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and religious or minority group to participate fully in our social, political and economic life.

Local 301 successfully negotiated with the Company an agreement or greater integra-tion of negro workers in the plant — and the upgrading of negroes according to their

Our local has successfully settled many cases of discrimination.

#### Political Action Program

To meet our responsibilities for the realization of victory policies, and to meet the new conditions facing labor because of the war, we have been compelled to broaden the political action work of our union. In the interest of our members, our political work has been geared to the solution of two major problems. One, the fight for win-the-war policies in every phase of our national life and, two political issues and activities affecting labor's gains and shop conditions.

#### Victory Peace and Jobs

Our Legislative program will be carried to the people of this community through our ward leaders headed with the slogan "VIC-TORY PEACE AND OBS". The 8 basic points of our program are as follows:

- . Winning the war and the peace our fore-
- 2. A general wage increase for all working people, and an immediate halt in price in-
- 3. Increase in government allowances for dependents of men and women in armed
- Taxes according to ability to pay.
- Weekly pay guarantee during conversion to civilian production.
- Jobs and security to returning service men and women and all civilians willing to work.
- Civil service appointment for all muni-
- 8. Protection of any minority against any form of discrimination

Our members in their respective wards will have to give the fullest support to their ward leaders to effectively make this program a part of the people's aspirations.

The preservation of our union and our union's gains and their extentions will depend upon the success of this program.

### The Electrical Union News

Every two weeks during the past six months, we have issued the Local 301 newspaper, the ELECTRICAL UNION NEWS. Each issue represents the distribution of 25,000 copies. This paper is gradually becoming a true voice of the rank and file members of our union.

Our members have been encouraged to write and submit articles about their shop problems in relation to the general welfare of the union. The reporters meet after every issue has been printed to review the articles and general make-up of the paper. One of our members is now drawing cartoons for our paper for a graphic presentation of our material.

These reporters' work and meet on their own time, with no cost to the union. The recognition we have given the contributors by using their names on articles have greatly encouraged them in their work.

In order to broaden the scope of the interest in the Electrical Unions News and further involve the community interests in the union, the reporters have organized a Schenectady Literary Club. We have had several educators and newspapermen give lectures to our reporters on literature and journalism. A careful cultivation of this work will eventually develop a group of writers with the "feel" of our membership.

#### Post War Planning

We have demonstrated that we have the knowledge, the skills the machines and resources to produce a "Gold Standard of Living" for every American. This is the objective for which we are now fighting and which must be accomplished in the peace.

We must recognize that it is essential to-day to lay the basis of plans for our post war period to meet the aspirations of the people for the post war.

First of all labor must fully participate at the peace conference table, in order to make sure the common people do not lose the peace

The following should be the basis for post war plans for the American working people, which we advocate:

Jobs and security to our members in the Armed Forces and their families.

Our men and women in the armed services are today concerned with the nation's first job, to win the war. It is our responsibility to make certain that their services will be honored by something more practical than returned soldier and sailor must be given opportunity for useful employment, and the security of his dependents must be guarante-

The members of the CIO will keep faith with their brothers-in-arms.

Jobs and security for every American will ing to work for full production and full em-Every able-bodied person in America must

be given the opportunity for useful work. The following proposals are made to achieve

Maintaining Our Union

The local union-doubled-its-size-during-the past five years. This was not caused by the Maintenance of Membership Clause negotiated n our 1943 contract.

The record of the Local has been such that those members who worked fo rthe Company before our Unon became organized, fully appreciate the Union's gains. These members have been and will be the supporters and protectors of our Union to assure the maintenance and continuation of the life of this Union in the Schenectady Works, whether or not there are compulsory methods in our

The maintenance clause was negotiated 1943 in order to release the effort devoted in that procedure, so that we could devote our entire effort in the maintenance and extension of the standards won by the union and to the added responsibilities brought upon us through our Union's all-out war effort.

There are rumors that some of the new weak or disgruntled members of this union may resign during the ten days provided in the contract.

The Officers and the Executive Board at this time, take the opportunity to notify these few weak-kneed members who are attempting to use the Union as a pawn for selfish interests during a war emergency. These members would provike this Union into a strike against the government which would bring about more anti union legislation and cripple the war effort. We are warning them that we have not provided a legal means of free-riding, or a means that would lead to the disintegration of our union for which many of us have worked hard to establish.

