business Manager Brett and the negotiating Committee. This plan can be used by members for savings, repaying loans, or both.

In addition to the 3 percent dividend, the members shares and loans are covered by the CUNA Insurance Plan which provides for cancellation of loans in the event of permanent disability or death and an equal amount of life insurance on shares up to \$1,000.00.

JOHN C. FRANKLIN, P.S.

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## Lay Plans for Pact Negotiations

L. U. 111, DENVER, COLO.—The joint meeting of the Executive Board and Policy Committee of the local which was held in Feb., was mainly devoted to discussion of the coming negotiations with the Public Service Company. The accompanying picture of the members attending show, (from left to right standing): Ray Medley, Leo Gay, Loren Rich, Adolph Verdieck, Paul Ducey, Harry Craven, Lewis Ungerman, Stewart Clark, Kenneth Crisman, Fred Kettunen, Ford Craig, and Cecil County. Seated in the same order are: Jim Kelso, J. R. Aemmer, and Jim Delaney. Also attending and not in the picture were: Al Boling and Charles Barry.

J. R. Aemmer, Business Manager has appointed Jim Kelso as his permanent assistant. Jim worked on line construction for eight years prior to his appointment. He is 39 years old, married and has two boys, Jim and Steve. Jim also was appointed by President Delaney to represent Local 111 at the contract negotiations.

Recent promotions to supervisory employes has caused Local 111 the loss of the active participation of the following members: Bill Thomas, Herb Schneider, Martin List, Allen

Brown, and James O'Connell. Good luck on your new jobs fellows, and maybe we should start working on some new kind of a "no raiding" agreement.

The Denver Fire Department line-men, who are members of Local 111, are seeking a much needed and long overdue pay increase along with the firemen and policemen. They deserve the support of every man in the local.

Fort Morgan R.E.A. members, recently received a five-cent hourly pay increase and a super-annuated clause in their agreement. Quick Henry! the dictionary!

CHARLES BARRY, P.S.

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## Texas Local Elects New President, Secretary

L. U. 116, FORT WORTH, TEXAS—Local 116 has entered the new year with two new officers—a president and recording secretary elected to fill vacancies which occurred near the end of 1955.

The new president is Brother Ollie Smith, who succeeded Brother H. H. Hart when the latter resigned to go to South America with his family, in the employ of an American Oil Company.

The new recording secretary is Brother Frank Overby, succeeding Brother Guy Maynor. Brother Maynor resigned due to press of other business. Brother Overby also is vice president of the Tarrant County Committee on Political Education.

An electrician, your reporter Bill Taylor, has been elected president of the Fort Worth Trades Assembly, central labor body, and took office this month.

Brother John Brattin is in the hospital with a chest ailment, and has had transfusions totalling 17 pints of blood.

BILL TAYLOR, P.S.

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## End Lengthy Canadian General Motors Strike

L. U. 120, LONDON, ONT.—The 148-day strike of the employes of General Motors in Canada has ended amid expressions of goodwill and self congratulation by union and company spokesmen. Possibly, both sides felt like the man who butted his head against a brick wall—it felt wonderful when he quit. Actually both sides have lost heavily in this strike, as have the communities where G.M. plants are located.

The U.A.W. certainly has a handsome package to present to its membership, including a guaranteed annual wage, one of the best pension plans in Canadian industry, an improved medical insurance plan, an automatic annual wage increase of six cents per hour, increased overtime and

night shift pay, and more paid holidays. According to press releases from the union this spells a gain of 25 cents per hour.

On the debit side of the ledger, the workers sacrificed \$26 million in lost wages. To head off the strike, G.M. had offered an 18½ cent an hour package, including the GAW, therefore the 21-week strike netted the workers only 6½ cents in straight economic benefits. The hard core issues of this strike were non-economic, or largely so, and finally these questions were decided on the basis of sensible compromise. Why could not these issues have been sensibly compromised long ago? From the information available, this strike was the most dismal failure of collective bargaining in Canadian history.

On the other hand, the Railroad workers have by threatened legislation been forced to accept A.B.C. (arbitration, barter or conciliation) to settle their demands, not necessarily in that order, but they have been crowded into the position where they have to settle their demands by any means other than strike. This forced bargaining does not go down too well with the average Railroad worker. It takes too long for too little, and places the Railroad employe in a position inferior to that of like workers in other industries. All parties concerned—and the economy of all Canadians is concerned—should ask themselves how such matters can be settled with fairness to all and without the wasteful future of marathon strikes. Unless someone comes up soon with the answers to these involved questions, we shall be faced with restrictive laws and legislation. No doubt these matters will come up for consideration at the First Constitutional Convention of the Canadian Labour Congress at Toronto in April, but it is problematical if the answer will be found there or in the ballot boxes of the next Federal election.

THOMAS HINDLEY, P.S.

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## Be Alert to Curb Anti-labor Efforts

L. U. 125, PORTLAND, ORE.—The year 1956 should be somewhat memorable in labor annals. Considerable effort, both political and administrative, will be put forth by opposition groups to curtail the gains previously achieved by labor. All union members should be on the alert and assist our leaders in their efforts to forestall the activities of these groups. A little expended effort by each of us now will pay off big dividends later on.

The efforts of labor leaders in executing the merger of AFL and CIO top level organizations should be heralded as a far-reaching step in labor's drive to eliminate duplication



## At Philadelphia Graduation Ceremonies



Officials and graduates of the apprentice training program of Local 126, Philadelphia, Pa., pose at their recent graduation ceremonies. From left to right, back row, are: Frank McCauley, committeeman; James Rodgers, Jr.; Oscar Cornelius; Francis Walker, committeeman. Front row: Jack Horsfall, Chester Herb, and William Ryder.



William D. Walker, right, presents a Certificate of Meritorious Service from the U. S. Department of Labor to Charles E. Hendrick.

Jersey Chapter, N.E.C.A. held a recent dinner at the Philadelphia Electrical Association honoring the graduates of the apprentice training course.

Frank McCauley, apprentice training committeeman, presented certificates of completion to William Ryder, Chester Herb, Oscar Cornelius, James Rodgers Jr., and Jack Horsfall. These men have since passed their journeyman examination. Certificates of meritorious service by the United States Department of Labor, were awarded by William D. Walker, director of Apprentice Training, to Charles Hendrick, business manager of Local Union 126, and Apprentice Training Committeemen Casper Bagley and Frank Finn. Frank Finn's award was made posthumously.

Recently up-graded apprentices, Charles O'Brien, Thomas Kenney, Adam Miller, James Davis and Len Maguire also attended the dinner.

William D. Walker, director; Charles Hendrick, business manager of Local Union 126; Harry Freedman, Francis Walker, Frank McCauley, Apprentice Training Committee; Jack Horsfall, and the writer, toastmaster for the occasion, addressed the group briefly on various subjects related to our apprentice training program.

Our apprentice training program consists of four years of work at the trade and a course of related study. Due to the vast geographical area covered by our jurisdiction, related study in classrooms is an impossibility, consequently, this is maintained by correspondence. The apprentice is sent his lesson assignments which, when completed in weekly groups, are returned to the committee where they are graded. In addition to lessons, the apprentice is required to return a monthly work study report signed by his foreman. This report consists of the hours worked by the apprentice on the various operations necessary to be performed to become a journeyman.

An advantage of this type course is that it permits the committee to

and strife between the two organizations. We hope that the men in the next lower organizational levels will be of that same broad mindedness to relegate to the background all selfish and personal ambitions that they might possess and assist in executing this merger at all levels. A committee has been selected in our state to work out the conditions and details under which this merger will be executed at the state level. Our Business Manager, W. L. Vinson, has been appointed to this committee.

With the increasing activities of the several groups opposing the rights of labor, other groups are recognizing these rights and attempting to disseminate information vital to labor-management relations. The Oregon Council of Churches, in recognizing the fact that its member churches have been reluctant and negligent in assuming their responsibility in this matter and also recognizing that labor's church membership is a minority, is taking greater interest in labor and labor-management relations and passed a resolution at its recent Oregon convocation to inaugurate this type of activity. The Catholic church has been active in this field for years.

All Federal employes will do well to study the several bills regarding their retirement to be introduced in Congress and be on guard lest restrictive measures be adopted. S. B. 2875 sponsored by the Council of Government Employes and introduced by Senator Olin D. Johnson has the full support of our International Union and we should exert a little individual effort toward its passage.

Some time ago we were deeply concerned over the advent of chiseling line construction contractors into our area. By ignoring parts of the agreement and refusing to pay certain recognized fringe benefits they were able to carry on with Federal construction contracts obtained by greatly underbidding legitimate contractors. Through extensive research and good judgment our legal counsel determined that the Federal Government was obligated to abide by all the rules and laws pertaining to this issue. His judgment was sustained by the several departments of the Federal Government so concerned. Our goal now is to bar this offending contractor from any further bidding privileges on Federal work. Our counsel? Brother William H. Hubert, member of L. U. 125.

Our congratulations to Brother Fred Irwin who was recently appointed International Treasurer. Fred has been a member of L. U. 125 since October 1924 and was business manager from November 1937 to July 1940. Although he has not lived in this city for several years he still has many friends here. We know that he has the ability and personality to serve well in any capacity.

FLOYD D. PARKER, P.S.

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### Joint Board Stages Apprentice Graduation

L. U. 126, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The Joint Board of Apprentice Training of Local Union 126, and Penn-Del-



## New Orleans Apprentices Honored



At the recent presentation ceremonies of Local 130, New Orleans, La., Brother G. X. Barker presents I.B.E.W. Certificates and Mr. Robert Conran presents State Certificates to journeymen on completion of their Apprenticeship Training. Reading left to right, front row: Brothers R. A. Marsh, B. Gemelli, G. X. Barker, 5th Dist. vice president; Mr. R. I. Conran, Director of Apprenticeship Training Division (La.), J. Tambarello, B. E. McCarty, B. Early, C. N. LeBlanc, S. J. Guerrero. Second row: A. J. Bauer, H. Foutz, R. A. Meyer, J. B. Quinn, Jr., M. J. Emig, M. McElroy, N. L. Pedeaux, J. F. McGrath, W. W. Everett, II, and R. R. Raffo. Third row: M. E. Joseph, recording secretary; L. T. Garcia, financial secretary; F. F. Fenassi, member of A.T.C.; Victor Welker, president; J. K. Moore, member A.T.C., and G. B. Muller, Jr., business manager.



Mr. A. N. Goldberg, chairman of the Apprenticeship Training Committee for the Construction Industry Association, presents a watch to Brother Joe Knecht, outstanding apprentice, and Brother Herman Richard, runner-up, was awarded a pair of Sugar Bowl tickets.

### Member's Daughter Writes Winning Essay

L. U. 130, NEW ORLEANS, LA.—Recently in one of our high schools the students were given an essay to write. The subject being "Labor Unions and The Right To Work Bill."

And what essay do you think was chosen the best and most outstanding! None other than the one sent in by Miss Gayle Joseph, 14-year-old daughter of Brother M. E. Joseph, assistant business manager and recording secretary of Local 130. Here is the winning essay in Gayle's own words:

"Labor unions benefit mankind, not hurt it. Men strike not for the fun of it, but for what they believe is right. They want to be acknowledged as a spiritual being and not merely as a factor of production. They want fair wages in order to supply their families not only with the necessities of life, but to be able to give them things that will benefit their mental abilities, as well as their physical ones. They also want their dignity as men to be acknowledged.

"Before the men can ever strike, everyone that works for that organization must meet and vote whether to strike or not. They must have a majority to strike. The men fully realize that their families will have to do without many things when he is on strike, but it is for something he believes is right, therefore, the family

enroll or reclassify an apprentice as conditions warrant; thus eliminating the necessity of an individual waiting for a class.

We of Local Union 126, are very proud of our Joint Apprentice Training Program and are indebted to the committees, past and present, for a job well done. They have pioneered in a field of apprentice training where the problems were unlike the problems facing training programs of other locals, and where very little

comparison could be used with programs accepted as standard.

The present committee consists of Casper Bagley, Frank McCauley and Francis Walker, representing Local Union 126; Robert Mitchell of Day and Zimmerman, Rex Vogan, Utilities Line Construction Company, Harry Freedman, Progressive Electric Company, representing Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, Line Construction Division, N.E.C.A.

HOWARD GRABERT, *President.*



doesn't mind living on the bare necessities.

"Before they strike, they maintain a strike fund to help out the strikers. Of course, it isn't a large sum of money, but it's enough to pay the rent and buy groceries. They set up a picket line around the building or buildings they are striking against. The strikers walk around carrying

signs which display their opinions. Those people who cross that picket line are called scabs. When they cross that picket line and take over some person's job, it shows that they don't believe in raising the standard of living. The strikers are sacrificing themselves in order to establish better working conditions.

"The so-called 'Right-To-Work

Bill' is really the 'Right To Slave.' This bill went into effect in May. My family and I went to Baton Rouge to listen to the speeches being made about the 'Right To Work Bill.' We sat for hours listening to speeches, first for the union and then against it. You could immediately tell the difference between the speeches. The people who spoke for the union had a

## New Orleans Local Makes Awards



Brother G. X. Barker and Councilmen present a Fifty-Year Certificate to Brother T. E. Todd at Local 130's recent ceremonies in New Orleans. Reading left to right, front row: Councilman Paul Burke; Brother T. E. Todd; Brother G. X. Barker, vice-president, 5th District, and Councilman Fred J. Cassibry. Back row: Brother M. E. Joseph, assistant business manager; Brother A. R. Ziegler, assistant business manager; Brother Victor Welker, president; Brother L. T. Garcia, financial secretary, and Brother G. B. Muller, Jr., business manager. At right: Brother C. R. Carle presents the Forty-Year Certificates. Reading from left to right are: Brothers Charles Toronto, John Malloy, George C. Obitz. Brother C. R. Carle is a member of the Executive Council, I.B.E.W.



Brother G. B. Muller, Jr., presents the Thirty-Five Year Certificates. Reading left to right: Brothers Fred Elgier; R. M. Lindsey; E. J. Deubler, Sr.; C. J. Boudreaux; E. G. Fenasci; G. B. Muller, Jr., business manager; S. G. Dodson; E. H. McLaughlin, and J. A. Schmaltz.



At left Brother Charles Thurber presents the Thirty-Year Certificates. Reading from left to right are: Brothers W. M. Weber, W. G. Dickerson, F. E. Oswald, and Charles Thurber, district representative of the N.E.C.A. Right: Brother Emile Barris, president, Association Independent Contractors, presents the Twenty-Five Year Certificate to Brother Samuel G. Clissold, Jr.



## Community Service Award



Telephone workers of Chicago receive the Community Fund Award. From left to right: Harry Hughes, secretary of Local 134; Charles V. McCale, president-business manager, Local 368; Dan K. Chinlund, general plant manager, Illinois Bell Telephone Company; Harry Johnson, president-business manager, Local 371; Emil A. Michael, president-business manager, Local 381; William Smith, president-business manager, Local 315.

principal reason for believing in the union, but the non-union speakers were just drifting about in mid-air. They had no principle at all—they knew that they were against organized labor. The 'Right-To-Work Bill' is to have men bid for their wages and the lowest bidder is the one the employer hires."

Congratulations Gayle, and may you have lots of success in the future.

Recently the members, their wives and friends of Local 130 all joined together in honoring Brother T. E. Todd with a testimonial supper and dance.

Brother Todd, age 75 years, a member of Local 130 for 50 years who has held every office in the local was presented with a 50-year pin and testimonial scroll by Vice-President G. X. Barker. A key to the city and a certificate of merit were presented by Councilmen Fred Cassibry and Paul Burke.

Honored for 40 years of membership were: Brothers J. Stelljes, George C. Obitz, John Malloy, Charles Toranto and R. J. Alloy.

Others honored were:

Thirty-five years — Joseph A. Schmaltz, Charles J. Boudreaux, L. J. Guidry, E. G. Fenasci, Sr., S. G. Dodson, Fred Elgier, J. L. Cahill, E. J. Deubler, Sr., R. M. Lindsay and E. H. McLaughlin.

Thirty years — William M. Weber, L. A. Aubert, F. E. Oswald, William G. Dickenson, Alvin G. Roberts, Robert C. Pflueger and C. F. Weber.

Twenty-five years — Richard A. Regan and Samuel G. Clissold, Jr.

Graduated from apprenticeship wiremen courses were J. B. Quinn, Jean Gaye, J. Tambarello, R. A. Tranchant, H. Foutz, J. A. Bannon, D. L. Bascale, R. R. DeRocha, J. F. McGrath, A. Talbot, B. Early, B. E. McCarty, E. P. Rachel, R. T. Rushing, R. A. Marsh, T. P. Brunning, R.

Markey, W. W. Everett, II, R. A. Meyer, M. McElroy, C. N. LeBlanc, S. J. Guerrero, R. R. Raffo, A. J. Bauer, N. J. Emig, K. A. Beals, B. Gemelli and N. L. Pedeaus.

Taking part in the ceremonies were Vic Welker, local president; G. X. Barker, International Vice President and George B. Muller, Jr., business manager of the local.

A dance followed the testimonial supper and a gay time was had by all.

Many thanks to the Arrangements Committee who helped us make this testimonial supper a huge success, and our thanks to Brother Ed Deubler for the fine photographs.

ANTHONY R. ZIEGLER, P.S.

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## Chi. Members Receive Community Fund Award

JOINT BOARD OF TELEPHONE LOCALS, CHICAGO, ILL.—Recently Electrical workers received the Community Fund Award for outstanding participation. The award was presented to the officers of the seven local unions by the general plant manager, Mr. D. K. Chinlund.

Employees of the Illinois Bell Telephone Company made a total employee contribution of \$190,353.75. This was a joint union-management appeal. A.F. of L.-C.I.O. and independent unions were included.

In the Plant Department where the I.B.E.W. Electrical Workers represent the employees, the average donation was \$9.05 per employee.

The success of the fund drive is due in fact to the amount of information now available to the employees through their union representatives.

It might be well, at this time, to point out that the work of the Community Fund has just begun. The budget reviewing committees, the

Welfare Council staff have a responsibility to see that the money contributed is spent wisely and that many of the unmet needs are called to the attention of the public as a whole through the Welfare Council of metropolitan Chicago.

The employees of the Telephone Company were shown that it is good business to donate through the Community Fund. The agencies which make up the Welfare Council, 400 in number, must meet the standards set by the Welfare Council and also prove that there exists a need for the service and that there is no duplication. The Welfare Council also is a preventative agency to assist in city planning to prevent the spread of slums and to see that in the new C.H.A. projects adequate steps are taken to prevent their being a new area of substandard living conditions.

To the business men of our city the welfare agencies protect their investments so that, should our new sub-divisions become slums 20 years from now, all the plant investment in buildings, such as telephone exchanges, poles and cables will no longer be needed. The average home owner also has a stake in our city which must be protected.

It costs less to care for our children now in playgrounds, nurseries and youth groups than to keep them in jail, hospitals or other institutions and you may be the one held up, robbed or the victim of some crime.

In the final analysis the Community Fund—Welfare Council Plan for caring for the health and welfare of those who are in need in our city is just good business.

HARRY JOHNSON, Chairman  
Joint Board of Telephone Locals.

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## Date Set for Picnic Of Pittsburgh Local

L. U. 142, PITTSBURGH, PA.—The date for the annual picnic for members of Locals 142 and 148 has been set for August 18, 1956 at Kennywood Park. Remember the good time you had at last year's picnic and tell your fellow members who did not go, what a good time they missed. Maybe this year we will be able to find out who has the best soft ball team, Local 142 or Local 148. Reserve that date, August 18, 1956 at Kennywood Park.

Something new is being tried this year in place of the BI Oldtimers Get-Together. It was decided to honor the retired people from the Steam Heating Company and Elrama and Phillips Power Stations, along with those from BI and Reed. This is not a company-sponsored affair. The oldtimers get-together will be held at the Sherwyn Hotel, Wood Street and the Boulevard of the Allies on May 24, 1956 at 7 p.m. Tickets will cost \$3.00 per person. Let's get together



and make this the biggest and by far the best of the old timers affairs.

We send wishes for a speedy recovery from their illnesses to the following sick members: Jim Shey, Joe McDonald, Oliver Granderson, Charlie Torchia, Eddie Walsh, Ed Bettylon and Howard Faulkner and any other brother or sister who is off sick.

To the ladies: It is soon time to do that spring house cleaning. Do it safely. More accidents occur in the home than in industry.

How many of us look for the union label when we make a purchase? How many of us know that you can find the union label on a loaf of bread if it is union made? Any product that carries the union label is made by the best craftsmen in the world. Always look for union made merchandise when you are making a purchase.

HARVEY C. COOK, P. S.

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### Winings Passes, Ill. Member for Many Years

L. U. 146, DECATUR, ILL.—It is our sad duty to inform our members of the recent death of Brother William Horace "Bill" Winings. His death came as quite a shock to many of the old-timers, as Bill had been a member for many years. He was always a willing and active participant in all union affairs. In the past few years, however, the demands of his job, as chief electrical engineer at the Decatur Signal Corps Depot, had left him less time to participate in union affairs. His kind and understanding manner, and his quiet wit and good nature will long be cherished in the memories of his friends.

Through some oversight, not intentional on our part, we failed to learn of the serious illness and resultant operation on Brother Leo Mull last November. Brother Mull is recovering nicely now, but was not able to return to work until the middle of February.

Also, we failed to mention in earlier articles that Brother Pete Shea had successfully passed his examinations, and is now a full-fledged (wire-twister) journeyman. Among the more recent entrants to the ranks of Local 146 were Ivan Douglas Williams, son of Brother Mel Williams, who entered his first year as apprentice electrician. James H. Fetgatter was accepted as a journeyman motor-winder. George Gritton passed his examinations as journeyman wireman, as did James Butts.

Our heartfelt sympathy went out during the holidays to Brother Herb Willis, whose son was taken to Barnes Childrens Hospital in St. Louis for a second brain tumor operation. Just about a year ago the boy had undergone his first major brain operation, and had recovered enough to attend

school at St. James School in Decatur, where he showed great aptitude in his studies. Then, just before Christmas of this year he was stricken again, and had to be returned for another serious operation. To further complicate matters, a baby sister arrived on Christmas day. Now the boy is at home recovering again, and greatly enjoying his new sister.

Plans are still going forward on the organization of the Health and Welfare Plan being inaugurated by Local 146 in cooperation with four sister electrical unions. We will have more to report on this subject for the next issue.

At the last regular union meeting, the members voted to send our business manager to the annual meeting of the Building Trades in Washington, D. C. during the first week of March, to encourage favorable legislation for labor through study and discussion of problems confronting the labor industry.

Brother Howard Pruitt has been officially appointed to the office of city electrical inspector, succeeding Brother Henry Platzbecker, who was forced to retire because of ill health. We were sincerely sorry to see Brother Platzbecker forced to retire, but health must be his first consideration. We know that Howard will do his utmost to fulfill the obligations of his office. He has already demonstrated his ability while serving temporarily in the office he now holds. Well, gang, I seem to have just about run out of news for the present, so will close for now.

BOB WAYNE, P. S.

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### Notables Attend ND Labor-Management Meet

L. U. 153, SOUTH BEND, IND.—In line with my last column, noting our close proximity with the Notre Dame University, we mention now that the 4th annual labor-management conference sponsored by the University's department of Economics and College of Law, has this year attracted many notables; among them, our distinguished International Secretary, Brother Joseph D. Keenan.

This local was honored at its regular February meeting, by having Brother Keenan as our guest. Introduced by our local president, Brother Walker Arven, Brother Keenan spoke briefly on the importance of C.O.P.E. and our need to support it. If the members reading this could have heard his sincere remarks, they would feel as I do the need for its support by our entire membership.

Among Brother Keenan's party was his son, Brother Joseph Keenan, Jr. We wish to thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule to be with us, may he visit us often.

Our local president, Brother Arven, and our business manager, Brother Don Beattie also attended the conference, to hear Brother Keenan as the opening speaker, talk on peace between labor and management, stressing the point, that labor stands ready to work for better relations, but with management a non-aggression pact, or a live-and-let-live agreement or any other arrangement that might bring an end to hostile maneuvers in the labor-management field, so far the only response from the employers' side has been a stepped-up barrage of anti-union propaganda. When, if ever, there comes a day when management lays aside the implements of class warfare and accepts with good grace the right of working people to the full and effective voice in economic life, through unions of their own choosing, the way will be open for an era of unparalleled industrial peace.

More than 500 persons were registered for the all day session in Washington hall, with luncheons in the Morris Inn and the Indiana Club.

This month we gave the certificate of merit for the most fantastic story to Brother A. F. Macklin, in his dreaming of a building so large that inside this building rain clouds form, making it necessary to keep rain gear handy as it may rain at any moment.

JIM WATKINS, P. S.

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### Jaycees Host Meet Of Outstanding Men

L. U. 193, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.—Springfield made national headlines this month when its Jaycees were hosts to the "Ten Outstanding Young Men" of America. We're happy to report that Local 193 has had two delegates to this organization for the past eight years. At present, our delegates are Brothers Jim Enlow, and Albert Birdsell.

For quite a number of years, Local 193 has had a joint apprenticeship training program, but the contractors have been a very silent partner. However, at last year's contract negotiations, the contractors asked for and received an active part in the administration of this school.

They offered to help finance it, and by so doing felt that a number of improvements could be made. A new joint board was selected by their respective organizations, and although it was too late to make any changes in this year's program, they have already begun to work on an improved curriculum for next year.

Representing the contractors on the board are Ed Mansfield, Lewis Zittle, Kelly Rachford and Bill Agnew as an alternate. Local 193 will be represented by Karl Bitschenauer, Leo Walker, and Roland Kuster. Ed Mans-



field has been elected chairman and Roland Kuster, secretary.

One of our retired members, Sherman Whitlaw, was taken by death on January 3rd, in Las Vegas, Nevada, where he and his wife have resided since 1951. Brother Sherm was initiated into the I.B.E.W. in Local 193 in 1932. In later years, he spent some time at construction work, but most of his years in the electrical game were spent at the Springfield City Water Light and Power Department as a maintenance electrician.

The type of character that Brother Whitlaw had, can best be depicted from an excerpt from a letter written to the fellows at the City plant by Sherm's wife just after his death. "When we visited you people last fall, Sherman felt much worse than he ever let on. That's the way it was until the very end, he never suffered outwardly, never complained, just tried to make it as easy on everyone else as he could."

In compliance with the JOURNAL'S request in its October issue for information on the organization of safety programs, we wish to submit the following story on how ours was fostered.

The City Light and Power Department, where we are employed, had had no formal safety program for as long as most of us could remember, although we did have a clause in our working agreement which read, "Whenever safety meetings are held they shall be held on the city's time." Obviously, this clause was very weak, and since fortunately our accident rate was about normal, the city not only didn't force a safety program on us, but even seemed reluctant to grant us the time to conduct one ourselves.

However, three years ago our Negotiating Committee demanded and received an hour a month in which to hold safety meetings. A five-man committee was elected by the men to plan and conduct the meetings. The city realizing the merit of our requests, delegated one of its engineers to work with us, who had had previous experience in safety programming.

Almost since its birth, our safety program has received the full cooperation of the members. Since its inception, all of us have learned the arm-lift method of resuscitation and its variations, including pole top resuscitation. The city has purchased a pneulator which each man has been trained to use.

We have also spent considerable time on such subjects as first-aid, safe driving habits, and of course safe working procedures. One of the highlights of our campaign was a meeting in which two linemen and two foremen participated in a panel discussion on the responsibilities of the foreman in regard to safety.

While working on pole-top resuscitation methods, we took motion pic-

tures of our work. These were later shown along with a film on the proper techniques of pole-top resuscitation, thus enabling us to pick out our own mistakes and weak points.

Part of each meeting is relegated to the rank and file in which to make suggestions of any type pertaining to safety as well as complaints about faulty tools or equipment. A report is also read at this time by the secretary on what has been done about previous suggestions or complaints.

Everyone (the employer and employe alike) now agrees that this program is a good thing, and to insure its continuance the following clause has replaced the aforementioned weak and inadequate one that was formerly in our agreement.

"The city agrees to furnish all necessary protective and satisfactory equipment, such as rubber gloves, blankets, hose, hats, coats and boots; and it is a rule of both parties hereto that they be used. Safety meetings shall be held from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on the second Monday of every month. If there is an emergency condition at such time, the meeting shall be held the same hour on the succeeding Monday. Immediately following the regular safety meetings all men required to work energized lines will turn in one pair of their rubber gloves to be tested."

This is rather long but we have one last important item we'd like to mention. Brother Harry Winhold, a meter repairman for the City Light and Power Department suffered a fatal heart attack on Friday, February 10th.

Harry, a soft-spoken well liked individual, spent virtually his entire lifetime in the electrical game. He was initiated into the I.B.E.W. by Local 193 on January 15, 1925.

He is survived by his wife, Katharine, and son, Lloyd, who is also a member of Local 193. Brother Harry who was 57 when death struck, has been laid to rest in Roselawn cemetery here in Springfield.

WILLIAM L. PORTER, P. S.

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## Members Modernizing Atlantic City Street

L. U. 211, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Just a few lines from this seashore resort to let you know that we are still alive and preparing for the coming summer business. Yours truly is still working out of town at the Maguire Air Base for Peifer Electric Company. Naturally your press secretary does not get a chance to find out much about what is going on in our territory. But by looking at our local paper once in a while I came to the conclusion there must be some work going on; but as to whether all of the dear Brothers are busy I do

not know. I do know that the removal of the traffic lights over head and the trolley poles in the middle of Atlantic Avenue has made work for some of the Brothers who are working for Calvi Electric Company, who have the contract of relocating the feeders to the new location of the traffic light standards.

Some of the old hotels are being torn down and new modern motels being built in place of them. These motels seem to go over very big with the visitors who come to Atlantic City. The removal of the trolley poles from the middle of Atlantic Avenue sure makes for a wider street.

I am very sorry to report that one of our Brothers of Local 211 died suddenly at his sister's home in Venice Park recently. He was William N. McAdam. He passed away at the young age of 38. He was the younger brother of Thomas J. McAdam of the McAdam Electric Company here in Atlantic City. Surviving Bill is his wife Mabel and his son William N. Jr., his mother, Mrs. Kathryn McAdam and his brother, Thomas J. all of Atlantic City.

In conclusion I would like to say—"THE DRIVER IS SAFER WHEN ROADS ARE DRY; THE ROADS ARE SAFER WHEN THE DRIVER IS DRY." By the way Bachie, Hank Peters of Local 269 wants me to say hello to you. See you again.

BART CURLEY MAISCH, P. S.

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## Ogden Local 217 Fetes Charter Members

L. U. 217, OGDEN, UTAH—On December 23, 1955 our local union celebrated Christmas by giving a banquet to honor the remaining charter members as well as those members who have had over 20 years continuous good standing. Our charter was installed on December 10, 1927 with 13 charter members. Seven of these men are still living and were with us on this occasion. They were awarded gold pins by Vice President L. F. Anderson of the 8th District.

Pins and scrolls were also awarded to the members of the local union with over 20 years of continuous good standing. These awards were also made by Vice President Anderson, who pointed out that our business manager and former International Representative A. L. Smith and he, were both initiated into the Brotherhood on the same day. (October 3, 1928).

Homer L. Hopkins, president of Local 217 gave the address of welcome, which was followed by a splendid steak dinner served by the Tropical Cafe, at Brigham City, Utah. Musical numbers and a comedy skit were given under the direction of the program committee, Brothers Frank



Forsgren, Arthur Steffen, and Keith Keller.

Jack Laub, manager of the Cache Valley Electric Company (our largest contractor) spoke on the value of good labor relations, and cited many examples by which both the union and management had benefited by working together.

A. L. Smith, business manager of Local 217 spoke on the subject of Public Relations. He pointed out the necessity of each individual member and his wife selling the public on the "good things" of our organization. He stated in this field that we as individuals had failed miserably, and this was one of the contributing factors in causing the passage of the Utah "Right-To-Wreck" bill which is considered one of the worst in the nation. He quoted Abraham Lincoln who said, "All that harms labor is treason to America. No line can be drawn between these two. If a man tells you he loves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America, yet fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor."

