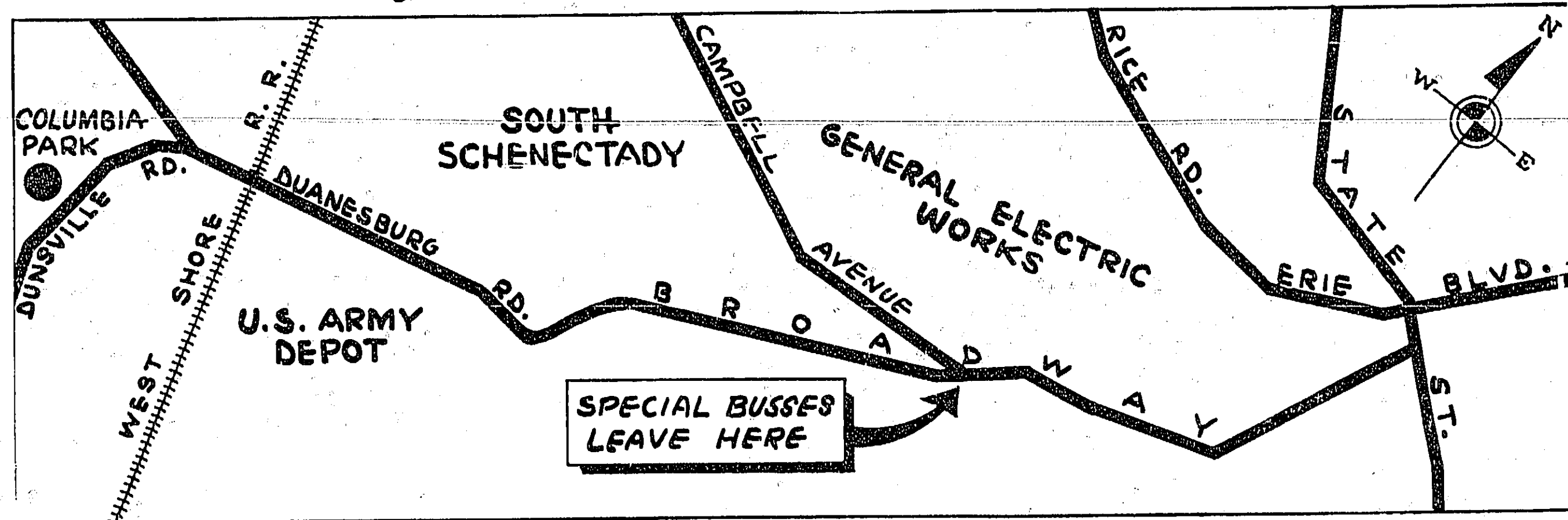


Here's the Way to Get to Columbia Park for 301 Field Day



If you follow this map, you can't get lost on the way to the Local 301 Field Day tomorrow at Columbia Park, Dunsville Road. Notice that the free bus rides arranged by the union start at Campbell Ave. and Broadway. You can get a bus from 12:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at half-hour intervals.

Labor 'Interne' In 301 Office

For the third summer, Local 301 has a student from the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations working in the union office. He is John Marqusee, 21, of Woodmere, L. I., who served 20 months in the Merchant Marine during the war.



John Marqusee

He is a sophomore at the labor relations school, which is part of Cornell University.

As part of his "internship" he is spending 10 weeks on the 301 job. In addition to helping in the office, he attends all meetings of the union, the stewards, and committees to see how the local functions.

The school program aims to train students for careers in government (as mediators or labor relations experts), in industry (as personnel and labor experts) and in unions. Marqusee wants to enter union work after graduation, he told the EU News. He asked for the 301 job this summer because he thinks the union is doing an outstanding job.

Donate Back Pay

When UE won a 12 cents an hour pay raise at Minneapolis—Moline Power Implement Company, Minneapolis, Miss., recently the members voted to give their back pay to the union's defense fund. The retroactive pay averages eight dollars a member.

Canadian Workers Hold Fast to UE

Workers at Flash Fasteners of Canada, near Toronto, have refused to exchange UE for a union that makes a virtue of not fighting for a contract. The group repudiated a raiding attempt by the AFL Metal Polishers by voting to stay in UE.

The main charge in the AFL campaign, beside the usual red-baiting, was that UE "forced union contracts on employers where there was no necessity for them."

