

### Mahlon Carnrick New Committee Chairman

The Activities Committee has selected Mahlon Carnrick, building 12, as chairman to succeed Foster Campbell who is now in the Army. Other officers selected for the coming year are Harold Claus, vice-chairman, Martin Burgess, treasurer and Lucy Swatling, recording secretary.

#### This One's On Me...

(Continued from page 1) Kai-Chek's armies are fighting not the Japanese, but the people of China is also well known to the American press but practically never admitted. (See Harrison Forman's "Inside Red China")

The recall of General Stilwell from China was due to the fact that "Big Money" was more interested in saving Chiang Kai-Chek's reactionary government than in quickly winning the war against Japan. These are only three of the most important distortions or suppressions of the American press.

Here in Schenectady even the local news is subject to the same type of control. The fact that thousands of workers in Schenectady have had serious cuts in their wages during the past year does not appear in the local press. The fact that GE has continually refused to grant elementary concessions to the workers until finally appealed to the National War Labor Board is never mentioned in the local press, while every opportunity is taken to emphasize items unfavorable to the workers.



MAHLON CARNRICK

### Museum Runs Classes in Art

The Schenectady Museum has announced a summer series of Art Classes to be conducted at the Museum by Miss Anna Ballarain, a faculty member in the Schenectady Public Schools. Both adult and children's classes will be conducted.

In addition to an evening class for adults day classes will be held Monday morning and Wednesday afternoons. The length of these sessions will be three hours. Children's classes will be held in two groups. One will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays and another Wednesday and Fridays. The hours for children will be from 10 a.m. until 12.

### Attention Field Day Winners

Chairman Carnrick of the Activities Committee has announced that the war bond winners at the recent Annual Field Day will be presented with their War Bond awards as soon as possible. Delay in making presentation has been caused by the fact that the new officers must be approved by the board and certified before checks can be drawn.

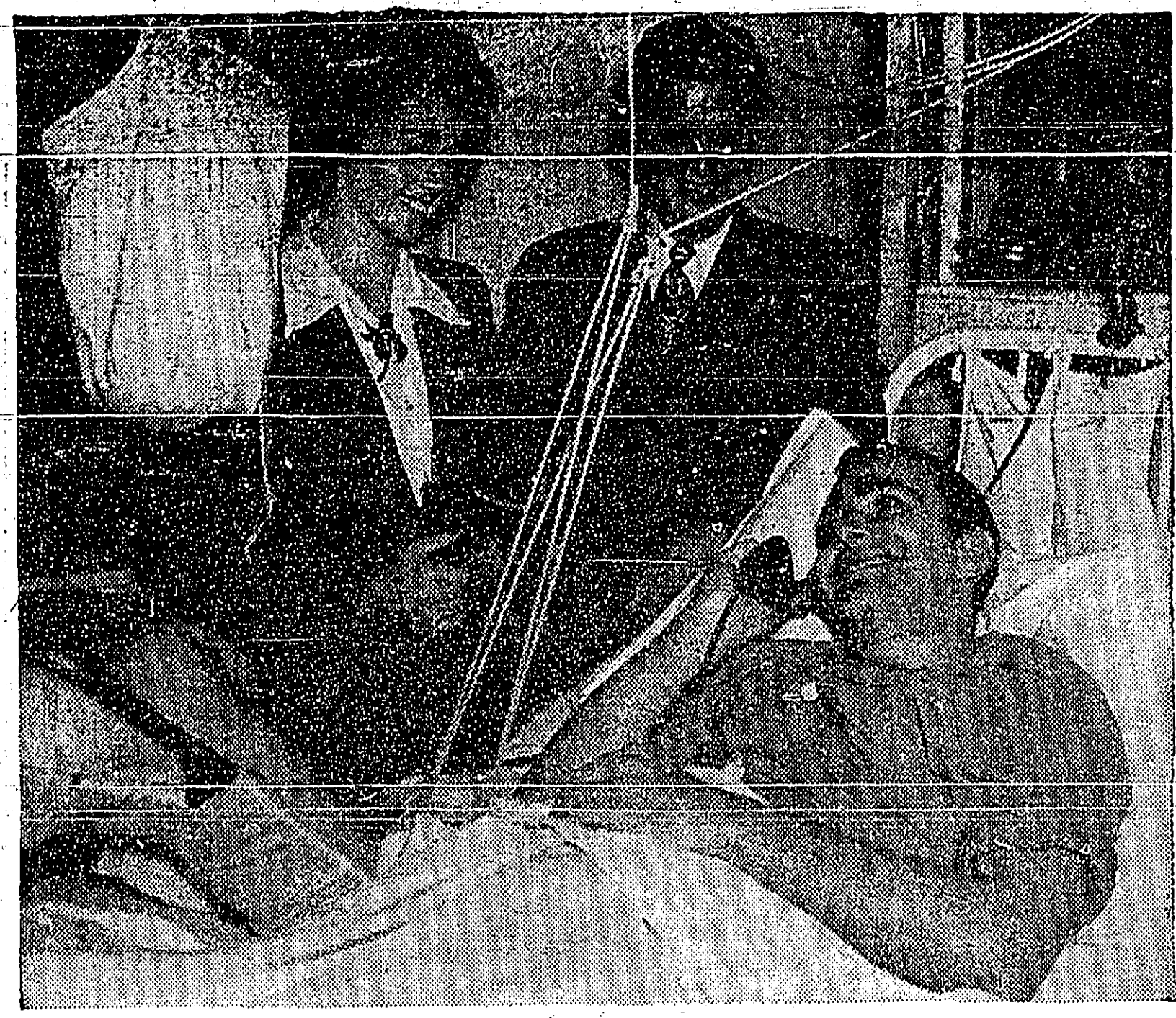
### Union Work Requires Personal Sacrifices

