

Rock Island, Ill.—UE Local 822 has crushed an IUE-CIO raid at the Eagle Signal Corporation plant by a more than four to one majority. The vote was UE 267 and IUE-CIO 91.

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New York—Fifty-three Whalen drug stores in Metropolitan New York were struck last week by more than 700 workers demanding a 40-hour, five day week. The strikers, members of Local 1199 of the Distributive, Processing and Office Workers, walked out after a secret strike vote had produced only three negative ballots. The drug workers pointed out that they had been working six days a week, nights, Sundays and holidays without overtime at wages ranging from \$35 to \$72 a week.

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Philadelphia—UE Local 155 turned back an IUE-CIO raid at the key Hugh H. Eby Co. shop. The vote was 155 to 127 and came only three days after the IUE News had "reported" that the Eby workers had "formally disaffiliated" from UE. It marked the latest in the string of failures in the IUE campaign to break up Local 155 with a tremendous smear drive.

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Washington—Congress has passed a bill which gives Federal mine inspectors the right to shut down mines they deem to be unsafe. The passage of this legislation marked the successful conclusion of the United Mine Workers campaign to obtain effective, enforceable mine safety laws.

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Newark—Design draftsmen at the Westinghouse Meter plant have won a \$12 weekly wage increase and three months back pay as a result of a grievance filed by UE Local 426. The increase for salaried workers was proof that they had made no mistake when they voted last fall to return to UE after a sad spell of "do-nothing" representation by IUE-CIO. Another group of salaried workers in the same plant gained five dollar wage increases retroactive to the first of the year.

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Los Angeles—A last minute wage increase of 20 cents an hour and other contract improvements averted a strike of 2,800 employees of the Los Angeles Transit Co. The victory was scored by the AFL transit workers union.



DELEGATES

Pictured on the left are those elected at the Monday evening membership meeting. Seated are Helen Quirini, Leo Jandreau and William Stewart. Standing are William Mastriani, Frank D'Amico, James Cognetta and Lawrence Gebro. Below 301 President Cognetta congratulates Arthur Owens on his election at the second shift meeting while Lon Grauvreau, also elected, looks on.

Approve Purchase Of Building Site

The long search for a new site on which to build a UE Local 301 hall was completed Monday evening when the general membership approved the purchase of land on Van Guysling Ave, near Edison. The purchase price of the valuable plot of land, just two blocks from the General Electric Works, was \$16,000. All legal hitches had been straightened out by 301 attorney Leon Novak prior to presenting the proposed purchase for membership approval, and the deal had been agreed to by the Executive Board and the Building Committee.

The land extends for about 350 feet fronting on Van Guysling, and is 100 feet deep. Building plans are still indefinite but the hall is expected to include an auditorium with a seating capacity of at least 1,000. Recreational facilities are also planned for inclusion in the building.

If the construction plans go through, arrangements will be made to finance the erection of the new hall through the sale of mortgage certificate bonds to the membership. The union would have control of the new building through a separate corporation in which the local officers would be the directors.

The present home of Local 301, union hall at Liberty and Erie, is rented.



Local June Financial Report Reveals Monthly Balance of More Than \$4,000

UE Local 301 had a balance of over \$4,000 in its financial transactions during the month of June, the monthly financial statement of the union revealed.

Dance In Black

Last month's UE Local 301 Spring Dance made a small profit according to a report made by the union Activities Committee. The report declared that the dance was a success in accomplishing its major aim of bringing together hundreds of union members for an enjoyable evening. That, together with the financial success of the affair, assures the membership that there will be more such dances in the near future.

Congress Aides Forecast Price Rises

Prices, according to the old Bureau of Labor Statistics index, are already at an all time high, but they're going to be higher before long. That's the forecast of the staff of the joint congressional committee on the economic report in a memo to members this week. The memo predicted that retail prices would go up another one to three per cent within the next year. However, this prediction is based on the assumption that the government would be able to generally hold the line on prices with the new version of the Defense Production Act which actually kills all price controls. Congressional observers say that this will be impossible so that, in reality, the price increases that can be expected will be several times as great as the congressional staff prediction. Wages remain frozen.