We built the Union without a maintenance of membership clause and we will not permit a maintenance clause to knock down what we

#### "TO NITE"

If you have the gift to make people laugh, cry, sing or just have a good time - or you know somebody with such talent — don't let it waste. Get in touch with the Activities Committee, phone 3-1386 or better still, come to the C. I. O. Hall, Wednesday, January 19th, at 7:30 P. M., when rehearsals will be

## 301 Talent Show



#### **FATHER-SON-TEAM**

One of the star acts discovered by the Activity Committee's Audition group is that of Bill Jeskie and his little son Freddie.

Bill does not claim to be an entertainer, but judging from the way he had the Audition Committee laughing, he is sure to make a hit. Bill's lingo is of the Farm Variety in which he tells of his adventure into the wonders of agriculture in the Bob Burns style. Freddie, his four-year-old son, also helps his dad out and brings their act to a bang-up finale with his own version of "Pistol Packin, Mamma" and "If I Had But Fifty

The Activities Committee is rapidly becoming familiar with the words and music to the most popular songs on the Hit Parade. What is more, they are developing a fine ear for the various renditions of these songs. They can actually tell the difference between a blues number and a swing version.

This new knowledge is a result of the auditions they have been giving to Union members who are trying out for the Big Talent Show, Local 301 is sponsoring, and which will be held at the Mt. Pleasant High School.

Quite a number of the members appeared before the Activities Committee have been accepted and the acts are in the process of being set up. Though not all the sections are yet represented, we already have some variety in entertainment and that of a promising

We have singers who swing it and "blues" singers — others who give clever take-offs of popular radio and screen performers. Then we have some dancers—also instrumentalists who perform on everything from trumpets, to Irish accordions. In addition there is an excellent chorus, a Hoosier band, and some

If this show is to really be a talent competition, more sections will have to enter their bids for a spot on the program. The sections which have responded to the call for

Campbell Avenue Plant — Building 89, 81, 84 and Buildings 46, 66 and 69.

The entertainers are both amateur and professional. If it is good entertainment, it is accepted by the auditioning committee.

The show to be successful should represent more buildings than we have listed abov The committee is very confident that the Works contains abundant talent. They was to give this talent a spot. They therefore ar calling on all committeemen and individu members to bestir themselves and respon to the Talent Call.

# ELECTRICAL

be drawn between these two. If any man tells you he leves America, yet hates labor, he is a liar. If any man tells you he trusts America yet he fears labor, he is a fool. There is no America without labor, and to floore the one is to rob the other." - ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



SCHENECTADY, N. Y. — FEBRUARY 2, 1944

United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America — Local 301

## GENERAL OFFICERS

BALLOTING FOR GENERAL OFFICERS TAKES PLACE AT THE

C. I. O. HALL

Erie Boulevard, Cor. Liberty Street Schenectady, New York

Friday, February 11th 1 p. m. to 9 p. m. Saturday, February 12th 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

> CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL OFFICERS NOMINATED BY MEMBERSHIP JANUARY 16, 1944

PRESIDENT

**Edward Wallingford** Vincent Maloney

VICE-PRESIDENT Frank Emspak RECORDING SECRETARY William Cooke Peter Peterson

ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY William Hodges TREASURER

Seymour Schreiter

FINANCIAL SECRETARY S. M. Vottis Fay Marvin CHIEF SHOP STEWARD

Roy Lash Fred Matern Christian Herbeck **BUSINESS AGENT** 

Leo Jandreau SARGEANT-AT-ARMS William Mastriani

John Richardson

R. R. Anderson, Bldg. 17 Robert Anderson, Bldg. 16

Dave Fisher James Kelly Albert Davis Sam Yoskowitz Merrill E. Small

All Members of Local 301 Desiring to Vote Must Have Their Check Stub of their G. E. Pay Check which will be Paid the First and Second of February showing the Union Dues Deductions for February.

Signed: ELECTION COMMITTEE.

**HEARING THINGS** 



"Psst . I just learned these opera stars belong to a union."