An interesting fact which comes to light at this time should be revealed to dispel those who gossip or hear gossip that "the union leaders get theirs" or that "that's a racket working for the union" or some other critical unbased remarks. Sadie Iovinelli who has acted in the capacity of assistant to the business agent for the past 16 months returns to the plant because of the expiration of her leave of absence.

While she has been caring for the thousands of members' troubles which is an arduous task, she has not received pay in excess of what her normal earnings would have been in the shop and yet when she returns she has only the same amount of service credit which she had when she left her job to accept the union duties.

This means her vacation payments and bonus are cut down and above all, security of her job is much less because of the seniority rights she is deprived of with the lessened amount of service than that which she would have had if she had remained in the plant.

With such personal sacrifices, being made by Mrs. Iovinelli and many others, who can possibly imply "it's a racket." Would those who like to criticize do as much?



A FREE PHONE CALL home brings smiles and joy to Pfc. Carroll Hagen, just returned after being wounded overseas. The call was paid for by a fund provided by members of his local union in Tacoma, Wash. Local 301's collections are now very slow, according to Chairman Bob Anderson of the Veteran's Committee. Please collect from members in your section and turn the money into union headquarters which will forward it to Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, where wounded vets from this vicinity will likewise have a chance to call home.

### Govt. Action On UE Jobs

(Continued from page 1) national policy, how such action as is described in this article, is essential for their own personal welfare and that of their families. The people to whom letters should go are Dr. George Taylor, chairman National War Labor Board, Labor Office Bldg., Washington, D. C., and also your respective congressmen. They are as follows: For residents of Schenectady, Amsterdam or Gloversville area, which is the 30th Congressional District, write Congressman B. W. Kearney, House Office Bldg., Washington, D. C.; Albany county residents who are in the 28th Congressional District write William T. Byrne, House Office Building, Washington, D. C., and Troy and Rensselaer County residents who are in the 29th Congressional District should write Congressman Dean P. Taylor, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

### John Dadson Appointed To Fill YMCA Post

John Dadson, active committeeman of Local 301, has been appointed a member of the YMCA Buddy Work Committee, succeeding Sam Falcone who recently went into the Navy, according to John MacGathan, Executive Director of Municipal Housing who is chairman of this committee.