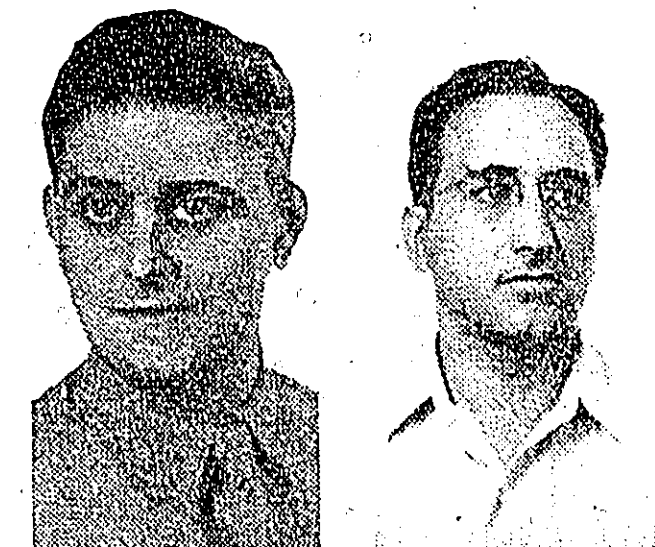
In one such plant, where the AFL thought there was no need

for a union contract, the women's wages were as low as 36 cents an hour and men's were 60 cents before UE represented the employees. Now they are 75 cents to \$1.50.

Strikers Okay Raise

Strikers at the Westinghouse plant at Beaver, Pa., have voted approval of the wage increase of nine to 16 cents an hour negotiated for the 70,000 Westinghouse workers under national UE contract. They also voted to return immediately to work, and to continue efforts to secure a further local increase at Beaver.

Bertini and Grasso On Editorial Board



A. R. Bertini

J. G. Grasso

Two shop stewards, Arthur R. Bertini of Building 68, and John G. Grasso of Building 81, were named to the 301 editorial committee by the last Executive Board meeting. They filled the vacancies caused by the resignation of Chairman William Templeton because of family problems, and William Landau, who left the jurisdiction of UE.

Brother Bertini is a lathe operator and has been in the Porcelain division since coming to GE in 1939. He was in the Army from February 1941 to October 1945, serving in the Field Artillery in the D-Day invasion of Europe. He was a technical sergeant, and was awarded the bronze star. He is serving his second term as shop steward.

Brother Grasso is a stock room accumulator in Industrial Control. He has been with GE five years. He also is in his second term as steward.

CIO on Air

The Capital District CIO radio program is at 9:45 p.m. every Monday over WROW.

Field Day Program

Tomorrow (Saturday) — Columbia Park
Dunsville Road

- 10:00 a.m.—Park opens.
- 12:30 p.m.—Special bus service starts from Campbell Ave. and Broadway. Transportation free.
- 1:00 p.m.—Bocci ball contest.
Horseshoe pitching.
Children's contests.
- 2:00 p.m.—Boxing and wrestling.
Men's soft ball game.
- 3:00 p.m.—Movies for the children.
- 5:00 p.m.—Girls' soft ball game.
- 6:00 p.m.—Award for Local 301 Field Day Queen.
Awarding of grand prize—1948 Studebaker.
- 7:00 p.m.—Movies for adults.
- 8:00 p.m.—Skit and specialties.
- 9:00 p.m. to midnight—Dancing

In addition there will be refreshments, bingo and a variety of games not listed. 50 door prizes will be given between 1 p.m. and 8 p.m.