Labor To Tell FDR Cost of Living Is Up 45 Per Cent Now

NEW YORK-(FP)-Sharply contradicting the figures of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, the labor representatives of President Roosevelt's special commission investigating the cost of living will report in Washington that the rise is over 45 per cent and not 23 per cent as the federal agency claims. The advance figures were announced here by CIO Gen.

'Preserve the Union at Any Expnse'

Counsel Lee Pressman at a political action rally.

Union members in the armed services are staunch labor propagandists with their fellow servicemen. They know that America wouldn't be America after the war without unions. Here is what Sgt. Clarence Seiberlich of the Milwaukee Cemetery Local, United Cannery Agricultural Packing and Allied Workers (CIO), wrote home:

"Every man overeas hopes and prays that the unions won't break. I can easily understand that men change jobs and leave our union, in order to get big money in defense jobs. But this will all come to an end. Then what will happen to our wages in the cemeteries without a

"Just what will we have when we return home and find out you have not done the job to keep the union? Try to talk to all the men and women to preserve the union at any expense. Mention my name as a good union man."

CIO Headquarters Schenectady, N. Y.

I have left the employ of the General Electric Company and would like to have a withdrawal card. I left there as of January 8, 1944.

Walter L. Munger, Check 74372, Building 60, 3rd floor West. I. C. Panel Dept. Charles Downey was

The U. E. Local 301 is the first union I have been in where the union gave the working man so much help and protection and I believe there can be no question as to the integrity of the officers and there willingness to advance the cause of unionism.

Thanking you, I am

Fraternally yours, WALTER MUNGER

ORIGINAL TORN

#### WHO'S WHO IN THE CIO TALENT SHOW

Now that the Show is beginning to take on a definite form, we can relax a little and tell you about some of the people who are contributing their professional experience toward making the Show a success.

The three directors are all Union members from the Transmitter Section, and they are volunteering their time to rehearse and stage the Show. Here are their snapshorts.

#### RAYMOND BENTZ

A professional entertainer from the age of 10 years. In 1924 and 1925, he established a record. He was the first xylophonist to broadcast on a coast to coast hook-up over WGY He has been the leader of several dance orchestras playing at night clubs and colleges throughout the State. And to top it all, he served in the Navy as Musician First Class, at which time he played for the Presidential Inaugural Party in 1928. He is also an excellent drummer. SAL D'AMICO

Originally from New York City, Brother D'Amico danced in about 34 states, doing exhibition ballroom dancing. In addition to having his own dancing school in Brooklyn, N.Y., he entertained at the Hotels Edison and Taft, where he and his partner danced under the stage name of "Don and Wanita". Besides being a dancer, Sal has also sung professionally. FRANK IRICK

Brother Irick's experience has been strictly on the funny side. His background includes years on the vaudeville stage and six years as a night club owner and entertainer. He is happiest when his audience grins from exit to exit. As one of his admirers put it, "Frank is a good comedian, who never lays eggs. He holds the reputation of being the heaviest tap dancer in the Capitol District . . . . a mere 275 pounds of rhythm.

Although we said the show is taking on a definite form, we do need some additional dancers and comedians. A good, colorful group of folk dancers would be a bright attraction to the Show. And, if you play some musical instrument, don't hesitate to appear at rehearsals — we are organizing an

Rehearsals will be held Wednesday, February 2nd and Monday, February 7th at 7:30 P. M., CIO Hall.

on Thursday, February 3rd at 1:00 P. M., will be on hand at CIO Hall every Thursday CIO Hall.

The date for the Show is MARCH 17th and 18th, to be given at the Mont Pleasant High

#### "... To Unite Our People"

A Negro soldier in a quartermaster outfit at Fort Clark, Tex., sent \$40 (all that was left of hs pay for the month after necessary deductions) to the Natl. Assn. for Advance ment of Colored People. Here are a few lines from the letter that came with the money. We think it might be a good idea for as many workers as possible, white and Negro, to read this:

"I am a Negro soldier 23 years old. I will not fight or die in vain. If I fight, suffer, or die, it will be for the freedom of every black man to live equally with other men. Any black man. My life is dedicated to this. If life in the U.S. is right as it is lived today, then I would rather be dead.