Vote Against Reuther

Maintenance, the first important unit in UAW-CIO Ford Local 600 to vote since autoworkers' President Walter Reuther seized control of the local, has elected anti-Reuther officers.

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Chicago—The victory sign was up at the Michle factory here as 1,000 members of the UE Local 1114 went back to work after a nine week strike. The company, faced with complete solidarity of the workers, finally gave in and granted a 10 to 17 cents an hour wage increase. The company had been refusing to negotiate and engaging in a tremendous lie campaign in its futile efforts to break the strike.

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Port Monmouth, N. J.—Workers at the J. Howard Smith fish processing plant went on strike last week in support of the 5,000 menhaden (small commercial fish) fishermen who have been out since May. A spokesman for the International Fur and Leather Workers said the Smith workers had pledged to stay out until the fishermen's strike is won.

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Sidney, Ohio—Workers at the Gartland-Haswell Foundry have won a 14 1/2 cent an hour package wage increase, bringing their rates to the highest level in the community. The foundry employees belong to UE Local 776.

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Washington—The AFL International Council of Aluminum Workers has signed a contract with the Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) providing for wage increases and a cost-of-living escalator for 9,500 workers. The five-year pact ends a dispute which had been before the Wage Stabilization Board.

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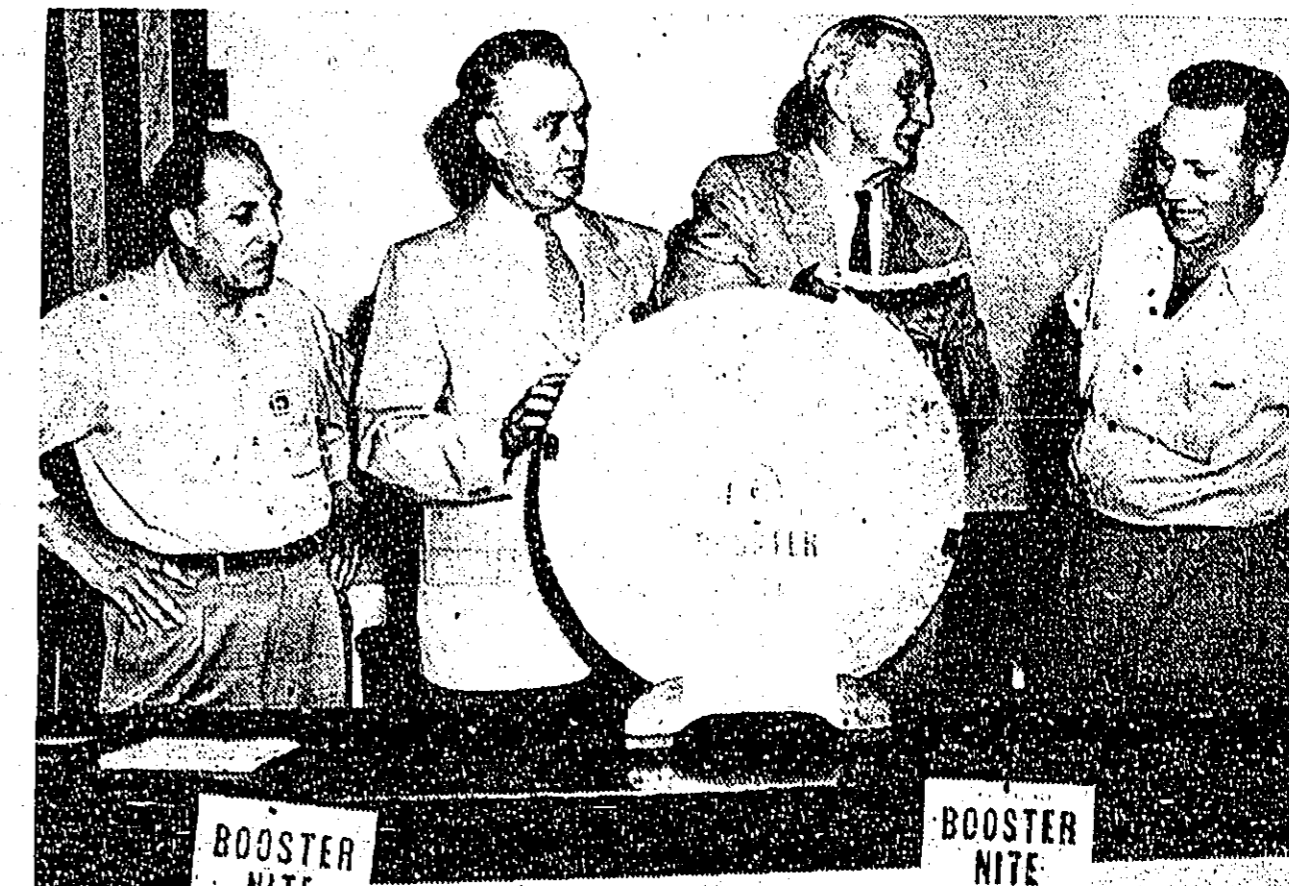
Cedar Rapids—UE Local 249 members have won a seven cents an hour wage increase retroactive to May 19 in negotiations under a reopening clause with the Johnson Gas and Appliance Co.