L. F. Anderson, Vice President of the 8th District spoke on "Progress of the Union." He pointed out the many achievements of our fine organization under the able leadership of former International Presidents D. W. Tracy and J. Scott Milne. He then praised the great leadership of our new International President Gordon Freeman. He stated the programs started by the former Presidents would continue to conclusion, and that our new President had great ability and we could look forward to many improvements in our organization under the leadership of the fine team of Freeman and Keenan. He congratulated the charter members and the 20-year members. He also congratulated the local union and the contractors on the fine manner in which negotiations

were carried on this year. He said he was pleased beyond words when our agreement came over his desk with a fine increase of 12½ cents per hour, and no loss in conditions. (Including union security in spite of the "Right-To-Wreck" law.)

All members present enjoyed the program and felt highly honored to have Vice President Anderson with us on this occasion. The expressions heard by various members upon adjournment was that we should have this kind of meeting more often. "Let's wake the town and tell the people" about our fine brotherhood!

A. L. SMITH, B.M.

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### Plan Improvements of Health Insurance Plan

L. U. 223, BROCKTON, MASS.—Greetings, Brothers. At this writing,

work in this area is now very slow due to snow covering the ground and slowing down work on the projects.

Our health insurance program has been in effect for one six-month period now and is beginning to be appreciated. The fund is being built up and shows a balance large enough so that plans can be made to purchase additional coverages starting in July. The trustees are presently seeking suggestions and advice in order to find out what additional coverages YOU want, Brothers.

Last Monday evening, Forsberg Electric, one of our largest local contractors, held a banquet at the Bryant Hotel for employes. Among the guests were Herbert Ferris, business manager of Local 223; Mr. Harrison Witherell, executive secretary of the Massachusetts Electrical Examiners and former officer of our local; Mrs. Witherell; and Lloyd Nordholm, wir-

### Charter Members Honored



As the surviving Charter Members of Local 217, Ogden, Utah, these members were afforded special honor at the local's recent banquet. Front row, left to right: Theo W. Beck, J. M. Sampson, John P. Jensen, and Fred D. Hood. Rear row: Leland J. Colt; John Hendry, and Archie P. Farr. They were awarded gold pins.



Leland J. Colt, Charter Member and with 28 years continuous good standing receives his pin and scroll, at left, from Vice Pres. L. F. Anderson. These 20- and 25-year members were also cited, right. Front row, left to right: Leland J. Colt, Theo W. Beck, and Chas. W. Goodsell. Rear: A. L. Smith, Business Manager, Local 217, and L. F. Anderson, International vice president.





ing inspector of the City of Brockton, also one of our brother wiremen. A fine feed with choice of lobster or roast beef was enjoyed by all. Piano music and a harmony quartet completed the evening.

A banquet was held by the Brockton Central Labor Union on Tuesday evening, January 24th at the Club National for the purpose of discussing the AFL-CIO merger and how it may affect the various locals around the Brockton area. Visiting dignitaries were Hugh Thompson, formerly of the CIO, now regional director of the joint AFL-CIO and Dan Healy, formerly AFL regional director, now assistant to Hugh Thompson. Both men spoke eloquently on the problems of merger.

Business Manager Herbert Ferris and yours truly attended on behalf of Local 223. The evening ended with the hope for cooperation and patience by AFL and CIO locals and with the desire to keep jurisdictional problems at a minimum.

The Catholic Labor Guild has begun in Brockton a school of labor-management relations. Its first meeting was held January 25 and was well attended. The purpose of this school seems to be to promote good will between labor and management and to acquaint people with the local economic problems which affect all of us.

Our joint union-contractor banquet has now been postponed till after the Lenten season.

Good luck and good work, Brothers.

R. WOODMAN, P.S.

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## Hails Plan for New Connecticut Factory

L. U. 225, NORWICH, CONN.—My last letter appeared in the January issue of the JOURNAL in which I mentioned the Carpenters of the Norwich area who were definitely against joining the Building Trades Council. However, I forgot to mention that their business manager was offered the president's seat in the council, with the provision that he could choose another Carpenter for any other office. Even this could not induce them to join. It certainly is amazing that these Carpenters are holding a gripe that happened 20 years ago, and 90 per cent of these men were not in any trade whatsoever at that time. All I can say is they are holding the reins to an old horse and buggy while trying to live in a machine age.

Our Local 225 plus practically all the residents of eastern Connecticut, were overwhelmed when they found out that the American Standard Radiator Corporation is now constructing a huge factory that will cover 14 acres in Plainfield, Connecticut.

My personal feeling, and I think many other residents of eastern Con-

necticut sincerely believe the same, is that this will end the trend of textiles which we have been so dependent upon. In this part of the state we have surplus help, and I quote from the *Readers' Digest*, "Eastern Connecticut, ranks high in the country for skilled workmen."

At this time I would like to salute the Plastic Wire and Cable Corporation, a growing industry in Jewett City, Connecticut, and proudly we mention the fact they are members of the International.

Also a tip of the hat to Ed Jeffers, one of our journeymen employed by O'Neill Electric of Norwich. Jeff has just received the appointment of electric light commissioner in Jewett City and may I say he is the youngest man (at 26) ever to hold this position in that community.

During December of '55 I resigned as recording secretary and Phil Genest is now filling that post. Commencing January first our local dues were reduced from \$8.60 to \$7.60. Our bylaws were rewritten and presently our wage board is negotiating. At present we have 14 men in the metropolitan area, thanks to Local 3 and Harry Van Arsdale. Work is very slow at present, but by July we will be really booming and in a position to aid other locals who have helped us over the hurdles.

In closing may I say thanks to the Brothers as far away as North Dakota, who wrote me about my previous letter concerning our non-union Thermos Bottle Company of Norwich, Connecticut. Thanks again for reading.

JAMES WAKELY, P.S.

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## Three New Apprentices For Sioux City Local

L. U. 231, SIOUX CITY, IOWA—While regular business, negotiations and routine matters steadily continue, one of the special items of interest, in Local 231, was the indenturing of three additional apprentices: Gail Grimsley, James Sterling and Sidney Nyreen. They have passed rigid character and ability requirements and will make fine additions to the trade, as well as future members of the local.

A letter from the President of the Sioux City Electrical Contractors, Myron Casler, compliments the Executive Board of L. U. 231, and its business manager, Brother Tom Dugan, for good public relations, splendid cooperation and courteous handling of the affairs between labor and management. Of this we can be justly proud.

Another fine gesture on the part of both management and members of Local 231, was when nine members who work for the Thompson Electric Company were given half a day's pay when they attended the funeral of

Brother Glen Pace. The men, in turn, donated those wages to the widow.

Organized labor may well take credit for helping to raise the living standards of our country. Even workmen for whom there is no organized labor group, enjoy the fruits of those who have organized and helped to bring up the national standard. There is no better anywhere in the world today!

All members of L. U. 231 are looking forward to our coming 40th Anniversary to be held at Hotel Mayfair in Sioux City, on May 17th, combining a dinner and special entertainment, followed by dancing to the well-known Hittle Orchestra. Special invitations have been sent to city officials, local and international IBEW Representatives, as well as long-time members of L. U. 231, who will be signally honored. This event should be the highlight of the 40 years of Local 231.

We have a Death Benefit plan, approved by the International, which is operating successfully. Briefly, a \$5.00 per capita assessment provided a fund from which to start, 25 cents of which has been kept for administration costs. Upon the death of a member all members are again assessed \$5.00, replenishing the Death Benefit Fund, which is all kept entirely separate from the regular treasury. Rules regarding the plan, its collection, beneficiaries, payment of a death benefit, etc., are a part of the local's bylaws. We will be glad to reply to requests for details if anyone is interested.

Our union decided to respond to the Polio Drive through voluntary contributions by members, collected by the shop stewards. The total was turned in at the March meeting, at which time Mrs. Louise Humphrey, co-chairman and wife of Dr. J. H. Humphrey, local chairman of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, appeared at our regular meeting, accepted the donations and heartily thanked those who gave toward the polio fund.

We hope to be able to give an interesting report on the work of our Negotiating Committee, our rural area accomplishments and some jurisdictional problems in the next letter. L. U. 231 may not be the biggest local in the IBEW—but it surely makes up for its size in the importance of its interests and participation in constructive projects.

FRED HADLEY, P.S.

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## Sees Need for Ohio Support of Lausche

L. U. 245, TOLEDO, OHIO—As we write our first letter of this election year, 1956, we wish, probably along with many others, for the aid of a crystal ball. Ohio, this year, will present an



## Veterans of Salem Local

interesting problem. Governor Lausche has announced his candidacy for the Senate in opposition to Senator Bender. Organized labor has opposed Bender and has always been very cool towards Lausche. As yet we have no word as to the intentions of our leaders. For this writer there is no problem. Who controls the Senate is the prime question. It does matter who the committee chairmen are. We well remember the recent performance of Knowland, McCarthy, Jenner, Capehart, etc. Personally, we believe the answer is simple—to support Lausche to the best of our ability.

On January 18-19 the Ohio State Utility Board, IBEW, met in Toledo, Ohio. Representing Local 245, Toledo, Ohio, were President Stephen LaPorte, Business Manager Vincent Wise, Assistant Business Manager George Thomas, and Brother Howard Delker. Chief topic of discussion was contract negotiations for the coming year.

As usual at this time of the year, our standing Negotiating Committee starts to increase its activities. We are again anticipating the assistance of International Representative Frank Adams.

Steps to integrate the AFL Central Labor Union, of which we are a member, and the Toledo CIO, are underway.

Recent deaths in the Local were Brothers Arthur Corrigan and Boyd Evans, members 20 years and 23 years respectively. May they rest in peace.

PAUL D. SCHIEVER, P.S.

### Pins Presented for Years of Service

L. U. 259, SALEM, MASS.—At a recent meeting of Local Union 259 it was the pleasant duty of International Representative W. Steinmiller to present to three of our oldest members, pins commemorating their years of service in the cause of brotherhood and in particular their devotion to the interests of Local Union 259.

Brother Albert (Boom) Caswell was given a 45-year pin and Brothers P. Joseph (Pat) Dean and John (Jack) Macauley were each given a 40-year pin.

Boom and Pat are now on the pension rolls and enjoying life in the milder manner, but both whispered to me that on occasion they can still get out and whoop it up with the best of them. Maybe so, but looking at the picture they look pretty tame. Jack suffered a physical attack which placed him on the take it easy list. With luck we juniors of the local union hope to look as well as these brothers when we reach retirement.

Many thanks to Brother Steinmiller for coming all the way from Connecticut to do the honors.

EUGENE F. GILGAN, B. M.



Local 259, Salem, Mass., had the pleasure at a recent meeting of presenting service pins to its three oldest members in point of service. Here International Representative W. Steinmiller presents awards to, from left: Jack Macauley, 40 years; Albert Caswell, 45 years, and Pat Dean, 40 years.



Also taking part in the Salem ceremonies were, left to right, back row: Recording Secretary Irwin McCarthy; Treasurer Albert Parthum; President William Goldsmith; International Representative Steinmiller; and Business Manager Eugene Gilgan. Front row: Jack Macauley, Albert Caswell, and Pat Dean, the honored guests.

### Prospects Bright For Groton Local

L. U. 261, GROTON, CONN.—Greetings to the IBEW from all the members of Local 261, Groton, Connecticut, birthplace of the world's first atomic powered submarine, the "Nautilus" 571 and the world's second the "Seawolf" 575 which will soon join the "Nautilus" and prove her worth. With 1956, things here at the EB yards got off to a good start and things are looking up which means bright prospects for quite awhile—we hope.

Arrangements are being made for our 11th annual dinner dance to be held at the Mohican Roof the 11th of February. Plans are under way for this big event under the able direction of our own Pat "Patsy" Fran-

ciosi and his able committee who are doing a splendid job.

Our president, Brother Norm Brennen who has been on the sick list due to a virus recently, is now up and about the yards as usual. Most of our Brothers from 261 who have been sent out to "the wide open spaces" of Arco, Idaho by the A.E.C. are now on their way back to "the shores of the Thames" and home again, once more proving that our members of 261 are capable craftsmen, who have the know how of doing a job and doing it right.

Has it been cold out your way? Brother you can say that again! We here in New England have had a tough winter. Remember that old saying "If you can live in New England you can live anywhere." Br, Brrr.

So for now Brothers, from coast to coast we shall say so long until we



## Sea-Going Pioneers



The prides of our submarine fleet, the atomic vessels "Nautilus 571" and "Seawolf 575" in the harbor of Groton, Conn. Members of Local 261 aided in their construction.

meet again in the pages of our fine JOURNAL.

WILLIAM "BILL" STANLEY, P.S.

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### Construction Slowed By Welcome Snow

L. U. 271, WICHITA, KANSAS—Construction has slowed down here in Wichita due to some welcome snow which is welcome to the farmers of this area.

We were saddened this month by the untimely death of Brother H. A. Nelson our vice president and past president. A few days prior to Brother "Arche's" death, I talked to him regarding a picture of the "gang" on the Murray Gill power house addition where he was general foreman. We are enclosing the picture which he had taken by the Kansas Gas and Electric photographer. On January 17th the Wichita Chapter of N.E.C.A. honored our young journeymen who had completed their apprenticeship during the previous year, by a dinner at the Hotel Lassen. Local contractors, local union officers, and others connected with the apprenticeship program were present. Vice President Art Edwards braved the wintry blasts and was on hand to present the diplomas. In a short talk he congratulated the new journeymen and also urged that all journeymen would have to do a lot of studying in the immediate future to keep abreast of the growth of the electrical industry. He also urged contractors and union members alike to keep after the smaller jobs—the "bread and butter" work, lest it be taken over by non-union shops.

Enclosed is a picture of part of those attending the dinner.

I am told that Local 271 members were the largest group of contributors to L.L.P.E. in the state of Kansas. Let's all get on the ball and equal or

better this record with our contributions to our new C.O.P.E.

ROLLA A. HALL, P.S.

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### Political Education, Poll Tax Drive Meet

L.U. 278, CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS—The Texas State Federation of Labor held a political education and poll tax drive meeting at Plumbers Hall, January 15th.

Thirteen L.U. 278 officers, county officials and 80 members of other crafts of the A. F. of L.—C. I. O. and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen attended.

Our Local 278 vice president, Brother Bill Morgan opened the meeting with an explanation of its purpose and introduced the master of ceremonies Hank Brown, Texas State Federation of Labor representative.

Chairman Brown gave a legislative review of Texas laws enacted during the past years. Don Elliott, of the Telephone Workers, Joe T. Steadman, Railroad Brotherhood and Brother Weir, district representative C. I. O., discussed the vicious restrictive labor laws, and the so called "Right-to-Work" laws.

Taxation, with special attention on hidden taxes, which are actual sales taxes, was discussed. Almost two thirds of all state taxes are paid by consumers regardless of ability to pay. In contrast three-fourths of Federal taxes are based on ability to pay.

Texas is near the bottom on old age, public health and subsistence, social security and workmen's compensation. A major attempt has been made to lower even more the benefits from Workmen's Compensation.

What shall we do to exercise our citizenship? Pay our poll taxes and participate in our elections. The adage, "Evil men do evil, when good

men do nothing," is most appropriate.

Brother Frank Smith spoke urging everyone to register all their family, and to contact their friends, as he was doing.

A meeting was held in Victoria on January 27, with more than 100 attending. Counselor Nat Wells made the main address on Texas laws, politics and our duties as citizens. A fine film on our duties and privileges as citizens was shown.

The Texas State Federation of Labor officials deserve our thanks and cooperation in their efforts to better conditions throughout our State.

JAMES C. PARISH, P.S.

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### Cites Progress in House Wiring Field

L. U. 292, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—Local 292 feels justly proud when it comes to the house wiring field. The majority of our members are engaged in commercial or industrial electrical work, but we have reached out and brought house wiring jurisdiction in from every direction. At present, we have 12 months work a year for more than 200 members on house wiring, alone. One contractor does \$1,250,000 worth of business a year in house wiring. This did not come by accident but by the hard work of our business manager, his assistants, our Executive Board, and diligent police work by our membership.

More work in this field is coming in every day due to the promotional work done by the Twin City Re-Wiring Package Plan. All branches of the electrical industry are cooperating in promoting rewiring of existing small service dwellings to an adequate service of 100 amps to meet the needs of the homeowner in this electrical age. Spot commercials on radio and television and fine promotion are gaining good consumer acceptance for the plan. In three months last year, building permits in this field increased 33 percent with 702 residential electrical remodeling permits issued inside the City of Minneapolis for a dollar value of \$123,538.

To the consumer the Twin City Re-Wiring Package Plan offers an adequate service of 100 amps or better, competent union electricians to install it, easy financing which can be paid for with a small addition to the light bill, and peace of mind when it's time to install a new appliance or additional load. To our membership it means removal of hazardous electrical services and income and man hours to fill in during low peaks of employment.

States Electric and Hyser Electric, both companies manufacturing electrical equipment for contractors, have signed new contracts for a 10 cent wage increase across-the-board.



## At Large Kansas Project



"The Gang" of Local 271, Wichita, Kans., at the Murray Gill power house addition. Those in the picture are front row, left to right: Dana Dow; John Barker; Ronald Ruth; John Johnson; Stanley Posey; L. E. Cox; N. N. Pluimer; Harley Helms, and Arch Nelson, general foreman. Second row: Carl Seaton; Sam Copeland; W. D. Seaton, foreman; James Branstetter; Carl Savage, line foreman; W. H. Phillips Jr., foreman; Faye Calvert, foreman; James Burgess; W. B. Phillips, steward; Cecil Bentley; Perry Sage, foreman, and W. M. Bonham. Back row: Loren Noll; L. S. "Booger Red" Burch; Carl Schmidt; D. T. Anderson; Paul Erdman; Eugene King; Earl Ashley; Clifford Lamkin, foreman; Henry Brock; Paul Bays, and Clarence Rowe.



At the recent apprentice graduation dinner of Local 271 are these members and guests of the Wichita local. Front row, left to right: Charles Paige, N.E.C.A. Chapter manager; Harold Hill, Fifth District, N.E.C.A.; Vice President John Jenner, chairman of Wichita Joint Apprentice Committee; A. E. Edwards, International vice-president, 7th. District, I.B.E.W.; W. W. Malcolm, Local 271 business manager; W. C. Fox, director of Apprentice Training for Kansas, U.S. Department of Labor; Lee Meador, Division of Adult Education, Wichita Public Schools; K. S. Burkhead, Wichita representative of Apprentice Training, U.S. Department of Labor. Second row: Dean Ferm; Dale Huebert; H. L. Palmer; Fred Dodds; W. R. Hall; Lloyd Gilmore; Dolye Landreth; Carl Seaton; R. L. Carley, apprentice instructor, and D. W. Riggs, apprentice instructor. Third row: L. E. Ziegler; Dale Bliss; George Jackson; C. B. Clark; R. F. Page; Douglas Lingwood, John King, and H. C. Hall.

On January 9, Local 292 won bargaining rights for the office force of WTCN, Radio and TV.

Brother Ed Bishop, who is recovering from polio, was presented with a battery charger to use with his portable lung by the members of Local 292.

Our annual Christmas get-together was held December 13 in the Labor Temple. A crowd of 350 members attended and enjoyed a very fine eve-

ning. The refreshments were served by our apprentices who, by the way, did an excellent job. A few old-timers guided them just to keep within the bylaws.

We have had a little trouble with other crafts trying to move or handle electrical equipment. All electrical equipment is handled by electricians from the time it hits the job site to its installation. Let us see we get it!

JOHN J. O'ROURKE, P.S.

### Business Good for Fort Wayne Local

L. U. 305, FORT WAYNE, IND.—Business is good! We are enjoying good 40-hour steady work. Brother Gorrell told us at our meeting that every one is working, and we have some out-of-town Brothers. The way things look now, conditions should hold well this summer too.



## Work and Play in Minneapolis



Electricians of Central Electric Co., Minneapolis, at the Richfield State Bank, installing Howard Phone Duct and Low Floor Outlets. The men, members of Local 292, are Merle Kolbe and Evert Erickson. The third man is unidentified. At right: Merle Kolbe checks Howard Phone Duct and PBX Location.



Local 292 apprentices preparing food at Christmas party, left. At right is Herman Enebo, foreman of electricians on the Minneapolis Upper Harbor Dam, doing a little cooking at Party.



Local 292 members who made their Christmas Party a success and deserve the appreciation of all the members.

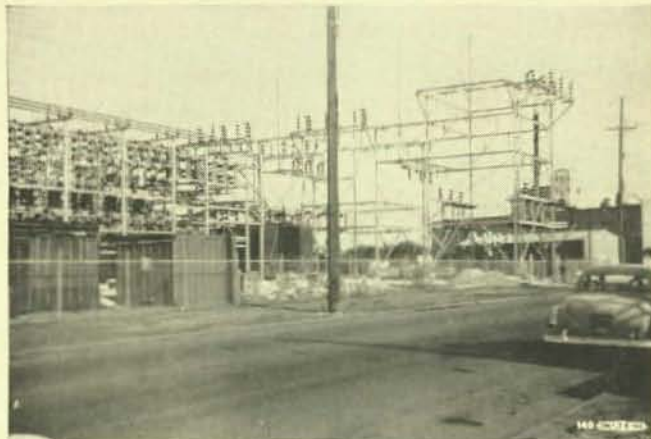
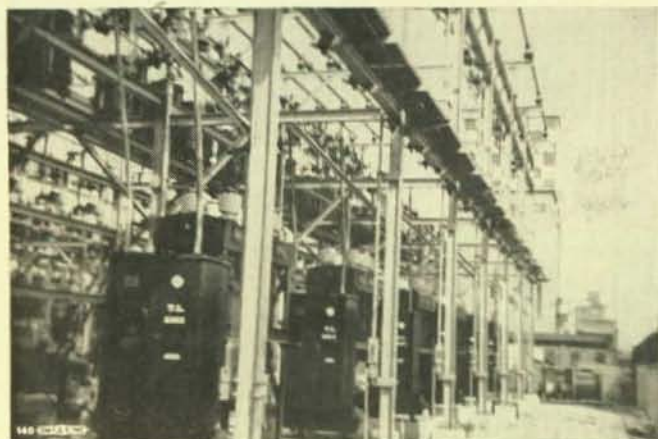
At the last building trades election, our business manager was elected president. Brother H. Gorrell has done a good job for us and we are sure he will give the council his best too.

We have been reading that you Brothers of Local 8 are going all out for a good tournament. Local 305 has never been to one so this year we are going to remedy that by sending two teams. See you in Toledo in May. (Maybe Brother D. Green might buy?)

We have had the usual colds and minor accidents this winter, but as a whole the Brothers of L.U. 305 have come through this Indiana weather in good shape. This month a bad accident involving a couple of our Brothers returning from work, put Brother R. Lopshire in the hospital with a crushed knee and facial lacerations. Brother Lopshire is expected to be in the hospital for quite some time. Brother A. Kugler, Sr. received minor injuries but was not hospitalized. We were sorry to hear of the Brothers' accident and speaking for all the local



## Project for Minneapolis Local



Southtown Substation built by Arrowhead Electric and Langford Electric of Minneapolis, Minn.

send our wish for a speedy recovery.

W. L. WASSON, P.S.

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### Varied Activities Of Akron Local 306

L. U. 306, AKRON, OHIO—Greetings from the Rubber Capital of the World. Well, we here in Akron are assured of a busy work schedule for the coming year. The newspapers are predicting a great industrial expansion program. The ground was broken January 19th for the Chrysler Corporation's new 85 million dollar stamping plant.

Well, our Christmas party was such a success that it was decided by the body to have a repeat party this year. Everybody had a good time including the "children." Our bowling teams are all set to represent us at Toledo, Ohio and I am sure they will bring back some of the top prizes again as they did last year. Our soft ball team is ready and waiting for their season to open. Everybody seems to be working and happy. The apprentices just finished their courses in first aid, so we old timers won't have to worry too much if we have an accident, which we hope won't happen.

AL (SCOTTY) BOYD, P.S.

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### Unique Structure In West Palm Beach

L. U. 323, WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.—Again we can proudly say "Greetings" from the Sunny South. Our press secretary, Brother Ben Roeber is still on a well earned slow down, so I will try to get a column in for 323. Work here in West Palm Beach territory seems to be holding up very well. About 60 visiting brothers are here at present.

We just finished a job that was very interesting structurally. Massive wooden arches, said to be the world's



Local 160 and Local 292 crew who completed the Southtown Substation erection. Dewey Anderson, foreman, in front. Next row, left to right: John Ellis; Ed Bantle; Bill Leeper; Dale Leigh, and Clarence Graeber. Back row: Clarence Anderson; Roy Severson; Don Mason; Irving St. John; Robert Gelina, and Mike Conway.

### New Leader



Brother H. Correll, newly-elected president of Fort Wayne Building Trades Council, left, and Brother "Bill" Damon, director, National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Electrical Industry.

largest of their kind were moved here from Magnolia, Arkansas. These arches were made of glued laminated southern pine and each arch weighs 15 tons. They measure 25 inches at the base end, 46 inches at the stress point and 20 inches at the crown. They measure 247 feet between buttresses and have a radius of 340 feet. There are 12 such arches which are covered with Oregon cedar 3½ inches thick and 5 inches wide. The roof is covered with 250,000 board feet of this cedar.

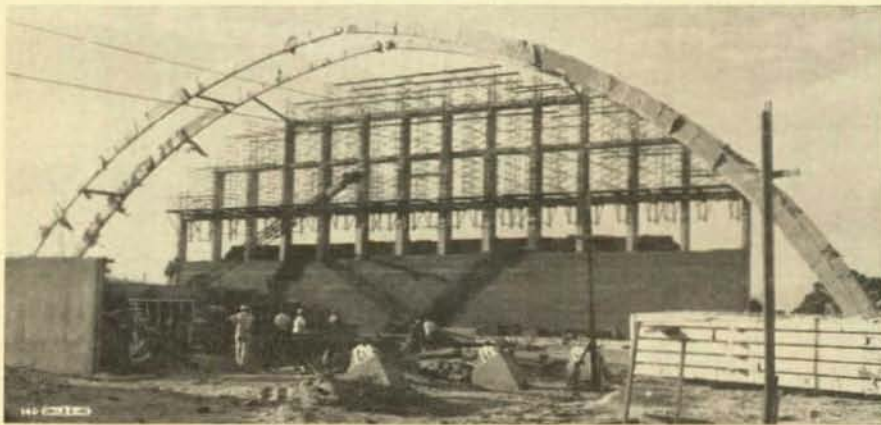
This building, known as the "Fronton" covers 1½ acres of unobstructed space under one roof. It was built for a sport known as "Jai-Alai," the world's fastest game. I am enclosing a picture of the Fronton and of the Brother Sparks who wired it. Hope you all will have a chance to visit and see a Jai Alai game with us.



## Unusual Sporting Colosseum



These members are engaged in the construction of a new Jai Alai Fronton in West Palm Beach. An early construction scene is shown below. Front row, kneeling: J. H. Cribb, LU 323; J. W. Cawthorne, LU 323; Sylvester Kearns, LU 488; George Horan, steward, LU 323; T. V. Henderson, LU 323; H. A. Organ, apprentice; J. C. Crawford, LU 323; Joe Signe, LU 326; Barton King, LU 443; E. L. Murningham, LU 402; Emory Purdom; Paris Stambaugh, LU 934; Art Zeigler; R. D. Wells, LU 46; Maurice Howze, LU 402; W. B. Whitaker. Second row: H. R. Pope, bookkeeper; Tom O'Hern, LU 323; F. D. Scurlock, Sr., general foreman, LU 323; J. J. Connolly, LU 326; John Knoeferl, LU 86; O. R. Townsend, LU 760; L. W. Kelloway, owner, Kelloway Electric Co., member, LU 323; N. R. Sanders, LU 323; T. L. Richards, LU 916; George Monohan, LU 323; R. D. Cartwright, time keeper; H. D. Michaud, LU 471; J. W. Stephenson, apprentice. Third row: Paul Parker, apprentice, LU 323; E. M. Bramlett, LU 934; Grant Pyke, LU 323; Floyd Barnes; D. B. Cooter, LU 934; C. W. Poe, LU 934; J. L. Bowling, LU 464; C. C. Wheat, apprentice, LU 323; Glenn Kuhn, LU 934; L. I. Price, LU 323.



We are mourning the loss of two 323 brothers, who until sickness caught up to them were active in our regular meetings. Brothers Fred Simmons and Robert Langdale, we miss you very much.

We would like to hear from some of you other locals on the progress of organization in your territory since the merger.

We are pleased in the Palm Beaches to have an active COPE, both men's and women's divisions, an active Building Trades, Central Labor Union, and we are very proud of our *Palm Beach County Labor News*.

We have on our lists of "musts" for '56: a Labor Day Parade. Wish we could hear of a parade in every major city this coming Labor Day.

I wonder if our other Brothers in various parts of the country would be interested in knowing something

about West Palm Beach, County Seat of Palm Beach County.

For more than a half century this section of Florida has been recognized as one of the nation's most productive areas, and one of its most delightful places to live, work or play. Geographically, Palm Beach County is truly in the heart of Florida's resorts, agriculture, industry, transportation, and commerce, and the trend of population southeastward now puts a majority of the state's population within easy reach. Its proximity to the Gulf Stream and prevailing southeast trade winds guarantee mild, healthful climate the year 'round, and resorts known for years as winter playgrounds are now established on a 12-month basis. New industries, "light" in character, are moving in steadily, rounding out the economy of the county and providing employment for

many skills. Agriculture on the coast and in the Everglades is steadily expanding as flood-protected land becomes available and diversification of crops has opened many new avenues of income.

A great many persons, newspapers, and other news media for some time have been referring to the West Palm Beach area as "Greater West Palm Beach." It was a designation that just naturally came to tongue and typewriter in the wake of the great growth of population here since 1950.

Last year, a formal census was taken of the City of West Palm Beach, and Palm Beach County, showing the city itself contained approximately 52,000 year around residents. Unknown to most of us, this "over 50,000" category of population put this city up a notch in the eyes of the Federal Government at Washington.

This governmental designation is important to most of us. It means that there will hereafter be greater availability of labor, advertising, health, and other pertinent data, as gathered by the Federal government, to be used in furthering the advancement and growth of the Greater West Palm Beach area.

In making the final decision on creating the new Metropolitan West Palm Beach Area, the government also takes into consideration that the county has more than 10,000 non-agricultural workers, or 10 percent of the non-agricultural workers in a standard metropolitan area.



## Three Happy Local 339 Occasions



Local 339, Fort William and Port Arthur, Ont., held a novelty beard contest in connection with their Winter Carnival. At left are the contestants: (standing) H. James; W. Agnew; Tony Chochla; Ken Campbell, and J. Murphy, (Seated) Don Brown; S. Hrubenuck, and C. Parsons. Right: The Winner—Tony Chochla.



Members enjoy dancing at Local 339's Christmas party.

For sports, we have fresh and salt water fishing, dog racing, car racing, boat racing, Jai Alai and the winter training quarters of the Athletics.

Our seaport does 71.2 million dollars worth of foreign imports and 31 million dollars worth of exports.

Our average summer temperature is 80 degrees and our average winter temperature is 70 degrees.

We have 41 miles of shore line, 22 highways coming in, three airports, one U. S. Air Force Base, 10 banks, six Federal Savings and Loan Companies. And Local 323 has the highest average attendance of any local union in the county.

ELDON L. HEWITT, P.S.

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### Local Holds Golden Anniversary Celebration

L. U. 339, FORT WILLIAM AND PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—This year



Brother Frank Kitley of Local 339, recently retired, receives his first pension check from Fort William Hydro. From left: Mayor H. Badanai; Brother Kitley; Commissioner C. H. Moors and Business Manager A. H. Taber.

Local 339 will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of its inception as a local union. It was on April the 30th, 1906

that the International Office granted our first charter. I am not familiar with the early history of our local,



however I do know its history since May 1913, for that was the year that I was first initiated.

It was unfortunate that we had a break in continuity due to a brief depression after the first World War—we lost the charter for a period of five years from 1921 to 1926. It is notable, however, that although we had no union, the spirit of organization had deeply rooted, so much so that during those five years agreements were presented each year to the employers, they were negotiated, signed and sealed right up until the time that our charter was reinstated on December 1st, 1926.

The late Brother Charley Doughty a C.P.R. electrician, and a dyed-in-the-wool labor man was responsible for the reinstatement of our charter.

Getting back to the 50th anniversary of our local, I would suggest that some suitable recognition be given to this memorable event. It doesn't necessarily mean that whatever a committee would decide to do would have to be held on April the 30th—It could be deferred until our next Christmas party, and then arrange for something very special to celebrate an event that can only happen once in a life time. In the meantime think it over boys.