"Enclosed is \$40, my month's pay. Very little. I admit, but I could use it to try to have some fun, for I am as human as any of my friends. But I cannot drug myself against this false way of life, we live every day. Even at night I do not rest. Forty dollars is not much and I am really ashamed to offer it, but if it will help to unite our people, I offer it gladly. This I say simply but humb-

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10D. WALLINGFORD



#### Services For Union Members

Do you need assistance in filling out compensation forms? Are you having difficulty obtaining a release, despite the fact that your reasons for getting one are good? Do you have any other problems, outside of the shop, such as housing or care for children?

The Legislative Committee of the Capitol District Council, CIO, has offered its services to Union members in clearing these problems.

Acting for the Capitol District Council, Rehearsals for night workers will be held Tony Barbieri and Ray Nusser of Local 2054 from 2:00 to 6:00 P. M. to handle compensation cases for union members in this district. These men are experts in compensation work and will give advice and help in filling out the necessary forms. CIO workers from any local in the district are urged to bring their compensation problems to these men. If it is not possible to call at this time, an appointment can be arranged through the office of Local 2054 or Local 301.

> On Wednesdays, Bob Anderson of 301 will be at CIO Hall from 9:30 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. to assist members desiring releases. Union Members having job release problems are urged to get in touch with him for advice and information. The Union has had some success with the U. S. E. S. and the War Manpower Area Commttee in arranging for reeases in disputed cases.

Sidney Friedlander of 301 will be at CIO Hall from 4:30 to 7:00 P. M. Wednesdays and will interview volunteers for work with the Capitol District Council. He will also discuss general welfare problems confronting

Sam Yoskowitz of 301 will be at ClO Hall from 9:30 A. M. to 1:00 P. M. on Thursdays and will handle housing cases. Anyone having difficulty in securing proper-housing is urged to communicate with him at this time.

Volunteer workers are needed to help extend the work of this committee. Many questions have been received concerning child are facilities in the area and volunteer research workers are wanted to help in these

At present the committee is conducting an investigation into the district's housing facilities. It has also succeeded in settling several compensation and release cases. An opportunity is afforded to socially minded people to do fine work in many fields of aclivity. Any union member can participate.

#### CASUALTIES ON THE PRODUCTION FRONT By EDITORS

U. S. Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimso deemed it necessary to take a crack American Labor, raising the strike scal when speaking in behalf of the national service law.

In light of authoritative statements made by Office of War Information and the Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, we tell Stimson to go fly a kite.

For the record and not because we approve of strikes in war industry here are some facts which Secretary Stimson ignored when he smeared American workers by exaggerating the importance of strikes.

The Office of War Information asserted last week that accidental deaths and injuries in war plants caused the loss of 270,000,000 man days a year or the equivalent of the withdrawal of 900,000 workers for a full

OWI reported that industrial casualties since Pearl Harbor aggregated 37,600 dead - 7,500 more than the military dead and 210,000 permanently disabled and 4,500,000 temporarily disabled, or 60 times the number of military wounded and missing.

Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Chief of the Army's Services of Supply, and Donald Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, praised labor's record in war production last week. Somervell's statement saying: "The War Department is most grateful for the almost unbelievable production record achieved in 1943 and recognizes this record to have been a major contribution to the success of the armed forces of the United Nations."

#### WAR PROFITS

Testifying from PM's disclosures on corporation profits, Phillip Murray, President of the CIO, noted that corporation profits as calculated by the Commerce Department had gone up to \$22,800,000,000 in 1943 before taxes and \$8,200,000,000 after taxes. He also cited Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson's estimate that corporations have virtual postwar reserves of \$42,000,000,000.

"These figures stagger the imagination of the American people," Murray told the Committee, "and war workers wonder what it's all about. They are expressing concern over the future when these terrifying profits are being extracted out of the war.

Recalling that the last war, with lower profits resulted in 23,000 millionaires. Murray said "it is difficult to prognosticate the number of millionaires this war is going to

Comparing these profits with living conditions among war workers, Murray said the CIO's Cost of Living survey showed living costs had gone up about 50 per cent since January, 1941, instead of the 23.4 per cent shown by the BLS' cost of living index.

