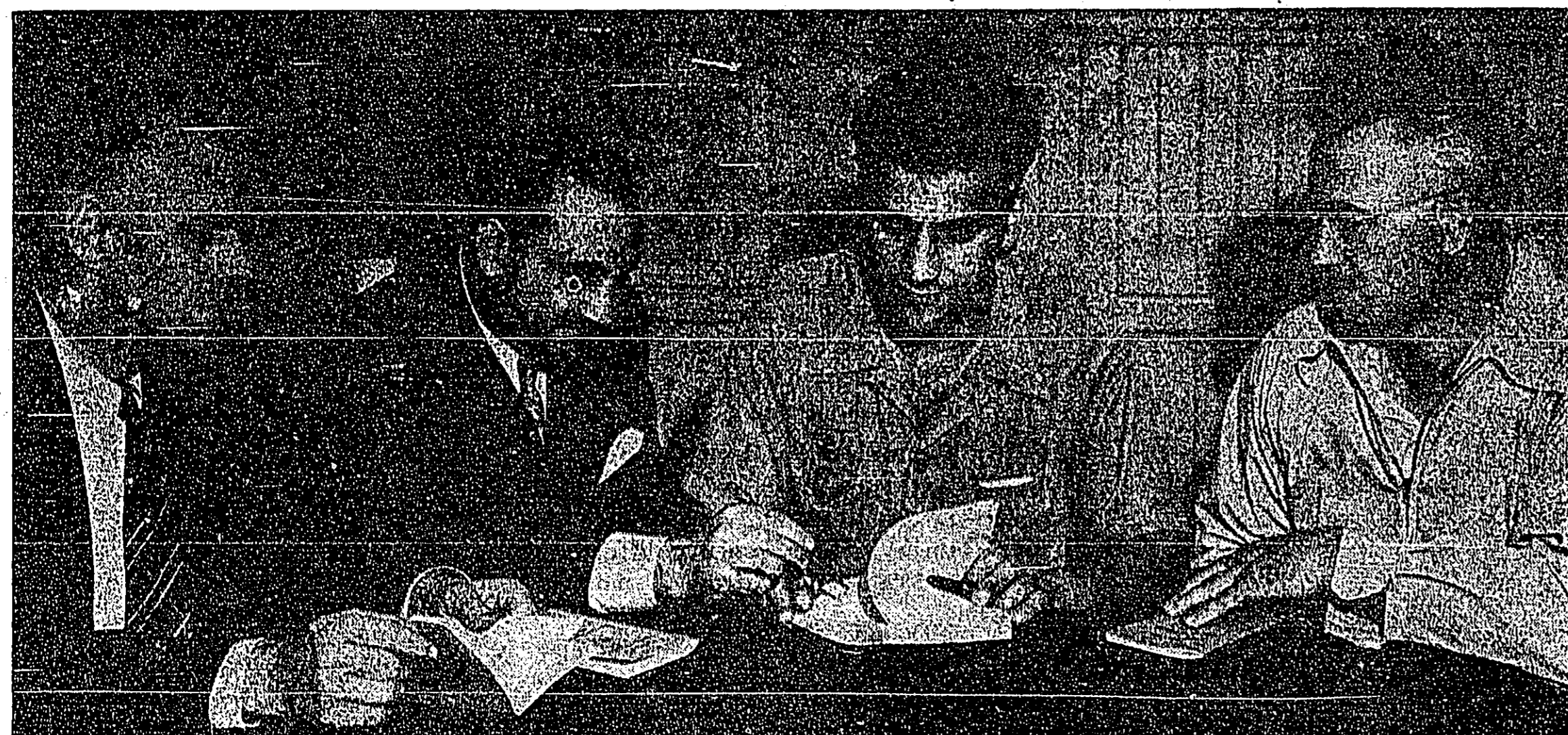


## Ward Leaders Talk Over Final Campaign Plans with Next Sheriff



Joseph Dominelli, Local 301, who will run for the sheriff nomination in Republican, Democratic and ALP primaries Tuesday, confers with ward campaign captains on getting

watchers at the polls and other political details. Left to right, Roy Lash, Ninth Ward manager; Joseph Rotundo, Third Ward, Dominelli and Blanchard Mowers, Rotterdam.