Brother Frank Kitley, a member of 29 years good standing, retired on pension on Dec. 31st. Brother Kitley had been senior meter reader for the Fort William Hydro for the past 35 years. Frank, previous to joining the Hydro in 1920 had served with the British Army for 10 years with the Buffs. At the outbreak of World War I he was stationed in India. Naturally when war was declared his Battalion was immediately dispatched to France for active duty. During the first battle of Ypres in April 1915, Frank and most of his Battalion were taken prisoner. Taken to the rear of the German lines they were immediately slated for execution. They were lined up in two columns, the machine gun was set up, and the officer was just about to give the order to mow them down when a Staff Officer rushed up on horseback and cancelled the order of execution. What a terrifying experience that must have been! From then on he was a prisoner of war for the duration, a total of 3½ years. Brother Kitley estimates that during his career as meter reader he walked a distance of 90,000 miles. May we, the officers and members of L. U. 339 offer our congratulations and best wishes to Frank and his good wife, Louise, for a long and happy retirement.

We held our 29th annual Christmas party on December 16th. As usual it was a happy event and proved to be very successful, thanks to the hard work of the co-chairmen, Brothers Brown and Ubriaco together with their able committee.

As I write this letter in late February, there is a raging blizzard blowing, which tends to remind us that winter is still with us in earnest. To date we have had a total snowfall of 128 inches. The snow banks are so high in the residential area, that unless you are a six footer it is almost impossible to see your neighbor across the street. In spite of all our snow, Fort William has just brought to a close a very successful Winter Carnival. The usual carnival attractions were in evidence such as: A monster float parade—The selection of a carnival queen and princesses—Beard contest—An 18-mile walkathon—Kangaroo Courts—and old time dances, and all the other fun and games that go to make up a first class carnival.

Most of the citizens got into the Carnival spirit, wearing carnival dress, such as plaid shirts, ten gallon hats, and high boots. The business section took on the appearance of a frontier town, which reminded us very much of pictures we have seen of Dawson City during the gold rush of '98.

Naturally the boys of 339 were in there pitching, Brother Bill Rennick failed in the walkathon due to a blistered heel. Brother Tony Chochla took first honors with his novelty beard, and he also made his appearance on TV. Brother Bill Agnew took first prize with his Smith Brothers beard. Whether he looked like Trade or Mark I would hesitate to say. However, Bill did look the part of the "cough drop kid." Brother Don Brown was not a winner. However, "Brownny," as we call him, did have a beard worthy of special mention. If "Brownny" stood still for a minute, you felt like saying to him, "Come from behind that bush." Don's beard really paid off, he attended a Carnival Social at the Elks Club and during the evening Don offered to auction off his beard to the highest bidder in aid of the Elks Pee Wee Hockey Club. The offer was accepted and the beard went on the block. Maureen Rumberg, a visitor to the City from Detroit, proved to be a real sport, being the top bidder of \$24.00. She also had the pleasure of clipping off the beard to take home for a souvenir.

May we offer our congratulations to Brother Norman Mottshaw on his appointment as bandmaster, for the newly formed band which has been created for H.M.C.S. Griffon, Naval Reserve Barracks in Port Arthur. Brother Mottshaw is very talented, I think you will remember the article in the JOURNAL two years ago about his hobby of making model steam engines, hand made to the last detail. Norman is an employe of the Utilities Commission in Port Arthur.

FRANK KELLY, P.S.

## Analyzes Evils of "Right-to-Work" Law

L. U. 342, GREENSBORO, N. C.—We want to talk this month about the "Right-to-Work" law. Is this a true name for it and who was it made by and for whom?

I wish to state my position regarding these laws and in so doing I am writing as a moralist and ask the reader to regard me as an advocate of justice and charity for the employer, employe and the public.

While the 18 states which have these statutes may have certain variations in language they have the same results in common, "union shop is outlawed." I would like to direct the attention of the reader to these state statutes.

These "right to work" laws do not give unemployed workers any greater rights to jobs than they have in states without such legislation. They do not protect workers from discharge in the event of possible depression or recession. They do not guarantee work for, or increase women's employment, which they might not otherwise receive. The sole effect of these statutes is to outlaw arrangements freely and democratically reached by employers and unions representing the majority of employes in a shop, whereby membership in a union is made a condition of employment.

Unions are required by law to represent all workers in a bargaining unit, not simply those who are members of the union. All the benefits won by the union are required to be extended to every worker in the plant. However, only the union members, through their dues and their activities, carry the cost of supporting the union. The remaining workers receive the benefits of unionism without contributing either morally or financially to the support of the union. They are, in the vernacular, "free riders."

Union security agreements are merely devices whereby an attempt is made to distribute the cost of unionism among all the persons who receive its benefits. Under such circumstances, can it be said that there is a moral or any other justifiable right to be free not to join the union and to be a "free rider?" Is there any right to profit from the labor of another, from his efforts, from his time, from his sacrifices, all against his will and without compensating him for what he has done? Since unions are required by law to represent all workers equally and without discrimination, a requirement which is proper, the states should not be permitted to prohibit fair and equal contributions to those same unions by workers who reap the benefits of such representations.

When one is in the minority politically, and opposes legislation which



he is forced to obey, he does not claim the right to be free from the operation of these laws or seek an exemption from the commands the majority of his fellow citizens deem important. He does not say that he will no longer pay taxes to support the government, simply because that government is being administered by the opposite political party. Rather, he works within the democratic system in an attempt to make his view the majority. This method, rather than prohibitions on union security arrangements, is the proper solution to the problem of the worker who does not like the policies of unions. He may and should join such unions and work within them to have the policies he does not like changed. On election day he can vote to change the officials who have recommended policies he does not like. This is the democratic way. But while he is represented by the union, he receives benefits from it and should not receive a statutory excuse to pretend it does not exist. The principle of majority rule is the foundation on which democracy rests. This is true with respect to unionism as well as the administration of state and national governmental affairs.

The "Right to Work" laws are a virtual conspiracy of the crafty, the ignorant, or the misguided to subvert industrial peace, exploit men's need to work and deluge the community with industrial irresponsibility. "Right to Work" laws do not create jobs; they only victimize the worker and make his organization ineffective.

What is the difference between a labor union and an association such as our doctors and lawyers have? If our doctors do not join the Medical Association or our lawyers the Bar Association and pay their dues to help support what they stand for, they are put on the black list or boycotted. Also, they can contribute what they please to elect the man of their choice, but mention "union" and you seem to be an outcast of second class citizens.

God gave men and women the right to work when they were born and a law that takes from a person the right to give or receive is a rotten law and is only made for a crafty few. No one is forced to join our union, but when we have spent our money and have built up decent wages and working conditions, anyone wanting to share that should pay their part or else make conditions of their own.

I do not think any state or government should tell one group they can do one thing and tell another group that they cannot do the same thing simply because they are a labor union. Any group that forms a body for the good of themselves or others is a "union," call it what you please.

JOHN B. MCCAULEY, B.M.

## Progress of the Electracer



Members Donald A. Wharton and James W. Cheadle of Local 362, Washington, D. C., working on their newly-improved model of the "Electracer."

Referring to an article in the February 1950 issue of THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS' JOURNAL titled "Rail Electrician's Invention Is Valuable Trouble Shooter," we are pleased to reveal that the patent on the "Electracer" has been granted.

The "Electracer" is being shipped from the Washington, D. C. area in every direction and overseas.

Electricians and technicians are using the "Electracer" and its "Vibration Sensitive Probe" (an extra attachment) on various types of electrical and mechanical equipment from the electric rabbit on dog race tracks to diesel locomotives.

Trouble shooting for grounds, shorts, open circuits, tracing wire, conduit or piping in walls or underground are but a few of the things for which the "Electracer" is being used.

This portable electronic instrument has proven itself as a time saver in locating defects and has reduced delays to a minimum in many fields of electrical and mechanical maintenance.

The original model of the "Electracer" has been improved by having a more sensitive receiver with volume control and a signal generator designed for better operation. This new model in the "400" series is manufactured and sold exclusively by THE WHARTON ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT CO., 4416-73rd Avenue, Landover Hills, Maryland.

Many members of the I.B.E.W. have written us concerning the "Electracer" and we have enjoyed corresponding with them.

Before closing we would like to say, that if we had not had the support and interest of the organization of the I.B.E.W. that our success would have been hampered.

Many thanks to all of you from all of us.

Donald A. Wharton, L. U. 362, Washington, D. C.  
James W. Cheadle, L. U. 362, Washington, D. C.

## New Des Moines Pact Under Consideration

L. U. 347, DES MOINES, IA.—This month I should like to concentrate on a current problem—another wage contract. Seems as though most of our members should be interested enough

in attending meetings and discussing the problems that arise. The only time some of them attend is when the subject of raising dues is brought up or some such other similar matter.

Of course they are in there "bitching" on the job, but why not down at the union hall? In regard to another wage contract, why not come on down



to the union meetings and find out what is going on.

I must give praise where praise is due. The bowlers have been working hard to raise funds to put on the National Bowling Tournament next year here in Des Moines. They've been putting on some swell feeds here at the hall for only \$1.00 per person. Why the "little woman" couldn't prepare dinner at home for that amount. The food is magnificent.

The dances at the union hall have not been too well attended. Come on down fellows and take a few lessons from Brother Charles Jahn. He can shake a wicked leg.

One of the biggest issues that has come up around here recently is the report by the local newspaper that our newly elected City Council is going to fire the city manager. It was reported that the matter was to come up at a council meeting but our mayor who is also President of the State Federation of Labor was taken ill and sent to the hospital.

Brother Charlie Smith is convalescing at home with a broken hip. He was in the hospital for about 12 weeks and will be unable to go back to work for some time yet.

Labor has been having some trouble with a local wholesale grocery and some of its retail outlets. When labor refused to patronize these dealers they quickly straightened up.

BILL PAPICH, P.S.

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## Canadian Labor is Harassed by Labor Law

L. U. 353, TORONTO, ONT.—One of

the most frustrating pieces of legislation ever inflicted on organized labor in Ontario is the Labor Relations Act. This act seems to be primarily designed to save employers money in wages by requiring seemingly endless delays in getting down to brass tacks in negotiations. The only weapon that organized labor has, is taken away during these interminable delays and, by the time a settlement is made, the time limit, as set in the agreement, is long gone by and practically always a settlement is made whereby only partial retroactive pay is given or no retroactive pay at all. There may come a day when we will be glad to hide behind the act the way the employers do now, but such a day seems hard to foresee when we have had so many years of progress during which time great strides have been made in improving our standards of living.

We have what appears to be another good year coming up and we are about to plunge again into negotiations with our electrical contractors. But we will be hindered as usual by the act. We have tried various ways in past years to cope with the delays brought about by the act, but only once did we have any success in getting a new agreement effective on the expiring date of the old agreement. The second time we tried the same method but it did not work out and we went five months past the expiration date and settled for two months retroactive pay.

The most aggravating feature of the whole business is that hours and hours are spent in drawing up a brief and further hours are spent in presenting the brief to a Conciliation

Board which usually comes out with a recommendation that has not the remotest relation to the final outcome of negotiations.

However, it is the law of the land and being law abiding citizens we must go through the motions and hope that somewhere or sometime in this favored land the act will be of some benefit to labor.

BILL FARQUHAR, B. M.

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## Defines Duluth School Of Industrial Safety

L. U. 366, TWO HARBORS, MINN.—We thought that many of our JOURNAL readers would like to know about our Industrial Safety School. The Industrial Safety School was started by a group of industrial leaders, headed by A. V. Rohweder, superintendent of Safety and Welfare for the Duluth, Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company, in the year 1923. The current series is the Thirty-second Annual Conference.

Meetings are held monthly from December to April, the final session being a banquet at which awards and recognitions are made. Each meeting is in two parts, the first part of the evening devoted to particular interest groups, each addressed by a specialist in the field of safety, and the latter part of the evening is a general session attended by all, and addressed by an outstanding person of state or national reputation.

The sectional meetings for this winter's series include Electric and Public Utilities, Shop Practices, Construction, Trucks and Public Vehicles,

## At Duluth Safety Classes



Members of Local 366, Two Harbors, Minn., were among those attending the Industrial Safety School sponsored by the area's Chamber of Commerce.



Docks and Elevators, Railroad, Pulp and Paper, and Women's Sections. Each section is under the jurisdiction of a separate committee, all working under one general Industrial Safety School Committee.

Speakers at the general session this year include Dr. C. W. Mayo, internationally known in medical circles, at the December meeting; Robert A. Olson, President of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, in January; James J. Ryan, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, University of Minnesota, in February; and Allan S. King, President, Northern States Power Company, in March. The April meeting will be addressed by the Honorable Orville Freeman, Governor of Minnesota.

While sponsored by the Duluth Chamber of Commerce, the school has always had the active support of labor organizations, and the association of labor and management at this plane has been one of cooperation and understanding. Throughout the years, labor has been represented on the various committees, and has furnished many speakers for the sessions.

Since 1950, one entire meeting each winter has been devoted to the matter of safety as related to labor, with speakers for all sections furnished by the labor organizations. At the January meeting this year, speakers included Richard Lythgoe, International Representative of the I.B.E.W., Morgan Blankush, President of the Duluth Industrial Union Council, C. E. Bannister, President of the Duluth Federated Trades and Labor Assembly, Anton Westerhaus, Safety Chairman of the C. I. O. Steelworkers Union in Duluth, and State Senator Homer M. Carr, member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen.

Attendance at the meetings frequently passes the thousand mark. The number of those present at the labor meeting in January of this year was 1051 persons.

That safety of employes is of paramount importance both to labor and to management continues to be proven in Duluth, as these two forces team together in blazing a trail in safety that other communities could well emulate.

A. T. KARJALA,  
General Chairman

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## Self-Improvement by Chicago Local Leaders

L. U. 381, CHICAGO, ILL.—Education of your union officers has been keeping them busy. President Michael and Board Members A. S. Duran and M. J. Tock, enrolled last October in a nine-month course for union officers being conducted at the University of Chicago.

## Congratulatory Handshake



At the retirement party tendered him by members of Local 381, Chicago, Ill., Brother Alexander (Jim) Leadingham is congratulated by Business Manager Emil A. Michael.

Board Members G. N. Fortney and E. H. Zahn, Secretary S. S. MacGregor and Steward Charles E. Stueckemann, have just completed a 16-week course in public speaking and parliamentary procedure. This course was sponsored by the Chicago Federation of Labor and was conducted by the Extension Service of the University of Illinois.

Brothers Michael, Fortney, MacGregor and Zahn will attend a one day conference at the University of Notre Dame, February 24th. This conference is unique in that the group attending is usually about equally divided between management and labor. Several panel discussions are held at which the views of both sides are fully discussed and questions are answered from the floor.

Our own International Secretary Joseph Keenan is the main speaker at the morning session, and at the afternoon session, John H. Lind, manager, Department of Industrial Relations, Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Chicago, will be the speaker.

Alexander (Jim) Leadingham, was honored by nearly 100 co-workers with a corn beef and cabbage retirement dinner January 24, 1956 at Harrington's.

Jim started his telephone career May 26, 1914 as an installer for \$2.00 a day. Brother Jim has also worked as a switchboardman, repairman, C. O. Maintenance man and at the time of his retirement was a switchman at Humboldt Office.

Brother Michael presented the I.B.E.W. Honorary Membership Card and on behalf of all the members wished Brother and Mrs. Leading-

ham, many years of happy retired life. The Leadinghams expect to make their home in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Your officers would like to see more members at the next regular local meeting. Would you?

EUGENE H. ZAHN, P.S.

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## Sees Merger Firming Labor's Position in S. C.

L. U. 382, COLUMBIA, S. C.—Since the A. F. of L. and the C.I.O. merger we are looking forward to a stronger and more active Building Trades Council in a fast growing Columbia.

We would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the local unions that offered employment to our members during recent months. Work is fairly good at present and we are looking forward to good prospects in the future.

Brothers Louis Johnson and Fred Austin recently returned to work after recovering from injuries sustained in a fall some months ago. Brother Ray Outlaw is still recovering from injuries he received from a fall. Brother Gleaton was seriously injured in an automobile accident. He is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Columbia. We wish our Brothers a speedy recovery.

Enclosed is a snapshot taken by Brother Herbert Hoover during a Saturday morning chat with Business Manager Sinway Young, fifth from left.

Since I have been appointed press secretary, I will certainly endeavor to



## Columbia, S. C., Members



This snapshot was taken by Brother Herbert Hoover during a Saturday morning chat of members of Local 382, Columbia, S. C. Business Manager Sinway Young is fifth from left.

supply a monthly letter to the **ELECTRIC WORKERS JOURNAL** with facts and activities of the local union for the benefit of our members at home and those working within the jurisdiction of other locals.

THOMAS E. PLATÉ, P.S.

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## Play Host to Area Council Meeting

**L. U. 390, PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS**—Houston Locals 716 and 66, were hosts for the first meeting of the new year for the Gulf Coast Area Council. Members of Local 390, attending were: W. A. Girouard, W. M. Ragsdale, J. W. (Red) Miller, E. B. Black, Joe Case, Elmo Rule, George Hogan,

and G. I. Thompson. They report all of the Locals of the Council well represented and many details of the coming year were ironed out. The next meeting of the Council will be held the first of March in Galveston, with Local 527 as host.

Local 390 mourns the loss of seven members in 1955, T. H. Westberry, John McDow, Marion F. Bradley, Clarence Rowland, C. A. Hoffman, Eddie Guillory, E. E. Whitaker.

The sportsmen of this Local have oiled and stored their trusty guns with the closing of the deer and duck season. Many of the boys reported a full bag on every hunt. Gilbert Rising, brings the proof that he got the limit on his two-day hunt. He got his limit on many hunts this season as photo will show.

## Float for Civic Celebration



This float of Local 399, Chicago, saw double service, first in the Labor Day parade and then to help celebrate the centennial of Mattoon, Ill.

## Full Bag



Brother Gilbert Rising of Local 390, Port Arthur, Tex., bags his full quota of ducks recently, as this photo proves.

Rising, also to prove he brought home the bacon, gave a wild duck gumbo dinner for the entire Fischbach and Moore crew at Orange, Christmas Eve.

ARTHUR A. DERROUGH, P.S.

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## Report from a New Chicago Local Unit

**L. U. 399, CHICAGO, ILL.**—At a recent centennial celebration in Mattoon, Illinois, Unit No. 13, L. U. 399, IBEW, played a prominent role, as pictures accompanying this article will attest.

This group of people in L. U. 399 are employes of an independent telephone company in Illinois, who have quite recently been organized by this local union.

Since that time, much improvement in their wages, hours, and working conditions have been made.

Also, since that time, unionism has grown in the area, and is continuing to grow through such activities as this.

This float was also used in the Labor Day Parade.

ED HACKETT, P.S.  
Unit No. 13.

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## No Undue Haste in Changeover to Diesels

**L. U. 409, WINNIPEG, MAN.**—During the past five years the employment picture on Canadian Railroads has remained at a very high level. According to reports from man-



agement we learn that more men are now in full-time employment on Canadian roads than at any time, even during World War II when employment was at its peak.

The Diesel program and gradual change-over from steam has not been as revolutionary as was anticipated three years ago. In fact the old steamers are still very much to the forefront. Many old engines that were already relegated to the scrap heap, are now being reconditioned and once again put back in service.

Once again we have started negotiating with management for a new wage contract. The current agreement with the "non-ops" and the railways having expired on December 31, 1955, our Negotiating Committee, headed by Chairman F. H. Hall, is demanding an 18 percent wage increase, health and welfare plan and three paid statutory holidays, in addition to the present five for hourly-rated employees, and all eight paid holidays for monthly-rated employees.

The Negotiating Committee has assured us that in compliance with provisions of the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act, meetings of the three-man Federal Conciliation Board authorized to hear demands for a pay hike and other improvements, would this year be speeded up, and not permitted to drag on during the whole year with no decision having been reached.

Local 409 was pleased to learn of the appointment of Brother G. M. Freeman as International President and Brother F. B. Irwin as International Treasurer. With pardonable pride, we were more than delighted to learn of the appointment to the International Executive Council of Brother G. P. Patterson as the Canadian representative.

Brother Patterson being a member of our local is well known to all of us, and it is with confidence that we all look to the future, feeling within ourselves that he will continue where Brother Cockburn left off, as a dedi-

cated apostle, ready to do battle on behalf of all Railway Electrical Workers within the family of the I.B.E.W. We had all been moved deeply by the death of Brother Cockburn whom we trusted and respected.

During the past year we suffered the loss of an old friend, Brother R. S. Poapst, past president of Local 409. Our sincere sympathy goes out to the family of the deceased.

On November 19, 1955 we held our annual banquet and dance at the Marlborough Hotel, Winnipeg. Graduating apprentices were duly honored and presented with I.B.E.W. certificates on completion of their apprenticeship. They were Brothers D. C. Bentley, A. R. Buxton, R. P. Dumontet, R. Heggie, H. W. Hyland and A. Young.

Brother S. Crackston, president, presided and made the presentation. Tribute was also read to the memory of Brothers Milne, Hogan and Cockburn, followed by two minutes of silence.

## Guests at Annual Banquet



This was the scene at the head table of the annual banquet of Local 409, Winnipeg, Man. From left to right: I. V. Clements, vice president, L. U. 409; Mrs. Clements; C. R. Robertson, first president, L. U. 409; Mrs. Robertson; W. N. Westbrook, president, L. U. 435; Mrs. Westbrook; S. Crackston, president, L. U. 409 (chairman); Mrs. Crackston; A. Goodman, president, L. U. 679; Mrs. Goodman; J. A. Shirkie, International representative; Mrs. Shirkie; P. Billings, L. U. 424, representing C.N.R. Electrical Engineers' Department; Mrs. Billings; L. Coventry, business manager, L. U. 435; Mrs. Coventry. And below is a view of the guests who attended the banquet.





Honored guests at the head table were:

Brother I. V. Clements, vice president, Local 409; Brother C. R. Robertson, first president, Local 409; Brother W. N. Westbrook, president, Local 435; Brother S. Crackston, president, Local 409; Brother A. Goodman, President, Local 679; Brother J. Shirkie, International Representative; Brother P. Billings, Local 424, together with their wives, and Brother L. Coventry, business manager, Local 435.

We were also honored by the presence of the following members, now on pension: Brothers E. Cordes, R. J. Gant, J. A. McMillan, H. Parker, E. P. Philpson, C. Robertson, C. Viel, W. Moolison and J. J. McLeod. Entertainment was by the Fort Garry Four, followed by dancing.

The Entertainment Committee once again did a wonderful job. We thank you.

In a very short time two of our old-timers will be laying down their tools for the last time, and going on pension. To Brother J. Shannon of Transcona Shops, and Brother C. Cobb of Fort Rouge Shops, may you enjoy many years of happy retirement.

At the last general meeting for 1955 the following committees and delegates were appointed. Transcona Shops—Motive Power Grievance Committee: Brothers B. B. Saidman, E. Ayre and A. Pitt. Local Federation: Brothers B. B. Zaidman, A. Pitt. Car Department Co-op: Brother R. J. SteMarie. Motive Power Co-op: Brother S. Turriff. Round House Grievance Committee: Brothers J. Knox, T. Dickson and J. Olynik.

Fort Rouge Shops—Motive Power

## Retiring



Brother Nicholas M. Reach is retiring from Local 412, Kansas City, Mo.

Grievance Committee: Brothers A. Moffat, R. Pallett and S. Crackston. Local Federation: Brother A. Moffat and S. Crackston. Coach Yard Grievance Committee: Brothers M. J. Pothier, E. Finnie and V. Sayolo. Motive Power Co-op: Brother J. Morrison. Car Department Co-op: Brother C. Folsom. Union Depot Grievance Committee: Brothers E. O'Connell, E. Forsley and R. Hales.

Manitoba District No. 1 Co-op: Brother H. Pullin. Manitoba District No. 2 Co-op: Brother J. Knox. Traveling Road Gang Committee: Brothers S. Knysh, V. Burke and M. J. McDonald. Saskatoon, Sask: shop steward, Brother J. Litterick. Vancouver, British Columbia: Grievance

Committee, Brothers A. McEachern, R. McNab and L. Rothwell. Trades and Labor Delegate: Brother B. B. Zaidman.

Well this is rather a long report for Winnipeg, but we hope it will give an idea of what has happened during the past year.

JOHN LOWRIE, P.S.

## Retirement of Member From Kansas City

L. U. 412, KANSAS CITY, MO.—Those of us in the Production Department of K.C.P. and L. were both sad and happy to see Nicholas M. Reach retire the first of February. Sad, because we will miss his smile and easy manner; happy, because we know he was looking forward to retirement on his farm.

Nick was born at Hampton, Minnesota on January 21, 1891 and moved to Missouri in 1921. He served with the Navy during World War I.

He was first employed by what was then the Street Railway Company on March 29, 1922 and transferred to K.C.P. and L. in 1926 when they took over Grand Avenue station.

During his years with the company he worked practically every job in the operation of the plant, becoming head fireman on September 1, 1947. He worked in that capacity until his retirement.

Nick will (he says) lead a life of ease on his 40-acre farm near Osceola, Missouri. His wife, Minnie, will be with him as will his youngest son, Jack Eugene. Two sons are serving now in the Navy.

## In Nashville Local's Jurisdiction



The Electrical Workers, Local 429, pictured are employed by Fischbach & Moore on the Arnold Engineering Development Center, Tullahoma, Tenn., in the construction of Propulsion Wind Tunnel, Gas Dynamics Facility, Ramjet Addition, Air Supply Areas, all of which are now under construction. From left, front row: R. F. House, C. of E.; R. H. Rittenberry, Lloyd Hampton, Bryan B. Prim, Earl Williams, Harold Cook, Joe Roberson, Floyd Sholey, Curtis Powell, Felix Sowell, Homer Powell, Victor Dennis, J. R. Stone, Henry Hill, J. W. Daniels. Back row: S. B. Thompson, inspector, C. of E.; Leo Laneback, electrical engineer; A. E. Djerf, project manager, C.W.S.; A. O. Kennedy, electrical superintendent; V. H. Scharnhorst, safety inspector, C. of E.; L. E. Cox, Col. C. of E., chief of construction; K. A. Crowell, safety inspector, C.W.S.; Earl F. Graham, C. of E.; Robert Cates, J. W. Jones, Curtis Parsons, Jack Kug, Lee Campbell, Ed Harwell, Talmage Tilley, Doyle Wilkes, Willie Fuson, Bill Medley, F. H. Langford, L. A. Cantrell, Jack Neal, N. A. Bassham, Frank Roberts, John Russ, Robert Jinette, Lee Fortner, Jim Puckett, C. E. Jones, Walter Sherman, J. T. Dillingham, Raymond Simmons. Employees not present when picture was made: James Rittenberry, John Reeder, Gene Taylor, James L. Jones.



May his days be many and pleasant.

H. L. CLEMENTS, P.S.

### Intricate Electrical Installation in Tenn.

L. U. 429, NASHVILLE, TENN.—We are enclosing a photograph of the members of Local Union 429 who are employed on a portion of the A.E.D.C. project at Tullahoma, Tennessee. This project has been under construction over five years and contains some of the world's most intricate electrical instruments as well as the world's largest electric motor, 83,000 H.P.

Thought you might be able to use this photograph in the **ELECTRICAL WORKER'S JOURNAL** and will try to send in more on this project later.

C. M. LAMPLEY, B.M.

### Fine Progress of Young Auxiliary

L. U. 441, SANTA ANA, CALIF.—With our ladies auxiliary scarcely six months of age, it is refreshing to note the progress since its first meeting on September 16, last.

Jules Bergeron, L. U. 441's president, acted as chairman while our ladies organized their procedure and elected officers. These officers include Charlotte Ferguson, president; Norma Middlebrook, vice-president; Nora Fricke, secretary; Evelyn Wheatley, treasurer; Florence (Sunnie) Klaus, parliamentarian; Marie Temple, Eva Carpenter and Beverly Breed, trustees; and Marjorie Bergeron, delegate at large. Jeanne Tolin is chairman of the publicity committee.

Jeanne, in giving us this history of the auxiliary, had this to add, "It is our sincere hope that our auxiliary will be of service, not only in being of help whenever called upon, but by bringing members closer together in friendship and understanding, both in work and in play."

Well Jeanne, we think you ladies are doing a fine job in living up to that motto. During the year-end holidays you brightened more than one home of our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters with your food baskets and words of good cheer. At the Christmas party you brought our children an extra helping of the old Yuletide spirit. And on February 21, the pot-luck dinner for the husbands and wives was really fitting for us kings and our queens.

We menfolks are now looking forward to that much-talked-about-but-nothing-done-about picnic of the future. We never seemed to have the oomph to put it over without you ladies working with us.

And now for a few briefs on the local front. "Mother Fergie" Ferguson laid a rather large egg in the nest of the Muscular Dystrophy cof-

### Highlights from Santa Ana



Some of the officers of Local 441's ladies auxiliary in Santa Ana, Calif., posed with this superduper cake baked by our extra-special cake baker, Bea Gilbert. Reading from left to right: Sunnie Klaus, Evelyn Wheatley, Marie Temple, Charlotte Ferguson, Nora Fricke, Bea Gilbert, and Marjorie Bergeron.



Local 441's pot-luck dinner was much brighter than this photograph would indicate, Clyde Gilbert, our photographer, excepted.

fers last month when he and his team collected a few thousand dollars for that fund. Ferguson was co-chairman with the D. A. The drive went over by 300 percent compared with last year. A feather in Fergie's own nest and some very good publicity for labor.

Our political action committee headed by Ed Thomas, and his two co-workers Freddie Kramer and Bob Goff, have been cooking up some pretty potent political porridge. Ed and his committee recently met with our C. I. O. Brothers. Ed had this to say about them, "Fellows you don't know what an organization is until you've met these C. I. O. boys."

DICK KLAUS, P.S.

### 466 Business Manager Seeks Political Post

L. U. 466, CHARLESTON, W. VA.—Now that we are heading into our

primary election this May, I would like to report to the Brothers, that our business manager has entered his name for a seat in the House of Delegates on the Democratic ticket.

His views are liberal as they would have to be to represent all of our people, and we know he will be in there fighting for the legislation that is good for labor as well as all the people.

The merger of the State Federation of Labor and the CIO is coming along fine. It looks as though the merger will take place here at the next State convention. The merger of both groups here will benefit us greatly in our combined fight against District 50 of the United Mine Workers. The CIO has some of the local industrial plants here organized. The UMW District 50 has been doing some of the construction work. Now the CIO is going to support us in getting back some of the industrial work.

Our business manager, is one of the



four members on the Merger Committee of the State AFL and CIO. They have had several meetings and are getting along fine.

Work around here is still at a standstill. We have 80 men on the bench at the present time. On or around March 1, we may be calling for men, (business managers of other locals take notice. Help us now!).

We are now in the process of negotiating a wage increase. We went down the line last year and did not ask for an increase. We feel we are due a raise as the cost of living is increasing. We hope to get the raise this year, as all of the other locals in the State received raises. Now Brothers as I have said before, let's all register. Send your contribution to COPE and get out and vote and work for your candidate.

FRANK R. SEVY, P.S.

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## Light-hearted Scribe From Memphis, Tenn.

L. U. 474, MEMPHIS, TENN.—The robin I saw a few weeks back is a liar, or maybe I didn't notice he had earmuffs and an overcoat on, and a pair of side cutters, channellocks, and a traveling card in his pocket, headed for Corpus Christi.

Down there they don't use couplings on conduit, they simply hold the ends of the conduit together for about 2 or 3 minutes and the Texas sun welds it together. In this semi-fluid state the wireman may don asbestos gloves (furnished by the contractor) and shape the conduit to any desired form—offsets, doglegs, saddles or whatever is required, very much like romex. "With this conduit layout insulation is optional," or you may pull bare copper in first and afterward pour the insulation in the pipe. "This method frequently has its detrimental features. One often winds up with one great big short circuit instead of several smaller ones." In this method the three phase legs of the 4-wire system are grounded in addition to the neutral. "Scrap copper, otherwise known as rabbit, on the current market is quoted at 48 cents per pound." Or if by now you are reasonably sure the system won't work, you may suggest coal oil lamps. "After all electric lights are still in the experimental stage. I don't think 77 years entirely proves their success," besides they still require current, which is a nuisance. I might suggest also that you may put an indefinite number of coal oil lamps on a circuit. I haven't figured out how you put a switch on the silly things though.