Charging that Congress had railed to provide adequate appropriations for subsidies and OPA price controls. Murray said "unfortunately the stabilization law has not been properly administered." He said "Tremendous national confusion and misunderstanding" had resulted from failure of the BLS to provide proper factual information on living costs."

#### Poor Mr. Grace Will Struggle Through 1944 on \$221,000

NEW YORK-(FP)-With lots of publicity. Pres. Eugene C. Grace of the Bethlehem Steel Compannounced that he and other executive officers of the company had volunteered to give up a large part of their "incentive pay" in 1944, also in 1943.

This reduction amounted to 58.8% for Grace, who made \$537,724 a year, before he began to feel so unselfish. Now he is going to make only \$221,645—giving up all the rest of his "salary and special incentive pay" to

Bethlehem Steel's profits for 1943, after taxes and other deductions, was \$32,124,592, compared to \$25,000,000 in 1942. In addition \$18,000,000 was added to reserves, bringing them\_up\_to\_\$51.000.000.

#### BUILDING 81—William Mastriani The Fourth War Bond Rally held uesday, January 25 at noon met a ery good response from the em-loyees of Building &1. The main ommittee which was composed of Ir. A. J. Graham for management, Lies Amedia Marocco, represented

February 2, 1944

e employees and yours truly represented the union. We are all members of the treasury department, who are trying to do a good job in putting the drive for the sale of War Bonds over with a bang.

The committeemen and foremen of the building helped our committee in arranging our highly successful measure. Other seven organizations

radio artist group of WSNY known the National Association for the Adus. They really send chills up your National Women's Trade Union Leaback singing — My Home Town, gue, the League of Women Shoppers These boys are all CIO members. In and Consumers' Union. my opinion they are wasting their time with small time stuff. They should be up in the high professional brackets.

Our committee wishes to thank Mike Gianettis' Rhythm Trio for giving us an earful of good music, Miss Anna Fey for her singing of God Bless America, National Anthem, and That Soldier of Mine, Milt Pearlman for the taps, Edward Canzelmeyer for the accompaniment on piano, Mike Della Rocco and his crew for helping make the rally a real suc-

The committee out selling bonds include Mr. Harry William, John Clune, Leo Ackenbrack, Sante Fazio, William Harris, E. Streule, William Mastriani, John Grant, C. Pudney, Fay Wittaker, P. DiDonato, Frank Archer, Estelle Bigelow, Cora Jess. Mary Jacobie, Tom O'Malley, G. Repice, A. Keba, J. Collburn, A. Peniston, Phoebe Sherman, Nellie Sherman, R. Stanco, J. Manny, Delio Bertrand, Marion Helderbrand, Harvett

Yours truly took time out to attend the 2nd shift bond rally. Really brothers and sisters it was terrific. It was the best show I have ever seen

Those who participated were Brother Glenn, who did a splendid job as master of ceremonies, with his talent he should go places; Mr. R. wedell both gave fine talks; Charlie, our chairman for the 2nd shift for of the credit union. It was also a the union was in rare form; Mrs. Dor- year of radical changes. othey Quattrocchi really brought the

both rallies and I'm telling you folks anytime. Thanks a lot.

John Dodson and Sal D'Amico and Co. are really doing a job on activi- sand dollars of interest bearing ties. They head the activities committee of Building 81. They reported that the CIO stage show is well un- securities plus the small earnings on derway and rehearsals are being held every Wednesday night at 7:30 P. M. ings. Therefore, your Board of Di-At present dancers and comedians rectors can and do recommend a are very much in need. The show is devidend of 2 percent to our sharescheduled for the middle of March. Anyone wishing to take part please

of Test in Building 81. at the 2nd shift Bond Rally. Carl is our treasurer for several years. really an actor and also a composer

Mary Belenic from drill press 2nd Ninety-nine per cent of the mem-

Fay Whittaker of Test in Building
81 is doing a wonderful job in organizing test upto date. He reports
80 percent. Well, fellows how about

Rose Carbone and Bucholski

Jean Laux our file clerk went home
for the week end to visit her brother
who was home on furlough. Jean was getting your brother or sister in signing a union card and making this New York. department 100 per cent. CIO -