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New York—Workers at 53 Whalen drug stores in the Metropolitan area ended a walkout last week when the company agreed to grant them the 40-hour week they had been demanding. The shortening of the work week will take place in several stages. The victory was scored through Local 1199 of the Distributive, Processing and Office Workers of America.

Conference Board Proposals Demand 15c Wage Increase, Union Shop, Better Holidays

Demands for a 15 cent hourly wage increase and the union shop highlighted the list of proposed contract modification proposals adopted by the UE General Electric Conference Board at a meeting this past weekend. The proposals will now be sent for ratification to UE-GE locals across the country.



PICKING A WINNER. Fire Chief Edward Moffett reaches in to pick out a winning ticket in the UE Local 301 "Giveaway" drawing Monday afternoon. Waiting for the decision of the draw are President James Cognetta, Police Commissioner Joseph Foley and Activities Committee Chairman Bucky Phillips.

Building 89 Man Wins \$100 Top Prize In UE Local 301 "Giveaway" Drawing

The \$100 week's vacation for two, first prize in the UE Local 301 "Giveaway" drawing, was won this week by Harold Hanna of Building 89, who lives at 233 Locust Avenue in Amsterdam.

Hanna's lucky number and those of five other winners were drawn from a big rotating basket at the union hall Monday afternoon by Police Commissioner Joseph Foley and Fire Chief Edward Moffett.

Second Prize—a trip to a Broadway show with expenses up to \$75 for two persons—went to Mrs. Rose Marino, 14 Fifth Street, Scotia.

Third prize—a trip to New York for a Yankee ball game with expenses of up to \$50 for two persons—was won by Lena Nappi, 159 Front Street.

The fourth winner was Fred Geier of 317 Paige Street. He won a \$25 merchandise certificate.

Fifth prize—\$12.50 in gas coupons—was awarded to H. Samuels of 320 First Street in Albany.

The final award—two tickets to a Blue Jay game with expenses of up to five dollars—was won by Ronald Oliver of

117B Dartmouth Street.

The big winner, Hanna, told the EU News that this was the first time he had ever won anything in a drawing. He said that he would use the prize to join his wife, Grace, in a visit to her parents in Cleveland.

Jandreau Testimony Before Grand Jury Brief

UE Local 301 Business Agent Leo Jandreau appeared before a Federal Grand Jury in Albany last Friday.

That the hearings were completely a fishing party, arranged to coincide with preparations for forthcoming negotiations with General Electric, was clear both from the shortness of the testimony and from the type of questions asked of Jandreau.

Typical of the questions asked of the business agent was one on whether he had refused to salute the American Flag. Jandreau pointed out that every 301 membership meeting is opened with the pledge of allegiance, and that he never failed to join in.

After only 15 minutes of this sort of inquiry, the Jury excused Jandreau and wound up its business without taking any sort of action.

When the 301 leader was first subpoenaed, he immediately reported to the Executive Board and the membership meeting. Both bodies gave him an overwhelming vote of support and expressed confidence that whatever position he would take before the Grand Jury would be in the best interests of the union.