### Rankin Abuses Inquiring Vet

NEW YORK (FP)—Rep. John E. Rankin's (D, Miss.) pushing around of a union veteran who protested his anti-labor actions "indicates his true feeling toward veterans who disagree with his ultra-reactionary views," charged Henry Geisz, eastern seaboard regional vice president of the Natl. Conference of Union Labor Legislators. Rankin's "arbitrary and surreptitious attempt to push through his anti-labor open shop bill while the majority of his veterans committee was absent is an indication of his fear of public democratic expression of the feelings of the veterans themselves," Geisz said.

"His treatment of a veteran who awaited him at his office and tried to ask him some questions in regard to the bill is scandalous," Geisz continued. "The fact that he called the police and demanded the arrest of Reuben Kharer, a member of organized labor, just because he wanted to question him on the meaning of his bill indicates his true feeling toward veterans who disagree with his ultra-reactionary views."



WALTER F. OSSEFORT, a die-maker in the GE plant and a member of Local 301 since December 30, 1936, is running as a candidate for nomination in the Republican primaries as supervisor from the sixth ward.

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### This One's On Me...

This is the third in a series of weekly columns which will appear in the Electrical Union News serving as a clearing house of ideas, thought and knowledge of union needs of many union people. It will be written by a different person each week and the topics will be varied. Opinions expressed will be those of the writer and not necessarily that of the editorial committee or the leadership of this union.

### Women—Peacetime Workers

By MRS. BILLIE ROGERS There seems to be so much talk about women's place in peacetime. Already many of our male gender are planning on putting us "in our place"—the home. While to me, the home is the sweetest place to be—there are those who don't agree! Regardless of where we'd rather be, the fact remains that when we work called, we left our homes for the factory or office, doing time and a half work all the time—those of us who had originally kept house.

We made faces at the alarm clock at 5:30 a.m. but didn't roll over and go back to sleep. We systemized our actions to bring us to the street corner in time to make our bus. We rallied "round for bonds and blood to prove that we were Mrs. ROGERS with our men over there, every bit of their hellish experience in the foxholes, etc.

We helped cheer the "Army-Navy EP" for excellent work on production lines because we helped make it possible to reach those precious quotas. Yes, we were pretty good sports and now with so many more and much larger, steady, if not vitally important, games coming up—we're to be benched! And every possible play will be needed in those coming games.

Working in the shops, acting in our union has made us aware of the bright future we anticipate after V-J Day. So some of us answered the call from our homes and liked it. Routine factory work or office work appeals to us—meeting people, solving different and varied problems each day we found to be so much more interesting than day by day house cleaning and serving and cooking.

To some of us, housework has always been our cross to bear because we were the weaker (?) sex. The call to shops, etc., was the answer to our prayers. Can be ridiculed because we prefer to go back. Isn't it understandable that we make much better commitments for our mates (Continued on page 3)

## Office Workers Win Dispute With Co. After WLB Acts

Complete victory for the UE Office Workers' Organizing Committee over GE Company "self made" rulings was registered very recently when the organizing group won the right to distribute organizing material, even though on property owned by the company.

The "about-face" by the company, came after Organizer Adam Boss, and National UE General Counsel David Scribner who was called in for assistance by Boss, met with John A. Penello, Second Region Examiner of the WLB and representatives of the General Electric Company.

