

MEMBERSHIP ELECTS 385 STEWARDS, 329 REELECTED

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN RECOMMENDED by Allen E. Townsend

The General Electric Company currently is giving members of our Union who are enrolled in the hospitalization and insurance plan commonly known as the Corridor Plan the option of changing over to the Comprehensive Plan.

In our opinion, as of now, the Comprehensive Plan is the best of the two. This is due to several factors, some of which are as follows:

1. The charges for a hospital room have gone up substantially since 1955, but there is no provision in the Corridor Plan to increase the benefits paid for a room.
2. Doctors' charges for operations have increased substantially, but the maximum amount paid for these operations in the schedule has not been increased.
3. The charges for X-rays have also been increased, but the maximum amount paid for these X-rays in the schedule has not been raised.

In addition to these facts, we have checked several hospital cases and have made a comparison between the two plans. In almost 100 % of the cases, more benefits would have been paid under the Comprehensive Plan. Due to this, we urge our members currently in the Corridor Plan to change over to the Comprehensive Plan.

Approximately 6,000 members participated in the annual elections of Shop Stewards. The elections were held in the plant during lunch periods on all shifts. Supervising the nominations and elections in each section were one Executive Board Member and two assistants.

A total of 385 Shop Stewards were elected in all to serve for a term of one year. Henceforth, according to a revision in the Local's Constitution, future Shop Stewards will be elected to a term of two years, the same as Executive Board Members.

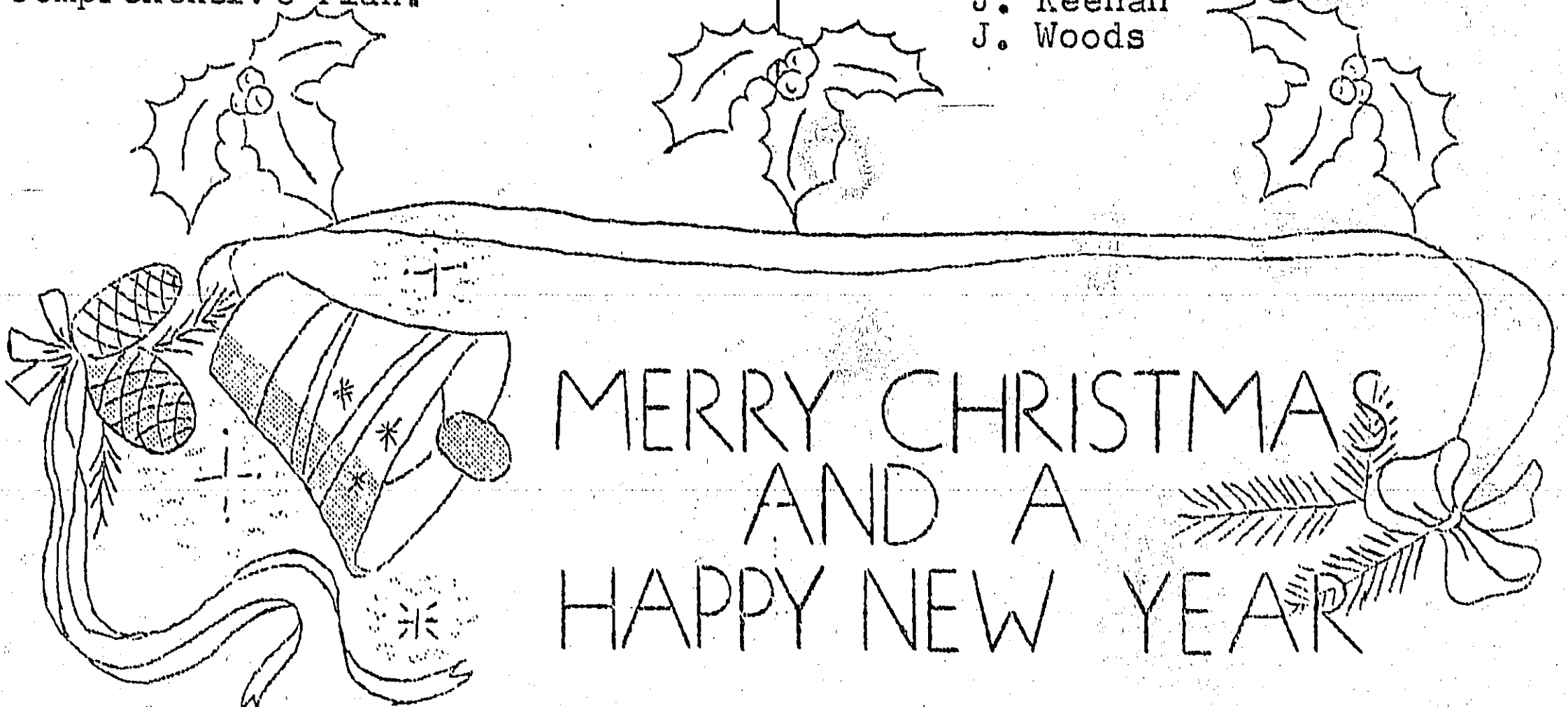
Of the 385 Stewards elected on December 13th and 14th, 1960, 329 of them were reelected to office and 56 will serve new terms.