UE Files for Vote At East Pittsburgh

UE has filed for an NLRB election to regain bargaining rights for 13,500 production and maintenance workers at the huge Westinghouse East Pittsburgh works.

The filing of a petition capped a campaign which began when thousands of Westinghouse workers, disgusted with the do-nothing policies of the IUE-CIO, appealed for the UE to step in.

The plant went IUE in 1950 only after the Taft-Hartley board had rigged the bargaining unit to cut off the Nuttall plant which was solidly pro-UE. Even then, the CIO won a run-off election only by a few hundred votes out of more than 13,000.

UE attempted to obtain an election in East Pittsburgh last year, but a back-door agreement between IUE and Westinghouse, extending the contract for another year, prevented the vote.

Since then, the pro-UE sentiment in the shop has been steadily mounting, spurred by the CIO union's failure to fight company speed-up practices. A majority of the Westinghouse workers have already signed cards asking that UE be designated as their bargaining agent.

The return of the East Pittsburgh works to UE representation would mark a long step, not only toward reuniting the Westinghouse workers, but also toward ending the split throughout the electrical industry.



Lift Processed Produce Ceilings

Price curbs were lifted off of 90 per cent of all processed fruits and vegetables this week. The ceilings were removed in compliance with the new version of the Defense Production Act passed by Congress last month.

In lifting the curbs, Price Stabilizer Ellis Arnall predicted it would mean higher prices on many items. It was estimated that the decontrolled items constitute one-fifth of the average family's food budget. In effect, all fruits and vegetables, fresh, canned, frozen and dried, are now decontrolled since non-processed produce never had ceilings.

Many more price ceilings are expected to be lifted in the near future.

Wages remain frozen.

Collect Food and Money To Back Nuttall Strikers

The men and women of UE Local 301 dug into their pantries and pockets this week to help out fellow unionists who have been on strike for 14 weeks. The beneficiaries were the

Vote New Help for Cable Strikers Following Plea

The UE Local 301 Executive Board voted new measures of support to the General Cable strikers following a personal appeal made on Monday by three members of UE Local 331, which has been picketing the plant since June 1.

The appeal was made by 331 Board member John De Mario and two rank and file strikers, Joe Ross and Sisto Martinelli. They pointed out that speed-up, closely resembling the policy which the General Electric Company appears to be instituting in Schenectady, was one of the chief causes of the strike. The Rome strikers also stressed the company's determination to eliminate seniority rights.

The Board voted to recommend that the membership make additional contributions to the 1,300 Cable workers. It also agreed to set up the machinery for plant gate solicitation by a delegation from Rome.

The 331 representatives reported similar support from UE locals throughout the district, as well as contributions from the independent Mechanics Educational Society and the CIO autoworkers.

more than 600 members of UE Local 601 who were forced to walk out of the Westinghouse Nuttall plant near Pittsburgh because of company speed-up practices.

They got proceeds of a food and money collection taken up by the Schenectady local at the General Electric works gates on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The total amount collected had not been tabulated when this issue went to press, but first estimates indicated that enough had been taken in to provide substantial aid to the Nuttall strikers. Many of them have been deprived of unemployment insurance benefits by authorities obviously taking orders from the company.

The strikers have also been hit with a tremendous smear campaign, court injunctions and actual police attacks. On the other hand, the 601 men and women have received support from UE locals throughout the country.

The 301 food collection took added significance when it was learned that UE had petitioned for an NLRB election at East Pittsburgh. The workers there have shown mounting unrest at the IUE-CIO failure to fight on the same issues over which the Nuttall workers voted to strike.

Strict Job Outline Adherence Urged to Combat Speedup

A policy of strict adherence to job definitions as they exist under the contract was adopted by the UE Local 301 Executive Board Monday night in order to counter a growing company speed-up campaign.

Anti-Labor Drive Prolongs Strikes

As the tempo of the company drive against organized labor has increased, it has been marked by long strikes and lockouts forced on American working people by the big corporations.