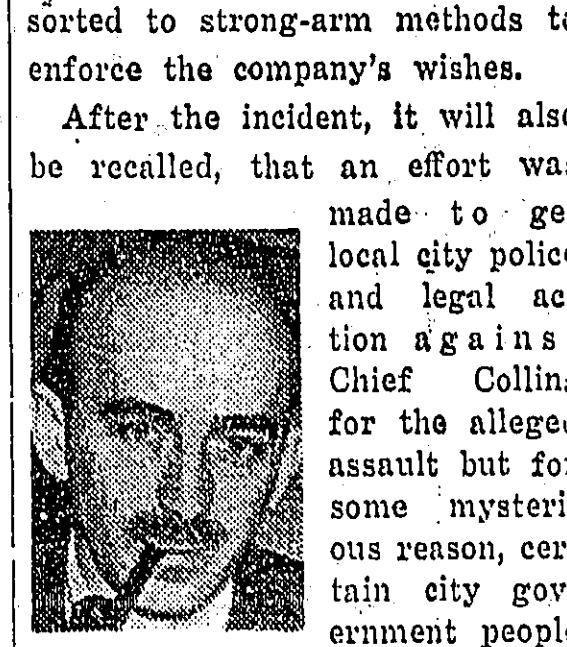
The victory came about when the company sent the following letter to the National War Labor Examiner, Mr. Penello: "The Company agrees that the Union has a legal right to distribute Union organizing material outside the various entrances to and exits from the plant, even though on property owned by the Company, and employees may distribute such material outside of working hours on Company property. The Company reserves the right, however, to make and enforce reasonable regulations to the end that such distribution will not in any way interfere with employees' ingress to or egress from the plant, and will not interfere with the maintenance of production or discipline."

Upon receiving word of the Company's change of attitude, Scribner immediately requested of the Regional Director of the WLB permission to withdraw the case and charges, without prejudice, against the company which was immediately granted.

Events leading up to the filing of the charges have been carried in issues of the Electrical Union News during the past year. First indication of trouble was found when the company stopped distribution of this paper at the plant gates over a year ago when an item appeared criticizing members of supervision for methods they were using. This incident did not hinder Local 301 seriously because immediately the papers' publication was altered so that it would be mailed directly into the homes of the entire membership, a far better system.

However, the policy the company adopted on that occasion was not when the Office Workers' organizing committee became active with the distribution of literature which contained too much "truth that hurts" for the company.

It will be recalled that office workers who were active union members, and Organizer Adam Boss were on three different occasions stopped from distributing leaflets at the company plant gates by the GE guards and finally on the third occasion after having the material taken away from them. Boss allegedly was struck by Chief Collins who re-



DAVID SCRIBNER

sorted to strong-arm methods to enforce the company's wishes. After the incident, it will also be recalled, that an effort was made to get local city police and legal action against Chief Collins for the alleged assault but for some mysterious reason, certain city government people "discovered" that unless there are plenty of witnesses, it was impossible to issue a warrant. The absurdity of the company position, and the evident orders "from above" which made it impossible to get a rectification locally, caused Organizer Boss to contact UE General Counsel Scribner of the National UE Office and ask him to come in on the case.

The final result is not only proof that the union's position (Continued on page 3)

## Permanent Blood Bank Proposed by Bazan

Edward Bazan, popular chairman of the Local 301 Red Cross Blood Plasma Procurement Committee until the center closed recently, has proposed to the executive board last week that Local 301 establish a blood bank at Ellis Hospital for the benefit of any who need it. The estimated quantity of blood needed is 1,500 pints yearly.

At the present time, a pint of blood costs \$15 and in many instances, several pints are needed to save a single life. The value of such a service, made available to everyone including any member of this union, would be great. The bank would be located at, but not controlled by, the hospital.

Bazan stated that several other organizations in the community are very much in favor of the plan and have offered to cooperate with the union in the effort.



EDWARD BAZAN

## Wallingford Appointed To Hospital Committee

Edward Wallingford has been appointed by the executive board of Local 301 to the Campaign Committee for St. Clare's Hospital. The hospital, which is the one to be constructed by the Catholic Sisters Association on McClellan Street was recently given the official name of St. Clare's Hospital by the Association.

The members of the board expressed the opinion that Mr. Wallingford's experience on Red Cross, Community Chest and other agencies particularly qualified him for the post.

The immense value which the new hospital will be to the members of this union is to be found in the fact that by every measured standard for progressive American cities, local facilities at the present time are very inadequate. The success of the campaign to raise funds for the new institution should be assured because of the demands of members of this union for new hospital facilities like those of the entire community and medical profession have been loud and persistent.

