

Get in the PAC Fight Today



Registration Starts Today For City of Schenectady

In order to vote in the Nov. 4 elections you have to register.

Registration days in Schenectady, Scotia, and other cities and villages with over 5,000 population are today, tomorrow and Friday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 11, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. You have to register personally in these cities and villages.

The towns and places of less than 5,000 population have non-personal reg-

istration, but it's wise to look at the books yourself and see your name has actually been put down. If you've moved into your election district or didn't vote or register last year, don't fail to put in a personal appearance.

Registration in these small places is from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow and 1 p.m. to 10 p.m., Oct. 11.

In Schenectady, Scotia and other cities or villages of over 5,000 population you can enroll in a political party when you register. In the towns, however, you enroll on election day when you vote.

Stewards Will Hear Convention Reports

Delegates will report on the national UE convention at the meeting of the Stewards' Council Tuesday at 801 hall. The drive for registration and for collecting PAC dollars will also be discussed.

Second shift stewards will meet at 1 p.m. and first and third shift stewards at 7:30 p.m.

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PAC Endorsements Will Be Voted on At Oct. 28 Session

The meeting of Local 301 shop stewards Tuesday approved the PAC committee's proposal that a list of candidates for city and county offices be recommended to a special meeting of the 301 membership Oct. 28 for endorsement by the union.

The list to be submitted to this special meeting on PAC is made up of Republican, Democratic and American Labor Party candidates who have endorsed in full the 301-PAC program adopted by the union membership. Those candidates who already have held public office have records which justify the belief that they will carry out their pre-election promises. The list includes some members of 301 and of other CIO unions.

With one exception, all the recommended candidates who are running on the Democratic or Republican tickets also have obtained the ALP nomination, because of their pro-labor stand. Many other leading Democratic and Republican candidates, however, refused to answer questionnaires sent by Local 301.

Recommended Candidates

The list of recommended candidates is as follows:

County welfare commissioner, Leo H. Vosburg, Republican and American Labor Party candidate.

Mayor, Allen Townsend, Local 301 member, ALP.

City Council, four years, Milo Lathrop, legislative director of District 3, UE; Leonard Colasano and Marie Sweeney, Local 301, all ALP. City Council, two years, Robert Jacobsen, Local 301, ALP. Supervisors.

First Ward, Jacob Slight, ALP.

Second Ward, Albert Male, Democratic and ALP.

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Last chance to register. Today and tomorrow.



Paul Revere got on his horse
And started things a-humming
He cried, "Wake up and register—
Election time is coming!"

Fashion Note

GE Doesn't Like Open-Toed Shoes

The crime of wearing open-toed shoes was given by the local GE management as one of the reasons for refusing to rehire a woman with six years' service, in accordance with her seniority rights. The 301 Executive Board this week sent the case to New York to be taken up with the top GE management. The union contends the company's action is a gross violation of the contract.

Louis Male, general superintendent, upheld the company's action in a recent grievance meeting. The woman came to the union after being out for six months following her lay-off for lack of work. When she sought to return to GE, she was told there was no suitable job for her. In the grievance discussion with Male, he claimed her record was not good, because she had received warning notices. It developed that one of these was for "open-toed shoes."

Apart from the trivial nature of the offenses charged, the contract requires that the company rehire persons laid-off and not fired for cause.

Union Members Can Buy Fruit, Potatoes, Eggs

Eggs, apples, potatoes and oranges will go on sale at cost today to members of Local 301.

These four foods are the first articles which the 301 Food Price Committee bought to help union members fight the rising cost of living.

Members must pay for the food at 301 hall where they will receive vouchers to turn in at the store which the union rented at 106 S. Church, next to the Case clothing store. They will have to go to the food store afterward to collect their purchases. Both the union headquarters at 301 Liberty St. and the food store will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and tomorrow.

From present indications, the food will probably be bought out in the two days scheduled. If anything is left the committee will continue the sale next week.

Four Foods on Sale

Here is what you can buy through the union.

1500 dozen strictly fresh eggs at 65 cents a dozen. These eggs, coming from a Tioga County cooperative, are better than eggs selling in Schenectady for over 80 cents a dozen.

94 bushels of handpicked, McIntosh and Cortland apples at \$1.85 a bushel. Such apples cost over \$3 a bushel now in Schenectady. The union's apples came from Capital District farms.