CIO WIN THE WAR TAX BILL By Marshall White, Legislatice Com. A group of eight organizations led by CIO, seeking properatax laws and demanding revision of the Senate

tax bill, have again joined in an appeal to Congress for an adequate are: The National Lawyers' Guild, We of the first shift were very the National Farmers Union, the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, vancement of Colored People, the

> The statement by these organizations pointed out the completely unfair and inadequate character of the tax bills before Congress, calling the Senate bill "worse than the inadequate bill approved by the House" Failure of the Senate to increase taxes on corporations as recommended by the Treasury and the continuation of the Victory Tax on nine million income married couples were condemned in the joint statement. Specific demands raised by the eight groups are:

An increase in the corporate tax tax to all corporate profits above and the guns. We made them and Something must be done. But I ar 4 to 5 per cent, with elimination of in tremendous quantity. And it's be- just a bench what can I do. the alternative method for computing cause of our efforts in factory, excess profits based on normal profits in prior years. Increased rates and lower exemp-

tions for estates and gifts. Elimination of special privilege loopholes in joint income tax returns. taxation of tax exempt Governmental centage depletion allowances for oil

Increased personal taxes on incomes above \$3,000 a year, with a \$25.000 ceiling on net incomes after

BUILDING 60-Fred Matern The Board of Directors of the G. E. Turbine Credit Union, No. Wilcox, and our own Charlie Hor- 1884, report the year of 1943 as another successful year in the history

With much misgiving your officers crowd down in tears, and gave a talk witnessed the credit union take on right from her heart. This to my esti- the status of an investment trust. The number of loans decreased to Mr. James Burinson, better known 379 and the loan balance decreased to as "Curly" was the main speaker for less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000). At the same time funds poured into our treasury until our er that he has always been. We were assets rose to the staggering total glad to have you down Mr. Burnison. of 130 thousand dollars. Putting this The doors of 81 are open to you money to work was a serious problem for your board of directors which we operate. Nevertheless, 83 thou-

securities have been purchased. The low rate of interest on these loans have cut deep into our earn-

Your Board of Directors is very contact Mr. Dodson and Mr. D'Amico sorry to announce the recent retirement of your treasurer because Carl (Yehudi) Puliapico did a of ill health. He is the charter memswell job in leading his 10 piece band ber of our credit union and has been

Your Board of Directors also take of music. He wrote, composed and this opportunity to extend our aparranged the lyric for his new song preciation and thanks to everyone -Live the American Way. Bill Scan- who assisted in carrying on the work lon sang the song and had to sing it of our credit union. Especially your twice because of the great applause. credit committee, supervising com-It certainly was good. Nice going mittee, and the entertainment com-

shift has just returned from a recent bers of the credit union belong to appendicitis operation. Mary claims, Local 301. There are approximately "that is one thing I will not have to 1,500 members in the credit union." BUILDING 10A-

all smiles. Her home is Stampford.

A letter from our co-worker, Rudy Palmer was received. Glad to hear he is getting better and is now on

WAR BOND BOOSTER

Brother John Boyle, a union com mitteeman from the Industrial Contrel Department and a member of the Legislative Committee held the largest Fourth War Loan Rally in the Industrial Control a few nights

Brother Boyle has the following to\_say\_concerning the workers par-ticipation in the war effort: "America is proud of its workers. Labor has never done a bigger job. Our



progress in the war is marked by our handiwork. We have built the that soldiers and workers work toships and the tanks and the planes. gether for one great cause because Application of the excess profits. We made the bombs and the shells one cannot do without the other. forge, and field that our fighting men have been equipped with fighting TINSMITH DEPARTMENT 52-

But there is another job all Ameri-

nation's welfare in war and in peace: but the hopes and dreams of every American for the safety of our loved ones at the fighting fronts, for our children here at home, for our own security today and tomorrow. Purchasing War Bonds does not represent merely an investment of a few dollars; it represents all that we have all that we hope to be. Let's use our money more intelligently, therefore, by investing in victory and planning