MODERN STRUCTURE Much thought has been given to the type of hospital building to be erected. The spacious location offers every opportunity for far-sighted planning. While final building plans will, of necessity, be determined by the extent to which funds become available, the Executive Committee of the Sisters Hospital Association is contemplating a structure similar in design and plan to that of the St. Mary's Hospital at Rochester, New York.

The contemplated hospital will be of fitting architectural design, substantial, durable construction, and so planned as to provide a maximum of efficiency in operation, and the utmost economy in maintenance, consistent with a high quality of service. It is estimated by the Committee, after consultation with the Schenectady County Medical Society, that there is a need for an additional four-hundred bed hospital in Schenectady. Present plans call for construction of a hospital of two hundred beds. It will be designed and constructed so that central units such as the power plant, laundry, the kitchens, etc., can be expanded economically to provide ultimately for a hospital of four hundred to five hundred beds. The essential first units of equipment will be complete and modern in every respect. It is estimated that a fund of not less than \$1,200,000 will be needed for the completion of sufficient housing and equipment for two hundred beds. For this purpose funds are now being sought from the corporate and business interests of the city, the citizens generally, and all organizations interested in the public welfare.

### Copies of Contract Available Soon

Local 301 has ordered a supply of the new 1945 Contract Agreements through the national office of the UE and it is expected that they will be available for representatives in the shop shortly. Because there are numerous additions and revisions of many clauses in the new contract, copies should be picked up by representatives from the union headquarters as soon as they are received from the printers.

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ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS

United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers of America, Local 301 CIO... Published weekly, the first three weeks of each month...

UE Fights For Job Security

Even though the war is only half won, cut-backs and layoffs are taking place all over the country.

These cut-backs not only affect us but everybody in town because, if we can't pay their bills, the corner grocer and the doctor and the dentist all suffer too.

There has been a lot of interest in what the Union is doing to give its members security. This interest comes, of course, mostly from UE members. But questions have also been asked by friends and families of UE members because—they understand—that the more security the UE is able to win for its members, the better off the whole community will be.

The program of the UE calls for immediate action on the part of Congress to pass laws providing help for workers who are the victims of cut-backs.

Laws have been presented which give that kind of security. One of these proposed laws is called the Murray Full Employment bill. But Congress hasn't even given consideration to it yet.

Another bill has been proposed by President Truman which increases unemployment compensation to \$26 a week for at least 20 weeks. Congress hasn't budged an inch on this proposal either.

These are just some of the campaigns led by the CIO to win security by action of Congress. At the same time our Union fights for security through improving our union contract.

Our Union is demanding that the security of our members be guaranteed by means of our contract with the General Electric Company. We are demanding a minimum hiring rate of 72 cents-an-hour.

We have demanded severance pay for workers who are laid off due to cut-backs. By making such payments, the Company gives workers a necessary break who have stood in their jobs in order to get out war goods. Severance pay, which our Union is demanding, would give a worker money enough to let him shop around for a job without starving to death, after cut-backs come.

But the General Electric Company refused all these demands. The Company rejects our proposals despite the fact that its tremendous profits make it easily possible for them to meet our demands.

That is why the UE has taken its case to the National War Labor Board and is demanding that the War Labor Board act favorably on all these demands. We say it is in the interests of ourselves and our whole community to make the Company pay a living wage and severance pay when cut-backs come. We have to tell the War Labor Board this, and we have to tell our Congressmen this also.

The UE, together with the CIO as a whole, is demanding revision of the Little Steel Formula to permit a 20 per cent wage increase. We need these increases to keep up with the rising cost of living.

This, in brief, is what our Union is doing to keep us from being made the victims of cut-backs.

But the Union needs the support of each of its members. You know ex-President Roosevelt said that 60 million jobs are necessary. But we can't have jobs for everybody—including returning servicemen and our women workers too—unless we all get behind the Union and give it support.

We Union members have to join in every Union campaign, write letters to our Congressman, get our wives and friends to write, urge the clubs we belong to and veterans organizations and church groups to take an interest in what the Union is trying to do. We must all understand our Union's program and explain it to other people around town. Read the UE NEWS and that will give you the facts.