### Vote in Primary Election on Tuesday

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Latest additions to the list of Dominelli ward managers are: Thirteenth Ward, Donald Siskind, 837 Grant Ave., Local 301, and Seventh Ward, Michael De Celli, 793 Albany St., also of Local 301.

Campaign workers are busy night and day in the final push of the drive, to guarantee that there is a record turnout Tuesday.

An enrolled Republican himself, Dominelli entered the Republican primary to fight the machine choice, William Dunn, GE general foreman and machine whip in the City Council.

Dominelli's opponent in the Democratic primary is William Sherry. Dominelli is unopposed for the ALP nomination.

Schenectady has seen no political fight like the Dominelli primary campaign in years. Usually the voters stay away from the polls Primary Day and the machine picks the candidates unopposed.

### 17,000 Leaflets Ordered

Local 301 ordered 17,000 copies of the new UE leaflet, "Your Vote Decides" to increase interest in the November elections.

### Albany Underwood Workers Join UE

UE has entered the organizing field in Albany by signing up 100 per cent of the eligible service employees of the Underwood Corporation in that city.

After a meeting Aug. 8 at which the workers voted to ask UE to act as their bargaining agent, a letter was sent to the Underwood regional manager informing him of the action.

### Labor Represented in Freeport Group

Representatives of labor and civic groups have formed a Schenectady committee for Justice in Freeport. Its aim is to fight the whitewash of the killing of a Negro veteran, Charles Ferguson, and his brother last February at Freeport, L. I. A white policeman shot them.

Labor members of the committee are Andrew Peterson, Milo Lathrop, George Katz and Jerry Steinberg, UE; Lewis A. Benedict, Transport Workers Union, and Robert Northrop, secretary-treasurer, Capital District Industrial Union Council, CIO.

### GE Dunn or GI Joe?

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pointed out, instead of leaving the choice to political bosses.

"We must remind people to go to the polls Tuesday. A small vote will mean a machine victory. It always does. We're all against machines, but only our votes count against them.

"We want a sheriff without strings on him. Our vote can cut the strings.

"We complain about machine graft and corruption. Only our votes can cure it. Tuesday is the chance.

"The primary election is the key to victory. After the primary, it's pretty well cut and dried.

"Every vote counts. The machines take no chances. Neither should we.

"The machines are betting we won't vote. We didn't last time, they say, and they're counting on our staying home this time. Every stay-at-home voter helps the machines."

### Rivoli Is Still On Unfair List

CIO members in Schenectady have been urged by Robert Northrop, secretary-treasurer of the Capital District Industrial Union Council, CIO, to cooperate with the AFL in convincing the Rivoli Theater it should hire union labor.

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## GE Keeps Vacations From War Veterans

Summer months are slipping by while the General Electric Co. still refuses to give returned veterans a break by relaxing the six months rule in regard to vacations. GE insists a veteran must be back on his job for six months before getting a vacation.

"The company pretends to do everything it can for veterans," Leo Jandreau, Local 301 business agent said.

"But it has stooped very low in holding out on veterans in this matter of vacations. GE insists on a narrow, literal interpretation of the vacation plan."

### UE Will Arbitrate

The international UE office is prepared to take this issue to arbitration, Jandreau declared.

UE will also insist on arbitration of two other important matters, he said, unless GE speedily reverses its position.

### Service Records at Issue

GE has deducted the nine weeks of the strike from the service record of employees. The union insists that employees be credited with the full strike time. The GE policy is contrary to that of other major firms involved in recent strikes.