127 bags of potatoes, weighing 50 pounds each, and 88 bags weighing 100 pounds each. The 50 pound bags are to sell at 75 cents and the 100 pound bags at \$1.35. They are small potatoes, but they make good eating, the committee announced. The potatoes came from Richfield Springs.

10 boxes of California oranges, with 24 dozen oranges to the box. The oranges (Continued on Page 2)

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will sell for 20 cents a dozen, in contrast to at least 35 cents a dozen charged in Schenectady stores.

Must Show Union Card

In order to buy food, a union member must show his membership card at 301 hall or the card must be shown by the member of his family who makes the purchase for him.

The 301 office this week mailed to members their October, November, December card. However, the office has no address for about 1,000 members. If you haven't received your card yet, ask your shop steward about it or check at the union office when you drop in to buy food. The matter will be straightened out at once.

Non-members can buy food through the union by signing a membership application card and presenting it at 301 hall.

Committee in Charge

James Cognetta, chairman, and the other members of the Food Price Committee will have charge of the food sales. They are Henry Busse, secretary; Marshall White, Leland Sisto, Stanley Bishop and Albert Davis.

"The union isn't going into the food business permanently," Cognetta said. "This is an emergency measure, voted by the union membership, as a protest against outrageous food prices. Our action is going to help the little business men and store owners in the long run, because they are being squeezed by the food trusts too."

The amount and variety of food which the 301 committee buys in the future will depend on the interest shown in the first four commodities, and on the chances of getting food at substantial savings.

Senator Taft says, "Eat less." Answer him by giving \$1 to PAC.

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**BE A GOOD CITIZEN—
TELL YOUR
NEIGHBOR!**

Lunch Hour Dispute Sent to New York

The Executive Board this week sent on to the national office, to be taken up with the top GE management, the action of Foreman C. Slater in Bldg. 77, in arbitrarily sending three men home because he did not like the time they took their lunch hour.

The job is on continuous process and the practice is for the men to take 20 minutes for lunch whenever convenient. Slater was new on the assignment, and ordered them home for being "too long period off job."

According to Slater's own answer to the shop steward, however, he gave the men the passes 30 minutes after they stopped work, by which time he had already argued with them and they had washed up and changed clothes. It was obvious they had been out much less than 20 minutes. But last week Louis Male, general superintendent, refused to pay for the time the men lost unfairly.

UE Convention Is Target

As usual, the Big Business newspapers and magazines had a field day twisting news of the national UE convention, and attacking the union.

The Schenectady Union-Star reprinted an editorial from the Boston Herald, criticizing the union, and ran an editorial of its own praising James Carey. The Carey-Block faction was overwhelmingly repudiated and condemned by the convention. Time magazine printed a decidedly anti-union report. Maybe you noticed some others.

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Third Ward. Belle Baxter, Local 301, ALP.

Fourth Ward. Edgar Smith, Democratic and ALP.

Fifth Ward. Fred Cameron, Local 301, Democratic candidate and Mrs. Ethel Etkin, who defeated Cameron for the ALP nomination by a write-in vote.

Sixth Ward. Ralph Tullio, Local 301, ALP.

Seventh Ward. George Judway, Local 301, ALP.

Eighth Ward. Chester Trombley, Democratic and ALP.

Ninth Ward. Benjamin Franken, Democratic and ALP.

Tenth Ward. Alfred Peirah, Local 301, ALP.

Eleventh Ward. No candidate endorsed.

Twelfth Ward. Dr. Henry P. Allen, ALP.

Thirteenth Ward. John Dalton, Democratic and ALP.

Fourteenth Ward. George Watson, retired 301 member, ALP.

Rotterdam. William Alheim, Local 301, Republican and ALP.

Glenville. William Hodges, Local 301 vice-president, ALP.

Rotterdam Town Council, two seats. Roy Hamilton, Local 301, Democratic and ALP, and William Templeton, Local 301, ALP.

Rotterdam superintendent of highways. Raymond Gordon, Republican, Democratic and ALP.

Glenville superintendent of highways. Frank Parker, Democratic and ALP.

Registration Guide For First Voters

People who will vote for the first time Nov. 4 have to show proof they are 21 years old and proof of literacy when they register.

Birth certificates, military discharge papers or other certificates will be accepted as proof of age. A diploma from elementary or high school will establish ability to read and write.

If a first voter hasn't a diploma to show, however, he may be required to take a literacy test. These tests will be given at the Education Building, 108 Union St., from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. today and from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. tomorrow.