I notice in the JOURNAL where a southern local negotiated Southern Memorial Day in their contract. I think we ought to add Robert E. Lee's

birthday to our list of holidays, and put something in our agreement where we can't bend pipe on a Yankee Box Car, among the following, New York Central, C & D of Milwaukee, Chicago and St. Paul, Northern Pacific, Great Northern and etc., and in the future bend our pipe on such box cars as Yazoo Mississippi Valley, Central of Georgia, and the Southern. When you use an I. C. box car if you use a piece of wood in the coupling, "preferably southern pine" and exercise a little care, it is possible to bend a nice kick, or dogleg as you prefer. I once wrote the dimensions of a bend on the side of a box car and the next day my measurements were in Chicago.

One of our Brothers tells another, "there is no such thing as a Federal Bushing, that it is supposed to be a Confederate Bushing."

In closing I would like to remind the Brotherhood that the muskets were unloaded and stacked at Appomattox 90 some odds years ago, and I would like to take this opportunity and thank all our family of locals for their kindness to our traveling Brothers which we hope to return if there is ever an opportunity.

FRANK DRIES, P.S.

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## Plan Get-together For Local Birthday

L. U. 477, SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—This year we celebrate our Golden Anniversary! March 5, is our actual anniversary date. Many plans are formulating in the minds of our officers and members for a get together. When the actual gathering of facts, figures and exact dates are set for the celebration, I will try and let you know in the JOURNAL beforehand. Some of you brothers may be interested in coming, be it a short or long journey. We definitely plan to arrange our meeting to coincide with a meeting held in the West that will be attended by our International President and International Secretary. I presume it will be in the fall. It is rumored Brother Carney will try and get them to attend our celebration even if he has to hog-tie and bring them in by burro train.

That reminds me, you brothers working for the American Potash and Chemical Corporation in Trona, California, be on the look-out for some stray burros. It was told me some time ago that the barbecues held in the old days around here, were supposed to be of deer meat, but later in talking with one of our old timers who went on the hunt, the question in my mind now is, was it deer meat or burro? This is only leading up to try and entice Brother William Robins to be with us. For some of you members who have come into our fold

recently, "Robby" as he is commonly called, was an ex-business manager of Local Union 477 and is now Research Director in the International Office and is certainly aiding in digging up facts about the old days of Four Double Seven. The above mentioned barbecue was held in Big Bear, and was related to me by either Robby's father or Paul Jones. Anyhow most of the burros are gone, now there has been such a search for uranium in the past few years.

We hereby notify Brothers Freeman and Keenan what a long burro trip it would be to San Bernardino from where we might pick them up. I do not think the I. O. pays subsistence or travel time by burro train to the "El Rancho Four Double Seven." But us ranch hands, will pass the hat and gladly reimburse them for their trek back to Washington, the home of the great White Father and the Taft-Hartley boys.

And Brothers do not forget COPE. We are going to need every little bit of help to fight those above-mentioned boys, and every little bit we can send back by the Cow Pokes "Freeman and Keenan."

Due to the untiring efforts of our Business Manager, Jack Carney we now own our own Labor Temple which we refer to as our home. A big feather in our hats, the building is paid for lock, stock and barrel.

Here's an interesting letter written to the JOURNAL back in 1906:

"As there has never been a letter in the WORKER from this new Local 477 and as I have just been elected press secretary, I will let the Brothers know what is doing in this neck of the woods.

"Things have never been better around here than at the present. The home has about 30 men working here, including here and Colton, and paying \$3.56 for nine hours. There is also lots of work going on in Redlands for all Co's.

"We have about exhausted our supply of non-union men here, everybody has the green ticket in their pocket, thanks to Brother Kennedy and some of the rest of our Brothers. We just elected our new officers, Brother Bert Fairchilds, president, and Frank Pitts, financial secretary, and Orlin Potters, recording secretary.

"If any of the Brothers come this way, bring the tag along as you will surely need it around here.

"The old war horse, Frank Snider, is city foreman in Riverside and he says to tell everybody hello."

RALPH LAIRD, P.S."

This letter should impress upon us the great gains that the I.B.E.W. has made possible. We get as much for one hour's work today as our brothers received for nine hours' work in 1906.

ED. THICKSTON, P.S.



## Another Giant Power House



The latest and largest addition to the Gulf States power house in the jurisdiction of Local 479, Beaumont, Tex.

### Beaumont Work Picture Still Discouraging

L. U. 479, BEAUMONT, TEXAS—As reported, our work situation is still bad. We have had a full year of lack of work. Hope a bright future is in store for us! It is certainly disheartening for so many members to warm the bench for so long.

Brothers Otis McLendon and W. B. King have gone foreign to work: Otis to Korea and W. B. to Saudi Arabia. Both are working for Bechtel Construction Company.

Our contract was finally settled in November, but the official Okay wasn't received from the I.O. until after the first of the year. It seems there was some factor which held it up. Now I understand this cannot happen again, because all contractors have but 72 hours in which to pay-up the one percent to the Pension Fund. For this, we are most thankful.

We, of 479, wish the best of luck to Brothers Charlie Weber and Blackie Corder, with the "life of ease," of retirement.

Charlie was formerly electric inspector for the City of Beaumont, and retired last November. He had been a member of defunct Local 221; and was re-initiated in 479 on October 18, 1934.

Blackie, a former member of 221 also, was re-initiated in 479 on June 7, 1934. He had been employed by the City of Beaumont for 28 years and was retired on January 1, 1956.

We have had four deaths in our midst recently: Brothers V. G. Hinote, president of Hinote Electric Company, Walter Meyer, T. Jim Davis, and W. E. (Shorty) Herrin.

Walter, a marine journeyman, unknown to me, had been a member of L. U. 479 since August 10, 1948.

T. Jim, the past business manager of 479, died of a heart attack on February 15, 1956. He was re-initiated in 479 on April 13, 1942. He had been an Executive Board member and an instructor of apprentices before being elected business manager in 1953. His passing will be felt by many.

Shorty, service foreman for Gulf States Utilities Company for many years, and one of the oldest employes in point of service, died of a heart attack on February 18, 1956. He had been a member of Local 221 since August 22, 1917. He held a withdrawal card for many years; no record of his membership in 479.

V. G. died last December. He was initiated in Local 327 on January 20, 1919, and has had his card in the I.O.

Enclosed you will find pictures of the latest and largest addition to Gulf States power house; a 100 KVA generating unit—as always, another Stone and Webster job. This is Unit Number 7, and the fourth superheat boiler and turbine. It has the latest electronic controls, etc., etc.

MARTIN ZOLLER, P.S.

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### Form Wisc. Class On Cable-Splicing

L. U. 494, MILWAUKEE, WIS.—As press secretary for Local Union 494, I had hopes that the membership of our local would send in newsy items about the personalities within the membership—but to no avail. Nothing came in!

Yet, Local 494 has gone along these past months with history in the making, and so—I'll try my best.

The past few months saw the formation of a class on cable splicing under the guidance of our Educational

Committee. We have as instructors, Mr. Dick Ochsner and Mr. John Conley of the General Electric Company Engineering Staff. This class has been successful from the start and furnished an impetus to an art that is necessary in our trade, but practiced only by the old-timers.

We, of Local Union 494 have been fortunate in having a competent office staff in more ways than one. One of the by-products of the staff is the publication of the *494 Relay*. How the regular staff finds time to edit, mimeograph, fold and mail this publication without additional help is beyond me. Mrs. Sophia Holz does the editing and each of the girls contribute their ready talents to make a quarterly mailing successful.

The last issue of the *Relay* was particularly interesting because it brought out some important facts of the Prokop tax evasion case. You may recall a few months ago, local and state papers and the press around the nation carried headlines which would have readers believe that Local Union 494 was headed by a group of irresponsible people—"goons" as they reported it. Facts presented at the trial showed that this was not true. In fact, it was just the opposite. The present leadership was responsible for bringing about the discharge of E. J. Brown and Alice Prokop from the union.

During the trial, the daily papers printed all of the "juicy" details and misstatements of fact in heavy headlines. The local union officers were called by the United States Government as witnesses and then the true facts were presented. However, one fact remains—the Treasury Department of the United States Government left no stones unturned in this case. Seven years had passed before they had completed all of their investigations. Everyone was checked and rechecked. Our leaders of Local Un-



ion 494 were not only given a clean bill of health, but were complimented by the Treasury Department officials.

While we in 494 are aware of the tremendous job that has been done by Rex Fransway, our business manager, with the able assistance of Art Schroeder, the president, and the other officers, since they were elected in 1947, an interesting side light comes from an editorial in the *Wisconsin C.I.O. News*: "The shabby way *The Milwaukee Journal* handled the tax difficulties of an ex-office manager for IBEW Local 494 was one of those times when it went off the deep end. The front pages of *The Journal* shook

with scandal as the woman on trial for her shortcomings tried to pass the buck to Local 494. When the Federal tax lawyers started to summon their witnesses and spread the case against Mrs. Prokop on the record, *The Journal* hung back. There were no juicy tidbits, no sensational copy—nothing but the plain old United States Government trying to make their case against some corrupt union officials thrown out of office. And it just so happened that Rex Fransway, the present business agent for Local 494, was the guy who threw the bums out. Rex is an extremely high type union officer who helped greatly to clean up

a messy situation in Local 494. But has *The Journal* tossed him any bouquets? Not on your life."

This editorial in the *Wisconsin C.I.O. News* reminds me of one other thing. This year of 1956 is another of those heavy political years when everyone must get into the act. A.F.L., C.I.O. Independent—no matter what locale—all have the same goal. . . . Help Elect the Man Who Helps Them.

The Catlin Law of the State of Wisconsin is a prime example of what happens when such a man is elected to office. It is my humble opinion that he helps no one except Catlin. The

## At Annual Montreal Dance



Officers and guests at 4th Annual Dance of Local 568, Montreal, Que. Sitting, left to right: Mrs. F. Griffard, Mrs. J. Goodby, Mrs. L. Laberge, Mrs. W. Chartier, Mrs. H. Lafleur, Mrs. A. Carson. Standing: Bros. Henry Bossé, president, Social & Welfare Committee; Frank Griffard, charter member; John Goodby, president, Executive Board; Laurent St. Laurent, Executive Board; Louis Laberge, president of Montreal Trades & Labor Council and City Councilor; L. G. Theriault, press secretary; Wilfrid Chartier, business manager; Hugh Lafleur, recording secretary; Andrew Carson, Executive Board; Alfred Alius, Social and Welfare Committee; Alzée Bastien, charter member and former president of Local 568.



Members and invited guests at the dance of Local 568, sponsored by the Social and Welfare Committee.



## Entertain Children of Members



The entertainment at the Christmas party of Local 569, San Diego, Calif., held the rapt attention of the large number of small guests.

district attorney has just issued an opinion that this law is unconstitutional and a violation of the personal rights of the individual. When it is proved unconstitutional, Catlin should no longer be a political leader but should be rejected by the people.

This year, 1956, is shaping up to be another big year for Local Union 494. Paid vacations for the construction workers, good contracts for the utilities and the other shops should put Local Union 494 up with the top local unions in the country.

RALPH BRICHTA, P.S.

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### Near Completion of Distribution Center

L. U. 500, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Being of unsound mind and half nuts anyway, I volunteered to be the press secretary for our local, so here goes.

Ours is a utility local here, the utility being the City Public Service Board. At present, work has begun on the new, \$230,000 Southside distribution center with another new center to be built on the northside in the near future. This will provide new facilities for both the gas and electric departments. All of us are looking forward to the completion of these plants.

Construction is also going on at the W. B. Tuttle Plant to accommodate the new 100,000-kw generator going in there. This will make the total output of this modern plant 160,000 kw.

On September 10th last, our local held a big outing with barbecue and beer, dancing, etc. at the northside employe's park. One of the main at-

tractions was a pole-climbing contest. On a 50-foot pole, at least a dozen Brothers took a busman's holiday and made a flying run for the record. Les Miller had the best time with 11.5 seconds. W. B. Tucker was second with 16.5 and your clumsy reporter stumbled in third with 17 flat. A good time was had by all, needless to say.

E. N. THOMPSON, P.S.

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### Describes Details Of Apprentices Program

L. U. 505, MOBILE, ALA.—Last month I mentioned that we were getting a brand new apprenticeship program organized and this month I should like to elaborate on this program.

To begin with, it was prepared for us by a Brother member of our local, who is a graduate electrical engineer, who also served his apprenticeship in our local, who has the practical and theoretical knowledge and experience necessary to compile such a program. The course is designed for apprentices in the electrical construction field and covers all, and more of the requirements set forth in the National Apprenticeship Standard's booklet.

The program is based on eight six-month periods, or four years. Each year has two six-month periods that are independent of each other as to the order in which they are presented. With apprentices entering only at six-month intervals, four instructors provide fulltime instruction for the entire course.

The course is built around 11 well-selected textbooks that include subjects like drafting, interior electrical wiring and estimating (both industrial and residential), fundamentals of electricity, direct and alternating current, and of course the National Electrical Code.

The purpose of this program is to give the apprentice electrician a well-rounded and systematic foundation of electricity. Once he has completed this program he should have enough fundamentals to continue on his own in an effort to stay abreast of the ever changing electrical field.

For our journeymen electricians we are setting up a course in electronics at our local University Center. These courses can be continued, so that if the individual so desires he may get a college degree in electronics.

EMMETT N. SPEARS, R.S.

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### Life-Long Members Retired in Georgia

L. U. 508, SAVANNAH, GA.—At the present the weather in the State of Chatham is very comfortable and pleasing.

Brother Walter Hill, a life long member of Local 508, retired from the trade January 12, 1956. Walter will receive his I.B.E.W. pension and also Social Security. We all wish Walter the best of everything and are in hopes that he will enjoy retirement for many years to come.

Brother Hill will spend his leisure hours on Mell's Creek near Isle of Hope, Georgia. The creek is well



# A PRAYER



Let me do my work each day;  
And if the darkened hours of despair overcome me,  
May I not forget the strength that comforted me  
In the desolation of other times.

May I still remember the bright hours that found me  
Walking over the silent hills of my childhood,  
Or dreaming on the margin of the quiet river,  
When a light glowed within me,  
And I promised my early God to have courage  
Amid the tempests of the changing years.

Spare me from bitterness  
And from the sharp passions of unguarded moments.

May I not forget that poverty and riches are of the spirit.  
Though the world know me not,  
May my thoughts and actions be such  
As shall keep me friendly with myself.

Lift my eyes from the earth,  
And let me not forget the uses of the stars.

Forbid that I should judge others,  
Lest I condemn myself.  
Let me not follow the clamor of the world,  
But walk calmly in my path.  
Give me a few friends who will love me for what I am;  
And keep ever burning before my vagrant steps  
The kindly light of hope.

And though age and infirmity overtake me,  
And I come not within sight of the castle of my dreams,  
Teach me still to be thankful for life,  
And for time's olden memories that are good and sweet;  
And may the evening's twilight find me gentle still.

MAX EHRMANN

stocked with shrimp, oysters and an assortment of salt water fish.

Fellow Brothers, if you intend to retire, remember to keep your dues paid as required by the I.B.E.W. Constitution.

Brothers, how do you enjoy the new "MULE POWER," published by our local union. Many good comments have been received.

Negotiations have started at the Hercules Powder Plant in Brunswick, Georgia.

The peaceful dove is much in evidence around our local. It appears that the members are all satisfied with the present set up concerning the operation of our business.

I am very happy to report that we have three members of our local union serving as electrical inspectors, with the possibility of adding the fourth member.

The local's membership urges all our members to register and vote in all future elections.

We have a few members unemployed at present time, but future work opportunities look very good.

D. L. CANADY, P.S.

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## New Dupont Plant In Danville Area

L. U. 538, DANVILLE, ILL.—This is the first time in a long time that we have had any articles in our JOURNAL so I will try to let you know what is going on around here.

We have quite a bit of work going on right now, including two fairly large jobs. Olin Industries is building a cellophane plant here. It is being built by Dupont. Standard Electric has the electrical contract on this job and we have almost 100 electricians on the job. Quite a few of them are from other locals. We are glad to have them come and work with us.

We also have a second unit going up at the Illinois Powerhouse. The second unit is larger than the first one. Schulman Electric has the electrical contract. John Acord is the steward on the job and Merle Beddow is the steward on the Olin job.

I am sad to report that one of our older members, Brother Harry Wright, passed away recently. He was a member of this local for many years.

By the time you read this column it will be Spring but I would like to say a little about our Christmas party. We had gifts for all the children from Santa and they had a wonderful time. We also gave away 10 turkeys and a record player.

There was a good attendance with 102 adults and 89 children present. We held the party at Douglas School.

We have a new electrician coming up in a few years. The Gene Lourys have a new baby boy, Ronald Eugene,



born January 7th and weighing in at seven pounds, six ounces. The Acord's also have an addition to the family, a daughter. This is their fifth child and it is reported that the father is recovering nicely.

We are having a local election here in Danville to see whether or not we expand our sewer system. These sewers are getting over loaded like some of our wires. If we expand our system we may have more industries locate here which will be good for us.

MARION MADEN, P.S.

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## Cites Maine's New Industrial Expansion

L. U. 567, PORTLAND, ME.—This month I would like to write about the industrial expansion in the State of Maine. Although this expansion is not all in the jurisdiction of Local 567, nearly all projects have had I.B.E.W. men working on them. Many new industries were started in the state this year and many added new lines which made for expansion of existing facilities.

In many areas large mills were shut down or facilities had moved out and the various cities or towns had to look to new industry to provide work for the thousands of people laid off. Among them was Brunswick, which lost the huge Verney Mill recently. But already, through the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and the Brunswick Industrial Development Corporation, they have leased space to The Standard Romper Co., and The Nichols Poultry Farm Inc.

As of June 1955, four industries in the Brunswick area used over three million kilowatt hours of electric power with an average cost of less than one cent per kilowatt hour.

Another town that has finally overcome the same difficulty is Dover-Foxcroft. In 1953, the American Woolen Co., closed its mill there and now after two years of work they have sold part of the mill to Beggs and Cobb Inc., of Winchester, Massachusetts, which will operate a tannery, eventually employing 400 people.

Sanford, is another town which is making great strides to recover from the loss of the huge Goodall-Sanford Mills.

Wood and wood by-products play a huge part in the expansion of the many associated industries. Some of the newer industries are a new wood flour mill at Cronish, another is the Wilner-Brown Co., of South Paris, utilizing waste wood, to make such products as wood flour, wood chips and sawdust, another project designed to save Maine timberlands.

In the paper industry, Great Northern Paper Company, has completed its \$45,000,000 expansion at East

Millinockett. At Rumford, the Oxford Paper Company, has invested several million dollars in new machinery and equipment and is continuing to expand. Since the end of World War II, the company has invested more than 30 million dollars in improvements.

The St. Croix Paper Company, of Woodland, spent nearly two million dollars in 1955, which is part of a 13-million dollar expansion program, which will make it the second largest newsprint manufacturer in Maine and the fifth in the United States.

In West Paris, a woodworking mill long closed, has reopened. And there is also the Dielectric Products Engineering Company, of Raymond, making vital television parts.

The Central Maine Power Company has invested \$100,000,000, over a decade for new or improved facilities. They have finished an addition to their Mason Station, at Wiscasset, which added 30,000 kilowatts to their system. This year major construction will be at Cousins Island, where a new steam-electric plant will bring an added 4000 KW.

Other small factories are a \$287,000, building in Farmington to house the Sudbury Footwear Inc., a new building at Rockland to house the Expedite Manufacturing Company, a new industry at Freeport, and the addition of a dyeing and finishing plant at Casco Laces Inc.

At Searsport, Northern Chemical is constructing a new \$9,000,000 ammonia plant, part of which will be ready for operation in early 1956.

Shipbuilding is another major industry in Maine, with small ships being built at Thomaston, Boothbay Harbor, and of course the two most famous yards, the Bath Iron Works, which has contracts for 5,418 foot destroyers, at present and the Kittery Naval Shipyard, which recently laid the keel for an atom-powered sub.

This shipbuilding and repair industry was a 74-million-dollar business in 1955, with more than 10,000 people employed at the trade.

There are many more industries, well established here in Maine. That is why the new Department of Development of Industry and Commerce was formed to attract industrialists. Their slogan is a good one and one that the I. B. E. W., here in Maine could certainly endorse. It has seven points which read thus: Make us prove that you can "Make more money in Maine."

1. Loyal, contented workers.
2. Unexcelled labor-management relations.
3. Cheap electric power.
4. Unlimited supply of cheap water.
5. No state corporate, income or excise tax.
6. Cordial industrial climate.
7. Gracious living.

You can make more money, live happier in Maine.

It's a good thought, and one which all of us can think on.

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, P.S.

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## Lay Groundwork for Contract Negotiations

L. U. 568, MONTREAL, QUE.—Our negotiations will be underway by the time this appears in print. Our contract in the construction industry expires on May 10th, 1956, and at our last monthly meeting our members elected the Negotiating Committee to meet our employers. The committee is as follows: Brothers W. Chartier, business manager, John Goodby, Marcel Gagnon, René Gauthier, John Beauvais and L. Theriault.

A special meeting will be called for all members to formulate our demands which will stay with the committee until a new agreement has been signed. We wish to remind our members that the job of negotiating a new agreement is not an easy task, and full support should be given to your committee at all times. We need an increase in wages, we need additional vacation benefits, we need hospitalization insurance, but we also need a lot of arguments to support our demands and all suggestions will be appreciated by your committee.

Employment in our jurisdiction for the coming year looks very good. We will have quite a few more projects for 1956 in the million dollar bracket, but we wish to remind our members that small jobs such as housing projects are also very important to our maintaining full employment and unless we pay more attention to the latter, someone else is going to do the job for us and in many cases will be underpaid for it, which is bad for competition and we are the ones to suffer in the end.

Our Social and Welfare Committee held its fourth annual dance on December 16th, 1955 in the Carpenters' Hall Auditorium and an enjoyable evening was had by some 300 members and their guests. Those attending the event this year were a little surprised at not having to pay anything except for liquid refreshments past a certain limit. The committee was in a generous mood and handed out 15 door prizes. We wish to express our thanks to all those members who worked hard on the committee to make it a very enjoyable evening for all concerned.

Nos négociations pour le nouveau contrat dans l'industrie du bâtiment vont commencer bientôt. Notre convention collective avec nos patrons expire le 10 mai 1956, at à la dernière assemblée mensuelle, nos membres ont élu leur Comité de Négociations qui



## Personalities of Tulsa Local



Above left: Officers of Local 584, Tulsa, Okla., are commended for a job well done. At left, seated, in the usual order are: Oscar King, Johnny Swartz, Ed Huddlin, Orin Williams. Standing: Walt Rona, Sam Barbush, Jimmy Porter (past chairman), James Duff, Fred Murray, Woody Wilson, Tom Rauch, and H. Davis. Above is Brother George Turner, first business agent and long-time member of the local.



These are the new officers of the Tulsa Trades Council. Local 584's Business Agent Johnny Hicks, seated far right, was elected the group's vice president.

est composé des confrères suivants: Wilfrid Chartier, agent d'affaires; John Goodby, Marcel Gagnon, René Gauthier, John Beauvais et L. Theriault. Une assemblée spéciale aura lieu sous peu pour tous les membres pour formuler nos demandes qui seront ensuite la responsabilité de votre comité; et nous désirons attirer votre attention sur le fait que de servir sur le comité de Négotiations n'est pas tâche facile, et c'est le devoir de chaque membre de supporter ce comité autant que possible en offrant vos suggestions; nous avons besoin d'une augmentation de salaires, de bénéfices de vacances additionnels de bénéfices d'hospitalisation et d'autres mais nous avons aussi besoin de toutes vos suggestions pour obtenir ces bénéfices.

Le travail dans notre juridiction pour l'année 1956 s'annonce bien. Nous aurons encore quelques gros chantiers dépassant le million, mais il ne faut pas oublier en même temps que beaucoup de travail se fait aussi dans les chantiers domiciliaires et à moins que nos membres s'intéressent d'avantage

à ces derniers nous aurons certainement du chômage, mais ceci n'empêche que quelqu'un d'autres accompliront ce travail pour nous et dans bien des cas à une échelle de salaire inférieure à celle établie par notre convention collective, ce qui entraîne la compétition injuste et malhonnête pour nos patrons désireux d'observer nos lois, et il s'ensuit que nous-mêmes, les travailleurs en subissent les conséquences.

Notre Comité Social et de Bienfaisance a tenu sa tième danse annuelle le 16 Deciembre 1955 dans l'auditorium des Charpentiers Menuisiers. Quelques 300 personnes étaient présentes et tous se sont bien amusés. Le comité a distribué 15 prix de présence et cette année le comité a établi un précédent, vu que tout était gratis à l'exception des rafraichissements, dépassant une certaine limite. Tous nos remerciements aux confrères qui ont travaillé bien fort pour faire de cette soirée un succès bien mérité et apprécié de tous.

In answer to the many comments on

my bilingual letters, some favorable, and some not so favorable; may we add our own in a few words: "Our members are also paying their dues with dollar bills printed in bilingual forms."

LOUIS G. THERIAULT, P.S.

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## Reviews Year of San Diego Local

L. U. 569, SAN DIEGO, CALIF.—Local 569 wound up the year with an excellent Christmas Party that we were very proud of.

This party is an annual event sponsored by our local for children of our members. The program consisted of music by local radio and television talent and two of our own members, Brothers Dick Smith and George Scholl entertained dressed as clowns. They turned out to be a highlight of the party. Gifts were presented to all children.

Reviewing the year's activities the various divisions of our crafts received raises from 8 to 20 cents per hour. All of our raises were negotiated peacefully.

Motor shop electricians proved they have their eyes on the future. This division negotiated a 10-cent-an-hour raise. They voluntarily took eight cents and the other two cents will be paid into the pension fund by their employers.

This is an unusual way to obtain a fringe benefit. These members are now eligible for full pensions. But they wanted to exceed the minimum payments to the pension fund and elected to do it this way. Every mem-



ber of the local is proud to be associated with these men.

The trustees of our Health and Welfare plan made a heart-warming report. All of our contractors have paid their share in full for 1955. We wonder if any other group can report all participants paid in full? Our membership is grateful to our contractors who are so faithful in carrying out their obligations. They have made our plan an outstanding success in this area.

Our Business Manager, M. J. Collins, presents this thought by H. W. Beecher: "No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has."

A. H. NIPPER, P.S.

### Highlights of Gay Ariz. Christmas Party

L. U. 570, TUCSON, ARIZ.—Sure, and it was a grand Kiddies' Christmas Party that children and grandchildren of Local 570 enjoyed at the Laborers' Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 18th! Old Santa, with the able assistance of Joe Finkelstein, distributed 400 well-filled Christmas stockings, and a fine program of entertainment was enjoyed by grownups as well as the children.

The IBEW Trio, composed of Phil Ferranti, accordion; William Gilmetti, guitar; and John Walworth, banjo, gave some fine numbers. The Rubi Trio, with Pedro Colmenero, Charles Martinez and Manuel Rivera, added to the musical enjoyment, as did young accordionist, Linda Lee Howard. Pupils of the Billie Dean Dancing School provided the dance numbers, and two local clowns, Gene Smith and Steve Bahill, both members of 570, kept the audience howling! No children's party would be complete without a magician, and Harry Blackledge, member of the Carpenters' Local, handled that act, to the complete satisfaction of all.

With holidays over, Local 570 settled down to more serious matters, and the local Red Cross added a special Saturday morning Blood Bank opportunity on Saturday, Jan. 7th, for members of 570 to add to their Blood Bank Fund. Members of 570 try to keep a supply of blood on hand with the local Red Cross Chapter, from which members and families of members of 570 may draw when needed. This Blood Bank Fund has been a life-saving factor on several occasions, and 570 is proud to contribute, and the response is good every time a call goes out.

Temperatures in the high 70's all over the holiday season made Tucson one of the most attractive winter spots in the nation. We have enjoyed

our fine winter weather—and we do not want to be selfish with it! However, we would be doing a great disservice to our brotherhood to encourage IBEW members from other parts of the country to come out here to share our fine climate unless they are able to enjoy it without working! There is no work available here! This part of the country, and Tucson area, is growing rapidly, with considerable construction under way, BUT—there are more workers in the area now than there are jobs! Don't think us un hospitable—but those are the facts.

WILLIAM L. OWEN, P.S.

### Bremerton Local's Old-Timers' Night

L. U. 574, BREMERTON, WASH.—Sorry, but due to the lack of a qualified union photographer, no pictures are available for publication of the annual Old Timers Night Banquet held by Local 574 on Friday, November 4, 1955. The dinner was held to honor Brothers Al LeFevre, who holds 35 years membership in the Brotherhood but was unable to attend because of his prolonged illness; also, Henry E. Schonberger (30 years), Hugo Holglund (30 years) DeForrest G. Briggs (25 years) and John V. Ahearn (25 years).

Brother Schonberger was slightly miffed when Local Union President Paul Ayers called on a guest speaker to present the pins rather than doing it himself, but he soon thawed out when he discovered the speaker to be W. C. Lindell, Business Representative of Local 46 of Seattle, who worked with Henry many years ago. An old friendship was renewed that night, and a good time was had by all, of course.

Keeping Brother LeFevre company on the sick list is Philip A. Shipley, who is now convalescing from an operation and doing well.

Notice has been given of the filing in the State capitol in Olympia of a petition which, if the required numbers of voters endorse and sign, will be put before the voters this fall as Initiative No. 198. It will be known as the "Right-to-Work" act and is the first legislative action taken in this state in this phase of the campaign to break the back of organized labor. It is certainly the most threatening. Already various groups and individuals have denounced the petition for what it is and warned of the effects the bill made into law would have.

It will take more than a few scattered voices to make known to the public what a law like this can mean—what identical laws in other states have already caused. Quoting one influential speaker in our behalf, money

from powerful "out of state" interests will be poured into Washington State in support of this petition.

All you Brothers are urged to do everything you can in learning the facts about the "Right-to-Work" laws, preaching the cause personally, and supporting your local and state bodies in organized opposition.

ROBERT E. BROWN, P.S.

### Huge Power Plant Promises Many Jobs

L. U. 584, TULSA, OKLA.—Work is slow here at the present, but so far 1956 promises a brighter picture. January finds several projects on the planning board and when our 40 million dollar long range power plant swings into high gear, we should find only vacationing members idle.

Enclosed is a picture of Brother George Turner our first business agent and long time member. Brother Turner says he once had card number one in Chicago local Nine, when all locals started out with each local numbering their own cards. Brother Turner now resides at 620 No. Friscoe, Tulsa, Oklahoma and would appreciate hearing from one and all.

A warm acknowledgement to Brother Earl Pursley who saved Brother Art Cummsky's life! Art was knocked unconscious when his head came in contact with a hot line while working in a duct on a damper motor. When Art was paralyzed his arm was cut badly by the sharp edge of the duct. Brother Earl noticed something was wrong and went after Art and pulled him out stiff as a board. Earl applied a tourniquet to the bleeding arm and administered artificial respiration until Brother Art came around. This was quick thinking on Brother Earl's part.

Although this happened a couple of months ago, I was holding off until I could get a picture of Brother Earl and Art. Lacking such an opportunity, I now go ahead with just the information.

Since this accident we set aside time during a regular meeting and asked the City Fire Department to demonstrate and lecture on the new method of artificial respiration, which I understand pushes more air through the lungs than any other method.

Now that our Credit Union has survived its first year, we are well on the road toward sound investments and low cost loans for our members. We believe the first year's officers did a fine job and worked long and hard to bring this about. Brothers Orin Williams, Jimmy Porter, Sam Barbush and Leon Stefanoff were on hand almost every Wednesday night and Saturday morning for applications, and Brother Orin Williams, our treasurer, has burned the midnight



oil keeping the books straight. I believe Orin's job is about the most time-consuming of all and his efforts helped make this a success story.

New officers who were not included in the accompanying picture are Brothers Luke Pratt and Jake Davis.

The other picture is of new officers of the Tulsa Trades Council, in which our Business Agent Johnny Hicks was elected vice president.

Negotiations are being readied and our committee, consisting of Brothers Carl Smith, Johnny Swartz and Jack Money, are primed and ready. Most of us believe that as long as it takes a man a lifetime to acquire a home that an increase is still fair and justifiable.

BOB DOOLEY, P.S.

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## New York Local Sets Goal to Reach

L. U. 586, OTTAWA, ONT.—During a discussion with a prominent electrical contractor he advised me to read, in the *January Readers Digest*, "The Union That Gives More to the Boss." Thanks for the tip, Gordie.