Our program is the program of all people in town who work for a living. That is why our Union is planning to get radio time and print leaflets and hold meetings on these points. We plan to take our case to the people. When the people understand, they will give us their support.

When our Servicemen come back, they too will be up against it, if we don't do the job now.

We have to get busy. All of us. When our Union calls on us to attend a meeting or to write a letter or sign a petition or visit our neighbor, we should cooperate.

That's the way we are going to make Congress act. That's the way we are going to make the Company part with some of its huge profits.

The fight for victory, peace and jobs for all is still under way. We all must back the Union until it's won!



Conserving Energy In Swimming

An old gentleman who, at the age of 84, still swam his mile a day parallel to a seashore resort in New England, took his time, using the breast stroke, and conserved his energy. The young athletes nearby, who could swim a good imitation of a beautiful crawl—for a distance of perhaps a hundred yards—at the end of their showy spurt were much more exhausted than the old gentleman at the end of his mile.

SPEED COMES LATER

Speed has its uses, but acquiring speed does not come at once. Only when the swimmer has mastered a sufficient variety of strokes and skills to enable him to feel thoroughly at home in the water, and to cope successfully with any water conditions, that may arise, should he attempt to gain speed.

From the very beginning he must acquire and practice the habit of rhythmic and correct breathing, and he must bear in mind that his body buoyancy, coupled with the momentum of swimming, is sufficient to keep him afloat. Then he is free to utilize all his stroking movements in propulsion. This will also enable him to acquire the very essential habit of resting and relaxing his muscles between strokes.

NINE STROKES

If some such orderly procedure is adopted and carried out, with adequate knowledge of the fundamentals, or, better still, under the tutelage of a competent instructor, the whole process of learning to swim can be easily and pleasantly accomplished by most people.

There are only nine recognized swimming strokes, and five of these are variations of the other four. It is impossible to attempt to teach these strokes, or even to describe them adequately on paper. As a rule the several kicks and arm strokes are learned independently. They can be practiced first on the shore, then in shallow water. The beginner can then utilize them in experimenting with various styles of swimming.

Wear Your New Button

The Executive Board with approval of the general membership meeting of July 18 has ordered a large quantity of UE-CIO membership buttons which will be distributed in the early future, probably following the next check-off.

Members should all wear their buttons proudly and show up those in their departments who do not belong to the organization. The button will bear the slogan "I Belong—Do You?"

Cases Pending Before Management

By LEO JANDREAU

The following is a list of cases pending before management at the present time. As a service to the membership, the Electrical Union News in co-operation with the Business Agent's Office will publish in each issue the list of cases pending. When a case no longer appears in this list, it may be assumed that settlement has been made.

Table with columns: Case No., Name, Committee, Date. Lists various pending cases such as 1064 73 Endless Case Group, 1065 73 Group Complaint, etc.

The Story of Labor

THEY SAY A MAN CAN MAKE A LIVING IN THE NEW WORLD, CAPTAIN, BUT HOW? WE GET THERE? WEVE NO MONEY TO PAY FOR OUR PASSAGE!



This One's On Me...

(Continued from page 1) When we're contented with our lot?

Some of us may not have a choice of returning to the kitchen. Some of us will herewith become father and mother—the only one head of the family—the only one left.

With the advent of peace, haven't we looked forward to all the things that today are luxuries,—all electrical appliances, radios, new cars and the thousands of items which aren't manufactured these days.

Shouldn't that mean plenty of work for all of us—men, returned veterans and us who prefer to keep on in the shop? Aren't we modern enough to keep up with the times? The wife and mother coming home from the work she prefers, to hubby and the kids, feeling full of life and pep—ready to chat about the days expending across the dinner table—changing the day's activities—contented with her lot. Hubby knows she's completely satisfied, never was the honey "spon and roasts!" type—that's what he liked really come to think of it—her actual ability to be part of her experiences in the shop—to understand his language because it was her language.