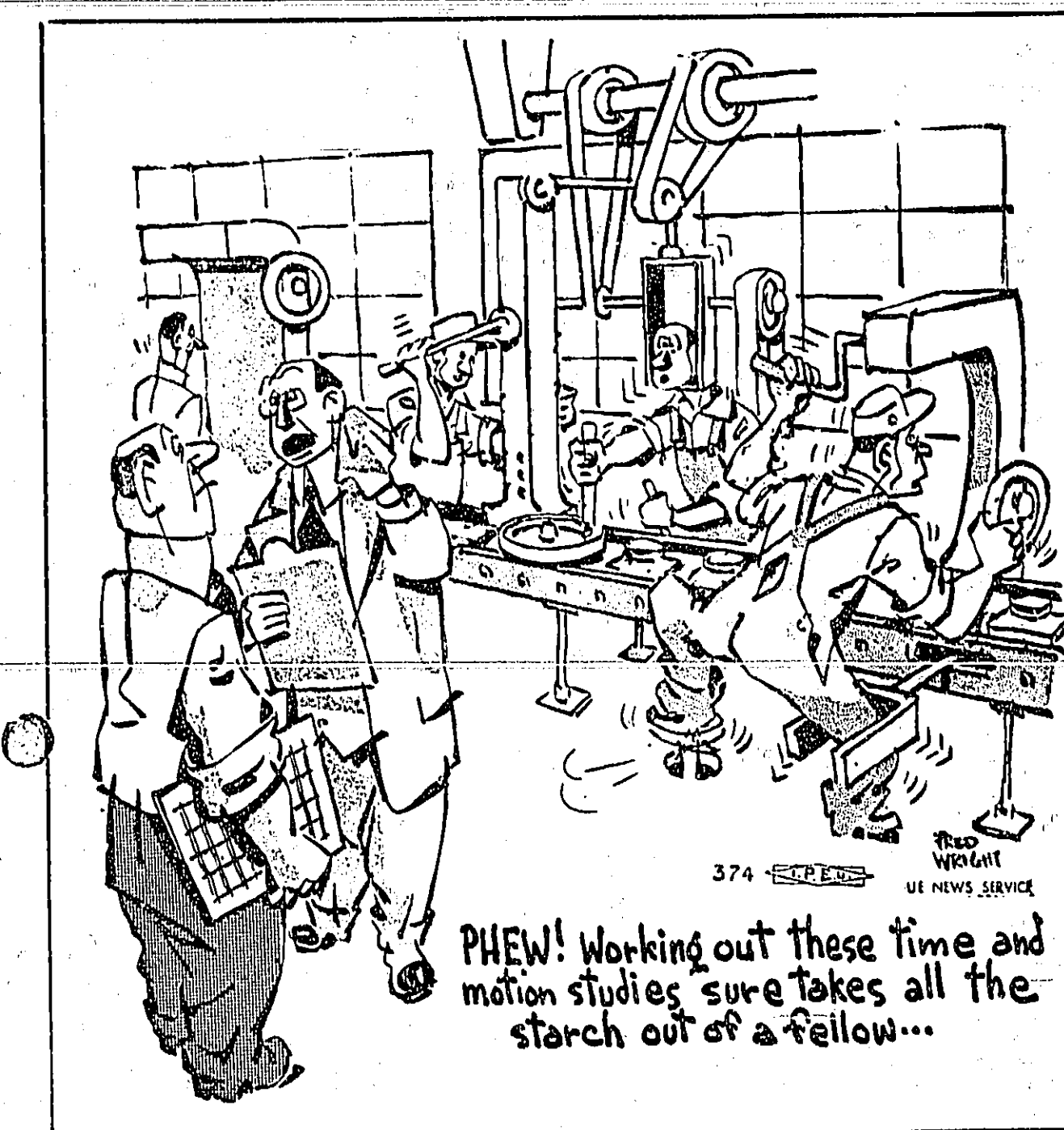
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301 Leaders Seek To Defeat Kearney

Officers of Local 301 met last week with Schenectady County Democratic leaders in an effort to assure the nomination of a strong candidate who would unite the opposition to Congressman Bernard W. Kearney on a Roosevelt program.

The officers had reported to the Executive Board that investigation showed there was no likelihood of a Republican primary fight against Kearney. They were then authorized by the board to consult with Democratic leaders. The board agreed that a fight against Kearney must be organized, in view of his vote for Taft-Hartley, against price control, and generally against the people's interests.

In the absence of Democratic County Chairman Ernest G. Buhmaster, the officers met with County Clerk Carroll Gardner and Supervisor E. A. Smith, members of the nominating committee of the Democratic body. The officers urged that the Democrats pick a candidate who would accept the program adopted by all CIO unions in the Congressional District and the Farmers' Union, and who would seek American Labor Party endorsement. The officers also suggested that Gardner himself run on that basis.

Gardner and Smith expressed considerable interest in the matter. They said they had to consult others in the organization, and that the 301 officers would hear from them Friday. Nothing definite developed, however, until Monday afternoon, only eight days before the deadline for filing nominating petitions, when it was learned the Democratic top leaders had picked William Murphy, Union College professor.

On Monday morning Andrew Peterson, president of Local 301, announced he would enter the primary on the Roosevelt program of the CIO and Farmers' unions.

North Tonawanda Raise

Another wage settlement reported recently in UE District 3 provides a general increase of 11 cents an hour to workers of the Columbus McKinnon plant at North Tonawanda.

MAKE YOUR SHOP 100% UE

Crafts Press Company for Higher Rates

Craft groups continued their pressure this week on the GE management for action on their demand that inequities in craft rates be corrected.