Former service men, who used military ballots before but never registered in person or voted at home, simply register like everyone else this year.

Nixon Attacks Phony Slogans

Russ Nixon, UE Washington representative, warned the 301 Stewards' Council Tuesday against falling for such "phony slogans" as "Eat less", "Eat fish" and "Waste less".

Senator Robert A. Taft is famous for the "Eat less" slogan. Secretary of Agriculture Krug coined the "Eat fish" motto and President Truman pushes the "Waste less" campaign.

The present voluntary price reduction drive is "poppycock", Nixon charged, and shows a "bankruptcy of leadership".

He said that President Truman and his advisors have not undertaken the campaign through stupidity, but because the Big Business forces in control in Washington will not permit any limit to be placed on their profits or any lid on prices.

"That's why we need PAC", Nixon said.

Referring to President Truman's "Waste less" slogan, Nixon declared the average American family can't buy enough food to waste any.

The National Association of Manufacturers spent \$3,000,000 on a single publicity campaign to kill OPA, Nixon pointed out.

"The Ives and Kearneys jumped every time the NAM snapped their fingers", he said.

Nixon said labor can't raise a fraction of the money the NAM does.

"But with our little money we can do better than they do because our program is the program of the people."

Sworn as Stewards

New shop stewards who took the oath of office at the Stewards' Council meeting Tuesday were: Frank D'Amico, Bldg. 53; Godfred Karlquist, Bldg. 76; Joseph Cammarero, Bldg. 89; Francis Master-son, CAP; Anthony M. Gallo, Bldg. 50; Angelo A. Ferrara, Bldg. 50, and Frank Stepnowski, Bldg. 49.

New Application Forms

The union office has mailed to stewards a new form of membership application containing space for the applicant's Social Security number. Stewards are asked to use this form in the future, instead of the old one, and to see that the Social Security information is filled out.

Give \$1 to PAC to Beat

Robert A. Taft

Register Today

Remember, today and tomorrow are your last chances to register.

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Raises for Matrons In Union's Proposal

A recent letter to Local 301 signed only by "The lot of us matrons" complained that their pay rate was too low.

Discrimination against women, and against matrons in particular, in GE wage rates, has long been recognized, although they have made big gains too. The plan approved by the last membership meeting, to seek to negotiate a complete wage structure for the plant, includes a proposal to raise all women's rates, including the matrons, to at least the common labor rate of \$1.10. This information is given here because an unsigned letter cannot be answered.

When any group have a feeling that they have a special problem, the union office is there to discuss it with them.

Pile up those PAC dollars. They are Labor's war chest.



The only kind of liberty
That Robert Taft endorses
Is liberty to eat less food—
Or dine on cats and horses.

Give \$1 to PAC and
Help Get Him
OUT OF THE SENATE!

Convention Urges Organizing Drive

In the face of the Taft-Hartley Law, organizing the unorganized workers in the electrical industry is more important than ever before, the national UE convention declared.

"It is imperative that we engage in an immediate and intensified campaign of organization among all the workers in our organized shops who are not yet members of the UE," a resolution pointed out.

"Our slogan must be 'Every UE worker an active UE member.'" Only in this way can we successfully discourage employers' use of the Taft-Hartley Board to delay and impede negotiations. Only through the determined and unified action of all the workers in our organized shops will we be able to protect and improve contract benefits in the interest of our membership. Only in this way can we discourage and prevent unscrupulous raiding by company unions and others who wish to deprive our membership of the benefits secured by UE."

The resolution also called for immediate strengthening of the steward system in every UE shop "to protect the interests of our membership on a day to day basis."

UE Wants GE to Offset Dropping 'Profit Sharing'

Joseph Dermody, secretary of the GE Conference Board of UE, said last week that the national UE will ask the GE to make up to its workers in some form for the loss of "profit-sharing" payments.

GE has announced that starting next Jan. 1 it will abandon its "profit sharing" plan. However, it will pay as usual next spring on the basis of funds accumulated during 1947. But workers won't get any "profit-sharing" money on the year 1948.

The company first announced its intention of discontinuing "profit sharing" during this year's contract negotiations. Dermody pointed out that at the time the union protested against any attempt to link the abandoning of "profit sharing" with the wage settlement. "Profit sharing" was not involved in the negotiations nor is it covered by the contract, the UE stated. The union said then it would oppose any loss of money to the workers.

Cooperative

The Los Angeles CIO Council is setting up union non-profit cooperatives throughout its territory.