All elections were held by secret ballot.

Members of the Election Comm. who are to be congratulated for the excellent work they performed during the recent elections are:

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| Larry Gebo | Ed Pendt |
| Miles Moon | W. Connors |
| L. Viscusi | Gus Kuder |
| John Saccocio | George Dreher |
| James White | John Di Giorgio |
| Victor Fiano | Al Aufiero |
| Kenneth VanEpps | John Laird |
| Leo Maloney | Henry Esposito |
| Joe Zalucki | H. Knost |
| Joe Marco | Sam Roberts |

- W. Di Bartolomeo
- Alex Daszewski
- Pat Lombardi
- J. Keenan
- J. Woods



JANDREAU CALLS ON CONGRESS
"TO PUT AMERICANS TO WORK"

In an effort to put the 4 million unemployed Americans back to work and encourage American Industry to expand here at home, Leo Jandreau sent a letter to Rep. Samuel S. Stratton calling for the enactment of legislation in the coming session of Congress "which would provide more jobs for Americans here at home."

It was pointed out in our edition of Local 301 News last week that American Industry has been investing at the rate of \$2 billion per year in foreign countries.

These same American companies are producing approximately \$35 billion worth of goods each year while employing about 3 million foreign workers...while the present unemployment rate here in the United States has passed the 4 million mark and is expected to reach 5.2 million by next January or February.

Jandreau stated that, "we in the labor movement believe that some sort of legislation should be introduced in the next session of Congress to discourage American Industry from investing in foreign countries and to encourage them to invest here at home and improve our own economic growth.

"This would help move the 3 million jobs now occupied by workers in foreign lands back into the U.S. of America and would greatly reduce our ever growing force of unemployed

"We are also in favor of the Buy American Act, Aid to Depressed Areas and other such programs which would put more Americans to work."