### Pay Reimbursements Sought

The other point at issue is the company's refusal to make good the losses suffered by workers who were demoted or laid off as a result of the application of super-seniority. GE and other corporations are lobbying to pass legislation to save themselves from any liability for violating union contracts by their super-seniority policy.

### UE Wins Strikes

The 2,000 UE workers of Buffalo Bolt and Spaulding Fibre Companies at Tonawanda have won their four month strikes with the 18½ cents an hour wage increase.

Local 301 gave \$1000 to the strikers. The UE victory was so overwhelming that McKinnon Chain Corp. immediately granted a raise of 18½ cents to UE without a strike.

## Pasche, Kelly Join Local Staff



Victor Pasche



William Kelly

The Executive Board of Local 301 has appointed Victor Pasche of the national UE staff and William Kelly, vice-president of the local, as assistants to the business agent, Leo Jandreau.

Their appointments fill vacancies created by the resignation of Sanford Archer as assistant to the business agent and the transfer of Milo Lathrop to a UE district legislative position.

In connection with the appointments, the Board announced a reorganization of the 301 office work to increase the efficiency in handling the business of the union.

Both Pasche and Kelly have already started on their new jobs. Ray Flanagan, who remains as an assistant to the business agent, will return Monday from vacation.

The Board's action in appointing the new staff members was confirmed by the membership meeting Monday night.

## Local Welcomes Pasche; Helped Here in Strike

Victor Pasche, new assistant in the Local 301 office, came here from St. Louis, Mo., where for the past three and a half years he was on the UE staff. His main work there was negotiating contracts and handling grievances, as well as organizing.

During the GE strike he was assigned to Schenectady by the International UE to assist in the strike for seven weeks. Later the officers of 301 asked the International to transfer him here permanently.

Pasche was one of the organizers of the American Newspaper Guild in 1938, and was its first national secretary-treasurer. He had previously been on the news staff of the New York Times.

## Kelly Has Active Record in Union

William Kelly, newly appointed assistant to the business agent, has been vice-president of Local 301 since last December.

Before entering the employe of GE about five years ago he was a salesman. Almost immediately he was elected a committeeman and later a Board member. A layout man in Bldg. 273, he also represented Bldgs. 50 and 269 on the Board.

Kelly used to be famous in the Capital District as a football player.

## 301 Members Aid Dominelli

Volunteer workers from Local 301 rounded up voters for Joseph Dominelli on Primary Day Tuesday, watched at the polls, toured the streets in sound trucks, and handed out Dominelli-for-sheriff leaflets.

The candidate addressed the Local 301 membership meeting Monday night. Members signed up afterwards for Primary Day activity.

### Instructed in Duties

The volunteers received practical instruction in the election law and their duties Tuesday morning at union headquarters from Milo Lathrop, Anthony Naveretta, John Saccocio, Fred Pacelli and Dominelli.

Leaflets were distributed Monday night at the shop gates and Tuesday morning. Dewey Brashear, Fay Marvin and Al Polsinelli drove through Schenectady in sound trucks.

EU News went to press before the polls closed Tuesday, therefore the results of the primary vote can't be printed in this issue.



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## Hospital Nurses Form CIO Local

A majority of the Ellis Hospital nurses joined the CIO this week and presented proposals for higher wages, shorter hours and improved working conditions to the hospital management.

They have organized the Schenectady County Association of Registered and Professional Nurses, United Public Workers of America, CIO.

The day after announcement of the CIO organizing campaign, the New York State Nurses Association appeared on the scene. The Association set up a Permanent Association of Ellis Hospital Staff Nurses. The hospital cut the work week from 48 to 44 hours, without decreasing salary, and scattered promises of wage increases.

Refusing to be sidetracked, however, the nurses continued to sign union cards. They have applied for a charter as a local.

Leo Jandreau, Local 301 business agent, spoke at the nurses' organizing meeting Monday night and the Local 301 membership meeting passed a resolution pledging aid to the new union group.

