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WILOCK RECIPIENT OF LOCAL #301 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

At the regular membership meeting of Local #301 held on Monday, July 17, 1961, the Scholarship Committee recommended to the membership the name of Robert A. Wilock as winner of the third annual Scholarship Award.

The membership of Local 301 unanimously voted to adopt the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee.

PETERSON'S TESTIMONIAL POSTPONED

The Testimonial Dinner which was to be held for Andy Peterson on Saturday, July 22nd, has been postponed until sometime in September.

The committee in charge of arrangements made this decision because many members expressed a desire to attend, but, due to their pending vacations falling within that date, they would be unable to be present.

AUGUST SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

For the month of August, the Officers and the Executive Board will meet on Monday, August 14th. The Officers' meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., and the Executive Board for 7:30 p.m.

The Membership-Steward Meeting will be held on Monday, August 21st.

If necessary, additional meetings may be called subject to the discretion of the President.

MEMBERSHIP AUTHORIZES IMPROVEMENTS

Joe Drozdowski, Chairman of the Activities Committee, made the final report on the Giveaway Program to the membership on Monday, July 17th. The members unanimously approved the recommendations of the committee by authorizing the following: The purchase of additional Bingo tables, a large refrigerator for use in the kitchen and black-topping of the area along the side of the Auditorium. These improvements will be paid for from monies derived from the Giveaway Program.

Robert is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilock. His father is a member of our Local and works as a Shipper in Bldg. 29. Robert graduated in June from Linton High School in Schenectady. He will matriculate at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and will major in Physics and Mathematics.

The scholarship awarded is in the form of a \$1,000 debenture certificate which was purchased from the American College Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization. The debenture certificate will enable the holder to borrow up to \$6,250 during his college career.

Paul Graziade, one of the two previous winners, attended the presentation ceremonies. Paul who has been a student at Notre Dame, plans to transfer to the University of Colorado this fall. He expressed his thanks to the membership for the financial assistance he has received.

John Whitehouse, last year's winner who attends Holy Cross, was unable to be present; however, he too, wishes to thank the members for their help.

Also in attendance were the parents of this year's winner.

The Scholarship Committee extends its thanks to all members for their cooperation and support.

This year's committee was composed of Frank Masterson, Chairman, John DeGraff and Joe Korszun, members of the Executive Board.

We take this opportunity to congratulate them for their zeal and enthusiasm in Local 301's Scholarship Award Program.

AUTO INDUSTRY ADVOCATES
DOUBLE STANDARD

Ford, General Motors and Chrysler are playing the same old tune again this year in their negotiations with the United Auto Workers.

They have, once again, presented a united front. All three have stated to the Union representatives that they want a non-inflationary settlement. By that they mean, that no provision be made to assure more adequate security for the worker, the hard won gains over the years are to be eliminated and that wages are to remain status quo or at the present level.

These corporations advocate that wage increases and other worker benefits are inflationary; yet they are very liberal and show no reluctance in handing out handsome bonuses to individuals in management who already are drawing fat pay checks.

This apparently is economically sound!

The Management of the Ford Motor Company voted itself \$33.9 million in bonuses. The bonuses paid to management of General Motors runs annually between \$90 and \$100 million.

With the introduction of automation, the Auto Industry is able to produce cars much faster with 100,000 less workers than were employed eight years ago. Taking this into consideration, plus greater worker efficiency, there is no reason why the Auto Industry can not fulfill their obligation to its employees.

Referring to the present negotiations, UAW President Walter Reuther remarked, "We're not looking for a fight, but we're looking for social justice."

HOW DID YOUR INCOME
COMPARE WITH THIS?

More than 45 per cent of American families or unattached persons had incomes last year of approximately \$6,900, the Commerce Dept. reports. Thirteen out of every 100 U.S. families had incomes of less than \$2,000, and one fifth of the nation's families received between \$2,000 and \$4,000.

The 13 percent in the lowest income bracket shared only about \$8 billion of family income, while the 6 per cent who received more than \$15,000 shared more than 10 times as much--or \$86.1 billion.

HEALTH BENEFITS FOR AGED
INADEQUATE

"Private health insurance are not meeting the special needs of aging, because such programs discriminate against the elderly through higher premiums and reduced benefits." Senator Pat McNamara, Democrat of Michigan, made that statement. He goes on to say, "While the aged now comprise about 9 per cent of the total population of the country, they make up more than 55 per cent of all persons afflicted with chronic illness."

His remarks are based on a report entitled "Basic Facts On the Health and Economic Status of Older Americans", which was prepared by the Staff of the Special Committee on Aging of which Senator McNamara is Chairman. The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare assisted in the preparation of the report.

"The hardships of the aged," Senator McNamara said, "stem from the fact that elderly persons not only get sick more frequently, but remain in the hospital over twice as long as do persons under 65. They need adequate protection against medical costs, but they are denied this protection by many private health insurance plans which require them to pay higher premiums and offer them lower benefits.

"Furthermore, those with hospital insurance have only a limited portion of their hospital bills met through their policies.

"Add to this the fact that most people over 65 have meager retirement incomes and limited personal savings, and it is plain to see why they do not get the medical care services they require."

The report showed:

(A) Only 42 per cent of retired persons 65 and older have some degree of insurance coverage--in contrast to 67 per cent for the total population.

(B) Two-fifths of insured aged patients had less than three-fourths of their hospital bill paid as compared to one-fourth of persons under 65.

(C) Not only do hospital charges increase with age, but direct out-of-pocket expenditures increase with age also, and older persons pay a higher proportion of such charges "out-of-pocket" with no help from insurance.