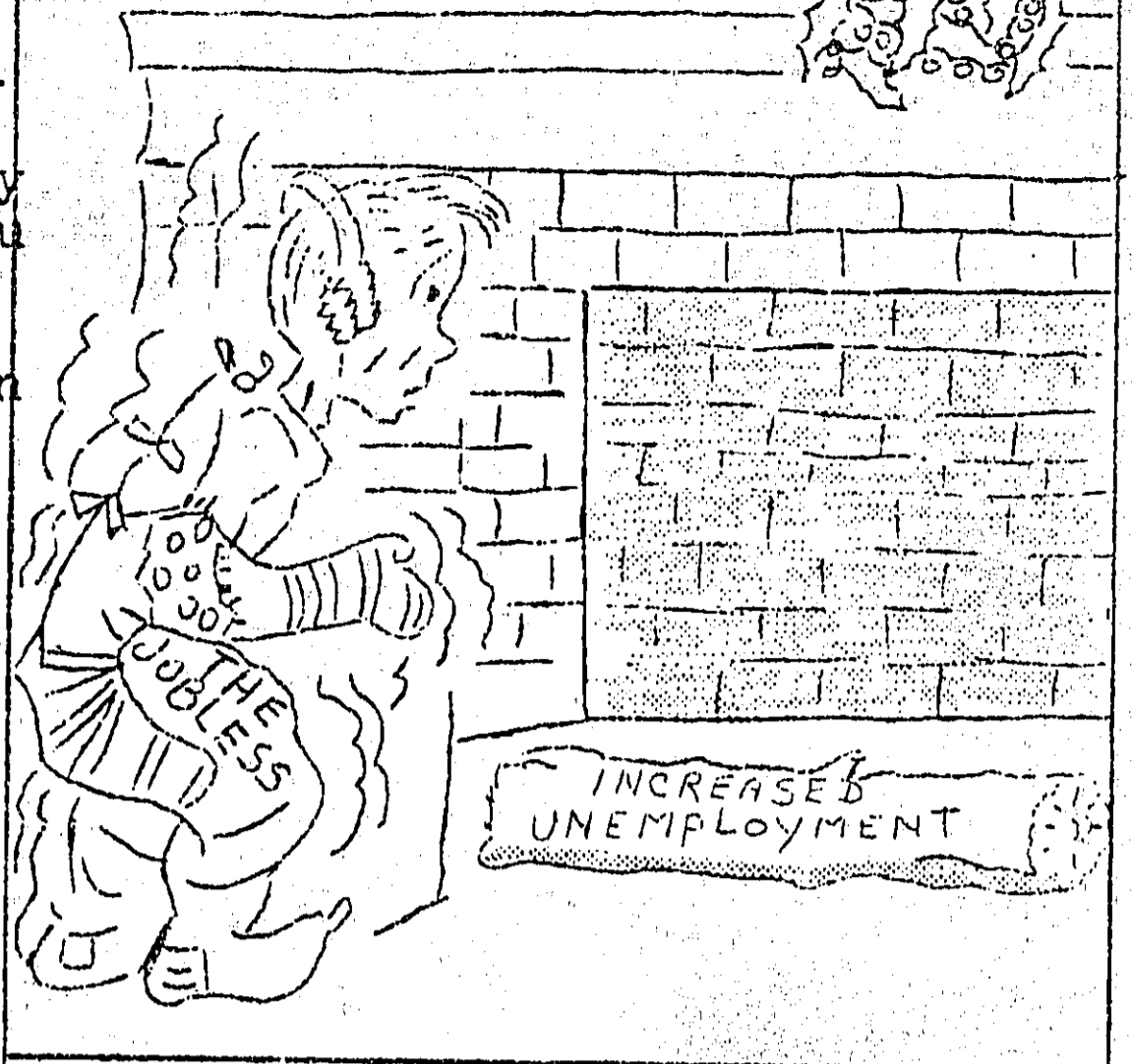
"THINGS TO THINK ABOUT"
by Frank Masterson

Once upon a time there was no labor organization as we know it today. The employer was "lord and master" of his employees! The following is a work rule program established by an employer who would today be an automobile manufacturer.

This happened in 1878 B.U.
(Before Unions).

1. Employees working here shall dust the benches, clean their machines and sweep the floor daily.
2. All windows shall be cleaned once a week.
3. Each employee shall bring his own bucket of water and scuttle of coal for the day's work.
4. Lamps shall be trimmed and chimneys shall be cleaned daily.

NOT MUCH WARMTH IN THIS YULE LOG!



DAIRY FARMERS SEEK SUPPORT

Cady Schoonover, President of the Dairy Farmers of America, addressed both Membership Meetings, last Monday, December 19th, to inform our members of the aims and goals of the DFA.

He explained that the DFA is a union organization representing the dairy farmers who want the right to bargain collectively with the corporations which buy their milk. Schoonover called for much needed legislation to protect the dairy farmers from the monopolistic milk corporations. The farmers do not enjoy the legal right to bargain collectively...they have little to say regarding milk prices and have no minimum wage law as far as the farmers are concerned. The average income of the dairy farmer in N.Y. State is \$1,500 per year; they do not have the right to vote by secret ballot and the farmers are obliged to pay dues set by the large co-ops, which do not have to issue financial statements to account for this fund.

The DFA is asking your support in urging that a corrective farm legislative program be enacted by Congress.

5. Working hours shall be 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every evening but the Sabbath. On the Sabbath, everyone is expected to be in the Lord's House.
6. All employees are expected to be in bed by 10 p.m.
7. After an employee has been with our firm for 5 years, he shall get an added payment of 5¢ per day, providing the firm has prospered in a manner to make it possible.

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ATTEND YOUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
SEE YOU THERE!