And each of us know that Junior and "Sis" will be taken care of—supervised care, too—the Child Care Centers provide that. We found out about those wonderful services during the war's urgent call for production. And hubby argues staunchly, why shouldn't we both do the work of our choice and in so doing provide a real real happy home life that will more than make up for our day's apart. The child care will also be there for the wives whose husbands' work would come back—and that's it should be. The center's services, too, relieve her of that worry will the children be taken care of and have the fun children could have?

And what about me?—I'll go back to the kitchen, thanks, but wiser by far for thru my experiences in the factory and the knowledge of the working peoples' needs—their union—that friendly group that the workers turn to for all kinds of help. The association I've made thru my union with the many community groups that all have one purpose in mind—A better life—a happy and contented one!

Jandreau Named To County Safety Committee

Leo Jandreau, business agent, has been appointed by the executive board of Local 301 as a member of the Schenectady County Committee which is part of the New York State Pedestrian Safety program.

Commentator Back

Jim Healey, WSNY News Editor, commentator and analyst, is back at the WSNY microphone after a week spent in fishing at Laurentide Park in Canada. While he brought back but one specimen (now being mounted), Healey assured staff members and the public that he really caught a large number of good-sized trout.

Boss On Vacation

Adam Boss, Organizer for the Office Workers and who also is present in supervising the business office of Local 301, is vacationing for two weeks. Where he is spending his well deserved rest remains a secret, except to Adam.

Sailor Calls Union 'Wonderful Thing'

Local 301 301 Liberty Street, Schenectady, N.Y. Leo Jandreau, Bus. Agent

Greetings Friends: I am pleased to have received a letter and booklet from Local 301 June 24th and wish to thank you all for remembering me. Will certainly be glad the day I can come back and join you again. I have been in the Philippines since D-Day and everything is quiet now compared to what it was.

I sure would have enjoyed some of that cold weather you had this past winter as the sun is blazing hot here all the time. I enjoyed being a member of the union in Manila. He and everything is quiet now compared to what it was.

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Sale of Canned Goods Slated for Institutions Under Investigation

Local 301 OPA member Bob Anderson and Assistant Business Agent Raymond Flanigan have been investigating a questionable local food situation during the past few weeks, after receiving many complaints from union members throughout the city.

The matter concerns the sale of canned goods including varieties of vegetables, fruit and evaporated milk which were originally packed and allocated to welfare agencies for use by welfare clients and various charity and welfare institutions.

After the cases of goods were delivered to the welfare agency, it is reported a sizeable group of people asked to inspect them at various times without telling their authority for so doing but later it developed they were prospective buyers of the merchandise.

A message was sent to the local agencies stating that the food was needed by the armed forces and it was returned to Albany where it was allegedly finally sold by the Commodity Credit Corporation to a large grocery concern.

Several persons have recently purchased these canned goods from the stores of the concern and found that underneath the trade label, the original label still remains which says very plainly "NOT TO BE SOLD, S.M.A. OF U.S. DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE." Now it is necessary for the local welfare agencies which are a branch of our government just as much as the Department of Agriculture Commodity Credit Corporation, to buy the merchandising back from the retailer at the original price which it is surmised was sold to the retailer below cost.

Anderson has written the regional director of the government department in New York in an effort to obtain information on these transactions and the reasons for them but has still been unable to get all the facts.

Local 70 Petitions

Local 70, UOPWA, at a special called meeting on July 25, petitioned to endorse a petition to President Truman regarding cutbacks and cancellations of war orders, asking the President to do all in his power to revise the national wage policy and restore the original authority of the National War Labor Board to approve or direct such wage increases as may be necessary and which will not affect the cost of living.

Farrell on Vet Planning Body

George Farrell, executive board member representing building 89 of the Transmitter department has been appointed to the Mayor's Committee to work out plans for a returning veterans planning body.

Farrell is a veteran himself, having served overseas in World War I. The appointment was made by the Local 301 Executive Board which received a request from the Mayor's office for a representative to serve on behalf of the members of this union.

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