Those tremendous achievements of Local 3, are targets for all of us, as our local is presently drawing up a new working agreement. This article by Lester Velie will be consulted frequently.

The untimely and sudden death of our late treasurer, Brother Richard, forced a reshuffle in our executives. Brother Lou Lacroix is the new treasurer and your scribe was drafted as recording secretary.

The forecast in the I.B.E.W. newsletter, that the market for electrical

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work will be greater than ever in 1956 is noted here with interest. Ottawa's share in this market will be influenced by the rapid strides being made in the St. Lawrence hydro development. This project, well up to schedule, will be completed by 1958 and an added 100,100,000 H.P. will be available for new industry in the Ottawa valley.

Local 586 is in the early stages of a new wage agreement. The feature of our proposed new contract is the stress we are placing on fringe benefits. We are asking for a little more than seven percent increase in wages, but for the first time we are proposing health and welfare benefits. Our Negotiating Committee had their first meeting with the employers to discuss the new contract.

They are very optimistic and from the tone of the discussions this is not to be the usual long drawn out affair. We expect full agreement will be reached before the old contract expires on May 1st. Perhaps this is because Ottawa contractors have finally realized that their survival depends on the quality of the tradesmen they employ.

Because this city has always been at the bottom of the wage list, highly-trained electricians have no inducement to come here. As a result the

contractors must get along with locally trained men, with their limited experience, as best they can. Costly mistakes are common in electrical installations in Ottawa that couldn't occur where trained men are employed.

Where else but here would you see a man ruin three lengths of three and a half inch conduit trying to make one bend. An Ottawa job foreman only discovered after the lathers appeared, that the light outlets he so carefully installed in the concrete slab in a large four-story building, should have been located on the hung ceilings two feet lower.

Ottawa contractors are learning the hard way that the dearest is the cheapest in the end. In short they must compete with contractors in other cities for the good men who are not so plentiful as some might think.

G. MCARDLE, P.S.

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## High Praise for Flood Relief Work

L. U. 595, OAKLAND, CALIF.—This article has been written several times and each time I finish it, something comes up to cause me to re-write it. I had worked up quite a good paragraph on the vicious tax increase imposed by the board of equalization but then decided that this really was not news. Since the people of California should have expected it and must expect it again and again, it is natural for a man or a group of men to desire to improve their positions and increase their take and these boys do all right at it. If the politicians ever do become economy-minded it will be after the (suckers) I mean people, have reached their limit to pay. The tax dollar is not important in itself but in volume there is percentage and that percentage is important.

A word of praise is in order for the people of California and for those groups of people and agencies who did such a magnificent job in the disastrous floods visited upon our state recently. Every one reacted in a manner to reassure an observer that the capacity for compassion and brotherly love abounds in the human heart despite the evidence to the contrary presented by the sensational news stories of crime, corruption and juvenile delinquency in the daily news.

An older member called to my attention, an item in a past issue of the *JOURNAL* pertaining to job opportunities for the older members. He expressed the opinion that this was not being given the consideration it deserved and asked me to make note of it in our contribution to the *JOURNAL*. This is a proposition that

## On Golden Anniversaries



These officers of the International and of Local 595, Oakland, Calif., derived great pleasure from participating in the presentation of 50-Year Pins to two local members. From left: O. A. Rieman, International representative, 9th District; H. E. Wilson, president, Local 595; S. E. Rockwell, business manager-financial secretary, Local 595; Henry Hayden, International representative, 9th District; George Ketchum, recipient of 50-Year Pin; Jack Yokela, recipient of 50-Year Pin.



## Gallery from Jackson Local



Members of Local 605, Jackson, Miss.



From left: Brothers Canada, Barlow,



Alday, Curran, Alday again, and Green.



Local 605 Brothers Cade, Axton and Bell from the Jackson area.

would naturally become more important as age advanced, particularly where the physical health or ability is imperiled. It is the obligation of every officer of the unions and the I. O. to consider each such case in an impartial manner.

Along with this article I am including the picture of the presentation of pins at our last old timers night—sorry they are late due to writing and re-writing this article.

WILLIAM O. HURTADO, P.S.

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### Local 605 Mourns Accident Victim

L. U. 605, JACKSON, MISS.—At our last regular meeting the membership stood for a moment in silent meditation, while our charter was being draped in memory of our late Brother, J. H. (Jimmie) Burchett, who was killed in an auto accident January 7, 1956. He was 34, and employed by the MP and L Company, Brookhaven. However, he had worked with the contractors some years prior to this in Local 130, 605 and elsewhere and we are sure that his many friends will be saddened by this report. He leaves a wife and two children. May God bless them.

The wife of our President, Mrs. D. W. Ainsworth, spent a short time in Saint Dominic's Hospital recently. She has our best wishes for future health and happiness. Brother and Mrs. T. C. (Jack) Curan, are the

proud parents of a new baby girl, born December 12, 1955, weight eight-and-one-half pounds, and her name is Patricia Linn Curan. Congratulations and best wishes to you all.

Brothers N. E. Peden, Fred Rials and Donnie Stewart, have recently been working in Local 3, New York. These boys have some very nice things to say about Brother Van-Ardsdale the business manager, their pay rate, fringe benefits and the local in general. So we say to you Yankee Brothers of Local 3, we appreciate the fine work you are doing in the union and hope that we rebels can follow your example at least in part before too long. We also appreciate your courtesy to these members while in your jurisdiction.

Our meeting hall was just about filled to capacity at our last regular meeting. We have a fine bunch of young energetic members, who are well aware that the place for information about and education in unionism is the union hall. We also have some old timers who have found it necessary to counter a few minor obstacles down through the years. Quite a few trade branches are represented by our local and so we say just keep up the enthusiastic attendance and obstacles shall become fewer and smaller as the local becomes stronger and wiser, keeping in mind that honesty and fairness should be the watch words of all our activities.

Brother H. D. Williams, who has



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## Atlanta Completion Ceremonies



At the recent completion ceremonies for apprentices of Local 613, Atlanta, Ga., are the graduating class and the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Seated, from left: Charlie Ziegler, R. W. Allison, J. G. Nash, "Bill" Damon, Harry Bexley, George L. Peterson, R. S. Edwards, E. F. "Red" Wise. Standing: Apprentices J. H. Ford, Raymond Dutton, C. F. Parker, Floyd Garner, J. W. F. Holloway, W. G. Duke, H. E. Carter, George Leonard and George S. Gammage.



International Representative G. X. Barker, left and local Business Manager Harry Bexley, right, address the new journeymen and their guests.



see a man skillful in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before obscure men." When King Solomon said that, he must have foreseen the day when kings would inherit themselves into obscurity, and today's "kings" would be men who advance to eminence through their own accomplishments

On Friday, January 13, 1956, 10 proud young members of Local Union 613 had the honor to stand before assembled "kings" of diverse fields of endeavor, and receive certificates attesting each is "skilful in his work."

The annual graduation exercise of the "Atlanta Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Committee" brought these groups and a hundred enthused guests together.

The program was arranged by Brother "Red" Wise, who is coordinator for the committee. Red is invalided at home by a heart ailment now. We greatly fear his strenuous efforts to improve the breed of Atlanta's "narrow-backs," contributed to his illness. Take it easy Red, your good work will be advanced by some of those youngsters you trained.

Mayor William B. Hartsfield, who is more an institution than a "king" in Atlanta, was one of our guest speakers. Brother Dewey Johnson, Superintendent of Electrical Affairs for the City of Atlanta, introduced the mayor, and attributed much of our city's great growth and increased prosperity to the efforts of his Honor's administration during his 17 years in office.

Mr. Hartsfield credited our advanced economy to the greatly increased pay rolls achieved and sustained by organized labor groups here, and throughout the nation.

been our assistant business manager during the past six years, left the employ of the local as of February 4, 1956, and we understand he is going into the insurance business.

Brother C. E. Shaffer, has been employed as our new assistant business manager. This Brother has been the President of L. U. 985, Cleveland, Mississippi for quite a while and has been active in our Brotherhood for many years. He comes well recommended and we congratulate him on his new assignment.

Brother E. K. Presson, a local old-timer, visited our Executive Board recently. We enjoyed having him.

Harry Truman said recently: "The Republican party has the deathbed repentance, this being election year." So, maybe they will legislate some help for poor working people before the slow walking and sad singing.

J. W. RUSSELL, P.S.

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### Atlanta Committee Stages Graduation

L. U. 613, ATLANTA, GA.—"Do you



Engraved invitations, (the same type used by high school and college graduates) were mailed to the guests. Wives and parents of the graduates attended the function.

The Atlanta Electrical Joint Apprenticeship Committee employs six instructors and a part-time coordinator. One hundred and fifty apprentices are indentured in our four-year program. Serious consideration is being given to extending the course to five years and including a certain amount of electronics.

Applicants for entry are required to have a high school education or its equivalent. This, the committee feels, is necessary in view of the many new technical aspects of the industry. Sons of journeymen are of course given preference whenever possible.

Applicants are required to take an aptitude test given by the Georgia State Employment Service. If they pass, they then come before the J.A.C. for further screening and entry into the program.

Actually, this method of enrolling apprentices, while it may appear to be rather strict, has paid off in the long run. School attendance with the newer apprentices is no longer a problem. L. U. 613 is proud of these boys as they make good members as well as superior journeymen. The contractors are now backing the program 100 percent as they realize that better men are being turned out.

The program is financed jointly by the apprentice, contractor and local union. Each contributes 25 cents per week. This clause is incorporated in the working agreement. These apprentices buy their own books. Funds are used to defray a portion of the instructors and coordinators expenses, graduation services and the cost of sending the outstanding apprentice to the Southern States Apprenticeship Conference.

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If the Editor will insert a row of asterisks above this you will know I have finally caught George Peterson

in the middle. That is something I've never been able to do when sitting across the negotiating table from him.

Bill Damon's title is as long as his record of achievement is good. You know who he is. This is a thought he left with us. "We need to anticipate the effect of atomic power generated electricity on the electrical construction and operating industry."

I want to save Harry Bexley, our new Business Manager, for a full length feature so I'll skip him.

Bob Allison M C'd the party. If he is as pleasant to work for as he is to listen to, I want my tool box in his shop sometime.

If this article extends to tell all that G. X. Barker, Charlie Thurber, Everett Roe, Archie Lindsey, and Charles H. Conner talked about, we'll have used our quota of JOURNAL columns for a year.

The graduates were: Harold E. Carter, William G. Duke, Raymond Dutton, James H. Ford, George Gammage, Floyd Garner, Billy Grice, J. W. F. Holloway, George W. Leonard, Charles S. Parker.

Now boys, I have an unmarried daughter, she owns a Ford Victoria, has a good job and a bank account. Phone Norcross, Georgia 3366.

O. B. CRENSHAW, P.S.

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## Reports Results of Lansing Elections

L. U. 665, LANSING, MICH.—Greetings to all from Local 665. Not having had an article in the WORKER for some time, we will attempt to bring the Brothers up to date. At our last election, the following officers were elected: President John (AL) Wright, Vice President Frank Mahaney, Treasurer Donald Deal, Recording Secretary Paul Durling, Financial Secretary Darrell Page, Business Manager Ted Williamson.

Members of the Executive Board are as follows: Deane Battley chair-

man, Donald Slater secretary, Paul Durling, Nick Panessidi, Fred Wheeler, Neal Perry, Herbert E. Swan.

This local, as well as a few more in Central Michigan won a two weeks vacation, which everyone really enjoyed the past summer months.

Our welfare plan is moving in good shape. After two short years we were able to get our families into the plan. We hope to increase our benefits greatly over a period of the next few years.

This year being 1956, we hold election of officers again. Election of officers in our organization, as well as in all of the local unions stirs up quite a bit of interest. Election year brings Brothers to the meetings who are absent at all other times.

A new policy of better relations between the local and its members working on supervision has been set up by our Business Manager Ted Williamson and seems to be just the thing for better harmony for the local and all others concerned.

Our work in the jurisdiction is down a little at this time of the year. We have a few travelers working. If 1956 follows the pattern of the past year, we will have another good one. We certainly hope so.

Our hard working business manager, who helped to organize Local 1632 in Lansing, taking in the motor shops and sound systems contractors, should be congratulated. He worked long and tiresome hours to see this accomplished and his reward for a job well done is the fact that another charter for organized labor has been hung on the wall. A good job well done, Ted!

Our apprenticeship program is in excellent shape. We now have 30 apprentices in our class. We graduate on the average of four apprentices a year. We are also fortunate to have Carl Smith, a graduate Electrical Engineer and a Brother of Local 665 as our instructor.

Hoping this article brings us up to date and intending to follow with future ones, Local 665 says "So-long."

HERBERT E. SWAN, P.S.

## At Illinois Steam Plant



These members of Local 702, West Frankfort, Ill., are a number of traveling members employed on construction of the Joppa Steam Electric Plant nearby.



## Death Claims Two Local 697 Members

L. U. 697, GARY AND HAMMOND, IND.—Much time has elapsed since my last epistle to the JOURNAL but will try to send letters in more frequently from now on.

We lost one of our old-time members recently. Brother Fred Sines was taken by death after a long period of sickness.

Brother Sines was initiated into Local 697 in 1916 and was always a loyal and faithful member. He was 65 years of age at the time of death and leaves to mourn his death, his wife, a son and daughter.

We lost another member, Brother Irvin Myers who was killed in an automobile wreck, he was 38 years old and unmarried.

Local 697 has 16 bowling teams this winter and they are all in good shape to go to the I.B.E.W. International tournament in May.

On December 3 our 25-Year-Service Club held its annual election and banquet. Our new club officers this year are Paul T. Hagberg, president, William Knoth, secretary and Guy Brewer, treasurer. Our club entertainment committee will be appointed by President Hagberg.

Local 697 held a huge Christmas season ball December 3 and it was a very pleasant affair. A fine band furnished the music.

We are looking forward to a very prosperous year in our district. We have many large jobs about ready to get underway. Any I.B.E.W. men wanting work should not come here without first contacting our Business Manager Harold Hagberg.

Well the newspapers are again full of political slander, baloney and all sorts of derogatory talk and mud slinging. If the innocent voter believed everything that is spread on the news pages, he would not know who to vote for and might not go near the polls.

On the evening of February 1 Local 697 graduated nine young men from our apprentice training school. This graduation ceremony is an annual event for our local and we can all be very proud of those "youngsters," who have completed their five year training period.

These boys have gone through a long period of intensive electrical and electronic training and are well qualified to "carry on" for Local 697 and the I.B.E.W. Those graduating were, namely, Emery Brazil, Jr., George Fiebelkorn, Jr., Gene R. Brown, Wm. L. Collins, George Zimmerman, Robert Miller, Robert Musgrave, Fred Wolf and John Zarik.

The exercises were held at a well-known restaurant in their public hall and there were many local and prominent officials, local industrial plant

representatives, our Local 697 officers, contractors and members of our Executive and Apprentice training Committees present.

The Walton Electrical Company presented each graduate with an appropriate gift. The N.E.C.A. donated a huge assortment of fine door prizes, an annual custom of theirs at graduation parties.

The graduation certificates were presented to the graduates by Mr. Ray Henninger, industrial state supervisor of the Bureau of Apprentice Training, of the U. S. Department of Labor.

H. P. Hagberg, business manager acted as master of ceremonies, and as usual, with *éclat*. The invocation was given by Reverend C. Dwight Klinck. The address of welcome was delivered by Honorable Edward Dowling, Mayor of Hammond, Indiana.

An excellent speech was given by William Damon, director of Joint Apprentice Training Committee for the Electrical Industry. Acceptance speech for the apprentices was delivered by Robert Walton, a former graduate.

On the board of consultants are O. A. Wishmann, Bureau of Apprenticeship of the U. S. Department of Labor and J. R. Marks, chapter manager of Lake Company, Indiana, N.E.C.A., who were also present.

These officers of the N.E.C.A., I.B.E.W. apprentice and training committee of Lake Company Indiana, were also present: Management, William Kuehule, chairman; Walter Stoddart, Jack Ammon, Edward Mormol. Labor, J. R. Hagbert, secretary-treasurer; L. H. Davis, Jr., Paul Buehrle, S. O. Poole.

A fine dinner and vaudeville act topped off an evening of fun and good fellowship, so with a wish for good luck and success to these new electricians and with one word of advice—always be loyal I.B.E.W. men and a credit to the greatest and finest union organization on earth, I will close this epistle.

H. B. FELTWELL, P.S.

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## Meeting of North Dakota Worker Group

L. U. 714, MINOT, N. DAK.—The regular meeting of the North Dakota State Electrical Workers Council was held at Fargo with headquarters at the Gardner Hotel on the 3rd and 4th of December.

Some of the guests invited were Harold Seavey, regional director of organization for the American Federation of Labor; Helgi Nygren, president of the North Dakota Rural Electrification Association; and Mr. Dex Jewett, manager of the Dakotas Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association. Also attending the banquet and the Sunday

morning session were members of the North Dakota State Electrical Board: Joe Fennell, president of the State Board and REA representative; Nick Frank, the farmer representative; Clifford Hay, journeyman lineman representing the Public Utilities, and George Yineman, chief electrical inspector for North Dakota. The banquet was enjoyed by all including several guests who had been delegates to the North Dakota Building and Construction Trades Conference which had held its meeting Saturday morning.

The Sunday morning session was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Sherman Day. There was no definite scheduled order of business and many topics were thoroughly discussed such as the AFL-CIO merger, the progress of the Electrical Workers in their organizational program throughout the state, the coming legislative session and election, and the labor laws that we are confronted with continuously such as the "Right-To-Work" law, the Taft-Hartley law and the reversed opinions of the National Labor Relations Board, saying nothing of the injunctions through the State Courts.

Mr. Dex Jewett, NECA Representative gave the group a very good talk on what was taking place throughout the country in the electrical industry. He informed the Council that over 78 percent of the homes throughout the United States were inadequately wired and asked the cooperation of the Electrical Workers in bringing this fact to the attention of the public and the home owner because a big majority of those 78 percent are in dangerous condition. With the higher standard of living that is enjoyed in our wonderful country many of the people are enjoying the comforts of the many electrical appliances that are on the market today but the bad features about it is that they keep adding the appliances and pay no attention to the wiring that is feeding these appliances. Improper wiring can be very costly to the customer just due to inadequate wiring.

Chief Electrical Inspector George Yineman gave us a run down on the recent changes in the State Electrical Law as well as new rulings that have been issued by the State Board. He gave the Council some very good information concerning the National Fire Protective Association and also informed the group that the state fire marshall had asked for the assistance of the state inspector and the State Electrical Board in making inspections and that the fire marshall's office would cooperate 100 percent in following through on wiring that is condemned by the electrical inspectors. The chief inspector also felt that there was still a lot of wiring being done in the State of North Dakota that was not done by a licensed journeyman or



## Fish Supper for Columbus Yuletide



These scenes were taken at the highly successful fish supper and get-together staged by Local 779, Columbus, Ga., during the Christmas season.

under a Master Electrician License. The licensing law was definitely set up for the protection and welfare of the public in protecting them against the hazards of bad wiring and defective wiring and insuring that only qualified and licensed persons can legally do the work. Yineman also informed the group of the new affidavit system that would be going into effect the first of January, 1956. Yineman did a wonderful job of informing us and we as Electrical Workers will certainly cooperate with him, the other electrical inspectors, and the members of the State Board.

The most important subject that was discussed during the Sunday morning session was the possibility of revising the North Dakota State Safety Code. North Dakota has one of the best Workmen's Compensation Laws in the United States, yet we feel there should be some changes made in the Safety Code. In 1951 the Electrical Workers Council was instrumental in getting an Electrical Supplement to the Code. This concerned linemen mostly. Many people do not realize the hazards of the lineman in his work and every safety precaution must be taken and unless we have something to fall back on in the State Laws these precautions will be overlooked and end up in fatalities. The lineman makes only one mistake and very few are fortunate enough to get that "second chance."

A committee has been assigned to make a study of the situation and in the future possibly we can gain the adoption of some changes that might save the life of a workman. We realize that all of the public utilities such as the Northern States Power Company, the Montana Dakota Utilities, The Ottetail Power Company and the Rural Electrification Association all have their own safety rules and regulations and have a strict enforcement of such laws and rules.

We in the Council take our hat off those people; they know what the conditions are that the linemen have to work under but yet there are work-



President James M. Powell of Local 779, presenting a 20-Year Pin to Brother W. C. "Dude" Adams.

men killed because they made one mistake. These companies and the REA's hold their regular safety meetings with the men in attempting to make the workmen a little more conscious of the danger they are in each time they are on a "hot pole." This Safety Code does not only apply to the linemen but the electricians as well and it should be a must that whenever any work is done on 440 volts or over there should be two qualified men working together. This Safety Code could very well be applied to the Carpenters, Laborers and any of the other crafts. This Safety Code could and should include safety standards for all the working people.

The next regular meeting of the State Electrical Workers Council will be held on the 28th of April at the Labor Temple in Minot.

HAROLD M. OLSON, B.M.

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### Award Pins at Ga. Christmas Festivities

L. U. 779, COLUMBUS, GA.—Our local celebrated Christmas this year by having a get-together of all members and their wives for a catfish-hush puppy supper. Twenty year pins were presented to Brothers C. H. Tillery and W. C. "Dude" Adams. To you Northern brothers, let me explain about "fish camps" and "catfish and hush puppies." The way that they

usually work, is to sit you down at a long table on a bench so that you may have plenty of elbow room. Then the waiter brings in a big platter of small catfish which have been cooked in a deep fat fryer and another platter of hush puppies. Hush puppies are corn bread balls with chopped onions in them and no telling what else! That is the main dish of course with all the trimmings and it is very tasty. Of course, you never run out because the waiters are coming by all the time with more hot coffee, fish, etc. You are supposed to eat all that you can otherwise you are ill-mannered. Everyone showed their best manners that night.

News is scarce here. Work is holding up very well although several are on the bench at present. The prospects are that they won't be for long. Everyone seems glad about the CIO-AFL merger. We can use their help and they can use ours.

I see by the papers that the voters of Georgia are going to have the opportunity to vote for a Senator. It seems that Senator George is wanting to get on the payroll for another six years. It is the prediction of this correspondent that the workers of this State will see that he retires. His anti-labor record will have caught up with him. So, all of you "tramps" be sure and get home by Election Day. Maybe we can retire him in the first primary.

P.S. Enclosed photos were taken at the fish supper. Surely hope that you can use them. Thanks.

E. W. HARPER, P.S.

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### Dinner-Dance Held By Ontario Local

L. U. 788, GEORGETOWN, ONT.—On Friday December 2nd, 1955, Local 788 held a dinner and dance at Paradise Gardens, Guelph, Ontario. A delicious chicken dinner was served at 7:30 p.m. to 135 members and wives or husbands. President J. D. Timleck introduced the officers. Vice-



President Robert McMenemy then gave an address on the activities of the union. After the dinner, dancing to the music of the "Clansmen" was enjoyed. The spot dances were won by Mr. and Mrs. Braum, Mr. Morris Cook and Mrs. Garby, Mr. Tom Garvie and Mrs. Cook, Mr. Charles Day and Mrs. E. Jamieson. The door prize was won by Mr. Alf Spence.

On Saturday December 17th, 1955, Georgetown held a Santa Claus Parade with the unions and business men entering floats. Local 788 was represented by a float depicting Howdy Doody. The float was made by volunteer members. Brother George Storey acting as a clown preceded the float along the whole route of the parade.

On Tuesday December 20th, 1955 Local 788 and the Management of Smith and Stone Ltd. held a Christmas party for the employes children. Approximately 500 children received gifts, candy, and oranges from Santa Claus.

The following members attended to all the arrangements of these very successful and enjoyable events: Brothers Harvey Copland, Godfrey Collier, Jack Timleck, Percy Clark, George Storey, Joe Stamp, Carmen Copland, and Gordon Inglis.

The time for negotiating the renewal of the contract between our local and the management of Smith and Stone Ltd. is now here. The local has several suggested changes to be made in the contract.

MRS. E. JAMIESON, R.S.

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### Local 794 Holds Pensioners' Party

L. U. 794, CHICAGO, ILL.—On November 15, 1955, at the Greenwood Club 78th Street and Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, a party was

held in honor of our retired Brothers. I feel gratified to give this event honorable mention in our JOURNAL. From time to time we hold a party for our members, but I am happy to say; of all the parties I ever attended, this one was the best. The pleasant surroundings in the club and the delicious food added to the enjoyment of all.

This is a list of the names of our Brothers who went on union pension, while members of Local 794: Chester E. Billows, W. B. Brower, R. E. Denton, Edw. Dohney, Lee Harmen, E. V. Harry, Godfrey Hoppe, J. D. Sutfin, E. F. Kimmick, H. Vick, M. D. Wilhoit, Frank Wolfe, Earnest Gower.

Unfortunately some of our retired Brothers could not be with us. However, for those who were able to be present, our President F. Ormsby extended a welcome to each of them and a ring, which bears the insignia of our International Brotherhood. In our picture, from left to right: Brothers Edward Dohney, Bert Webb, Earnest Gower, Frank Wolfe, Chester E. Billows, E. F. Kimmick. This token in the form of a ring is a gift from the Brothers of our local. It is emblematic and will serve as a memory to them of their long standing with this local. Quite appropriate for a photographer to be here, so we had our retired Brothers pose for this one! Going into retirement after long years of service is something we have all to face sooner or later. You will all agree with me in saying that after long association with their co-workers in the shops, many incidents will come to their memory. Having to retire from all this requires a readjustment.

We should be reminded that on such occasions as this that a Brotherhood is not just a place of meeting or a party to have a good time. We should not lose sight of the fact that our forefathers laid the foundation in their untiring effort planting the seeds

of virtue, which some day had to grow into the great unions and organizations, as they are known today. Let's not destroy this democratic expression. We realize without leadership we would not have an organization. Then again we are tempted to remind our generals that they are of no use without an army.

As the party was drawing to end, our thoughts were drifting back to our early associations with our Brothers, who had played a very important part in helping to build this local. Now they have called it a day. But the building continues, with many new faces taking hold. It is from the grass roots that the building has to be done. Brothers come to your union meeting and take an active part. You only get out of a union what you put into it.

W. S. McLAREN, P.S.

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### Draw Up Proposals For 1956 Contract

L. U. 832, CHILLICOTHE, OHIO—Local 832 held its December meeting at the Elks Hall, Nelsonville, Ohio. Lunch was prepared and served by the Elks with the proceeds paid by Local 832 going to the under-privileged children of the area. Our sincere thanks to the people who so ably served our needs and permitted us to help make a happy Christmas time for many children.

We held our regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. Our contract with the Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company terminates March 1, 1956. Much discussion on our coming negotiations was received and from the requests made by the membership, the Negotiation Committee drew up the suggested proposals for our 1956 contract.

It is understood that Local 832 along with Local 1466 members, have made an outstanding improvement on the safety record during the year 1955. Our people are tirelessly working on the present Safety Program being sponsored by the company and improvement is the end result.

Brother P. D. Kuhn, past member of the local is our safety supervisor and he is really doing a fine job. Our local has voted to support the program in any and all ways.

Brother Lonnie Foss of Athens, Ohio, disabled last year by Kv., has returned to fill a job once again. Lonnie will not be able to climb because of loss of a limb. More men with the fortitude of this Brother and others so disabled should give the rest of us cause to open our eyes and try to train our new men in the proper ways regardless as to how we learned or think we can work.

Brother Dean Withem, already burdened with family illness had the

### Honored in Chicago



These were among the pensioners of Local 794, Chicago, Ill., who were able to attend the special party given in their honor by the membership. Their names are given in the letter from the local.



## Scenes from Chillicothe Local



At left are the officers of Local 832, Chillicothe, Ohio. Seated, left to right: Roger Butterbaugh, president; Howard Stigler, financial secretary. Standing: Louis Docie, negotiator; Russell Miller, treasurer; Andrew Lemley, negotiator; George Limle, negotiator; William Weaver, recording secretary; Robert O'Nail, Executive Council; Charles Rapp, Executive Council, and Floyd Barber, vice president. Above, the members are served lunch by the Nelsonville Elks, in a successful effort to raise money for the underprivileged at Christmas.



At the Christmas luncheon are, starting at bottom of page and clockwise: Floyd Barber, vice president; George Limle, negotiator; William Weaver, recording secretary; Robert O'Nail, Executive Council; Andrew Lemley, negotiator; Howard Stigler, financial secretary; Charles Rapp, Executive Council; Russell Miller, treasurer, and Roger Butterbaugh, president.

misfortune of having his home lost by fire. At this time all stewards are taking up a collection to help this situation.

Many thanks to President Freeman and his staff for the fine News Letters now being sent out.

ROGER L. BUTTERBAUGH,  
President

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### Move to Increase Welfare Benefits

L. U. 840, GENEVA, N. Y.—Another step has been taken concerning our welfare plan, to increase the benefits for the dependents of each member. This makes the benefits for medical, surgical, X-ray, laboratory and room and board at hospital, equal for both members and their dependents.

Negotiation time is here again. Lots of luck to the Negotiating Committee.

We were glad to see Brother Bill Kennedy attend our January meeting. The welcome mat is always out for our retired members.

Roland Hansen, apprentice, son of Burger Hansen, was recently elected to membership of L. U. 840. It was a long struggle, Burger, but we're glad your efforts paid off. To Roland, we would say, "your use of opportunities determines your success."

We were glad to see Carl Culver win the January drawing. Every bit helps with an ever-increasing family, huh, Carl!

The latest news on Lyle Culver isn't as good. He lost control of the hickey while bending conduit, and broke a front tooth. Slow down, Lyle. You're working too hard!

Our business manager, Charles Theise, is recuperating from surgery. We hope he is back to normal before the appearance of this issue.

Bucky Overhizer, complaining of

eye trouble, was asked by a friend, "Have your eyes ever been checked?" "Oh, no," replied Bucky, "They've always been blue."

The nomad of our local, Jerry Culver, recently returning from Alaska, gave an interesting talk at our January session. He reported that electrical work and wages are plentiful in that territory. He told of the excellent job the Air Force is doing in reaching the uppermost regions of the United States, guarding us from enemy attacks. It was interesting to learn that defense money is spent to better cause, and with less waste than in our own sections. He also reported fish and game are in abundance, for example, bear skins 12 feet square and two fish on a hook, and all such fish and game stories as that.

This being "that" time of year, I'll just remark, "A man owes it to himself to become successful. Once successful, he owes it to the Bureau of Internal Revenue."

George Johnson is recuperating from his trip to Florida. The George Sullivan's have also been soaking up some southern sunshine.

The apprenticeship school class journeyed to Rochester to the Electrical Exposition, where they observed and studied several things.

The electronics school for journeymen has had a very poor showing in attendance. It's a shame the men do not take advantage of this opportunity to further their electrical education. Much can be gained by the individual who will make an effort to better his position, and reach for higher realms of knowledge.

Our local gave 100 dollars to the



## Wisconsin Christmas Festivities



Happy scenes from the Christmas party of Local 890, Janesville, Wisc. At left, is Dr. Munn and his magic act, entertaining a thrilled audience, center. At right is Santa Claus and his two lovely daughters, Susan and Barbara Cullen.



Entertainment Committee of Local 890: (left to right, front row) Financial Secretary Art Cullen; President Henry Ringhardt; Business Manager Cecil Carroll; Chairman, Executive Board, Ken Richards; Brother Bill Jensen. Rear row: Brothers Dick Flynn and Cliff Augustein.

Geneva Public School Teachers Retention and Scholarship Fund. We think it a worthy cause to help students that might otherwise be deprived of a teaching profession. We believe this plan is a step forward in the educational field.

I'll leave you with an inspirational thought I picked up along the way. "A long face and a broad mind are rarely found under the same hat."

LEE R. BLAKE, P.S.

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### "Fine Weather, Full Employment," Local 890

L. U. 890, JANESVILLE, WISC.—We members of Local 890, I.B.E.W. are enjoying fine weather and full employment.

On December 18, Local 890 once again held its annual Christmas party. It was a success and a happy one, especially for the youngsters.

For entertainment we had Magician Dr. Munn, from Beloit, Wisconsin. It was something of a treat and he went over with hearty applause.

Once again our faithful Santa Claus passed out gifts to the children.

Much credit is due to Brother Art Cullen, Local 890's financial secretary, for wearing the suit as long as he did to bring joy to the children.

As ever the faithful entertainment committee put in many hours before, during, and after the party to help make it a success.

While all our members are gainfully employed, I do hope we have another construction boom this spring, so we can see more of those familiar faces from sister locals.