The steel strike is the best publicized of the stoppages, but it is by no means the only one. UE across the country has been forced to hit the bricks in a number of plants. Closest to home is the General Cable walkout in Rome where 1,300 workers went out to block company attempts to cut the heart out of the contract. Near Pittsburgh, Westinghouse workers had to close down the Nuttall plant in order to block management speedup maneuvers.

In Wausau, Wisconsin, Marathon workers have been locked out by the employers for many months. Just as the Rome strike has been marked by solid support from the entire community, so has the Wausau lockout been notable for the complete unity of all of organized labor in the area behind the UE Local 1113 membership.

In Brooklyn, striking UE members at the American Safety Razor Co. plant have been bolstered by backing from CIO, AFL and independent locals.

The GHR foundry strike in Dayton, Ohio, is another marked by wide community and union support for united UE workers.

The move was taken after the board had heard reports of layoffs and speedup from Buildings 40 and 77. The board scheduled the following actions to meet the situation:

1. Meetings in all sections to outline the union policy in regard to layoffs, speedup and contractual job definitions.
2. A meeting of the Executive Board with top supervision to inform the company that from here on, Local 301 members would work only on their jobs as defined under the contract, and that such definitions would have to be clearly worded and without the usual phrase, "and related duties" tagged on to the end.

Building 77 sent a special delegation to the board meeting to tell of supervision's maneuvers in their area. This delegation consisted of Board Member Vince Di Lorenzo, Stewards Peter Pisano, William Wilson and Anthony Ralbovsky, and John J. Sheff.

They told of how supervision had for the past six months been combining jobs, by apparently upgrading some, but laying off other workers in the process. In all, 41 jobs have been lost in the chemical division, the delegation reported.

Spokesmen for workers in Buildings 40 and 273 reported enough similar experiences to make it clear that a works-wide management policy was shaping up.

Set Plans for Booster Night Baseball

The cry of "Play Ball" will be heard in Schenectady Stadium on Saturday evening, July 26, at 7:30 p.m., getting underway the UE Local 301 Booster Night game between the Blue Jays and the visiting Hartford Chiefs.

All tickets sold for the game through union channels will bring the local treasury 10 cents out of the regular one dollar admission tab. Half price children's tickets will bring five cents to Local 301. However, only tickets sold directly by the union fall under this plan, with tickets sold at the gate being regular admissions.

The union will offer several cash prizes to players of either team who turn in outstanding performances either at bat or on the mound.

Tickets will be sent to each shop steward for sale in their areas. They should be in the hands of the stewards, board members and officers by the beginning of next week. In case of rain, regular rainchecks will be issued and a new UE Booster night will be arranged.

Members are urged to come out and bring along their families in order to insure the success of Booster Night and to guarantee themselves a first-rate evening of baseball entertainment.

The UE Local 301 Booster Night arrangements have been made through the Activities Committee under the chairmanship of Bucky Phillips.

Steelworkers' Strike Defends Bread and Butter Safeguards

Although the big corporation-controlled propaganda machine has been hammering away at the claim that the steel strike is caused entirely by the CIO steelworkers demand for a union shop, a study of the facts in the case shows that several bread and butter issues are at least equally important.

Basically, it boils down to this—the big steel companies would like to go back to the old days of non-unionism. For example, they are demanding the "right" to have the sole say on all questions of seniority. If the union would give in, this would mean that all job security could be wiped out and management would be able to lay-off whomever it pleases, whenever it pleases. Retirement pensions would also be vitally affected.

Another management-claimed "right" is to unlimited speedup, and that includes cutting the size of the working force at will.

In short, the steel companies followed the pattern of the big corporations throughout the country and gave the steelworkers the choice of working without any union protection or striking.

September 1 Fixed As Field Day Date

September 1 has been set as Field Day for UE Local 301. The date was approved by the Executive Board meeting Monday night.

The field day will be held at Columbian Park on Dunnsville Road with all UE Local 301 members and friends invited to attend.

The Activities Committee needs volunteers to help with the actual work on September 1. Those interested should contact committee chairman Bucky Phillips at the union hall.

Threaten First Layoffs From Steel Strike Here

With the steel strike concluding its sixth week, the first layoffs resulting from the stoppage in the General Electric Schenectady works were threatened this week.