Repeating their action of the previous Wednesday, toolmakers, tool room machine operators and machinists (non-production) left their jobs at 2 p.m. this Wednesday to meet at 301 hall. Second shift workers came directly to the hall and went to work after the meeting.

The meeting voted, with only one dissenting vote, to cut out all overtime work while the demonstrations for higher rates continue. Welders were scheduled to hold a similar meeting yesterday afternoon, after this week's EU News went to press. The meeting was to include burners and all men who are required to weld as part of their occupation.

The previous week, the welders and the millmen (Bldg. 76 carpenter shop) held their walk-out meeting jointly with toolmakers, tool room machine operators and machinists (non-production). (See picture on page 3). They voted by a big majority to repeat the demonstrations in order to force action by the company.

GE Rates Are Low
Business Agent Leo Jandreau reported to the meeting on the union's long efforts to get the company to negotiate the correction of wage inequities. He pointed out (Continued on Page 3)

Local 301 to Elect Delegates Next Week

Delegates to the international UE convention at Buffalo in September will be elected next week at a combined meeting of the 301 membership and shop stewards.

First and third shift members and shop stewards of all shifts will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at the union hall. The second part of the meeting will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the hall for second shift members.

General Cable Raises

UE has negotiated pay raises ranging from nine cents to 15 cents an hour for General Cable workers at Rome, N. Y., and Emeryville and Los Angeles, Calif. It is a two year contract reopenable on wages after a year.

Thousands Attend Annual Field Day

Andrew Mickolas, 1353 Crane St., who works in the steamfitting gang in Bldg. 43, won the grand prize for the 301 Field Day, a 1948 Studebaker.

The union outing at Columbia Park, Dunsville Rd., July 10, drew a crowd of several thousand people, and established a record for the number and variety of prizes, for games and entertainment.

With 184,300 votes to her credit, Jennie Tescione, Bldg. 81, won the cup as 301 Field Day queen. She also received a \$100 bond. Antoinette Restina, Bldg. 12, with 125,550 votes, won a \$50 bond and Thelma Willey, Bldg. 24, with 94,652, won a \$25 bond. Costume jewelry was awarded the other two girls, Ann De Celli, Bldg. 53, with 94,650 votes, and Alice Mattice, Bldg. 66, with 92,850.

The Field Day queen was one of the players on the 301 girls' softball team in the afternoon. A girls' UE team from the Pittsfield, Mass., GE plant defeated the 301 players 5 to 3. In the men's softball game, the Padone Brothers team beat the Welcome Inn team 7 to 6. A cup was awarded to each winning team. In the wrestling matches, John Stahias was victor over Bull Mon-

tana and John Bousa over Steve Budynas. The boxing bout between Leo Montenegro and Tony Berone was a draw. Chief Shop Steward William Mastriani, referee for these events, was accidentally injured by one of the wrestlers and had to stay home from work Monday.

Entertainment included songs and guitar numbers by Jerry Cole, songs by John William Hurd, a banjo duet by Warren Kilmer and Warren Kilmer, Jr. and a skit, "Blitzkrieg, 1948", written and directed by Dorothy Perlin.

The cast included Robert Reisner, Emil Radosovich, Sadie Iovinella, David Roykoff, Gordon Belgrave, Edward De Matteo, Frances Eisenstadt, Ann Koval and Salvatore Maletta.

Technical assistants were: lights, John Marqusee; sound, Vernard Levick; curtain, Edward J. La Bombard, Jr. and Salvatore Maletta; properties, Jean Schwartz, and scenery, William Strouby.

Look for Your Name In This Prize List

Many Field Day prizes are at the union office, 301 Liberty St., until they are claimed by their winners. Others were collected by the winners at Columbia Park. The list of prizes still unclaimed includes:

Electric irons, R. J. Threehouse, GE Fire Department, and John E. Montgomery, 91 Crystal St., Mechanville.

Electric clocks, Frank Greco, GE; A. Mathieson, Bldg. 62; J. Welch, 35 Wagner St., Schenectady; I. Poole, 11 Witbeck St., Schenectady, and Anna Rocci, 337 Parge St., Schenectady.

Electric toaster, Ellen Fodden, 760 Albany St., Schenectady; E. R. Wiczyk, 10 Cornell Blvd., Schenectady; E. Schultz, 1749 Van Cortland Ave., Schenectady, and Fay Marvin, Syracuse.