## 24 Week Strike Won at Ballston

Local 410, Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO, has won its 24 week strike at the American Hide and Leather Co., Ballston Spa. There were 250 workers involved.

The strike at the Lowell, Mass., plant, involving 550 workers, was settled at the same time and on the same terms.

Gains include: a general wage increase of 15 cents an hour; additional wage adjustments bringing some raises up to 25 cents; maintenance of membership; check-off, retroactive pay back to last Dec. 31 (excluding strike period).

Local 301 has been contributing \$100 a week to the Ballston strike.

## Archer Takes Training For Business Career

Sanford Archer has resigned as assistant to the business agent of Local 301 to take an on-the-job training course with the Red Cap Sales Co., an oil burner company handling installation and service.

Formerly employed by the New York Power and Light Corp., he went to work for GE when it took over the power plant where he was stationed. He was elected a shop committeeman and was appointed to the Local 301 staff in 1943.

In 1944 he joined the Navy, became a petty officer (3/c) and served in the Pacific. After 19 months military service he was discharged last November and in January returned to his job as assistant to the business agent.

## Lathrop Transferred To UE District Post

Milo Lathrop has been transferred from the Local 301 staff to become legislative representative of District 3 and District 4 of UE. In his new job he will unify the legislative activities of upstate and metropolitan New York locals.

Lathrop, a World War II veteran, came to Schenectady from the District 3 office of which he was executive secretary. He previously was a UE shop steward in the Westinghouse radio plant in Baltimore where he worked in the sheet metal department. Before entering the Army he did organizational work for the Farmers Union.

## New Committeemen

Five recently elected committeemen were sworn in at the membership meeting Monday night: Woodrow J. Ething, Building 84; Constance Wrex, Building 89; Francis H. Hiller, Building 285; Pat Penda, Building 78A and Charles H. Nitsche, Building 52.

## Urges Truman Call Wage Conference

Acting under instruction of the general membership meeting, Andrew Peterson, president of Local 301, has written President Truman urging him to call promptly the conference proposed by the National CIO to consider the wage problem created by the current price increases.

"We protest the position taken Saturday by Price Administrator Paul Porter against rolling back food prices and particularly Dr. John Steelman's declaration that labor should not get wage increases without increased production," he wrote.

"Dr. Steelman's speech gives government backing to the lie that wage increases cause price increases, the lie constantly repeated by Big Business and the daily press which speaks for Big Business.

"The fact is that the wage increases obtained by labor this year were far from making up for the price increases and wage reductions previously effected, and even at the old price levels these wages still permit inflationary profits.

"Price increases result from the insistence of monopoly controlled business on getting super-profits, and the failure of government to control these prices. Wage increases are urgently needed to make up at least for part of the price increases already allowed.

"To demand greater production before further wage increases, instead of granting them out of present super-profits, means inevitable inflation and the inability of workers and farmers to buy what they produce, leading to another disastrous depression.

"It is the job of government to restore some balance between wages and prices by rolling back prices and taking the lead in getting American industry to give up some of its profits in higher wages."

## Women's Teams Planned

Now that there's an official UE women's softball team, Capt. Helen Quirini reports that many of the girls are also interested in forming union bowling teams. She's looking forward to a basketball team too.

## Tune In

Listen to the Local 301 radio broadcast at 7:15 p.m. every Monday over WSNY.



Sanford Archer



Milo Lathrop

## GE Still Heavy Stockholder In German Electrical Firm

General Electric at the outbreak of World War II owned 30 percent of the stock of the Allgemeine Elektrizitaets Gesellschaft, the principal member of the German electrical manufacturing trust, Russ Nixon, Washington representative of UE and former official of the American Military Government in Germany, told the Local 301 membership meeting Monday night. GE still is the principal stockholder of that German company, he said.

Nixon cited GE's virtual control of the German firm as one of the many cases of American operation of foreign industry, explaining why the anti-labor policy of American big business at home is of one piece with its policy all over the world.