C. J. BONOMO, P.S.

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### Lay Careful Plans For Pact Negotiations

L. U. 896, MACON, GA.—Well things have been humming here in Local 896 this month. On January 9th, a Negotiating Committee composed of Brothers H. W. Gurley and R. E. King of Local 896 met in Atlanta, Georgia with International Representative Pat Alexander and the five other locals operating on the properties of the Georgia Power Company. The meeting was for the express purpose of starting negotiations on a new contract with the Georgia Power Company.

At the time of this writing considerable work has been done on the contract. An idea of Brother Alexander's was put into effect so that both union and company went over the proposals before any actual rebut-

tals or agreement were given. At present all proposals have been explained on both sides and now the work of agreeing is at hand. Both union and company are working together in greater harmony and faith. By printing time we are in good hopes the work will have been completed on the contract.

A little seniority mixup within our ranks has been cleared up and settled to the satisfaction of the members. The Production Department has been suffering from that dread disease called automation. A demotion accepted due to automation doesn't make too many people happy. But progress marches onward, and our aches will have to be soothed as best we know how.

James Eugene Heath, a member of the Macon substation crew, passed on January 11, 1956. He died as a result of an accident which occurred January 3, when he became connected with a hot wire. Our hearts are deeply saddened by the loss of our Brother. The record shows this was Brother Jimmy's first accident while working some 20 years with the Georgia Power Company.

Fellows, you see it takes but once, so please, let's all be very careful. We must all be safe.

The members of Local 896 wish to acknowledge the presence of Brother E. G. Copelan and Brother Copeland of the Unit of Local 896 at Brunswick, Georgia at the February meetings. We were happy to have them in our hall and extend a warm welcome to all our out-of-town members as well as to the local members. Our union needs the help that each member could give in attending all meetings.

During January and February our attendance was exceptionally good. Thanks to all who made this possible.

The month of March brings us good weather in our section of the country. During the next few months most of us are planning our vacations and summer outings. It's a lazy time of year for all of us. But "Mr. Accident"



doesn't ever get tired. Be careful and safe. The lives you save may be those of your loved ones.

E. D. FARR, P.S.

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## Offer Refresher Course For Journeymen Members

L. U. 920, ABILENE, TEXAS—I think this is the first time we have reported in a long time, if at all.

We are very thankful for the past year. Every one was working, and we had a few travelers in this area.

Our Apprentice Program is coming along fine. Also have a refresher course in blue print reading for journeymen. I believe the next course will cover electronics.

February 12, at 4:15 p.m. we wound up a three-day "Texas-Federation-of-Labor" labor school.

We had some experts on the subjects of political education, labor laws, and collective bargaining.

The fellows really took this meeting seriously. I think this was just what we needed.

These classes are financed by the I.B.E.W. and the N.E.C.A.

JOHN A. DAVIDSON, P.S.

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## Death Takes Heavy Toll in Kingsport

L. U. 934, KINGSFORT, TENN.—We have been having some good and some bad luck in this jurisdiction since the last letter. We have had a heavy loss

of members by death. Brother Charlie Nuchols was killed while working on a line job near Kingsport. Brothers C. A. Welborn and Jessie W. Fair were killed in an auto accident a few miles from home while they were on their way in from Pennsylvania. Brother Ray Riddle was seriously injured in the same accident and will not be able to work for a long time. Brother Kenneth Shelton was killed at his home in North Carolina. Brother Paul Guy Jackson, known to many of the brothers as "Sweat Bee," died at his home in Morristown.

Unemployment has not been bad for our members during the past year but the slack period got underway in December. The outlook for work in the spring of 1956 is good in this jurisdiction.

Our new contract gives a 15-cent raise on jobs over \$35,000, to \$3.10, and to \$2.75 on jobs under that amount. It looked like we were stuck at \$2.25 but due chiefly to the efforts of our Business Agent, Paul Hicks, we now have a rate to be proud of. I hate to report that the members, subsequently, saw fit to reduce Brother Hicks' salary. He had been given raises as we got ours. I suppose this illustrates the danger of working without a contract.

All in all, the outlook for L. U. 934 and its members is bright for 1956. We can expect the combined AFL-CIO will have a stronger voice for labor organizations in Nashville and in Washington. However, our friends in these places need a lot of small contributions to compete with all that money the big boys are pouring in

from that big tax reduction they got from the last Congress. It looks like we may not get our turn—might unbalance the budget or something.

There is not much use to write them a letter, they probably won't read it. Just be sure to vote for a friend of labor and drop it in the ballot box. That is the sure way to let your desires be known to both the legislature and the Congress.

WATSON HELVEY, JR., P.S.

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## Slack Period for Flint Local 948

L. U. 948, FLINT, MICH.—Things are definitely not booming around Flint at the present time. This can easily be seen by the number of fellows on the bench. We are all hoping that a couple of our larger jobs can soon take up some of the slack.

Our membership has voted to present all retired members with a watch engraved with their date of initiation and their date of retirement. The party committee is still working on plans for a dinner and dance to honor our members with 20 years or more good standing.

Henry Rose, our president, has just returned from a trip to the Rose Bowl. Too bad he had to yell for MSU instead of the U of M his alma mater. Better luck next year Hank!

Pat Sperling, who recently recovered from a broken arm has now turned up with a broken leg. We understand that he can really handle the crutches though. George Houston

## Help Build Wisconsin Arsenal



Members of Local 953, Eau Claire, Wis., who were employed in the construction of the Arsenal at National Presto Industries, Inc. Front row, left to right: Alvin Hawkinson; Lyman Halbleib; Roland Bischel; Leo Eldridge; James DeMoe; S. H. Preston; Paul Urtubees; Harvey Fleming, and Ralph Leland. Second row: Earl Goulet; Edwin Eiseth; Wayne Behnke; Richard Lindgren; Frank Matze; John Erickson; Alvin Reiter; Mike McGough; Robert Hudson, and C. R. Stocks (electrical contractor). Back row: Wm. Brown; Donald Hodges; Richard Haug; Wm. Broten; Walter Voegeli; Howard Brenholt; Neil Raether; Robert McMahon; Milton Sjuggerud; Cliff Montieur, and George Ramharter.



## New Wisconsin Leaders



Busily discussing terms of the 1956 contract are the newly elected officers of Local 990, La Crosse, Wisconsin. Left to right are: Jim DuBois, business agent; Bernice Von Arnx, financial secretary; Harvey Smith, president; Jeanette Krueger, treasurer, and Melvin Gilbertson, recording secretary.

is recovering from a recent operation.

Speaking of cold weather clothes I hope all readers have become acquainted with the lined Carharrts. Brothers Dale Bristol, Curt Fish, and Bob Ryan swear by them.

GEORGE NICHOLS, P.S.

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## Members Reluctant to Work Out of Shops

L. U. 952, VENTURA, CALIF.—The new year started with all of our members working and quite a few members of our sister locals working within our jurisdiction. As is the case in most locals when there is an abundance of work in the heavy construction field, it is rather difficult to get members to work out of the local shops. Even though this shop work offers a greater degree of security because year in and year out the work remains about the same, the chase for the elusive extra dollar seems to hold the interest of the older members. This poses a problem for most all business managers and contractors alike that is hard to solve.

Work continues to hold well at the North American project in the Santa Susanna Mountains and as one project is completed another gets underway and picks up the slack. With future activity anticipated at Shell Chemical Plant in the form of a solid fertilizer manufacturing unit to get under way early in March, and further expansion of Oxnard Air Force, we have added assurance of a full employment year.

Not all the big construction jobs are bid in by the larger outside contractors. Santa Paula Electric Company reached out and picked off a line job and an inside construction job in "those thar hills" for North American. Taft Electric, Channel Electric, and Oilfield Electric, all of Ventura, have bid in some good local contracts. Through the years these and other local contractors have been the steady

employers of many of our members. While I have been one of those who have chased the elusive dollar in the construction field I have no more or maybe less than he who stayed put in a local shop.

Six of our members attended the California Southern Joint Conference of I.B.E.W. locals. The meeting was well attended and the delegates were honored by the presences of two well known speakers, one in the labor field and the other in the field of education. Joe Keenan, International Secretary for the I.B.E.W. brought a message of the great need for support of those people in our government who understand the position of labor and are friendly to our cause. He explained the national trend to make it more and more difficult for labor to get favorable decisions from the courts and N.L.R.B. He has traveled many thousands of miles in labor interests and is in a good position to know the facts.

The other speaker is not quite so well known in labor circles but his message was as equally well received. His name is Dr. Ballentine Henley

and he is President of the Osteopathic College of Los Angeles. In addition to this full time occupation he is President of the Rotary Club in Los Angeles and a commissioner of the Bureau of Water and Power for the city of Los Angeles.

He talked to the delegates on the responsibilities that go with leadership, and the faith that both labor and management must have in each other. One statement he made seems to stand out in my mind. He said "If a man isn't worth more than he is getting, he is getting more than he is worth." Whether or not you agree think it over, it's food for thought.

He injected a little anecdote to illustrate his point as he proceeded with his excellent talk and finished with a call to remember that Almighty GOD is vitally interested in our well being so we would do well to ask His help in all our deliberations.

Both speakers were given a standing ovation from the delegates to the conference at the completion of their talks and if the delegates to the conference will only convey the messages of the speakers or even a portion thereof back to the local they represent, it will be well worth the effort it took to organize this meeting.

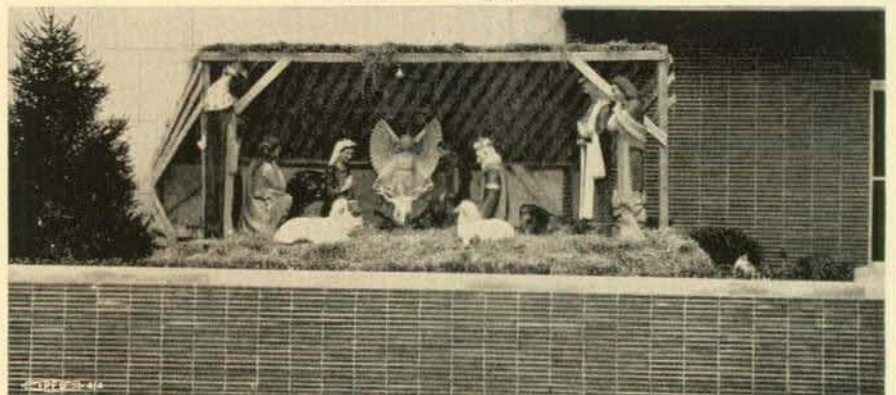
FRANCIS M. MURPHY, P. S.

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## Arsenal Being Built In Eau Claire Area

L. U. 953, EAU CLAIRE, WIS.—As we embark upon the year of 1956, it seems an appropriate time for a bit of reflection and self-analysis by each of us as I.B.E.W. members. It occurs to this writer that every I.B.E.W. member should, by virtue of an honest conscience, be more than willing to help his union become a better organization. Certainly, there is much to be done for the betterment of all, and

## Wins Civic Approval



The manger scene placed on the front lawn of Local 1048, Indianapolis, Ind., during the Christmas season, won wide-spread approval from all who saw it. The thanks of all the membership should be personally given to Norbert Osborn, who conceived the project, and to Bud Phillips, Fred Gaugel, Tommy Harper, Jack Snider, J. C. Barkley and his wife, Ed Waugh, Paul Clark, Bill Featherstone and Carol Williamson.



here we might entertain the idealistic thought of how nice it would be if each member would contribute more constructively, even in a small way, toward such betterment.

Local 953 is progressing vigorously in all phases of activity to date, in spite of ever-present problems. At present our local has a committee working on bylaws changes, another on stewards education, others functioning on contract amendments, apprenticeship, etc. As a part of our policy to encourage ever higher craftsmanship standards, our inside wiremen's unit has again this year, in conjunction with the State of Wisconsin Vocational Schools, conducted the following special courses as requested by members: "Basic Theories and Principles of Transformers," "Electrical Safety," and "Building-plan Reading." These classes have been eagerly attended by many, but again there is room for much improvement in individual attitude toward union and industry as a whole.

One of the more newsworthy jobs in our jurisdiction is the large arsenal being built by National Presto Industries for the manufacture of 105 MM shells. Electrical work has been contracted by the C. R. Stocks Electric Company of Eau Claire, one of our long-standing fair contractors. Some of the vital statistics may indicate the "niceness" of the job. Total sub capacity is 40,000 KVA, with 115 KVA primary and 6.9 KV secondary. There is contained a high-frequency generator capacity of 13,500 KVA of 960 cycles. Among lesser lighting projects, there are 750-8 foot slimline industrial fixtures and 350 mercury-vapor fixtures. All power and lighting distribution consists of bus-type conductors, involving approximately 5,000 feet of bus-duct, ranging from 400 to 2,500 amps in capacity. This job has em-

## Worthwhile Custom



The members of Local 1051, Moundsville, W. Va., open each of their meetings with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ployed from 40 to 50 electricians full time while at its peak of construction, but is now nearing completion.

Until recently, employment in this area has been good, with a steady, brisk run in construction of factories, schools, churches, power-house development, and other industrial, commercial, and residential construction. While some of our members are temporarily "on the bench" we have well-based hopes that all will soon be back in action.

As a parting reminder, let's each make '56 a better year for others and ourselves by accepting our individual obligations as I.B.E.W. members.

GORDON E. LARSON, P.S.

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The average member is the main source of strength if he is interested in union affairs, active on union business, and properly informed on the methods in which the union acts on problems brought to its attention by individual members, groups of members, or its officers. He is also the local union's weakness if he does not fit into these categories.

The best way to get news and infor-

mation on local union business and activities is to attend the union meetings, sit in on the business discussions of the problems brought to its attention.

I would like to suggest that a school session be held once or twice a year for new members at which time the teacher, preferably the local union president, explain the functions of the local union, how it works for groups, as well as for the betterment of working conditions for the individual. The duties of officers could be explained, how they are elected or appointed; how the union funds are invested or disbursed, and the local union relationship to and dependence, or independence, of the State and National and International Union Brotherhoods.

There is no doubt in my mind that much could be accomplished by this method and a new member would be more inclined to take an active part in local union affairs if he is well informed.

Yours for a more active membership. If an organization is worth belonging to, it is worthy of our full support.

G. V. HORNE, P.S.

## Service Awards Made in Connecticut



Tokens of twenty-five and fifteen years of membership were awarded at a recent meeting of Local 1069, Stamford, Conn. Recipients and officers are named in the accompanying letter.



## Highlights from Ambridge



Left: Brother Sam Napoleon for whom Local Union 1073 will give a benefit dance on May 19th at the Moose Hall in Ambridge, Pa. Right: Patsy Vellano, left, congratulating Herbert Hartle, the newly-elected chairman of the Social Benefit Fund of Local 1073. Brother Vellano is past chairman.

### W. Va. Thoughts For This New Year

L. U. 1051, MOUNDSVILLE, W. VA.—A few words that may help during this year, 1956.

This comes from experience gained in our own local. In this day we read and hear so much about communism and its terrible danger to our way of life, that the officers and members of Local 1051 have come to realize the need to return to the basic principles that make this nation of ours great.

First we must return to God and place Him first in all our undertakings. Second, we must bear true allegiance to our nation and never sacrifice its interest in any manner. Third, we must be true to our obligation to our union, discharging our responsibilities to best serve all our people.

We must accept our offices as servants of our people and not as big shots. Good unions are made by the work done by the officers and members beyond the requirements of our Constitution and/or local union by-laws. An officer or committee man doing only the work he or she is compelled to do will not advance our union.

We have a Chaplain (Brother Alva Wayt, chairman of the Executive Board) who opens all our union meetings with a prayer, which is as follows: "Almighty Father, humbly we bow before Thee, our Creator, Preserver, Guide and Protector. We thank Thee for our lives, for Thy mercy, which has kept us until this hour; for Thy guidance by day and by night; for Thy constant care in hours of danger and for the preservation of our honor and integrity. Be graciously near to our Brothers in sickness and distress and to the dependents of those who serve with us. In all their sorrows, comfort them, and give us willing hearts and ready hands to supply their needs. Bless our country; bless our organization and make it an

instrument of great good. Keep our names on the roll of Thy servants and at last receive us into that great army above where Thou, O God, are Supreme Ruler. May the blessings of God be upon us and remain with us, and may He keep us true to our obligations, loyal to our country, and faithful to our fraternity. Amen."

We then pledge allegiance to our flag, as the enclosed picture shows. Then open our meeting in due form.

This procedure has helped our meetings and our union 100 percent. It has served to pull our members together and those who occasionally come to a meeting angry go away in peace.

We also maintain a very active Sick Committee which does a wonderful job visiting the sick members and helping them. We have sick benefits that pay \$39.00 per week to a member off sick. We have made good union men out of members by helping them when they needed our help. Men cannot be forced to be union men; they must see and realize the need. We must hang together or we will hang separately.

FRANK CROW, JR., Pres.

### Membership Citations Presented in Conn.

L. U. 1069, STAMFORD, CONN.—The regular monthly meeting of Local 1069 was highlighted by the presentation to 25 of its members of pins and scrolls marking the completion of 15 years service. Co-chairmen Nick Fusaro and Tony Poltrack did a splendid job of arranging for the occasion at the Picadilly Restaurant in Stamford. International Representative Dick Rogers, a member of the local, was on hand to speak to a large gathering.

Seated, left to right: Richard Cahill, John Silargyi, Anthony Poltrack, Alfred Ragazzi, Chester Wilber, Garfield Johnson and International Representative Richard Rogers.

Standing, left to right: Wilbur Gill, William Kopec, Joseph Drabeck, L. U. President James B. James, James Otis, Jacob Garrecht, Anthony Livallo, Leon Grabowski, Paul Vlachach, Robert D. Hawthorne, Local Union business manager, Peter Wszolek, William Bogdanski and Andrew Buchan.

Not present for the picture were: Louis Babula, Eric Brander, Charles Brown, Anthony DeYulio, Leon Kurdziel, Joseph Pataky, Frank Ventura, and Joseph Yankovich.

ROBERT S. NOLAN, R.S.

### Benefit Dance for Disabled Member

L. U. 1073, AMBRIDGE, PA.—A benefit dance will be held for Sam Napoleon on Saturday evening, May 19th at the Moose Hall, 13th and Merchant Streets, Ambridge.

We regret sincerely that ill health has necessitated this worthy employe to be off from work for about one year. Brother Napoleon had the misfortune of having a stroke which affected his legs. He has been employed by the company since 1933 in the Stranding Department and is married to the former Ann Fechuchak who at one time also worked in the same department. They have one child.

The Dance Committee is composed of employes from the Stranding Department, with those in charge being, Chairman Walter Kleemook, Executive Board member, Louis Cvetnich, Stranding Department steward, George Gallagher, recording secretary, Tom Tundas, secretary, Social Benefit Fund and Frank Rich.

In the interest of this outstanding National Electric employe, won't you please show your interest by attending this dance for a good cause.

Fred Yanko, Shipping Department may some day board one of the Central Airline planes and find his daughter at his service. His daughter Nancy is receiving her training in Kansas City, Missouri at the Central Airlines School.

James Rizzo, Shipping Department was elected president of the Holy Name Society for Christ the King Church here in Ambridge recently.

Lawrence Beerman, Machine Shop is the man to see if you want to lay plastic tile.

Two dates to remember so you can keep them open.

National Electric will hold its annual company picnic at Kennywood Park, July 21, for all employes, their families and friends.

On August 11, the Social Benefit Fund will hold its IBEW union picnic at Firemen's Park in Fair Oaks for union members and their families.

The January monthly meeting was



opened by Vice President Frank "Waggy" Duzicky in the absence of our local union President John Deyber. The meeting lasted almost two hours. Two men from hospitalization spoke to us, and the six-month's audit report was read by Austin Ford. There was one item of \$70.00 paid for flowers for the deceased.

Your Social Benefit Fund Committee gave its report. Chairman Herbert Hartle reported \$2,234.85 spent for the children's Christmas party.

The first door prize was won by Andy Blischak from the Electric Shop and the second prize by R. R. Trimble, Pipe Shop. Neither prize was collected due to absence. The next door prize will be \$15.00. So come to your monthly meetings, they are interesting and you have a chance to win a door prize.

Dolores Tomaszewski, stenographer, had her engagement to Charles F. Webb, employe from Wykoff Steel Company, announced. Dolores' father, Victor, is night turn foreman in the Rubber Mill. One thing we can be sure of is that when this wedding takes place Victor won't run out of flowers as Charles Webb's father is the owner of Webb's flower farm on Woodland road.

Evelyn Whitla, Shipping Department, has not decided on her wedding date, but is heading in the right direction. She had her engagement to Cliff Meder, Rubber Mill, announced on Christmas day. They both represent their department as reporters for the *Nationalist*. Congratulations!

Olga Koblik, Stranding Department, also had her engagement to Richard Rogers, employe from H. H. Robertson, announced. Congratulations!

Jan Colades, wire inspector, was elected Beaver County Bowling Association vice president. Congratulations to Brother Colades, who is very active in bowling affairs.

JOHN GOZUR, P.S.

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## Donate Services to Medical Foundation

L. U. 1141, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.—Here goes my second shaky attempt to get Local 1141 in the news. I have included a picture this time of members who donated their labor and efforts to a cause which is dear to Oklahomans and to organized labor in Oklahoma City in particular—The Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation.

The foundation is a non-profit organization, conceived by Oklahomans and built and supported by public subscription. It is housed in a beautiful modernistic building and dedicated to research on medical problems.

The urgent need for more room was gratified by utilizing a third floor wing which was unfinished, but didn't stay that way long when the building trades were called on to take care of the problem at hand. All crafts responded quickly including the electricians who are shown in the accompanying picture.

Local 1141 recently authorized Business Manager Raymond Duke to appoint another full time assistant to help him and Jerry Gray, our present assistant business manager. Our rapid growth and new fields to conquer make this a feasible move since we need more help to get back into the residential fields, line up radio and television technicians and sign up additional shops.

Oklahoma City's future construction seems assured with such projects as the new \$8,000,000.00 C. A. A. Center, many new downtown office buildings, parking hotels, and industrial expansion near Tinker Field. Several Multi-million dollar shopping and medical centers are also in the mill.

We are in the throes of an ever increasing industrial expansion, so our slogan of "600,000" population by 1960 doesn't seem too remote at this writing.

International Vice-President Art Edwards, a member of 1141, attended a recent meeting at which time he outlined the growing need for our line members to affiliate themselves with a line local. This move was voted by the body and jurisdiction was relinquished to Local 1002 at Tulsa.

Good luck linemen, we sincerely hope this act will benefit you.

Brother Claude Pendleton IBEW

Credit Union official announced the annual meeting of credit union members will be held January 27, 1956. Food, entertainment and a good program are in the mill so let's all attend and help make it a success.

Enough credit would be hard to give to these credit union officials who serve now and have served in the past. They have generously given of their time and efforts to build this program into the success it is today.

RAY JOHNSON, P.S.

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## Milwaukee Local's Gala Christmas Party

L. U. 1169, MILWAUKEE, WIS.—The Egyptian Theatre was the scene of the 19th annual IBEW Local 1169 Christmas party as good ole Santa held a premier for the youngsters of the Electrical Workers.

On Saturday, December 10th a record-breaking crowd of 1500 youngsters and their parents gathered at the theatre amidst the Yuletide spirit. A beautiful Christmas tree proudly raised its branches in one corner and gifts were heaped along the front of the stage.

Children at the party participated in community singing, saw a collection of movies which included everything from "Mighty Mouse" to "Our Gang," received wonderful gifts and probably most important, got a chance to visit with Santa Claus.

When the afternoon came to an end, the kiddies packed up their gifts and started homeward with light hearts and happy thoughts . . . for Santa had been good to them.

Not forgetting Mom and Dad, a

## Aid Civic Project



These members of Local 1141, Oklahoma City, Okla., donated their services to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation. Back row, left to right: Raymond Duke; D. L. (Stretch) Calhoun; Raymond Johnson; Joe McCauley. Front row: O. B. Iman; O. O. Pennington; Joe Pazoureck; Wayne Lyles, and Burl Fuller. Other members who worked on the job later were: A. O. Murphy; T. W. Oney; Kenneth Crews, and Ralph Colvin.



dance was held on Saturday, December 17th at the Collins-Meyer Post. A record-breaking crowd attended the affair. Excellent dance music was provided by Erv Leman and his orchestra.

The thanks of all are extended to the committee and to those who helped to make this annual affair a huge success.

WALTER F. SCANLAN,  
Chairman, Executive Board

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## Urges Necessity for Informed Unionists

L. U. 1208, SAVANNAH, GA.—The daily press is under the complete domination of the business interests and their stooges in the national and state capitals, and unless the working men and working women read a labor paper or JOURNAL, they are in no position to know who their friends in Congress are or to vote intelligently for their own interests. The everlasting effort by the hogs of wealth and the N.A.M. to improve their position at the expense of the working people and to stack all the regulatory commissions with men sympathetic to business and who favor giving away our national resources to private corporations will never cease.

Back in the early 20's the N.A.M. was putting on a tremendous propaganda campaign for the "open shop." What the N.A.M. was really after was a "closed shop" against organ-

ized workers. Today the aim of the N.A.M. is the same. The N.A.M. still seeks that in its drive for union-busting "Right-to-Work" laws.

The N.A.M. and its selfish interests are at their old game of switch and dodge the issues again. When the Senate began to investigate big business about its lobbying, it immediately pointed a finger at labor unions and wanted labor leaders investigated concerning campaign contributions.

Next, to confuse the public, they accused our great labor leaders of forcibly collecting union dues and contributing them to a labor candidate. They tell the public it is all right for the N.A.M. to collect huge taxes for slush funds for political purposes. The working people of Georgia know Senator Walter George wouldn't be there today and certainly won't be there next year, without the dollars of the soft drink manufacturers and the electric power providers of the State of Georgia.

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We want to tell you a little about historical Savannah, better known as "the Hostess City of the South." Our city is also known as the "Mother City of Georgia," and "Gateway to the World" as it is one of the leading south Atlantic seaports. Savannah is the home of more than 300 diversified industries, a beehive of steadily expanding industrial activity.

Savannahans don't spend all of their time getting ahead. The beaches and inland waterways make a fine

natural playground. The climate makes it fun to be outdoors all year around. Winters are mild and invigorating. Long, semi-tropical summers are tempered by ocean breezes. The protected waterways invite sailing and boating. There is a lot of good fishing and hunting both summer and winter. The city also offers worlds to do—dining and dancing, horseback riding, golfing, bowling, tennis, shopping or just plain loafing.

Sunset is possibly the most beautiful hour on Savannah's waterfront, where the wide slow-moving river vanishes in the smoky haze of distance.

Savannah's many civic and fraternal organizations offer excellent opportunities for the newcomer to become an integral part of Savannah's life.

We have told you a little about our town and invite any and all of you to visit the historic old city.

At our regular meeting of January 19, 1956, we had a very pleasant visitor in the person of Brother Bill Hopper, International Representative. We are always glad to have smiling Bill visit with us. All of the members are always eager to see and hear Brother Hopper. He seems to always have a speech ready to fit any occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the various local unions of the I.B.E.W. who joined us in writing to their Senators and Congressmen for an outright repeal of the "Slave Law."

May we urge those who have not written, to do so as soon as they can. It is not too late as it will serve as a second barrage. A few minutes of your time and a few cents for postage will pay dividends in higher pay, better working conditions and a higher standard of living. We must all join ranks to achieve these goals.

JULIAN J. WALLACE, P.S.

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## Make Presentation to Pa. Plant Manager

L. U. 1239, IRWIN, PA.—To show their appreciation for steady employment, good working conditions, and good will and fellowship, between the company and union, the members of Local 1239 of Irwin, Pennsylvania each chipped in and presented Robert Zinsmeister, plant manager of the Pittsburgh Reflector Company of Irwin, Pennsylvania with a fine two-piece luggage set and wallet.

The presentation was made before the members of Local 1239.

Bob was too surprised to say much but did thank the members and said that this was the first time that he ever heard of a local union presenting a company official with anything.

## A Gift from Santa



Meeting Santa at Local 1169's Christmas party means receiving a gift, too, and Santa (portrayed by William Sadowski) was especially generous this year. The gifts given to the youngsters included dolls, wagons, blocks, sets of dishes, tractors, games, beauty kits, brush sets and wallets and flash cameras.

Approximately 1,500 youngsters turned out for the Milwaukee affair.



## Members of Savannah Local



A good cross-section of the members of Local 1208, Savannah, Ga., is presented in these photographs. At left, in the usual order, are: C. J. Hosti, vice president; L. L. Smith, recording secretary; C. H. Radford, president; W. O. Plunkett, business manager. Financial Secretary J. L. Burnsed is not in picture. At right is Brother J. D. Boen, Sr., charter member and shop steward of the line department.



Line crew, at left, front row: R. E. Gould, Jr.; Bud Wofford; J. E. Utsey. Back row: Wallace Lanier; S. R. Christian; Bobby Willford, and Willis Teague. At right are line truck helpers, front row: Pinder; Mobley, and Henderson; back row, Washington.

Enclosed is a photo of President Anthony Ross of Local 1239 presenting Bob with the luggage.

Following is an account of our Christmas banquet written up by our President Anthony P. Ross:

"On December 17th the Company and Union Christmas Banquet was held at the North Irwin Fire Hall with approximately 150 members attending. It really was a howling success. (No reference to the several quartets that were in action.)

"Turkey with all the trimmings was served family style, and really was delicious. There were drawings for prizes immediately after the dinner. The lucky winners were, Jack O'Connell, Mrs. William Elliott and Millie Voich.

"This is the first year that our plant manager Bob Zinsmeister and wife failed to show at the party; after explaining why he must be excused, but he faithfully promised that he would attend our mid-yearly banquet in June.



Power plant at W. Broad and River Streets. At far right is the new addition put in operation early in 1955.

"Johnny Morley's fine union band, featuring our own Chuck Lamus on the trumpet, again was superb. Really a great band, and a fine group of men, wonderful dance music!

"Mrs. Ross and I sat at the same table with International Representative Andy Johnson and his lovely

wife. I know Andy and his wife had a grand time. She's really a swell gal, and a lot of fun to be with.

"The soft drink bar? stayed open until the wee hours of the morning. Some lingered on until the janitor moved them out, to get started with his chores.

"Wild" Bill Elliott, our financial secretary really worked hard, as did Evelyn Bertolina and Martha Kratz, to make the banquet the success that it was.

"Most people can't wait till our mid-yearly banquet in June arrives, because of the wonderful time we all have at these banquets. It's great to have union and company people enjoying themselves together. It is my belief that it creates harmony and good will and we get to know and understand each other much better.

"I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped to make the party the success that it was and I hope you all had a wonderful time."

WILLIAM W. ELLIOTT, F.S.



## Local 1239's Christmas Banquet



Members of Local 1239, Irwin, Pa., and their guests at their gala Christmas banquet.



### Gives Round-up of Highlights of '55

L. U. 1242, PROVIDENCE, R. I.—With the beginning of another year let's all look back at the road traveled thus far. First let us express our sympathy to the family of the late President Milne. Our local also regrets the passing of co-worker, Claribel Watson . . . Old "55" took its toll in sickness and minor accidents among our workers, but the picture is not all gloom.

We, at General Insulated Wire have been working a full schedule and our last contract brought us an increase in hourly pay.

Through the efforts of the local union, the establishing of a Credit Union finally became a reality. It can boast a membership of 150 at the end of its first year, saving through a payroll reduction plan.

Last August we had the yearly outing, but the big affair is always the Christmas Party which this year was held at the Riviera, December 17. Both were given by the company and the local union.

Brother "Jack" Petrarca was chairman with a capable committee to help him. They were Joseph Colapietro, Al and Vicky Pezzullo, Mary Fonseca, Annette Carcieri, Gus Raignone. Honor guest was Brother "Med" Morin who was presented with gifts from his friends, the occasion being that "Med" is gonna take life easy from now on. Another retired member Henry Sutton was also an honored guest.

SIMONNE BLANCHARD, F.S.



President Anthony Ross of Local 1239, presents a gift of luggage from the local to Robert Zinsmeister, plant manager of the Pittsburgh Reflector Co.

### Local's Efforts to Help Flood Victims

L. U. 1245, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.—The disastrous California floods, which hit most areas on December 23 and 24, have caused great concern to our members throughout Northern California. Homes, furnishings, personal effects, automobiles and property of every description were severely damaged and, in many cases, completely wiped out in Humboldt County, Marysville, Yuba City and Santa Cruz. According to figures compiled in the local union office, it appears that the damages to members and their families may exceed a quarter of a million dollars.