Nut dishes, William Affleck, Bldg. 17; C. Prewencki, 210 Campbell Rd., Schenectady; T. DeLorenzo, 2609 Turner Ave., Schenectady.

Serving trays, Walter Rielbas, 61 Milton Ave., Amstardam; J. C. Gerzeleki, 1618 Richard St., and C. Majewski, 399 Schenectady St., Schenectady.

Baby sets, Zimmerman, Bldg. 285, and A. Mongello, 2205 William St., Schenectady.

Thermos bottle, P. Smead, 513 Liberty St., Schenectady.

Pressure cooker, E. Ward, 640 Brandywine Ave., Schenectady.

Cold pack canner, S. Batter, 219 Green St., Schenectady.

Ironing boards, J. Gero, 1419 Tenth Ave., Schenectady, and Del Sato, 429 E. Main St., Amstardam.

Table lamps, M. Maguire, GE Hospital, Bldg. 42; E. Pritchard, 2 Sanford St., Schenectady; C. Voight, Bldg. 49, and R. Marcle, 1579 Avenue H., Schenectady.

Electric mixer, R. E. Hill, Bldg. 46.

Set of dishes, L. Myers, Bldg. 106.

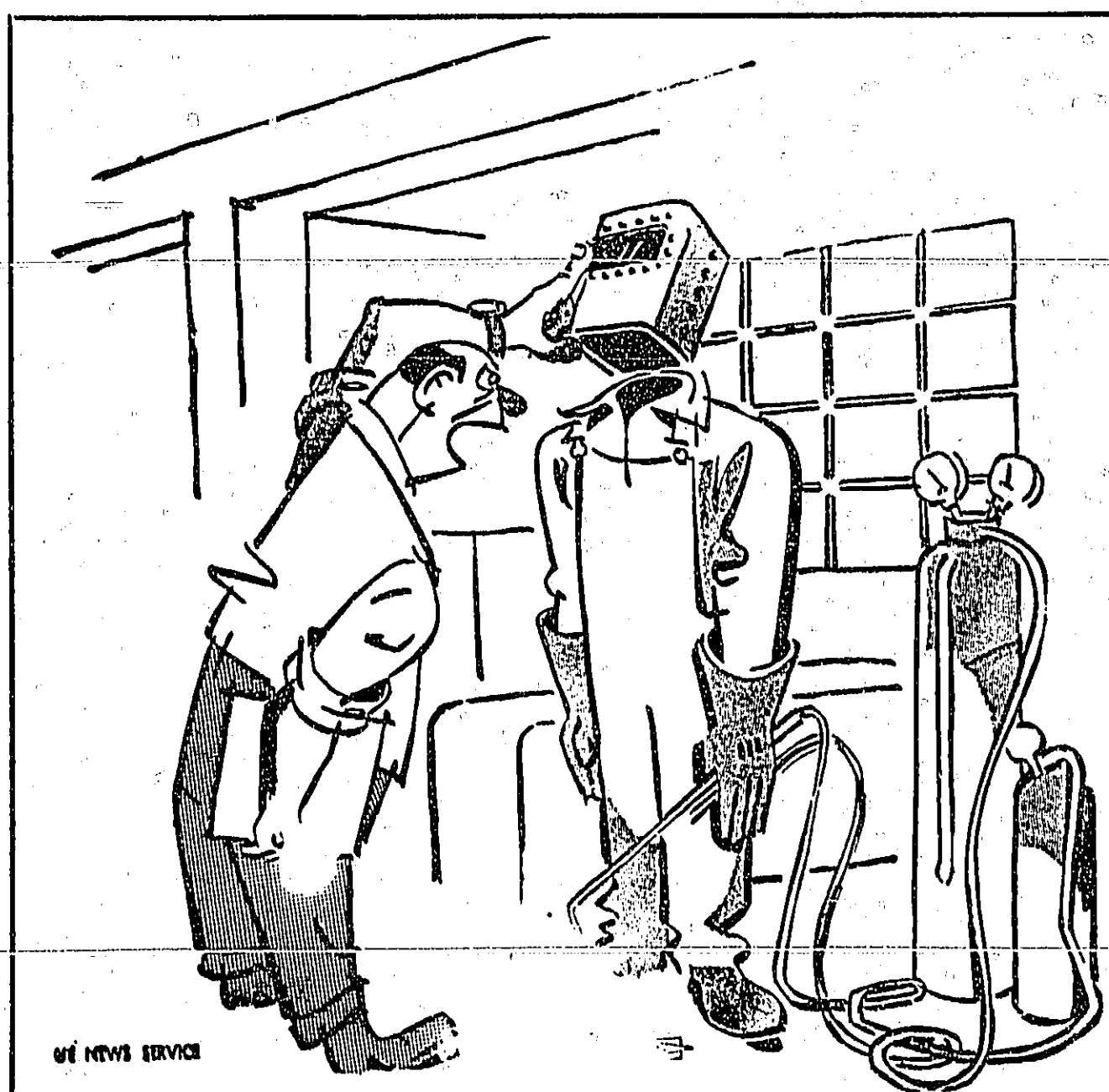
Hassocks, S. H. Smith, 114 Duane Ave., Schenectady, and Anno Fazio, 118 8th Ave., Schenectady.