We want all of you to join our roller skating parties. See Marion Richmyer, Irving Hartman or me for time and place. . . . Jimmy Dunn can't convince the guys where he went uptown after work. None of their business anyway. Is it Jimmy? . . Ask Roy Bassler how come got pinched with a bunch of Gypsies. It's a long, long, story, ain't it Roy? . . . Effie Arnold didn't get snared while she was out. She was just sick. Andy Cockwood would like to know where Gus Bush spent the other 381/2 years. . . . If you think you have troubles, see Carl Ossenfort. Getting warm isn't it? . . . Wonder where "Scotchie" Mullens gets the gas to make all those long trips. Black market stuff, eh Pete? Have you seen the cute little pistol that Marg Boone wears? Would you call her pistol packin' mama? . . . Seen Art Anderson & Co. hot dogging it running his own job. They know he . . . D'ja notice Bob Bowman fogging you, did it Bob? . . . Dottie Phillips

looks swell now that she's back and

didn't hold out till Easter. Off the

You have neard tell of the benches in the war plants. Well I am one of them. I am not happy anymore. You see it is because I am empty. There is nobody working on me. My top has been cleared off and I am bare. I do feel undressed. It cannot be that the war is over because I was talking to Bennie Bench and he said that the war is far from being won. Then why am I empty. I can see from where I stand that other benches are ust as bare as I am.

Bennie who is the next bench to me, I forgot to tell you before, said that just the other day someone laid a paper on him and he could see that the boys who are fighting and giving their lives were told that the workers are going on strike in every war plant. Now I am mad because that is not so. These people were layed off. The production is being cut down in every possible way. "Oh no! I am wrong. Please excuse me. Just the other day two class B assemblers were sent here on my bench to assemble nuts and screws. Isn't that

Who are the men behind the production. Let you and I Bennie stop and think for a minute. What if our soldiers were layed off for one or two days. What would happen. Why this country would be over run with Japs and Nazis in no time. Then why should these men and women be layed off now. Bennie you and I know

L. Frederick The new girl is Caroline Sinatra. cans have and it's a job they cannot We wonder if she is related to the evade. It's the job providing the fin- famous Frank Sinatra? ' ' The boys ancial sinews to meet the stagger- took up a collection for Pete Stairs ing costs of the war. If we are to to finance a hair cut. To date Pete win this war, and the peace as well, is still under the wool. . . . Ben Borzy then every income earner in Ameri- was seen giving his boos some jelly ca must supply his Government in donuts. Not so dumb our little Benny. greater measure with the funds it . . . Al Howe is in the market for needs to prosecute the war to a suc- safety shoes now that he has a cessful conclusion. This is a respon- smashed toe. . . . Bob Rosenthall due sibility no American citizens can to a couple of sore fingers is known evade; it is a responsibility no pa- these days as the one armed bandit. triotic citizen would dream of evad- . . . Through this paper Harriet Nye had a visitor in the shop the other What is at stake is not only our day. It seems this fellow saw the name Nye in this column. That being to see if by chance they were related. (Note) By the gleam in Harriet's eyes I'd say those wedding bells are that Lee Hutta is now raising baby chicks. . . . Frank Nappi goes around with his keys in his hands these days. It seems he is afraid to lay them down. I wonder why? . . . Ken Good-

berldt is with us again after two weeks of illness. . . . Claud Francis is on the sick list. . . . Bernie Balkazar and Carman Orapala have been inducted into the U.S. Navy. . . . Dave Crabb has been inducted into the Army. Good luck and speedy return, fellows! . . . Ann McHennon reports her boy friend is now down in New York City. . . . Mary James is going to march down the isle to say those fatal words. "I do" on January 22nd, (So she tells). . . . It seems strange that when the Red Cross needs blood donors so badly that more people don't go down. It also seems strange when you check the number of employees in the Department and check the number of lood donors. You find that the percentage that gave blood is less than 110 per cent. So let's go fellows and make it 100 per cent if possible. . . . (Note) Building 109 had over 300 employees and only 76 promised to go to the blood bank. Some people can't be natriotic unless it means some more money in their pocket. Bea Wall say she likes to have her husband bowl in the shop league on Wednesday nights because on the on Albany St. . . . The jig-bore gang way home he stops and buys her a couple of hot dogs with sauce, must ard, and onions. What price freeom! . . . We wonder why they are lding the walls in Steve Madje's edroom. . . Norm Huministon the proud father of a nine and one half pound baby girl. By the time this paper is printed Walt Crawford hould be a papa the second time.

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