Brother William M. Meier, an active member and former officer of our Marysville Clerical Unit, lost his life

while working on the levee which broke through and engulfed Yuba City with Feather and Yuba River waters on December 24. His brother, Arthur, also lost his life in the break-through.

The union headquarters, recognizing the need to take immediate steps to alleviate human suffering, issued a call for disaster aid financial assistance. Our Executive Board voted a substantial contribution to the California AFL-CIO Flood Fund, which was turned over to the American Red Cross for assistance to all flood victims in Northern California.

Business Manager Ronald T. Weakley issued a bulletin at the year's beginning, urging members of Local Union 1245 to contribute to a Disaster Aid Fund earmarked for assistance to our own members and their families. This bulletin was followed up with appeals to shop stewards and with a special feature in the January issue of our union's newspaper, *The Utility Reporter*. By the end of January, voluntary contributions from our members were nearing the \$6,000 mark. It is anticipated that the final figure will be considerably in excess of this amount.

The Executive Board of Local Union 1245, in a special meeting set for February 17, will apportion all disaster aid funds to our stricken members on a basis commensurate with the extent of their individual losses. A contribution from the local union treasury will also be considered.

We are especially proud of all our members in every bargaining unit represented by Local Union 1245 for their generous response to this appeal. The



collection of many thousands of dollars, we feel, demonstrates to our trade union friends and our employers alike the kind of solidarity which makes a union strong and respected.

On the collective bargaining front, the local's Pacific Gas and Electric Company System Negotiating Committee is now reviewing material sent to headquarters from units all over Northern California. Written demands, based upon the desires of the membership, will be served upon the company on or prior to May 1 of 1956. Collective bargaining negotiations will be entered into immediately thereafter.

Our other bargaining units in electric, gas, water and telephone utilities are all in good shape and gains have been made in every contract which has been opened during the past few months. In addition, we are proud to report that we have executed a written agreement with a municipally owned transit utility, the Transit Authority of the City of Sacramento. This is an unusual contract in California since public bodies have historically taken the position that they will not enter into written agreements with labor unions.

The union is presently working out a skill improvement training program with administrators and educators from the Adult Education Division of the California Department of Education and with County Adult Education administrators. We feel this is a vital program, with a great service potential to our members, in view of the rapid inroads new technology is making on the jobs of our people in every branch of the utility industry. Present plans call for recruitment and training of specialized teachers, the establishment of classroom facilities and teaching aids, and the actual commencement of classes by the beginning of the fall semester. We hope to be able to report more information, through these columns, as the months go by.

GEORGE L. RICE, P.S.

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## Make Presentation To Baltimore Member

L. U. 1383, BALTIMORE, MD.—“Howdy,” folks. Your Scribe Sears is struggling to keep this report to 300 words or less. I've been cornered for awhile but managed to pull through with this report.

The radio was playing popular tunes and when the crooner sang “It's almost tomorrow,” I looked at the clock and sure enough it was three minutes to midnight—way past bedtime. But the report must go through, so here I am.

The past few weeks of the holidays created a lull in operations at the

United States Coast Guard Yard. As of this writing the lull continues. In the meantime other work schedules are being formulated for the spring and summer months.

From the meeting hall—on the 20th of January Vice President Henry A. Ulrich conducted the meeting very well in the absence of Brother Tarlton. The Sick Committee reported that Brother David Spry was hospitalized for an operation. Dave is home now recuperating. We all wish you a speedy recovery, Dave.

Brother Irvin was presented with a set of illustrated National Electrical Code Books, volumes one and two, as a token of appreciation for his services rendered to Local Union

1383. It is very befitting that the body honor our career members who are so deserving.

REUBEN SEARS, P.S.

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## Lay Plans to Build New Headquarters

L. U. 1505, WALTHAM, MASS.—As your new press secretary, I would first of all like to apologize for the absence of articles in the JOURNAL from our local. This being my first contribution to “Local Lines,” I will try to touch briefly on some of the recent happenings as a way of catching up.

Things seem to be very stable at

## New Long Island Leaders



Local 1381, Long Island, New York, elects officers for next two years. Seated left to right: Elizabeth Rogall, recording secretary; Joseph McCloat, president; Charles H. Tupper, business manager-financial secretary. Standing: Vincent Marino, treasurer, and Ernest Hepp, vice president.



Recently elected Executive Board members of Local 1381. Seated, left to right: Joseph Carey; Wesley Wohlfarth; Sarsfield Turley. Standing: Arthur Daniel; Thomas Cuff; Charles McCarthy; Paul Perryman, and Assistant Business Manager Robert Balduf.



## Aid "Blue Crutch" Drive



At the kick-off dinner of the "Blue Crutch" Campaign are, left to right: Rocky Marciano, world heavyweight champion, Andrew McGlinchey, business manager of Local 1505, Newton, Mass., and Timothy J. Murphy, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Local 1505 attorney. Rocky's sister, until recently, worked at the Security Office of the Waltham plant of Rathen Company.

Raytheon right now, and it goes without saying that we are now working under one of the best contracts in the local's 10-year history. Our many thanks and appreciation go out to President Ed McDonald, Business Manager Andy McGlinchey, their recent Negotiating Committee and Francis X. Moore, International Representative.

A Christmas party was enjoyed by all who attended the December meeting held in Brighton, Massachusetts. The buffet style lunch, refreshments and entertainment made it a great time.

As you all know, 25 cents of every member's dues each month goes into a special Building Fund for which we now have a committee chartered by the state as a corporation, for the purpose of buying or building our own headquarters. Your Building Committee is headed by Norman Hayes, President, and includes Toni Meisner, clerk, Joe Yerardi, vice President, Jim Johnson, treasurer, and trustees—Connie Morgan, Joe Capalbo, Ed McDonald, Andy McGlinchey and yours truly.

Although several prospective buildings have been considered, it seems that the Hovey Memorial in Waltham is the most promising thus far. It is hoped that there will be some definite news for the membership before very long in regard to a new home for the local.

We should all be looking forward to the gala 10th Anniversary Dance which will be held on May the 19th, at the 1st Corps Cadet Armory in Boston. After talking to Mike Minoie, our enthusiastic Dance Committee chairman, President Ed McDonald and Dave McGrath, it is the opinion of the writer that this will prove to be the biggest social event ever enjoyed by our members and their families.

It is not an unusual thing for us

to come in contact, during the course of our work shift, with fellow members who know little or nothing about their local union. This occurred to me as I sat down to write this month's article to the JOURNAL. I thought, therefore, this would be as good a time as any to enlighten these brothers and sisters on a few facts about their organization.

One of the largest locals representing employes of a single company in this part of the country, we are approximately 11,000 strong at the present time. These 11,000 people of all races, religions, characters and temperaments, work on day and night shifts at Raytheon's many plants and laboratories throughout Massachusetts.

Your local has a clean record of progress that stretches out over the past 10 years, without ever having a strike. A record such as this, a record of continued harmonious relations is something to be proud of. It means having efficient and understanding men and women as your union officers and representatives. It necessitates having 165 shop stewards covering every department in Raytheon where people of the bargaining unit are employed. These men and women, together with their chief stewards, have the never-ending-day-to-day job of answering contractual questions and

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1. Hannibal.
2. Leonidas.
3. Julius Caesar.
4. Horatio Nelson.
5. Nathan Hale.
6. Duke of Wellington.
7. Sam Houston.
8. General George Custer.
9. Theodore Roosevelt.
10. General McAuliffe.

handling complaints and grievances of every nature which are bound to arise in an organization as enormous as ours.

Leadership, we all know, is the important thing in our local. Your president, Ed McDonald, and business manager, Andy McGlinchey, and the people connected with their offices, have been and will continue, I believe, to do a job unequalled by anyone else in the history of our local.

Let's all get out to the meetings and get to know our officers and union.

Congratulations to brothers Dave McGrath and Al Devereaux—recently appointed legislative agents to the State House by President Ed McDonald. These two men are doing a great job. Evidence of this is found in a letter of praise and congratulations from Ken Kelly, Legislative Agent for the Massachusetts Federation of Labor.

Latest information on the coming Tenth Anniversary Dance — Mike Minoie, our dance committee chairman, has been successful in signing "The Bonnie Sisters," recent winners of the Arthur Godfrey Talent Scouts Show, and Stan Richards, the very popular local disc jockey, who will M.C. the big event.

Hope to see you all there.

DICK STEARNS, P.S.

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## Urges Attendance on Local's Chronic Critics

L. U. 1514, HANSON, MASS.—Greetings! As your new reporter, I find it a duty of great honor and esteem. As you know, to bring you the news of the hour on the hour I would have to be psychic, so you will have to be content with what is old in the month after the month.

We held our monthly union meeting as usual. Our Negotiating Committee this year consists of President Riddell, Mary Turner, our business manager, Tom Kelley, Paul Griffiths and Bill Coit. Let's hope this year we dig into a new barrel instead of scraping the bottom of that old one. They will work hard we know, as past years have shown.

Many of the employes received Valentines. Who were the jokers? When interrogated, Storey and Nellie would just grin . . . Everybody was sorry to hear of Louis Zacchilli's recent loss . . . Mr. and Mrs. John Freyermuth of Kingston were recently surprised at a party in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations Jack and wife too!

It is sure nice to see Reggie Norton back at his old job.

What is the cause of the red face, Bill Vierra? The Valentine? All in fun, I say!



Getting back to union meetings—it's too bad that some of the people that do much of the fault finding can't come to the Hanson A. A. once a month to help straighten out some of our union problems. Those who do attend the meetings are doing the best they can, but unless you come out and speak your mind—there's not much we can do to help make matters better. Let's forget our differences and work together.

Since George Kegler joined the Army it has been quiet in the press-room, except when a certain fellow starts to sing (I mean, bellow!) . . . Oh, yes, Harry Cone can still dance a good jig if you give him the rhythm.

The incandescent packers and assembly rooms have been moved downstairs. How do you like your new quarters? . . . Some grin on the face of Charlie Alpert when he won the door prize last month! . . . The third shift is still going. Let's hope it keeps up for a long time.

Work is a little slack in some departments but it will be picking up soon . . . Bill Coit is back in the press room after his operation. Still is a little weak, but he is picking up . . . Well, I guess my word limit is about done, so will close now. Hope I have done all right as a new reporter for Local 1514. I tried anyway. Hope to see you all at the next regular meeting.

"SCOOP" SAYCE, P.S.

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## First Annual Dance Of Allentown Local

L. U. 1522, ALLENTOWN, PA.—Local Union 1522 held its first annual dance on February 11, 1956. The dance committee is still receiving compliments from the union membership on the wonderful time that was had by all. The officers and dance committee greatly appreciate the help received from William Gay and Tom Yacone for the wonderful work in planning the arrangements for the decoration of the hall and the fabulous display of food. (Tom and Bill are artists and masters of etiquette).

Our L. U. 1522 has established a piece rate committee to study and check piece rates in piece rate departments. The committee consists of the following stewards: Earnest Magargal, William Gay and Florence Stagerwalt. The committee was set up for the union members benefit and to aid them in their problems. If you have any problems in your bonus earnings or believe an injustice has been committed, see your steward or any member of the committee and inform them of your problems.

We have also established a job grade committee. Vice President William McKinney, Chief Steward Thomas Brown, Recording Secretary

Charles McHugh and Steward Thomas Yacone will represent L. U. 1522 in any and all disputes on job grades. See your steward or any member of the job grade committee if you have any problems.

L. U. 1522 composed of Western Electric Company employes has over 90 percent membership. We still have a few employes who believe our union does not deserve their loyalty and financial support. President Eugene Flynn keeps the officers and stewards busy signing new members into our local and we are aiming for 100 percent membership.

FRED ASPEREN, P.S.

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## Local Represented at Medical Center Opening

L. U. 1614, NEW YORK, N. Y.—The United Wire, Metal and Machine Medical Center, built jointly by Local 1614 I.B.E.W. and Local 810 I.B.T. was formally dedicated last month. Representatives of the I.B.E.W. and other trade unions in New York and New Jersey joined with public officials, including New York City Council President Abe Stark; Basil C. MacLean, M.D., Commissioner of Hospitals; Robert H. Schaffer, Postmaster of New York; Judge Maxwell Shapiro; Commissioner Jacob Mandelbaum of the Federal Conciliation and Mediation Service; Miss Margaret Klem, of the City Health Department; Deputy Commissioner Armand DeAngelo of the Department of Water Supply; Judge Wolf and Rudolph Halley;

employers in the industry in contractual relations with the union and members of the medical profession in the two-day dedication on January 27 and January 30 which marked the official inauguration of the Medical Center. Governor Averell Harriman of New York, Mayor Robert Wagner of New York City and Attorney General Jacob K. Javits wired their congratulations to our Business Manager Milton Silverman upon the Medical Center's opening.

The facilities of the Medical Center are the most extensive and modern to be established by a health clinic of this type. It has almost 4,500 square feet of space, 10 rooms and is equipped with the latest in medical equipment. A medical staff of five practitioners and a score of specialists under the direction of Dr. Bernard Rothbard have been appointed and new additions to the staff are being contemplated to handle the tremendous number of applicants.

Though the official dedication took place on January 30, the Medical Center has been in operation since December 19, and during this period hundreds of Local 1614 members and their dependents have been given the comprehensive diagnostic treatment which is the aim of the Medical Center. Included in the procedures are a complete physical examination, X-rays, blood tests, basal metabolism and electrocardiogram.

Though this battery of tests and examinations would cost upwards of \$50 for each person, it is given free of charge to members and dependents.

## Smells Good, Too



Chief Steward Robert Koetting, Vice President William McKinney and President Eugene Flynn sample the refreshments at the first annual dance of Local 1522, Allentown, Pa.



## Negotiate New Utility Contract



The officers of Local 1678, Kingston, Ont., which recently concluded a new contract, are at left. Front row: R. Martyn; C. Ede, treasurer; J. Roxborough, vice president. Back row: E. Woods, president; B. MacLeod, recording secretary; H. McFadden, P. Amo, P. Good, and D. Giberson, Executive Board. At right are members of the Negotiating Committee, front row: Russell Martyn, purification plant; Borden MacLeod, recording secretary (lineman); Charlie Ede, treasurer (electrician, meter division); Patrick Good, water works. Back row: Earnest Woods, president; W. J. C. Burr International representative; John Roxborough, vice president (water works). Arthur Veryard, who represented the Electric Meter department, was absent when picture was taken.

The cost is borne by the United Wire, Metal and Machine Health and Welfare Fund which is financed by employers contributions and administered by a labor-management Board of Trustees. The budget will be increased as the facilities are expanded and enlarged.

Each case, Dr. Rothbard pointed out, is handled on an individual basis and emphasis is placed on a warm and understanding doctor-patient relationship. The findings, together with X-rays, and recommendations, are forwarded to the patient's personal physician.

Manager Silverman also reported that the Board of Trustees has under consideration a plan which would add therapeutic treatment to the comprehensive diagnostic procedure now being given to members of Local 1614 and their dependents. It is anticipated that this plan will be inaugurated some time in 1957.

Press Secretary.

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### Lay Plans for N. Y. System Convention

L. U. 1631, HARMON, N. Y.—During the month of June, 1956 System Council No. 7 and System Federation No. 103 will hold their conventions in the City of New York.

Probably at the regular meeting in April of this local union a vote will be taken whether we shall or shall not send delegates and alternates to these conventions. If the vote is in the affirmative then at the same meeting the delegates and alternates will also be elected.



Local 1678's president giving International Representative W. J. C. Burr a wallet in appreciation of his fine effort. The wallet, by the way, was made by inmates of the Kingston penitentiary.

These two conventions are very important to the employes on the New York Central System, inasmuch as they deal with problems on this railroad only. Also plans are made for the future welfare of our Brothers and the Brothers of other crafts and clerks.

Remember that in June of this year elections for officers of this Local will also take place. These officers will hold office from July 1956 until July 1958.

April will be nice weather here in the New York area so there will be little or no excuse for not attending meetings. Now let's all get on the ball and give our officers and delegates whoever they may be loads of support.

At the regular meeting of this Local Union held on February 1st, 1956, two very important motions were voted upon and passed. The first

motion passed without a negative ballot was in favor of a change in the meeting starting time, which will be at 4:45 p.m.

Also a motion was passed on an amendment to the bylaws of the local union. This was the second regular meeting that this motion was read, in accordance with Article XII Section 2. The motion passed by a vote of two to one. Now as to the amendment, if and when approved by the I.O. it will become the duty of each member to have his dues paid up for the current month, or otherwise be assessed \$1.00 for each month he is in arrears.

As usual the next morning when the membership heard the result there was a great lot of talking and concern, but where were the members the night before?

Heard around the armature room of Harmon Shop, "Why is it that when Brother Peter F. J. Rice buys buns in the morning he is always one bun short?" What is the answer Pete?

Although this article is written in February it will appear in the April issue of our JOURNAL. So get your garden tools ready and the lawn mower sharpened.

Now that the meetings are being held after work again, let the officers see more of us. See you again in the May issue.

DAVID H. VAN HOUTEN, P.S.

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### Urges Education of Rural Areas in Labor

L. U. 1654, OTTAWA, OHIO—I've



just finished digging out from the heaviest snow of the winter, so I thought I'd just sit back and try to think of something to write. It surely is peaceful around here.

I've just finished reading the JOURNAL story on the AFL-CIO merger and someday, just out of curiosity, I'd like to see a complete list of all the member unions. I did catch part of the JOURNAL'S "Know Your AFL" series just when I got out of service, but I'm just naturally curious.

I think labor has certainly missed the boat so far in educating the people of rural communities in the aims and aspirations of organized labor. I'm continually amazed how many farmers and small town Americans have no idea of even what a labor union is. They hear only big business propaganda, and hearing nothing else, believe it. I went to the local library this afternoon, and happened to ask for a labor union history. This library's entire labor book shelf consisted of one book, that one written in 1938 and completely outdated. I don't know the answer, but I do know a tremendous educational drive in the rural areas is very necessary.

It is the middle of February here, but by the time this appears it will probably be about the first of May. Oh, wonderful spring. Boy, it certainly looks good—from this angle anyway.

I'll probably change my mind when the time comes, but now I'm looking forward to the weather when I can dig into the ground. It seems to be a primitive urge of mankind to dig into the dirt and try to make something grow. If you go on a vacation this summer, look around yourself.

No matter where people live, in cities deserts, the great Middle West, the mountains, seashore, there seems to be the same human tendency to grow things, both for beauty and for practical reasons. There are innumerable stories of people living in desert or arctic wastes who transported water and earth many miles in order to grow one flower. But whether it is a windowbox or a farm, it seems everyone wants to see things grow.

Of course, the laziness of ourselves usually catches up with us. We get a tremendous burst of energy every spring and plant large gardens, flower beds, etc. Then come the "dog days" of summer, when it is much nicer to lay on a beach somewhere else. So, if these spring dreams of ours bear fruit, it is usually friend wife who is responsible. But, I'm still dreaming of spring.

EUGENE J. WEBER, P.S.

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### Persistent Organizing Drive Meets Success

L. U. 1678, KINGSTON, ONT.—Greetings from one of your newer locals. Anyone having had anything to do with organizing a union in an old and established utility knows just how much effort, work and persuasion are needed. Our best aid came from the dissatisfaction with labor conditions and wage schedules. The next was from International Representative W. J. C. Burr of Oshawa. He remained calm, cool and firm against all the various petitions, bylaws, tale-bearers and what have you.

You may well understand the views

of some employes who have worked for the Commission for so many years, some as many as 35 and 40 years.

We were able, after four months of negotiating, to arrive at a settlement of our differences. It was not all we wanted but it was a start.

There is a lot to do yet. Our members are mostly new union men and we have some card carriers but on the whole we are a solidly united group, determined to press forward for the betterment of all.

Books could be written about our negotiating meetings but suffice it to say, it was a happy evening when the contract was finally signed and our seal affixed.

BORDEN MACLEOD, R.S.

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### Describes Ten-Day Medical Exposition

L. U. 1710, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

—From one strong union to another, Local 1710 salutes the Los Angeles County Medical Association on the successful Cavalcade of Health and Medical Progress which was held at the Shrine Hall in January.

The 10-day exposition gave the public its most comprehensive view ever of what makes the medical profession "tick." Such a show has never before been attempted, although the success of this one will doubtless prompt other areas to further efforts toward bringing doctors, nurses, technicians, and others of the medical profession, closer to the rest of the community.

From what we hear, our unions and

## At Medical Progress Exhibit



At left, pictured at the Los Angeles County Medical Association's Cavalcade of Health and Medical Progress, held at Los Angeles' Shrine Hall, January 6-15, are, left to right: Ted Ellsworth, chairman of the Union Health Plan Consultants Committee and administrator of the Motion Picture Health and Welfare Fund; Press Secretary Brice Worley; Local 1710 Business Manager Harry Fesperman, and Dr. E. Rosenow, association president, as they discuss some of exhibits of special interest to union members covered by health and welfare plans. In the picture at right, Dr. Rosenow points to a fake electrical "cure all" gadget with imposing exterior and empty interior except for a meaningless maze of wires which buzz buzzers, light lights and jiggle dial needles when the knobs are turned. (Brother Fesperman explained that if the device had been manufactured by members of Local 1710 it would have worked, by golly)



## Busy Schedule for Santa



Santa Claus (Max Cater) paid a double call for Local 1854, Cambridge, Ohio. First he visited the local's Christmas party, left, and then stopped by St. Francis and Guernsey Memorial Hospitals to visit the children.

the medical unions, associations, societies or whatever their organizations may be called, are quite unacquainted with each other in many parts of the country and consequently each is sure the other is 'agin' it just out of pure cussedness.

In most of Southern California we feel highly gratified that we have been fortunate enough to have reached the stage where we can sit down together and work for the good of the community as a whole.

Through the columns of the JOURNAL we have from time to time outlined a few of our activities looking toward better health care for our members, and now we would like to let everyone know of our recent victory over the unsatisfactory practices we encountered at Holy Cross Hospital and St. Teresa Clinic, with which we have been doing battle for a long time.

Both are now out of existence, and we would like to acknowledge to our friends how much we appreciate the help we have received from so many quarters.

Holy Cross and St. Teresa properties have been taken over by new groups with which the unions so far have had good relations. The new name is Eastside General Hospital. Complete renovation of both hospital and clinic is in progress, and the books are open to the unions.

BRICE WORLEY, P.S.



### Good Results from Membership Drive

L. U. 1781, VALLEJO, CALIF.—Our membership drive held during the

months of November and December has come to a close. Results were far better than we had ever hoped for. Consideration must be given the fact that our membership drive was conducted during the holiday season, a time when money is scarce for most things except those gifts from Santa.

Picking up more than 160 new members in 60 days may be considered a job well done! We are grateful to the International Office for their cooperation during our membership drive and I must say promptness shown in answering our requests for campaign circulars played a most important part. We made use of the following listed forms during our drive. Numbers 144, 148, 367, 368, 382, 383, and 384—all dealing with Civil Service or Government workers. It takes team work to achieve results as outlined above. Our shop stewards played a very important part in the campaign, devoting their noon hour as well as time available before 8 a.m. to explaining the many advantages and benefits membership in Local 1781 and the I.B.E.W. will mean to them in the future. The following sections of Shop 67 now claim 100 percent membership in Local 1781: Teletype, C.R.F., G.C.A., Transmitter, with Fabrication and Manufacturing 80 percent Test Instruments has 80 percent and other sections show participation from 40 to 60 percent. We are grateful to Bill Norfleet for his effort in organizing our leadingmen. There too, good results were obtained with a showing of 95 percent membership!

Employment at Mare Island is holding fairly steady and with our Nuclear Submarine program under way we may look forward to increased employment in the future.

With the International Office furnishing all that good campaign literature pertaining to Federal Employees, now is the time to make an all-out effort to organize over a million and a half Federal employees, the last large group in need of the many advantages gained through membership in the AFL-CIO combination.

EDWARD C. LA CASSE, F.S.



### Cambridge, Ohio is "All-American City"

L. U. 1854, CAMBRIDGE, OHIO—Cambridge was greatly honored in 1955 in being chosen one of eleven All-America cities in the nation. The selection was made and sponsored by the National Municipal League and *Look Magazine*. Each award is made to a city which shows that its citizens have launched a successful offensive to achieve something of lasting and significant benefit. In 1937, after the steel mills moved from here to the Pittsburgh area, a CIA (Citizens Industrial Advancement) League was formed and through their hard work and actions we now have numerous major industries. This award comes as signal recognition for meritorious effort, of which we are very proud. It was given to our mayor in appropriate ceremonies on January 7, 1956.

R.C.A., with whom we have been affiliated now three years, was one of those industries. Before the end of 1955, the company made the announcement of a \$2,000,000 expansion program, confirming their faith in the future of Cambridge.

The addition which will add more than 210,000 square feet of floor space



to the present 135,000 square feet, is being constructed to meet the demands for increased production of tape recorders and high fidelity instruments. Cambridge will be the center of R.C.A.'s entry into the field of manufacturing tape recorder instruments. Other products now being turned out on the assembly line include 3-speed and 45-rpm record changers and "Victrola" phonographs and fabricated parts for radios and television receivers.

With this news and construction now under way, we in Local 1854 face the future with a great amount of optimism.

The A.A. (Activities Association) sponsored a gala Holiday Party and Dance at the National Guard Armory December 17 to the music of Pee Wee Hunt and orchestra. This was a rare treat for everyone, as the capacity crowd indicated. Adding to the fun was the drawing for 25 free turkeys.

The major project of the year for the I.B.E.W. was the Christmas Theater Party open to the public at two theaters—three hours of entertainment, movie, cartoons, and singing by the R.C.A. Carolers, candy treats to all children under 12 years of age and a selection of 100 gifts drawn by tickets to the lucky numbers. Santa Claus (Max Cater) was on hand to run the show and talk with the kiddies.

Santa Claus and a committee member visited St. Francis and Guernsey Memorial Hospitals Children's Wards and the County Home with gifts.

The Christmas Party Committee of approximately 25 I.B.E.W. members, with Harold Rice as chairman, is to be commended and thanked for making this project a happy occasion.

The Quarterly Dinner Meeting of Officers and Stewards was held at the Lodge Coffee Shop January 12, with the Flower Committee as special guests.

Those involved in a layoff in December 1955 are now being recalled gradually.

NEVA JONES, P.S.

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## Legal Steps to Void Contract Described

L. U. 1928, HALIFAX, N. S.—We reported our year-long fight and subsequent victory the last time we wrote you. At that time we promised to report again when we had concluded an agreement.

Well, when we won certification there was an agreement in force. The company contended that it was binding upon us until it expires, and refused to negotiate another contract. We appealed to the Labor Relations Board asking them to declare the old agreement null and void. They held a hearing on December 19, 1955 with

## Saved Life



This is Charles Jubera of Local 1880, Blue Island, Ill. He is the local's financial secretary. Last December, he was presented the President's Award for the Saving of Human Life, by Marvin Chandler, president of the Northern Illinois Gas Company. Jubera successfully used artificial resuscitation, learned in company first aid practice, to revive a Hazel Crest man who last April 5 suffered a stroke and had stopped breathing.

union and company representatives present. Both the applicant and the respondent were represented by legal counsel with the resultant verbal battle on technicalities of the law.

Our counsel argued, among other things, that we could never have been bargained for by Division 508, nor could we have been members of 508 because we were actually excluded from membership by the preamble to their Constitution. He also used the argument that any local union that would hold its special meetings at 1:00 A.M. on a Sunday morning for the benefit of perhaps 40 trolley operators, when it was obviously inconvenient for the 240 men in our unit who are day workers, was not much interested in their welfare.

The hearing lasted about three hours, and a week afterwards we received an official order from the Board binding us to work under the 508 agreement. Therefore we will not negotiate our own agreement until February 1957.

Understandably, there was some disappointment among our members over the Board's order, but we must try to be as good in losing as we are in winning. It takes a man to be a good loser.

The one year interim will allow us to clear up old grievances, increase our membership, consolidate our position, and foster good relations with management. Already there is solid evidence that top level management has a strong desire to bargain with us in good faith.

We hope and pray that our members will continue their staunch support by attending the meetings. They should never forget their debt of gratitude to Brothers Ira Hubley and Chester Sanford who labored so hard to make the local a success. Much more could be written on the problems of our local union in the past year, but the editor requests us to limit ourselves to 300 words. That hurts me every bit as much as it hurts Brother Frank Kelly, L. U. 339—but I have no doubt the editor knows best. Anyway, Frank, hot-headed Irishmen like you and I should not be writing at all. My first letter to the JOURNAL must have been closer to 3000 words. The editor will please accept my apology, but I did not know about the word limit.

Congratulations to Brothers J. Thoms and T. Crosbie. They were president and recording secretary of 508, but since we won certification they have resigned their positions and joined our local union. That is a wonderful example of the true spirit of unionism.

PERRY RONAYNE, R.S.

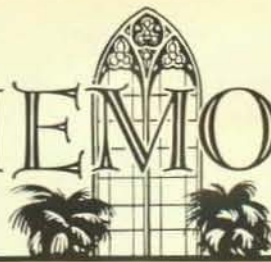
## New Charter is Granted



Pictured here are the officials of the newly-formed union of the South Penn Telephone Co. employees, who are receiving the charter for the group on behalf of the union's 87 members. Designated as Local 1929, the new local was initiated in December. Seen are (left to right): Joseph Carroll, newly elected vice president of the local; Miss Evelyn Park, recording secretary; Gene Sayers, International representative, who is seen presenting the charter to Harry E. Skinner, president of the new local; Mrs. Martha Howard, financial secretary, and Miss Betty Hollis, treasurer.



# IN MEMORIAM



## Prayer for Our Deceased Members

Dear Lord, in these vernal months of resurrection, when our world once again grows green with Thy gift of spring, we call upon Thee in our sorrow. We ask Thy love and compassion for these, our brethren, who only last spring walked among us and who now lie under Thy green earth.

Wake them, Lord, and raise them up and take them home to paradise. Let them live glorious and immortal with Thee and their friends and loved ones through all eternity.

Remember those who are left to mourn, O Father, and teach them the truth of resurrection, so that they shall no longer sorrow, so that they shall not taste despair, but only know the comfort and hope of the life everlasting that is to be.

And one more prayer, Lord—this one for those of us who call to Thee today in behalf of these our Brothers. Remember us too, Father. Teach us the way and the life, that leads not to sin and sorrow but to goodness and glory and everlasting life.

Amen.