Silver sets, Martin C. Rodlay,

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Drat that Perkins . . . Out for a smoke again . . .

1710 Watt St., Schenectady, and Mrs. A. B. Snyder, Scotia.

Poker chips, Follett, 1034 Beverly St., Schenectady.

Hat box, Peck, 826 Stanley St., Schenectady.

Radios, A. Johnson, and R. S. Beggs, 1305 Union St., Schenectady.

Smokers, E. Arzalek, 701 Albany St., Schenectady, and A. DeCarlo, New Inn.

Bridge lamps, L. Annulf, 206 Brandywine Ave., Schenectady, and Pulver, 1214 Curry Rd., Schenectady.

Hamper, W. A. Hudson, Bldg. 52.

Canadian GE Plant Joins Ranks of UE

Another Canadian GE plant has voted to be represented by UE. Workers at the plastics production plant at Cobourg chose UE by a vote of 82 to 16 in a consent election. UE now represents seven GE plants in Canada. The union has asked for immediate inclusion of the Cobourg works in negotiations for a master GE contract covering Canadian employees.

Win 15 Cents

Workers of the Detroit branch of the Wagner Electric Corporation have won a 15 cents per hour wage increase in their new contract negotiated by UE Local 937.

CIO Broadcast

The Capital District CIO Council has a radio program at 9:45 p.m. every Monday over WROW.

Transportation Group Hears Bus Official

Morton Lewis represented Local 301 Monday night at the meeting of the Schenectady Joint Legislative Transportation Committee at City Hall.

For the first time in this recent series of discussions of bus service, General Electric sent a representative, Wendell Nelson.

A. Frank Geiler, president of the Schenectady Railway Company, declared that if the company fails to obtain a \$900,000 loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation it will ask the city to take over the transportation business.

Geiler predicted that the loan would make it possible for the company to save \$60,000 on operating expenses the first year and to finance new buses and repairs.

The committee passed a resolution asking the RFC to grant the loan.

Exide Employees Win Raise, Other Benefits

The day a strike was scheduled by Exide workers in Philadelphia the company agreed to a wage increase of 11 cents an hour, vacation improvements and other benefits. There had been several demonstrations that week outside the plant.

Under this UE agreement, the workers will get a three weeks' vacation after 10 years' service. The employer-paid insurance plan will provide 26 weeks' sick benefit, instead of 13 weeks. Instead of the previous 10 cent night shift bonus, there will be a 10 per cent bonus.

A similar agreement was signed the next day covering Exide depots in Boston, Detroit and San Francisco.



Van Norman Strikers Fight Picketing Ban

An injunction issued by a Massachusetts judge forbids all picketing by officers and members of UE Local 213 in their strike against the Van Norman plant at Springfield. There has never been such a sweeping injunction in the history of Massachusetts. The union has filed an appeal.

More than 800 workers went on strike June 2 after the company refused to offer any pay increase during three months of negotiations. Picketing had been going on peacefully for over a month when the company obtained its injunction from Judge J. Arthur Baker in Suffolk County Superior Court, Boston.

Three weeks after the strike started, the company told a federal conciliator that management wasn't ready to settle the dispute yet "because the workers aren't hungry enough."

UE Persistence Wins \$5,426.10 Back Pay

Three GM Frigidaires workers at Dayton, Ohio, won a total of \$5,426.10 in back pay as a result of UE Local 801's persistent battle to protect its members against indiscriminate firing.

UE Committeeman Howard Julien, who was denied union representation prior to his discharge for "insubordination," was rehired with \$3,600 back pay after UE fought his grievance through five steps.

Brother Walter Kolter, fired for failing to report to work even though he was sick, collected \$1,476.10. Fred Liston, discharged for being absent for five days because he had a "sick pup" as well as a sick wife, got \$350.