However, GE company spokesmen indicated that the layoffs at the beginning would affect only a small number of workers, perhaps no more than 50. These workers and all others idled by the steel stoppage would be automatically eligible for unemployment insurance under rulings previously handed down by New York State authorities.

While GE in Schenectady thus far has been only lightly affected by the CIO steelworkers walkout, other plants throughout the state were less fortunate. Hardest hit was the Buffalo-Niagara area where an estimated 22,000 non-steel workers were reported as idle at the beginning of the week. Included are several UE shops where there have been layoffs and several others where the workers have been put on the three-day week for the duration of the strike. Syracuse, Utica and Rochester were also hard hit.

There was also considerable evidence that many companies were using the steel strike as a convenient coverup for long-planned layoffs.

UE ON THE JOB

Bldg. 10: William Haverly has been classified as a Torque Motor assembler but has been devoting most of his time to surface grinding. The surface grinding job has now concluded. General Foreman Meola not only failed to offer Haverly any job comparable in rate, but has also used abusive language toward him, and threatened to see to it that Haverly would not be placed anywhere in the plant if he refused to take the lower rated job. A complete investigation of this situation is demanded.

Bldg. 49: The Potter and Johnson Deep Hole Drill and the Tracer American Lathe were installed in the annex about 18 months ago, with the clear understanding that they would be used only to develop jobs. Some time ago, three operators were assigned regularly to these machines on a day work basis. The same job in Building 273 is on piece work and it is demanded that they be placed on this basis in 49, with the proper prices assigned to the jobs.

Amos E. Burditt is classified as an accumulator, but is actually doing

the work of a B storekeeper. The union demands his reclassification and a proper adjustment in his rate.

Bldg. 60: James L. Dominelli and Albert Van Antwerp, Class B millwrights, have been given lack of work notices when, in reality, their length of service and performance on the job entitle them to upgrading to Class A millwrights. Such upgrading is demanded.

In 1948, P. R. table prices were computed from old time studies, with the specific understanding that this new table would not cause any operators to suffer loss of earnings. However, actually as a result of using the table, the prices placed on new jobs are too low to permit satisfactory earnings. A revision of the prices on the P. R. milling table is demanded.

Bldg. 69: A Burr and Counter-bore job had a 4.42 standard table price. As a result of a time study a new price of 7.01 was computed. However, the foreman refused to recognize this price, saying the job should be rated at 5.36 standard. His justification for this was the

Thousands of grievances are handled by UE Local 301 each year at all levels from the steward up to final appeal in New York City. To keep members posted, we shall each week list some of the grievances that have not been settled at the steward-foreman level and have been referred to the executive board-management level.

obviously false assertion that the operator who ran the time study did not give normal performance. This claim was made although the time study was allowed to be run through. We demand the correct 7.01C standard price for the job.

Bldg. 73A: A group is protesting the scheduling and amount of overtime. The first shift is being worked every Saturday. The second shift is being held three hours over each night and as a result the first shift never has normal conditions under which to begin a day's work. Both shifts feel that as a result of

unnecessary overtime now, a lack of work situation will inevitably develop. A correction of this situation is demanded.

Charles Barthelmas, a spray painter, normally works the second shift. However, during the week of May 25, he was requested by his foreman to work days in order to fill in for some workers on vacation. This he did, suffering a loss of earnings in the process. The union demands that he be paid average earnings for the time involved since the change was to suit the convenience of supervision. A change of shift premium is also demanded.

A group of workers is protesting a cut in the standard price of job 224B14Gr2. Under the new method of operation, doors are being ordered separately, reducing the number of setups and consequently lowering earnings. The union demands an end to this contract violation.

Bldg. 265: A group of operators is protesting the annual summer change from shift work to rotation on days which results in a \$17 to \$25 weekly loss over a period of three to four weeks, and a consequent cut in vacation pay. The demand is that management correct this situation.

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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE. The group of union members which recently completed work on the 301 "Giveaway" Drawing, and which is now busy with Booster Night and Field Day, is shown above. They are Ralph Pipe, Anthony Rossi, Fred Pacelli, Chairman Bucky Phillips, Reatha Pipe, Mike Riggi and Clara Spickler.