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| L. E. Biggs, L.U. No. 1<br>Born September 6, 1929<br>Initiated July 11, 1950<br>Died December 27, 1955           | Frank J. Meeder, L.U. No. 28<br>Born 1878<br>Initiated September 15, 1904<br>Died January 11, 1956                | G. E. Deats, L.U. No. 369<br>Born April 22, 1913<br>Reinitiated August 27, 1951<br>Died December 14, 1955             |
| Joseph R. Daigger, L.U. No. 1<br>Born January 28, 1900<br>Initiated November 21, 1941<br>Died February 10, 1956  | Charles E. Slater, Jr., L.U. No. 28<br>Born April 19, 1908<br>Initiated May 6, 1927<br>Died January 31, 1956      | Francis R. Moran, L.U. No. 369<br>Born July 2, 1900<br>Reinitiated March 26, 1948<br>Died December 15, 1955           |
| Henry H. Gross, L.U. No. 1<br>Born 1887<br>Initiated November 21, 1940<br>Died February 21, 1956                 | Arthur C. Mitchell, L.U. No. 31<br>Born October 12, 1893<br>Initiated March 3, 1944<br>Died January 22, 1956      | Michael J. Delio, L.U. No. 381<br>Born July 3, 1909<br>Initiated January 28, 1949<br>Died February 20, 1956           |
| Walker Hudson, L.U. No. 1<br>Born May 4, 1903<br>Initiated July 11, 1924<br>Died February 10, 1956               | Thomas P. Jones, L.U. No. 39<br>Born August 6, 1896<br>Initiated April 6, 1926<br>Died February 4, 1956           | Jonas R. Long, L.U. No. 414<br>Born June 22, 1902<br>Initiated March 21, 1938<br>Died December 29, 1955               |
| John W. Osburn, L.U. No. 1<br>Born October 20, 1908<br>Initiated March 26, 1942<br>Died January 7, 1956          | Anthony Valente, L.U. No. 41<br>Reinitiated December 26, 1935<br>Died November 26, 1955                           | W. W. Wood, L.U. No. 465<br>Born July 7, 1880<br>Initiated June 7, 1927, in L.U. No. 18<br>Died January 14, 1956      |
| Grace Phillips, L.U. No. 1<br>Born August 25, 1920<br>Initiated February 10, 1947<br>Died February 1, 1956       | Clarence Wagner, L.U. No. 41<br>Born February 15, 1906<br>Initiated April 22, 1944<br>Died January 5, 1956        | E. L. Piper, L.U. No. 613<br>Born July 13, 1894<br>Initiated March 20, 1924<br>Died December 28, 1955                 |
| Harry Sherfy, L.U. No. 1<br>Born January 6, 1926<br>Initiated March 25, 1949<br>Died January 15, 1956            | Julius Kertesz, Jr., L.U. No. 59<br>Born July 15, 1907<br>Initiated September 4, 1951<br>Died December 30, 1955   | Vernon W. Thomas, L.U. No. 702<br>Born June 17, 1913<br>Initiated May 8, 1953<br>Died January 30, 1956                |
| W. F. Stuerman, L.U. No. 1<br>Born October 15, 1893<br>Initiated September 10, 1918<br>Died December 12, 1955    | George William Dunagan, L.U. No. 60<br>Born January 27, 1934<br>Initiated June 3, 1953<br>Died December 19, 1955  | Frank D. Bandy, L.U. No. 797<br>Born December 14, 1912<br>Initiated May 18, 1942<br>Died February 8, 1956             |
| Paul Turner, L.U. No. 1<br>Born August 28, 1900<br>Initiated April 7, 1939<br>Died January 11, 1956              | William A. Ruscher, L.U. No. 86<br>Born April 7, 1905<br>Initiated October 22, 1926<br>Died January 25, 1956      | Dan J. Harrell, L.U. No. 846<br>Born April 21, 1904<br>Initiated December 28, 1953<br>Died January 12, 1956           |
| Louis Zintel, L.U. No. 1<br>Born 1888<br>Initiated July 22, 1941<br>Died January 22, 1956                        | Otto P. Behling, L.U. No. 110<br>Born August 10, 1882<br>Initiated January 22, 1940<br>Died December 1, 1955      | W. R. Walkley, L.U. No. 999<br>Born June 4, 1892<br>Initiated July 2, 1947<br>Died January 17, 1956                   |
| Floyd T. Bungler, L.U. No. 18<br>Born July 17, 1894<br>Initiated October 14, 1938<br>Died November 28, 1955      | Alexander R. Dahlem, L.U. No. 110<br>Born April 24, 1893<br>Reinitiated July 18, 1927<br>Died December 9, 1955    | William A. Laundis, L.U. No. 1049<br>Initiated March 26, 1937<br>Died December 1, 1955                                |
| William J. Carter, L.U. No. 18<br>Born August 23, 1897<br>Reinitiated April 23, 1945<br>Died December 3, 1955    | Erwin Kloss, L.U. No. 110<br>Born November 17, 1905<br>Initiated February 6, 1950<br>Died December 1, 1955        | James McRoberts, L.U. No. 1049<br>Initiated May 26, 1937<br>Died December 13, 1955                                    |
| Frank T. Coakley, L.U. No. 18<br>Born February 22, 1900<br>Initiated November 15, 1945<br>Died December 17, 1955 | Chester E. Staples, L.U. No. 110<br>Born July 24, 1910<br>Initiated February 29, 1932<br>Died January 30, 1956    | Charles Leon Moisan, L.U. No. 1049<br>Born December 31, 1915<br>Initiated November 18, 1947<br>Died December 14, 1955 |
| Herman Gallerstein, L.U. No. 18<br>Born August 4, 1901<br>Initiated September 3, 1941<br>Died December 13, 1955  | Joseph A. Corale, L.U. No. 130<br>Born November 3, 1915<br>Initiated September 27, 1942<br>Died December 4, 1955  | Morris Sprague, L.U. No. 1049<br>Initiated January 16, 1948<br>Died January 27, 1956                                  |
| Robert Jessen, L.U. No. 18<br>Born 1894<br>Initiated June 3, 1955<br>Died December 10, 1955                      | C. O. Dunn, L.U. No. 160<br>Born September 22, 1898<br>Initiated March 27, 1937<br>Died January 30, 1956          | J. Arthur Marchand, L.U. No. 1150<br>Initiated September 3, 1940<br>Died December 15, 1955                            |
| James A. Knox, L.U. No. 18<br>Born January 26, 1890<br>Initiated September 20, 1941<br>Died December 16, 1955    | William P. Vanderbank, L.U. No. 212<br>Born March 16, 1902<br>Initiated November 15, 1922<br>Died January 7, 1956 | Ralph Edwin Lane, L.U. No. 1205<br>Born June 28, 1909<br>Initiated November 1, 1946<br>Died January 16, 1956          |
|  | Arch Harold Nelson, L.U. No. 271<br>Born November 5, 1910<br>Initiated August 16, 1937<br>Died January 10, 1956   | Charles Fratini, L.U. No. 1245<br>Born June 1898<br>Reinitiated February 15, 1950<br>Died January 27, 1956            |



John S. Gardella, L.U. No. 1245  
 Born 1894  
 Initiated June 2, 1941  
 Died December 20, 1955

Alfred G. Schneider, L.U. No. 1245  
 Born July 14, 1913  
 Initiated March 1, 1946  
 Died January 5, 1956

Stanley K. Stanfield, L.U. No. 1245  
 Initiated February 1, 1949  
 Died January 18, 1956

Melvin R. Wimsatt, L.U. No. 1245  
 Born November 30, 1884  
 Initiated August 7, 1935  
 Died January 1956

Lawrence Bush, L.U. No. 1249  
 Born June 10, 1896  
 Initiated October 26, 1946  
 Died February 5, 1956

George M. Dafoe, L.U. No. 1249  
 Born August 22, 1891  
 Initiated June 19, 1948  
 Died January 25, 1956

Robert N. Kingsley, L.U. No. 1249  
 Born July 2, 1903  
 Initiated January 30, 1945  
 Died January 20, 1956

Paul McGaughey, L.U. No. 1249  
 Born May 16, 1893  
 Initiated February 16, 1946  
 Died January 16, 1956

George W. Becker, L.U. No. 1361  
 Born December 31, 1906  
 Initiated May 1, 1944  
 Died January 19, 1956

George A. Jahns, L.U. No. 1361  
 Born February 13, 1893  
 Initiated May 1, 1944  
 Died February 10, 1956

Joseph S. Williams, L.U. No. 1368  
 Born December 27, 1895  
 Initiated October 13, 1943  
 Died February 1956

Mary G. Brown, L.U. No. 1369  
 Born March 24, 1922  
 Initiated June 29, 1953  
 Died January 7, 1956

John Brogan, L.U. No. 1470  
 Born December 6, 1913  
 Initiated January 13, 1949  
 Died December 28, 1955

Harry E. Imler, L.U. No. 1470  
 Born June 1, 1904  
 Initiated January 13, 1949  
 Died December 7, 1955

Louis E. Barron, L.U. No. 1505  
 Initiated May 1, 1953  
 Died January 26, 1956

Jasmine Higgins, L.U. No. 1505  
 Born October 24, 1918  
 Initiated November 22, 1950  
 Died February 22, 1956

Bertha Landry, L.U. No. 1505  
 Initiated August 1, 1953  
 Died January 27, 1956

Arthur P. Lemos, L.U. No. 1505  
 Born May 26, 1908  
 Initiated July 26, 1950  
 Died February 18, 1956

Margaret M. Mahoney, L.U. No. 1505  
 Born September 5, 1894  
 Initiated May 1, 1946  
 Died February 14, 1956

Donald H. McCue, L.U. No. 1505  
 Born December 5, 1905  
 Initiated April 23, 1952  
 Died February 2, 1956

George L. Vachon, L.U. No. 1505  
 Born February 29, 1912  
 Initiated August 27, 1952  
 Died January 23, 1956

### Death Claims for January, 1956

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
L. O. (31)	Osburn, J. W.	1,000.00	3	Roche, T. C.	1,000.00	208	Flannery, P. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (31)	Dunst, S.	1,000.00	3	Nelson, G. M.	1,000.00	203	Greene, J. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (31)	Kelly, L.	1,000.00	3	Dagnessa, M. F.	1,000.00	204	Johnson, T. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (31)	Bernhard, Jr., A.	1,000.00	3	Benzelador, S.	1,000.00	212	Webb, D. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (31)	Carey, T. J.	1,000.00	3	Sylvester, F. J.	1,000.00	212	Malmowski, A. S.	1,000.00
L. O. (31)	Schaeffer, R. S.	1,000.00	3	Feinold, L.	1,000.00	217	Totten, I. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (31)	Porter, W. A.	1,000.00	3	Evans, G. J.	1,000.00	222	Roebeck, J. N.	1,000.00
L. O. (31)	Baker, G.	1,000.00	3	White, J. J.	825.00	222	Lanedale, R. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (111)	Porter, W. C.	1,000.00	5	Kjedaloh, G. F.	1,000.00	252	Alderdice, R. O.	1,000.00
L. O. (118)	Gallenstein, H.	1,000.00	6	Smith, H. E.	1,000.00	257	Campbell, W. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (28)	Meeder, F. J.	1,000.00	8	Saunders, H. E.	1,000.00	258	Sonorsowski, Sr., E. S.	1,000.00
L. O. (309)	Mellner, D.	1,000.00	8	Beck, W. O.	1,000.00	259	Ellison, W. W.	1,000.00
L. O. (48)	Snyder, G. L.	500.00	11	Martinez, J. F.	1,000.00	369	Deats, G. E.	825.00
L. O. (48)	Conflitti, J. A.	1,000.00	11	Buzard, G. H.	1,000.00	369	Moran, Sr. F. B.	1,000.00
L. O. (58)	Stone, P. W.	1,000.00	18	Coukley, F. T.	1,000.00	380	Baradoll, R. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (77)	Day, W. P.	1,000.00	25	Foley, J. J.	1,000.00	390	Whitaker, E. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (98)	Nottebrock, M. L.	1,000.00	27	McGill, W. E.	1,000.00	401	Stanton, J. S.	1,000.00
L. O. (103)	Cox, E. J.	1,000.00	27	Ort, M. S.	1,000.00	401	Sharkey, J. T.	1,000.00
L. O. (104)	Moriarty, J. W.	1,000.00	28	Baillie, A.	1,000.00	414	Lutz, J. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (123)	Davis, C. M.	1,000.00	40	Mazur, R. S.	1,000.00	429	Norris, E. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (124)	Wickum, E. H.	1,000.00	46	March, A. B.	150.00	441	Tracy, T. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (134)	Adler, G.	1,000.00	46	Wheeler, V. E.	1,000.00	446	Miller, W. J.	825.00
L. O. (134)	Kessel, J.	1,000.00	46	Leahy, J. F.	1,000.00	455	McCarthy, S.	150.00
L. O. (134)	Wedlake, W. E.	1,000.00	49	Kellogg, A. W.	1,000.00	485	Cooper, S. B.	825.00
L. O. (134)	Kaspar, R.	1,000.00	51	Calvert, E.	1,000.00	492	Dunouchel, L.	1,000.00
L. O. (193)	Whitlaw, S.	1,000.00	57	Dunford, I.	650.00	505	Ellis, J. W.	1,000.00
L. O. (209)	Miller, A. J.	1,000.00	58	Lazar, P.	825.00	510	Curtis, T.	150.00
L. O. (210)	Stadford, R. L.	1,000.00	58	Berholtz, W. J.	1,000.00	531	Sella, E. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (210)	Cudney, G. A.	1,000.00	59	Kertesz, J.	825.00	533	Munro, B. W.	200.00
L. O. (213)	Warren, W.	1,000.00	60	Dunagan, G. W.	475.00	539	Bishop, F. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (213)	Stockton, M.	1,000.00	60	Woodard, T. A.	1,000.00	547	Just, F. H.	1,000.00
L. O. (252)	Wood, C.	1,000.00	72	Evans, M. A.	1,000.00	565	Birney, W. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (257)	Whyte, J. T.	1,000.00	77	Clay, G. C.	1,000.00	569	Knell, R.	1,000.00
L. O. (292)	Hay, T. M.	1,000.00	77	Musser, H. H.	1,000.00	595	Coe, M. S.	1,000.00
L. O. (338)	Harrison, R. R.	1,000.00	84	Helms, R. I.	1,000.00	601	Harper, C. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (348)	Cran, J. D.	1,000.00	98	DiGregoria, A.	1,000.00	613	Piper, E. L.	1,000.00
L. O. (348)	Munger, G. E.	1,000.00	100	Colby, R. E.	1,000.00	613	Harrell, D. J.	475.00
L. O. (357)	Thompson, W.	1,000.00	103	Morton, E. P.	1,000.00	616	Pugh, H. O.	1,000.00
L. O. (382)	Odum, W.	1,000.00	108	Ley, G. A.	1,000.00	623	Sage, G. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (409)	Poppar, R. S.	1,000.00	109	Follo, A. H.	825.00	637	Meador, Sr., F. E.	1,000.00
L. O. (479)	Hinote, V. G.	1,000.00	110	Buhling, O. C.	150.00	639	Sparks, J.	1,000.00
L. O. (501)	Truax, A. S.	1,000.00	110	Buhling, A. R.	1,000.00	683	Scott, A. M.	1,000.00
L. O. (571)	Stewart, E.	1,000.00	114	Flaugh, H. F.	1,000.00	724	Cunningham, J.	235.24
L. O. (595)	Gorky, W. J.	1,000.00	117	Baumann, O. F.	1,000.00	748	Snyder, R. B.	150.00
L. O. (623)	Bjork, T.	1,000.00	124	Schwager, G.	1,000.00	760	Gray, N. D.	1,000.00
L. O. (702)	Rozzoff, R. N.	1,000.00	125	Jones, E. A.	500.00	768	Muttrill, H. B.	1,000.00
L. O. (713)	Faustler, G.	1,000.00	125	Nelson, E. A.	1,000.00	844	Keller, W. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (718)	Rudse, J. H.	1,000.00	134	Belshulzen, T.	1,000.00	849	Stack, A. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (734)	McIntyre, J. L.	1,000.00	134	Priester, J. H.	1,000.00	870	Spearsman, A. W.	1,000.00
L. O. (748)	Kennedy, J.	1,000.00	134	Dettmann, R. A.	1,000.00	887	Moher, L. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (774)	Ashurst, E. M.	1,000.00	134	Friedwald, P.	1,000.00	889	Smith, G. E.	250.00
L. O. (784)	Hurst, W.	1,000.00	134	Berry, R.	1,000.00	914	Alford, J.	150.00
L. O. (838)	Bollmaier, J. H.	1,000.00	134	Doran, R. J.	1,000.00	912	Hilowsky, H. J.	1,000.00
L. O. (842)	Roach, J. F.	1,000.00	146	Winnings, W. H.	1,000.00	923	Dynes, W. A.	1,000.00
L. O. (1025)	Moran, P. J.	1,000.00	160	Dallman, H. P.	1,000.00	1049	Molsan, C.	1,000.00
L. O. (1249)	Lightfoot, S.	1,000.00	164	Garms, H. H.	1,000.00	1072	Frederick, A. J.	650.00
L. O. (1426)	Bierley, B. O.	1,000.00	166	Whipple, L. F.	1,000.00	1145	Mayer, J. M.	1,000.00
1	Shorfy, H.	1,000.00	214	Stonsberg, P.	1,000.00	1212	Bridge, C. R.	1,000.00
2	Dennis, H.	150.00	231	Ruade, J. V.	475.00	1223	Barchard, M. H.	1,000.00
2	Weyland, E.	150.00	245	Evans, R. K.	1,000.00	1294	Ribeay, A. C.	150.00
2	Dellavalle, F.	1,000.00	245	Corrigan, A. J.	1,000.00	1319	Karnes, L. O.	1,000.00
2	Edwards, H. C.	1,000.00	266	Peterson, E. H.	1,000.00	1328	Wright, F. G.	825.00
2	Dorning, B. V.	1,000.00	271	Nelson, A. H.	1,000.00	1823	Perer, H. F.	1,000.00
2	Osder, S.	475.00	292	Lairds, W. W.	1,000.00			
3	Biley, J. D.	1,000.00	296	Brewer, N.	1,000.00			
						Total		\$177,290.84

### Death Claims for February, 1956

L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
L. O. (33)	McGovern, P. J.	1,000.00	L. O. (9)	Hart, F. A.	1,000.00	L. O. (31)	Mitchell, A. C.	1,000.00
L. O. (33)	Herman, R.	1,000.00	L. O. (10)	Boland, J. T.	1,000.00	L. O. (40)	Dyer, F.	1,000.00
L. O. (33)	Hall, J. T.	1,000.00	L. O. (11)	Walworth, D.	1,000.00	L. O. (40)	Smith, F. R.	1,000.00
L. O. (33)	Wines, J. L.	1,000.00	L. O. (23)	Anderson, O. S.	1,000.00	L. O. (40)	Schuchert, H.	1,000.00
L. O. (33)	Barre, E. E.	1,000.00	L. O. (23)	Kinder, O. A.	1,000.00	L. O. (49)	Heisser, A.	1,000.00



L. U.	Name	Amount	L. U.	Name	Amount
1	O. (52) Norvell, J. O.	1,000.00	3	Groh, W. H.	1,000.00
1	O. (53) Scabes, E. G.	1,000.00	3	Schlopps, H. J.	1,000.00
1	O. (64) King, C. W.	1,000.00	3	Kallman, S.	1,000.00
1	O. (65) Robbins, T. W.	1,000.00	5	Spratt, R. S.	1,000.00
1	O. (67) Anderson, G.	1,000.00	5	Coleman, W. J.	1,000.00
1	O. (77) Campbell, F. E.	1,000.00	6	Fagan, J. L.	1,000.00
1	O. (77) Miles, F. W.	1,000.00	6	Emerson, A. B.	1,000.00
1	O. (79) Desrosiers, E.	1,000.00	6	Pence, G. L.	1,000.00
1	O. (98) Ludwick, E. A.	1,000.00	6	McCabe, C. H.	1,000.00
1	O. (99) Hopkins, F.	1,000.00	11	Nixon, G. L.	1,000.00
1	O. (104) McGrath, F. D.	1,000.00	22	Klein, M.	1,000.00
1	O. (121) Langley, W.	1,000.00	23	Gephardt, F.	1,000.00
1	O. (125) O'Donnell, T. H.	1,000.00	23	Donovan, L.	1,000.00
1	O. (125) Lilly, G.	1,000.00	27	Massey, T. F.	1,000.00
1	O. (125) Chindo, J.	1,000.00	28	Slater, Jr., C. E.	1,000.00
1	O. (125) Wagner, C. E.	1,000.00	28	Wrege, C. N.	1,000.00
1	O. (125) Ellis, A. L.	1,000.00	38	Misch, G. C.	1,000.00
1	O. (125) Turner, C.	1,000.00	38	Perreira, C. M.	1,000.00
1	O. (125) Baldwin, F.	1,000.00	38	Yok, L. E.	1,000.00
1	O. (134) Shaw, E. E.	1,000.00	39	Jones, T.	1,000.00
1	O. (134) Lless, R. O.	1,000.00	40	Keller, A. I.	1,000.00
1	O. (134) Suchonski, A.	1,000.00	40	Thompson, G. I.	1,000.00
1	O. (134) Downey, J. J.	1,000.00	41	Wagner, C. G.	1,000.00
1	O. (139) Booth, K.	1,000.00	46	Hull, H. L.	1,000.00
1	O. (174) Hunter, H. M.	1,000.00	48	Allison, C. E.	1,000.00
1	O. (174) Sorenson, T.	1,000.00	48	Lysman, F. C.	1,000.00
1	O. (193) Womack, H. L.	150.00	49	Dietlein, E. J.	1,000.00
1	O. (209) Nash, T. A.	1,000.00	51	Morrison, G. R.	1,000.00
1	O. (209) Schwartz, F. C.	1,000.00	51	Mitchell, J. A.	1,000.00
1	O. (353) Cooper, A. E.	1,000.00	53	Bass, J. W.	825.00
1	O. (397) Byrne, G. H.	1,000.00	58	Culley, H. L.	1,000.00
1	O. (421) Mussieux, A. J.	1,000.00	84	Washburn, W. E.	1,000.00
1	O. (436) Crane, J. H.	1,000.00	86	Buscher, W. A.	1,000.00
1	O. (459) Krupa, J.	1,000.00	86	McCabe, F. W.	1,000.00
1	O. (455) Wood, W. W.	1,000.00	98	Schoffner, E.	1,000.00
1	O. (483) Rauen, C. A.	1,000.00	110	Staples, C. E.	1,000.00
1	O. (483) Aspden, J.	1,000.00	112	Jefferson, M. N.	1,000.00
1	O. (490) Salmons, W. L.	1,000.00	113	Wray, I.	1,000.00
1	O. (682) Hartz, R. L.	1,000.00	125	Hendricks, P. H.	825.00
1	O. (709) McDonald, C. A.	1,000.00	125	Ewing, D. L.	1,000.00
1	O. (734) Bain, L. L.	1,000.00	125	Richey, J. K.	1,000.00
1	O. (734) Cunningham, F. J.	1,000.00	125	Ringle, P. O.	1,000.00
1	O. (874) Marquand, W.	1,000.00	125	Clark, C. C.	1,000.00
1	O. (893) Kenyon, B. F.	1,000.00	130	Coralas, J. A.	1,000.00
1	O. (949) Predmore, E. R.	1,000.00	130	Piner, H. S.	1,000.00
1	O. (965) Filkins, G. A.	1,000.00	134	Chelberg, C. A.	1,000.00
1	O. (1095) Littleford, A. C.	1,000.00	134	Stanton, T. E.	1,000.00
1	O. (1245) Wimsatt, M. R.	1,000.00	134	Malone, D. J.	1,000.00
1	O. (1245) Stephenson, F. K.	1,000.00	134	Frywald, A.	1,000.00
1	Turner, P. A.	1,000.00	134	Wisniewski, F.	1,000.00
1	Dalger, J. R.	1,000.00	134	Williams, G. A.	475.00
1	Hudson, W.	1,000.00	136	Minyard, E. H.	1,000.00
1	Shatchan, A.	150.00	160	Duna, C. O.	1,000.00
1	Railin, D.	150.00	163	Schmitt, W. N.	1,000.00
1	Hurley, M. J.	150.00	166	Lighthall, J. R.	1,000.00
1	Feldman, H.	150.00	177	Stoner, R. E.	1,000.00
1	Heinke, O. G.	150.00	195	Wingold, J. H.	1,000.00
1	Lowenhardt, R.	1,000.00	194	Mason, R. F.	1,000.00
1	Brennan, T. F.	626.65	209	Stineman, T. G.	1,000.00
1	Psalakis, J.	1,000.00	212	Vandortbank, W.	1,000.00
1	Miller, H. W.	1,000.00	217	Tollhurst, G. R.	1,000.00
1	Daly, M.	1,000.00	245	Greene, R. E.	1,000.00
1	Booth, R. E.	1,000.00	259	Kane, R. C.	150.00
1	Cooler, R. L.	1,000.00	295	Hamilton, C. E.	150.00
1	Smith, C. C.	1,000.00	315	Carey, J. E.	825.00
1	Wilhelm, F. R.	1,000.00	318	Samdets, L.	1,000.00
1	Tattie, T. W.	825.00	323	Simmons, E. P.	1,000.00
1	Konopka, M. S.	650.00	323	Tuel, A.	1,000.00
1	Padron, R.	1,000.00	323	McKenzie, H. E.	1,000.00
1	Mackee, J. H.	1,000.00	240	Perschke, L. W.	1,000.00
1	Lester, J. B.	475.00	349	McLean, R. G.	1,000.00
1	Pellegrino, J. T.	650.00	357	Claire, D. M.	1,000.00
1	Blumenthal, E.	1,000.00	361	Shay, A. B.	1,000.00
				Total	\$213,848.81

### Annual Statement of Electrical Workers' Benefit Association

In compliance with the requirements of the Fraternal Act of various States, we are publishing below information contained in the annual statement of the Electrical Workers' Benefit Association for the year ending December 31, 1955.

ASSETS			Interest on Mortgage Loans		662,367.46
Bonds		\$ 5,930,493.75	Rents		113,334.22
United States Government	\$5,032,718.75		Interest on Bank Deposits		13,525.48
Canadian Provinces	10,375.00		Other Income		50,354.24
Industrial	887,400.00		TOTAL INCOME		\$ 5,542,508.72
Stocks		13,837,228.00	Expenses		
Public Utilities	\$6,880,345.00		Death Claims		\$ 2,136,625.01
Banks, Trust & Insurance Companies	1,121,520.00		Investment Expense		86,393.46
Industrial and Miscellaneous	5,835,363.00		Depreciation		26,518.95
First Mortgage Loans		15,681,269.79	Rent		32,800.00
Federal Housing Insured Loans	\$3,512,866.74		Salaries		391,992.84
Veterans Administration Insured Loans	3,267,928.64		Printing and Stationery		2,530.46
Other Mortgage Loans	8,900,474.41		Insurance		4,295.41
Real Estate Owned		1,946,824.49	General Expenses		13,462.98
Home Office Building	\$1,293,341.99		Real Estate Expenses		36,298.05
Other Real Estate	653,482.50		Real Estate Taxes		8,016.64
Cash in Banks and Office		2,238,968.53	Taxes, Licenses and Fees		24,189.36
Interest and Rents Accrued		91,870.03	Refunds		2,911.60
Other Assets		353,789.37	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 2,756,034.76
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS		\$ 40,680,383.96	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES		\$ 2,786,473.97
LIABILITIES			EXHIBIT OF CERTIFICATES		
Death Claims Due and Unpaid	\$ 282,399.84		Benefit Certificates in force 12/31/54	No. 281,416	Amount \$224,123,550.00
Advance Assessments	90,000.00		Benefit Certificates written during year	17,122	—
Other Liabilities	39,325.38		Benefit Certificates revived during year	2,388	690,200.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 411,725.22	Benefit Certificates increased during year		20,273,800.00
INCOME AND EXPENSES—1955			TOTALS		
Income			Benefit Certificates terminated, decreased or transferred during the year	17,209	10,541,300.00
Membership, Admission & Reinstatement Fees	\$ 3,995,245.60		Total Benefit Certificates in Force December 31, 1955	283,717	\$234,546,250.00
Interest on Bonds	143,682.46				
Dividends on Stocks	563,999.27				



**TO MY HUSBAND, A LINEMAN**

My husband is a lineman for H. L. and P.  
 A stump-jumper he often tells me,  
 He climbs 50-60-70 foot in the air,  
 With only a belt and two hooks to hold him there,  
 He stands on these poles all day long,  
 To keep people happy when things go wrong,  
 He fights with Mr. Kilowatt as our boys say,  
 But he wins his battle every day,  
 Sometimes he gets a wee bit frightened,  
 But he says a prayer and all is brightened,  
 There are hundreds of linemen and more to be,  
 But there is only one lineman in the whole world to me.  
 MRS. E. W. SEBESTA, JR.,  
 Husband is member of I. U. 66,  
 Houston, Tex.

**DON'T MATCH**

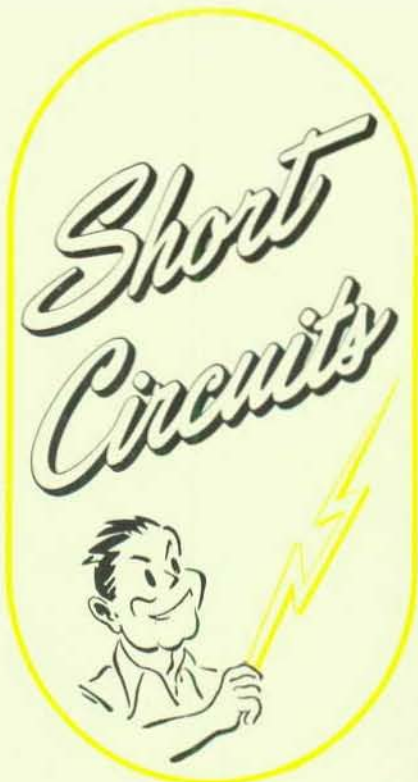
A girl was driving her new car when something went wrong with the engine. The traffic light went from green to red and back to green and still she couldn't get the car to budge. The traffic cop came up.  
 "What's the matter, miss?" he inquired "Ain't we got colors you like?"

**HILO**

Depression or boom  
 Both steep grades,  
 It's a feast or famine  
 For the building trades,  
 ERNIE BRANT,  
 I. U. 136,  
 Birmingham, Ala.

**THE POINT IS**

A woman answered the bell on her front door and found a small boy standing there with a bow and arrow in his hand.  
 "Lady," he said pleadingly, "can I have my other arrow?"  
 "Yes," agreed the housewife kindly, "if I can get it for you. Where is it?"  
 The boy studied his toes for a long moment. Finally he spoke,  
 "It's stuck in your cat."



**WIREJERKER'S COUPLETS**

When threading pipe, a ream or two  
 Will make it easier to pull 'em through!

When hooking up, stop looking up, instead  
 Watch your work and use your head!

The man who claims he knows it all  
 Is remarkable, provided he shows it all!

And one who has but little skill to spare,  
 If aware of it, will try hard to do his share!  
 A Bit o' Luck,  
 AME GLICK,  
 I. U. 3,  
 New York, N. Y.

**PLAY, MUSICIAN, PLAY**

Play, Musician, play  
 Above the booming of the guns,  
 Below the silken voice of diplomat  
 Whose barbed words rob us of our sleep at night.

Play, musician, play  
 Above the pagan shrieks and booms  
 That youth believes is music of this day  
 Born centuries ago on jungle veldt.

Play, musician, play  
 The sanctuary charm on Sabbath morn  
 To ease away the fears and tensions of  
 An age of revolution in the mind of man.

Play, musician, play  
 Your flag of faith unfurled  
 Bring harmonies from the golden throne  
 To mitigate the discord of the world,  
 D. A. HOOVER,  
 I. U. 1396,  
 Decatur, Ill.

**VERY EDIFYING**

"Oh, mama, I saw the nicest man today."  
 "Who was he, dear?"  
 "He was the garbage man, mama."  
 "And why was he so nice?"  
 "Well, he was carrying a can of garbage over his head to the wagon and while he had it over his head the bottom came out and the garbage fell all over him, and he just stood there and talked to God."

**I PROMISE**

If I was equal, or a sequel, to some good worthy task,  
 To live a score, say three or more, as long as I can last,  
 I'd wear a smile, as worth the while, not try to be a smirker,  
 In every plight, I'd choose the right, with every Electrical Worker.

We all can be, so ardently, so satisfied with life,  
 And ease the toil, on every soil, and all the worldly strife;  
 We show a beam, in every gleam, for all of man to see,  
 For all of those, that are supposed, to act respectfully.

For those that know, so they can show, the burdens of the past,  
 Who on each morn, still look forlorn, as some old tattered mast;  
 And every day, in every way, some tethers they are shorn,  
 We plan our course, without remorse, and glad that we were born,

We show more power, by the hour, than ever hoped to be,  
 So bless my soul, we strive for goal, in opportunity;  
 We beat the swords, the over-lords, who act so senselessly,  
 So right or wrong, we carry on, for you most reverently.

Who knows for sure, as life endures, what methods we will find,  
 To show the world, with facts unfurled, what's in a human mind,  
 As on we toil, or even spoil, a bit of earthly sod;  
 We'll fight for right, with all our might, and keep in touch with God.

**ADDRESS CHANGED?**

Brothers, we want you to have your JOURNAL! When you have a change in address, please let us know. Be sure to include your old address and please don't forget to fill in L.U. and Card No. This information will be helpful in checking and keeping our records straight.

NAME.....  
 NEW ADDRESS.....  
 City Zone State  
 PRESENT LOCAL UNION NO.....  
 CARD NO.....  
 (If unknown - check with Local Union)  
 OLD ADDRESS.....  
 City Zone State  
 FORMER LOCAL UNION NUMBER.....

**IF YOU HAVE CHANGED LOCAL UNIONS - WE MUST HAVE NUMBERS OF BOTH**

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 1200 15th Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C.

E. H. HALL,  
 I. U. 628,  
 Sibiria, Ill.



**DON'T JUMP ON  
OR  
OFF PLATFORM**

**BROKEN BONES  
MAY  
RESULT  
FROM  
BROKEN RULES**



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**DON'T SHORT CIRCUIT  
SAFETY**