Crafts Continue Pressure on GE

(Continued from Page 1)

that GE's craft rates are substantially lower than those of its competitors.

For example, in the Westinghouse home plant at East Pittsburgh, tool and die rates went to \$2.10 and \$2.15 before the last general increase, as against tops of \$1.75 and \$1.80 in Schenectady. Top rates for building tradesmen in that plant were \$2.00 to \$2.04, as against \$1.55 and \$1.60 here. He cited other rates in plants of Westinghouse and the General Motors Electrical Division.

Action Up to Workers

Jandreau declared that the men must decide for themselves what they want to do about the matter. He warned that "you should not underestimate the fight, because it will be a tough one." He noted that toolmakers in the Lynn and Pittsfield plants also were pushing for adjustments of their rates.

The steering committee representing the various crafts met Thursday night of last week. They recommended the two separate meetings this week and that the millmen coordinate any action they take with that of the building trades carpenters.

The building trades crafts are now in their fifth week of refusing to work overtime.

After Wednesday's walkout shop stewards reported that warning notices had been issued by supervision charging that the men walked out in violation of the contract.

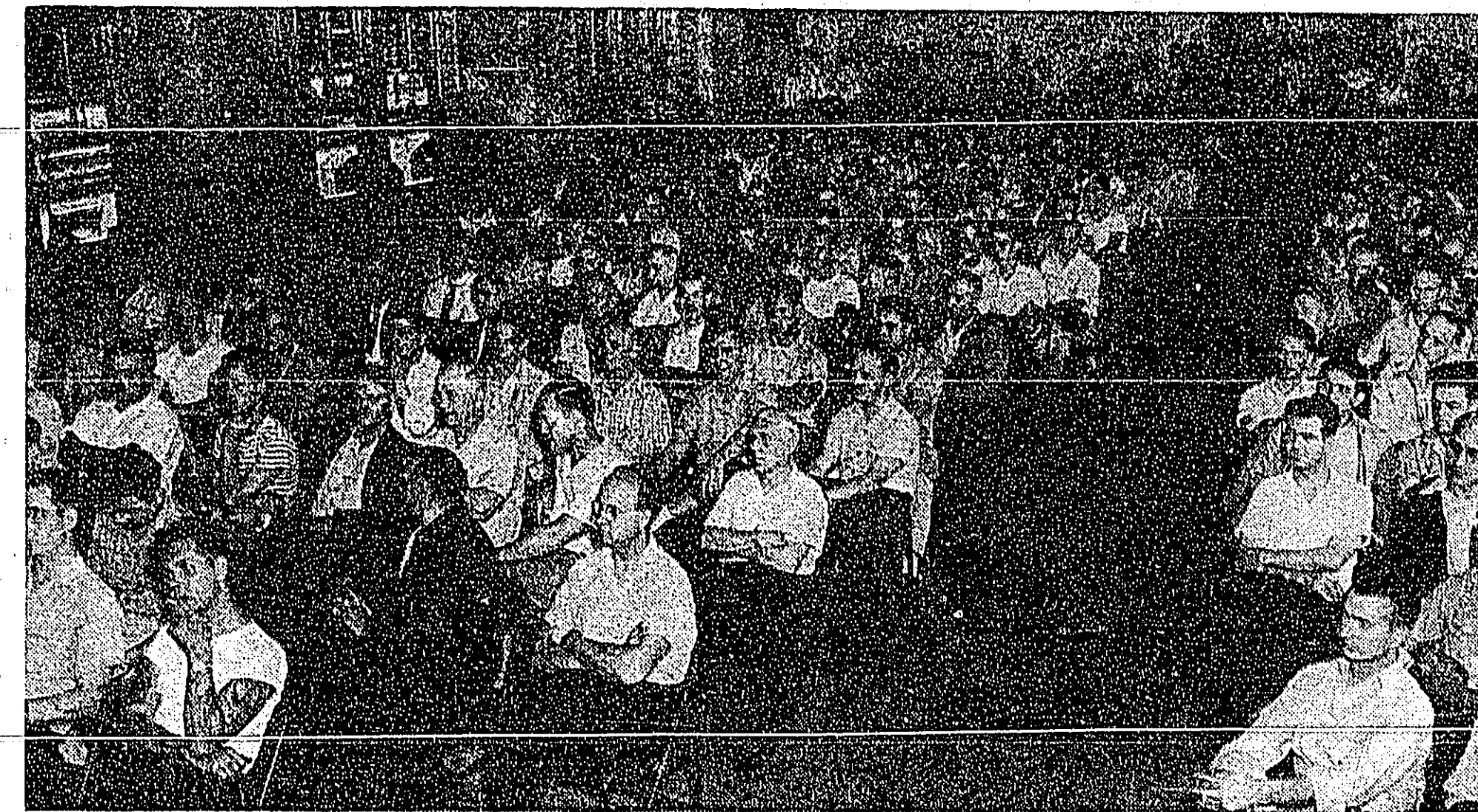
Jandreau Writes Howell

Business Agent Jandreau last week wrote a letter to J. M. Howell, works manager, pointing out that the walkout was entirely in line with the contract.