Big business, the industrial monopolies, want the same thing abroad as at home, low wages, no unions, Nixon said. "These men have joined in their foreign policy and their domestic policy, against the interests of the working people everywhere," he declared.

The membership burst into applause and then rose in a spontaneous ovation as Nixon concluded his address, with an appeal to American labor to close ranks and join with the working people all over the world in fighting the onslaughts of reaction.

Nixon traced carefully the growth of reaction since the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, as shown in the virtual killing of price control, the sabotage of housing, social security, and full employment measures, the bottling up of all measures to extend democracy in this country, the anti-poll tax bill, FEPC, the anti-lynching bill, the Wagner health bill.

## Need a Steward? Tell Union Board

If you think your shop committeeman has too many people to represent or if you think there should be a committeeman from your own group, now is the time to speak to your Executive Board representative about the matter.

Under the constitution of Local 301 the election of shop committeemen will take place in October in all departments.

The constitution also provides that in August Executive Board members should start checking on the representation set-up, to see whether more committeemen are needed.

After the Board completes its survey and considers requests for additional committeemen, it will announce how many committeemen are to be elected and what groups they will represent.

## Union Needs Her So Sadie Returns

Sadie Iovinella is back in the Local 301 office to help out during the vacation of Ray Flanigan.

During the war Mrs. Iovinella worked at GE as a drill press operator. She was elected a committeewoman and later a Board member-at-large.

She became an assistant to the business agent April 1, 1944 and 16 months later returned to the shop to maintain her seniority. However, she was laid off after V-J Day.

About a year ago she rejoined the Local 301 staff to represent the union at Unemployment Insurance hearings, to aid jobless workers whose claims to insurance benefits were disqualified. In April she was assigned to help the office workers organizing drive.

After postponing her resignation several times at the request of union officials, she left the staff July 5 because of the pressure of home duties. Since then, however, she has handled various unemployment cases on emergency calls from the local and has done volunteer work at Local 301.

Her husband, Vincent Iovinella, is sergeant-at-arms of the union, and a shop committeeman. They have two children, Vincent, Jr., 15, and Nicholas, 11.



Sadie Iovinella

## Brashear Elected Member of Board

Bldgs. 81 and 89 now have a representative of their own again on the Executive Board of Local 301 as they did during the war.

For about a year, or approximately since V-J Day, the two buildings shared a representative with the Campbell Ave. plant because of the drop in numbers in the radio department.

Recently, however, workers in the industrial control division were transferred to Bldgs. 81 and 89. The Executive Board decided the shift and expansion justified having an additional representative.

Dewey Brashear has been elected to the Board to represent Bldgs. 81 and 89. John Dadson of Campbell Ave., who used to represent the other two buildings also, will continue as Campbell Ave. Board member.

Soon after he came to work at GE June 1, 1941 Brashear was elected a committeeman. He was on the Board during 1942 and 1943, before entering the Army in August, 1943. During his military service he was stationed in India.

Brashear was discharged from the Army last Dec. 31 and was on the picket line in Schenectady Jan. 15. He is secretary of the Local 301 Veterans' Committee and a member of the Editorial Committee in charge of EU News.

## Cooperates With AFL

The 301 membership voted to concur in the AFL request not to patronize the Rivoli Theatre.

The theater is on the AFL unfair list for not hiring union labor.

## What's News? It All Depends

When the leadership of the Schenectady Federation of Labor gave out a statement supporting GE William Dunn for sheriff, the Schenectady Gazette considered it very worthy of news space. The Federation of Labor represents less than 2,000 workers.

But when Ernest Herman, of Steel Local 2054, chairman of the CIO-PAC representing 25,000, announced his committee's unanimous endorsement of Joseph Dominelli, the Gazette did not use one word of the statement. After much protest from CIO people, the Gazette finally allowed a little of the statement to creep into the general primary story Tuesday.



Dewey Brashear