"We are not making an issue of the warning notices," Jandreau wrote, "for you know that we do not recognize them. However, we believe it necessary to record the fact that the statement in the warning notices is entirely incorrect. Union members are acting entirely within their rights in any action they take over the wage structure grievance, in view of the fact that Article XXIV, Section 5, forbids stoppages only 'until all the bargaining steps mentioned in the grievance procedure have been employed without success.' We have advised the members that they are free to make their own decisions as to what they will do with respect to this grievance."

The company has refused to adjust the rates or to submit the case to arbitration.

They Walked Off Their Jobs to Attend This Protest Meeting



The meeting of toolmakers, tool room machine operators, machinists (non-production), welders and millmen July 7 at the union hall. First shift workers left their jobs early to attend. They voted to continue demonstrations to get action from GE on their demands for higher rates for their skills.

Strike Vote Increases Canadian GE Pay Offer

A heavy strike vote at the GE plants at Toronto and Peterboro, Canada, made the company increase its wage offer from four to eight cents. The offer was made, however, only on condition that UE drop its demands on seniority, grievance procedure, pensions and health insurance.

The setting of a strike date will depend on progress made during negotiations. Minister of Labor Charles Daly sent telegrams to the locals and the company asking them to discuss the dispute with him. The strength of the strike vote, 12 to one, is believed responsible for this government action.

You Can Register Now To Vote in November

You don't have to wait till the four "registration days" in October to register to vote in the November elections.

Under the state election law, every county Board of Election has to allow people to register from June 1 through Sept. 20 at the Board office, during the regular office hours. You can also enroll in a political party at the same time in order to vote in the 1949 primaries. The Schenectady election commissioners are in the County Courthouse, 612 State St.

If you register now you won't have to worry about being absent or ill on the fall registration days.

Office Schedule Of 301 Attorney

Members of Local 301 can consult Marshall Perlin, 301 attorney, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. every Monday through Thursday at the union office, and can see him other times by special appointment.

The union provides his services, free of charge, for workmen's compensation cases, unemployment insurance claims, and other legal problems connected with members' employment.

Another UE Raise

The 1700 workers at the 1900 Corporation, St. Joseph, Mich., get 11 cents an hour more as the result of a new wage agreement negotiated by UE. Toolmakers and machine maintenance employees get an additional 10 cents, or a total of 21 cents.

Returns to Hawaii

Joseph Ah Kao, former 301 shop steward, has returned to his native Hawaii after 30 years, on a three months leave of absence from GE. During the war he played the guitar and ukele at many rallies to sell bonds or raise Red Cross funds.

Philadelphia Record

Wage increases for 2,000 members in 26 shops have been negotiated in the past two months by UE Local 155 at Philadelphia.

Maritime Officer Thanks EU News

Lieut. (j.g.) L. J. Califano, 1033 Forest Rd., Schenectady, of the maritime service wrote EU News a letter of thanks for the June 25 article pointing out the unfairness of Hugh Crane's tirade against the National Maritime Union in the June 18 Works News. Crane has been attacking various unions in his column in the GE paper.

"I was pleased to note how speedily and truthfully your paper tendered a reply in the behalf of so many seamen who will never know how unjustly they were portrayed in the GE paper," he wrote.

"I was mildly shocked when first reading the Crane column. Naturally, such a 'type' piece of erroneous writing will easily make the workers in Schenectady feel that going to sea is akin to making a trek to the '49 Gold Rush."

"I assure you that Mr. Crane's statements were incorrect because I was in a position to have the facts through personal experience."

14 Cent 'Package'

Exide workers at Chicago were in the midst of strike preparations when the company agreed to a "wage package" settlement of 14 cents an hour. There is an 11 cent minimum pay increase and the remaining three cents cover improved vacations and insurance. The agreement with UE Local 1150 also carried additional raises for several classifications.